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The following will be a taped statement taken from MR. DAVID BRIAN SCHOPPAUL, W/M, DOB: 1/21/60, who currently resides at 8811 Southwest 191 Street, Cutler Ridge, Florida, 33157, home telephone number - 238-1680; business telephone number - 871-2770. MR. SCHOPPAUL is a pilot working for ARROW AIRLINES. This statement is reference certain knowledge and information that MR. SCHOPPAUL may possess concerning the investigation of the death of ADAM WALSH that occurred on or about Monday, July 27, 1981, occurring in the 300 block of Hollywood Mall, in the City of Hollywood, Broward County, Florida This statement is being obtained by Detective Ron Hickman #0434 of the Hollywood Police Department and is commencing on Wednesday, October 26, 1983, at 10:44 A.M., being obtained at the Hollywood Police Department Detective Bureau Conference Room.

- Q: DAVE, before I take this statement from you by virtue of my commission as a Notary Public at large in and for the State of Florida, I'm going to place you under oath for your testimony. Would you raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear the information you are about to relate in this statement to be the truth, the whole truth so help you God?
- A: I do.
- Q: For the record would you please state your name, date of birth and home address.
- A: DAVID BRIAN SCHOPPAUL.
- Q: Your date of birth?
- A: January 21st, 1960.
- Q: And where do you live?
- A: 8811 Southwest 191st Street. •
- Q: DAVID BRIAN SCHOPPAUL, HAVING APPEARED BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC AT LARGE IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND AFTER HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND STATES:

DAVE, let's go back to Monday, July 27th, 1981, the Sears Parking Lot. Before we get started I want to bring some things into the record. This morning

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you came in at 9:35 and met with me and we went over to the Sears Parking lot for the purpose of allowing you to determine where at that time your vehicle had been parked on this particular day when you observed certain things that you are going to discuss in a few minutes. We have determined, rather you have, that you were actually parked on the south access door to the Sears Mall is that correct?

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A: Yes.

Q: Okay. Relay to me now the events that led up to that day, the reason you were here in Broward County, Florida, you mentioned you had gone to a time-share. Tell me about that and where you went.

A: I went to a timeshare that's on the beach in Hollywood there was a little open beach next to the hotel, the hotel surrounded the pool. I went inside and said that I was notified about the prizes that I had won in the drawing of some sort and I had been selected. So I went upstairs, they told me the next one was gonna be at I believe it was around nine thirty, ten o'clock in the morning when I went into the hotel room where they're giving a - not a hotel room, but a conference hall or something, and they were high pressure sales talk, and finally I just told the guy listen I'm a college student, I am not, cannot afford three thousand dollars or whatever they wanted me to purchase and that I just wanted me prizes and I wanted to leave and he goes well do you mind if I go through my sales pitch and tell me what you think of it and I said sure and then he went through the whole speal and he wanted me to sign a paper stating that I would get this cause he wanted me to do it after I graduated college or get my father to do it and I said no I'm not

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signing anything and that I just wanted to take my prizes now and go home. So the gentlemen finally said that I could go but I had to come downstairs and pick up my prize so I went downstairs and I asked the gentlemen that I am in the first prize group, there's three prize groups and he said to me that what my prize is, he went in and he pulled out some cheap jewelry, a little gold thing, it was very nice, and that was it and I told well there's supposed to be three prizes on it and that isn't there a master sheet where I can see what category my code numbers are. He told me that he had it and went inside the door again to bring it out, he brought it to me, I saw no codes on the sheet. He briefly explained it again, I said I don't understand it, and then after that I just said well I just wanted to go home, just let me have it and do you know where I can pick up a bathing suit or anything around here, if they have a gift shop or anything, he said no but there's a Sears Shop down at the end of the street.

- Q: He said the end of the street?
- A: Well yea down . . .
- Q: Did he give you directions . . .
- A: Yea he gave me . . .
- Q: . . east or west?
- A: Yea he gave me directions, I'm going west on the same road that I came in.
- Q: Did he mention the name of the road?
- A: He did but I cannot remember . . .
- O: Hallandale Beach Boulevard?

