

STATEMENT

Date June 1, 1983

Interview with Edmund E. Zagorski Jr.

On June 1, 1983 Dee Gay, Sheriff Ted Emery and Ronnie Perry had a interview with Edmund G. Zagorski Jr. at the Robertson Co. Sheriffs Department concerning the murders of John D. Dotson and Jimmy Porter. This would be the second interview with Mr. Zagorski.

Dee started the interview by asking Mr. Zagorski if he knew what his rights were and if he understood his rights. Mr. Zagorski replied that he had already had his rights read to him and that he did understand what they were.

Dee then ask Mr. Zagorski if he wanted to talk to him about the murders of Porter and Dotson. Zagorski said that he had rather talk to his lawyer before he made any comment about the murders. Dee told him that was fine.

Dee then ask him if he minded if he talked to him about his past. Mr. Zagorski said that he would talk to Dee about his past.

Dee explained the charges against Mr. Zagorski to him and the penalty for the charges if convicted. Mr. Zagorski replied that he wasn't afraid to die, that he had served his purpose and that his job was done.

> Zagorski then said, Ok y'all got me pretty good so I'm gonna make it easy on y'all. I'll tell you what I know about the murders.

Dee then explained to Zagorski that he didn't have to talk to us until he talked to his lawyer and Zagorski replied that he wanted to tell us what he knew. Many times during the following conversation Zagorski was told, or ask if he wanted to stop and talk to his lawyer.

Dee told Zagorski if he wanted to talk about the murders to start with the first time that he met Porter and Dotson. He said that he never saw Porter until the day that the deal was supposed to go down, but that he had met with Dotson on several different occasions at the Lakeland Trout Farm in Hickman Co., Tenn. He said that Blackwell had introduced Dale Dotson to him there. Zagorski also said that Blackwell was the one that set the dope deal up for him and that all he did was contact his people and tell them when to come. He also said that Blackwell didn't have and monetary interest in the deal. Zagorski said that on May 23, 1983 he met Porter and Dotson around 6:00pm. He said that Porter and Dotson were in Porter's red Dotson pickup and that he and one of his mercenary friends met them in Spott and that Porter and Dotson followed them in their truck. He said they picked up a tail car on I-40 just North of Bucksnort and a Backup car at the Dickson exit. They all drove up I-40 to Nashville and then got on I-65 and went North. They stopped just South of the state line on the North bound side of I-65 and everyone got out of their vehicles. He said that one of his friends took his HK-91 rifle and his web gear and told him to take Porter's truck and go

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to the welcome center on the north side of the interstate and wait for hem. He also said that if there was any trouble he was to come back and take care of it. He said that he waited for about 30 minites and his friends came o the welcome center and met him. They gave him his rifle and webb geer back, and \$5,000.00 dollars. They told him to take Porters truck and leave. He said he took the truck and drove to Lexington Ky. where he let one of his people ut then he drove to Ohio.

Zagorski was ask how much money he spent while he was in Ohio and he said hat he had spent approximatley \$40,000.00 dollars there. He said that he had bought 2 trucks, 2 motercycles, 2 horses and a lot of guns and amunition.

Dee then said to Zagorski, if your not involved in the murders why dont ou tell us who is. Zagorski replied "I didnt say I didnt have anything to do with the murders." *****'

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