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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On May 16, 2001, Steve Barker called Koch after receiving letters from her to all. He was polite and cooperative.

Barker has not had contact with Billy Scott because Billy's dad told Billy not to contact Barker. This upset Barker because he and Billy knew each other on the streets and he didn't see any reason why he couldn't talk with his friend. Back when Barker testified on behalf of and for Billy, he was not, and had not had, contact with Billy. After Barker testified for Billy was when Barker's problems began with "Preble County hounding me...They tried to bury me for years" because he testified for Billy. He said, "They finally jelled up -- concocted a case against me and here I am."

Barker states he has "an excellent memory". On the date in question, Barker was at the carry out with John Moran. One of Barker's hobbies during that period of time was remote control cars. He and Moran raced together. Both he and Moran were at the carry out displaying the remote vehicles that they had built. Everyone was out there watching the cars run back and forth across the parking lot. They did this hobby quite often. There wasn't much to do in the town. The carry out was a local place for everyone to just hang out.

Barker knew that the party at Aggregate was going on but he didn't want any part of it. He had seen members of the Preble County Sheriff "scoped out" all over the place. He observes "very well." He was going to attend the party until he saw the deputies in the wood line and decided not to attend.

He and Moran drove separately to the carry out that night. Barker thinks the time he arrived was approximately 11:00 to 11:15 p.m. Moran was already there. There were several people also present just hanging out, sitting on the cars talking. These people were all mostly younger people and he doesn't know their names. A few

of "the older generation" were sitting there. Johnny Stapleton and Tom Van Camp. There were two other guys there that he recognized but can not today recall their names.

Missy Longmeir and Lesa Buckley pulled up in Missy's white car. Missy was driving. They pulled over towards the island portion of the carryout (where the gas pumps are). An estimated guess of the time the girls arrived would be approximately 12:00 to 12:15 a.m. Barker thinks he had been there one hour prior to the girls arriving.

Missy got gas at the island. Lesa went into the carry out. Barker does not know what she did inside the carry out. Nor does he recall how she was dressed. Barker figured that the girls were just on a run. He does remember Lesa exiting the carry out to know whether she made a purchase or not. They left the island and Missy drove out onto the road and pulled back into what is actually the bank's parking lot. She pulled over with the driver's side facing Barker. Barker's vehicle faced the road. Lesa is in the car with Missy at this time.

The girls spoke to Barker. They said they had been to the party and they were headed back that way. Missy asked Barker why he wasn't at the party. Barker told her it was more the younger generation as well as the cops watching and he didn't want any part of it. At that time, Barker was "contributing out marijuana", but he supplied four people and then those four "did the rest." In other words, no one was to come directly to Barker (to buy). Several times in the past, Missy and Lesa both had driven the back roads of New Paris getting high with Barker. Barker suggested that they take a drive and get a buzz but Missy said she wanted to go back to the party.

They left with Missy driving and headed straight towards Aggregate, right out of the parking lot to the side road.

Barker did not recall Lesa needing to use the bathroom on this date. He said that in the past, if Lesa needed to use the bathroom, she would squat right between the vehicles.

About twenty minutes later, Barker was getting ready to leave the parking lot when he saw Lesa again. He said that some people say he didn't really see her, "but I know I did." Lesa was riding inside the car with "this Johnson boy", the one they call Boob. Lesa was in the passenger seat. The car pulled into the carry out parking lot. Bob was driving either dark blue or black Chevelle. Boob, who is the youngest Johnson, was going with Lesa at the time. Lesa was positioned in the car sitting towards the middle of the bench seat, close to Johnson. Johnson pulled in front of the pop machines. Lesa got out and went into the carry out. In a few minutes, Lesa came out. Johnson had in the car. Barker did not see anyone else in the car.

After Lesa came out of the carry out, she got into the car. The car windows were down. Johnson and Lesa were constantly arguing. In the past, Barker saw Johnson try to run over Lesa one night in the same parking lot. On this particular night, they were arguing. He could hear them through the window although he could not tell what words were being said. He heard loud voices. They argued for a couple minutes. He backed out squealing his tires and headed towards Aggregate, going straight across into the bank parking lot and made a right hand turn which leads to Aggregate. Barker does not recall seeing a yellow car on this night. John Moran was there and saw this same thing. Most everyone else had gone. Moran was putting his racing car up into the trunk.

Barker testified on behalf of Billy Scott. The content of what is reported herein was not asked of him. Scott's attorney just asked very few questions, one of which was the fact that he had previously seen Lesa and Boob fighting the parking lot late at night on several occasions but not for the date in question. In other words, he was not asked on the witness stand that he saw Lesa on the date in question. During his testimony, Rebecca Ferguson kept jumping up objecting that his testimony was hearsay.

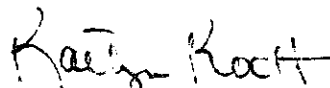
Barker was never interviewed by police or Rebecca Ferguson about this. Scott's lawyer "briefly talked to me" and "really didn't get into detail" of anything. The attorney was getting threats back then and was running scared. When the attorney came to New Paris to interview Barker and his brother. The attorney stood on the sidewalk in front of his brother's house "paranoid, looking all around him and stuff." He just asked that the Barker's testify and did not go into "much detail or briefing or nothing." In short, the content of what Barker states herein was not learned by Scott's attorney or law enforcement. Dean, his brother, did not know of anything to testify about, at least to Barker's knowledge. Barker's other brother Robbie knew more than Dean did.

Barker was in the area when the shooting went down about Rubish. He was a witness to everything about that but was never called. He saw it from his living room.

Barker called Guy Scott at his home in Pine Tree back in 1997. Back then, Barker did smoke pot but not drink alcohol. He recalled Billy as being temperamental but he has his own girlfriend problems back then. Barker said that for what Billy got accused of "there is no way I could see it." Barker knew how Billy was towards women and Billy would not try to take something from somebody. He was too well liked. Several other girls liked him too. If he was looking for a lay, he could have gotten one very easy. To this day, Barker wonders because he does not know, if Billy was also accused of only murder, but rape as well.

At this point, 60 seconds were left on the second call. It was left with Barker that Koch will send him another letter should she need further contact. He is amenable to further contact. He will collect his thoughts and see if he can recall anyone else at the scene or any further facts. His time was up and the phone went dead.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn Koch