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- A: Yea that's it. I came up Hallandale Beach Boulevard, pulled in in front of Sears.
- Q: That's Hollywood Boulevard. Where the Sears Store is located.
- A: Yea.
- Q: Which is it. Hollywood or Hallandale or Broward Boulevard? Which street is it?
- A: Uh . . .
- Q: That's Hollywood Boulevard out here.
- A: He told me what street but I can't remember. All I know is it was up the street from the beach.
- O: But today now you and I were noticin the Sears Store or the Sears Mall and you looked at the west access and said no I don't remember it having two doors is that right?
- A: Yes.
- O: And you had selected this one on the south end, is that correct?
- A: Yes because of I was parked next to a light pole and when I got out of the car and walked towards the mall, I was directly in line with the entrance to Sears.
- Q: Do you remember seeing the Winkles Liquor Store, Shell City Liquor off to your right when you were walking in.
- A: I do not remember that no.
- Q: Alright what did you observe now, you were walking towards the store, what did you observe next.

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A: The next thing I observed was a gentlemen approach me with black hair combed straight back and greased and in a very well dressed suit and he recognized me and I did not recognize him. At this time I'm putting a flat tire that I had previously inside the bottom portion of my trunk.

Q: Uum huum.

A: I had a Ford Pinto Wagon and this gentlemen is talking to me, asking me how I'm doing and he recognized - I did not recognize him but I continued talkin to him and he briefly was saying something that I did not recognize or was strange to me and finally he just said take it easy and he said you too. And now I'm walking back, as soon as he left I left and I'm walking just about forty-five seconds after he left I'm walkin towards the mall on the left-hand side where the bumpers of the car are when I see a little boy come out and say I want my daddy. At this time I'm towards the middle of the parking lot and I stopped and looked over and a gentlemen behind a door of an older car was pointing inside the car and said "get in the car" very demanding to the child, at which time the little boy turned around, walked over back to the car and got in the front seat. There was a brief glimpse of someone coming around the corner of another car and then was back in it again as if he was coming into the car next to it. At this time, the gentlemen had pointed to me and said something demanding to me.

Q: Like what?

A: "What are you looking at" or "what are you doing". Or "what are you seeing Or "you didn't see nothin". That could have been it.

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- Q: How was this describe this guy as best you can. I want his height, weight, color hair, style of hair, clothes and was he intoxicated at that time.
- A: No I do not believe the gentlemen was intoxicated.
- Q: Have you ever seen drunken people before?
- A: Yes I have.
- Q: Describe this individual as best you can remember his height, weight, hair, hair style.
- A: As far as intoxication, I did not see him stumble or slur any speech when he demanded the child to get in the car or yelled at me. He was wearing a, from the chest up is the only part I could really see, and it appeared that he was wearing a well dressed suit and tie. The gentlemen had greased hair straight back, either hair tonic or some sort and he had large sunglasses on.
- Q: What color?
- A: They were brown.
- Q: What about his skin tone?
- A: Skin tone was more of a tan, white male. And he had a high forehead.

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- 0: How old was he?
- A: He is in his thirties.
- Q: Mustache? Beard?
- A: He is not wearing a mustache.
- Q: Clean shaven?
- A: Clean shaven. There may have been some nubs.

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- Q: Did he have a neck tie on?
- A: It appeared to me that he did have a neck tie.
- Q: Can we cover his height.
- A: His height I believe is around five ten, because the car door came up to around his chest area.
- Q: The car door. Are we talking about a compact, mid-size or full size automobile.
- A: I would say more of a full size automobile with . . .
- Q: Was the window up or down?
- A: The window was up. And it was a bar across the window.
- O: Across the top.
- A: Across the top.
- O: Is this car a two-door or a four-door?
- A: I believe it was, I believe it was a two-door.
- Q: What color?
- A: It was an old car, a pale color. I cannot recall the color of the car.
- Q: How about the little boy. Let's describe him now. How tall was he, how old, the color hair, clothes.
- A: I'll bet the boy was around eight or nine. He did not have a hat on.

