

**WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT
TRANSCRIPTION OF TAPE**

Subject: Detective D.R. Williams and Detective M.N. Barker Interview with Kenneth Earl Lamoureux

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Williams: ...*Inaudible*...that was assaulted, the clerk, that girl over there, okay? And, uh, this is numerous times, Ken, I, I, I showed your, uh, photo line-up to her, and, uh, just hear me out if you will.

Lamoureux: Um, hum.

Williams: Showed the photo line-up to her, and she, of course, now she identified you as a person that, that, uh, she knows as Ken Lam...Lamoureux. And, uh, she, of course, you know, she knew him from coming over there bringing her kids.

Lamoureux: ...*Inaudible*...?

Williams: Ellen, I meant, I'm sorry Helen, not Ellen, and, uh, that's, uh, and other information kept coming on and as I'm talking to her and she knew Jill personally, 'cause Jill used to work at this certain, this Today's Child also....

Lamoureux: ...So did....

Williams: ...And, yes, uh, well, she used to work at the hospital, she, uh, she, uh, brought her children over there.

Lamoureux: Oh, okay.

Williams: And, uh, she got to notice certain, this particular person that I ain't mentioned their name, and she confided this to Bill, and, uh, this individual I talked to and, uh, take, take a statement from, uh, and in her statement she says numerous times, if Jill would talk to her about you coming into Silk Plant Forest, numerous times, uh, at night, about, I think was after work, after the, uh, other store employee left, and, uh, now, she, she was not, in her own words, let, let me finish, Ken, her own words here she was not scared of you....

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh....

Williams: ...Uh, uh, she had numerous conversations with you and, uh, during conversation, you know, uh, you talk about, uh, you know, your children, bringing the children to her, about the fact that you was having problems, uh, to her, and, uh, Ken, couldn't tell me all of the basis of y'all's conversations 'cause Jill would not tell her everything. Jill would not, uh, open up and tell this girl everything y'all talked about. She just said that, uh, uh, she, uh, she said several things about the kids....

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh....

Williams: ...And that she was not, not scared of you....

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh....

Williams: Uh, and, uh, that's I know it's...*inaudible*...information there that, that's, that anybody can put on black and white paper and get somebody to say yes, this is the man right here....

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh....

Williams: ...Uh, on this piece of paper.

Lamoureux: Do we have any other nights that I'm supposedly being there?

Williams: Yes, sir, there's a lot of nights that they said you were there, uh, uh, numerous times according to Jill.

Lamoureux: Can, could, could we have some dates and see if I can verify where I was on those dates?

Williams: Well, now, you've already told me you wasn't there, that you hadn't been there but one time.

Lamoureux: No, I'm say...no...I, I, I'm telling....

Williams: ...*Inaudible*....

Lamoureux: ...Yeah, I'm telling you that, but if this other person states I've been in there all these many other times, you know, let me have some dates, and let me see if I can tell you....

Williams: ...But....

Lamoureux: ...Where I was on those dates....

Williams: But, but you would know if you was in there?

Lamoureux: Right, up to a certain, up to a certain point I could....

Williams: ...The last, the last six months, you said you hadn't been in there but one time.

Lamoureux: I'll guarantee you, Monday through, Monday through Friday....

Williams: ...Uh, huh....

Lamoureux: ...Every night, I pick my kids up at seven o'clock at Today's Child, okay?

Williams: Um, hum.

Lamoureux: Usually, we get, the kids go to daycare from three to seven. Okay? Every evening, I pick them up at seven o'clock. I bring my kids home, bathe them, you know, read stories to them until time to put them to bed and all this, that and the other.

Williams: Uh, huh.

Lamoureux: I mean that's been going on until, let me see, we, we separated....

Williams: ...When did you and your wife separate?

Lamoureux: We separated, that's what I was just getting ready to talk, October 16th.

Williams: From October 16th to the time you and your wife separated, how many times have you been at the Silk Plant Forest?

Lamoureux: All that I can honestly and truthfully remember to this particular time is just that one time.

Williams: Just one time. Well, this, this information that I'm telling you that this girl talked about....

