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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

June 9, 1958

On June 9, 1958, EUGENE RENFROE was interviewed by Special Agents JAMES J. WARD and HENRY L. BURGETT, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Dawson, Georgia
June 9, 1958

"I, EUGENE RENFROE, make the following free and voluntary statement to HENRY L. BURGETT and JAMES J. WARD, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize I do not have to make a statement and that any statement I do make may be used in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to me in order to obtain this statement. I have been advised of my right to consult an attorney.

"I am 66 years of age, having been born August 4, 1892, at Fulton County, Georgia. I reside at 105 Anderson Street, Dawson, Georgia.

"On Saturday evening, May 24, 1958, at approximately 3 PM I was at my home watching television when two of my boys began fighting. I got up to chastise them and grabbed the biggest boy. As I did so one of my girls began screaming and ran from the house.

"After my girl ran from the house my boys stopped fighting. I then left the house to see if I could find my girl. I figured that she had gone to call the police. As I got to the corner of Anderson Street and 3rd Avenue, which is about 100 yards from my house, the police drove up. I stopped when I saw them.

"When the police car pulled up alongside me, one of the two policemen in the car, HAROLD JONES, started out of the car. He had his pistol out. I asked him what he was going to do with the pistol. At this time the other policeman, Mr. HANDCOCK, came around the car to where I was standing. He grabbed hold of me and turned me around.

"As Mr. HANDCOCK turned me around my back was to Mr. JONES, and Mr. JONES put handcuffs on me. While Mr. JONES was handcuffing me, Mr. HANDCOCK slapped me in the face. I don't know how many times he slapped me, but it darkened my eyes.

Interview with ~~EUGENE RENFROE~~ - 5 - File # ~~AT 44-882~~

on ~~6-9-58~~ at ~~Dawson, Georgia~~ Dictated: ~~6-9-58~~

by Special Agent ~~HENRY L. BURGETT and JAMES J. WARD~~:mml

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"I was then placed in the police car and carried on to jail.

"On Monday morning, May 26, 1958, I was carried to Mayor's Court, Dawson, where I was fined $50 for being disorderly. The Mayor asked me if I was guilty and I told him 'No, I was chasting my children.'

"While I was in Mayor's Court, the Chief of Police told the Mayor that they had gotten a shotgun from down at my house. He said that my wife or some other member of my family told the police to keep the gun.

"I wish to state that the gun which the police got was obtained after I was put in jail. My family told me that after I was taken to jail the police came back to my house and got the gun. The gun was not involved in any way in my dispute with my children. The last time I saw the shotgun it was in the back of my truck which was parked at my wife's cousin's house about four houses from my house.

"The gun has not been returned to me as yet.

"I have had the foregoing statement of four pages, including this page, read to me and it is true and correct. I have initialed each correction and page.

/s/ EUGENE RENFROE

"Witnessed: HENRY L. BURGETT, Special Agent, FBI, Atlanta, Ga. 6/9/58.

JAMES J. WARD, Special Agent, FBI, Atlanta, Ga. 6/9/58."

In addition to the above, EUGENE RENFROE advised that he could not name any additional individuals who observed this incident.

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The following description of victim EUGENE RENFROE was obtained from observation and interview on June 9, 1958:

Name	EUGENE RENFROE
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Born	August 4, 1892 Fulton County, Georgia
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Height	5' 8"
Weight	167 lbs.
Education	Third grade
Occupation	Carpenter
Marital status	Married
Relatives	Wife - MAMIE LEE RENFROE Son - EUGENE JUNIOR RENFROE Daughter - MARZETTE RENFROE Son - JIM RENFROE Daughter - HELEN RENFROE Son - Rochester Renfroe Son - CHARLES RENFRO Father - JIM RENFROE, deceased Mother - MAG RENFROE, deceased Brother - ROBERT LEE RENFROE Sister - LIZZA RENFROE Clearwater, Florida
Arrests	Four or five times, disorderly conduct, drunk Atlanta Police Department - disorderly conduct.