

## LUCAS CONFESSION -- ORANGE SOCKS

Day 1 -- 9:07 a.m., June 22, 1983 in the Montague County jail.

Lucas informs Boutwell that he has been assigned an attorney, but he wants to talk anyway. "I want to get everything off my chest that I've done."

Boutwell tells Lucas he is interested in "some things that have happened down my way." He informs Lucas that he is from Georgetown, just north of Austin on Interstate 35.

Lucas states: Well, I've got some around that area. I know it. I can't give you no exact spots. But I've kidnapped some women from there. I've picked up some women from there, and I've also left some in that area.

Boutwell asks: How's your recollection of, say, back in the fall of nineteen-seventy-nine?

Lucas: Seventy-nine. It's pretty good, I believe.

Lucas then goes on to describe several "cases." He states: There was one picked up on Highway 35 at...lets see...that would be at an intersection coming onto 35. An' I took her way down in the low part of Texas, that one. That would have been around somewhere in the San Antone area.

Boutwell asks him to remember where he picked her up.

Lucas: All I know is it's an off ramp. She was standing beside this off ramp when I picked her up. He describes the victim as being 5-ft 7in to 5ft 9in, weighing 140 pounds, with long brown hair, 18 to 20 years old. Lucas goes on to state: If anybody's ever found her, she would have been found sexually assaulted. She would have several stab wounds, probably some through her breasts, probably, and some through her chest cavity.

Boutwell then asked where this womans body would have been found.

Lucas: She would have been probably outside of San Antonio. I'd been on 35 and then turned off 35 on a sort of a ...well, you go a ways on a blacktop off of 35. And she would have been in a sort of field, grassy area. I don't remember any fence, but I know it's back off the roadway.

Lucas then tells Boutwell about a victim he picked up in Austin, headed north and killed her in a "lovers lane" type of site. Lucas claims this was also late nineteen-seventy-nine. He goes on to tell of a twelve or fourteen-year-old girl also abducted from Austin. He states she was raped, killed, and left nude near "a camping resort" close to Del Rio.

Boutwell states: Let's get back to another area around that time. Did you ever drop one off at a culvert that crosses Interstate 35?

Lucas replies: yeah, I have. But I don't remember the exact location. I was just given him one today...was found right around the bridge area, you know, what I call a little culvert like.

Boutwell: If I showed you a picture or so of a location, do you think you might recall it?

Lucas: I probably could recall it, yes.

Boutwell: Well, did you...I guess you always dump 'em off at night.

Lucas: Well, it would be late in the evening or at night. It would be around dusk anyway. Lucas goes on to tell about a blonde-haired woman he picked up in Dallas.

Boutwell: Look at these two pictures right here. The pictures are presumed to be a color postmortem picture of the victim, and scene photo.

Lucas: Well, that bridge is familiar. I mean as far as the culvert like. That's what I call a bridge though. And there's a possibility I would have left one right there.

Boutwell: This was Interstate 35, just north of Georgetown. You go through Waco, Temple, Belton--if you're going south

Lucas: I've been all through that area. I don't think you would have found any clothes with her, except maybe the socks she had on. But I don't think there would have been any clothes around her. That I recall. she was a hitchiker, as best I remember it.

Boutwell: Uh huh. But you can see that this one wasn't blonde.

Lucas: She wasn't blonde. That was one out of Oklahoma City. That would have been in the early part of seventy-nine, though, if that's the same one. I don't

remember. She probably had brown, brownish, dark brownish hair. But I picked one up outta Oklahoma City and one of them fit that description.

Boutwell: All right. I'm going to show you a picture of the girl. See if that one looks familiar.

Lucas: Yes it does, but I don't know.

Boutwell: This one is the one that was found there at that culvert.

Lucas: She would have been strangled.

Boutwell: She would have been strangled? What makes you think so?

Lucas: I just know that, just...I'm sure that's the same one

Boutwell: Well, this picture doesn't indicate that she was strangled.

Lucas: But I just know it. Lucas mentions twice that she is the one he picked up in Oklahoma City. Boutwell asks what kind of clothes she was wearing. Lucas goes on to describes some clothing and states he doesn't know if she was wearing jewelry. Boutwell then asks lucas where he would have strangled her at.

