

Date/Time 8-3-89 0735 hours	SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT Police Department Lincoln, Nebraska	Classification of Incident AI DEATH/ASSAULT
Case Number 89-070868		Victim

ALSO MENTIONED:

MELODY J. HOPPER
 (Victim)
 (Party interviewed)

W/F DOB: 7-9-48

3931 N. 8th
 Current address
 1811 Urbana

TAMI S. ZIEGENBEIN
 (Witness & daughter of
 Melody Hopper)

W/F DOB: 5-21-68

PSC-3, Box 5553
 Travis AFB, California 94535
 707-437-4364
 Emergency number 707-424-2248

✓ CORY D. ZIEGENBEIN

W/M DOB: 5-27-70

Current in U.S. Marine Corp.
 No permanent address

✓ KELLY DASHER
 (Girl friend of Cory Ziegenbein)

W/F

470-2306

SYNOPSIS:

This report is in regards to observations of the victim Melody Hopper while she was in Lincoln General Hospital. Also an additional interview with her. That interview began at 0435 hours 8-3-89. In that interview, she again indicated by nodding her head yes that Steve Jacob was the person who shot her and that he was alone. Also Kelly Dasher talked to Melody Hopper on 8-1-89. Kelly Dasher needs to be interviewed about this conversation.

BODY OF REPORT:

On 8-3-89 at approximately 0230 hours, Detective Barksdale relieved Detective Klem who was at Lincoln General Hospital standing by with the victim Melody Hopper who was Intensive Care.

While there, I subsequently contacted medical personnel and requested of them that if Melody Hopper appeared to be awake and if possible I would like to interview her further and if they would notify me of such an opportunity I would like to be able to do a further interview.

At about 4:30, I noticed that the daughter Tami was in the room with her mother, that Melody Hopper appeared to be awake, her eyes were open.

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I was contacted by medical personnel at Lincoln General in Intensive Care Unit who said that now would be a good time to try to talk to Melody Hopper, that she was awake and appeared to be responsive.

I then went into the room. The daughter Tami was there. Tami then leaned down to her mother Melody and said this is a police officer, he's working on your case. Her eyes were open. She then looked at me. She particularly would have the right eye open. Then Tami said he would like to ask you some questions, can you talk to him. At that time, Melody Hopper nodded her head yes indicating that she would talk to me.

I then pronounced her name and said Melody I am Detective Barksdale. I am with the Lincoln Police Department, do you understand that. She nodded her head indicating yes. I told her that I would like to ask her some questions, would that be okay. She nodded her head yes.

I then said to her do you know what happened to you? Both of her eyes opened very wide and she nodded her head several times indicating yes. I then asked her were you shot with a gun. She nodded her head indicating yes. I asked her do you know who did it. She nodded her head repeatedly indicating yes. I then asked her was it Mr. Jacob and she nodded her head yes. I asked her was it Steve. She nodded her head yes. I then asked her was it Steve Jacob and she nodded her head yes.

I asked her was there anyone else with Steve and she moved her head back and forth indicating no. I asked her was there anyone else and she nodded her head back and forth indicating no.

I then asked her did you crawl under the bed and she nodded her head yes. I then asked her did you crawl under the bed after Steve shot you and she indicated yes.

I asked her then did Steve shoot you. She indicated by nodding her head yes.

I then asked her did you call on the telephone. She paused for awhile. She then

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moved her eyes like up into the air and shrugged her shoulders indicating that she didn't know the answer to that question or indicating that she didn't know. I then asked her were there alot of shots fired and she nodded her head indicating yes.

I then asked her are you feeling better. She nodded her head indicating yes. I then asked her do you understand that you're going to be okay and she nodded her head indicating yes. I then asked her do you know that you'll be safe now and she nodded her head indicating yes.

I then told her thank you for talking to me and she then looked directly at me particularly with her right eye and I told her that we would leave now and she could get some rest and she then closed her eyes.

I then went into the foyer. All during the time that I was asking these questions, her daughter Tami was in the room and observed all of her responses.

Tami then told me that while I was asking the questions that she was holding her mother's hand and that when her mother would answer a questions that she would squeeze her daughter's hand.

In further conervation with Tami the daughter, she said that she had called her mother on the telephone at about 6:15 on August 1st and her mother at that time didn't say anything to her about Steve or anything else. However, Tami said that she had had a conversation with Kelly Dasher who is the girl friend of her brother Cory and in that conversation with Kelly, that Kelly told her that she had talked to Melody on the evening of August 1st and that Melody had told Kelly that Steve had been over to the house.

Kelly Dasher needs to be interviewed.

At 0700 hours, Detective Hansen relieved me. I passed the information onto him. Kelly Dasher is to be at Lincoln General Hospital today. Detective Hansen said that he would interview Kelly Dasher.

END OF REPORT.

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