

SBI CASE: 1999-02250
ACTIVITY: October 27, 1999
VICTIM: Christopher Conrad Gailey
DICTATED: November 5, 1999
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(3) SAC R. H. Clark, Jr.;
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Jeffrey Lence Page, AKA: Cooter, W/M/DOB: 07/14/1965;
Residence: 1029 Patton Avenue, Albemarle, North Carolina 28001,
Telephone: 704-982-1120; Business: Unemployed; (Suspect):

Page was interviewed on Wednesday, October 27, 1999, at 3:15 p.m. by SA J. A. Reid of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and Lieutenant C. Poole of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department located on North First Street in the city of Albemarle, North Carolina. This particular interview was initiated subsequent to the death investigation of victim Christopher Conrad Gailey.

Prior to the interview, SA J. A. Reid advised Mr. Page that he was not under arrest and was free to leave at any time.

Page stated that he first met Scott David Allen (alias Byron James Johnson) when he showed up at Jeff Brantley's (alias Spider) during the weekend of July 9, 1999. He stated that Brantley is currently residing in Shallotte, North Carolina. Page stated that he was on the way to Cherry Grove Beach, South Carolina, and wanted to stop in and see Brantley for a visit. Page stated that Allen was there with Vanessa Smith. He indicated that he was familiar with Vanessa because he had met her some years ago at Mark Cochran's house in Charlotte, North Carolina, at a party. He stated that he remembered that everyone was smoking crack Cocaine at the time.

Page stated that the entire time he was at Brantley's residence, he noticed that Scott Allen and Vanessa stayed in a bedroom. He stated that he recalled staying at Brantley's residence most of the day on Saturday, July 10, 1999.

Page stated that sometime during the day, Brantley told both him and another white male, name unknown, to drive a white GMC pickup truck to a junkyard somewhere in Conway, South Carolina. He stated that he could not recall the name of the junkyard or how to get there. Page stated that he was under the influence

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of alcohol at the time. He stated that he followed the other guy, who actually drove the truck, in his 1987 Honda Prelude (North Carolina registration CWA-9746). He stated that they took the truck to Conway early the following morning on Sunday, July 11, 1999.

Once they delivered the truck to the white male at the junkyard, who Page described as being approximately 55 years of age and of medium build, he stated that the white male paid him \$1000 in \$20 and \$100 bills for the truck. Page stated that he later gave Jeff Brantley \$800 and kept \$200 for himself. According to Page, the white male never gave him a bill of sale. Page admitted that he thought something was "funny" about the entire transaction. Page contends that he never knew that the truck was stolen until SA Tim Caulder of the SBI and Detective Robert Eury of the Albemarle Police Department showed up at his girlfriend's and told him that it was stolen. He added that his girlfriend's name was Rhonda Carver.

Page stated that after the transaction was made, he drove the other guy back to Brantley's residence and handed Brantley the remaining \$800. He stated that Brantley indicated he would be giving the \$800 to Scott Allen. Page stated that he took the \$200 and spent it at the beach.

This interview was terminated at 4:25 p.m.

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