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MR. SEGAL: (Interposing) Excuse

me, Your Honor. The question before it is our right to introduce what Ms. Stoeckley said about herself. The fact that we are now going off on some collateral pursuit about what the Government did or did not do in regard to following it up does not seem to me to go to the admissibility of our problem. We have got two more witnesses.

THE COURT: I think it does. You are going to want me to hold that this woman made a reasonable statement, and I think to show whether or not what she said was so or not so tends to throw some light on that. I will OVERRULE your OBJECTION.

MR. SEGAL: I would like to be heard if I could for a moment because—let me—I don't mean to presume upon the Court, but I think we are mis—allocating the issue at this point. The first point is is it admissible against her? The fact that the Government might want to attack her statement does not deny the Defendant the right to introduce it in the first instance. I only ask Your Honor to consider one aspect of this thing. If it was the United States prosecuting someone for murder and it had these kinds of statements and so—called admissions by that



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the Government introduce it?

I find it difficult not only that this Court but that any Court would hesitate to let the Government put it in. The fact that someone is crying and weeping when they are talking about a murder that is horrendous does not make it inadmissible. The fact that later on, they say, "I would like to pull it back and withdraw it" can't affect admissibility. It goes That is the issue. It just seems to weight, I think. to me that we have established already beyond any reasonable argument the right to put this forward. The Government has shown through none of these witnesses that she was insane, incompetent. have confessions all the time from people who say, "Gee, I was drinking when they took the confession," or "Gee, I had taken drugs." That goes only to the issue of voluntariness of the statement.

In this instance, there is no such problem in this case. It never goes to the admissibility. It seems to me that the pursuit here that we are now engaged in as to whether or not the Government checking out about some people that she named and not always the very first person but the persons she changed to cannot affect the initial question which is: can we offer it at all?



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I draw the Court to my first point.

If the prosecutors wanted this to try someone on a murder, has circumstantial evidence, sometimes she says, "Yes, I was there. Sometime I had the clothing and I threw it away." Other times, "I didn't actually do it." I cannot conceive of any Court that would deny the prosecution.

I have been in many cases where I wished
the Court would do that, and I have never yet seen one
that would. I point out to Your Honor the fact that a
statement is contradicted by the person later on does
not make it inadmissible. It again goes to weight. I
would point out also to the Court her statements about
throwing the clothes away were never contradicted.
That is consciousness of guilt in the first instance.
Why are we now going into this issue which has nothing
to do with admissibility. I mean, I think that perhaps
at the time of the hearing, if the Court rules that this
witness may testify, that it is probably cross-examination
on that issue; although, I doubt most of it is admissible, but it would go to the weight of those statements.

I cannot understand how on voir dire we must have this issue battered out. There are still two more witnesses that we have to offer and there is other corroboration. For that reason, I would ask Your Honor



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5733 Case 3:75-cr-00026-F Document 130-7 Filed 03/30/2006 Page 4 of 40 to cut off the particular line of questions. Do you want to respond THE COURT: to that? Your Honor, I would MR. MURTAGH: only say that it goes to the trustworthiness of the statement, which, under Rule 804(5), is one of the 6 things that the Court should take into---7 (Interposing) We are MR. SEGAL: 8 not offering it under that rule. The Government 9 misunderstands. 10 I don't know what rule MR. MURTAGH: 11 he is offering it under. 12 He is offering it under THE COURT: 13 804(b)(3). 14 Your Honor, I think MR. MURTAGH: 15 that if these statements fall into anything, they fall 16 into the "other exceptions" category of Rule 804, and I 17

think trustworthiness does go to the issue of admissibility, and I think that what they are trying to do is bring out bits and pieces of Ms. Stoeckley's various statements and they don't want the whole thing to come out.

It is called circum-MR. SEGAL: stantial evidence, Your Honor. We want everything that she said to come out. The fact that she both admits and



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denies, in my judgment and in my experience, has never precluded a confession or admission from being put into evidence.

Many a Defendant has said, you know, only to the police officer being taken to the station, "Yeah, I was involved." He gets to the station and they get a formal statement, "Oh, no, I will not admit that on paper." The Defendant screams, "You cannot let that thing in. I mean, I said that I didn't do it." The Court says what -- "It's for the jury to decide which statements are admissible."

