

I, H. S. Lehman, after being duly warned of my constitutional rights that I do not have to make a statement and that any statement I may make concerning this matter may be used against me, make the following free and voluntary statement to Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, W. S. Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, at San Antonio, Texas concerning any and all pistols, machine-guns, and other firearms I have sold and delivered to certain individuals.

In June, 1933 one Jimmie Williams and a man named Fisher or Keith came to my place of business, 111 South Flores Street, San Antonio, Texas. They were traveling in an Essex 1933 model terraplane sedan, dark blue in color, and bearing either Minnesota or California license plates. At that time they had with them a woman whom Williams said was his wife, described:

Age 26 or 27, Height about 5' 5", Weight about 125, Light complexion, Light brown hair, brown eyes, Irregular teeth, Spoke bad English, appeared to be uneducated.

Williams and the woman had a little boy about five years of age, light brown hair, who they called Ronald. There was also with them an elderly woman over 50 years of age with gray hair, who did not get out of the car and who I took to be the mother of either Williams or his wife.

Keith had no woman with him and is the same man who was arrested in the Aurora Apartments on or about December 12, 1933 in connection with the shooting of City Detective Perrow. These people remained in San Antonio, Texas about one week. While they were here I sold Williams and Keith two colt super-automatic pistols and two 380 caliber automatic pistols. These pistols I ordered by express from Wolf and Klar, Ft. Worth, Texas.

I never heard any more from these people until in the latter part of September, 1933, I believe it was, when I had a letter from Jimmie Williams written from St. Paul, Minnesota, ordering two super-automatics, .38 caliber, two caliber 380 automatic pistols, and three .22 rifles. In this letter Williams also wanted to know if I could get him some Thompson sub-machine guns.

I ordered the two super-automatics and the two 380 caliber automatics from Wolf and Klar. Through Harry Cushman who travels for a gas mask concern and who should be well known to the Fire Department here I learned that I could get some machine guns from John Stockmeyer, an insurance man who resides on Porfirio-Diaz Street, El Paso, Texas. I communicated with Stockmeyer, I do not recall whether by letter or by telegram, and he advised me that he could furnish me with some machine guns. I drove to El Paso in my car accompanied by a man named Nelcey. This is the same man who was arrested in the Aurora Apartment house with Keith. On this trip I secured two Thompson machine guns and returned to San Antonio. This was in the month of October, 1933. I later that same month made another trip to El Paso and obtained three additional Thompson machine guns from Stockmeyer. All of these guns were shipped to Jimmie Williams at 1632 South Preston

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Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. I do not recall whether I shipped the pistols at a different time than I shipped the machine guns. Williams also had sent me about \$400 in the letter he wrote me and I believe that approximately \$300 of this was in cashier's checks on some Chicago bank, the name of which I do not recall. I believe the balance of the money was a Postoffice money order. The machine guns were shipped with C. O. D. charges of approximately \$900. I later received a letter from Jimmie Williams acknowledging receipt of this shipment in which letter he spoke of the weather being cold in Minnesota and stated that he would probably be down in this country soon.

Sometime after the middle of November, 1933 this same Jimmie Williams who is described as follows arrived here:

Age 26 or 27, Height about 5' 5", Weight about 135, Complexion light, Hair light brown combed straight back, Small blond mustache, Blue eyes.

He was accompanied by Keith and the following individuals:

TOM MCGANNON DESCRIBED: AGE ABOUT 32 OR 33, HEIGHT 5' 8" or 9", SLIGHTLY POCKMARKED OR ROUGH FACE, LIGHT COMPLEXION, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, ACCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN: AGE ABOUT 35, HEAVY SET, LIGHT YELLOW HAIR BOBBED, ROUGH COMPLEXION, ABOUT FIVE FOOT SEVEN INCHES TALL AND WHO HAD A LITTLE GIRL ABOUT FIVE YEARS OLD WITH BLOND HAIR.

