

This is the statement of: KAREN MELISSA THORNTON Age: 23
Sex: FEMALE Race: AFRICAN AMERICAN

This statement is being taken at the General Assignment Bureau Office, 201 Poplar, Room 10-10 on December 26, 1997 at 5:55 A.M..
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This statement is relative to the AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, which occurred at 2649 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, on FRIDAY 12-26-97 2:30 A.M., and which is filed under MPD File # 971207543.

Q. WERE YOU AT THE CRUMPY'S COMEDY CLUB WHEN A SHOOTING OCCURRED?
A. YES

Q. WHERE WERE YOU STANDING WHEN THE MAN WAS SHOT OUT FRONT?

A. ABOUT TEN FEET FROM HIM, BY THE WALL AT THE CLUB DOOR.

Q. WERE THE LIGHT ON OUTSIDE?

A. YES

Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE PERSON WHO SHOT THE MAN?

A. MALE BLACK AGE 29-32 5'9" 165-170 LBS SLIM, SKINNY FACE, DARK SKIN WEARING A BLACK TURTLE NECK SWEATER AND DARK PANTS OR STONE WASH JEANS SHE WAS WEARING A WHITE THIN TYPE MATERIAL LONG COAT DOWN TO HIS LEGS. HE HAD ON A BLUE OR BLACK SKULL CAP.

Q. HOW FAR WERE YOU FROM THE SUSPECT WHEN HE SHOT THE MAN?

A. ABOUT THE SAME DISTANCE.

Q. HOW FAR WAS THE MAN FROM THE PERSON HE SHOT?

A. RIGHT UP ON HIM POINT BLANK TO THE BACK OF HIS HEAD.

Q. HOW MANY SHOTS DID THE MAN FIRE?

A. HE SHOT THE FELLOW ONE TIME.

Q. DID THE PERSON SHOT PULL A WEAPON OR FIRE ANY SHOTS?

A. NO

Q. DID ANYONE ELSE FIRE SHOTS?

A. I DIDNT SEE ANYONE ELSE I WENT BACK INSIDE.

Q. WHO ELSE WAS THERE AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING?

A. I JUST KNOW MY FRIEND JOYCE JELTZ.

Q. DID YOU SEE A VEHICLE LEAVE THE SCENE?

A. NO

Q. DID YOU SEE ANYONE ELSE WITH THE MAN WHO WAS SHOOTING?

A. NO

Q. DID YOU SEE WHICH WAY HE LEFT THE AREA?

A. I THINK HE WAS GOING BACK TOWARD THE CORNER THE WAY HE CAME UP.

Q. CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING?

A. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

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Q. TELL ME IN YOUR OWN WORD WITH AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SHOOTING.

A. ME AND MY GIRLFRIEND WERE COMING OUT THE DOOR OF THE CLUB I WAS IN FRONT AND SHE WAS BEHIND ME. I WAS LOOKING AT THIS GUY WHO JUST APPEARED FROM AROUND THE CORNER, WHERE OUR CAR WAS. WE WERE HEADED THAT WAY, HE HAD A PISTOL, I WAS TRYING TO SEE IF IT WAS REALLY A GUN OR WHAT HE HAD IN HIS HAND. THEN HE CREEPED UP BEHIND THE GUY AND AIMED THE GUN TO HIS HEAD AND AS HE WAS SHOOTING HIM I TURNED AROUND TO THE WALL I DIDNT WANT HIM TO BE STARTLED BY ME. WHEN I TURNED AROUND ALL I SAW WAS BLOOD COMING OUT OF THE MAN WHO SHOTS HEAD. I WAS LOOKING FOR MY GIRLFRIEND AND WATCH THE SUSPECT I SAW JOY WALK BACK IN AND THEN I LOOKED AROUND AND BACKED BACK INTO THE CLUB.

Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE PISTOL YOU SAW?

A. A LONG BARREL PISTOL THE BARREL WAS SILVER. IT WAS LIKE AN AUTOMATIC POSSIBLY THE BARREL WOULD BE ABOUT 4 INCHES LONG.

Q. CAN YOU READ AND WRITE WITHOUT THE AID OF EYEGASSES?

A. YES

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD THAT WOULD AID IN THE INVESTIGATION?

A. NO

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