

Memorandum From  
State's Attorney's  
Office  
08/30/60 at 3:30 pm

(See p. 18 re:  
Glen Palmatier  
Knowing Robert  
Murphy)

THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM AND DATA TAKEN  
IN THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, COURT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, ILLINOIS, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. on AUGUST  
30, 1960, in the presence of:

Harland D. Warren, State's attorney

T. M. Anderson Jr., Asst. State's attorney

William Dummett, Deputy sheriff.

Wayne Hess, Deputy sheriff.

Trooper Donald Murphy,

Trooper Henry Brigenhorn,

Trooper Elmer Nelson

Trooper Jules Luber

Trooper Franklin Roy Lampe

Sheriff Ray Eutsey

Reported by

Josephine Thompson  
Official Court Reporter

in the tavern

MR. WARDEN: What time did you arrive

Grand Jury. That was the extent of it there.

advised him to go to Ottawa and appear before the

I told him to go ahead. His attorney came over and

to go with us. He insisted on calling his attorney.

a hundred thousand dollars apiece he wasn't going

hook murder. He was going to sue all of us for

heard it. I got served a subpoena for the Starved

shouted at the top of his lungs everyone in the tavern

then we served the subpoena and he blew up. He

clothes, and he said he knew nothing about it, and

just put it to him, about the kid and the bloody

John's Tavern, and asked him, well, we

OFFICER DONALD HUBERT: He went to

A. Reimaster.

Avon, Illinois, this date, to interrogate Glen

will now relate the procedure used in proceeding to

MR. WARDEN: Officer Murphy

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** About a quarter after nine or twenty after nine. As I went in the back door to see if he was there, he went out the front and got in his car and took off. We spent, I imagine a good half an hour chasing around town trying to find him, until we came back to the tavern when he was there. He wasn't served until 10:25 wasn't it, Bill?

**DEPUTY WILLIAM DUMMETT:** Yes, 10:25.

**MR. WARREN:** She also went into the tavern at the time the subject was served?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Sinner (Nelson) and I and Bill went in, originally, and then Jules (Luber) and Tommy (Anderson) came in. (Bill Dummett).

**MR. WARREN:** Give their full names so that they can get in the record.

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Nelson, Dummett and myself, Jules Luber and Tommy Anderson.

**MR. WARREN:** What time did you arrive back in Ottawa?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** It was around

**MR. WARREN:** You were preceded by Glen Palmatier and his attorney?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** That's right.

**MR. WARREN:** Where did you first meet them in the court house?

**BILL DUNNITT:** Third floor.

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** It was here that we talked to him, where Craig talked to him.

**MR. WARREN:** Fourth floor, State's attorney's office?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Yes.

**MR. WARREN:** That was prior to the time that the court reporter was called in?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Yes, the first time I met him in the State's attorney's office with Tom, we talked to him in there first.

**MR. WARREN:** Before the court reporter, Mrs. Thompson, took down the conversation had with Glen Palmatier and his attorney, what conversations took place at that time?

**MR. WARREN:** The court reporter's statement?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Yes, in this office I talked to Glen Palmatier privately for about, less than ten minutes.

**MR. WARREN:** Relate the subject of that conversation.

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Well we just, for the first two or three minutes we talked in generalities, I was waiting for Len and Craig to come back, then I figured they drew his attorney out of the room so that I could be alone with him, so I asked him about the kid and the bloody clothes and he denied ever having made such a statement, although he did admit he made a phone call to his brother and discussed the murders because he was interested.

**MR. WARREN:** Was there anything else stated by you or he or any of the other officers present during that time?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Glen and I were alone at the time I asked him if he knew Lupo Cardenas. He said, "No." In fact he said he don't serve any Mexicans in his place, "I won't allow them if they come in, I charge them fifteen dollars for a bottle of beer." I didn't reply to it at that time.

**MR. WARREN:** Then his attorney and Craig came back in?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Yes.

**MR. WARREN:** Did Mrs. Thompson then come in and start taking the statement?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** No, then we went to lunch, then we came back from lunch, we all met in the first assistant's room.

