

## STATEMENT

NAME John David HatchTELEPHONE NO. 225-0837AGE <sup>(9-13-66)</sup> 23EXHIBIT #1  
- CarpenterSTATEMENT MADE AT NASSAU Sheriff's OfficeHOUR 12:22 AMDATE 01-21-90

## STATEMENT MADE BY ABOVE NAMED PERSON

- 1) I John D Hatch give the following statement
- 2) freely to and without promises having been given
- 3) by Det. JESONEK, J.
- 4) ON 01-09-90 while working at 1165 Owen Rd
- 5) with Dan Lee remodeling the house I John D Hatch
- 6) took a .380 caliber pistol from the headboard of a
- 7) bed. that Friday night (01-12-90) Ronald Wayne Clark
- 8) got the gun from me. I John D Hatch had returned
- 9) home after work at about 7 pm. I washed and dried
- 10) some cloths (Clark was with me). After that Clark
- 11) and I went to the Country Store and bought some beer.
- 12) At about 1030 pm Clark and I John D Hatch were
- 13) walking south on U.S. 17 (about at Crady's Lake) when
- 14) Ronald Willis picked us up and gave us a ride. We
- 15) ~~went~~ <sup>he made a mistake admitting this.</sup> south on US 17 just south of PEARL Park Rd. where
- 16) I told the driver that we wanted to get out. Mr
- 17) Willis stopped the truck on the west shoulder of the
- 18) road and I got out. As I John D Hatch was
- 19) taking a leak I heard 7 or 8 gun shots. I John D
- 20) Hatch saw Mr. Willis slump over and Clark
- 21) was shouting "let's go.. let's go" I John D Hatch

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WITNESSED BY: Sgt/Lt. C.F. CollierWITNESSED BY: J.W. JesonekJohn D Hatch



returned to the truck. Clark drove the truck to the east end of Bird Road onto the dirt portion. I John D Hatch saw Clark ~~remove~~ <sup>J.D.H.</sup> remove ~~Mr Willis~~ <sup>J.D.H.</sup> Mr Willis out of the truck through the driver's side door. Mr Willis was placed in the north ditch. Clark rummaged Mr Willis' pockets and removed some folding money, his wallet, and a ring from off of the key ring. After that I John D Hatch drove the truck (with Clark with me) to Jackie's Seafood. (That was at about midnight Friday night going into Saturday morning) We each had a drink and then left there and went back to Bird Rd. We (Clark and I) had discussed concealing the body. I John D Hatch drove to Bird Road. Clark loaded Mr Willis into the back of the pickup truck. I John D Hatch next drove to the residence of Clark's parents (716 Trinity Cir, Yulee, FL) where we got two concrete blocks and some rope. We drove to the bridge on A1A which connects Nassau and Duval Counties, by way of Amelia Island Parkway. We crossed the bridge to the Duval County side and backed the truck into the woods. Clark tied the rope around Mr Willis' body. (He was dead at that time, I John D Hatch know because all of the bullet wounds were to the head, as far as I know). Clark tied one concrete block on each end of the rope which was attached to Mr. Willis. Clark rode in the back of the truck with ~~Mr Willis~~ Willis

WITNESSED BY: Professor

WITNESSED BY: U. C. P. Colton

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John D Hatch



while I John D Hatch drove back on the bridge  
 2) (north bound), when we got to the highest point  
 3) on the bridge I John D Hatch pulled up on the  
 4) EAST "CAT WALK" AS close to the edge AS I could and  
 5) stopped. Clark first put the concrete blocks over  
 6) the side of the bridge and then the body. Both went  
 7) over the side of the bridge. After that we drove  
 8) back to US 17 ON AIA and then north ON US 17 to  
 9) Interstate 16 in Georgia. We were going to Tenn. but  
 10) when we got to MACON ~~he~~ <sup>we</sup> decided to go back to  
 11) Jacksonville, FL. We went south ON I-75 to I 10 and  
 12) back to town. Somewhere ON I-75 (STILL IN GEORGIA)  
 13) we stopped at a WALL MART and bought some  
 14) cloths and also washed the truck at a self car wash.  
 15) We got back to Jacksonville at about 300 PM SATURDAY  
 16) (01-13-90). I John D Hatch drove to ~~Q.O.D.~~ Rosemont  
 17) Apartments to see my ex wife but she WASN'T there.  
 18) I John D Hatch drove to Jackie's Seafood where  
 19) Clark and I ordered some food but we left before  
 20) eating. We went to Joseph Strickland's house and  
 21) talked to him awhile and he ~~to~~ <sup>Q.O.D.</sup> went with us  
 22) to the Oasis Motel so that we could get a place to  
 23) stay. We had discussed that when we got the room  
 24) Clark was going to take Mr. Willis' truck to Pecan Park  
 25) Road, break out the windows and burn the inside.  
 26) While we were at the Oasis some blonde women came  
 27) up and asked us if we knew Ron Willis? We fled

