

State House, Boston, Massachusetts.

November 7, 1924.

Present:-

Harold Williams, District Attorney
George A. Parker, Captain State Police Patrol
John Stokes, State Police Officer
Michael Fleming, State Police Officer.

JAMES L. MINGO

- Q (BY STATE OFFICER FLEMING) On November first last, that will be last Saturday, there was an attempted robbery and shooting at the National Bank in Wrentham. In consequence of this shooting the man is dying this afternoon, making the crime of all those participating Murder. I am going to ask you some questions which you do not need to answer, if you don't want to; and any statements you do make may be used against you. Do you thoroughly understand that?
- A Yes Sir.
- Q Where were you last Saturday?
- A In New Bedford.
- Q Where were you Last Friday night?
- A In New Bedford.
- Q Were you in New Bedford all day Saturday?
- A Yes Sir.
- Q Where were you on the following day?
- A In New Bedford.
- Q Where you in New Bedford on the ZMonday following?
- A Yes Sir.
- Q When did you first hear about the shooting?
- A I was reading in the paper Monday Afternoon on the corner of Spring and Second Streets in New Bedford.
- Q Where were you the following Tuesday?
- A Following Tuesday?
- Q Yes

A In ~~NEWBEDFORD~~ New Bedford.

Q Last Wednesday?

A Yes Sir, in New Bedford.

Q Where were you Thursday.

A In New Bedford.

Q In New Bedford all day?

A Yes Sir, until evening eight O'Clock.

Q Where did you go then?

A I went with Bedard and Pacheco.

Q Where did you meet them?

A On the corner of Walnut and Second Streets in New Bedford.

Q What were you doing at the time you met them?

A I just came up from North Dighton in a Ford Truck with some furniture from the Cranberry Bog.

Q What is the name of the man you worked for?

A I don't know his last name, his first name is Louis; I think his last name is Argo.

Q How long have you worked for him?

A I started Wednesday, he engaged me Tuesday.

Q Do you mean this Wednesday and Thursday?

A Yes; this Wednesday and Thursday.

Q You mean yesterday and day before? I am talking about Last Saturday. You were not working?

A No Sir.

Q Where did you stay last Friday night?

A I stayed at Mansion House, 109 Union St., New Bedford.

Q What time did you go in the house last Friday night?

A I think I went in about 8.15, something like that.

Q Did you come out again?

A No Sir.

Q What time did you go out Saturday morning?

A I went out Saturday at 6 O'clock in the morning. The man wakes me up every morning.

Q Looking for work? Did you look for work Saturday morning?

A Yes Sir.

Q How many places did you apply to?

A I applied to Flanders, he is in partnership right in Mansion House Block, and a fellow named Ruby. His place is on the corner of Second and School Streets.

Q Where else did you go?

A Only those two places.

Q What time was it when you got to those two places?

A Between 6 and 8 A.M.

Q It took two hours to take in those two places?

A Yes Sir. I waited for Flanders; only two hours.

Q What is the nature of the work you were doing?

A Roofing, taking down chimneys.

Q Were you looking for that job?

A No, I waited on the curb for Flanders.

Q Have you ever worked in this business before?

A Yes Sir. I worked for J. W. six or seven years ago.

Q Six or seven years ago what time did you start to work in the morning?

A Seven A. M.

Q What time do you start to work in the morning now?

A I have no idea, I think eight.

Q What was the nature of the work you applied for?

A Same thing; just building chimneys and repairing them over.

Q Did you ever work at that before?

A No. I was apprenticed for twelve months bricklaying.

Q How long ago?

A Seven years ago.

Q You started to work then at 7 o'clock?

A Yes Sir. I used to go out and get things ready for the bricklayers.

Q What time did the men get on the job?

A Between 4.30 and 5 A.M.

Q What for?

A To get the stuff on the market and have it ready for the market.

Q Was he there then?

A Yes Sir.

Q Was he there last Saturday morning?

A No Sir.

Q You just said he was there between 4.30 and 5 o'clock.

A He generally is.

Q How long did you have to wait there this morning?

A I went to his house.

Q Where does he hang out?

A On the corner of School and Second Streets.

Q Where did you go after you visited those two places?

A I went to the poolroom on Spring and Second streets at 8.30 in the morning.

Q Who owns the place?

A Joseph Marston.

Q Did you play pool that morning?

A No Sir.

