

RE: JEREMIAH HURLEY Jun. 8, 1992, 2:40 p.m.
HOMICIDE - 10/28/91 Homicide Unit, South Boston

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Conducting this interview is Sgt. Det. Timothy Callahan, Boston Police Homicide Unit. Present is Special Agent Jeff Kerr, from Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

STATEMENT OF DERRICK C. MASSEY

- Q. Today is Monday, June 8th, 1992. It is 2:40 p.m. We're at the Homicide Unit, 2-73 D Street, South Boston. Present is Special Agent Jeff Kerr from Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Sergeant Detective Tim Callahan and Derrick Christian Massey, D-E-R-R-I-C-K Christian, C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N Massey, M-A-S-S-E-Y. Date of birth January 6, 1968, Social Security number 027-56-3732. Whose current address from June 3rd til June 7th, 1992, or June 8th, excuse me, 1992 was 2-0-4 Neponset Valley Parkway, apartment B-1, telephone number 361-4451. The tenant is Dennis Owens and Derrick was living there from that time. Derrick's mother is Loraine, L-O-R-A-I-N-E, Massey. His father is -
- A. George.
- Q. George Massey. They live on Main Street, in Fryeburg, Maine, telephone number 207-647-2293. Derrick has a sister named Kim Massey living in Middleboro with her boyfriend, whose name is unknown at this time, telephone number 508-946-5264. He has a sister Jessica Massey, 18 years, and a brother Jason Massey, 14 years

of age, who live with their parents. Is that correct Derrick?

A. Yes, sir, it is.

Q. Okay. And, for the record, would you give me your full name?

A. Derrick Christian Massey.

Q. Okay. And, Derrick, are you here of your own free will?

A. Yes, sir, I am.

Q. Okay. Have we made any promises or threatened you in anyway?

A. No, sir, you have not.

Q. Okay. And did you and I and Jeff talk a few minutes ago about Dennis Massey.

A. Dennis Massey.

(?) Dennis Owens.

Q. Dennis Owens, excuse me.

A. Yes, sir, we did.

Q. Okay. And could you tell me where you were living between June 3rd and June 8th, 1992?

A. 2-0-4, eh, I forget. I don't know the.....

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Q. Neponset Valley Parkway.

A. That's correct, in apartment B-1.

Q. Okay. And when you went to the apartment you go up one flight of stairs?

A. Yes, sir, you do.

Q. And into the hallway?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And where is his apartment?
- A. Immediate to your right.
- Q. The first door on your right?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. And the second door on the right whose apartment is that?
- A. That's Jim Colby's.
- (?) Colby or Corbett?
- A.,Corbett.
- Q. Corbett?
- (?) Excuse me.
- Q. Okay. And do you know what apartment number it is for Dennis Owens?
- A. I believe it's B-1.
- Q. Okay. You have to speak up so the tape can get it.
- A. I believe it's B-1.
- Q. And do you know what apartment James lives in?
- A. I believe that's B-2 or B-4, one of those two.
- Q. Okay. So it's either B-2 or B-4?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. Could you tell us how you met Dennis Owens?
- A. I met Dennis Owens at Nashua Street Jail.
- Q. Okay. And do you recall the date that you met him?
- A. Eh, no, eh, about two weeks ago.
- Q. All right. So approximately two weeks ago?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. All right. And would that be during the week of May

24th?

A. That's correct, May 24th.

Q. Okay. And how did you meet him at Nashua Street?

A. He was assigned to the same cell block that I was.

Q. Okay. And what were you being held at Nashua street for?

A. I was being held on OWI hit and run (?).

Q. Okay. And when did you get out of Nashua Street?

A. I got out, eh, June 3rd.

Q. Okay.

A.

Q. And during your time with Dennis Owens did you make a friendship with him?

A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q. Okay. And did he give you information as to where he lived and how you could contact him?

A. Yes, sir, he did.

Q. Okay. And at some point in time did you contact him?

A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q. And do you remember the date?