WAYNE HUTTNER DESCRIBED: AGE 33 TO 34, HEIGHT 5' 10", DARK BROWN HAIR ALMOST BLACK, WEIGHT ABOUT 150 POUNDS, DARK COMPLEXION, HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, SMALL DARK MUSTACHE, WALKED WITH DROOPING SHOULDERS, TALKED WITH A DRAWL. ACCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN: AGE ABOUT 20, HEIGHT 5' 5", WEIGHT ABOUT 115 POUNDS, DARK COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, THIN EYES BLACK, APPEARED TO BE PART INDIAN OR ITALIAN.

TOMMIE CARROLL WHO IS THE MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING CITY DETECTIVE FERROW.

WILLIAMS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SAME YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS WITH HIM IN JUNE BUT I DID NOT SEE THE ELDERLY WOMAN AT THIS TIME.

At this time the party had the following automobiles:

Jimmie Williams, what appeared to be the same terraplane sedan he had in June.

Wayne Huttner, a terraplane sedan, 1933 model, dark blue color, with an Illinois license.

Tom McGannon, Buick coach, 1933 model, black color, trunk on rear, Minnesota license.

Keith, an Auburn sedan, 1933 model, Minnesota license.

This party of people remained in San Antonio almost a month during which time I sold either Jimmie Williams or Keith two more 380 caliber automatic pistols. Williams, Huttner, McGannon, and the women left San Antonio on Saturday night, prior to the shooting of Detective Perrow on Monday, December 12, I believe it was. I know they left because they came by my store and told me goodbye. Carroll and Keith remained in San Antonio.

Tommie Carroll had at one time asked me if he could borrow a pair of old pants to wear hunting. On the evening that Detective Perrow was shot, and before I knew of the shooting and at about 5:30 P. M. Carroll came to my place and borrowed a pair of trousers and left my place walking. I have never seen him since. Later that same evening about 6:30 P. M. Keith phoned me to meet him on Broadway near Brackenridge Park. I met him and Nelcey. They were in the Auburn car of Keith's. Keith asked me about the shooting and I told him that from a conversation I had had with a girl who had phoned me from Keene's drug store Carroll might have been involved as this girl had asked me not to say anything about her going with Carroll or knowing him in case anyone asked me. Keith said he was going to the Aurora Apartments, get his clothes, and leave town. The next time I saw Keith was in the San Antonio Police Department after his arrest.

I do not know where Tommie Carroll, known in San Antonio as Tommie McLarkin, Wayne Huttner, Jimmie Williams, Tommie McGannon, or the women resided while they were in San Antonio. I knew that Keith resided at the Aurora Apartments, as he had asked me about a place and I had mentioned this apartment house to him.

I do not know whether I have any record of the shipment of guns to Jimmie Williams at St. Paul or not, and I hereby willingly give my permission to Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, or anyone he may designate, permission to look through all my records and my store at 111 South Flores Street, San Antonio, Texas for any information or record in connection with this shipment or any other sales of pistols or machine guns that may be in my establishment.

I recall that Jimmie Williams in conversation with me once said if I was ever in San Francisco and he was there I could get in touch with him through Foghorn Murphy, who is well known in that place.

I have willingly told the entire truth concerning my transaction with the people mentioned herein. It is the full truth and all of the truth.

I have not been able to find the record of a .38 caliber super-automatic pistol shipped to me on September 18, 1933 by Wolf and Klar, Ft. Worth, Texas, but if one was shipped on that date it was one of the guns that I shipped to Jimmie

Williams at 1632 South Preston Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

H. S. Letman

Subscribed and sworn to this 29th day of April, 1934  
before me a Notary Public in and for Bexar County,  
Texas.

Mrs. Mamie Levine

Notary Public, Bexar County, Texas.

Witness:

C. R. Davis, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
San Antonio, Texas.

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Supplementary statement made to Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, San Antonio, Texas, to be made a part of the statement made on this date. This statement is made under the same conditions as my previous statement and after the same explanation of my constitutional rights.

Concerning the following letter found in my files in my place of business at 111 South Flores Street, and which letter I voluntarily turned over to Mr. Jones:

"September 25, 1933.