- Q How many were there when you went there at 8 o'clock?
- A I don't remember; there was no one other than the fellow who takes care of the place.
- Q What's his name?
- A I don't know his name; just Charley, a Portugese fellow.
- Q You are sure that was Saturday morning?
- A Yes Sir.
- Q Where did you go Friday morning?
- A I got up and looked for work.
- Q Where did you go?
- A I went straight to the poolroom. I did not go to work Friday morning.
- Q You did not look for work?
- A No Sir. I got up Friday morning, left the house where I live and went to Spring and Second streets and met a man named McMillan who is a moving man. Two fellows were sitting on the steps of the poolroom talking.
- Q How long did you sit there?
- A For an hour or so.
- Q Where did you go Sunday morning?
- A I stayed in bed until 9.30 and 10 o'clock.
- Q You are dead sure that it was Saturday morning that you went looking for work?
- A Just Saturday.
- Q There are no reasons why you should tell me lies in regard to any of the questions I am asking you?
- A No Sir.
- Q If you do tell lies the only reason would be that you are guilty of participating in this crime?
- A Yes Sir.

Q Saturday morning you got up and went to the poolroom about 8.30?

A No, between 6 and 8.

Q What time did you get to the poolroom?

A I left the room at six o'clock in the morning. I did not go to the poolroom; I went to Flanders.

Q You did go to the poolroom Saturday morning?

A Yes Sir.

Q What time did you leave the poolroom?

A I cannot tell that.

Q What time in the morning?

A I can't remember that.

Q When you left the poolroom where did you go?

A I went home.

Q Back to your room?

A Yes Sir.

Q How long did you stay there?

A I had corns and I bathed my feet.

Q How long did you stay in your room?

A One hour or an hour and a half.

Q What did you do then?

A Dressed up.

Q Then what?

A I came out and went to the poolroom.

Q What time was it?

A I don't remember.

Q Was it before or after dinner?

A Before dinner.

Q What time do you have dinner?

A I generally eat between 11 and 12 o'clock.

Q Between 11 and 12 o'clock?

A Yes Sir.

Q How long did you stay in the poolroom when you went there the second time that morning?

A I cannot tell you.

Q After you left the poolroom the second time where did you go?

A Home; I went to dinner first and came back to the poolroom.

Q That was the third time?

A The second time.

Q According to your statements I understand it that this makes the third time.

A I am all mixed up.

Q I am not trying to mix you up. There are no reasons why I should get you mixed up if you are telling the truth. After you had dinner you went back to the poolroom?

A Yes Sir.

Q How long did you stay then?

A I have no idea. I might have stayed all afternoon.

Q Don't you know?

A Sometimes I stay all afternoon.

Q You remember distinctly when you were there in the morning and Saturday afternoon is later than Saturday morning. If you remember Saturday morning you should remember Saturday afternoon. Can you think where you were Saturday afternoon?

A I did not go away. I stayed right around the poolroom, outside and inside.

Q Give me the names of some of the fellows you saw in the poolroom Saturday?

A Saturday?

Q Yes.

A Quite a few fellows have nicknames.

Q Give me the nicknames.

A Joseph Marston, the proprietor, then a fellow called Buster and a fellow by the name of Charley who works there; then Anton Carbol, Charles Senter, Steve Watkins and Big Sam, a colored fellow.

Q You were watching the pool games?

A Yes Sir.

Q Tell me the parties who were engaged in a game of pool at any one table.

A Saturday afternoon?

Q Yes.

A I cannot remember.

Q I mean who was playing in the morning?

A I don't remember that.

Q What time did you leave the poolroom that afternoon?

A It must have been just before dark as I went home to wash up.

Q Didn't you wash up when you changed clothes that afternoon?

A Yes, I washed and bathed my feet.

Q What had you been doing in the poolroom that afternoon which led you to go home and wash up again?

A Fooling around the poolroom with the fellows.

Q After you washed up that afternoon what did you do then?

A Here is one thing I am not sure of. I think I went to see a fellow at School and Second streets. He owed me \$1.05 or \$1.75. I am not sure whether it was Saturday or Sunday

Q Did you ever play pool in this poolroom?

A Yes Sir.

Q Why didn't you play Saturday?

A I didn't have any money.

Q You didn't have any money Saturday morning?

A No Sir.

Q You say you stayed home all day Sunday? Did you get the \$1.75?

A Yes Sir.

Q What did you do with it?

A I spent it for food.

Q In a lunch room?

A Yes Sir; on Spring and Second streets.

Q You didn't bring any food home with you, such as canned stuffs and the like of that?

A No Sir.

Q If you got that \$1.75 Friday night you would have had some money Saturday morning?

A Yes Sir; I don't think it was Saturday morning.

Q You don't think so?

A No Sir; I am sure it was Saturday night.

Q You tell me that you didn't have the \$1.75 Saturday morning, that you got it Saturday night and spent it for food. Could it have been Thursday night?

A No Sir.

Q Was it either Thursday or Friday night?

A No Sir.

Q Saturday night is usually pay night and that is the night when a fellows calls and collects what is due him?