A. Yes, sir, I did. That would be the 4th of, eh, June.

Q. Okay. And did you make arrangements to live with Dennis Owens at that time?

A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q. Okay. And when did you start living there?

A. I started living there June 4th, 1992.

Q. Okay. And is that at the apartment of Dennis Owens?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did anyone else live at that apartment?

A. No, sir.

Q. Okay. And during the course of the time that you were living there with Dennis Owens did you have any conversation relative to a bombing incident that took place approximately one year ago?

A. Yes, sir, we did.

Q. And is that the bombing of a police officer?

A. Yes, sir, it is.

Q. Okay. And when is the first time you recall discussing this with Dennis Owens?

A. This would have been on Friday night. It was on a Friday night. Eh, do you want me to go into detail?

Q. Yes, please.

A. We were sitting around drinking. There was myself, eh, there was Jim,

(?) Corbett.

A. Corbett and, eh, Dennis Owens. We were sitting around. Dennis had just gotten off the phone from his ex-wife. Eh, he had wanted to see his son Denny that he couldn't see because he was arrested. At that point in time Dennis slammed the phone down, eh, he was upset. He had stated that, eh, he was going to blow up the fucking cop that arrested him. Eh, Mr. Corbett at this time said, "How are you going to do it? Are you going to do it in the same way that you did in the Shay case?" He said, "No, this time this one's going to work. This bomb is going to work." Eh, at that

time Mr. Corbett and Mr. Owens left the apartment and went to Jim's apartment and returned back and asked me if I knew anything about the Shay case. Which I denied, because I didn't. Eh, at that time they turned around and said, "Yes, you do." And, eh, they turned around and they took sulfuric acid and applied it to my neck and warned me that if I said anything that, eh, I could get killed. That there were bigger people that were involved in this (stuttering), there were a large number of people well known, big people. I don't know if they were from the Mafia people or whatever that were also involved in this thing.

Q. Okay. Now James, that's the individual that lives next door?

A. That's correct.

Q. Could you describe him to me?

A. James is about, eh, about 5', 5'11", 6 feet, in that area. He probably weighs about a 185 pounds. He is a white Caucasian. He's got blond hair, short. Short blond hair with blue eyes. Medium build.

Q. And how old would you say?

A. I'd say he's about, he's in his early 20s. About 20, 24.

Q. Okay. And do you know if James is employed?

A. No, I do not.

Q. Okay. All right. Go ahead, please.

A. Eh, at this time again I told them that I didn't

know anything about it. They said, "Yes, you do." And, eh, after they put the sulfuric acid on my neck, Dennis Owens did, he diluted it with which, I believe, was baking soda which stopped it. He gave me a prescription pill, which I took, for the pain and I fell asleep. Eh, the following day, which was on Saturday, Mr. Corbett came over with another gentleman, Tom, and Dennis was present and I was there. They came over and, eh, Dennis kept saying he was going to blow up a cop or he was going to blow the fucking cop away. Eh, Jim told him to calm down. He said, "No." Eh, at this time Tom and, eh, Mr. Corbett left the apartment and went into, I believe, Jim's apartment and came back and, eh, Dennis at this time was in the bathroom. He handed me a white, off white, block of, eh, which I thought was play-doh. Later on I found out it was C-4. After that, eh, I was pretty well half in the bag. I was making figurines with it. Dennis had come out, said what the hell am I doing. I told him I was making figures. He said, "Don't you know what the hell that is?" I said, "No." He said, "That's C-4." And then, eh, he had gone into two different things showing me different, eh, ways how it could be ignited. Eh, those blasting caps he had shown me a box of them. He had also shown me, eh, which had ID numbers on them as FD and some numbers afterwards. At that time

I didn't know they were blasting caps. I thought they were M80s or something in that point of view. Later on he had, eh, he had shown me things with Sulfuric acid, what you could you do if it. Eh, how you could set off so if it explodes in the room you can burn somebody's lungs. Eh, different tools that he had shown me for, you know, for his trade. Eh, he had also told me that he was a chemist, a licensed chemist. Then, eh, later on that night he had told me that he was a body guard at one time and he had shown me pictures of, eh, Mr. Shay and himself. Eh, you know, they had their arms around each other.

