

Appendix L  
Nichol John  
March 11, 1969  
Statement



Regina, Saskatchewan  
11 Mar 69  
4:30 P.M.

STATEMENT OF NICHOL JOHN (B: 2 SEP 52) OF REGINA, 16 YEARS  
OF AGE

Ron Wilson, David Milgaard and myself planned on going to Vancouver in Wilson's car. We left Regina at about 1:00 A.M. on the morning after Ron Wilson purchased license plates for his car. This would be Friday morning. We headed for Saskatoon as Milgaard wanted to pick up Albert ("Shorty") to go on this trip. On our way to Saskatoon we stopped for coffee at Davidson and we also got stuck in the snow a couple of times on the highway. As near as I can figure out we arrived in Saskatoon between 6:30 and 7:30 A.M. We started to drive around looking for Albert's place. Ron and I had never been there before but David had and he said that once we got into the area he would know the house as it was near this gas station.

We stopped at this motel to get a map to find out where "Pleasant Hill" area was because David said this was the area where this "Shorty" lived. David went in in his stocking feet and he got this map. We continued to drive and somehow we got on this street and we wanted to go around the block again so Ron, who was driving, turned down this back alley and we came across this convertible stuck in the middle of the alley. The guy in this car asked us to give

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him a push and when we did, our car stalled. We all went into this fellow's house to get warm and he phoned the tow truck. It took the tow truck at least one-half hour. When we first met this other car in the alley, it was just starting to get daylight. After the tow truck got the convertible going, this fellow drove us to the gas station. We got the tow truck to come back and give us a "boost" to get our car started. This was well after daylight. I don't think we ever paid this tow truck driver.

We then set out to look for Albert's place and as we drove we saw this gas station and from there David was able to find the house. When we got there David went in the house by himself, then he called us in. We met Albert, his little brother and his sister. We weren't there too long and then Albert's mother came in. I don't know what time it was but it was well after daylight. It could of been noon or later. At Albert's place both David and Ron changed clothes. Ron's pants were being eaten by acid and David had ripped the crotch out of his pants which were green with some kind of stripe. I think David also had on a brown coat or jacket. I didn't see any blood on anybody's clothing. David drove the car around the block and it broke down. We got a tow truck and we all went to this gas station to get the car fixed. We all had something to eat at this cafe across the street. Then after a while myself and Albert

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went to the Credit Union where Albert withdrew \$70.00. Then we went to this Variety Store where Albert bought a few things and then back to the gas station. After the car was fixed we drove around looking for Albert's girlfriend as he wanted her to come along. We couldn't find her. Then we went to Albert's friend's place to see if he wanted to come with us. I don't know his name and he lived not too far from downtown and he didn't want to come. Then we left the city and when we got to Rosetown it was still daylight. We bought some food and a small knife to cut meat and butter the bread. We didn't go to Vancouver but instead we went to Calgary, then to Edmonton and St. Albert, then back to Calgary, then on to Banff and then back to Regina. It was about 3:00 or 4:00 A.M. and we had been gone about five or six days. The last time I saw Milgaard was the morning we got back when they dropped us off. It was also the last time I saw Ron. Albert got picked up the next day by the police and that was the last time I saw him.

All during the morning we were in Saskatoon, the three of us were together and I am sure that David or Ron never left me for more than one or two minutes that morning. Just yesterday or the day before, Barb Berard, a friend of mine, told me that David had returned to Regina

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and I think it was him that told her that he was going  
to be picked up for murder.

WIT: J.A.B. Riddell  
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5:45 P.M.

SGD: Nichol John

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