

Case No. 24564-J

August 16, 1972

Investigation into the kidnapping of DANIEL J. GOLDMAN, W/M, 18, which occurred on 28 March, 1967, from his residence of 1101 - 88 Street, Surfside, Florida. The following statement was taken in the Public Safety Department building, 1320 N. W. 14 Street, Miami, Dade County, Florida, on Monday, 14 August, 1972, starting at 12:15 P.M. and ending at 1:10 P.M., in the presence of Detective Marshall Frank. Steno-Reporter - C. Stempel.

(Thereupon, JOHN C. NEWSOM was duly sworn.)

Q (By Sgt. Frank) For the record, would you please state your full name and your age?

A My name is John Carl Newsom, 421 N. W. 72 Lane, Miami, Florida 33150. My age is forty-eight.

Q Are you employed at the present time?

A No, I am unemployed.

Q Who do you live with?

A My wife and three children.

Q What is your wife's name?

A Beverly Ann.

SGT. FRANK: Let the record reflect the presence of Mrs. Newsom in the room.

Q Is your wife employed?

A No, she works sporadically as a nurse's aid whenever she can at night time; it's very seldom, and she goes to school at Miami Dade College. She's studying to be a registered nurse.

Q Mr. Newsom, sometime ago, did you ever have an occasion to become familiar with some of the facts concerning the disappearance of Daniel Goldman?

A Yes, I have.

John C. Newsom, W/M

Q Going back to the month of March of 1967, at that time did you either know Danny Goldman or any of the persons involved in his disappearance?

A No, I did not.

Q Did there come a time when you came to know any of the persons that were related to him in some way?

A That was related to him, no.

Q Or friendly with him?

A Yes.

Q How was that and who was it?

A Well, I came associated with a Charles Lloyd. I can't think of his middle initial.

Q Charles Lloyd is essentially who? How does he stand in this matter?

A Well --

Q Is he related to anybody or friendly --

A Yes, he's the father of Sharon Lloyd, who was, at the time of the kidnapping, the girlfriend of Danny Goldman.

Q Now, between the two persons, Charlie and Sharon Lloyd, who did you meet first and how?

A I met Sharon Lloyd at Norman Haft's, attorney at law, in the Biscayne Building.

Q And was this arbitrarily --

A Yes -- shortly before Christmas in 1967.

Q And from this time on, did you come to know her more familiarly?

A Yes, and I met her father later as she brought him out to my house and introduced me to him.

Q So as a result of meeting Sharon Lloyd in Haft's office, you became friendly with her and ultimately her father too, is that correct?

A True.

Q At the time you met Sharon Lloyd, did you know then that she had been the girlfriend of Danny Goldman?

A Shortly after I met her. At the time I met her, I didn't know that. I mean, because she was in the office and they were bringing presents up there. It was Christmas time and at that time I was selling gifts and notions and

novelties and things like that for people and I was taking orders for them for Christmas.

Q In your own words, from that time on, after you got to know Sharon Lloyd and Charles Lloyd, did there ever come a time when they actually discussed the disappearance of Danny with you?

A Oh yes, sometimes at great lengths. Sharon would, while we were riding in her car, because my car was inoperative and I didn't have transportation, and she would drive me various places where I wanted to go, and she informed me she had been the girlfriend of Danny Goldman and that she alleged that she was very much in love with him before he was kidnapped.

Q She did tell you that?

A Yes, she was very much in love with him. And I didn't, during these conversations, I didn't take great interest in them but I just listened while we drove and talked, going to various places in the car and things like that.

Q Incidentally, do you know why Sharon Lloyd was familiar with Norman Haft, the attorney, or why she was in his office?

A I don't know the circumstances under which she knew Norman Haft.

Q Continue please.

A But she brought him a television for a Christmas present at the time I met her, in the same day I met her in his office.

Q At that time was she living with her parents?

A Yes she was living with her parents at Joan Konnicker's - San Souci Estates - and Miss Konnicker was the manager or the owner of it, and her husband, Mrs. Konnicker's husband, was in the Arch Creek Convalescent Home, very ill.

Q In other words, when you met Charles and Sharon Lloyd, they were living in an apartment there?

A True.

