

STATEMENT OF C. J. SMITH

April 29, 1953
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My name is C. J. Smith, I am 42 years of age and married and am of white race. I live at 417 W. Baylor Street San Antonio, Texas. I am a night engineer for the City Water Board and I work at the Mission Pump Station on Mission Road.

On or about April 22, 1953 at about 11: P.M. I was in my office and my window was open in my office and I heard someone at the front gate call and I got up and went out to the gate to see who it was. I did not know who this man but he said to me that he had been beaten up by two white men and he wanted me to call the police which I did and they arrive in a short time. The police stopped in front of the gate and this man walked over to the police car and the police was out there for a short while and the ambulance came up and took the man away.

I could see blood all over the mans clothes and his face. I asked the man who beat him up and he stated I think those union men did it and they used a chain to do it. This man asked me to call Jud Plumbing Company because he was going to quit this job. I later found out this mans name was Ladislado Uresti. I do not no if any one was with Mr. Ladislado Uresti or not as I did not see anyone and I did not see the mans car. He must have walked up to the pump house.

I have read the above statement And it is true.

(Signed) C. J. Smith