

blc
MO 44-272

I, JIMMIE D. McDUFFIE, Alberta, Alabama, voluntarily make the following statement to ROBERT R. PERRY and JOHN P. BRADY, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I am 42 years of age and am the son of DELLA McDUFFIE. Shortly after midnight on 4/25/53 a boy came to my house and told me that my mother was sick. I went right over to DELLA'S PLACE and noticed that DR. DIXON, OSCAR HUDSON, my dad and several women were there. My mother was on the bed in her room. She was still alive and the Doctor, who was examining her, turned around to OSCAR HUDSON and said "I thought you told me she had a sick spell. You didn't tell me a damm thing about her being hit". I don't think OSCAR made any reply. I left the cafe to get my car so I could go to Thomaston and get my aunt. Before I left town I heard that my mother had died.

When I got back from Thomaston, the undertaker, MR. LEWIS, was waiting on me. I gave him authority to take the body to Selma. Later I heard of what had happened in the cafe and on Monday I went to Selma for the purpose of seeing my mother's body. I went there with my wife and saw MR. LEWIS, who had taken the body from Alberta the day before. We arrived there between 9 and 11 AM. MR. LEWIS told me there were no bruises on the body but he would not let me see the body because, as he said, it wasn't ready.

On Tuesday, my uncles, LONNIE VARNER and SEBURN VARNER, both of Birmingham, Alabama, came to Alberta and the three of us went to Selma where we saw MR. LEWIS about 10:30 AM. My uncles demanded to see the body but MR. LEWIS said the body wasn't dressed and he repeated that there were no bruises on the body. However, when my uncles insisted, he brought the body out and we examined it. There was a large knot or bruise on the right side of mother's head. There was also a long bruise on her left arm and it appeared that the bone was broken on this arm between the hand and the elbow. MR. LEWIS said that he hadn't noticed this before, but he could see it now. He said that he had not examined the body too closely and left me with the impression that his helper had handled it and had failed to call his attention to the bruises.

blc
MO 44-272

I have read this and it is true

/s/ JIMMIE D. McDUFFIE

WITNESSES:

ROBERT R. PERRY, Special Agent,
FBI, Mobile, Ala.

JOHN P. BRADY, Special Agent,
FBI, Mobile, Ala.

This witness added that ROBERT RUSSELL had told him that he had seen the Sheriff with a nickel plated pistol in one hand and a blackjack in the other. Also, that JENKINS had hit DELLA McDUFFIE first across the legs, then across the head and then on the arm according to RUSSELL.

12. ROBERT RUSSELL
Rehoboth, Alabama

Rehoboth, Alabama
July 7, 1953

I, ROBERT RUSSELL, Rehoboth, Alabama, make the following voluntary statement to ROBERT R. PERRY and JOHN P. BRADY, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I am 26 years of age and attended school for eight years.

I have known DELLA McDUFFIE all my life. On the night of 4/25/53 a bunch of us were at J. D. McDuffie's place in Dallas County. We left there and went to DELLA'S PLACE about 11:15 PM. When I got there, DELLA was sitting in a chair in front of the heater. About 12 o'clock, I was standing at the counter near the back of the cafe. The first thing I noticed was that people were running and there was a lot of excitement. I turned around and saw MR. LUMMIE, the Sheriff. He had a blackjack in his hand and he was swinging it back and forth and telling everybody to get