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STATEMENT OF HENRY LUCAS

Henry my name is Ed Montgomery and I am a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Little Rock, Arkansas, Pulaski County, Arkansas. This is just for the tape. We have already introduced ourselves. This is Brad Bennett and Tom Waggoner, Deputy Sheriffs from Pulaski County, and you are Henry Lee Lucas.

A. Yes

EM. And we are in an interrogation room in the Williamson County, Texas Sheriff's Department. You are aware that you are being taped.

A. Right.

EM. As a matter of fact, we have got <sup>two</sup> ~~to~~ audio tape recorders going and a video tape recorder?

A. Right.

EM. Tom, do you want to go ahead and go over the rights again?

TW. Mr. Lucas, like we stated while ago when we read you your rights from the standard rights form that we use there in Little Rock, and all it states is the date and the time we are starting out. We will go through the whole rights form again, just like we did while ago. It says the date is 11-17-83, the time we read you your rights the first time we were all 3 present, Det. Bennett, Mr. Montgomery, and myself, and the time was 9:34 A.M.

EM. Let me interrupt . . . just for the tapes benefit, the time by my watch now is 9:44 A.M.

TW. The State has got a space for your education and you stated that you have a 4th grade education, also can you read and write?

A. Yes, I can read and write.

TW. Okay, the form here says I, Henry Lee Lucas, date of birth 8-23- and I live at Rt. 1, Box 34B, Bowie, Texas, is that correct?

A. That is correct.

TW. It says that you have been advised that you are a suspect in a murder?

A. Right.

TW. They have the right to use the telephone, do you understand that right Mr. Lucas?

A. Yes, I understand.

TW. Is this your initials on the space at the end of the sentence?

A. Yeh.

TW. It says that I have the right to remain silent, do you understand that?

A. Yeh.

TW. And that is your initials?

A. Yes.

TW. It says that you have the right to talk to an attorney either retained by you or appointed by the Court before giving a statement, and that is your initials at the end?

A. Yes.

TW. Okay, you have the right to have your attorney present when answering any questions, do you understand that?

A. Yes.

TW. It says if you waive the rights, you have the right to stop the interrogation anytime.

A. Right.

TW. Then it says that any statement that you give will be used against you in a Court of law, do you understand that?

A. Yes.

TW. Before we go any further, do you understand your rights, do you have any questions at all about your rights?

A. No.

TW. Is this your signature at the bottom of the page?

A. Yes.

TW. The 2nd section of the rights forms that we use in Little Rock, is called Waiver, and the waiver states, "I have read the above statement of my rights and understand them. No promises or threats have been made to induce me into making any type of statements."

Do you understand that. Has any threat or promises been made to you

A. No, they ain't nothing.

EM. And that is your statement, and you are willing to talk about th

A. Yes.

EM. Henry, just for your information, the Sheriff here has notified your attorney that we are down here . . . came down here to talk to you and do you want to wait until he gets here or do you want to go ahead and talk to us?

A. No, I have nothing to hold back.

EM. Okay.

A. He would just sit there and tell me one thing after another and would just ignore him.

EM. Okay, and it is my understanding as you told us a while ago, you were originally picked up down here in Texas back in June of this year

A. Right.

EM. And they kept you for a while and released you later?

A. That was in October they picked me up and kept me for a while.

Q. Okay, yeh, October.

A. They repicked me up in June on the gun charge.

EM. June of this year?

A. Yeh.

EM. Have you been in custody since then?

A. Since June, yeh.

EM. Then I think, as we had talked about earlier, we were just gonna go back and let you tell us what you remember about these homicides in Arkansas.

A. Yeh.

EM. Do you want to go ahead and start off with the earliest one that you remember?

A. Yeh. That was the last of '78 or '79 . . . I was up in Indiana and I came down through, I believe it was uh . . . 60 or 69, I came down through from up North and I ended up in Little Rock, Arkansas, and I was low on money and I had stopped in a station up there to get some gas and this, I don't know whether you call it a store, or they

call it a service station, and I had went inside, that was when I was traveling with Otis Poole, and we both had went inside the building and there was a woman behind the counter and she uh . . . we told her we wanted what money she had and that was a black headed woman the best I can remember, somewhere around 30 or maybe a little older, I am not positive, and she was about 5'7" or something like that, and approximately 145 or 150 pounds, and she started to give us the money that was in the cash register and while we were waiting for the money . . . to had us the money well Otis went behind the counter and she . . . I don't know what kind of place it was, she started to stick the money someplace, I don't know where it was at, and Otis had shot her, and he was there fumbling around with the money . . . I don't know how much he got out of it, but somebody came up to the door and I walked to the door and there was a car sitting outside but I didn't see anyk at the time, and when I came back over to the counter Otis, he come f behind the counter and came around and we started out the door and it was some colored guy, but I couldn't describe him to you.

