

STATEMENT SUMMARY

Name: Jordis Ferguson

Significance to Beach's Clemency Application: Beach claims she was at least present at the scene of Kim Nees's murder, witnessed the murder and may have participated in the murder.

Summary of March 21, 2007 Tape Recorded Statement

Relationship with Kim and/or Beach

Jordis knew Beach because they went to school together. (6.) She was 16 at the time of Kim's murder. (6.) Her sister played basketball with Kim. From what she knew, Kim was a really good girl. Jordis never partied with her. (13.) She learned about Kim's homicide the morning of June 16, 1979. She and her sister went to the train bridge to check it out. (4.)

Recollection of Activities on June 15, 1979

Jordis had a baby in 1978. In 1979 she was dating Bear Jones who worked at Westland's Gas Station. She lived at 314 C Street East in Poplar and may have been home the entire evening. Bear usually worked at the gas station until midnight, so she might have walked there to visit him. When she did that, he would walk her home and sometimes hang out at her house for awhile. She was not out partying that evening. (3.)

Centurion Ministries' Accusations

Jordis denies being at the scene of Kim's murder or knowing anything about it. She states there is no way 10-year-old Calvin Lester could have seen her there because she was not there. She now knows Calvin as an adult, because they have fought fires together. He has never said anything to her about Kim's homicide or his recollection that he saw her at the murder scene. (13.) She did not hang out with Sissy and Maude because they were older than her. Occasionally she might have hung out with Joanne Jackson, but not very often. (6.)

Assessment of Centurion Ministries' Investigation

When Centurion Ministries investigators first approached Jordis, they were nice, then they started telling her they had a witness who saw her at the murder scene. They also told her they had a bloody palm print and hair evidence. Her response is: "Yeah, and so, you know. It ain't me. You know, I got nothing to hide." She further elaborated that she wants this to be over because, "I been having to live with people in this town 'cause the, the town talks, you know, and these people look at you like, you know, they believe these people. Oh yeah, she might have been part of that murder, you know. And they look at you just kind of funny, you know. And I've got this look for 25 years." (9.) Jordis further stated, "people look at you like that, and you know you didn't do it, but they still look at you like that. It's--you know, I just--it's just a bad feeling that you just want to go away for the day because people are right there hounding you all the time, trying to make you say stuff, but, you know, I, I ain't gonna admit to nothing I never done." (10.)

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

INTERVIEW

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