Q During these conversations that you had with Sharon, what did she tell you concerning the kidnapping, starting from the beginning?

A Well, on the outset, she didn't tell me any more than that; that she was his girlfriend and that she told me about the kidnapping and the fact that she was a good friend of the family and that after he was kidnapped, she used to take food over to the Goldmans and the F.B.I. man that was at the apartment, and also whenever Mr. Goldman posted the \$25,000 reward -- It seems that the Goldmans were afraid to keep the money in their home.

Q This is what Sharon told you?

A Yes, they gave it to her to take to her place at the Konnickler's Apartments to keep it in case anyone, you know, claimed it.

Q Was this cash?

A Yes, it was cash. As far as I understand it was cash, yes. Naturally it was cash, because I think it must have been cash. They wouldn't have been afraid to keep it if it wasn't cash.

Q With that exception of the location of the reward money in the early stages of your relationship with that family, Did Sharon ever tell you anything other than what was already known from publications in the paper?

A Not at first, she didn't, no.

Q Did there ever come a time where she refuted some of her earlier remarks and gave you additional information?

A Yes, eventually as time went on, she would tell me bits and pieces that Danny was dead and they would never find him.

Q She did tell you that?

A Yes, and they would never find him; he was dead.

Q Did she tell you how she knew that?

A No, she didn't. She never explained how she knew.

Q Did she say this in a form of assumption on her part or --

A No, a definite statement as far as I was concerned.

Q Please continue.

A And so then I met her father, Charles, and we became quite friendly and he used to frequent my home, visiting.

Q Where were you living at the time?

A I was living at 18700 N.W. 42 Avenue, and then they started talking more and more, once in a while about Danny's kidnapping, and I never assumed first that they were really involved in this thing because there was no reason to believe -- except that she bought, rather she brought a gold ankle bracelet to my home and said that Danny had given this to her on the night before he was kidnapped; that he had purchased it somewhere and that it was too small for her and that -- too large rather, I'm sorry, too large for her and she wanted to take some links out of it, and I told her that I knew a jeweler that would do it for her and so she left the bracelet with me, which she never recovered, and, of course, I turned it over to you.

Q Right, but was there ever any significance made concerning the bracelet in connection to the kidnapping itself?

A Well, she said -- I remember now -- She said that had Danny lived, she would have come into a lot more money than the \$25,000 reward, and, of course, they were going to be married, but that she had ended up with nothing out of her association with Danny Goldman.

Q What other things did she wind up telling you concerning this?

A Well, she -- as time went on, she was more openly frank with me about Danny, and that besides the fact that he was dead -- and then Charles took me to Mrs. Konnicker's Apartment, and -- rather, first his apartment, then he introduced me to Mrs. Konnicker, saying that she had a stroke and she was an alcoholic and she needs someone to manage the apartment and also another apartment that Mrs. Konnicker owned on 81st and Biscayne Boulevard, which I never seen this apartment but I do know she owned this apartment. So, after the introduction,

why, I became quite friendly with Mrs. Konnicker and Mrs. Konnicker agreed to let me manage the apartments where they were living and also one on 81st and Biscayne Boulevard.

Now, I also frequent the apartment that the Lloyd's lived in, several times --

Q Which was Konnicker's?

A Yes, at the Konnicker's apartment house, and I met the wife of Charles Lloyd, Henrietta Lloyd, and Mrs. Lloyd, of course, never mentioned anything about Danny that was of any substance I mean, you know, would really mean anything, but Charles --

Q During this relationship, did you ever have further conversation with Sharon during these visitations and so forth?

A Yes, I had conversations with her for over a period of probably two years or a year and a half or something like that, but at that time I didn't really care about the conversation. I mean it didn't mean a lot to me and I didn't pay a lot of attention to it, and like I said before, I didn't -- At first, I didn't have any idea that they were involved in this thing at all until Sharon mentioned that the boy was dead, and I think I asked her shy she knew this and she said "He's in the gulf stream. Unless fish can talk --". That's what she said, "Unless fish can talk." So I never pushed her about the thing. I never questioned her about it. I never really tried to pump her about the thing, and she mentioned Chicken Cacciatore coming over to the apartment and trying to kick the door in.

Q What did she say?