A I think it was Saturday night.

Q What did you say the fellow's name was?

A Fellow by name of Ruby.

Q Where does he live?

A School and Second streets.

Q Does he live with his folks there?

A Yes, he has a girl, a boy and his wife.

Q A married man?

A Yes Sir.

Q How long did he owe this money?

A It was that day I worked for him, that afternoon. From 10 in the morning I worked until 2.30. He gave me 10c to get home with and said "Come after supper and I will give you the money". That was the day I got the \$1.75. I cannot remember what day it was.

Q He owed you that money for some work you had done?

A Yes Sir, three hours work.

Q When was that?

A It was in the afternoon at 2.30.

Q You are not sure whether it was Friday or Saturday and you still say you spent \$1.75 for food?

A No, I did not spend it all.

Q I think you stated you did not have any money Saturday morning?

A No Sir.

Q What did you do with it?

A It must have been Saturday night that I got the money.

Q He could not have given you money Friday night for work you were going to do Saturday? Do you realize that this is the day that you stated you were hanging around the poolroom? You accounted for almost every minute of Friday and Saturday and said nothing about work until just now, and you stated at the beginning that if you told any lies that you were guilty of participating in this crime.

A I guess if I look back and try to remember what I said Saturday that I got mixed up.

Q Do you want to change any statement you made already? Do you want to take back anything you have said?

A On that job, I don't know whether it was Friday or Saturday. I did some work with his son and one laborer.

Q And you cannot remember what day it was?

A No Sir.

Q How long before that have you done any work?

A Before That? Two weeks.

Q You haven't done any work for two weeks?

A No Sir.

Q When did you start working next?

A Day before yesterday.

Q Wednesday?

A Yes Sir.

Q You cannot remember what day that was, whether it was Friday or Saturday?

A No Sir.

Q In other words when I check up these statements if you were not there Saturday you will say it was Friday?

A That's not the idea, I just can't remember.

Q You were broke Saturday night?

A Until I got that money.

Q You say you spent the money for food?

A No, I had some next day.

Q You had some the next day?

A Yes Sir.

Q Do you have any other means of getting money other than what you work for?

A Driving machines as a chauffeur.

Q Is there any other source of income besides what you work for; no rich relatives and the like of that?

A No Sir, none whatever.

Q You finally got a job?

A Yes Sir.

Q When was that?

A Wednesday.

Q With whom?

A With this fellow, I don't know his name.

Q The same fellow?

A Not this fellow. He didn't engage me. A fellow by the name of Mullart came to the poolroom and called for me and I came out and he told me that there was a fellow in Onset and he wanted a fellow who could drive a Ford truck and do some express business. I was doing that when I was young and he recommended me to this fellow. That was Tuesday. Tuesday evening he brought me over there and introduced me, and this fellow asked me when I could go to work and I said any time. He said it was too far and we better wait until tomorrow. He said "Meet me Wednesday morning between eight and nine o'clock and we will take the car and go to Padanaram and right down to the Cape". We went to the Cape and got there round twelve o'clock.

Q That was Wednesday?

A Yes Sir, I left the Cape and got to New Bedford about 7.15 P.M.

Q What time did you go to work Thursday morning?

A 8.45

Q When did you get there?

A I got there last night. I pulled in just before dark between six and seven o'clock. I am not sure which.

Q What time was it when you met these other two fellows?

A I am not sure. I think I saw these other two fellows quarter part seven or 7.30.

Q You were in the truck?

A I just took off the spare tire and put the lock on. I came across the street and met Pacheco and Bedard.

Q Did they have an automobile?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you meet them by appointment?

A I just happened to run into them.

Q They did not know you were working there?

A Yes Sir. They came across the street and looked at the machine.

Q What was said?

A "What the hell are you doing?" First I said that it was my truck, then I said that this Mullart got me a job in the

Cranberry Bog as long as I could make good.

Q Who did you say these two fellows were?

A Bedard and Pacheco.

Q What further conversation took place?

A They asked me where we could go to wash up "Do you know where we can wash up?" I said "Come into the poolroom", they said first let's eat and I asked where can we eat. Let's go to Walnut and Second streets. So we went there and sat down and ate. When we left there we went to the poolroom and washed up. While I was eating they said "Wanna go South?" I said "Sure", when will we go?" They said if we go we will leave tomorrow. I said "You are not fooling are you?" They said "No, sure not".

Q What did you do then?