Q. Okay. Could I stop you there for one second. You said Friday night. Is that June 5th, 1992?

A. That's correct.

Q. All right. And then on Saturday it's June 6th, 1992?

A. That's correct.

Q. All right. And Tom, who is Tom?

A. Tom, Tom is a drug dealer.

Q. And where does he live?

A. I haven't the. I don't know.

Q. Does he stay at James' house?

A. Eh, on occasion, yes.

Q. Okay. And could you describe him to me?

A. He's probably about 5' 9", 5' 10". Heavy build. Eh, black hair and a beard.

- Q. Is he a white male?
- A. Yes, sir, white Caucasian.
- Q. And how much does he weigh?
- A. About 240.
- Q. And how old is he about?
- A. I'd say, eh, anywhere from 28 to 32, in that area.
- Q. Okay. And why don't you go on. Go back to Saturday night when he's showing you how to?
- A. Saturday he had gotten, eh, other things were brought to the apartment. Eh, the box of blasting caps, which I saw. Eh, I also saw a federal, eh, magnesium batteries, I believe. I believe that's what they were called they were. Eh, I saw a box of, eh, which was explained to me by Dennis, they were special magnets. Looked like an octagon shape, that you couldn't just get them from anywhere. They were only special, you know. Eh, there were only special places you could actually get them is what I was told. At that point in time things went on later in the night. I was asked to go and, eh, get a fake prescription, which Mr. Owens fills out, and, eh, I refused. At that time when I refused I was beaten with a, eh, my left arm by a hockey stick and a hammer. At that time I assented that I would go and do it, which I did. When I got to, eh, Reedville Train Station I dialed 9-1-1 and had a police cruiser come. Eh, they brought me to the hospital. Eh, -

- Q. What hospital did you go to?
- A. The Fairbank, no.
- Q. The Faulkner Hospital?
- A. The Faulkner, correct.
- Q. Okay. And this is on Saturday evening?
- A. That Saturday evening.
- Q. Okay. Go ahead, sir.
- A. Eh, I was released from there. I came back and explained to them that they wouldn't, that I couldn't get the prescription, they wouldn't allow it, they wouldn't grant it. They said, "Okay, no problem." They were on their way anyway.....whatever. Later on that evening again Jim Corbett came over. Jim was pretty well drunk. Dennis was on some type of, eh, eh, Amphetamines, prescription Amphetamines. So his attitude was different. He had shown me different ways of how to kill people and what would happen to me if I opened my mouth about the Shay case or what else or what he was about to do with the other bomb. At that time I told him, "You know, you don't have to worry about me. I'm not saying anything." Eh, Jim at this time told me that if I said anything or if anything ever happened to Dennis that he'd personally rip my fucking my head off. I said, "Fine." A little while later I left the apartment and, eh, when I left the apartment I went and I had a few drinks, bar drinks. I don't remember. I don't..... Eh,

at approximately I'd say1:30, a little later, a little earlier, I'm not positive about the time I borrowed a bike to go back to Dennis' to pick up some clothes. Basically, what I was going to do that night I was going to stay at a shelter. As I was travelling down towards Dennis' house a white or silver Continental pulled up to the side of the road and started to street park. Five gentlemen got out of it. They were well dressed in suits. One stepped in front of me. To avoid hitting him I hit a car, I hit his car. When I hit his car I landed on the hood and, eh, I fell off the back of the car. Four of them jumped on top of me. Eh, two of them making like they were trying to me. One of them who had a strong Irish brogue kept hitting me telling me to keep my fucking shut about the Shay case, cause if I didn't I'd wind up dead and they

SPEC. AGENT KERR:

- Q. What did the car look like?
- A. It was a Lincoln, Lincoln Continental.
- Q. Was there anything unusual about the vehicle?
- A. It had three antennas on the rear end of the car.
- Q. How do you know that?
- A. Because when I hit the car. I hit, I applied, the front brakes.....when I applied the front brakes the bike flipped upward, so I landed on it,

One of them had hit me in the eye, one of the antennas had hit me in the eye.

