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INTERVIEW

State V Beach

Rhea Red Dog

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CASE NO. State V Beach  
DATE: March 20, 2007  
TIME: 1:25 p.m.  
LOCATION: Transitional Living Center Poplar Montana  
AGENT: Agent Ward McKay  
PRESENT: Agent Ward McKay (WM), Tammy Plubell (TP), Mike Wellenstein (MW), Deputy Sheriff Richie McDonald (RD), Rhea Red Dog (RR), Tammy Plubell (TP), Mike Wellenstein (MW)  
INTERVIEWEE: Rhea Red Dog

WM: This is Agent Ward J. McKay of the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation. The purpose of this recording is to document a conversation with Rhea Red Dog. The date is March 20, 2007, the time now is approximately 1325 hours, we are located in Poplar Montana at the Transitional Living Center. Ah, it just so happens that this is the place of employment for Rhea Red Dog, ah, we obtained a conference room here ah, for the purposes of the meetings of various people and Rhea was nice enough and available to take some time out of her work day to meet with us. Also present in the room is Tammy Plubell and Mike Wellenstein who are Assistant Attorney Generals for the Montana Department of Justice Attorney General's Office, and Deputy Sheriff Richie McDonald from Roosevelt County. Rhea, would you state your complete name please?

RR: Ah, Rhea Lynn Red Dog Star, my married name.

WM: Okay. And can I call you Rhea?

RR: Mmm mm (affirmative)

WM: Rhea, what is your date of birth please?

RR: 11/19/56.

WM: And your Social Security?

RR: 

WM: And what is your place of residence Rhea?

RR: Ah, Poplar.

WM: Okay. And we already know that you're employed at the Transition Center here.

RR: Yeah.

WM: Thank you for dropping by. Have we ever met before today?

RR: I don't think so.

WM: Okay. Um, and prior to, to ah, going on tape here, have we ever talked before to your knowledge?

RR: I don't think so.

WM: Okay. I don't think we have either. Um, the, the purpose of this, ah, meeting is to give you an opportunity to tell about what you know, if anything of the Kim Nees homicide in 1979 here in the Poplar area and possibly what you may know about Barry Beach or ah, the, the whole surrounding couple of days regarding the homicide of Kim Nees.

RR: Mmm mm (affirmative)

WM: Ah, have you been interviewed by any other law enforcement officers regarding this matter?

RR: No.

WM: Have you been approached by representatives of the Centurion Ministries?

RR: Um, twice.

WM: Do you recall on approximately what dates?

RR: Um, I know they came and seen me here, so I was working here and it had to be — I think it must have been in the summer time or somewhere. It was nice out anyway. And then they came again to my home.

WM: Okay

RR: And that was the second time.

WM: And ...

RR: And the last.

WM: How long ago was this?

RR: Um probably, maybe a year later after they seen me here or maybe a little later than that it might have been a little longer than a year later.

WM: Okay. Are we talking ah, within the past few months or years or are we talking five - six years ago?

RR: No, the only time they came and seen me I was still working here and then I quit here in 2003, so it had to be ....

WM: Prior to 2003.

RR: It had to be, it had to be. 'Cause I, I resigned in March of 2003 here.

WM: Okay. Um, I'm looking at a document that was produced by Centurion Ministries here and they talk about an interview date with you of May 13<sup>th</sup> of '01 – May 13<sup>th</sup> 2001, is that a possibility?

RR: Yeah...

WM: And was that the first time?

RR: That was, yeah, that was the first time.

WM: And then you say after that they talked to you again at your home?

RR: Ah, yeah, they came to the door.

WM: How long after that date?

RR: Gee, I really couldn't tell – probably maybe a year, maybe a little longer.

WM: Okay.

RR: Maybe 2000, late 2002.

WM: All right. Was it the same people that came to see you?

RR: Ah, no it was the same organization cause they, they identified themselves at the door.

WM: But it was ...

RR: But I don't know if it was the same person.

WM: Okay. Do you recall any of their names like in the first interview?