A I said "I will take this spare tire and rope and bring it to my boss and then I will go to my room and pack up what I have and meet you fellows in the poolroom". I went to my room and washed up and changed my clothes and then came up as far as the poolroom. The boys were playing pool while they were waiting for me. They stopped playing pool when they saw me and said "let's ride round", and I said "alright come on". We went in the machine and started to ride round the city. I said "got enought gasoline?" They said "sure, plenty of gas and oil." I said "What time are you starting?" They said "Don't know, nine, ten, or eleven o'clock". I said "we should start now and make New York by tomorrow afternoon." We rode round the city and they said "What do you say, we go to Providence", and I said "Alright let's go".

Q What time was that?

A That was five past eight when we left New Bedford. We got to Providence between ten and eleven o'clock or round eleven o'clock I am not sure.

Q When you say the boys were playing pool what boys do you mean?

A Pacheco and Bedard.

Q These two fellows who were arrested with you this morning?

A Yes Sir.

Q Where were they when you were eating supper?

A They were with me.

Q Did you buy their supper that night?

A No, Bedard paid for all the suppers.

Q How much money did you have?

- A I had 40¢ and after I ate my supper I said "Well boys, I am only paying for my own as I only have 40¢". So I dug down in my pocket and I only had 15¢. Then I remembered that I moved a stove on the truck that afternoon and I got a fellow to help me and gave him 25¢ out of my 40¢. The dollar I had I gave to my boss. My boss said "You'd better keep that dollar and in the morning get gas and oil and the rest of the change keep-- for yourself".
- Q I understand that the price of that stove was one dollar. You had to get somebody else to help you and out of your own pocket you paid him 25¢? Having so much money you decided to give 25¢?
- A No Sir.
- Q You got to Providence?
- A Yes Sir.
- Q About eleven or twelve?
- A Round eleven o'clock or so. Not twelve I am sure.
- Q Did you drive straight from New Bedford to Providence?
- A No, I took my time.
- Q You kept going all the time?
- A Yes Sir.
- Q Did you stop at any time?
- A Once to change number plates.
- Q To change number plates?
- A Yes Sir.
- Q What car was he operating at that time?
- A A Buick.
- Q Who was driving that car?
- A I was.
- Q Who operated the car when you met them?
- A The car was standing .
- Q Who was in the driver's seat?
- A No one.

Q Did you drive all the time?

A Yes Sir, from New Bedford to Providence.

Q You drove all the way?

A Yes Sir.

Q Who directed where you should go?

A Bedard. He said "Do you know the old Fall River Road?" I said "Yes" and he said "Alright, we will take that".

Q What number plates were on the car when you met them?

A I can't think, the ones that were on now.

Q The ones that are on now are the ones that were put on. What happened to the other ones?

A He put them under the seat.

Q Would you know these number plates if you saw them?

A I am not positive.

Q Did you help to take those number plates off?

A Yes Sir.

Q Who suggested changing number plates?

A Bedard.

Q What reasons did he give?

A I don't know. I asked him and he didn't say.

Q How long did it take to change the number plates?

A Fifteen minutes.

Q What is the closest you can place the time to getting to Providence?

A I don't know, we didn't see any clocks. I know we got to Providence. We kept looking for clocks. He said (Bedard) "Drive slowly so that we can see a clock".

Q These number plates I am showing you are 64,070 Rhode Island number plates, 1924.

A Yes Sir. I remember those by the big hole.

Q You asked Bedard why he wanted to change number plates and he didn't answer?

A No Sir.

Q It took fifteen minutes?

A Yes Sir.

Q What time was it when you got to Providence?

A I should judge it was round 11 o'clock or after.

Q You didn't see any clock at all?

A No Sir.

Q What part of Providence did you go to?

A Where the machine was found on N. Main St.

Q You drove direct?

A I did.

Q What was the conversation among the three men?

A Bedard said he was tired and said "I'm going to sleep. Take your time and I will lie in back. Mingo, you drive. Pacheco, you know where to get to the Fall River Road". I knew the Fall River Road after I got to it from Mt. Pleasant from the city. Before Mt. Pleasant I did not know it. Pacheco did and we roamed along fifteen or twenty miles.

Q After putting the car up what happened?

A Bedard said "Let's get something to eat". I went to the door and saw it was locked but lights were lit. Right next to it was the hotel where we stayed so we went upstairs. He said (Bedard) "You better hide and I will get the key" so he goes upstairs and gets the key and said "Come on, it's alright", and we went up to the room and had a smoke.

Q Who went in first?

A Bedard was first to undress, then Pacheco and I sat there in the chair. He said "What in hell is the matter with you, are you homesick?" After a while I took my shoes off. This suit was in a bundle. I got it from a hockshop. He said "What are you going to do with that suit?" I said "I'm going to take this suit off and put this suit on". So I took the suit out and put it on the chair and the other suit I wrapped up into a bundle with shoes and set it behind the chair. I was all undressed except my socks. He said (Bedard) "What is the matter? Have you got cold feet? Why don't you come to bed?" So I put the light out and got on the outside of the bed. Pacheco was in the middle and I on the outside.

