

STATEMENT OF PERSON IN CUSTODY

Date September 27, 1988

Time 0555 hours

Statement of PRESTON HUGHES III
taken in Harris County, Texas.

Prior to making this statement I have been warned by SGT. D. J. GAFFORD, the person to whom

this statement is made, that:

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MY NAME IS PRESTON HUGHES III, AND I AM 22 YEARS OLD. I WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 24, 1965, IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK. I NOW LIVE AT 2310 CRESCENT PARK, #138A, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

I HAVE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE WITH A GIRL NAMED LINDA FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. ME AND LINDA HAVE BEEN TALKING FOR ABOUT A MONTH. SHE CAME OVER (TO MY HOUSE AND SAID THAT SHE DIDNT WANT TO GO HOME BECAUSE SHE WAS AFRAID HER HUSBAND WAS GOING TO BEAT HER ASS) SHE SAID THAT SHE WANTED TO GET A DIVORCE AND THAT SHE WANTED TO BE WITH ME. SHE CAME OVER ON A THURSDAY NIGHT AND WE MADE LOVE WHEN SHE SPENT THE NIGHT. SHE STAYED AT MY APARTMENT WHEN I WENT TO WORK. WHILE I WAS AT WORK A MAN CALLED ME AND HE WAS SAYING THAT HE WAS GOING TO CALL THE POLICE BECAUSE I HAD KIDNAPPED HIS WIFE. HE SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO COME AND KILL ME AFTER THAT. I HAD SYLVIA WOODS WHO WAS A FORMER ROOMMATE OF MINE GO TO MY APARTMENT AND CHECK AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING WAS ALRIGHT WHILE I WAS ~~WAITING FOR HER AT THE TUBDRUCKERS~~ ^{looking around outside. PH III} ~~ON WIRKWOOD~~. SYLVIA WAS AT THE APARTMENT AND I WENT ON UP AND EVERYTHING WAS OKAY. SYLVIA STAYED ANOTHER THIRTY MINUTES OR SO AND THEN LEFT, BUT LINDA SPENT THE NIGHT AGAIN. SATURDAY MORNING LINDAS HUSBAND, BROTHERS, AND SISTERS CAME TO MY APARTMENT AND KNOCKED ON THE DOOR, BUT THEY WERE COVERING UP THE PEEP HOLE SO I DIDNT OPEN UP THE DOOR. THEY STARTED CALLING HER NAME AND I LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW AND SAW THEM THERE. LINDA SAID THAT SHE DIDNT WANT TO GO BUT AFTER A FEW MINUTES DECIDED TO GO. SHE WENT WITH THEM AND A LITTLE LATER OFFICER SMITH AND OTHER OFFICERS CAME OVER AND QUESTIONED ME ABOUT THAT AND THEY REALIZED THAT I HADNT KIDNAPPED HER AND THEY LET ME GO AFTER LINDA AND HER BROTHERS LEFT. WHILE THE BROTHERS WERE STILL THERE ONE OF THEM WAS STILL SAYING THAT I WAS GOING TO DIE *Preston Hughes III*

EVER SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE BEEN...

Preston Hughes III
Signature of Person Making Statement

L. B. Smith 9-27-88
7:15 AM
Witness

Theresa M. Ross
Witness 9-27-88
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LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER THINKING THAT THEY WERE GOING TO COME AFTER ME. I HAVE BEEN CHECKING TO SEE WHO WAS STANDING AROUND OUTSIDE THE APARTMENT BEFORE GOING OUT, AND WHEN I LEAVE TO GO TO THE BUS STOP I WALK THE LONG WAY AROUND, GOING ALONG THE PATH FROM THE APARTMENT COMPLEX TO THE FUDDRUCKERS, SO THAT I CAN CHECK THE BUS STOP AND MAKE SURE NO ONE IS AROUND. WHEN I COME HOME I WALK THE SAME WAY ALONG THE PATH, SO THAT I CAN SEE THE PARKING LOT.

