Josh Walker Interview #2 Transcript

Monday, December 15, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Joshua Walker is Jackson Walker's younger brother.

Detectives Murphy and Parker talked to him again at the Yoknapatawpha County Sheriff's Department..

Participants

Detective S. Murphy Detective E. Parker Joshua Walker

Joshua Walker: I'm not sure what else I can do for you, detectives. Last time we spoke, I told you everything I knew, everywhere I went, everything I ate, everyone I saw.

Detective Murphy: Then this should be nice and short. Please state your name and address for the record.

Joshua Walker: Joshua Walker, 2000 Lexington Pointe Dr., Oxford.

Detective Parker: Mr. Walker, are you familiar with The Roadhouse Bar & Grill?

Joshua Walker: Sure, why? Detective Parker: Ever been there?

Joshua Walker: Yes, a couple of times.

Detective Parker: When was the last time?

Joshua Walker: Uh...I'm not sure.

Detective Parker: Give it a guess. A month ago? Two months? Six months?

Joshua Walker: A little over a month ago, if I had to guess.

Detective Murphy: Did you go there with someone?

Joshua Walker: Yes, my dad and my brother.

Detective Murphy: Which brother?

Joshua Walker: Jeff. Jack and I don't hang out. Detective Murphy: Anything unusual happen that night?

Joshua Walker: Not really. Why?

Detective Murphy: Because that's not what we heard.

Joshua Walker: Wait. What did you hear?

Detective Parker: Mr. Walker, we ask the questions. Now let's try this again. Did something

unusual happen at The Roadhouse when you were there with your father and your brother Jeff? Joshua Walker: Not really. I mean, Dad was feeling no pain, and Jeff and I stepped away to play darts. When we turned around, Dad was gone. It's happened before. We weren't concerned.

Detective Parker: Who drove that night?

Joshua Walker: Dad. Dad drove.

Detective Murphy: So he was drunk, and he drove away and left you and Jeff stranded at the bar, and that didn't concern you?

Joshua Walker: Uh, no, detective. Jeff and I are both grown men and can figure out how to get home.

Detective Parker: How'd you get home?

Joshua Walker: Jeff called Jack.

Detective Murphy: How long were you at the bar?

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Joshua Walker: A couple hours, I think.

Detective Parker: Was Jackson not available right away?

Joshua Walker: He was available. We weren't ready to leave right away.

Detective Murphy: Was Jackson alone?

Joshua Walker: Uh, no. He was with someone.

Detective Parker: Who?

Joshua Walker: His girlfriend, I guess you'd call her. He was seeing someone named

Svlvia.

Detective Murphy: Had you met her before?

Joshua Walker: Who, Sylvia? Uh, no.

Detective Murphy: So you didn't know her?

Joshua Walker: No, I didn't know her. Where is this going, detective? What does a night

out with Jeff and my dad have to do with anything? *Detective Parker:* That's what we're trying to establish?

Joshua Walker: Well, let me save you some trouble. It's got nothing to do with anything.

Detective Murphy: Did you leave the bar right away when Jack and Sylvia came to get you?

Joshua Walker: No. Jeff and I weren't ready to leave, so we played some darts and had a few beers.

Detective Parker: Was Jackson angry about having to wait?

Joshua Walker: Who cares? He needed to lighten up. Pull that stick out of his a**. I mean, he was boring the crap out of his date.

Detective Parker: Was he now? How could you tell?

Joshua Walker: How would you feel if your date sulked at a table nursing a glass of wine?

Detective Murphy: How I would feel is immaterial. You act like it was Jackson's fault, but they

were waiting for you and Jeff, weren't they?

Joshua Walker: Well, yeah, but she wasn't sulking.

Detective Murphy: What was she doing?

Joshua Walker: Just...I dunno...talking, you know? Laughing. Socializing.

Detective Murphy: Flirting?

Joshua Walker: What? No, it wasn't like that.

Detective Parker: If you say so.

Joshua Walker: I do. I say so. What difference does any of this make, anyway? Jack was sick, and now he's dead. We're all just trying to move on. Can I please go?

Detective Parker: Not quite yet, Mr. Walker. We're investigating Jackson's death as a homicide, so it's important that we get as many specific details from you as possible. It'll help us piece together the events leading up to Jackson's death.

Joshua Walker: I had nothing to do with it.

Detective Murphy: Nothing to do with what?

Joshua Walker: Jack's death. Whatever caused it, it wasn't me.

Detective Parker: But just a month ago, you were baiting him at the bar when he showed up with his date to drive you home.

Joshua Walker: Listen. Jeff and I gave him a hard time, okay? We did. But it's just, you know, sibling stuff, okay?

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Detective Parker: Okay. Did you flirt with his date?

Joshua Walker: Okay, yes. A little. But it was no big deal! Just a little friendly banter and

a little rubbing his nose in it.

Detective Murphy: How friendly was the banter?

Joshua Walker: Platonically friendly.

Detective Parker: Have you seen Sylvia since that night?

Joshua Walker: No?

Detective Murphy: Are you asking me, Mr. Walker?

Joshua Walker: No, I'm not asking you. I'm trying to remember if she came into the bank or something. Wouldn't want to be accused of lying to you for some innocent oversight.

Detective Parker: So, if we have information that since then you have seen Sylvia, and on multiple acceptions, you're saving that would be untrue?

multiple occasions, you're saying that would be untrue?

Joshua Walker: That's not— I— seriously, detective, honestly, I can't say that would be true. Who told you that? I have no reason to lie to you. I mean, I spent all that time looking for some chick named Candi, right? Why waste my time if I had Sylvia on the hook?

Detective Murphy: So you didn't run into her at Holly Jolly Holidays on Saturday afternoon?

Joshua Walker: Sylvia wasn't there Saturday afternoon.

Detective Murphy: How do you know that?

Joshua Walker: I...I don't, really. Just from hearsay. That's what you call it when someone tells you something, right? And I heard it from Jack. Sylvia went to Jack's apartment to check in on him.

Detective Parker: When did he tell you this?

Joshua Walker: Saturday evening. I called him sometime after I went to Newk's.

Detective Parker: Why?

Joshua Walker: I didn't mean to call Jack. I fat-fingered the phone, trying to call Jeff. Didn't realize until Jack answered. He sounded bad. Really bad. I asked if he needed anything, and he said no, that Sylvia had stopped by earlier and also his neighbor lady. Then he had a coughing fit and hung up.

Detective Murphy: Why didn't you tell us this before?

Joshua Walker: I just ... forgot, okay? I'm not trying to mislead you, detective. God, you make me sound like a complete a*****e.

Detective Parker: You don't need much help there, Mr. Walker.

Joshua Walker: Fine, detective, I'm a terrible person. But I didn't murder my brother, okay? Can I go now?

Detective Parker: Do you know who did?

Joshua Walker: No! My God, no! Look, I was not a good brother, but I did not kill him. May I please go? Please.

Detective Murphy: Yes. But Mr. Walker, if you remember anything else you might have forgotten to mention because of an innocent oversight, please call us.

Joshua Walker: Whatever.

Interview ended – 9:26 a.m.