**MR. WARREN:** Who is he?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Craig Armstrong, Tom Anderson, Glen Palmatier, and his fiancée, Emily Swanson, and his attorney and Henry Brigenhorn and myself.

**MR. WARREN:** What was said by anyone

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Craig asked Glen if he had made that phone call. He took the Thermofax and read the exact words that are on the report from the switchboard operator, quoted the conversation to Glen and asked him if he made it, and he denied it, in part, about the kid and the bloody clothes, but he did admit again that he had made a phone call and discussed the murders with Bill. Then Craig asked him if it were a public phone and he said yes it was a public phone, anyone could use it. Craig asked him if he knew who had made the phone call, and he said, "No."

**MR. WARREN:** This was all before the court reporter?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** No, she was there.

**MR. WARREN:** I don't want anything when she was present, because we'll have that. Is there anything that anyone else has to add concerning Glen Palmatier, up to that time?



**OFFICER ELMER NELSON:** The only thing he exploded immediately when we told him we wanted to talk to him.

**MR. WARREN:** That was at the tavern?

**OFFICER ELMER NELSON:** He sat there and raved like a maniac.

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** He belittled us and said he could solve it faster than we could.

**OFFICER ELMER NELSON:** He said he never got that far off base when he was chief of police there, and then Bill served the subpoena on him.

**MR. WARREN:** How many other people around in his place of business when he exploded?

**BILL DUNNETT:** Four customers.

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** Four customers, a bartender, the lady he is going to be married to and three customers.

**OFFICER ELMER NELSON:** I went out and called you.

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** This fellow walked in, walked right up to us, and I asked if he was an attorney, because he had called his

MR. WARREN: I understand there was a sheriff's car and an Aurora police car in the neighborhood there this morning?

OFFICER ELMER NELSON: There was an unusual number of police cars in the neighborhood yes.

MR. WARREN: The only thing remaining then when Mrs. Thompson came in questions were asked of Glen Palmatier, were they not, in the presence of his attorney?

OFFICER DONALD MURPHY: I might say to show the condition Glen is in, he kept talking he is a deputy liquor commissioner, solves quite a few crimes around Aurora, and quite a detective himself, and he can do better than we can in solving this crime. He is not a deputy liquor commissioner.

OFFICER ELMER NELSON: What did that guy come in there for?

OFFICER DONALD MURPHY: He showed me his badge and turned around and walked out.

**OFFICER ELMER NELSON:** Did he ask you to identify yourselves or anything?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** No.

**OFFICER ELMER NELSON:** Was that before Glen had made any calls?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** After Glen called his attorney because I thought it was his attorney coming in.

**MR. WARREN:** Did Palmatier recognize you or Elmer as having been in there before?

**OFFICER DONALD MURPHY:** No. And in the statement recorded by the court reporter he was very much surprised when I informed him that we knew he wasn't telling the truth when I told him what I had seen in there. And it wasn't, it was within five minutes after the phone call that the attorney walked in the tavern.

**MR. WARREN:** All right, let's go on to the next phase, going down to Peru. Officer Lemme and Homer Erickson and Dorothy Wynne Hass

Aurora, so then the aforementioned officers went. Where do you start out from from there?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LAMPE: We were in the Peru post office waiting, waiting for Bill to come to his place of business.

MR. WARREN: Then what happened?  
Roy, you go ahead and tell what time you went over there and everything that transpired.

