

EX 2

SBI CASE: 1999-02250
ACTIVITY: July 18, 1999
VICTIM: Christopher Conrad Gailey
DICTATED: August 3, 1999
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(3) SAC R. H. Clark, Jr.;
(4) District Attorney G. N. Yates

Tanzy Sunshine Lanier, W/F/DOB: 06/17/1981; Residence:
231 Whip-o-will Cove Road, New London, North Carolina,
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Denton, North Carolina, Telephone: 336-859-2155; (Witness):

Lanier was interviewed on Sunday, July 18, 1999, at 2 a.m. by SA J. A. Reid of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. The interview was conducted at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office located at 111 East Main Street in the town of Troy, North Carolina. This interview was conducted subsequent to the initiation of a homicide investigation looking into the death of victim Christopher Conrad Gailey.

Lanier stated that he first met Scott David Allen approximately a month to a month and a half ago. She stated that Allen came to her residence located at 231 Whip-o-will Cove Road with Chris Gailey. She stated that he remembered Gailey introducing Allen as "Byron Johnson." She stated that she was at the residence with her husband, Danny Lanier, her brother, Shannon Diehl, and Robbie Johnson.

She stated that she thought Byron (Scott Allen) looked "weird" because he was wearing black and camouflage. She stated that he was wearing a black T-shirt with a woman "playing with herself" on the front with the words "Jesus Is A Cunt!" in white letters on the back. She added that Byron also had a shaved head with tattoos on his head and the rest of his body. According to Lanier, Byron had a tattoo of a pentagram on his neck and a tattoo with the word "HATE" on the side of his head. Lanier stated that she also observed a tattoo with flames on his back, along with a skull with a Mohawk on one of his legs. Lanier stated that both Gailey and Allen spent the night this particular time and both left the next day after lunch. Lanier stated that she and Danny were living with Robbie Johnson temporarily because Robbie needed help making his payments.

Lanier stated that she first met Chris Gailey approximately two months ago. She added that he and Dustin Maness came down to the house. According to Lanier, she was very aware that Chris Gailey was bringing Marijuana to the residence. She stated that she was also aware that Chris Gailey had several guns. She stated that she believed he took the guns wherever he went. She stated that although she did smoke Marijuana at one time, she has quit. She further stated that she does, however, continue to drink beer. She stated she just found out that she and her husband are expecting their first child. She stated that she observed Byron (Scott Allen) smoking Marijuana but never saw him drinking alcohol. She added that he basically kept to himself.

Lanier stated that she had heard from Morgan Byerly, a friend, that Byron Johnson was really Scott Allen. She stated that Morgan had indicated to her that she recognized Allen from the tattoo of the pentagram on his neck. She stated that Byerly also stated that her mother used to cut Allen's hair. Lanier stated that she had also heard that Allen used to dig up graves.

Lanier went on to say that both Gailey and Allen returned to the mobile home approximately one week later with a white female named "Vanessa." Lanier stated that he and everyone else assumed that Vanessa was Allen's girlfriend because she was always sitting on Allen's lap. She stated that Byron (Scott Allen) introduced her as his "good friend." She stated that he could not remember the time of day when they arrived but it was in the evening hours. According to Lanier, Byron (Scott Allen) told her that he had a little girl and Vanessa told her that she had a little boy. She indicated that Vanessa even showed her a picture of her son. Lanier stated that Vanessa was extremely nice to talk to. She indicated that Vanessa was covered in tattoos as well. She added that they began spending the night at the residence.

Lanier stated that while she was working through the day Vanessa was really good about helping her around the house. She stated that she would always wash both the dishes and the clothes. She stated that she would have never thought in a million years that Vanessa could be involved in the death of Chris Gailey.

Lanier stated that one day when she came home from work, she does not recall the day, Danny informed her that Chris Gailey had taken his (Danny's) truck to take Allen and Vanessa to

Allen's mother's residence. Lanier stated that she had assumed that Chris had taken them to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lanier further stated that sometime that same night, Vanessa returned to the trailer and gave them the keys to Danny's truck. Lanier stated that she asked Vanessa where Chris and Allen were. According to Lanier, Vanessa stated that both of them did not want her to know who was meeting them. Lanier stated that Vanessa appeared to be jittery. She added that she thought Vanessa may have wrecked Danny's pickup truck. She stated that she and her husband went to bed a short time later. She stated that she could not recall the time of day.

Lanier stated that on Monday, July 12, 1999, she found out that Chris had been killed when she arrived home from work. She indicated that Robbie Johnson had contacted Galley's mother to confirm that Chris was dead. She added that supposedly, Shannon Graham had called Adam Latham, who later came to her residence to inform them of the death.

This interview was concluded at 2:45 a.m.

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