

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT A

Date 9-26-88

Time 2:15 hrs.

The following is the statement of:

EDWARD ESPINOZA Age 26 Sex M Race White DOB 2-3-62
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you may/will be charged with MURDER. Before making any written statement that may be used against you at the time of your trial, we wish to repeat the instructions issued prior to oral interrogation, that you have the right to counsel, appointed or retained, before interrogation, that you have the right to remain silent, and that anything you say may be used against you. You have the right to have an attorney present while making this statement.

Q. Do you understand your rights as stated above? A. Yes

Q. Do you care to make any statement? A. Yes

Signature Edward Espinoza

EDWARD ESPINOZA :

This happened Friday night, Saturday morning, Sept. 23 and 24 this year, just this last weekend. I didn't know JOE long, maybe 3 weeks and I know Michael maybe 4 months. I work with Michael in landscaping. His last name is KEENAR. I been staying on the streets wherever I can and I stayed with JOE a couple nights. His last name is D'AMEROSIO.

On Friday night at about 8 or 8:30 at night the three of us went to the SALOON on Mayfield & 60ventry and we were drinking. I was drinking all day long. I got drunk and I left at around 10:30. I went to JOE'S apartment where you arrested us and sat down and chilled out; I wanted to get my head together. After that maybe an hour or hour and a half later maybe 11:30 I went to COCONUTS BAR and I ran into MIKE and JOE again. We had a little problem with the bouncer because MIKE said somet ing to him that pissed him off and we left there. Me and JOE was going back to the apartment walking and MIKE went in his truck somewhere. By the time we got in the door to the apartment he was back (MIKE) was back. MIKE came and said let's go look for STONEY because he ripped off my dope. STONEY is PAUL LEWIS. PAUL LEWIS lives on Fairview Ct. near Murray Hall. We kept riding around looking for STONEY and couldn't find him. After about an hour of riding around we ran into poor ANTHONY. We found him walking down MAYFIELD HILL. MICHAEL was hollering at him and made him get in the truck. He ket after him and after him about where STONEY was at and ANTHONY kept telling him that he left him on Coventry and he was with a girl. MIKE didn't believe him, but ANTHONY wouldn't lie. MIKE still wouldn't believe him.

Close to morning MIKE was driving over on MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE and I couldn't figure out why he was driving over there. I didn't know what Mike was thinking. MIKE got ANTHONY out of the truck and grabbed him by the hair and walked him over to the creek and he cut his throat with a big knife. MIKE threw him in the water and ANTHONY got up and started running. I was wishing he would run faster. I keep thinking about it. The knife was JOE'S, he had the knife on ANTHONY'S THROAT while he was in the truck. Michael took it from JOE and cut ANTHONY'S throat with it and threw him in the water. When ANTHONY started running JOE garbbed the knife back from MICHAEL and chased him down. I got scared and ran back to the truck. I was only eight feet from the truck anyway. MICHAEL told JOE TO FINISH THE JOB. I heard ANTHONY say " PLESE DON'T KILL ME" He was screaming it and JOE DIDN'T STOP. I heard him in the water. I never saw ANTHONY after that. I wanted to come in and tell what happened but I was afraid. These fuckers are nuts. I know I am going to get hurt. I wanted to go home 2 weeks ago. MICHAEL owed me money for work. I tried to get mys sister to send me money from Chicago but she didn't jave it and I had to stay here.

Q. Did you teke any part in this killing? A. No, I didn't think this would ever happen. These guys were crazy. I would have ended up in there too.

Q. Were you drunk or on drugs at the time this happened? A I was drinking and I was on drugs, but this is what happened.

Q Was either MICHAEL KEENAR OR JOE D'AMEROSIO drunk or on drugs? A. I would say so.

Q Did you ever see STONEY (PAUL LEWIS that night? A No, thank God, He would have probably been killed too.

Q How long have you know ANTHONY KLANN? A He worked with me with MICHAEL KEENAR. That little boy was a brother to me.

Q. Is there anything else that you care to add to your statement? A. YES.

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Q. Having read your statement, do you find it to be true? A. Yes

Signature Edward Espinoza

Witness Leo Allen Det 83

Witness [Signature] Det 1082

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