A Well, she said he come to the door and when they wouldn't let him in, he tried to kick the door in and that's when she had the \$25,000 over there, and, of course, I wasn't there at that time and that was before I knew them.

Q Did she tell you why he was trying to kick the door in?

A He wanted the \$25,000.

Q Did she tell you that?

A Yes.

Q What else?

A So they must have had some association after the kidnapping for him to know that the \$25,000 was in their apartment. Now, I don't know whether it was in the apartment, I mean, I can't say -- I can't really say whether it was in the apartment or whether it was on the beach where they lived; I really can't say.

Q In other words, what you are saying that you know that prior to them living in the Konnicker's apartment building they were living in different residences on the beach?

A Right.

Q And you are not sure which residence she was speaking of when she mentioned that Chicken attempted to break the door in?

A Yes.

Q What else did Sharon ever tell you in regards to Chicken Cacciatore with the exception of this one time that he attempted to break the door down for the \$25,000.?

A She just mentioned that later -- some other later date -- I don't know what date it was, that Chicken had a hat on and a heavy coat and she didn't describe the hat or the coat, and she didn't describe Danny or Danny's clothes or --

Q Now, this statement that you related starts in the middle of something. Were there conversations leading up to her making the remark describing what Chicken was wearing?

A Probably.

Q When she was referring to Chicken Cacciatore wearing a hat and coat, was she referring to the kidnapper?

A She was referring to the kidnapper, yes. The trouble is that this thing went over a span of a year and a half or so, and to designate a date would be impossible for me to do, you know.

Q Did Sharon tell you that Chicken Cacciatore was in fact the man that did the kidnapping?

A She did.

Q Do you know the words she used?

A She said she didn't know where he was at and she hoped she never saw him again, and then when I was at the apartment, which is Mrs. Konnicker's apartment, one evening, Chicken came to their door and they wouldn't let him in their door, and then he came down and tried to get into, you know, knocked on Mrs. Konnicker's apartment, and I went to the door and it was Chicken Cacciatore.

Q Did you know him before this?

A No, I didn't know him. I knew of him.

Q Had you ever seen him before?

A No.

Q How did you know?

A She told me who it was?

Q Who, Sharon?

A No, Mrs. Konnicker told me who it was and called him a terrible man and said that he come up and tried to get into the apartments and anyway, he wanted -- He asked her if she had an apartment that he could rent and she told him, "No", that she didn't have an apartment, so he started cussing and raising hell and all that and I said, "Hey, look, the woman told you she doesn't have an apartment", you know, and I said, "You've been up there to their apartment. What seems to be the trouble?" I said something to that effect, you know, and he said, "Well, it aint none of your 'G.D.' business." "I think it is my business", I said, "because I'm tentatively the new manager of this apartment and whatever goes on here, I think it is my business." He said, "Well, I don't think it's any of your business." I said, "I don't know why you're getting into people's apartments up there", and he said, "Well, anyway, I'll be back. I done my business as far as the kid was concerned", and he said, "I didn't get anything out of it"; something to that effect, and he said, "I'll see --" No, he said, "You'll see me again." And Mrs. Konnicker was terrified. She was absolutely terrified. I mean --

Q Let me quote you again. His remark to you was "I've done my part as far as the kid is concerned".

A "I did my bit", or "my part" -- "I did my part as far as the kid is concerned and I haven't gotten anything out of it, and I'll be back again."

Q At the time, did you know what he was talking about?

A No, -- well, I mean, not 'til later until I started putting things together, you know.

Q By this time had Sharon told you that Chicken --

A She had told me that but, like I said, I just didn't pay attention to people's conversation in those days, you know. I know it's hard -- I understand that the continuity of the thing is not as well as it could be, you know.

Q Do you remember approximately when this was when you had the little brief meeting with Chicken Cacciatore?

A It would have been in the year of '68. I think the summer of '68 because Mrs. Konnicker had an old Chrysler sitting in front of the apartment house that belonged to her husband and she asked me if I wanted it because she couldn't drive or anything, and I told her, "Yes", and I know that before that I had an old Cadillac; I was driving the thing and it burned up on me, so --

Q This would be in the summer of '68, is that correct?

A Right, and also Robert Landry at that time had an automobile -- My car was -- I didn't have a car, and he had an old Edsel and he used to take me over there.