Q Who was the first to get in the room?

A Bedard, he had the key.

Q Did he pull the light on?

A Yes Sir.

Q You sat on the chair while the others undressed?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you see any revolver?

A Yes Sir, Bedard had it.

Q Where did he carry the revolver?

A Inside of his shirt, under his belt.

Q What remark did he make when he took the revolver out?

A I don't remember. He just pulled the pillow up and shoved it underneath.

Q Do you remember what he said?

A No Sir.

Q Had he made any explanation at all about having the revolver? Did he say "We might need that before we get back"?

A No Sir, I can't recall anything like that.

Q Would you know that revolver again if you saw it?

A I am not sure.

Q How would you describe it?

A Just by the bigness of it.

Q Does that look like the revolver? (exhibiting the revolver)

A It looks like it.

Q It is the same size?

A Yes Sir.

Q Same color as this?

A Yes Sir.

Q Same colored handle?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did he make any remark about it being loaded?

A No Sir.

Q What conversation went on between Bedard and Pacheco?

A They were talking both together. Pacheco was in Albany with some girls and three fellows held Pacheco up. He had \$13.00 in his pocket. One of the fellows came up to him and asked him if he had a match. Pacheco said "No". They said "Do you know where we can buy a drink?" Pacheco said "No!". One fellow started to hold Pacheco up when he said he could not buy a drink. Pacheco turned round and this fellow struck Pacheco on the head. Pacheco made a kick at this fellow and the fellow ran away. Something else was said. I don't remember, I was not listening.

Q When Bedard started to undress is that the first time you saw the revolver?

A Yes Sir.

Q Is that the first time you knew he carried a revolver?

A Yes Sir.

Q You say he made no remark?

A No Sir.

Q Did you ask him?

A No Sir. I asked him if it was loaded. He said "Yes, sure, always".

Q When you asked him if it was loaded didn't you ask him further what it was for?

A No Sir.

Q When I went into this room here a while ago you three men were talking. What did you say?

A I saw in the paper that three bandits were held up by the point of a gun and so I read that I was implicated. I said "We are wrote up bad. What do you think?"

Q What did he say?

A Bedard shook his hands.

Q What conversation went on when they found out that Alfred Bedard was arrested?

A Nothing was said that I can remember.

Q You knew that Alfred Bedard and Fred Bedard were cousins, didn't you?

A No, not until today.

Q You didn't happen to know that?

A Not until this fellow who drove us down and by hearing him (Bedard) say that he was cousins.

Q How did he happen to make that remark about his cousin?

A When the officer said "Do you want to know where your cousin is? He is in Canada."

Q You said you knew this when you came down. How did you happen to know that?

A When this fellow in the front seat said his cousin let him take the machine he said "In about nine miles from here you will see where your cousin is at".

Q What is the last occasion, previous to last night, that you went riding with Bedard?

A Tuesday night.

Q You went with him Tuesday night?

A Yes Sir. They told me "Let's go for a ride. Let's go on a good time somewheres". I said "We go to the Cottage". He said (Bedard) "We will get two or three girls and go to the Cottage".

Q Where is the Cottage?

A In East Fairhaven.

Q How far is Fairhaven from New Bedford?

A One and one quarter miles.

Q Do you remember that you stated in answer to some of my questions that you were in New Bedford all of the time from Saturday to Thursday?

A Yes, I did.

Q You didn't say anything about going to Fairhaven then, did you?

A No Sir, I didn't.

Q (By Officer Fleming to District Attorney Williams)

Any questions that you can suggest?

A I would like to ask a few.

Q (By District Attorney Williams)

Did you get his record of birth?

A (By Lieut. Fleming)

Yes Sir, I did.

Q (BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAROLD WILLIAMS)

You were born in Vermont?

A Yes Sir.

Q Where?

A Burlington.

Q On what day?

A 22nd day of April.

Q What year?

A 1895.

Q Are your parents still living?

A No Sir.

Q What's your mother's name?

A Willmay Larme.

Q Is that your mother's married name or maiden name?

A Her maiden name.

Q What was your father's name?

A Charles Mingo.

Q Whereabouts in Burlington did you live?

A I can't remember. I was a small child.

Q Where did you go to live after leaving Burlington?

A I think it was Providence.

Q Do you know?

A No Sir. I often heard my mother say we lived in Providence ten years.

Q Where in Providence did you live?

A In Cranston.

Q Where did you go when you left Cranston?

A I went to New Bedford.

Q You lived there ever since?

A Yes Sir.

Q All of the time?

A Ever since 1918, off and on. I went on boats.

Q What kind of boats?