Why is the Defendant being told now that when he has done the job that should have been done by somebody else, he can't offer the evidence?

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and gave descriptions of the suspects that was given out.

I got dressed and went downtown, or to the office and pulled out my notes and got some information that Ms. Stoeckley had given me on a trailer near Fort .

Q Let me interrupt you just for a moment, if I may, Mr. Beasley. I take it you had had many conversations with Ms. Stoeckley prior to that day?

- A Yes; I did.
- O Had you found her to be a reliable person?
- A The most reliable informant I ever had.
- Q All right; you may proceed.

A Then, after I received descriptions of the suspects, I went to this trailer I knew she had been living at, and there was no one there. So I proceeded to look for her that day, and I couldn't find her or anyone else—the ones I was looking for.

So I went back home and went to bed. During the time I was at home, some other officers got my warrant and went back to the trailer, but we had searched this trailer prior to this--and recovered a large amount of drugs that she had told us was there, and they were there. We confiscated these drugs and we returned to the police station. I signed a warrant--I believe I signed



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people in--I believe it was an old convertible, Plymouth-

be the 18th of February?

Yes, sir; I believe it would.

All right; go ahead. What happened? 0

I was driving an unmarked car and I was Α dressed in dungarees and leather jacket. I walked up behind the car and I called her to me, and as I called her she came towards me and the other subjects in the car also came toward me.

She turned around and told them it would be all right to sit down. So I took her to my car and asked her had she heard about this incident at Fort Bragg. She said she had, and I said, "Well, Helena, according to the information we've got, you and these people you are with fit the description that was given out." I said, "Now,



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- Could you speak up, sir? We want to hear 0
- That is my signature there. Α



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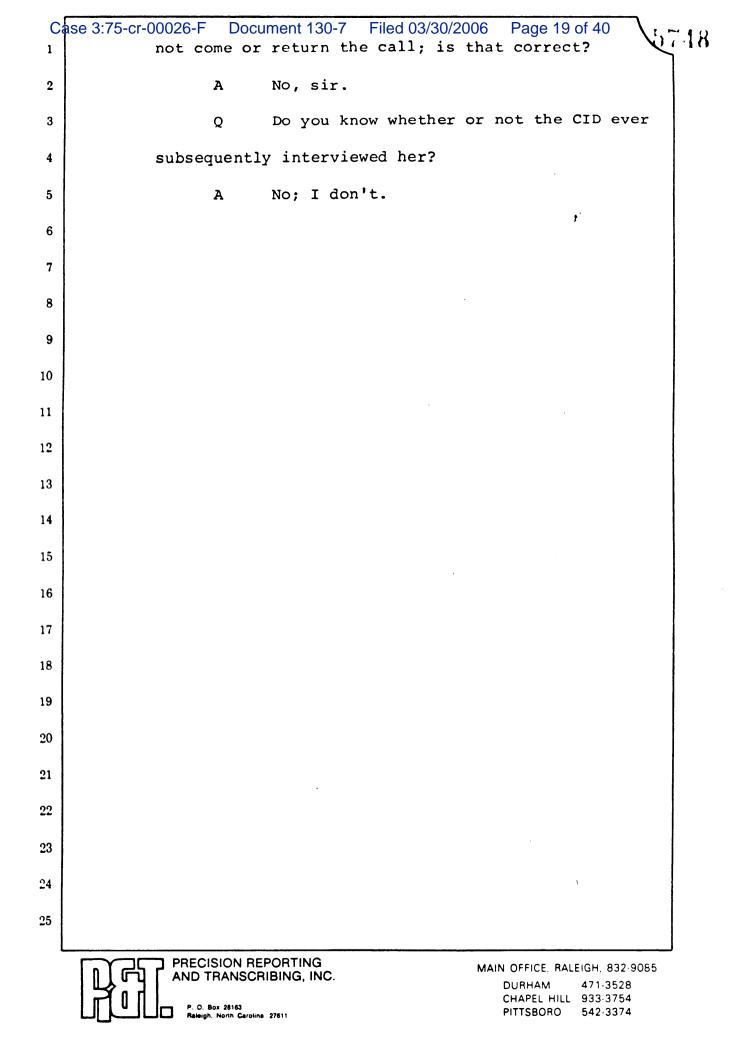
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somewhere around 4:00 o'clock, and I heard a car whip into the driveway next door, and a lot of laughter and stuff going on, and I walked to the door to see what was going on.