EM. You say colored guy . . .

A. A black guy . . . he was sorta a tall guy, he was at the doorway when we come out and Otis told him to give him his money and he hande him something, I don't know how much it was and we went and jumped in the car and left, and we went on back through and hit Route 40 and coming through up there and come on across 40 to Oklahoma City and we came down ot Okalhoma Citv on 35 to Dallas and took 20 from Dallas back through Louisiana, and went back into Florida.

TW. Florida?

A. Yeh. . . (inaudible) . . . here in the notes, and try to go back over . . .

EM: You were . . . oh, I am sorry . . .

A. Go ahead, I just . . .

EM. YOU were coming from Indiana and you stopped at Little Rock at some kind of station; do you remember what side of town that was on?

A. It was on the West side, I'm pretty sure, of town.

EM. Do you remember what kind of station it was?

A. Uh, no, I don't remember what kind it was, all I know it was some kind of little store like . . . it looked like a little store inside.

EM. Was it equipped with gas pumps?

A. Yeh, I think it was, I am not positive.

EM. Did you all buy gas?

A. We had got gas . . .

EM. There at that same station?

A. I'm pretty sure.

EM. How much did you get, do you remember?

A. Uh . . . I believe it was \$10, I am not sure.

EM. Did you all pay her for that and when you went inside to pay is that when you went ahead and told her . . . said that you wanted her money?

A. That is when we got the money.

EM. So you never paid her for the gas?

A. No.

EM. Both of you went inside?

A. Yeh.

EM. Do you remember where you left your car when you went inside?

A. The car was sittin just beyond the pumps out there.

EM. What kind of car . . . I'm sorry, go ahead.

A. It was an Oldsmobile, Vista Cruiser.

EM. What kind of a day was this, do you remember?

A. Uh . . . I think it was . . . it seems like it was late in the evening when we come in there.

EM. Was it dark?

A. Uh . . . I think it had just gotten dark when it happened.

EM. Did yal turn your lights out when you went inside the store, the lights on the car . . . turn them off?

A. The best I can remember we did, I'm not positive though.

EM. Do you remember what kind of weather it was?

A. Uh . . .

EM. What month it was?

A. I don't remember what month it was . . . it was . . . the best

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I can rememb~~er~~ it was a little hazv, but I don't remember (inaudible) EM. Do you remember anything that was in the area of the station, and other buildings?

A. There was quite a few buildings around there . . .there was . . . lets see, I didn't pay that much attention, but I know there was some other buildings, quite a few buildings around there.

EM. How did you get off the highway to get to this station, do you remember that?

A. Uh . . . Well, we turned off way back up the road from there and got down on a service road, and traveled the service road quite a way

BB. What color car . . . you said you had an Oldsmobile, do you remember what color it was?

A. It was blue and white

BB. Do you remember what State tags you had on it?

A. Uh more than apt I would have had Indiana tags on it because I went up to Indiana. We did a couple of jobs up in Indiana, and I always run switch tags whenever we are out doing something.

TW. What type of weapon . . .you say Otis went behind the counter and shot her . . .that is Otis Toole, is that correct?

A. Yeh.

TW. What kind of weapon was used?

A. Well, I had a .38 and Otis carries a .22.

TW. Otis had a .22, okay.

EM. Let me interrupt here just a minute . . .I can't . . . well, I can't do that down here . . . I was gonna swear you in but I don't have the authority to do that down here. Go ahead, you said Otis went behind the counter?

A. Yeh, right.

EM. Can you . . . do you remember enough about the store where you can draw me a diagram of the inside of the store?

A. The best I can remember, yeh I could.

EM. Let me give you a piece of paper.

A. Oh I am sorry . . .

EM. Were the pumps in front of the store?

A. Yeh, sorta in front . . . I didn't notice whether there was any the side or not, there may have been, I never noticed . . . the teleph was right over here some place.

TW. Telephone?

A. There was a telephone right here on the corner . . . (inaudible) come across right here . . . let me think of the inside now . . . . It seems like there was food selves over this way.

TW. Do you know where the counter was?

A. The best I can remember the counter would have been back this aw Heres the doorway.

EM. Can you go ahead and label that as the counter for me?

That little opening you left there was the door?

A. I believe this is the door right here .

EM. Alright, and that is where yal went in?

A. Yeh.

EM. Where was your car?

A. The car was sitting about right in here . . . (inaudible) . . . where the pumps were.

EM. But you said that you had gotten some gas there, right?

A. Yeh, I got gas and pulled over this away.

EM. Okay, that Olds Vista Cruiser, Henry, is that one of those stati wagons?

A. Yeh, a station wagon . . . its got a bubble top on the (inaudibl

EM. With that glass that went around the edges of it?

