
THIS IS DETECTIVE SALGADO 8689, I'LL BE TAPING A
STATEMENT REFERENCE CASE NUMBER 90 01 31 0233.
TODAY'S DATE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1990. THE
TIME NOW IS APPROXIMATELY 1108 HOURS. THE STATE-
MENT IS TAKING PLACE AT 2714 NORTH HOPI.

Q BARBARA, state your full name and your date of birth?
A BARBARA ELAINE DARNELL, [REDACTED]

Q And what is your home address?
A 2725 North Hopi.

Q So you live across the street from this apartment
complex here?
A Yes.

Q What I'd like to talk to you about, BARBARA is the
man that was living here in apartment number at 2714
North Hopi, did you ever see the man who lived here
in apartment number 26?
A Yes, I did, I'd see him come and go to the mailbox
and out the street.

Q Did you ever have a conversation with him?
A Only to ask that, if he was my new neighbor and he said
yes, and I'd spoken to him, I said well I just like to
know who my neighbors are. And that was the only con-
versation.

Q How long ago did he move in here, to you know?
A Mm..I'm not sure on that, I don't know if he'd been
here..

Q You don't have to be exact, was it two months, was it
six months?
A At least two months..

Q At least two months?
A At least two months, yes.

Q Do you know if he lived here alone?
A As far as I know, I haven't seen..

Q Did you ever see any visitors come here, any friends
to his apartment?
A No.

Q Did you ever see him driving a vehicle..
A No.

Q ..a car of any kind?
A No.

Q Do you know how he got, how he got around?

A Anytime I'd see him he was walking.

Q What I'd like next from you is a description of the man, now what nationality was he?

A Well he was black. And he had an accent like he was from...you really couldn't understand him too well, I don't know if it would've been India or Africa or.. you know some..

A So it was an out of, out of country accent?

A Yeah, yeah.

Q And you said he was black, about how old do you think he was? Roughly?

A Oh..maybe between..29 and 30, I'm not..I'm not..

Q Right around that age group?

A ..too good at ages. Yeah.

Q How tall do you think he was, how would you describe his build?

A He wasn't a very big built guy.

Q Would you describe him as slender, medium build?

A Medium.

Q Medium build? About how tall do you think he was?

A Oh about 5-8, 5-9, I'm not..

Q Uhmm.

A ..I'm not too good at that..

Q Is his hair short, medium or long?

A It was short.

Q Do you remember any facial hair, mustache, beard?

A No.

Q Pardon?

A I think he wore glasses.

Q What type of glasses, sunglasses or prescription glasses?

A No, I thought he had prescription.

Q Do you remember him wearing glasses?

A I'm pretty sure I've seen him in glasses.

Q Anything unusual about his facial features..

A No.

Q ..that sticks out in your mind?

A ..I really wasn't that close to his face.

Q But you said he spoke with some sort of accent?
A Yeah, yeah, cause I couldn't hardly understand. He told me he was going to the Circle K that morning and I like to never understood what he was saying. Because of his accent you know.

Q How long ago did this conversation take place?
A When he first moved in..

Q So..
A I'd say a day or two after he moved in.

Q So this was at least two months ago?
A Yeah, yeah.

Q And where did it take place?
A He was going out his back door here and I was standing across the street there, I hollered at him.

Q And how about his clothing? Do you remember what type of clothing he was wearing?
A No, I never did pay attention to his clothing.

Q Was he carrying anything when he was leaving?
A Oh I've seen him kind of..maybe come and go with a paperbag like he was coming from the store a time or two but he wore a backpack quite a bit.

Q Do you remember the color of the backpack?
A I think it was black.

Q Let me ask you this: if you saw the man again or saw a photograph of him do you feel you could identify him?
A I don't think so. I'm afraid not.

Q Did he ever say, mention anything about his type of employment, what he did for a living?
A No. This man here, MR. MORRIS...

Q You're pointing to apartment number one?
A Number one that lived there, see he's been here a long time and he knew everybody and he..a lot of people used his phone. And he told me, I thought he told me he was in construction work, that's all I heard of anything about any work.

Q Who told you this?
A MR. MORRIS.

Q You never heard a name for the man that lived here in..
A No.

Q ..apartment number six?
A Never did hear a name.

Q And where is MR. MORRIS at now?

A He's in Desert Life Nursing Home.

Q How long has he been there?

A He went in there before..just before Christmas. That man might've been here a little longer than two months then if I think about it. Because my husband took him to the hospital the day he broke..this man broke his hips and I know it was just before Christmas.