Q. Can you describe any of the individuals in that vehicle?

A. They were all, eh, pretty well built gentlemen. The driver I saw he was in a suit, eh, a black pin striped suit. He was a large man. Eh, the other three were all in suits. They were, eh, well-dressed, medium build. Eh, sharply dressed, expensively dressed and they seemed, eh, eh, you know, it was like they knew what they were doing.

Q. What were their ages?

A. They were in their 30s.

Q. And what about the man that you remember in the pin.. striped suit near the car was his hair long or short?

A. He had short hair, balding, with a beard. Eh, like I said, he was a large man.

Q. He had a beard?

A. Yes, he had a beard.

Q. Full beard or

A. It was neatly trimmed. You know, it was like a, eh, I didn't get a. Like I said, I was covering myself up cause I was getting hit. I didn't get a chance to get a, eh, plate number. At that time they left, I was again proceeding to the Faulkner Hospital, and I had told them that I had hit a car, a parked car. And, eh, I kept complaining about pain. I didn't

want to go back to the residence, to Dennis' residence, and the doctor knew it. She said, "Is there some reason why you don't want to go back there?", and I said, "No." I was released from the Faulkner early this morning, probably about, seven thirtyish.

SGT. CALLAHAN:

- Q. All right. So this happened Sunday, June 7th, 1992?
- A. No, this happened today.
- Q. When you were beat up?
- A. Oh, yes? No, I was beat up last night.
- Q. Okay, June 7th. And where was it that this happened?
- A. Hyde Park Avenue.
- Q. And do you know whereabouts on Hyde Park Ave.?
- A. Right at the intersection, but I, eh, just before you get to Store 24 and all that stuff over there.
- Q. Okay.
- A.
- Q. By Cleary Square?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now could you explain to me when Dennis handed you what you believe or didn't know at the time was C-4, that was on Friday night?
- A. That was on Friday night. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. And did you see James bring that into Dennis Owens' apartment?
- A. Yes, sir, I did. He handed it. Actually James handed

it to me to give to Dennis.

Q. Okay. Now did you hear. James Corbett lives in the adjoining apartment. Is that correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. All right. Did you hear James leave his apartment and come into yours?

A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q. Okay. Now can you hear between the walls of what is going in the other apartment?

A. You can hear muffled voices. Eh, I'm sure if you get close enough you could probably hear the voices clearly. But you can hear muffled voices, yes.

Q. All right. But you heard someone come out of James Corbett's apartment and then come into yours?

A. Right. I know the two parties that were in, eh, the two parties that were in there. Actually there was three. The third person I believe was Tom. I'm not positive. But I did recognize Dennis' voice and, eh, Jim's voice.

Q. Okay. And then.

A. But I couldn't make out what they were saying.

Q. All right. And then you hear their apartment door open and they come back into?

A. Our apartment.

Q. Into?

A. B-1.

Q. Okay.

A. Dennis went. Eh, Dennis came in alone, okay. He

went into the bathroom. James came back in, he gave me the C. Well, like I said, I thought it was play-doh, handed it to me. It was in a cellophane type wrapper. Eh, it was approximately, I don't know, an inch and a quarter. About this thick..... Eh, it was about twelve inches long. I thought it was play-doh.

Q. Okay.

A. I started playing with it, making figurines. Dennis came out of the bathroom and asked me what I was doing. I told him I was making figurines. He was pretty. And then he turned around and he said to me, eh, "Do you know what the fuck that is?" He goes, "That's explosives." Eh, and then he turned around and he said, "But don't worry about it because it can't go off unless you got these." And that's when he showed me these things, again I thought were M80s. Eh, but they were actually blasting caps.

