

RE: INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTIE DOWNS

DATE/TIME: 06-16-83 @ 1100 Hours

LOCATION: MCKENZIE WILLAMETTE HOSPITAL (IE #36)

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FERTICK, BILL (ATTORNEY FOR CHRISTIE DOWNS)  
KROGDAHL, PAULA (INTERVIEWER REQUESTED BY FERTICK)  
McKAY, CANDI (NURSE - MCKENZIE WILLAMETTE HOSPITAL)

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Paula KROGDAHL talks about the DOWNS' vehicle and asks Christie the color of the car. Christie indicates the color of the car is similar to Paula KROGDAHL'S skirt, which was red.

Paula KROGDAHL asks if they were going to see someone. Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked, 'who?' Christie said, 'hard.' Paula asks if man or woman. Christie said, 'yes,' to woman. Paula gives several female names and Christie says, 'yes,' to Heather. Paula asked if she had been to Heather's before and Christie indicates no by shaking her head. Paula asked if it was dark outside and Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked if it was past their bedtime and Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked if they had been sleeping prior to going to Heather's and Christie said, 'no.' Paula asked if the ride to Heather's took long. Christie said, 'long time.'

Paula asked about the visit at Heather's house. Christie indicated about seeing the horse and touching the horse; that she did not go into the house or see anyone else but Heather. Could not remember past the horse.

Paula talked about the injury (hurt) to the DOWNS family. If all hurts were the same. Christie said, 'no.' The hurt to mom was different, but couldn't express how hurt was different.

Paula reverts to when the DOWNS lived in Arizona. Paula asks if Christie was ever afraid in Arizona. Christie said, 'yes.' Christie indicated when she was two-she was in the hospital for choking. Christie indicated she sometimes got scared in Arizona. Paula asked why? Christie said, 'I'm not telling.' Paula asked if mom hit her and Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked where and Christie raised her hand to her face. Paula asked why. Christie said, 'it was me, my fault.' Paula asked if mom hit Danny and Christie indicated on a doll that mommy spanked Danny. Paula asked if mom hit Cheryl and Christie indicated mom



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slapped Cheryl. Paula asked if it happened often and Christie said, 'lots.'

Paula asked Christie if she liked to live with mom - no answer (silence). Paula asked if she thought bad things happened to her because she is bad? Silence, then Christie nodded yes. Paula assured Christie that she was not bad. Paula asked Christie if she was afraid of her mother. Christie said, 'sometimes,' then said, 'no.'

*12* Paula asked Christie if mom had any guns. Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked how many and Christie said, 'two.' Paula asked if they looked the same and Christie said, 'no,' then indicated with her arms that one was long and one was short. (Christie attempted to draw a picture of a short gun on art paper). Paula asked if she saw mom carry the gun and Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked where and Christie drew a picture of a car on art paper. Paula asked if mom shot the gun and Christie said, 'lots.' Paula said, 'where?' and Christie drew a picture of a target on art paper and indicated Arizona. Paula asked if the gun was kept in anything and Christie said, 'yes.' Then, Christie drew a picture of an item on art paper. Paula asked if the item closed and Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked how and Christie could not answer. Paula asked if the item closed by items you find on clothes. Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked if the item was a button, snap, or zipper. Christie said, 'yes,' to the zipper. Then Christie drew on the picture where the zipper went. (Picture appeared to be a storage pouch for a handgun). Paula asked if she saw the gun in her red car in Oregon and Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked if she saw them the night they went to Heather's and Christie said, 'yes.' Paula asked which gun and Christie said, 'both.' Paula asked where and Christie indicated in the trunk. Paula asked who put them in the car and Christie said, 'mom.' Paula asked if guns were always in the trunk and Christie said, 'no;' then indicated sometimes in the front seat area. (NOTE: Christie also indicated that the pouch she drew was usually in the trunk). *not correct right at home gun rifle has case - it was at home*

*13* Paula then drew a rough picture of a car on the art paper, then asked Christie if this was where the bad thing happened, and Christie said, 'yes.' I Christie drew a line from the trunk area of the car to the front door area. Paula asked if that was what happened and Christie said, 'I think, think mom.' Paula asked Christie if anyone told her not to tell. Christie said, 'mom.'

*14* Paula asked if anyone else was there that she didn't know. Christie said, 'no.' Paula then asked if a man was there she didn't know, and Christie shook her head 'no.' Paula asked if a woman was there she didn't know, and Christie shook her head 'no.' Paula asked if it was just her family there and Christie nodded, 'yes.' Paula then asked Christie if anyone was missing from the picture and Christie shook her head 'no.'

*15* Paula asked Christie if everyone was crying in the car. Christie said, 'no.' Paula asked if mom was crying, Christie said, 'no,' then 'yes.' Paula asked if Danny and Cheryl was crying and Christie said, 'no.' Paula asked why Cheryl wasn't crying and Christie said, 'dead.'

Paula asked Christie if she knew who did the shooting. Christie said, 'I don't know....I think.' Paula asked Christie who she thought and Christie said, 'I think (pause - starts staring off in space wide-eyed -



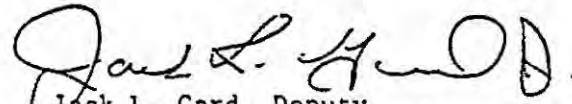
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JLK:cc took them. A long one (auto)  
and a short one (revolver). There  
was one more - 2001, in the same  
and it was seized with the info  
at her apartment. There, however,  
didn't have any more info  
about a .37.

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