Lucas: Well, it would have been in the car, along Highway 35.

Boutwell: Did she scratch you up any?

Lucas: Yeah, she scratched me. I can't recall right where it was at. It was somewhere in the face she scratched me. But I don't remember the spot.

Boutwell asks how long lucas and the woman were together.

Lucas: Oh. probably a day and a half. She would have been sexually assaulted and she would have...I can't remember whether I did anything else to her or not.

Boutwell asks where Lucas picked her up at.

Lucas: That would have been out in the area of 40. That would be...well, it's interstate now. I mean a turnpike. Lucas claims they ate at a truckstop restaurant "but it would have been a little while."

Boutwell inquires as to what she ate.

Lucas: I don't know whether it was a hamburger or whether it was some kind of plate lunch she had. It would have been some kind of meat. I don't remember whether it was a hamburger, or...

Boutwell asks where they ate.

Lucas: It was...Oh well, it would have been back coming out of Oklahoma there. I don't know whether she was drinking with me or not, but I was drinking beer. I don't know whether she was or not.

Boutwell: Where did you have sex with her?

Lucas: Well, I had sex with her before and at the time I dropped her off there. I had it in the car. I just backed up in a roadside picnic area.

Boutwell: Was it pretty good, or was there anything different about it?

Lucas: Well, I'd say it was good, but it just didn't satisfy me--as far as satisfaction. It seemed like she was wearing something. I don't remember what it was though. I don't know whether a kotex or something. She had something on, seems like.

Boutwell: Oh, you mean you think she was having her period?

Lucas: Yeah. Seems like she was. I ain't absolutely positive of it. But I think she was. I remember her hollering or screaming or something when I put it in. I don't remember what it was.

Boutwell: You do think she might have been having her period and was wearing something?

lucas: Yeah. I'm pretty sure that's the same one.

Boutwell: Did she take the kotex off or did you take it off?

Lucas: She took something off, but I don't know whether it was a kotex or not. Lucas goes on to say that she put whatever it was back on after sex. He states that he could not see it because she got dressed in the cars backseat.

At this point Boutwell shows Lucas more photos of the deceased woman.

Lucas: I know that's the same girl.

Boutwell: You do know that's the same girl. You're positive?

Lucas: I'm positive of it. Lucas proceeds to tell Boutwell that he has been killing since the age of thirteen and that he has committed about one-hundred homicides. He once again states he is sure he killed this woman and that he picked her up in Oklahoma.

Boutwell: Okay, let's get back to the time here.

Lucas: Well, that would have been in the early part of seventy-nine. I would think, somewhere around, approximately either May or June of seventy-nine.

Boutwell: Okay. Well, that's the wrong girl then...because that's not right at all.

Lucas: It's not?

Boutwell: Huh-uh.

Lucas: You've got one more to unravel, that's for sure. That would have been in the early part of seventy-nine. You've got another almost identical. Lucas then tells Boutwell the killing would be a mile, or two, at the most, outside of Austin.

Boutwell: Well, that's...that wouldn't be right then on this one. This one was near Georgetown, which is about thirty-miles north of Austin.

Lucas: Well, (portion inaudible). I still got someone.

Boutwell: Okay, I realize if it happened at night, it might be difficult. And if you were drinking, it might be difficult.

Lucas: That's the same girl. No doubt about it.

Boutwell: well, if there's no doubt about it, then you're off on your time of year.

Lucas goes on to say, two more times, that it is the "same girl." They once again talk about where Lucas and the girl ate; Lucas says it was a truckstop right outside the last town you come to before entering Texas from Oklahoma.

Boutwell asks Lucas how he removed her from the car at the scene.

Lucas: It seems that I drug her by her feet down over an embankment.

Boutwell: Was there any guard railings or anything in the way?

Lucas: Well, there was guard rails there.

Boutwell: Okay. And did you drag her over them or under it?

Lucas: I don't remember whether I drug her under them, or over them , to tell you the truth. I know I drug her out and down over an embankment. I don't think I dropped her anywhere.

Boutwell asks Lucas how he strangled the woman.

Lucas that he probably did it from the front with his hands. Lucas then tells Boutwell again, several more times, that this is his victim.