"Dear Pal

"Could not write sooner the address here is

"Mr. Joseph Bennett  
3242 Sixteenth Ave. So.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

"Enclose my personal letter in another envelope addressed to 'Jimmie'.

"Hope to hear some good news from you soon. Don't get me any more outfits like the last one. It was 'one way' like I thought it was. I'm sure you understand what I mean. But don't let it worry you.

As ever your pal,

Jimmie."

I received the above letter from Jimmie Williams. It was posted in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and since having it called to my attention I now know that I was mistaken in the address of Jimmie Williams which I said in my previous statement was 1632 South Preston Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. I now am sure that the address mentioned in the above letter is the place I shipped all the guns described in my former statement. I do not know what made me mention the South Preston Street address. I can not recall that I ever communicated with anyone at that address.

The outfit Jimmie refers to in the letter was a machine gun I sold him in September, 1933. I recall now that Jimmie and his wife returned to San Antonio about the tenth of September, 1933 and remained about three days. There was no one else with them. At that time he also bought one .38 Colt super-automatic and a .25 caliber automatic pistol. This machine gun I obtained from Izzey/Shap-pu, Corpus Christi, Texas. My brother-in-law, Louis/Schwartzman, who travels for me, had told Izzey that if he could get a machine gun I would buy it. I believe that Izzey got the gun from a deputy sheriff. He called me up and I went down to Corpus and got the gun and I believe I paid him \$150.00 for the gun. I brought it to San Antonio and Jimmie was leaving that night and I delivered the

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gun to him. He paid me \$300.00 for it. This transaction was about the middle of September, 1933. At that time I was making no record of transactions of this kind and I have no record to refer to to refresh my memory.

Jimmie shipped this gun back to me to be repaired as it would not operate "full auto" and that is what he meant by his statement in the above letter that it was "one way." I repaired this gun and showed it to him when he came to San Antonio in November, 1933. At that time he said he would give me an address to ship the gun to him but he never did. The machine gun I am now referring to is the gun found in my place of business this morning. It has no serial number on it now although I am sure it did have when I delivered it to Jimmie in September, 1933. This gun I am now voluntarily turning over to Gus T. Jones for the purpose of tracing its identity.

Concerning the Colt .45 automatic, with the number filed off and secret number 173697, this gun was obtained by me from Wolf & Klar sometime in November 1933. I believe I sold this gun to Keith or at least it was to one of the bunch that was here in November. It was traded back to me for a .38 super automatic. At the time I obtained the gun the serial number was intact but when I got it back it had been removed. This is the gun found in my desk drawer and was not with my regular stock of guns. I am turning this gun over to Gus T. Jones in order that it can be traced to verify whether or not I obtained it in the manner I have here stated.

Concerning the .45 caliber colt automatic, serial number 161971 (secret) this gun was dismantled by me in the shape it was found and I was building it into a machine gun; the hand grip found with it was to have been affixed to the gun and the gun was to have been made to fire "full auto." This job was ordered done by Wayne Huttner while the gang was here in November, 1933. The job was not finished when Huttner left and I was to deliver it to Keith but did not on account of his arrest. This gun was not sold by me and I do not know where they obtained it.

Concerning the nickle-plated .45 caliber Army automatic, serial number 77149, I am positive that this gun was left with me for repairs several months ago by some party I do not know. I held this gun for some time and placed it in my show window but realizing that it was a Government gun I took it from the window and placed it in my safe where it was found today. I have turned this gun over to Gus T. Jones in order that it can be returned to the military authorities from whom it must have been stolen. I know that none of these guns, bearing the stamp "United States Property" are for sale.

I can not think of anything additional to say at this time except that the United States Army Springfield Rifle found in my place, serial #646706, was left there by a man named Stanfield for repairs several months ago. Stanfield did

not leave any address and I do not know him.

This statement is the truth and is made to Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Texas, on April 29, 1934.

H. S. Lehman

Witnesses:

C. R. Davis, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
San Antonio, Texas.

S. J. Maloukis, M.-Sgt., Military Police.

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