

Did not give Statement at Inquest

STATEMENT OF ARTIS WARE C-M-34 OF 805 A. O'CONOR STREET, DANIEL JENKINS PROJECT IN CONNECTION WITH SHOOTING OF JANE VARNER ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1953.

PERSONALLY APPEARED, ARTIS WARE STATES I AM 34 YEARS OF AGE AND LIVE AT 805 A. O'CONOR STREET, DANIEL JENKINS PROJECT. I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT ANYTHING I SAY MAY BE USED FOR OR AGAINST ME AND WITH OUT THREAT OR PROMISE I MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1953, I WAS IN UNION HEIGHTS AND I WENT TO A DANCE AT SOLOMON FORD'S PLACE WITH IEO FLEMING AROUND 9:30 P.M. I WENT INSIDE AND DRANK A BOTTLE OF BEER AND CAME BACK ON THE OUTSIDE AND WAS TALKING WITH SEVERAL FELLOWS. I SAW A FELLOW THAT I KNEW AS HAKE VARNER GO INSIDE OF FORD'S. HE STAYED ONLY A FEW MINUTES AND CAME BACK OUTSIDE. HE STOOD CLOSE BY ME AND NEVER DID SAY A WORD, BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN HE WHEELED AROUND AND STABBED ME IN THE CHEST TWICE AND IN THE BACK, I STARTED BACKING UP TOWARD MY TRUCK, THAT WAS PARKED NEAR BY. HE KEPT FOLLOWING ME AND I GOT A GUN OUT OF THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT. HE TURNED AROUND AND I SHOT AT HIM ONCE. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I HIT HIM OR NOT, BUT AS I FIRED, HE TURNED AROUND AND STARTED BACK TOWARDS ME AND I SHOT AGAIN. THEN SOMEONE TOOK THE GUN AWAY FROM ME. I LEFT AND WENT TO CALVIN GADSON'S HOUSE AND GOT HIM TO TAKE ME TO THE HOSPITAL.

I CANNOT READ BUT HAVE HAD THE ABOVE STATEMENT READ TO ME AND IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

SIGNATURE *Artis Ware*

WITNESS _____

I HAVE BEEN GIVEN A TRUE COPY OF THE ABOVE STATEMENT SIGNED BY ME IN THE

PRESENCE OF OFFICER _____

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Artis Ware

STATEMENT OF BENNIE WITHERSPOON IN REFERENCE TO THE MURDER OF JAKE VARNER WHICH OCCURRED ON DELAWARE AVENUE ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1953 AT 10:30 P.M.

Oct 9/53

Sworn says:

PERSONALLY APPEARED, BENNIE WITHERSPOON, ~~STATES~~, 4 AM 30 YEARS OLD AND I LIVE AT ROUTE 3 BOX 63 A. OR 2029 GROVELAND AVENUE WITH MY WIFE, JANIE WITHERSPOON.

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1953, AT ABOUT 10:30 P.M. I WAS STANDING ON THE CORNER OF DELAWARE AND DAVIS STREET IN UNION HEIGHTS. SEVERAL OF US INCLUDING OTIS WARE WERE STANDING THERE TALKING. JAKE WALKED UP AND STARTED STABBING OTIS WITH AN ICE PICK. HE DIDN'T SAY A WORD TO ANYONE. OTIS STARTED RUNNING AND JAKE RAN BEHIND HIM STILL STABBING AT HIM WITH THE ICE PICK. THEN OTIS TURNED AROUND AND STARTED SHOOTING. HE SHOT ABOUT FOUR TIMES AND JAKE FELL. I RAN BEHIND A POLE UNTIL THE SHOOTING STOPPED. OTIS WALKED AWAY WITH THE GUN IN HIS HAND.

I CANNOT READ, BUT HAVE HAD THIS STATEMENT READ TO ME AND IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I GIVE THIS STATEMENT OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD AND WITHOUT PROMISE OR THREAT.

SIGNATURE Bennie Witherspoon

Sworn to before me this 9th day of October 1953

WITNESSES _____

*Jno P. De Veaux
Croner, Charleston County*

I HAVE BEEN FURNISHED WITH A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF MY STATEMENT SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF OFFICER _____

SIGNATURE _____

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Oct 9, 1953

STATEMENT OF MOSE PRINGLE IN REFERENCE TO MURDER OF JAKE WARNER WHICH OCCURRED ON
DELEWARE AVENUE ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1953, AT 10:30 P. M.

PERSONALLY APPEARED, MOSE PRINGLE ^{Sworn says} STATES I AM 27 YEARS OLD AND I LIVE 1973 DELEWARE
AVENUE WITH MY WIFE, MARTHA PRINGLE.

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1953, AT ABOUT 10:30, I WAS STANDING ON THE CORNER OF DELEWARE
AVENUE AND DAVIS STREET, WITH OTIS WARE, BERNIE WITHERSPOON, LEO FLEMING, SOLOMON FORD,
AND SOME MORE BOYS, BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHO THEY WERE. JAKE WARNER WALKED UP AND DIDN'T
EVEN SAY NOTHING, BUT STABBED OTIS WITH AN ICE PICK. OTIS STARTED RUNNING AND JAKE
RAN BEHIND HIM. THEN OTIS PULLED OUT A GUN AND JAKE TURNED AROUND AND STARTED RUNNING
BACK DOWN DELEWARE AVENUE. OTIS SHOT THREE TIMES WHILE RUNNING BEHIND JAKE DOWN
DELEWARE AVENUE. AFTER JAKE FELL, OTIS CAME BACK AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO THE HOSPITAL.

I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT AND IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I GIVE THIS STATEMENT OF MY
OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD AND WITHOUT PROMISE OR THREAT.

SIGNATURE

Mose Pringle

WITNESSES

I HAVE BEEN FURNISHED WITH A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF MY STATEMENT THAT I HAVE SIGNED
IN THE PRESENCE OF SGT. R. W. KNIGHT.

SIGNATURE

*Sworn to before me this,
93 day of Oct 1953*

*Jno P. DeVeaux
Joner, Chas County*

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