TONIGHT I WORKED UNTIL ABOUT 6:30pm AND I WAITED FOR A BUDDY WHEN HE GOT OFF AT 7:00PM, AND WE BOTH WENT WITH A FEW OTHERS TO A LIQUOR STORE DOWNTOWN TO GET SOME CRYSTAL CLEAR. THE GUYS THERE WERE KENNY HOUTON, JESSE MILLS, CALVIN WILLIAMS, AND ME. WE STAYED IN THE PARKING LOT AND DRANK THE CRYSTAL CLEAR, AND TALKED ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND TO DO SOMETHING. WE LEFT THERE AT ABOUT 8:10PM, AND JESSE AND KENNY DROPPED ME OFF AT FANNIN AND WALKER AND I WALKED TO THE CIRCLE K AT MAIN AND WALKER TO GET SOMETHING TO EAT. I ATE TWO HOTDOGS AND THEN WENT AND CAUGHT THE BUS AT TRAVIS AND WALKER, THE 82-WESTHEIMER/DAIRY, ASHFORD BUS. I WAS FEELING GOOD AND FELL ASLEEP ON THE BUS AND THEN DIDNT WAKE UP UNTIL THE END OF THE ROUTE AT WESTHEIMER AND HWY.6. I WALKED A COUPLE OF BLOCKS TO A CIRCLE K AT 14244 WESTHEIMER AND CALLED FOR A CAB. A YELLOW CAB TOOK ME TO MY APARTMENT COMPLEX, RIGHT IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND MY APARTMENT. I GOT HOME ABOUT 10:30 OR SO, AND WENT TO MY APARTMENT AND TURNED THE T.V. ON TO CHECK THE GAME. THEN I WALKED MY DOG AND WE WENT THROUGH THE PATH TO THE FUDDRUCKERS. FUDDRUCKERS WAS CLOSED AND I STARTED BACK HOME. I TOLD MY DOG TO GO ON HOME, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN TRAINING HER AND I WANTED TO SEE IF SHE KNEW THE WAY. *Preston Hughes III*

AS I GOT INTO THE FIELD WALKING ALONG...

Preston Hughes III

Signature of Person Making Statement

Boyd Smith 9-27-88 715A

Witness

Theresa M. Ross

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THE PATH SOMEONE CAME UP BEHIND ME. NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ^{AND PH III} I FELT SOMEONE TOUCH ME ON THE SHOULDER. I HAVE BEEN CARRYING A KNIFE EVER SINCE THESE GUYS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT TRYING TO KILL ME. THE KNIFE IS AN ARMY KNIFE WITH BROWN HANDLES A RUSTY BLADE THAT IS ABOUT 5 OR 6 INCHES LONG. I CARRY IT IN A GREY SHEATH ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF MY BELT. WHEN I FELT SOMEONE TOUCH ME I TURNED TO MY LEFT AND THREW A BLOCK WITH MY LEFT ARM AND JUST STARTING STICKING WITH THE KNIFE. IT WAS DARK AND I COULDN'T TELL WHO WAS THERE. WHEN I SWUNG THE FIRST TIMES IT HIT, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT WENT IN OR NOTHING. AFTER I STUCK THE FIRST TWO TIMES I SAW THAT IT WAS SHAWN. I WAS FUCKED UP AND I JUST GOT SCARED AND KEPT STICKING. I SWUNG THE KNIFE 6..8..PROBABLY 10 TIMES AND THEN JUST TOOK OFF RUNNING TOWARD MY APARTMENT. I WENT STRAIGHT UP TO MY APARTMENT AND TURNED THE T.V. BACK ON TO SEE WHAT THE SCORE WAS. I HAD A PAIR OF RED SHORTS ON UNDER MY CLOTHES AND I TOOK OFF ALL MY CLOTHES EXCEPT FOR THE SHORTS. I WALKED OUTSIDE TO GET THE DOG AND SHE WANTED TO PLAY, SO I RAN BACK AND FORTH A COUPLE OF TIMES WITH HER. I SAW THE POLICE HELICOPTER FLY OVER THEN. I WENT BACK INTO THE APARTMENT AND THATS WHEN I TOOK THE KNIFE OFF OF MY BELT AND PUT IT IN MY CLOSET. I PUT IN A BOX IN THE BEDROOM CLOSET ON THE FLOOR. THE BOX IS A BROWN CARDBOARD BOX WITH CLOTHES IN IT AND THE KNIFE IS STUCK DOWN ON THE SIDE. THE CLOSET IS IN A BEDROOM TO THE RIGHT AS YOU GO TOWARD THE BACK OF THE APARTMENT, THE BEDROOM WITH A TWIN BED IN IT. THE CLOTHES I WAS WEARING, BLUE JEAN PANTS AND A MAROON SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRT, AND A BLUE DICKIE BRAND WORK SHIRT. I WAS WEARING THE MAROON BELT THAT I HAVE ON NOW AND THE TENNIS SHOES THAT I HAVE ON NOW. THE CLOTHES ARE LAYING IN THE FLOOR OF MY BEDROOM. I DID NOT TAKE ANYTHING FROM SHAWN AT THE TIME THAT I STABBED HER. *Preston Hughes III*

Preston Hughes III
Signature of Person Making Statement

J. Boyd Smith 9.27.88 7:50 AM
Witness

Theresa M. Ross
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