A. Uh huh.

EM. Most of them have a luggage rack on the top of them don't they?

A. Yeh, that was gone because I took and cut it just beyond that glass maybe 3 foot and made a pickup out of it.

EM. Was it a pickup at that time?

BB. Henry, you said right here . . . what is that, you just . . . ?

A. Its the telephone.

BB. Okay, would you label that?

EM. Now when you all went in there where was this woman at?

A. She was back over here behind the counter.

EM. Do you recall where the cash register was there on the counter? If you do can you mark that, if you remember, if you don't that's okay

A. It seems like the cash register was at this end of the counter; I'm not positive, but it seems like it was in this area.

EM. Okay, now as I recall, you said that you all walked up to . . . did you both walk up to her together?

A. Yeh, we was both together when we went in.

EM. And you told her that you wanted the money?

A. We told her we wanted the money and Otis, he went behind the counter.

EM. How did he get behind the counter?

A. He went down this way in behind it.

EM. Was it opened down there at that end? You know, did the counter stope before it got to the wall where you could get in and out from behind it?

A. I'm sure it did, yeh, I don't remember whether he raised up something and went in there or whether he just walked on through. I don't know which.

EM. Where was she standing when he shot her?

A. She was standing about in here when she was shot.

EM. Did you shoot her too?

A. I could have, I don't remember whether I did or not because I was high on dope at that time.

EM. Do you remember how many times . . . is it Otis or Odis?

A. Its Odis but I call him Otis all time.

EM. Do you remember how many times Otis shot or how many times you shot?

A. No . . . it seems like there was 2 shots; best I can remember it was 2 shots.

EM. While you all was in there was there anybody outside at the gas pumps, do you remember?

A. There was a car parked out there at the gas pumps but I didn't see the guy at the time I walked back to the door.

EM. Do you remember if he was white or black?

A. They was . . . seems like a young kid by the telephone out there but I don't know exactly what he looked like . . . I just seemed to get a glimpse at him when we left.

EM. What kind of car was at the pumps?

A. That was a little blue car. I don't know if it was a little Ford or Plymouth, I don't know which . . . it was sitting at the pumps. It wasn't one of these foreign cars that I can remember, it was an American car.

EM. Was it a sporty type car?

A. Yeh, it was sporty . . . it is one of these kind that all the young kids like to drive all time, it seems like it was a Plymouth, but I'm not positive . . . its one of these what they call a sports coupe, I guess you'd call it.

TW. You don't remember the color?

A. It seems like it was blue, sorta of a dark . . . (inaudible) . . .

TW. Was it one color or could it have been two different colors like a two-tone?

A. It could have been, yeh, cause I didn't pay that much attention. Like I say, when I went out I run over to the car and got in and I didn't pay that much attention to the car, but I didn't see nobody at the car.

EM. Who drove away from there?

A. I drove.

EM. You said this guy came up to the door?

A. Yeh, this colored man came to the door right here.

EM. Where was Otis during this time?

A. He was coming out of the door with me and he stopped there to tell the guy that he wanted his money and then he come out the door.

EM. You mean you all robbed him too?

A. Yeh.

EM. Did you all still have the guns in our hands?

A. Yeh, we still had them.

EM. Do you know how much money you got from him?

A. No, I don't, Otis probably will remember, but I don't.

EM. Do you know how much . . . I'm sorry, go ahead.

A. "Cause when I got . . . I was scared anyway and when I come out door on account of people being there.

EM. How many other people were there

A. Like I say, there was that young kid when I went around by . . . and there was this colored guy.

EM. That kid was still there when you all ran out to the car?

A. Yeh, I am sure he was still there.

BB. Where was the kid, do you remember?

A. He was up here around the telephone.

TW. Was he using the phone, or just standing by it or do you remember?

A. I believe he was using it 'cause I think he had his back to me when I went out, and uh . . . this colored guy, he stood there at the door and Otis come out with him and I heard Otis say he wanted his money and he come running on over to the car and we left and went back out to the service road and from the service road went on back out to Interstate 40.

TW. Do you not remember . . . you said earlier that there was a bunch of buildings . . . do you remember what type of buildings or what type of area it was in or anything like that?

A. Well, I would say it was a suburb area, I wouldn't say it was a downtown area . . . a suburb area. It was sorta like a, oh what do you call them, sorta like one of these little malls likes what I call them . . . with different type businesses in there.

EM. Where this station was?

A. Yeh.

EM. Do you remember what brand of gas this station sold?

Or what the name of the station was?

A. I didn't pay any attention to that. It was an off brand name, I'm pretty sure of that.

BB. Henry yo said you got off the Interstate . . . you got off on an access road or . . . (inaudible) . . . this gas station was it near the Interstate or . . . ?

A. The best I can remember it was off the access road.

EM. You mean the access road would be between it and the Interstate?