Boutwell states he doesn't want Lucas to confess if he didn't do it. They talk about another woman Lucas claims to have killed by Austin. He states he may have bitten her on the breast or shoulder. The sheriff directs the questioning back to "Orange Socks." Boutwell: Do you think she was having a period?

Lucas: I definitely think she was the same girl that was having her period. Now, I could be wrong.

Boutwell: Okay.

Lucas: But I don't...I didn't see no rag or anything like that.

Boutwell: Well, you've been pretty accurate on that one, except for the time of year.

Lucas: Like I say, it could be on...in a diffrent part of the year and I've got her mixed up with another one. But as far as that body, that is the one that I killed, and there ain't no doubt about it. Lucas and Boutwell, once again, talk about other crimes Lucas claims to have committed and then the conversation turns to Lucas getting sexual pleasure.

Boutwell: How about the one from Oklahoma City we talked about that was dumped off the culvert. The one you say you positively remember.

Lucas: To the best of my knowledge, I did, uh, come inside her. I'm pretty sure I did. There's something there that just don't...uh...I don't know...Just don't...There would have been another one after that one because I just didn't get satisfied with

that one. There would have been, probably, one, maybe the same day. Either the same day or the same night where they would come up missing from around in that area.

Boutwell shows Lucas a photo of a ring the victim was wearing when she was found. Lucas says he doesn't remember it. They talk about the various methods of killing Lucas has employed, and then Boutwell has Lucas sign a written statement confessing to the "Orange Socks" killing.

SECOND INTERVIEW -- JULY 31, 1983

Boutwell reads Lucas his rights and once again shows him a picture of the unidentified woman.

Lucas: Yes Sir, I recognize her.

Boutwell: Okay...and uh...can you tell me again where you first saw her.

Lucas: Well, let's see now. I'm blank. I've got so many on my mind. Uh...I believe she is the one I picked up hitchhiking.

Boutwell: Okay. That's what you told me before. Uh, I know you've talked to an awful lot of people and a lot of officers since then. Uh, I'm going to give you a minute to see if you can remember where you picked her up hitchhiking.

Lucas: It was on, uh, (interstate) 35. I'm pretty sure, yeah, 35.

Boutwell: In what state?

Lucas: Texas.

Boutwell: No. That's not what you told me before.

Lucas: Oh. I'm thinking. Uh, it's so doggoned many states.

Boutwell: Well, you told me before it was Oklahoma City.

Lucas: Yeah, that's right.

Boutwell: Are you sure that's right?

Lucas: Right.

Boutwell goes on to ask Lucas what happened when he picked her up.

Lucas: well, I picked her up and had sex with her.

Boutwell: Did she volunteer?

Lucas: Yeah, she volunteered and, uh, well the next time after that, why I killed her for sex. I just don't know, I just ain't satisfied with live sex. I just killed her for it.

Boutwell: Do you remember where you killed her?

Lucas: Well, it was on, uh, lets see, it woulda been on uh...I really don't know where I killed her and I can't think of the name of it.

Boutwell: What highway?

Lucas: I killed some on 20, some on 35. I believe she was on 20, probably.

Boutwell: What did you do with her body?

Lucas: I drug it out in a field, out there on the edge of the road.

Boutwell once again shows Lucas the picture of the culvert where the victim was found.

Lucas: Oh, that's the culvert on 35. I was gonna throw her in the culvert.

Boutwell: Okay.

Lucas: I remember it...on 35, this side of Austin. No, on the other side of Austin. West of Austin?

Boutwell: No, you said it right the first time, this side of Austin.

Boutwell and Lucas discuss how Lucas got the woman into the culvert.

Lucas: Yeah, I strangled her first and then I took and, uh, I don't know whether I stabbed her or not, but I think I did. I know I strangled her and I remember taking her and dragging her out of the car up to the guard rail and I couldn't get down and over so I just flipped her down and over. Lucas states that at one point he drove off

the interstate to have sex with the woman and she didn't refuse. But, when she found out he was going to murder her, she fought back.

Boutwell: Did you tell her you were going to kill her?

Lucas: No, I didn't tell her. She just knew when I grabbed her, that was what I was going to do.

Boutwell: Uh huh. She uh...remember anything unusual about the sex with her?

Lucas: Yeah, I noticed she had a Kotex on.

Boutwell: Yeah, that was the first time.

