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half (1 $\frac{1}{2}$) pages read to me by Special Agent FENSTERMACHER and I have signed this page and initialed one other page and all corrections as the above facts are true.

/s/ JOHN WILLIAMS

Witness:

/s/ HARVEY E. FENSTERMACHER, JR. - Special Agent FBI "

JOHN WILLIAMS was specifically questioned in certain points in his statement which varied from the statement taken from JOE STOKES but he maintained that his statement was true in every detail.

JOE ELLIS
Route 2
Stillmore, Georgia:

furnished the following signed statement to the writer:

"I, JOE ELLIS, make the following statement to HARVEY E. FENSTERMACHER, JR., whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, force or violence have been used to induce me to make a statement and I know that any statement I do make may be used in court.

"I live at Rt. 2 Summit, Ga. On July 3, 1943 I went to Sanford's Juke Joint just as it was getting dark. About 8:30 or 9:00 PM Chief of Police JIM BOHANNON drove down to Sanford's and sat in his car and looked around and then drove away. About 10:15 or 10:30 BOHANNON again came to Sanford's together with his boy and some other white man whose name I do not know. BOHANNON got out of the car and went in to Sanford's Juke Joint and I didn't see him for a few minutes. In a few minutes BOHANNON and a boy I know as W. L. DAVIS came out of the front door of Sanford's tussling, they tussled a few moments and W. L. appeared to be trying to get away. BOHANNON and W. L. moved to the ground in front of Sanford's still tussling and still on their feet and W. L. got away and ran towards the far side of Sanford's house which is next door to the juke joint. BOHANNON ran after W. L. and yelled to the man with him to head W. L. off. BOHANNON had a flash light in one hand and a gun in the other but he didn't flash the light until after W. L. was shot. BOHANNON shot W. L. when W. L. was running to the side of Sanford's house which is farthest from the juke joint. I saw both BOHANNON and W. L. at the time BOHANNON fired his pistol and W. L. was running away from BOHANNON at the time he was shot. When BOHANNON shot W. L., BOHANNON was in front of Sanford's house on the side towards the juke joint and W. L. was

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a couple of feet past the front of the house on the other side. BOHANNON was about 20 or 25 feet behind W. L. when he shot and BOHANNON was trotting rather slowly. I was leaning on the gate in front of Sanford's house and could see both men the entire time after they came out of the juke joint.

"I have known W. L. most of my life and as far I know he has only been in one other fight and that was not his fault.

"On one other occasion I know of, BOHANNON slapped my daughter and I don't think it was necessary.

"Special Agent FENSTERMACHER has read the above statement consisting of about one and one-third (1 1/3) pages to me and I have placed my mark on this and one other page because it is true and correct.

Joe X Ellis
his mark

Witness:

/s/ HARVEY E. FENSTERMACHER, JR., Special Agent FBI Savannah, Ga."

ELLIS was interviewed relative to certain points in his statement which differed from statements previously taken from other witnesses but he maintained that his statement was true in every detail.

DAVIS STOKES, Route # 1, Summit, Georgia, was not interviewed and no signed statement obtained inasmuch as he had previously furnished a signed statement which is contained in referenced report.

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