A. Yeh. . .

BB. When you got off the Interstate did you cross the Interstate or anything like that to get to this convenient store or was it on the same side of the Interstate that you got off?

A. No . . . it would have been on the same side 'cause I don't believe we crossed back under.

BB. You were coming from Indiana right?

A. Right.

EM. Okay, now we . . . I think we said while ago or you said while ago that this was like in '78 or '79 . . .

A. Uh huh.

EM. Did . . . I don't recall if I asked but do you remember what month this was in?

A. Uh . . . the best I can remember it was right around the middle of the year . . . I'm not positive but I think it was.

EM. The middle of the year. Alright do you remember what kind of weather it was when you left Indiana?

A. It was nice weather when I left Indiana, nice and warm.

EM. Did you all stop anywhere between Indiana and Little Rock?

A. Yeh, we stopped at a lot of places through there. We stopped at roadside parks and we stopped in rest areas, we stopped in . . . lets see . . . I can't think of that place we stopped at up there and got the front tires fixed at one of these Goodyear places . . . not too far from Little Rock.

EM. But basically you were just like spending the night or stopping places that you could get some work done?

A. Yeh, thats all.

EM. Did you stop in some town and work for a while or stay in some town along the way for a while or did you keep traveling?

A. No, we never stopped . . . that is something me and Otis never done when we was out. We didn't stop nothing but to sleep in the par eat and go.

EM. So it would have still been mid year, just 2 or 3 days after you left Indiana?

A. Yeh . . . yeh it wouldn't have been too long after we left Indiana

TW. You are not sure of the month though, are you?

A. No I'm not.

BB. Do you remember . . . I don't know if we went over it, but do you remember the route that you took from Indiana to Little Rock?

A. Uh . . . I thought we had come out 69 but I am not positive . . . we come out of it a ways up in Indiana and then we turned and come down through . . . lets see, what is it . . . we hit 69 coming out through Indianapolis, Indiana and uh . . . we hit 40 somewhere out the other side of Indianapolis, Indiana, and came on down through . . .

BB. Highway 40, the Interstate 40?

A. I believe it is Interstate 40, I'm not positive.

EM. How far did you go on 40?

A. We stayed 40 until we hit way back out in here and then we hit uh . . . well its 40 all the way through but they have changed it now to 70 . . . the Turnpike.

TW. Where is that at . . . is that Arkansas or Oklahoma?

A. Oklahoma and we hit, I don't remember if it is the edge of Arkansas that you come through and hit the Turnpike or whether it is in Oklahoma but anyway you hit . . . lets see, I come through Arkansas, uh . . . come on through, yeh, it would be Arkansas and I can't think of the name but there is another State in between that and Oklahoma. . .

EM. Well, Arkansas and Oklahoma border on each other.

A. Yeh, but on the other way you hit another State.

TW. Louisiana?

A. No, it ain't Louisiana.

EM. Coming from Indiana do you remember where you hit Interstate 40?

A. Yeh, it was just outside of Indianapolis, Indiana that we hit 40

EM. Could it be Kentucky?

A. Uh . . .

EM. And down through Tennessee o did you cut back through Missouri?

A. Missouri, we went through Missouri . . . we was up in Poplar Bl  
Missouri, all up through there . . . then we went back down, I was  
trying to think of it but there are so many roads through there that  
can't think of all of them.

EM. Did you do any jobs up in Missouri?

A. Yeh, we did quite a few of them in Missouri.

EM. Have you talked to those people yet?

A. Not yet.

EM. When you all got to Little Rock, do you remember how you were  
dressed?

A. I was dressed in Levis and a sport shirt.

EM. Did you have a coat on or anything.

A. I had one of these jackets on.

EM. A Levi jacket or sport jacket?

A. Its a . . .

EM. Windbreaker or what?

A. Its called a windbreaker I guess, its a thin jacket that I was  
wearing.

EM. How was Otis dressed?

A. He was dressed in slacks, sport coat and sport shirt.

EM. Is that the way you all were dressed when you went in that store  
there in Little Rock?

A. Yeh.

EM. And shot that woman?

A. Yeh, uh huh.

BB. Henry do you remember the gas station . . . was there . . . the  
gas stations will pretty much have a basic color . . . do you remember  
the color of this one?

A. Lets see . . . it seems like it was white, but I'm not positive  
that it was.

EM. Do you remember what day of the week this might have been on, Hen

A. It would probably been maybe Wednesday or Thursday, I don't know  
for sure

BB. Are you positive about the year?

A. No, I'm not positive on the year because like I say I've traveled so many of them and got so many of them I can't place them.

EM. You think this is the first one that you did there in Arkansas?

A. Yeh, it seems like it was the first one.

EM. Were you all . . . I'm sorry, go ahead.