Lucas: Yeah. Well, at that time, she took it off, but the last time I had sex with her, why she had it on and I pushed it up inside her.

Boutwell: Uh huh. What kind of Kotex was it?

Lucas: One of those little ole round things; I don't know what you call them. I call them Q-tips, but I don't know what they are, really.

Boutwell: Uh huh. Well, it's kinda hard to have sex with her if that was up inside her, wouldn't it?

Lucas: It was hard. Yeah, it was hard. People don't even stop to think, really, when he's doing that kind of stuff, but, uh...don't think about taking anything off or anything, hardly.

Boutwell: Yeah.

Lucas: That's what happened there. I didn't think to take it off again.

Boutwell: Uh huh. Well, did you do any good?

Lucas: Well, I think I did.

Boutwell: Uh huh.

Lucas: Best as I can remember, I did. They talk about numerous things. Lucas now says he and the woman ate just out of Oklahoma City. She had salad, a beer, and probably a hamburger. He's not sure if it was in Oklahoma or Texas.

Boutwell asks how long Lucas and the woman had been together before they had sex.

Lucas: Uh, quite a ways. We were out of Oklahoma City when I had sex with her.

Boutwell asks Lucas where the killing took place.

Lucas: I killed her down there next to, uh, uh, I was down in Dallas, down on 35 and uh...after that, I carried her down to where I threw her out of the car at.

Boutwell: Was that a pretty good ways?

Lucas: Yeah, it was a pretty good ways.

Boutwell: Okay, have you ever had a venereal disease from one of these women?

Lucas: Not that I can remember.

Boutwell: Uh huh. Can you remember when that was?

Lucas: Yeah, it was, uh, let me think, uh...I believe that was around '81.

Boutwell ask Lucas if the woman was in the front seat when he attacked her.

Lucas: No, she was in the back seat when it happened. Uh, no, not at first. First she was in the front seat when I started to kill her and then I put her in the back seat after. I reached over and grabbed her and we was fighting going down the road, and uh, I got off; that's when I killed her.

Boutwell instructs Lucas to think about the case overnight and they will drive to Georgetown the next day. Boutwell tells Lucas: maybe you can point something out.

Boutwell: Now you told me before that you thought she had a Kotex or something on.

Lucas: Yeah.

Boutwell: You didn't tell me it was one of them Tampax.

Lucas: Well, I didn't tell you that. That's what it was, I'm pretty sure. I might be wrong, but either a Tampax or Kotex, or whatever they call it. That's what I call them. I knowed she had one on. What I call, uh, don't know what you-all call them; that's what I call a Kotex though.

Boutwell: Kotex, you know, is more of a flat thing, kinda. Tampax looks like a little white cigar.

Lucas: I don't know anything about them. Uh, I never got none from no woman, so I don't know.

Boutwell: Yeah, so you remember whether it was a kinda thing that looked like a little white cigar, or was it, uh...was it a little flatter looking?

Lucas: It was a little flatter than a cigar.

Boutwell: Alright.

Lucas: Well, I don't think it looked like a cigar. It might have been. Lucas goes on to describe how he asked the victim a second time to have sex with him and she refused. He proceeded to strangle her--almost losing control of the automobile. He then claims to have put her in the backseat, got off the main road, and had sex with her again. He says he then drove, again, "for a ways and then finally found this area where I left her at, uh...a fairly deserted area."

Boutwell: Was that daytime or nighttime?

Lucas: It was, uh...I don't know...must have been, uh, oh approximately (unreadable). I'm pretty sure because, uh, it was probably late.

Boutwell: well, if it was still daylight, wouldn't it have been awful risky to stop the car and drag a naked girl out of the car? There's a lot of traffic on those highways.

Lucas: Well, yeah, it's ...let me think...It was still daylight when I killed her. I know that. I drove, uh, it would have been dark, what you call dark. I say it was more dark than it would be light...cause I drove a long ways after I, after I killed her.

### THIRD MEETING--AUGUST 1, 1983

This meeting takes place in Boutwell's police car on the way from Montague to Georgetown.

Lucas informs Boutwell of how many woman he has raped and killed and goes on to say that he sees some places along I-35 where they might be. He tells the sheriff about liking "dead sex" and that he killed his mother for sex. He also states he killed his schoolteacher ast the age of thirteen.

