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VICTIM: Victor Gunnarsson

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Heather Shelton, w/ID.O.B. 5-4-73; Residence: Goodson Road, Salisbury, North Carolina  
Telephone: unlisted business:  
Unemployed, witness:

Interviewed between 11:00a.m. and 1:00p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 1995 at her residence by SA D.S.

Wilson, Det Sgt. P.M. Townsend, and Det T.A. Agner.

She is currently separated from her husband Brandon Shelton. They have been separated since the day before Thanksgiving 1994. She moved in with her parents Shirley and David Smith. They first separated in August 1993, but got back together in March 1994. Brandon now resides on Organ Church Road. She and Brandon separated for several reasons, two of which was his extreme jealousy and his drinking. Heather hardly knew Brandon when they got married. They have been married almost (3) years. Brandon works at Hardees Restaurant.

When investigators first mentioned the name Viktor Gunnarsson to Heather, she at first told investigators she did not know him. However, she later acknowledged that she did know Gunnarsson and had an affair with him. She stated that in November 1993 (which was one month before the murder) Gunnarsson and another man came to her home, while her husband was at work. She stated that Gunnarsson was drunk or high on something the night Gunnarsson came to her home. She stated when she first met Gunnarsson he had just returned from Sweden and did not know anyone in town.

On this occasion in November 1993, when Gunnarsson came to her home it was 7:00 or 7:30 p.m. She did not expect her husband home until 1:00a.m. when she got off from work. She stated that, she and Gunnarsson had sex in her bedroom, while his friend waited in the living room. She stated her husband came home from work early as she and Gunnarsson were getting dressed. Her husband Brandon, started cussing Gunnarsson and her, telling them both he was going to kill them. She also acknowledged that she and Gunnarsson had sex on more than one occasion.

Brandon Shelton was extremely jealous and possessive of her. She told her husband that if he would not hurt Gunnarsson she would end the affair.

Gunnarsson tried to call her one time after November 1993, and she told him the affair was over. This was around the middle of November 1993. Gunnarsson never tried to contact her again.

Heather had a neighbor Jane (LNU) who knew Gunnarsson. She never went to Gunnarsson's apartment. They always had sex at her home while her husband was at work.

Brandon later admitted to her that he and a man named Michael Blackwelder killed Gunnarsson and she believed him. Brandon hated Gunnarsson after he caught her with him. Brandon was always saying he was going to kill her and Gunnarsson. Recently, Brandon has been hanging out with Jason and Travis Britt, who live in Kannapolis, N.C.

After the murder and after Brandon admitted to her, he and Michael Blackwelder had killed Gunnarsson he would not say anything about Gunnarsson or the murder.

She does not know any other friends of Gunnarsson's except the man that came to her home with him in November 1993. His name was Daniel. She does not recall a last name.

Brandon kept all the articles from the newspapers about Gunnarsson's murder. Brandon kept all the articles about the murder in scrapbooks he had. Brandon would tell her that she would never have sex with Gunnarsson again. This was after the murder.

She is afraid of Brandon. Brandon was sober when he would tell her he killed Gunnarsson.

She was afraid to come forward with any information before investigators came to speak to her, because she was afraid of what Brandon would do to her. She does not want Brandon to know she has spoken to investigators.

During the interview, Heather seemed nervous and at times cried. She and Brandon do not communicate well.

Brandon was serious when he told her that he and Michael Blackwelder killed Gunnarsson.

Brandon can be reached at 704-279-6468.

Interview concluded 1:00 p.m.

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