Q. Okay. Did Dennis tell you that there were only certain people that knew about the Shay bombing?

A. That's correct.

Q. And on what night did he tell you that?

A. This would have been, eh, Saturday night.

Q. Okay. So it would be Saturday, June 6th, 1992?

A. That's correct.

Q. And who were the individuals he made that statement about?

A. (Stuttering). He told me that knew about it was

himself, Mr. Shay, James, and the fourth person that, eh, he wouldn't mention the name. He just said that, you know, it was very, the guy was big.

Q. Okay. And -

A. He called him a so-called Mafia.....

Q. Okay. And what did he say to you about it?

A. He told me, eh, that I was to keep my mouth shut about it and, again, I was threatened. Eh,

Q. What do you mean by threatened?

A. I was threatened that I would get killed, I would be killed, if, eh, if anything, if it got leaked out, found out, because nobody else would tell that he was the one that made the bomb.

Q. Okay.

A. He had also said, eh, he explained to me how the bomb was made.

Q. Could you explain that to me?

A. He told me that the bomb was basically, eh, it was his first time making this type of bomb. Eh, it was in a, eh, eh, it was, eh, as a matter he had one. It was in a black container and it had the same type of, eh, magnets that, eh, he had shown me earlier and, eh, it was suppose to be set off by a remote control, car remote control. Just push the button and "boom" it went off.

Q. Did he say as to any of the objects or utensils needed? Did he explain how it was built?

A. No, he didn't go into detail about that.

- Q. Okay. Now besides Tom, James, and Dennis does Dennis Owens have any other friends?
- A. He has his cousin.
- Q. And what is the cousin's name?
- A. I don't know. I don't remember at this time.
- Q. All right. Could it be Chip or something?
- A. No, I don't think it's Chip.
- Q. Okay. Could you describe him to me?
- A. Yes. He's probably about, he's about, 5' 9". He's got brown hair. He's bald, he's got a bald spot, in the middle. He has a full beard.
- Q. How old is he about?
- A. Eh, he's probably 35.
- Q. Okay. And what kind of build?
- A. Medium build.
- Q. And do you know how much he weighs about?
- A. 180.
- Q. And do you know if he drives a car?
- A. Yes, he does.
- Q. What kind of car?
- A. It's a Nissan.
- Q. Do you know what color?
- A. No, I don't. I believe it's brown. But I'm not positive about that.
- Q. Okay. Now in regards to this white Continental with the individuals in the car, were there four or five individuals?
- A. There were five individuals, but only four of them

Q. Okay.

A. The driver never approached, the driver stayed by the door.

Q. All right. Now when you were released from the Faulkner Hospital this morning did you go back to 2-0-4 Neponset?

A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q. And did you go into Dennis Owens' apartment?

A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q. And could you tell me what transpired?

A. I went to Dennis' apartment. Eh, he was agitated. He seemed like, eh, you could tell he hadn't got any sleep. Eh, he was in the kitchen and I noticed a brown cookie jar container.....it was metal one these sort of cookies come in. And, eh, inside of it there were wires coming out. Eh, I believe they were explosive caps. Eh, there was, he had different bottles of different colors of powder. One was white. One was a, eh, like a beige or an ash color. And, eh, the other one was a red or a copper type color. Eh, inside of it was a coil with a bunch of wires coming out of it. He was soldering something to the coil which was placed inside this thing. Eh, there were magnets. There were approximately ten magnets around, around it. Eh, I had asked him what it was. He says, "You know what it is." I says, "No, I don't." I says, "If I knew what it was I wouldn't ask." "It's a fucking bomb. What do you think it

is?" And I said, "Oh." Eh, approximately fifteen minutes later, eh, I decided at that time that my life was in danger since I already knew about the Shay case. Now that I knew about the bomb, eh, you know, because I don't believe Dennis believed that I was coming back to the house. Because he asked, you know, "Why?" You know, "Why are you back here?" So I don't think he knew that I was going to come back. I left the apartment, told him I was going to get some money for him for rent. Eh, at this time I was scared and I was afraid. I was afraid I was going to get killed. Eh, I approached the MBT, I'm not sure, Metropolitan Police Officer, gave him a brief detail of what was happening. At that time a detective came down and questioned me some more, and then the Boston Police took over from there.