Lamoureux: ...Um, hum....

Williams: ...And she talked personally to Jill....

Lamoureux: ...Um, hum....

Williams: ...That you'd been in there numerous times during this time, from October 'til....

Lamoureux: ...Well, I....

Williams: ...Up to this date....

Lamoureux: ...I don't know these other dates, and I'll see if I can't substantiate where my whereabouts was on all these dates that I'm supposed to have been there.

Barker: Well, what, we're, we're concentrating on this last date....

Lamoureux: ...I know this, I can totally understand that. I totally understand that.

Barker: Uh....

Lamoureux: But, I mean, if I'm being accused of all these other dates, you know, all these other dates....

Williams: ...That's, that's, that's just....

Lamoureux: ...You know, all these other liaisons with this woman, I'd sure as heck like to....

Williams: ...Now, nobody said there was nothing going on between her, you understand?

Lamoureux: What? You seem to hint that it was just a friendly chit-chat.

Williams: Okay.

Lamoureux: Those, those, I'd like to know what those dates are and see if I can't substantiate where I was to verify a pattern because I, like I say, I....

Williams: ...There's, there's only one, there's two people that can tell this story, of course, the girl I talked to....

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh....

Williams: ...And that I take the statement from....

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh....

Williams: ...And Jill.

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh.

Williams: And, and, of course, Jill's coming around, and she's remembering more and more everyday, so, uh, you know, there's no, the, the future holds the answer to this whole investigation....

Lamoureux: ...I'll stand in line-up. I have no problems with that....

Williams: ...The, the, the thing about it....

Lamoureux: ...I haven't done anything.

Williams: The thing about it is, Ken, you know, we're talking to you on today about this thing, and we're telling you, you know, right upfront, some of what we've got, putting you in the store....

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh....

Williams: ...Uh, uh, according to two witnesses, putting you in the store, independent witnesses....

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh....

Williams: ...That never seen you before just before she was assaulted....

Lamoureux: ...Uh, huh....

Williams: ...And putting you in the store when they left; you were in there by yourself with her when they left the store, uh.

Barker: You see where we are now....

Lamoureux: ...I understand where y'all are, yeah, I mean....

Williams: ...Well, this, this is where our investigation leads.

Lamoureux: I understand.

Williams: And, you know, they're independent people....

Lamoureux: ...I understand....

Williams: Uh, that's concerning, and, and they can both pick you out. Uh, they was not interviewed together. They was interviewed on separate dates.

Lamoureux: I understand.

Williams: No one talked to the other one, uh, and told the other one who the other one picked out.

Lamoureux: I understand.

Williams: They picked you out and said this was the man I talked to....

Barker: ...And....

Williams: ...They described you. They described, uh, what you looked like as far as your, before I even showed them the photograph.

Lamoureux: Uh, huh.

Williams: They described you, uh, just about to a T.

Lamoureux: Um, hum.

Williams: So, then when I looked at your photograph, I said, well, this is, this is describing him pretty close, so I showed that photograph to them, and the woman picks it up....

Lamoureux: ...*Inaudible*....

Williams: ...She looked, she looked at all six photos, they come from our....

Barker: ...From your recent arrests....

Lamoureux: ...Recent arrests....

Williams: ...Recent arrests, on the 11th, so your photo was recent....

Lamoureux: ...Okay, I thought that one looked awful familiar....

Williams: ...And, uh, and, she was looking at the photos. They took them up and looked at them and...*inaudible*...that one right up, and they laid them back down...*makes noise of finger hitting a table*...and put their finger on it.

Barker: And you don't dispute that, is that right?

Lamoureux: Don't dispute what?

Barker: The fact that they picked you out.

Lamoureux: I would think a lot of people, okay?

Williams: Well, now, these people were, these people were....

Lamoureux: ...*Inaudible*....

Williams: ...They're not asked, Ken. You look, let me go over this part....

Lamoureux: ...I understand....

Williams: ...But they're, they're written admonition statements.

Lamoureux: I'm sorry?

Williams: They read a statement before they even looked at these photographs....

