

STATEMENT SUMMARY

Name: Joanne Jackson Todd

Significance to Beach's Clemency Application: Beach claims that Joanne was directly involved in the homicide, had Kim Nees's necklace and car keys after the homicide, and she told him and Caleb Gourneau that she had been in a fight with some girl the night Kim was murdered. Beach claims Joanne showed him and Caleb a clump of hair missing from her head as a result of the fight.

Summary of March 21, 2007 Tape Recorded Statement

Relationship with Kim and/or Beach

Joanne was 15 years old at the time of Kim's murder. She knew Kim but not very well. She never ran around with Kim. She knew Kim's younger sister, Pam, better than Kim, and sometimes hung out with Pam. (3, 5, 8.)

Recollection of Activities the Evening of June 15, 1979

Joanne was with her older sister Roberta, and they were cruising around with Maude Greyhawk, Sissy Atkinson and Rose Failing in Maude's car. (3.) These were Roberta's friends, but since Roberta got to go out, Joanne got to go with her. (4.) She believes that either Sissy or Maude bought beer at the Buckhorn Bar. While they were parked there, she saw someone smash into a car. (4-5.) She also remembers seeing the Nees truck drive by, but she was not sure who was driving. She thought she saw somebody running behind the truck. (6.) Joanne and Roberta were home by 11 p.m., because that was their curfew. (4.) She learned of Kim's murder the next morning when Cassie Uter came over and told her. (6.) She did not specifically recall the parade the next day, although her sister had reminded her of that. (7.)

About a week after Kim's murder, Joanne, Ed Vandover and one other person were down by the river when she found a necklace. She picked it up and wondered out loud if it belonged to Kim. Ed snatched it from her and said he would take it and find out. (11.) The necklace was a little cross with a diamond, and she thinks it was broken. (12.) Joanne remembers being questioned at the time of the homicide. She also remembers giving law enforcement hair samples and fingerprints. (10.)