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LANE, Michael	DOCKET#:	23 June 2009
SUBJECT:		DATE DRAFTED:
Witness Interview	22 June 2009	Brannigan #334
SYNOPSIS OF REPORT:	PERIOD COVERED:	INVESTIGATOR(S):

Assignment: Witness Interview

Subject Information: LANE, Michael A. M/B/51 yrs. 9Oct58
IR# 1408700, SID# IL17168790, FBI# 374598P9
SS# 349-56-8426

Date of Interview: 22 June 2009

Assigned Personnel: Brannigan #334 & Paoletti #435

Investigation: Anthony McKINNEY was convicted for the 1978 shotgun murder of Donald LUNDAHL that occurred in Harvey, Illinois.

Students from the Northwestern School of Journalism submitted a video from Anthony DRAKES in which DRAKES said, among other things, that he and Michael LANE were present when LUNDAHL was shot and McKINNEY was not the one who shot him.

On June 22, 2009 at approximately 1:55 PM Reporting Investigators (R/Is) met with Francey WOLFE in Kenosha, Wisconsin; WOLFE knew LANE as he had dated her mother. Frances WOLFE agreed to contact LANE via telephone but would not provide his number. After dialing a number WOLFE gave Inv. Brannigan (R/I) her phone and the individual on the line identified himself as LANE. LANE was advised that R/I represented the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. R/I then requested to meet for an interview regarding the Anthony McKINNEY case.

In summary LANE responded by stating that he was done with all of this "bullshit". R/I asked him to explain and LANE said that he did not want to meet with anyone about Anthony McKINNEY. He went on to say that he told some students from Northwestern that he never saw anything, did not know anything and also told some investigator that it never happened. R/I asked LANE who the investigator was and when did he speak with him. LANE said he did not remember the investigator's name but believed he was from Northwestern. He described the investigator as a male black with a ponytail maybe in his late forties. He said he spoke with the investigator sometime after meeting with the students from Northwestern and the investigator told him he would not hear from anyone again about this case. LANE

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was again advised that R/I represented the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and needed to meet with him in person. LANE then said he would meet but needed money. R/I advised LANE that the State's Attorney's Office could not provide money for an interview. LANE responded by saying that "they" gave me money. LANE was asked whom he was referring to and how much money did "they" give him. LANE replied that the Northwestern students gave him a couple of hundred dollars. R/I told LANE it seemed unlikely the students gave him a couple of hundred dollars. LANE replied that the students did give him money. R/I asked to meet with LANE in person, at his residence or anywhere he chose. LANE said he did not want R/I coming to his residence and would not provide his home address other than to say he resided in Racine, Wisconsin. He agreed to meet R/I in Kenosha, Wisconsin for gas money saying he was driving a Denali and it was costly to operate. R/I agreed to provide him \$10.00 for gas.

At approximately 2:30 PM Reporting Investigators (R/Is) met LANE in the Amaco gas station at Washington and 30th Street in Kenosha, Wisconsin. An unidentified male black in his twenties who did not provide his name was in the passenger seat of LANE'S truck. LANE was advised that R/Is represented the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and he agreed to an interview.

In summary LANE related that two to three years ago he met with some students from Northwestern, he was unsure if they were journalism students or law students. He said the students were contacting all kinds of people trying to get him for an interview. LANE stated that some of his associates said the students told them they were U.S. Marshals. He thought there were three to four students he eventually met with. He described them as a female white student, a female Chinese student and maybe two male white students. He said the females were "coming on to him." He was asked to explain and he stated that the girls were acting like they were going to "give up some pussy if I would talk to them." He commented that the female Chinese student was flirting and coming on the strongest. LANE said he knew it was all an act to get him to talk to them, but he decided to talk to them any way.

Inv. Paoletti asked LANE if he recalled where he met the students. LANE said the students took him out for cocktails and then dinner at the Golden Corral restaurant in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He said he received \$50.00 to \$100 for giving the interview. He believed it was the Chinese female who gave him the money while they were at dinner. LANE added that he knew the students were behaving in the manner they were and buying him drinks and dinner only because they wanted him to give them an interview for their class so they could get a good grade. He went on to say that he told the students "I didn't have shit to do with the murder, didn't know any thing about the murder and learned about it the next day or the day after."

LANE was asked if he saw videos of other interviews. He said he was shown a video of Tony DRAKES and some other people though he could not remember whom. LANE stated that before he was contacted by the students he recalled talking to DRAKES about the students. LANE said DRAKES told him the students were "passing out money and you need to get you some."

R/Is asked LANE if he had any idea why or how the story about him, DRAKES and others being responsible for the murder came about. He replied that Michael McKINNEY had been circulating this

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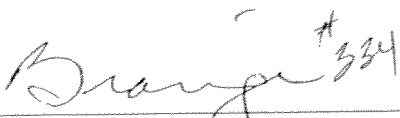



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story since shortly after the murder. LANE stated that at the time he was a "GD" and he believed the McKINNEYS were Vice Lords. He said that even though most of the kids in the area grew up together they were rivals. He went on to say that one time when he was in court in front of Judge Samuels in Cook County McKINNEY was also in the courtroom yelling that he (LANE) was responsible for the murder of LUNDAHL.

He was asked if he was video taped by the students and he said he was not video taped and did not sign "shit". He added that he would not submit to a video for R/Is nor would he sign anything.

R/Is asked LANE if he would be available for another interview if necessary, and to provide his home address. LANE related that he would consider giving another interview but refused to provide his home address. He stated he could be contacted via his cell phone if necessary. At this time the interview was ended.

On June 23, 2009 Inv. Brannigan submitted a voucher to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for the \$10.00 provided to LANE as a travel expense.

	
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