

Suspect 1 Interview Transcript part 1

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Joshua Walker is Jackson Walker's younger brother.

Detectives Murphy and Parker spoke with him again at the Yoknapatawpha County Sheriff's Department.

Participants:

Detective S. Murphy

Detective E. Parker

Joshua Walker

Joshua Walker: I can't believe you pulled me out of work. This couldn't wait until tonight?

Detective Murphy: No, so state your name and address for the record, and we'll not waste any more time.

Joshua Walker: Joshua Walker. 2000 Lexington Pointe Dr., Oxford. What else could you possibly need from me? I've been as specific as I could with my whereabouts. What else can I tell you?

Detective Parker: For starters, you could tell us where you got the love note that was found in your car.

Joshua Walker: Love note?

Detective Murphy: Don't be coy, Mr. Walker. In your first interview, you bragged that you have no problem getting women and that Jackson would be surprised. Would the surprise be that one of those women was his girlfriend, Sylvia Mason?

Joshua Walker: Wait. Hold on.

Detective Murphy: Because we found a love note from her in your car.

Joshua Walker: That's not from my brother's girlfriend.

Detective Parker: Really? Who's it from?

Joshua Walker: No idea. I just saw it stuck under my wiper blade, gave it a once-over, and wadded it up.

Detective Parker: There's no chance it could be from Sylvia?

Joshua Walker: Well, I suppose there's a chance it could be, but there's also the chance it could be from the waitress at Chili's who I briefly dated.

Detective Murphy: Did the waitress at Chili's leave draft copies of the poem in her trash? Because that's what we found in Sylvia's trash.

Joshua Walker: What? That's crazy. You're making that up.

Detective Murphy: Did the waitress at Chili's give Sylvia the note so she could give it to you?

Joshua Walker: Why would she do that?

Detective Murphy: I don't know, but we found Sylvia's fingerprints on the note, so you tell us.

Joshua Walker: What the hell? Are you serious right now?

Detective Murphy: Deadly serious, Mr. Walker.

Joshua Walker: I...I don't understand, detective. This is beyond weird. I'm not even sure how to respond. Why would Sylvia write a love note to me?

Detective Parker: Look, Mr. Walker, we know you and Sylvia are in a relationship, so cut the crap.

Joshua Walker: You don't know what you're talking about.

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Detective Parker: You can see, can't you, that complete honesty in this murder investigation is imperative? You told us last time we met that you and Sylvia were platonically involved, but that isn't true, is it?

Joshua Walker: Look, I don't know why that woman would leave me a love note! This is insane! Whoever told you that Sylvia and I were screwing is misinformed, okay?

Detective Murphy: Okay.

Joshua Walker: Can we please move on from that? Please?!

Detective Murphy: Sure, for now. What shampoo do you use, Mr. Walker?

Joshua Walker: Shampoo?

Detective Murphy: Yes. Shampoo.

Joshua Walker: Uh...some all-in-one shampoo and body wash from the drugstore?

Detective Parker: Brand name?

Joshua Walker: I dunno, it says "for men" on the label, and it was cheap.

Detective Murphy: How big was the bottle?

Joshua Walker: I dunno, about the size of a can of beer. So...12 or so ounces? Why?

Detective Murphy: Anything else in your bathroom you'd like to explain?

Joshua Walker: Other items?

Detective Parker: Mr. Walker, you've consistently answered our questions with a question that repeats what we just asked you. I'm not sure what you think you're accomplishing with that, but your answers now, at this moment, are critically important. Do you understand?

Joshua Walker: Yes. Yes, I understand, and I'm trying, detective, but I'm so freaked that my brother was murdered, and his girlfriend left a love note on my car. I'm sorry. I'm...sorry.

Detective Murphy: Answer the question, Mr. Walker.

Joshua Walker: Uh...now that I'm thinking about it, maybe I had some other shampoo. Small bottles. Shampoo and conditioner. They were for the gym. I'd take them in my gym bag for when I worked out.

Detective Parker: How small were the bottles?

Joshua Walker: Travel-size, maybe? Cheap. From the drugstore, you know?

Detective Murphy: Sure. Of course. When was the last time you were at the gym?

Joshua Walker: Not recently. I usually lapse during the holidays. Is that it, then?

Detective Parker: Not remotely. We also found a receipt in your car for antifreeze. Have you been having car trouble?

Joshua Walker: No.

Detective Murphy: You do the maintenance on your car?

Joshua Walker: Hell, no, detective. I handle money inside a climate-controlled building. I have "soft hands," much to my father's disappointment. But the ladies don't complain.

Detective Murphy: So tell us again what you needed the antifreeze for.

Joshua Walker: You don't have to be a mechanic to top up fluids in your car. I needed antifreeze for the same reason everyone else does.

Detective Parker: Did you put all of that antifreeze in your car?

Joshua Walker: No.

Detective Parker: So where is it now? We didn't find it when we searched your apartment.

Joshua Walker: I don't know.

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Detective Parker: You bought it less than two weeks ago, and you don't know where it is now?

Joshua Walker: I'm a busy man, detective. I don't commit the tiny details of life to memory.

Detective Parker: Uh-huh. Maybe you gave it to Sylvia, and that's why we didn't find it at your place.

Joshua Walker: Why won't you get off that? I've already told you I barely know the woman.

Detective Parker: Yes, you did.

Joshua Walker: Listen, I need to get to work soon. Do you have any more questions?

Detective Parker: Yes, one or two, and I'm sure we'll have more than that once we talk to Sylvia.

Joshua Walker: Oh? When will that be?

Detective Murphy: Now, Mr. Walker. She's here now.

Joshua Walker: Now? You're going to talk to her now? I mean, sure, go ahead. I didn't—listen, Sylvia's a little off, you know? Like, "love note on my car" off, right?

Detective Parker: Got it. Thank you, Mr. Walker.

Joshua Walker: So I'll be— on second thought, I'll want to stay in case I need to clear things up. *Detective Parker:* Great, we appreciate your cooperation, thank you. We'll be back shortly. In the meantime, help yourself to some water.

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