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EVENT #: 010708-2410

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**SPECIFIC CRIME:** MURDER WITH DEADLY WEAPON

**DATE OCCURRED:** 07/08/01

**TIME OCCURRED:**

**LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:**

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS**

**CLARK COUNTY**

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**NAME OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT:** TWINING, DOUGLAS HOWELL

**DOB:** 12-07-63

**SOCIAL SECURITY #:** [REDACTED]

**RACE:**

**SEX:**

**HEIGHT:**

**WEIGHT:**

**HAIR:**

**EYES:**

**WORK SCHEDULE:**

**DAYS OFF:**

**HOME ADDRESS:** 3899 MONTHILL AVE.  
LAS VEGAS, NV. 89121

**HOME PHONE:** [REDACTED]

**WORK ADDRESS:**

**WORK PHONE:**

**BEST PLACE TO CONTACT:**

**BEST TIME TO CONTACT:**

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The following is the transcription of a tape-recorded interview conducted by DETECTIVE T. THOWSEN, P# 1467, LVMPD HOMICIDE Detail, on 08-02-01 at 1840 hours. Also present is DETECTIVE J. LAROCHELLE, P# 4353, LVMPD HOMICIDE Detail.

Q: This is Detective Tom Thowsen, P# 1467, with one taped statement under Event number 010708-2410 reference a homicide occurring on 7-8-2001. The date of the statement is 8-2-01. The time is 1840. The location is 3899 Monthill Avenue, M-O-N-T-H-I-L-L, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121. The name of the person giving the statement is Douglas Howell, last name T-W-I-N-I-N-G, a white male adult, date of

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birth: 12-7-63. Social security number: [REDACTED]. Home address: 3899 Monthill  
Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121. Home phone: [REDACTED]. Cell phone: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Doug, first off, you're aware this statement is being tape recorded, is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: And are you employed anywhere right now, Doug?

A: No, I'm not.

Q: Can you tell me if you are familiar with a person named Kirstin Blaze Lobato?

A: Uh, yeah I know her as Blaze Lobato.

Q: And can you describe her for me?

A: White female. Um, curly hair. Thin. Light complexion. Nice girl.

Q: Do you know how old she is?

A: 18.

Q: And when did you first meet her?

A: The end of May, this year.

Q: And how did you meet her?

A: At a mutual friend's house.

Q: And who was that mutual friend?

A: Uh, Cathy Reininger and her boyfriend, Steve.

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Q: And did anybody watch the news with you?

A: Um, like I said, it must have been, uh, it must have been Blaze, the, you know. I watched, watched it on t.v. and she was here so - - -

Q: Was anything said about it?

A: No.

Q: \_\_\_\_\_?

A: No. At the time it was just like, you know, then it was unimportant.

Q: Did Blaze ever mention anything to you about cutting anyone or stabbing anyone?

A: Uh, in, um, in May.

Q: What did she say in May?

A: May, she said someone attacked her and she cut, cut his penis.

Q: And why did she tell you that?

A: Hmm, at the time I thought she was just trying to like say she's a big girl and don't fuck with me, you know. And, uh, I really didn't take it as being, you know, but that it happened. Or else I wouldn't even \_\_\_\_\_ with her \_\_\_\_\_.

Q: Did you ever have a conversation with Blaze and her dad concerning that incident of that time period?

A: It was alluded to on a three way call that we had when she was incarcerated in jail.

Q: And what day would that have been?

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A: She said something about if I'm being recorded and something like that, you know. I don't recall exactly what she said but she's kind of snapping about the - - - And she was worried about it being recorded and someone saying something about, you know, supposedly cutting somebody in May.

Q: Okay. Do you know if Blaze utilized any alcohol or drugs?

A: Um, I know of her using some \_\_\_ drugs, yeah.

Q: **And what kind of drugs did she use?**

A: **Marijuana and speed.**

Q: And when you say speed, what are you referring to?

A: **Amphetamine.**

Q: And how would she ingest the amphetamine?

A: Uh, smoke it as far as I know.

Q: Did you actually see her smoke it?

A: Uh, yes.

Q: Did you ever smoke it with her?

A: Yes I have.

Q: On more than one occasion?

A: Yeah.

Q: How much would she normally smoke and how often?

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Q: And so you - - -

A: It couldn't have been her, you know.

Q: And so you took that as to meaning that she was in, talking about an incident that happened - - -

A: He was talking about that incident, yeah. That's when - - -

Q: Okay. And that's what you, that's what you took him saying that to mean?

A: Correct.

Q: **That he was talking about a cutting incident in May or several months ago?**

**A: Correct.**

Q: And have you spoken to her dad since that time?

A: Uh yes, I spoke with him today.

Q: And how did that take place?