Lamoureux: ...Okay....

Williams: ...About being positive, about remembering it, hairstyles, beards and mustaches, all that stuff can change and all that stuff.

Lamoureux: Uh, huh.

Williams: And even yet at that....

Lamoureux: ...Um, hum....

Williams: ...After they give your general description, they picked you out.

Lamoureux: Hhm.

Williams: As being in that store just before Jill was assaulted, okay?

Lamoureux: But....

Barker: ...Do you have contacts? Do you wear contacts?

Lamoureux: Do I wear contacts? No, I never.

Barker: Have you at any time ever?

Lamoureux: No.

Barker: Okay.

Williams: And, uh, uh, and on top of that, you know, CrimeStoppers reports coming in....

Lamoureux: ...Um, hum....

Williams: ...Uh, and then another girl seen you over there that knew you....

Lamoureux: ...Um, hum....

Williams: ...That, uh, knew you through the trouble you been having with your wife. You know, didn't speak to you, but she saw you.

Lamoureux: I'd surely know who....

Williams:You know, we don't....

Lamoureux: ...Nobody, nobody, I, I know nobody over there that I could pos...that I would possibly.....

Williams: ...But, but you can't....

Lamoureux: ...Tell them about my problems with my wife....

Williams: ...But they know you through your wife.

Lamoureux: Well.

Williams: You see, they know you because your wife brings the, used to bring the children in there.

Lamoureux: Yes.

Williams: And, and they know what you look like 'cause you've been there before.

Lamoureux: Yeah, a lot of times....

Williams: ...Many times....

Lamoureux: ...Is that important?

Williams: Yeah, when I...*inaudible*...I'm talking about Today's Child.

Lamoureux: Okay, Today's Child, yeah, of course.

Williams: And these people have saw you over at Silas Crossing.

Lamoureux: Uh, huh.

Williams: They didn't speak to you....

Lamoureux: ...I don't, I don't know how....

Williams: ...They didn't speak with you. They saw you. They didn't want to speak to you 'cause they didn't want, uh, anything to happen between them and you and then it get back to your wife and this that. They didn't want any problems, okay, but they did....

Lamoureux: ...And, and, and also, this, did, did, did it ever occur to anybody, you know, I mean, just, just out of the blue, did it ever occur to anybody that my wife goes over to Today's Child and tells all these stories about me and all this, that, and then these people see me in....

Williams: ...In a different aspect of life or something...?

Lamoureux: ...And, and then all of a sudden....

Williams: ...That may be true....

Lamoureux: ...You know....

Williams: ...Now, that may be true, but....

Lamoureux: ...Like I said, I don't nothing to hide, and I hope to God Jill gets better and, and I'll be, I'll be the first one in the line-up to stand in the front and jump up, because I didn't do it, partner.

Williams: Well, now, it's, it's hard, it's hard for me to believe, Ken, that you can remember all these other dates but when you get back down to the nitty-gritty of, uh, of being over there, inside that, that place of business and....

Lamoureux: ...They have a photo-cam...?

Williams: ...Sir?

Lamoureux: They have a photo-cam in there?

Williams: I have no idea if they have a photo-cam in there or not.

Barker: Um, hum...*inaudible*....

Williams: ...Well, if they did, indeed it was not working right now, but we've got something better than a photo-cam. We've got two, we've got four eyes as witnesses.

Lamoureux: That's fine, partner.

Williams: That, that beats a photo-cam any day.

Barker: So, Ken, what, what can you tell us about that last night you were there?

Lamoureux: What? Can I tell you what?

Barker: What can you tell us about the night, the Saturday night you were there? You're saying you don't remember anything about...?

Lamoureux: ...I'm telling you to your face, okay?

Barker: Alright.

Lamoureux: I was not there....

Barker: ...Do you...?

Lamoureux: ...Wait, wait, wait a minute. Let me re-state that. I did, if I was in the store, I never touched the woman. I ain't never done nothing.

Williams: Do you think she might've fell down while you were there?

Lamoureux: No.

Williams: And got hurt?

Lamoureux: No.