- Q. Okay. Did Mr. Owens tell you that he had any professional capacity?
- A. He said he was a licensed, eh, chemist.
- Q. Okay.
- A. And he also had told me that, eh, he actually built bombs for people and when he was saying "people" he meant people, you know, Mafia type people, that type of job.
- Q. Is there anything else that you think is important that we haven't asked?
- A. Yeah, I'm afraid. I'm afraid for my life, that's

about it.

Q. Okay.

A. I believe there's more, more people, involved in this than just him.

Q. Jeff?

SPEC. AGENT KERR:

Q. I would like to go over and explain at some pointwhen you were talking about.

SGT. CALLAHAN:

Q. For the record this is Special Agent Kerr.

SPEC. AGENT KERR:

Q. You were talking about motive for the bombing toward the police officer.

A. Okay. Are you talking about, eh, the Shay case?

Q. Yeah.

A. Okay. Eh, from what I get. Part of it was from I gathered from my information, eh, Shay wanted his father killed because he wanted to take over his father's business in the illegal card gambling, gambling, eh. I have seen pictures of Shay and Dennis together and Dennis had told me that he was a bodyguard for Shay at some point in time. Of course his features were different. He had a full beard and glasses and things like that. And he wasn't the one to do the killing, but he was the one that made, actually made, the bomb.

Q. He talked about motivation of why?

A. The motivation of it was to take care of his father,

kill his father.

Q. For what reason?

A. The reason was so he could take over his father's business.

Q. And the bomb itself, not that bomb. But the bomb you saw that night when you came home was a tin or metal cookie container, right? And there's magnet around. The magnet's were not around the can. That can was sitting on top of an object?

A. That's correct.

Q. And what kind of an object was it?

A. It was a plastic, eh, very light plastic, eh, square type of object that the can sat right in

Q. And the magnets were on that plastic object circle?

A. That's correct.

Q. And the magnets, do you know how the magnets were affixed to that plastic.....

A. How they were affixed, how they were put on there?

Q. Yes.

A. I don't know how they were put on there. But it was level. In other words, the top of the can was level with, eh, level with the, eh. In other words you could have taken it and just stuck it up. Do you understand what I mean.

Q. So you're talking the magnets were somehow along the level that was equal to the

A. That's correct. So you could just. On the plastic

itself that's where the magnets were and they just stuck up, so it was just even.

- Q. Is that because the magnets were.....
They were equal.....

SGT. CALLAHAN:

- Q. All right. I'm just going to intervene here just so we can turn the tape around. (END OF SIDE I)
All right. The tape is back. The tape is back on and we're going to begin to speak to Derrick again.

SPEC. AGENT KERR:

- Q. So explain how where you said the plastic had.
A. The plastic was, eh, had a hole which leveled, which was level to the top of the cookie container.
Q. Okay.
A. Okay. With the magnets around it and there was, there was like magnets all around the thing. So basically you just apply it.....
Q. Okay.
A. And there was suppose to be a timer.

SGT. CALLAHAN:

- Q. Okay. Did you tell me that Jim had a credit card?
A. Yes, Jim Corbett had a credit card. That's correct.
Q. And do you know what kind of credit card it was?
A. I believe it's Master Card with a five thousand dollar. I know that for a fact.
Q. Okay. And do you know if Dennis had a credit card?
A. No, I don't. I don't believe so.

A. No, not that I just. There was just more people involved and this and that.

Q. All right. So you've told us everything you can think of up to this point in time?

A. That's correct.

Q. All right. Jeff, do you have any questions?
(heard no answer).

Q. All right. What time do you have Jeff?

SPEC. AGENT KERR: It is ten past 3:00.

Q. It is now 3:10 p.m. and it this interview is concluded.

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