Q Were you a friend of Robert Landry's?

A Yes, and him and his family lived in my home for six months.

Q Did you ever have occasion to talk to Landry about this?

A No, I don't think they would have said anything to Landry because they didn't care too much about him.

Q Did you ever say anything to Landry?

A No.

Q Continuing on over the period of a couple of years in which you were acquainted with Sharon Lloyd, what other remarks did she ever make to you that revealed any information concerning this kidnapping?

A Well --

Q During this period, did you also have conversations with Sharon Lloyd in the presence of her father, Charles, concerning this?

A Yes, because Charlie used to ride with her quite often in the automobile, and he would just sit in the car, you know.

Q Did he ever make remarks concerning the kidnapping?

A Yes, he made several remarks. I think that later on, when they might have suspected that I was -- that they had said too much about this thing, then Charlie started talking about the kidnapping and they were saying, "I know where Danny is. Danny is in Australia because his father wanted him to avoid the draft and his father is the one that perpetrated this whole thing", to that effect, and that he had gotten someone to come and take the boy out under pretext of kidnapping and then send him to Australia.

Q These were remarks he made later on in your relationship?

A Right.

Q But up until then, what things had he revealed to you?

A Well, it all surrounds the general conversation that Danny was dead; that one time, you know, he had been shot and taken out in the Gulf Stream.

Q Who told you that?

A Charlie did, but later he refuted this by saying this Australia thing where his father had set it all up and sent him to Australia --

Q Did Charlie ever say who shot him? Or did he say who killed him?

A No, I don't think Charlie did.

Q Did Charlie ever tell you who kidnapped him?

A Charlie might have -- now, Charlie might have and I just don't remember it. I'm trying to remember as well as I can, you know.

Q Did there ever come a time where you learned where Danny Goldman was last taken from?

A Well, the only thing that led me to believe where he was taken from -- I mean not his home, of course, I mean --

Q To the Gulf Stream?

A Yes, because I had bought my wife a new watch for Christmas in the summer of '68. Charles Lloyd, Sharon Lloyd, Bob Landry, Wally Jefferson was present in my home and after they left, my wife noticed that her watch had been taken, and I assumed that Bob Landry had taken it. So I got in the car - Charlie Lloyd in his automobile, and I drove and Charlie rode with me. We went to Mulvey's Bar on West Dixie Highway where I found Bob Landry, and on the pretext that I wanted for him to go somewhere with me, I got him in the car, and we drove north on West Dixie Highway. Charlie directed me where to go - north on West Dixie Highway to Greynolds Park, through Greynolds Park, I think we went and turned right after leaving Greynolds Park, and we came out at 172 Street on Biscayne Boulevard to a boat marina, and I asked Landry out of the car and I wanted to show him something, and then I started questioning him about the disappearance of my wife's watch and I --

Q Incidentally, you don't have to detail that.

A And after questioning him, I was convinced that he had not taken my wife's watch, so he got back in the back seat of the car. Charlie was still in the front seat opposite the driver, and I got in and as soon as I got in, Charlie said, "You see this marina here?" And I said, "Yes".

He said, 'Well, this is where Danny took his last ride.' -- or "from where he took his last ride."

Q Was there any more conversation about that?

A No.

Q After that, just now in general rather than relating to specifics, can you tell me anything more of what you derived from conversations from the Lloyds concerning the kidnapping?

Q Well, I know that Henrietta, who is Charles' wife, was very upset because Charlie had moved from Miami Beach to Konnicker's apartments and that they didn't have any money; that they were -- well, -well, to hear them tell it, they were destitute, and that Charlie was capable of making money and he hadn't made any money and she wasn't living the way she was used to living, and things like that, and whether Henrietta had any knowledge of the kidnapping or anything, I couldn't tell you because I never really talked to her to a great extent.

Q Did Sharon ever tell you what she did with the \$25,000 reward money?

A She returned it to the Goldmans.

Q Did anybody ever indicate to you who it was that was responsible for setting up the kidnapping to begin with?

A Well, Charlie mentioned to me that Danny's situation hadn't worked out and what they should do now is kidnap the old man because they would really get a bundle there, and I said, 'Who are you talking to?' And he said, "I'm talking to you." And I said, 'No, you're not talking to me because I'm not having anything to do with anything like that.'