A. We have another one there thats uh . . . oh, what do you call it in a . . . let me think . . . uh, well its in one of these real estat offices somewhere around that area.

TW. Eddy do you want to just stay on one and then swap tapes when we talk about another one?

EM. Yeh, lets stay with this one right now . . . I just made a note of what he just told me so we can come back to it.

BB. Also if I can just interrupt one minute, do you want him to sign this little diagram here?

EM. Yeh.

A. I was trying to think of what all was in there . . . its uh . . .

TW. You don't remember any of the buildings that may have been in th area?

A. I can remember seeing buildings but I can't remember what they w

TW. You talking about like a little shopping mall or something?

A. Yeh, its some kind of little shopping mall.

TW. With other business in it?

A. Yeh. If I was in Arkansas I could go right back to it as far as going back to it; no doubt about that. I've even went back to the way back in '79. It seems like there is some kind of coke machines o coke box around this away somewhere.

TW. Can you mark it over there . . . is that where you think it was

A. I think it was over in this area . . . it seems like it was back in this area.

EM. Do you remember how this one was dressed?

A. Uh . . . if I can remember she had some kind of slack pants or something on and a blouse, I think, I'm not positive but I think it was.

EM. This black guy that came to the door that Otis robbed while you were leaving there, do you remember enough about him that you can give us a description of him?

A. Well, I remember he was tall, probably I would say more of a skinnier looking type guy . . . he wasn't heavy set or nothing . . . he didn't have long hair like some of them do.

TW. Do you know what type of car he may have been in?

A. No, I don't . . .

TW. Are you sure that Mr. Toole robbed him?

A. Well, he said he did, I don't know . . . I heard him when he went out the door, you know, he said give me your money, I don't know where he got any from him or not

EM. You heard Otis say that?

A. Yeh.

EM. How old is Otis?

A. Lets see . . . he is right around 34 I imagine, 34 or 35

EM. Did you all get all . . . who got the money out of the cash register?

A. Otis got some money . . . but I don't know . . .

EM. After he went behind the deal? How did he open the safe?

A. I don't even know whether the safe was closed or not.

BB. You sure it was a safe?

A. Well there was some kind of a box down there, but I didn't pay that much attention to what kind of a box it was.

TW. When he told her to give him the money, did she give him any or what . . . can you tell us about it?

A. Well, she started to hand it to him and she wheeled around and sorta dumped under the counter like, but I didn't know what she was doing.

TW. Is that when he shot her?

A. I think he shot her just about that time.

TW. Do you know where he shot her at? I mean what part of the body, torso or whatever?

A. Uh . . . it would have had to been higher . . . either in the

back of the shoulders or in the back of the head, I don't remember which, but it was in the back I'm pretty sure.

TW. And he was using a . . .

A. .22

TW. .22.

EM. Henry it is my understanding, you know, of course, you hear everything, and I've been told that Otis uses a .22 . . .

A. Yeh, he uses a .22 all the time.

EM. But that you all had several guns over the period of years?

A. Yeh, we've had shotguns, we've had pistols, we've had guns, rifle we've had just about everything you can think about.

EM. Did you all both . . . you said you both had guns then?

A. Yeh, we both had guns.

EM. What did . . . I think you told me earlier, but I don't recall .

A. I had a .38.

EM. You had a .38 at that time?

A. Yeh.

EM. And you think you might have shot too, but you don't really remember

A. I could have . . . like I say I was so high on dope and stuff . I'm lucky to even be able to remember.

TW. Do you know what happened to these guns that you all had then . have you all gotten rid of them or do you still . . . or are those the ones that the . . .

A. Uh . . . well they could be . . . one of mind could be either or two places, I sold a (inaudible) .38 down in . . . down on 10 . . .uh down where the Mardi Gras is.

TW. New Orleans?

A. New Orleans. We were out traveling and I sold one gun there (inaudible) . . .in New Orleans.

TW. Do you know what Mr. Toole might have done with that .22?

A. Well he has pawned some and he has sold some . . . they've got some of his guns that he pawned and sold . . .some of them are connected with the cases he's got down here in Cleveland county and like I say some of them were sold here in Texas and out . . . what do you call the place . . . at next to Mexico . . .he sold some guns out there, which

TW. Who he

A. Texas authorities. The .20 gauge we carried with us was used in Louisiana on a woman up there and uhmy .38 that I give my . . . w I should say my wife's brother . . . her uncle . . . I give him a .38 that I carried. It was one of them shoulder type, police specials.

EM. Is he the preacher you talked about earlier that turned that over to the police?

A. No, that was a .22 he turned over to them.

EM. What did that get you back in -- on a felon in possession of a firearm to start with?

A. Yeh . . yeh . . then I (inaudible) . . that after I told them all these others, they said there wasn't no use . . .

TW. I imagine.