A Tow boats.

Q What boats were you on?

A Charles P. Crane from New Bedford to Norfolk, a tug boat named Merrill, it belongs to the same company; on board the Pocahontas which belongs to the Pocahontas Fuel. The other two belong to the New England Tow Boat Co., but I'm not sure.

Q Where did you get that scar near your right eye?

A That was from instruments when I was born.

Q Now, besides shipping on these tow boats you say you did certain work as a mason?

A Yes Sir, plastering and the like of that.

Q Do you think that the last time you worked except this time when you drove the truck was last Saturday which was Nov. 1?

A Yes Sir.

Q That is your best recollection?

A Yes Sir.

Q You say you worked three hours. What was the man's name who you were working for?

A Fellow named Ruby.

Q Where does he live?

A On the corner of Second and School Sts.

Q What is his occupation?

A He does the same kind of work.

Q How long did you know him?

A I have known him for ten years.

Q Have you worked for him before this?

A Yes Sir.

Q How long since?

A Quite a while back.

Q Was it Saturday afternoon or morning that you worked for him?

A I told you he came out Saturday morning and that he called me and he asked me if I wanted to work for him and I said "Yes". I said "Let me change my clothes", and he said "Come on along and I will give you some overalls". I said "No" and he said "Alright go ahead and I will meet you on School and Purchase Sts." So I started for my home. When I got home an inspector was there with a man who owns the house and I said "Hello" and started to go past him and he said "I want to speak with you a moment".

Q What time was that?

A That was a little after eight. So I went to the station with Mr. Glennon. I did not know the other inspector's name. They asked me something about breaks, etc. They arrested this fellow who used to hang round with me. He told him I was with him the night they took this stuff. They asked me if I knew him and I said "Yes". He asked me if I was the only Mingo and I said "No!" He said "I don't think you were implicated in it and I will let you go".

Q That was Saturday morning, November 1, of last week?

A Yes Sir.

Q What happened then?

A I came out. I went to where Ruby was waiting for me and he was not there. I asked his wife where he was working and she said if I go to 823 West French Avenue I will find him. I took the car and went down. I did not know whether it was 803 or 823. I went to 823 and there was no one there. I only had a nickel left so I said I'll need that nickel and I'll walk back. The boy, who was helping him, came along, and I asked him where his father was working. He said he was working across the street.

I saw a ladder and walked round the back and saw Ruby. He said "I saw you go in the Police Station," and I told him about it. He said he hired a man now so its no use of his hiring me now. He said "Wait a minute, you are pretty handy on roofs. You get up the ladder and I will hand you these roof boards". When I did the best part of the work for him he said "I'll keep you. It will only be three hours work". We worked until 2.30 o'clock. That night he asked me how much he owed me. I said "Five dollars". He told his wife to give me \$1.75. I said "No" but she gave me \$1.75.

Q How did you get back?

A He gave me five cents to ride home in the car.

Q How does that come in with the story that you told Mr. Fleming?

A I am all mixed up and don't know whether it was Friday or Saturday.

Q You have all the time in the world to make up your mind on what you were doing Saturday morning.

A I am not certain whether it was Friday or Saturday. I know it was on the end of the week.

Q Do you know what you did Thursday a week ago?

A Yes Sir, looking for work.

Q You know that?

A Yes Sir.

Q You were looking for work Friday?

A Yes Sir.

Q So this work for Ruby was on Saturday, was it?

A I am not positive.

Q If you didn't do that work on Saturday what were you doing?

A I could not have been doing anything.

Q Were you doing anything?

A I know I put in three hours work and I was going to start early in the morning.

Q Mr. Mingo, you are suspected of being in Wrentham Saturday morning and it is important that you tell me where you were if not in Wrentham.

A I can say that I was in New Bedford anyway.

Q That doesn't go very far. I want to know where you were and with whom you were.

No Answer

Q What do you say?

A I cannot recall.

Q Do you wish to leave it that way, that you cannot recall where you were Saturday morning?

A Yes Sir.

Q And what you told Mr. Fleming is not correct as to your whereabouts on Saturday morning?

A I cannot recall whether it was Friday or Saturday.

Q Well you filled up pretty well two days. You told me about working all Saturday morning, finding a place to work, and you told Mr. Fleming about spending the morning in the poolroom and looking for work with a man named Flanders.

A Yes Sir.

Q Was either one of those mornings Saturday morning?

A I just can't recall it.

Q I'm going to give you five minutes or as long as you want to recall where you were because I don't want to hurry you, and when you have had sufficient time to remember where you were between the hours of eight in the morning and 1 P.M. on Saturday morning I want you to tell me.

No Answer

Q Have you thought?

A I am not sure whether it was Friday or Saturday that I went looking for that job.

