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Q: Tpr. J.D. Brink

A: Inmate Michael Jones

The date is 11/22/93. Time is 1332 hours. I'm Trooper J.D. Brink, Office of Investigative Services, Ohio State Highway Patrol. This will be the taped interview of INMATE MICHAEL JONES, R127-864, DOB: 7/6/63, SSN: 296-66-7611. Michael, we've been sitting here this afternoon talking about the svette homicide and you had some information about when you observed Mr. Svette sitting at the bottom of the ramp out in the L-corridor. What I'd like for you to do is go over that information with me again while the tape recorder's running and I'll interject every now and then some questions just to clarify the general information that you're going to give me. If you'll go ahead and start with where you first saw this victim at.

A: Sitting on the bottom of the ramp. Laying on the bottom of the ramp. I just came out of L-4, sit down in front of L-4 dayroom, right by the door really, you know, sitting there, looking. I seen inmate Bizetti (meaning Svette) get up, shaking his head. I seen inmate Freddy (?) come up out of the gym where he come up the ramp, took a baseball bat from another inmate and started hitting Bizetti in the top of the head, three and four times. You know, and then Bizetti fell back down. Freddy went on about his business. I got up and walked inside L-4, back inside the block.

Q: Okay, so you came out of L-4 and you sat down outside of L-4?

A: Yeah.

Q: That'd be looking down to your left.

A: Looking down, yeah, to my left. Looking down left, looking down...

Q: You could see down the ramp?

A: Looking down the ramp, yeah.

Q: Okay. And you saw Svette actually sit up.

A: Sit up.

Q: So he was laying down.

A: Yeah.

Q: He sat up.

A: Yeah.

Q: On his own. Shook his head.

A: Yep.

Q: And then you saw this inmate Freddy Frakes...

A: Yeah.

Q: ...approach Svette, take a bat from another inmate...

A: Yeah.

- Q: ...and then stand over Svette, facing him?
- A: Facing him.
- Q: And then overhand chops...
- A: Beat him in the head, yeah.
- Q: ...with a bat? Okay. You know who the other inmate was that Freddy got the bat from?
- A: No.
- Q: Can you describe the bat to me?
- A: Aluminum bat with a black, little black thing on the bottom, sort of like grips. Aluminum baseball bat.
- Q: Okay. Did you ever hear Svette say anything to Freddy while he was down there, or would you have been able to hear anything?
- A: No, no.
- Q: Too much noise?
- A: No, wasn't no noise. I could see them. He never opened his mouth. He never said nothing, all he done was shook his head. That was it.
- Q: Like he was trying to clear cob webs.
- A: Clear his head up, that was it.
- Q: Okay. Did you know of any prior altercations between Frakes and Svette?
- A: well they'd gotten into it a long time ago in the kitchen.
- Q: Okay.
- A: Freddy tried to swing on him when he on his walker and moved out the way, Freddy fell down and the police came in and broke it up.
- Q: Okay. And Freddy said that he'd get the guy.
- A: No, he didn't say I'm going to get him -- as long as I live he going to get him. You know, that was an old incident. But Freddy aint' never done nothing to him to all this took place.
- Q: Okay you said that Freddy just came out of A.C.?
- A: Yeah, Fred just got out of A.C., yeah.
- Q: Do you know what that was about?
- A: He had got into it with somebody in the hallway I think about medications...
- Q: It wasn't Svette?
- A: No, it wasn't him. It was somebody else. He got into it with an inmate named Brown. He stuck Brown in the back of the neck with an ink pen or something like that. That's what he was in A.C. for.
- Q: That's what Freddy was in A.C. for?

A: Yeah. Freddy was in A.C. for.

Q: Okay. So basically Svette wasn't dead?

A: No, he wasn't never dead.

Q: When he was down at the end of the ramp?