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Two of the girls--there was three of them that lived together in the apartment--two of the girls were inside painting the apartment. You know, they had the front door there, and Helena was coming from the car, you know--headed towards the apartment. And the car backed out.

Q Okay; you say two girls were in the apartment?

A Yeah.

Q Helena was not one of those girls?

A No; she was coming from the car.

Q Do you know what kind of car that was?

A I know it was a Mustang, you know.

Q Do you remember what color it was?

A It was blue.

Q Let me show you a catalogue piece which has been previously marked as Defendant Exhibit 88, provided by the Ford Motor Company in 1970. It depicts a number of models of Mustang. Do you recognize any of those cars as being the car?

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Q Did you have occasion to see or talk to Helena Stoeckley in connection with those murders at that time or any time shortly thereafter?

A A couple of days later I did.

Q Tell us about that, please?

A Well, Paul Bowman lived in the apartment right behind hers. You know, hers was like in the back of a big house and his was a separate little apartment; and he had a telephone and I used to use his telephone, you know, to make long distance calls and stuff.

And at the first of the month I would, you know, pay him for the calls and stuff. Well, he had got out of the service and he was going back to Oklahoma City, and I owed him for some telephone calls, and he came up one afternoon.

And I saw him out there and I went out there to talk to him, you know, about paying him for the calls. Well, Paul was a friend of Helena's, and we were standing there talking, and he said that the police had questioned Helena about her whereabouts.

And I said, "Well, I saw her that morning,"
you know. I said, "I could be an alibi for her, "because
I had seen when she come in that morning, you know.

Q Was she around when you made that statement?



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of town that everybody hung out in; and I talked to her then, and, you know, I'd asked her where she had been and everything, and she said, "Just around."

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And I asked--you know, we started talking about the murder and everything, and we got into that.

Q And what did she say about the MacDonald murders?

A Well, when you talked to her--it is like-one--I don't know how to say it--one minute she's with
you--you know, like in a normal conversation; then the
next minute she's, you know, she was referring back to
the murder.

You know, like she said that all she did, you know, was like hold the light; you know, that she didn't--she wouldn't kill anybody because she wasn't a hostile person, you know.

Q What about this light she was talking about?

A Holding the light would be the only thing she would do, you know. But she--you know, I said something to the reference that some policemen had seen them that morning, and she named the street, you know--Honeycutt--said that, you know, yes, she remembered, you know.

But it was like one minute she was there, you know, at the thing; then the next minute she was



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his name?	Was that some	body that Helena	Stoeckley was
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7	Vooh it was	a friend of her	<b>s</b> .

- Had you seen that blue Mustang at the house before on other occasions?
  - Yes, sir.
- What is the last thing you ever said to Helena Stoeckley?
  - The last occasion in Fayetteville?
  - That's right.

I asked her what she did with her hat and boots and, you know, stuff; and she said she had got rid of them, you know.

But she kept--the whole conversation--two or three times during the conversation, she kept asking me--you know, I told her I had moved, you know; and she kept asking me what my new address was.

And I told her that, you know, the reason I had moved--that it was getting too rough in there; and she kept asking me over and over what my address was.

And when I was leaving the last thing she said to me was, "Tell your wife to lock the door," that "I'll be by to see you."



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seeing her all these years, that was the first thing she



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A Yeah.

Q Did she tell you that she was, herself, involved in witchcraft?

A She was a good witch.



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comes out in the paper and they answered it. Well, I

had called the hotline, you know, and told them what I

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was explaining a while ago, one minute, she would be in a



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would be like she was right there .But like she told me about trying to ride the toy and like she said about

She told you that she held the light?

She said, you know, that she would hold the light, but she wouldn't kill nobody because she wasn't

(Interposing) I am sorry--are you through?

Yes, sir. Α

Isn't it true that she said that that would have been what she would have done if she had been there because she couldn't kill anybody?

I don't know how to answer that. She never said it like you just said it--I mean like she said-she never said, "If I had been there, that is what I would have done." She didn't say it like that.

> Q Tell us what she did say.

She would say that like---

(Interposing) Let me make it easier for Did she ever suggest to you that she could have been holding the light?

> Yes. Α

Is that a fair statement?

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