Q What's Ruby's son's name? That you mentioned before.

A I don't know his name.

Q How old is he?

A About fourteen.

Q What is the Inspector's name?

A Mr. Glennon.

Q You went with him to the Police Station?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you see any other police there?

A Yes Sir, another Inspector.

Q You say you do not know whether that was Friday or Saturday?

A I am not sure.

Q If it was Friday what did you do on Saturday in the morning?

A Saturday I don't generally go out.

Q Didn't you tell Mr. Fleming that you got up at 6 o'clock in the morning?

A I don't know. It was about 7 or 8 o'clock.

Q Was that the morning you went to see Flanders? Was it not Saturday morning that you went to see Flanders? Didn't you look for work Saturday morning?

A I don't think I was looking for work. It might have been this Ruby, but I'm not sure.

Q Do you want to leave it that you can't tell us what you were doing Saturday morning?

A There is no use my saying I was working Saturday morning when I am not sure it was Saturday morning.

Q Well you went to work Tuesday at Onset.

A Wednesday.

Q Wednesday the 5th you went to Onset?

A Yes Sir.

Q Who did you go to work for?

A Lennar Argo.

Q You went to the Cape that day?

A Yes Sir.

Q And got a truck?

A Yes Sir.

Q What kind of a truck load did you bring back?

A A spring bed, rifle, mattress, a lot of clothing, three spare tires and a couple of boxes of cooking utensils.

Q What place did you go to?

A North Dighton.

Q Is that down on the Cape?

A Yes Sir, near Falmouth.

Q How did you get from Onset to the Cape by North Dighton?

A I did not go to Onset. We started from New Bedford and went to Middleboro. It was just 11 o'clock in the morning when we went to Middleboro.

Q Eleven o'clock in the morning?

A Yes Sir. I was passing the station in Plymouth and there was a car and I asked him when he left and he said 12.30. He said "You see, we cannot make connections. We have to go back." We went to the poolroom and stayed there until 12.30, watching the game, then got busy at 12.30 and went to North Dighton.

Q This is what you call the Cape?

A Yes Sir.

Q You went to Plymouth on the bus?

A Yes Sir.

Q You walked a half hour from Plymouth, the town of Plymouth?

A Yes Sir.

Q What direction did you go from Plymouth?

A There is a road in the woods.

Q What place did you finally come to?

A Cranberry Bog. The truck was outside of the barn.

Q What kind of truck ~~of~~ was it?

A Ford truck with Republic rear end.

Q Was it loaded? Anything in it?

A No Sir.

Q Did you help to load it?

A Yes, I loaded it myself.

Q You drove it?

A Yes Sir.

Q He owns the truck?

A Yes Sir.

Q He doesn't drive?

A No Sir.

Q Did he tell you how it got there?

A It was just a new truck and he wanted to get the truck from there.

Q This man your boss, as you say, lives in New Bedford Now?

A Yes Sir, 6 Beele St.

Q He was doing expressing?

A Yes Sir.

Q How long did he employ you for?

A So long as I could do business.

Q How much was he going to pay you?

A I was going to get half of what I made on the truck.

Q So you said you would stay with him on that understanding?

A Yes Sir.

Q Wednesday night you got back to New Bedford?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you see Bedard or Pacheco Wednesday?

A No Sir. On Thursday morning I went to his place at the corner of Second and School Sts. and got the truck and from there I went to his house and stopped in front of his house and he told me to see if they were "all hitting". I run it up and down the street and it was working alright. I knocked at the door and they were not up so I stayed in the poolroom.

Q That was yesterday?

A Thursday. There was an auction sale and I didn't want to take a chance of doing anything without a license. I applied for a license but I did not have a license to move freight, etc.

Q What kind of license do you need?

A An express license. We applied for a license but we would not get the plates until the following morning, that would be this morning.

I said I will go over here to the auction sale and I met this Portugese fellow, I don't know his name, but I know him well. I told him I had a truck and he said "You bought it?" and I said "Yes". He said "I have some business to go ~~the~~ to the Cape with a load of furniture". He said it was in herring waters on the Cape. I said "If you start out at three o'clock when will you start back?" He said "When my boss comes I will take the load of furniture down and you can help me and I will give you \$1.00." I told my boss I had a job but I did not know whether to take it and take a chance as I did not have a license. He said "Do it, we applied for a license". We stayed there until three o'clock and this fellow did not come. I said "What are you going to do?" He said "My boss did not come. He should be here by three o'clock". I said "Do you want me to move that stuff for you?" He said "Yes".

