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Statement of Tracey Allen Bignault  
W/M, DOB: 7/28/61, Age 16  
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Savannah, Georgia  
Home Telephone: 912-925-7282  
Date: Thursday, August 31, 1978  
Time: 12:00 noon  
Place: Chatom County Juvenile Detention Center, Savannah, Georgia  
By: Investigator J. H. Abbett, A.B.I., Alexander City, Alabama  
Sheriff V. L. Peters, Coosa County, Rockford, Alabama

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On Tuesday, 8/22/78, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. I was in the gym at Juvenile Detention Center in Savannah, Georgia. I have been in the Center for approximately 5 weeks. I am being held at the Center until I am transferred to Milledgeville, Georgia where I will be serving 4 to 6 months for burglary. I have been knowing Tim Davis for approximately 4 weeks. Tim is also in the Juvenile Detention Center. While in the gym that Tuesday night I went to Tim Davis and told Tim that Mr. Hodges, a worker at the Center, that Mr. Hodges had an uncle in Alabama who was a Senator and that Mr. Hodges would probably help him (Tim) out by pulling a few strings with his (Mr. Hodges) uncle. After talking with Tim Davis I went to Mr. Hodges and told Mr. Hodges what I had told Tim Davis.

On Sunday, 8-27-78 at approximately 9:30 a.m. I was in Unit 2 where the television is located seated beside Tim Davis and Tim Davis told me to tell Mr. Hodges that he (Tim Davis) would like to see him (Mr. Hodges) when Mr. Hodges came to work at midnight. When Mr. Hodges came into work on Sunday night I told him that Tim wanted to see him.

On Monday, 8/28/78 at approximately 7:30 a.m. Tim and I were standing in the hallway. Tim approached me and told me that he (Tim) had talked to Mr. Hodges and that Mr. Hodges was going to try and help him. Tim did not state to me in what way Mr. Hodges was going to help. On that same day during clean up while in the gym at approximately 10:30 p.m. I asked Tim if he (Tim) killed that woman. Tim told me that he did kill the woman by stabbing the woman in the back. I asked Tim what he (Tim) had stabbed the woman with and Tim told me a knife. Tim told me when he (Tim) came out the door that he (Tim) threw the knife in the bushes. Tim would not tell me anything else about killing the woman, but Tim did say that if I wanted to know anything else about it to go and talk with Mr. Hodges.

On the next day, Tuesday, 8/29/78 I talked with Mr. Hodges when he (Mr. Hodges) came to work and asked Mr. Hodges what Tim had told him. Mr. Hodges told me what Tim had said. It was all the same as what Tim had told me except for the billfold and the money. Tim did not tell me anything about the billfold or money. Mr. Hodges told me that Tim left the store and was going to tell his wife what had happened and threw the billfold in a ditch and went a little ways further and threw the money in the ditch.

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I have not been asked by anyone to talk to Tim Davis. The story about Mr. Hodges uncle in Alabama was just a joke. I want to see if Tim would admit to the murder or just say that he (Tim) was not worried about it because he (Tim) was not guilty.

This is a true and correct statement to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: Tracey Allen Bignault  
Date: August 31, 1978  
Time: 12:40 p.m. Alabama time.

Witnesses: J. H. Abbett, ABI, Thursday, 8/31/78, 12:40 p.m.  
V. L. Peters, Sheriff