EM. Do you recall where you all were standing when you told that we that you wanted all the money?

A. We were standing in front of the . . . seems like it was in front of the cash register is where we were standing at.

EM. Do you recall where both of you were when she was shot?

A. Well I was about where the counter was when she was shot. . . so where right around where the counter was and Otis was somewhere in that area right in here.

EM. Behind the counter?

A. Behind the counter and I was on this side of the counter over here. I don't think Otis came out from behind the counter.

EM. Okay, and I think on our description of her while ago, you know when you described her for us, nobody mentioned what race she was, was she oriental or white or black or do you remember? You know, down there in Little Rock we have quite a few orientals anymore . . . picking up a few people from Cuba and Haitians and some of those refugees that have come in . . . was she . . . do you recall what she was . . . oriental, hispanic, black or what?

A. I thought she was white but I could be wrong, you know, I'm not positive of that, but I thought she was white, I hadn't paid that much attention about the race or anything . . . but she wasn't no black woman.

TW. Definitely wasn't black?

A. No she wasn't black.

BB. Henry I would like to go back to the man that Otis took the money from. I'm sure you all are in a hurry to leave but did you notice a man that Otis took his money what he did . . . did he go into the store, or did he leave the area . . . did he watch you all drive off?

A. Uh . . . I believe he took off, I'm not positive but I believe he did.

EM. On foot or in a car?

A. He took off towards the pumps I'm pretty sure and got in his car.

EM. What about that boy that was at the phone?

A. He was still in that area of the phone when we left . . . I don't even know if he seen us or not, like I say he has his back to us . . . whether he seen us, I couldn't tell you that.

EM. Do you think he heard the shots?

A. I doubt it, unless he was there earlier because . . .

EM. Were those revolvers that you all had?

A. Yeh.

EM. You know, I think you said you thought the .38 was . . . was the .22 a revolver?

A. The .22 was a revolver. . . its one of the Luger's, I guess you call them.

EM. Did you all have silencers on them?

A. No, we didn't have silencers . . . I mean if somebody would have been close to the building they could have heard it.

TW. What was the traffic situation like . . . do you remember if there was a lot of traffic?

A. Yeh, there was quite a bit of traffic coming off the expressway and stuff.

TW. Oh, Interstate?

A. Yeh.

EM. When you left that parking lot what direction did you go, do you remember?

A. We headed on out, I'd say West when we left there.

EM. Do you remember what side of the Interstate this store was on?

A. It seems like it was on the right when we come in.

EM. That would be in the same direction of travel that you all were in?

A. I'm sure of that.

EM. In other words . . . I think you said you got off the Interstate got off this main highway and got on the access road?

A. Got on the access road and we traveled the access road, like I said quite a ways out there and then got back on the Interstate.

EM. When you got on the access road did you stay on the same side of highway or did you cross over the Interstate? I think Brad asked you that while ago and I don't remember what you said.

A. I don't remember crossing the Interstate at all.

EM. Did you turn your lights back on when you left?

A. I didn't even start the car when we left . . . the car was still running. Like I say, we just got out and went in and left the car running. We left the car running when we went in.

TW. Do you remember when you got back on the Freeway, could you tell what the traffic was like . . . was it light or heavy or whatever?

A. I would say at that time it was a medium traffic . . . I mean it wasn't bumper to bumper or anything like that. It was more or less . . . it was heavy but it wasn't real heavy.

EM. You said you'd already cut that car down into a pickup?

A. Yeh.

EM. Did you close off the back end of it from the front?

A. No, you could reach all the way inside.

EM. Did you all have your windows down or up . . . was you running the air conditioner or do you remember, . . . the heater?

A. Well, we just had the windows down and . . . well the back end was open . . . in other words where the back of the cab was there was still open . . . (inaudible) . . .

TW. Do you know where that car is now . . . did you sell it or . . . ?

A. Yeh, they've got it down in DelRio . . . yeh, DelRio.

EM. Texas?

A. Yeh, they've got a lot of clothes and money and all different kinds of mail and stuff like that.

TW. Have you ever run Missouri tags on that car; do you remember?

A. I could have, but like I say, just about any state I go in I usu-  
pick up the tags for that state, because that way the police don't pa-  
that much attention to their own state tags . . . I usually switch ta-  
in every state.

EM. You think you did that on this car when you got into Arkansas?

A. Uh . . . there is a good possibility.

BB. Henry were you working your way west or were yal just traveling?

A. Well, we travel like that, in other words we ain't got no  
destination, when we start some place we just keep going from state  
to state and we . . .

BB. You picked up Interstate 40 out of Indianapolis . . . is there a  
possibility that that could have been Interstate 44?

A. Yeh, there is a possibility, I'm not positive of it.

BB. Because Interstate 40 picks up and runs through Tennessee and  
Arkansas, it doesn't go that far North; Interstate 44 does.

