

## STATEMENT SUMMARY

**Name:** Kara Red Dog

**Significance to Beach's Clemency Application:** Beach theorizes that Kara ran with Sissy Atkinson and participated in Kim Nees's murder primarily based upon a statement Orié Burshie gave to law enforcement after the homicide. Burshie claimed the source of her information was Mike Longtree. Longtree denies this.

### **Summary of March 20, 2007 Tape Recorded Statement**

#### *Relationship with Kim and/or Beach*

Kara was 14 at the time of Kim's homicide and did not know Kim or Beach. (6.)

#### *Recollection of Activities the Evening of June 15, 1979*

She has no independent recollection of that evening. She may have been at a pow wow, but she cannot remember with any certainty. She remembers her dad telling her about Kim's murder. (8.) She knew Sissy Atkinson because Sissy and her sister Rhea were best friends, but she did not run around with them because they were older than her. (5.) Kara said that if someone reported she was present down by the river the night Kim was killed she would respond: "That they're crazy. My sisters wouldn't like . . . I have ten sisters. I was never allowed to be out late." (6.) Over the years, she has heard all sorts of rumors about Kim's murder. "There was all kinds of rumors but that's all it was, was rumors. Everybody was blaming everybody." (7.) She has no information about the homicide. (7.)

#### *Assessment of Centurion Ministries' Investigation*

When investigators from Centurion Ministries first approached Kara, they told her they had witnesses stating that they saw her kill Kim. Kara said, "I laughed at 'em. I told 'em, I was, I was too young. They told me that they had talked to several people stating that I was a violent person and um, they said if I testified against um, Sissy Atkinson, Dotty Atkinson that since I was um, underage when I killed her that um, they would show me clemency and that I wouldn't get no time and I told 'em I couldn't say anything because I wasn't there." (4.) These accusations have been very upsetting to her, and she explained, "they had um,

came right out and accused me in front of my children. These people had come to my door . . . accused me of killing Kim Nees in front of my children and I told, I told them to leave my yard, to get off my steps.” (8.) The investigators tried to talk with her again, but she refused. (8.)