A: I told him when he was down here, you know, come on by, I want to talk to him. And he called me, called me down from the Strip and stopped by. And we just talked, you know, about - - - I said she, I didn't think she was doing good and he said she was in isolation today. Again, I brought up, I didn't know for sure that he, she had talked to him about, you know, in May. And that was my concern. I wanted to, you know, bring that up to him and let him know that what I knew. And

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Q: **Have you talked to anyone else about your concerns about May being the date that she was talking about cutting someone?**

A: **Yeah.**

Q: Who else?

A: Um, probably, uh, probably, I think Steve. And I think, uh, my friend, Randy, Randy Herson (phonetic) and, uh, you know, I told my, I've expressed that, I mean that's what I told, um, let me see - - -

Q: When you say Steve, what Steve are you referring to?

A: Steve, whatever, Psychow, Psychowski, whatever his name is.

Q: You're talking the same Steve you were referring to earlier that Blaze stayed with?

A: Yeah. Yeah.

Q: Is that the one that's with Cathy?

A: Correct.

Q: **Did you speak with Cathy?**

A: **Um, see the, prior, yeah, prior to her being accused of, of doing something, it was just like way back in, um, you know, probably June, you know. There was never, um, I mean this, this hadn't even occurred yet, you know.**

Q: Okay. That's when you said you spoke with Cathy about an incident in May with Blaze?

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A: No.

JL: Any type of weapon?

A: No.

Q: Doug, do you know if Blaze was working as a dancer anywhere?

A: No. I, I don't think so.

Q: Do you know if she was trying to or wanted to?

A: Cathy wanted her to. Everybody was pressuring her to - - - But, uh, as far as I know, she didn't, she wasn't \_\_\_\_.

Q: And was Cathy dancing somewhere?

A: Maybe. I don't know if she was or not. I know one of her friends Shottie was and she was trying to get Blaze to dance. They were always like, you know, liked to model her clothes and stuff, whatever.

Q: I'm talking about like as a job as a dancer, as an exotic dancer?

A: Yeah. They wanted her to but I don't think she, I don't think she did. To my knowledge, she didn't.

Q: Okay. **Did Blaze ever come to you anytime during July and tell you that she was attacked by anyone and had to defend herself?**

A: **Um, anytime in July, no.**



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Q: Did Blaze ever come to your house anytime in July and need to wash up because she had blood on her?

A: No.

Q: Change clothes?

A: No. Never.

Q: Did Blaze ever specifically talk to you about the death of the man found behind the dumpster?

A: Had she ever talked about, um- - - Not since she's been, I mean, just since she's been in jail is the only time I've had a chance to talk to her. You know, the, uh, she, as far as I know, she didn't, there was, she doesn't even know the guy. You know.

Q: She didn't know the guy?

A: As far as I know.

Q: Is that what you're guessing or did she actually tell you that she didn't know the guy?

A: Her mom said she didn't know the guy when she seen a picture or something or maybe you guys showed her or something.

Q: But what did Blaze actually say?

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A: Um, I haven't asked her straight up on the phone, you know. I haven't asked her straight up. But, um, the, uh, as far as her, you know, I haven't asked her. She doesn't, she didn't, she said she didn't do it.

Q: And again you realize that some of those phone conversations - - -

A: Right.

Q: Could be monitored?

A: Oh yeah.

Q: And you're telling us right now that you never had a telephone conversation with Blaze where she discussed any of that?

A: The, the, um, this, this guy behind the dumpster?

Q: Yes.

A: Just about her, about you guys talking to her. And, uh, and her confessing to it, to it. I guess thinking that you were talking about what happened in May. That's what, that's what I'm piecing together.

Q: Did you at any point have anything to do with the death of the person behind the dumpster?

A: Oh no.

Q: If when the DNA is done being processed on Blaze's car and that DNA comes back to the man behind the dumpster, what do you say at that point?

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A: I'd say (pause) that still based on, uh, well then it would have to have been planted up there. 'Cause based on what I know her car was up there since the 2<sup>nd</sup> and she was up there since the 2<sup>nd</sup>. That I'd have to say that, you know, there's something funky going on even worse than now. And it would have to be planted, I would think and, unless, you know, unless I'm totally misinformed and she was down here with that vehicle, whatever, you know. I don't know. I mean it's a tough one. I'm right now, I'm shell shocked by the whole thing, you know.

Q: Do you think someone would actually go to lengths of putting blood in Blaze's car?

A: I'd rather think that than the other alternative, you know, that, like if, you know, that she had something to do with it. I would rather think that someone would, you know, be framing her. I don't think that she did it, you know. I don't know. You guys are the experts.

Q: Do you care a lot for Blaze?

A: I do.

Q: Jim, do you have anything else?

JL: Yes. Do you know of any other friends that Blaze may have spoke with recently while she was at jail?

A: Recently while she was at jail. Uh, as far as I know her parents have a block on the phone and that's why we did a three way a couple of times. And the, uh, she hasn't