A. It could have been Interstate 44 'cause we picked it up in  
Indianapolis.

EM. That would have taken you across West from Indianapolis. I thin-  
to get 40 you would have had to go through Kentucky and down through  
Bowling Green.

A. I don't think we went that way though.

EM. . . Pick up Interstate 80 I think it is.

BB. No . . .

EM. Its not 80 . . . what is it that cuts down through there . . .  
but anyway there is an Interstate that runs North & South and you  
wind up in either Nashville or (SIDE 1 OF TAPE 1 IS COMPLETE)

(SIDE 2 OF TAPE 1)

EM. Okay do you remember going through Kentucky and Tennessee when  
you started out from Indianapolis?

A. No, we didn't go through that way. Where we went was uh . . .  
well you know where the 500 is . . . we come by there and on out . . .  
came right on out of there you know the same route in front of the  
speedway.

TW. Henry, need to . . . didn't you said that you were there in the store and you saw that kid on the phone . . . you saw his car; you didn't have a chance to look at his license did you?

A. No, I really didn't 'cause the car was sitting sideways.

BB. You said you were under the influence of drugs . . . was Otis a on them?

A. Yeh, we both were . . . we both use drugs all the time . . . drink I guess you would call us boozehounds because that is all we done was drink and use done, kill, you name it . . . one thing I can say is when you talk to Otis he'll turn your stomach I'll tell you.

EM. Will he?

A. You ain't kidding.

EM. What happened . . . I'm sorry, go ahead.

A. Otis has agreed that anything that, you know, that is needed by police, in other words, if it involves me he's to tell you and anything that involves him I am suppose to tell you . . . that way between the 2 of us we can work it out where uh . . . to prove that we done the crime, you know.

EM. You all are just gonna go ahead and admit to everything that you did?

A. Yeh . . . 'cause we ain't gonna hold nothing back.

EM. You all talked on the telephone and agreed to go ahead and tell everything that either one of you remembers about anything?

A. Yeh, because I've been holding back, you know, on Otis when I got arrested and not telling nothing, you know.

TW. Are you gonna admit to things you didn't do?

A. No way . . . no way I'm taking something I didn't do.

EM. What happened after the shots were fired inside the store?

A. After the shots were fired Otis stayed there for a few seconds behind the counter . . . I'm pretty sure he was behind the counter . . . uh . . . I don't know whether he had looked in the cash register, I'm sure of that, and from the cash register he come from out back of the counter and come out to where I was at and we went from there to the front door.

EM. Side by side or was one of you in the lead?

A. I was in sorta of . . . I guess you would say side by side, 'cause I was right close to him when we come out.

EM. Had you both put up your guns or did you have your guns still in your hands?

A. No, our guns were still in our hands . . . we put them under the seat when we went out and got in the car.

TW. When you all left there did you leave at a high rate of speed or did you just drive off casually, do you remember?

A. We left a little fast. I don't know whether we spun our wheels or not, but I think we did, when we . . . (inaudible)

EM. I'm sorry, I can't hear you.

A. We went on out to like I say, to the offset road and then we to the offset road straight on out to a ramp that went back on to the Interstate.

EM. How long did it take you to get back on the Interstate, you know you said you got on the access road, the offset road, and then travel down it a ways . . . do you remember about how long?

A. I'd say maybe 4 minutes, 4 or 5 minutes, something like that.

EM. Headed in what direction?

A. Heading West.

EM. Is that the same direction you were headed in on the access road?

A. Yeh, same direction.

EM. So you would have been on the same side of the road, both on the access road and the Interstate?

A. Yeh.

EM. Traveling in the same direction?

A. Yeh.

TW. Are you sure about that?

A. I'm fairly sure . . . 'cause like I say, I don't remember crossing the Freeway.

EM. Either time?

A. No.

EM. Either getting to the store or leaving the store you don't remember crossing the Interstate?

A. Huh uh

TW. But you are fairly sure you were close to the Freeway though ?

A. I'm sure of that because it didn't take me too long to get back on it you know, from where I was at.

EM. Do you remember if anything was said between you and Otis and the woman or what was said?

A. I know he asked her for her money . . . I do know that and she said something about not having much or something like that and he told her we wanted it anyway, we didn't care.

BB. Do you know how much you all did get, if you got any?

A. It wouldn't have been too much . . . we didn't get over . . . well, from what he showed me I don't remember him having or about \$45.00 . . . if he had that.

EM. But he is the one that actually got it . . . he would remember better than you?

A. Yeh, he would remember better. I don't remember seeing him with any more than that . . . he may have had . . .

EM. But you recall about \$45?

A. Yeh.

EM. Was anybody else in the store?

A. Not in the store, no, not at that time . . . just her . . . well her and the colored guy when he came to the door, that is the only ones that I was close to.