Boutwell: We're, uh, passing through a little town of Salado now, or about to. Now as we get further down the road, I want you to keep and eye open and see if you can spot that overpass that, uh, where you dumped that other girl out. If you do, let me know.

Lucas informs Boutwell as to why people should not hitchhike. And he also claims more crimes, such as bank robberies.

Boutwell: Start keepin your eye open for that overpass too. Keep your eyes open for those overpasses and culvert, and what have you.

Lucas: I've been watching for them.

Boutwell: Any of this territory look familiar to you?

Lucas: Yeah, it's familiar. Uh, I've been through this part of the territory. Lucas tells the sheriff about how far he has carried bodies in his car. He now makes the statement he killed the girl "clear on the other side of Dallas...just out of Oklahoma a ways." He suddenly stops in mid-sentence and says, "this right her, there it is."

Boutwell: Okay, you just pointed it out. That's exactly where she was found. It is 1:52 p.m. We just passed the exact location where the unidentified girl's body was found and Henry did point the location out exactly...said 'That's where it was.' Henry, any of the rest of this look familiar to you? Course, this is broad daylight, uh...

Lucas: Yeah, I've seen the rest of this down through here, but I...like I said...it was nighttime when I come through here.

#### VIDEOTAPE CONFESSION-MURDER SITE-AUGUST 2, 1983

Boutwell, Lucas, Travis County Deputy Sheriff Curtis weeks, and Don Higgenbotham, Lucas's court-appointed attorney, are in attendance. Higgenbotham is adamant in informing Lucas not to confess.

Lucas states he wants to confess. This time he states he killed her "at a little town this side of Oklahoma," and said he drug her body over the culvert and "let her

drop." Boutwell prompts Lucas and Lucas once again states the woman had a "Kotex" on and that he had "shoved it up her."

Boutwell remarks that the traffic is very noisy and that there may be difficulty in hearing the audio.

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AUGUST 2, 1993

Boutwell once again brings up the subject of the "Kotex." Boutwell: What was wrong.

Lucas: Well, she uh...the last time I think it was the kotex. She had a kotex on, and uh...'course I didn't know it at the time, it just wasn't sex to me...I mean as far as being sex.

Boutwell: So you weren't satisfied then either time, is that correct?

Lucas: Yeah.

Boutwell: I have no further questions.

WORK RECORDS INTERVIEW-NOVEMBER 10 1983

This recording was made in Boutwell's car enroute to Georgetown.

Boutwell asks Lucas if he remembers the killing and Lucas states the affirmative. The sheriff then advises Lucas of his rights and asks him if he wants to speak without an attorney present. Both the sheriff and Lucas know that Lucas's attorney has strongly advised against it. Lucas states he will talk.

Boutwell: Now are you still maintaining that, uh, you did that?

Lucas: I am. I'm still maintaining that. And, uh...I know circumstances show that I didn't do it and uh...but I'm still the guilty person regardless of what the circumstances show.

Boutwell: And, uh, what circumstances are you talking about?

Lucas: I'm talking about work records that they sent in from Florida or peoples went to Florida and looked at. And, uh, I know that those work records aren't the true work records. 'Cause, uh...

Boutwell: Can you explain why they're not true work records?

Lucas: Well, a lot of times that you can pay, uh...a foreman to show that you're at work when you're not, and uh, we've done this on many occasions to show that we are working when we're not. And, uh...

Boutwell: Who is we?

Lucas: Me and Ottis Toole. Uh, we've, uh, traveled across country like I've told you, and uh, it's not, uh, common for anybody to be able to, uh, show that they're working when they're somewhere else.

Boutwell: How much would you have to pay for it?

Lucas: Well, it depends on how long you're gone. If you're gone a week, you'd pay him half your paycheck. If you're gone just a few days, why he, uh, wouldn't charge you as much. Just depends on how long you was gone. And, uh...

Boutwell asks for a name, but Lucas says he cannot remember who it was.

Boutwell: And did you always cash your own checks?

Lucas: No, we didn't cash our own checks. Lucas goes into a lengthy discussion about Ottis's mother, Sarah Harley, often picking up their checks, signing them, and cashing them. Lucas also implicated other employees in the pay-off scheme, but he couldn't supply any names.