A: Yeah. He got up on his own. When he got up on his own Freddy was coming out the gym. Freddy seen him getting up, snatched the baseball bat from this other inmate, went over there and bust the man all in the head for no reason at all. The man didn't say nothing to him. He just took the baseball bat, went over and done it on his own. And I got up, walked back on -- walked back inside L-4.

Q: So after that you just went back...

A: Yeah, I went on back into L-4.

Q: Did you happen to notice what Svette looked like prior to Frakes busting him in the head?

A: He looked normal towards me. You know, he didn't -- he wasn't no, no -- like he was really messed up. You know, he just looked normal cause he had his hands in front of his face. He was just shaking his head, trying to get his head together. Freddy walked up and started beating him in the head. He just dropped his hands and he just kept beating him in the head until he fell down. When he fell back to his side, Freddy went on about his business.

Q: Did he fall to his left side?

A: He fell to the right.

Q: Right or left?

A: Right.

Q: Fell to the right.

A: Yep.

Q: Okay.

A: And that was it. I didn't pay no more attention. I walked on back in the block. Said that didn't make sense what he done to that guy. But the man wasn't never dead. You know, he wasn't -- he didn't look like he was dying.

Q: Until Freddy got ahold of him.

A: Till Freddy came, started beating him in the head again. That was it.

Q: Where did Freddy go after...

A: He walked on up the hallway. I don't know if he went back into L-2 or he just went -- I know he was walking on back up the hallway.

Q: Did he say anything to you when he walked by?

A: No. When he walked past, you know, I walked on back in the block, he walked on up the hallway.

Q: Did he keep the bat?

A: Yeah, he kept the baseball [sic] on his shoulder, walked on up the hallway. Had on blue jacket and a cap. A blue cap.

Q: Like a...

A: Little boggin' hat. Like little (inaudible).

Q: Toboggan hat?

A: Yeah, yeah.

Q: Okay. You said that Freddy came up to you later on, during the seize?

A: Yeah.

Q: Did he say anything to you about this?

A: No. I just told him to get away from me. I said, "Man, just get away from me". I told him, I told him, I told -- I told him, "Get away from me Freddy". Man, he wasn't nothing -- he had no reason for doing that, man. He wasn't bad, why you acting like you bad now? You know, you doing something just to be doing something. I told him just get away -- I said, "Just get away from me, man". He got away from me. He went on about his business and I went on about mine.

Q: Okay now, earlier also you picked out photograph C-101 as the person who did the striking on Svette and that is in fact Freddy Frakes.

A: Yes.

Q: Alright and you know him from prior stuff that's happened.

A: Yeah, I know him cause I've worked with the staff around him. He worked the recreation. Yeah, I know him.

Q: Okay, so you knew him by name even before...

A: Yeah, yeah, before this incident even took place. Before any of this stuff took place.

Q: Okay. So just to see if I have all this right, you were sitting outside of L-4. You looked left down the ramp

A: Yeah.

Q: And you see inmate Svette sitting up.

A: Sitting up, get up on his own.

Q: As he sat up on his own, you see him with his hands in front of his face shaking his head like he had gotten beat somewhere...

A: Yeah.

Q: ...and he's trying to shake his head clear. Frakes comes out of the gym area and takes a bat from another inmate that you can't identify...

A: Yeah.

Q: ...stands over Svette facing him...

A: Facing him, yeah.

Q: ...and then three or four overhead chops down onto his head. Svette then

falls to his right, Frakes then walks up toward L-2 area.

A: Yeah, going up the ramp, yeah, going to...

Q: And then that's it. That's basically all there is to it.

A: Yeah.

Q: Did you happen to see anybody else mess with Svette after that?

A: No, nobody didn't mess with nobody else.

Q: Okay. Did you happen to see who may have carried Svette's body outside to the yard?

A: No.

Q: Okay. I have nothing further. Is there anything that you wish to add to this tape?

A: No, sir.

Q: Time is 1339 hours.

(TAPE ENDS).