OFFICER FRANKLIN LAMPE: He arrived at his place of business approximately 9:35, 9:40, and about the same time we received a call from Sgt. Frankovich the boys were going to enter the tavern up there at ten minutes to ten. At that time I looked at my watch, I know it was a quarter to ten. We walked out of the hotel and went down the street to the post office and told, Armstrong was in there and Wayne Hess. We decided we were going over. So Trooper Brigenhorn and I went over, went over and introduced ourselves to Mr. Palmatier, told him what we were there for, read the contents of this reported conversation to him. asked him if he had

nothing of it. We was in there possibly twenty minutes, then went across the street and got Craig Armstrong, and he came over. Well before that Wayne Hess was with us. He had subpoenas in his pocket, and we served Mr. Palmatier his subpoena, it was between five minutes to ten and ten o'clock, two minutes to ten. We served him his subpoena and asked him to come to Ottawa with us, and then I proceeded to get Craig Armstrong, and he came over and made the arrangements to come to Ottawa.

MR. WARREN: Was Leonard Racine the court reporter present?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LANPE: Yes, he was in the post office.

MR. WARREN: Did he take down any of the conversation at the garage?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LANPE: No, he was not with us in the garage, he remained in the post office.

MR. WARREN: What was William Palmatier's general demeanor during the time you were in the garage?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LANPHE: He acted kind of surprised what we were there for, and he just denied it all along, he said he knew nothing of it.

MR. WARREN: Did he call his wife to come down and tend the garage?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LANPHE: When we got ready to leave, he called his wife to come down.

MR. WARREN: Did she come down?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LANPHE: Yes.

MR. WARREN: What did he say to her?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LANPHE: He told her what he was going to Ottawa for. He said he wasn't going to lie to her, he never lied to her yet, and he wasn't going to start now, and he told her we wanted to question him with reference to the Starved Rock murders, and he wanted her to stay in the garage while

he was gone, and he wanted to know how long it would be, and we told him we figured a couple of hours. When we left, she come out with him, they locked up the garage, and she evidently went home.

MR. WARREN: Did Bill Palmatier come then to Ottawa?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LAMPE: Yes.

MR. WARREN: How did he come here?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LAMPE: He drove his own car, Deputy Wayne Hess in the front seat and Brighorn in the back seat, and I followed them in my State squad.

MR. WARREN: William Palmatier was then brought up to the State's attorney's office and you had a conversation with him there, is that correct?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LAMPE: Correct.

MR. WARREN: About what time did that take place?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LAMPE: That was

they came back later?

MR. WARD: Did you see him when

and of that time it was about twelve o'clock.

going to get something to eat while they were gone?

Deputy here with him, and I guess they were

to had to take a state over to some bank, and

OFFICER BARKER: Yes, he said

and Deputy had to go to lunch?

MR. WARD: Then did Bill get

an hour and twenty minutes, an hour and a half.

OFFICER BARKER: Approximately

MR. WARD: How long did that take?

OFFICER BARKER: Yes.

by the court reporter, he reported

MR. WARD: That was all taken down

correct?

Deputy here, the court reporter and

OFFICER BARKER: That's

correct?

MR. WARD: Who was present on that



OFFICER FRANKLIN LAMPE: Yes.

MR. WARREN: Did you have any conversation with Mr. Bill Palmatier at that time?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LAMPE: No.

MR. WARREN: Then as I understand it, he was later told he could go on home, is that right?

OFFICER FRANKLIN LAMPE: Yes, he sat in one of the outer offices here and Trooper Luber was in with him for awhile sitting with him until he left. He sat with him until he went home, and Assistant State's Attorney Armstrong came in and told him he could go home.

(Thereupon Mr. Warren took a call from Mr. Murphy in Chicago.)

MR. WARREN: Then as I understand it, Tom Anderson is to pick up Glen Palmatier September 6th, next Tuesday, at nine o'clock A.M. at his tavern in Aurora and Tom is to take him into John Reid & Associates for a lie detector test. You will make the arrangements with John Reid?

MR. TOM ANDERSON JR.: Yes, right.

TROOPER DONALD MURPHY: I forgot something maybe I should have put in. Glen Palmatier said when I was alone with him. He said he knew Mr. Murphy, because he used to run an appliance store and sold Stewart-Warner refrigerators and Murphy was connected with Borg-Warner or Stewart-Warner. He didn't know him well, but he knew who the man was. When he read of the murders he realized he knew one of the woman's husband.