Williams: Think, try to think hard.

Lamoureux: I don't have to think. I know. I'm telling you, partner....

Barker: ...Ken, Ken, are you saying you were there or you weren't there....?

Lamoureux: ...The conversation has, if you're not gonna arrest me, I wish to go, okay? I wish to go if I'm not gonna be held.

Williams: Well, you're not under arrest.

Lamoureux: Okay, alright.

Barker: Let's get this straight....

Lamoureux: ...No, no....

Barker: ...*Inaudible*....

Lamoureux: ...No, no, we're not getting nothing more straight....

Barker: ...Let's get it straight....

Lamoureux: ...We're not getting nothing more straight unless I have my lawyer present....

Williams: ...Well, you can have your lawyer....

Barker: ...*Inaudible*....

Williams: ...Oh, we gonna get it straight. You get picked out of a line-up, Ken. You're a suspect in this investigation.

Lamoureux: Gentlemen, if I'm not under arrest, I wish to go and I'll be more than happy if you would let me know what day you would like me to come back down. I'll be more than happy to come back down, but I'm bringing my lawyer with me, okay?

Barker: Ken....

Lamoureux: ...I, I don't mean to be a hard ass. I'm not answering no more questions....

Barker: ...Ken....

Lamoureux: ...I'm not answering no more questions.

Barker: Ken, you can have, you can have lawyers really from here to the jail to have...*inaudible*...you can talk to us here and get it cleared it up.

Lamoureux: I understand.

Barker: Alright, friend?

Williams: I tell you, it's a lot better to get it cleared up now than later on. That's, that's gonna just be double trouble, Ken, you know it.

Lamoureux: Well.

Williams: You, you know as well as I'm standing here, Ken, what happened. We know what happened, and it's, it's just a matter of time, it's just a matter of time, and you know it. You know it's reality in a matter of time....

Barker: ...Your time is up, Ken....

Williams: ...When the sun comes up and the head of it comes up and it's over with....

Lamoureux: ...When, when it does come up, you come get me...*inaudible*...okay?

Williams: Well, when it does come up....

Lamoureux: ...Well, I'm gonna tell you something, Mr. Williams. It's not gonna happen, because it wasn't me. You remember that: it wasn't me. Can you remember that? It wasn't me; it's not me.

Williams: Yeah, you know, you remembered it wasn't you, but you didn't remember ever being there?

Lamoureux: I'm telling you, it wasn't me. I didn't touch that lady. If I had been in the store, then look, I never hurt anybody in my life. Never, other than my wife, and that's just alleged.

Barker: You just told us you did a while ago, Ken. You told us you dodged her, you....

Lamoureux: ...How many times has somebody took a swung at you? How many times you have to be hit before you defend yourself?

Barker: You got a right to defend yourself.

Lamoureux: Okay, then that's, that's what it was, it was a defense, it was a defense....

Williams: ...Is that what happened in the store, Ken? Defense?

Barker: How, how big is your wife, Ken? How tall is she?

Lamoureux: Gentlemen, I'd like my stuff back if I could please.

Barker: What stuff is that, sir?

Lamoureux: This gentleman has it.

Williams: Get his knife out...*inaudible*....

Barker: ...*Inaudible*....Kenny Yontz has said that, uh....

Lamoureux: ...I'm not answering any more questions....

Barker: ...I'm not....

Lamoureux: ...No more questions....

Barker: ...You said we could come to your apartment, is that correct?

Lamoureux: Any time you like.

Barker: Well.

Lamoureux: I told you, I'd be more than happy to give you those shoes, tennis shoes. You can come right now. Take yourself up and we'll go right now and you can take anything you want.

Williams: Ken, Ken, eventually this is gonna come to a head, and we probably will be seeing you again.

Lamoureux: Okay.

Williams: We will most likely, and, uh, you, you....

Barker: ...Hold up. Wait for us, and we'll go with you....

Williams: ...*Inaudible*....

Barker: Alright, uh, the subject walked out at approximately 1941 hours and it's now 1946 hours. Uh, the date is 12-18-95.