  And it struck me a little funny how it was a type of loud outfit. Or

  different.
- Q: How about his skin tone?
- A: He was a white male.

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- Q: How about his skin, was it olive complexion like a sun tan or was it real white?
- A: No, it was uh, it was pretty white.
- Q: Are you ever watching people walking down the street, you see a man and a woman together, a couple people together and try to look at them and match to see if they really belong in the same family. Ever done that?
- A: Yea. I worked at a mall.
- Q: Would you say that there's any resemblance in this little boy to the man that was asking him to get into the car or ordering him to get into the car.
- A: He appeared darker than the boy.
- Q: Was there anybody else in there?
- A: There was a brief glimpse of someone behind a either a high truck or some kind of vehicle that obstructed my vision.
- Q: Did you see anyone else in this vehicle from your vantage view?
- A: No I did not.
- Q: How old was this little boy you saw.
- A: I thought the little boy was around eight or nine years old.
- O: Color hair?
- A: Brown.
- 0: Was he a heavy set little boy or very skinny or what?
- A: He was kinda thin.
- Q: How about a hat, was he wearing a hat?
- A: No he was not wearing a hat.
- O: Was his hair cut short or long?

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- It was cut short.
- 0: Was it cut real short like a crew cut or was it . . .
- No it was not a crew cut, it was more touching the ear. A :
- Q: Normal type haircut.
- A: Yea.
- Which door of the vehicle was open that this man was ordering the boy into 0:
- A : It was the driver's side.
- The man was standing behind the door ordering the boy to get into the car. Q:
- Α: Yes.
- Q: Did you happen to see the interior of the car at all?
- A : I seen the elbow rest on the car door, I saw the car . . .
- What color was that? Q:
- Pale color, things are coming into my mind it looked green. elbow rest, a handle, door handle and it seemed to me like the door was not always open because of the car next to it.
- Q: You think it was parked too close?
- Α: Yes.
- What was the conversation from the little boy towards this man? D:
- The little boy did not say anything to him. He walked out towards the
- parking lot, towards me and he said'I want my daddy" and I stopped and looked
- at him.
- He said that to you or he said this to the man holding the door open.
- He said it to me but I'm still a ways away from the little boy, as he

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O: Could you see his face?

A: I caught his face out of the glimpse of my eye, corner of my eye as I'm approaching . . .

- 0: Like a peripheral view you mean.
- A: Yes. Yes.
- Q: Would you have recognized him again if you had seen him again?
- A: I think I can.
- Q: What brought your attention to this little boy and the fact that this was Monday, July 27th, 1981.
- A: That night when I came home, well first of all, after I was leaving the mall, I had bought a pair of shorts, it was a cheap pair of white shorts to go back and go to the beach. There was a beautiful beach next to it and the surf was up. Well semi-up. To me I'm out there in Miami and everything's flat. Now when I get back to the car a gentlemen runs up to me, looks like a salesman of some kind and asked me if I saw a little boy getting in to a blue van. I told him no I haven't but I did see a little boy getting into an older car, I think it was a two-door and he just shook his head and started around the back.
- Q: About what time of the day was this?
- A: I would say . . .
- Q: That the man came out to talk to you about the blue van, what time was it.
- I see you're wearing a wrist watch now, were you wearing one then?
- A: No I wasn't. I guess I spent in Sears around half an hour.

0: So what time w	<u>as it when the man came</u>	running out?	
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- A: I would guess around twelve thirty, one o'clock.
- Q: Let's back track a little bit. What time was your appointment for the timesharing meeting?
- A: I believe that was around nine thirty.
- Q: So how long were you there?
- A: About I would say more than an hour. More like an hour and a half.
- Q: It's eleven o'clock then you leave there. That's an hour and a half.
- So between ten thirty and eleven, you leave there . . .
- A: I believe it was more than an hour. And the meeting didn't start right away. I remember sitting around for a while waiting for someone because they were taken in groups. You'd be in there havin a cup of coffee and a bun in a hotel room with other customers, people that came to the same thing.