Q So your husband took MR. MORRIS to the hospital?

A Uhmm.

Q When was the last time you saw the black gentleman that lived in apartment number six?

A I'd say approximately two weeks, the week before last he was at the mailbox one day. And I spoke to him and then he went on up the street cause he had his backpack on.

Q Do you remember what you talked about, what your conversation was?

A I just said hello.

Q And he acknowledged you?

A Yeah.

Q He said hello to you?

A Yeah.

Q Was this in the morning or the afternoon hours?

A It was probably around..it would either have been just before noon or early afternoon, that's about when I mailed those...

Q I see. Anything else about him that you remember that..

A No.

Q And he was, he was walking northbound on Hopi?

A That day he went south..

Q Southbound?

A ..to get his mail.

Q I realize you don't know much about the man but was it unusual for you to see him during the day or you thought that he should be working? Or was it..was he normally gone during the day? When would you normally see him, in the daytime or in the evening?

A Daytime.

Q Daytime?

A Yeah.

Q So..

A I was..I don't think I ever seen him at night, I just seen lights on but I don't think I've ever seen him out at night.

Q You never heard any music in the apartment?

A Uh-um.

Q You never saw anyone else visiting him?

A No.

Q Did you ever see any other vehicles here, any vehicles?

A Well there was a vehicle or two would pull up over here and leave but I never seen him leave with them or nothing like that you know.

Q Did you ever see the occupants of this vehicle, of these vehicles?

A No, no.

Q Do you remember any of the descriptions of the cars?

A No.

Q They were cars not trucks?

A There was a little truck backed out here this past week one day. And I don't know if he was in here to do something or see this man but he looked like he might've been in a telephone or..communication, he had wire on truck..

Q I see.

A I'm not sure if he was here to see this man or somebody else here, I don't know.

Q Where did the truck park, do you remember?

A He was right here and he backed right out here.

Q So he was parked right here in front of number six?

A And it was a small truck but I don't even remember what color it was, I just..I thought maybe somebody was having cable put in but then it wasn't a cable company you know.

Q You didn't see any writing on the truck?

A No, I don't think there was any writing.

Q Do you remember what the driver looked like? Was he white, black, Mexican?

A He was white but I don't know anything else. Now I don't know this lady across anymore than I do (inaud) because (inaud) windows right there.

Q I see. So the last time you seen the man that was living here in number/6 was about two weeks ago?

A Yeah.

Q Do you remember if it was during the week or a weekend?

A During the week.

Q During the week, you don't remember what day it was?

A No.

Q And it was in early afternoon, late morning hours?

A Yeah.

Q Alright, is there anything else you wish to tell me, maybe there's something I forgot to ask you about that could help us?

A No, not..not unless I think of something else later but I don't think so. Because he wasn't too..like he wanted to get too friendly you know.

Q I see.

A He wasn't that type person. Those people in that next apartment I mean they speak and..when they go out or come in and..

Q They would speak to him?

A No, to me, I mean.

Q Oh to you, OK, the people next door?

A And he..this man would speak but he just never stopped to.. say anything else.

Q Alright..

A But I'm sure if you talk to MR. MORRIS he'd know his name and everything. You know cause..I think there was a little misunderstanding between MR. MORRIS and the people that rent these apartments when this boy rented this apartment.

Q Why is that?

A Because I was, I was told that..he was supposed..there was a phone number out here I think and he was supposed to call these people. And I don't know if MR. MORRIS told him he could go ahead and have the apartment or something you know, went and stepped ahead of those people or something, I don't remember what it was but..

Q So it's possible..

A He would know.

Q It's possible MR. MORRIS advised him he could go ahead and rent this apartment..

A That's what I..

Q ..is that what you're saying?

A That's what somebody told me that they had, MR. MORRIS had stepped in where he shouldn't have, when this man rented this apartment.

- Q I see.
A Cause I come over here and I said, what kind of a neighbor are we getting? And he said, he really seems like a nice boy. I said well, I said, it don't matter to me what color he is as long as he's a good neighbor, you know. Because a lot of people still don't like (inaud)
- Q It doesn't bother you though as long as..
A No.
- Q ..he's a good person?
A That's right.
- Q Alright.
A I'd just as soon have any color living in there as long as he was a good neighbor and the right kind of person.
- Q Sure. Alright, BARBARA, would you state your full name again please?
A BARBARA ELAINE DARNELL.
- Q Thank you. THIS WILL BE THE END OF THE INTERVIEW, THE TIME NOW IS APPROXIMATELY 1119 HOURS.

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