Q He was proposing that you kidnap him?

A He was proposing to me that we kidnap Mr. Goldman, the old man.

Q When was this?

A Well, sometime the latter, -you know, during that time following the time I knew him, and that was in Sharon's presence because it was in the automobile and Sharon was present at the time that he suggested that we kidnap him.

Q When he said, that the Danny thing didn't work out, did he tell you anything more?

A No.

Q Did anybody ever tell you why Danny was shot or killed?

A Well, they just said that -- Sharon said that everybody got afraid; they got scared, and that things just didn't work out; that's all. That's as best I can remember. I'm doing my best to remember, you know what I mean?

Q Judging from conversations that you had with these people, did you ever come to any conclusion or assumption in your own mind as to what the original intent was?

A Not what the original intent was, no. Well, I came to the conclusion, the original thing was kidnapping.

Q Was ransom ever discussed?

A No.

Q Was any of Danny's responses ever discussed?

A No, not that I remember. -- You mean how did Danny respond?

Q How did he act? Did he say anything?

A Well, it seems to me that one time or other they said that Danny didn't resist or anything like that.

Q Again, did either one of these people ever tell you or give you any indications as to why Danny was killed?

A Because he was taken to some place that was familiar to him and that there was somebody there that was also familiar to him and person or persons -- and that they all got afraid, and that's where, I guess, I suppose how the decision came to kill him.

Q Who told you this, do you remember?

A Sharon.

Q Did Sharon tell you who was there that he recognized?

A No; she may have, now, she may have.

Q Judging from your knowledge of the case, was any more than three persons involved in the entire case?

A No, that would be, as far as I know, only

Charles Lloyd, Sharon Lloyd, Chicken Cacciatore, and if, like I said, unless Charles' wife knew something about it. She may be a fourth person; I don't know. I couldn't say one way or the other if she knew anything about it or not.

Q Is there anything more that you could remember that you have learned as a result of these conversations?

A No, after that Charlie and Sharon, of course -- got Wally tied up with Sharon.

Q Wally Jefferson?

A Yes.

Q Did Wally Jefferson know Sharon Lloyd at the time of the kidnapping?

A No, not to my knowledge.

Q How did Wally get to know Sharon?

A In, I think 1968 I had an occasion to go out where Wally was repairing a boat and Sharon Lloyd drove me out there and that's where she met Wally Jefferson.

Q Since that one occasion where you were confronted by Chicken Cacciatore in Konnicker's apartment, have you ever seen him since that time?

A No, never seen him since.

Q (Continuing) -- when he made this remark to you about that he had done his part with the kid--

A Did I know what he meant, -- no.

Q Was anybody else present?

A Mrs. Konnicker was laying there in bed.

Q But this conversation that took place with you and Chicken was outside the apartment?

A At the door.

Q Do you know what he meant when he said that?

A Later, I assumed, yes.

Q At the time you didn't think about it?

A Well, I didn't -- to tell you the truth, I really didn't care at that time, you know.

Q Now, you have not seen Charles or Sharon Lloyd in quite a while is that correct?

A True, I haven't seen them since about '68, since the latter part of '68.

Q Is there any particular reason why you haven't maintained the relationship?

A No, we just drifted apart and I moved from where I was living and I just didn't, I suppose, didn't relish the association any more, you know.

Q Were you ever told how long after the kidnapping that it was before Danny was killed?

A I assumed the next day -- the next night. He wasn't killed immediately. I couldn't say; it's just what I assumed was the next night.

Q Do you remember why you assumed this?

A Well, because it seemed that as soon as he recognized somebody or something -- I mean, it seems that's when they decided to go ahead and dispose of him.

Q But were you ever actually told how long it was?

A No.

Q Has this statement that you have given been true and correct to the best of your knowledge?

A True and correct.

Q Have you given this statement freely and voluntarily?

A Yes.

Q Did anybody force you or threaten you to give this statement?

A No.

Q Is there anything more that you could think of to add?

A Nothing, but if I think of anything else, I'll certainly let you know immediately.

SGT. FRANK: Thank you.

(Thereupon, the statement was concluded.)

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