When they would come back to the hotel room a salesman would take a couple.

- O: Did you go to that meeting with anybody?
- A: No I didn't. And there was a note on the thing that says there you're supposed to be married or over a certain age group and I called them up about that and they said no, that's okay, come on in.
- Q: So sometime between ten thirty and eleven AM on that day you left the meeting, having picked up your prize and then went west down on the boulevard and you went to the mall.
- A: Right.
- Q: Is that your first time at that mall?
- A: Yes sir it was.

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Q: When was your next time at that mall?

A: This morning.

Q: You were gonna say something.

A: I just remembered something about the gold that they gave me. I took it into the mall here and went to a jeweler to see if it was any value, if it was real gold or not.

- Q: Let's see. You spent about an hour in the Sears Store?
- A: I would say forty-five.
- Q: It takes about fifteen minutes to come from the beach at 11:15 to 11:30 puts you in the parking lot. And you spent forty-five minutes in there.
- A: Approximately.
- O: That's around 12:15 when you were leaving the parking lot.
- A: Yes.
- Q: At that time is there any landmark in the area here that would cause you to be sure that this was this particular Sears Store as opposed to the Broward Mall or as opposed to the Sears Store at Searstown in Fort Lauderdale. Or a Sears Store in Dade County, around 163rd Street. What landmark in this area is my question that caused you to say this is the parking lot that you observed this event to occur in.
- A: The landmarks that I noticed were the pilars like in the front of the mall. I see that they haven't been there now. Type of drive-in through . .
- Q: Uum huum.
- A: . . at the front, very front of the mall. Now there are huger pilars

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Q: When you left that day, what was your route to leave the mall? How did you get out of there.

A: I remember paying the - it was more of a tennis shorts that I bought inside the mall.

Q: So you leave the mall now which way are you going? You're in the Sears Store, which way did you drive your car out of the parking lot?

A: When I leave the parking lot?

O: Yea.

A: Towards the west I believe. The street where I make a left after the stop light.

Q: You make a left at the stop light that puts you going out of here southbound. What route did you take to go home that day.

A: I took I-95 back to  $\dots$ 

Q: You would have had to have gone back out and made a left hand turn at the

A: And then I got in 826 . . .

O: To go home to Cutler Ridge.

A: Yea.

Q:. When you came up that morning to go to the timeshare meeting, do you remember what street you got off on?

A: No I don't. But I do remember seeing a Hollywood sign getting off of

82 . . or I-95.

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the news. What did you think of the photograph of OTIS ELWOOD TOOLE in comparison to the person you observed that particular day?

- A: He looked a bit scrubby. Not very clean shaven, the guy I thought was pretty much cleaned up and . . .
- Q: How about his general face structure?
- A: Looks familiar.
- Q: The person you saw was wearing a suit jacket.
- A: A suit jacket or a well dressed appearance.
- O: I have no more to ask you DAVE in your statement. Oh yes I do. One question. When the ADAM WALSH investigation was full blown, there were posters hanging out all over southeast Florida and they had photographs of a little boy on them. Did you ever see any of those posters?
- A: Yes I did.
- Q: And looking at those posters, you have made no mention this morning as to whether or not that that was a little boy that you saw sittin in the car.
- A: It was a brief glimpse that I saw of the boy and when I turned to look full face at the boy, the boy had already turned to get inside the car.
- Q: And you wouldn't be able to recognize the little boy if you ever seen him again after that.
- A: A general description of him I could.
- 0: Yea but not his face.
- A: No.

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O: DAVE, I have no more to ask you in your statement. Has this been the truth to the best of your knowledge?

Yes it has.

Q: This statement is concluded at 11:10 A.M. Standard notary closing in the statement. The notary will sign. Thank you.

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