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MEMORANDUM

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In Re: State of Alabama v. Rodney Stanberry

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INTERVIEW WITH DETECTIVE AL FLETCHER

Russell: Okay, let me ask you this about another case. Rodney Stanberry.

Fletcher: Whoo - Man, I don't - I don't even want to talk about that one. That one is so screwed up that -

Russell: Let me ask you a question. Didn't Rodney Stanberry, when he came in there to talk to you guys about that case, didn't he give you a tape?

Fletcher: Yeh, he brought me a tape.

Russell: What did you do with the tape?

Fletcher: Lebaron - everything was in the case M.O.

Russell: Everything was turned over to Lebaron?

Fletcher: Uh-huh. Lebaron has everything. Because...

Russell: Did you'll take statements from people like Terrell Moore and R. Jones...?

Fletcher: I tried to find Terrell Moore, but he never would come in.

Russell: Okay.

Fletcher: And I don't know if they ever got a hold - like I say.  
That was my last few months.

Russell: Right. Did you'll interview Taco Denard Jones?

Fletcher: Yeh.

Russell: And were there other people interviewed?

Fletcher: I don't know because after I got started with it and did all of the, you know, got all the lies together that were floating around, then I went out for like maybe two weeks or so. Then when I came back Lebaron had some leads on something or whoever, and then he kind of like -

Russell: Took over? But Lebaron has all the stuff on the case locked up in a safe?

Fletcher: I don't know whether it's locked up in the case drawers.

Russell: But you did give him the tape?

Fletcher: Yeh. He's got everything. Pictures and everything from everybody.

Russell: Do you believe they got the wrong people on that case?

Fletcher: Well, you talking about Stanberry?

Russell: Yeh.

Fletcher: I don't think so. Now see, one thing I tried - I tried to put a fine line on the doctors telling us that Ms. Findley was okay. And she was very coherent. She was very coherent because I asked her - On this particular day - what was so special on that day. Do you recall what happened on February the something - What was the

February the something or March, whatever Mardis Gras, whatever it would have been. She said that - " I remember that day because that's my daughter's birthday." I said what day is your daughter's birthday? She said (inaudible)

Russell: The day of the shooting?

Fletcher: Yeh. I said, Okay now. If she's all, you know, whatever. To me she seemed, you know, I don't know her feelings - She's always - After the shooting she talked with a slur and this... And I know it was the first aid.

Russell: Did they ever take the bullet out of her head? Do you remember?

Fletcher: I don't know if there were some fragments still lodged or what. I really don't recall because see I didn't find out that it was - it was actually was a shooting until later on that day. Because when I went everybody was, you know, treated...

Russell: Didn't they think she fell or something?

Fletcher: Yeh, somebody said it looked like she was cleaning up or did something or fell or whatever, and I think Lt. Dees and somebody else went over there on the call. They didn't call a detective because they just saw blood, but they didn't know she had been, you know, - It apparently didn't look like a -

Russell: Did she ever tell you that it was somebody else in their house along with her?

Fletcher: Before it happened?

Russell: No. Did she ever tell you that there was somebody else in there with a gun? Somebody from out of town or somebody else that was a stranger to her?

Fletcher: Yeh. Well, she said that - She didn't actually say a stranger, she said a white man - First she said she heard somebody knock at the back door. And she said she went to the back door and there wasn't anybody there. Then she came to the front door and there was Rodney. She said that Rodney said something about -- I'm not trying to lead you (inaudible) But to the extent that he's a - he took the keys out of the front door, because they've got burglar bars. He took the keys because he knows where the keys are or where ever inside the door. He took the keys out and came in, or got in or pushed his way in or something like that. She told him - She told him something. I don't know exactly what she said, but he wanted the key because he's the only other person knew where the guns were locked up in a safe or something inside the house. And she was telling us a story that this other - some person, this guy was with him. And other than that she just told - you know, was trying to tell us a story of how it happened.

Russell: Did she say if she'd ever seen that guy before? Did she know him before?

Fletcher: She said yeh. A couple of days before then they had went

to - somewhere for target practice.

Russell: ...for target practice.

Fletcher: ... something like that. She said he hadn't seen him before. Then he told me - was telling me - All through the interview I think he had - they had been, you know, - Well, her husband said they had come in and such and such and such and such had gone target practicing a couple of days before or a week, or whenever - a couple of days before... But somehow he said that her husband knew that Rodney was - he sent Rodney to the house that day. You know, because she said I remember - he was supposed to get some kind of stain or something that was in the back yard. You know, but the final analysis came out that he knew he was supposed - I don't know if Lebaron and them had interviewed him or talked to him. I don't know what came out of that. But like I say, he had taken it over. But there was some kind of way, he knew that Rodney was supposed to come to the house. Because I had called to check and see if Rodney was at work that day. Rodney didn't go to work that day. You know,...

Russell: You sure of that?

Fletcher: Well, I tried to get some information from the people at the work and the guy told me then - was telling me then... I said (inaudible) Well, do you recall him being at work on a specific day? He said, well you have to come down here to get this and somebody else - I don't

know who - I didn't even write - I had all my notes, but  
...

Russell: Al, did they tell you that they didn't know if he was at work or not, or did they tell you period that no, he was not at work?

Fletcher: Well, I talked to two people. And I had the guy - Oh, I was trying to look for the head supervisor. And I think I called and talked to him secondly after somebody else told - I don't know who it was. I didn't - I just didn't write it down because I figure if they would have told me that he wasn't at work that particular day, then naturally the supervisor said Well, no, you are going to have to come down and give me a written something so we can - something from somebody - So that was telling me then, well, this - you know, - So I told Lebaron and them and wrote whatever it was up so they ought to have it.

Russell: Did you ever interview anybody else on that case?

Fletcher: No.

Russell: That case was a big mess.

Fletcher: Yeh, I tell you.

Russell: They think - Did you ever interview Mike \_\_\_? Did you ask him if Rodney was supposed to come by and pick up a stand?

Fletcher: He told - I think, if I'm not mistaken, Lebaron didn't want me to really - Because see, I was experienced enough, but I don't think he wanted to me to really talk

to him. He wanted to do all the talking to him, you know. And, because - I wanted to talk to him when he first - when I first started interviewing everybody to find out this and that... But after I gave all my stuff to him, he told me, you know, kind of like Don't mess with him. It was kind of like let him handle him.

Russell: Okay. There's my card.

Fletcher: Okay.

Russell: So are you retired now?

Fletcher: For right now I hope to be back whenever they - The thing is with me, I'm either going to have to go on dialysis or then, they say that's not going to last long again. The final thing is before - probably before this year or next year something, I'll have a kidney transplant. But I keep retaining fluid, my back - everything is just swelling up. The medication and stuff I've been on...

Russell: Okay. Well, man, I appreciate your time and your help on all this stuff.

Fletcher: Okay.

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