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WITNESSED BY: L. E. R. Calho

John D Hatch



Hatch's idea cause the gun + clothing was in the truck south but Clark went back because our cloths and the gun was still in the truck. He grabbed one of the women and they fought her over the truck keys. Clark told me that he thought that he had broke one of the womens wrist. When she kicked him in the groin <sup>J.D.H.</sup> he RAN AWAY. We fled being captured by the police that night. J.D.H.

The ATTEMPTED CONTACT with my exwife (at Rosemonte Apts) WAS ON SATURDAY (1-13-90) AT ABOUT 1AM

~~Blog Followers. Hatch Admits to having MR. Willis stop in the dark isolated area. Page 1, also he states he's taking a leak. That's not what he said in trial, he testified he was walking down beside the truck. Hatch got away with murder, yes, I did some idiotic stuff! But I was following Hatch's lead, what ever he said, I went along with it. I was a stupid 21 year old kid drunk. I'll share more later.~~

~~Ronald W. Clark J.D.H.~~

WITNESSED BY: J.D. Jensen

WITNESSED BY: Lt. C.R. Coelho

John D Hatch



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1 A Well, we picked up

2 Q Do you know what v

3 casings from the truck, the

4 A Yes, after we left McDonald's we drove down

5 to a part of the railroad tracks and beside the

6 railroad tracks and kicked a lot of trash out of the

7 front of the truck.

8 Q What was done with the clothing that you

9 and the defendant were originally wearing?

10 A They were left behind the driver's seat of

11 the truck.

12 Q You said you picked up a hitchhiker on the

13 way back to Jacksonville?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q After you picked up the hitchhiker what

16 did you all do?

17 A We went back to Jackie's Seafood.

18 Q What happened at Jackie's Seafood?

19 A Me and Ronald Clark left and paid for the

20 beer.

*Hatch told the jury this, see Page 19  
of his deposit we snuck out the back. He lied  
to the jury.*

21 Q Did you all know who the hitchhiker was?

22 A No.

23 Q What did you and the defendant do after

24 Jackie's Seafood?

25 TRANSCRIPT CONTINUES IN NEXT VOLUME.

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Okay. Go on.

3 A And from that store, we bought more beer at that  
4 store, and we left there and we come on into Jacksonville  
5 and went back to Jackie's Seafood. We went in, sat down,  
6 and we ordered two shrimp or two seafood platters and some  
7 beer. And Ronnie kept nudging me in the side. And I  
8 looked at him and I said, I got to go to the bathroom.

9 I got up to go to the bathroom, Ronnie got up,  
10 followed me into the bathroom. And that's where he  
11 started talking about killing the hitchhiker because we  
12 needed the money. He said, you know, we've got to leave  
13 the state. We've got to get out of here and we need this  
14 guy's money.

15 And I told him, I said, we're not killing nobody  
16 else. If you're going to do it you're going to do it by  
17 yourself, I'm leaving. And somehow I convinced him into  
18 not taking this guy off and killing him.

19 So we left out the back way of Jackie's Seafood,  
20 we left the hitchhiker in there to pay for the bill or  
21 whatever he done, and we got back in the truck.

22 Q Did you ever see this hitchhiker again?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q Okay. Go on.

25 A We got back in the t:

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*This is the truth  
The Jury only heard  
He on Page  
463 Trial  
Transc.*