EM. You said, or did I misunderstand you earlier. . . did you say that there was a car out at the pumps when you went in?

A. Yeh . . . no, he came in after I went in . . . this car did 'cause we were sitting her when we pulled around here and this car here had come in while we were in the store.

EM. While you all were inside?

A. Yeh.

EM. Had you already told this woman that you wanted her money when you saw this other car?

A. Yeh, I think so . . .

TW. Had she already been shot, or do you remember?

A. Well, he was shot before that colored guy come to the door, the I do know.

TW. Could I get you to sign and date that for me Mr. Lucas.

EM. Uh . . Henry do . . . was there any reason why you all didn't go ahead and shoot the colored guy and the boy that was at the pump?

A. No. There ain't no reason, there's no reason we didn't.....

EM. Since you knew they saw you?

A. No, there is no reason that we didn't, I don't believe but what they knew it, ....what went on in the store.

EM. But Otis robbed the colored guy?

A. Yeh, he robbed him.

TW. You sure he robbed him?

A. Well, I heard him say give me your money, so I think he did.

EM. And you all still had your guns in your hands?

A. Yeh.

BB. I don't know if we have covered this part at all . . .uh . . .

was he 30 or younger, in the 30's or older, the black man?

Was he a younger black man or older?

A. I would say somewhere right around thirty.

EM. Do you remember anything about how he was dressed?

or how the white guy was dressed?

A. Well, the white guy, he seemed to be in more or less sport cloth

EM. Sport clothes, you mean slacks and a sport coat or slacks and a shirt or what?

A. I don't remember him having a coat on . . . it seems like he had a shirt on.

TW. You remember what kind of shirt?

A. Uh . . . no, I remember it being a light colored . . . but I don't remember . . .

EM. Do you remember what kind of shirts that you and Otis had on?

A. I had on, like I said, a sport shirt . . .

EM. I mean what kind of color or . . . stripes, patterns, plain, blue white or what?

A. No it is a design shirt . . . like they wear in California all time it's a multi design shirt.

EM. One of those prints?

A. Yeh.

EM. What about Otis?

A. He had the same kind on. We both had uh . . . well both of our clothes we wore out then was just about the same style clothes.

EM. Is there anything else that you can remember about this one?

A. Not other than <sup>it was</sup> /not a large building . . . just a small building.

EM. Just real quick . . . is this the one, I think when you all talked I think you have talked with Tom on the telephone . . . while he was in Little Rock?

A. Yeh.

EM. Is this one of those that you discussed with him over the teleph

A. Yeh, this is the same time; the same one. . . I don't know whether it means anything or not but uh . . . I didn't know anybody w involved in it other than just me and Otis.

EM. What do you mean didn't know anybody else was involved?

A. Well, somebody mentioned that some boy had got tried for it, but I didn't know whether he did or not, but somebody did mention that to me. I can't deny it because he did. But this ain't why I'm pleading guilty to it; its because I done it.

EM. Okay, do you want to tape or whatever you want to do with it . .

BB. Well, we can continue on but we might have it for the record on the video that if it runs out we will just continue on if you need to ask anymore questions . . the video will stop, we are short on tapes, but we will continue the interview on audio, so we can just . . .

TW. I don't really think there will be anything else to ask . .

BB. Do you think, Ed, that we are pretty much covered on this one . have all the information that he has . . . is there anything else abo this particular one that we haven't brought up to you that you would like to . . . that you remember?

A. Not that I can remember . . . like I say, Otis will probably remember more than I would because he has a pretty good memory.

EM. Do you remember anything about the Intersection or the location of this place where this stor . . I think while ago you

said it was in a little shopping center?

A. Yeh, it was in little, sorta of a shopping center.

EM. Do you remember anything about that Intersection or what other stores were in that shopping center?

A. As far as the store I don't . . . I just remember seeing some building along in there . . . they were business is all I can tell you

BB. Do you remember going through Metropolitan Little Rock any . . . I am talking about the downtown, the congested part of Little Rock, maybe seeing it from the Interstate?

A. Yeh, but I can't remember where it was at . . . it seems like it was back that ways a piece.

BB. (Inaudible)

A. Seems like it was, yeh, the best I can remember it was.

EM. Did you travel quite a ways through town there before you got to this store or was it on the first part of town that you got to, or what do you remember?

A. Seems like it was quite a ways through there . . . I don't remember it being right at the first when we went in. I'm pretty sure it was on after we had passed the main part of town.

EM. Okay.

TW. That is all I have.

EM. I think that is all I've got on this one right now, Unless, you know, there is something else that you can add to that diagram there and, of course, as long as we are here if you think of anything else that you can add to that diagram, just feel free to go ahead and do it.

A. No, I don't.

TW. This concludes this interview and the time is now 10:41.