At the auction sale a woman bought a gas stove for \$3.00 and I said to her "Do you want me to move that gas stove for you?" She said "Yes, how much?" I said "Will 75¢ due?" She said "Wait, I might buy some more". I stayed there and I told her "Alright". Then I remembered that an officer called me in New Bedford asking me what was the matter with my lights. I told him the lights may be broken. He said he would let me by this time. While I was there in front of this auction room I thought I'd better go and have my lights fixed so I went down and had my lights fixed and he charged me 25¢. When I got back to the auction room the auction sale was over and there was only one woman that bought a stove. She paid \$3.25 and a man was trying to outbid her so that she would not buy this stove. They sold it over. I told her she should buy it again, so she bid again and I said to her "Why don't you buy that stove?" and she did buy it. She paid \$4.00 for it and was talking with these fellows. Someone was going to charge \$1.50 and I asked her where she wanted to move the stove. She said Spring St. I told her I would move it for \$1.00. She said "Alright". It was just four o'clock. I took a fellow to help me. I stopped on Purchase St. and I guess Jean St. as she wanted to pick up some linoleum. I got the linoleum upstairs and it was dark. When I went up the lights were lit. When I got through she said "Will you put the stove up?" I said "You will have to get another pipe," and she said "Alright, I will see you Thursday and will give you some more work". I came out and started the machine and noticed that the back light was off. I shook the glass and it would not light so I said "I guess I'll take the back streets home all the way back".

Q You then met Pacheco and Bedard?

A Yes.

Q What's Bedard's right name?

A Celestino F. Mederios.

Q Where did you meet him?

A In July, 1919, House of Correction, New Bedford.

Q What was he in for?

A He was doing six months.

Q You do not know what for?

A No Sir.

Q How often have you seen him since?

A Next time I saw him he was doing chauffeur work.

Q Have you a license to operate a motor vehicle?

A Yes. (License was shown)

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Q Is this the first license you ever had?

A No Sir, the third.

Q Where did you say you met Bedard & Pacheco that night?

A I just put the truck in about 40 feet from the corner of the poolroom.

Q You told us what you did Wednesday and Thursday of this week. You are clear on those two days. Now what did you do Tuesday, November 4?

A I did not do any work Tuesday. That's the day I met this Mullart.

Q Where does he live?

A He lives in the house with the fellow that owns the truck.

Q You know where you were Tuesday?

A Yes Sir.

Q Now we will go back one more day, Monday, November 3. Where were you that day?

A I was in New Bedford Monday, doing nothing, nothing I can remember.

Q You were not working or looking for work on Monday? You don't remember anyone you went to see on Monday?

A No Sir.

Q Sunday, what were you doing?

A I stayed in bed until nine or ten o'clock.

Q Now that brings us back to Saturday. Going back that way does it help you to remember more where you were and what you were doing on Saturday?

A I can't swear.

Q You can't tell us any more?

A No Sir.

Q Coming back to last night when you met Bedard and Pacheco, as I understood you to say to Mr. Fleming, Bedard suggested going to the Border and what did you say? Why did you want to go to Mexico?

A I never have been down there that way and they claim that its a nice country. My brother told me it was a nice place.

Q You just got your first job in several weeks and then suddenly decided to go to Mexico?

A Yes Sir.

Q You didn't have any money?

A Yes, I had 15¢.

Q You had 15¢ to start for the Border?

A Yes, we were going in the car that Bedard had. He claimed it was his.

Q When did you see him with that car?

A On Tuesday night. I was in the restaurant and he came in the restaurant and asked me to take a ride.

Q He had the same car?

A Yes Sir.

Q Did you take a ride?

A Yes Sir, I went to East Fairhaven to the Cottage.

Q Do you own that Cottage?

A No Sir.

Q You speak of it as your's.

A I call it my Cottage. We went it.

Q Who owns that Cottage?

A Mr. Roger Fay, New Bedford.

Q You started with these two fellows from New Bedford then?

A Yes Sir.

Q Didn't you think it was queer?

A Yes, I did.

Q Didn't you think there must be a reason for them going away and that something was wrong in changing the plates?

A Yes Sir.

Q Where did they take the plates from?

A Under the seat.

Q These plates #64,070 that were taken off were put under the seat?

A Yes Sir.

Q Was this plate with the torn six in the back?

A Yes Sir, in the back.

Q Just what place on the road did you shift these plates?

A It was on the right hand side of the road.

Q What town?

A It was not in Fall River. It must have been two-thirds of the way to Fall River.

Q And you are not sure what explanation was given for shifting plates?

A No Sir.

Q You were going to go to New York and you expected to get there?

A Yes Sir.

Q Who suggested any change in your plan?

A Bedard.

Q Bedard? What did he say?

A He said "Let's go to Providence".

Q You didn't have any money?

A Yes, I had \$1.00, then I had \$1.15.

Q (BY OFFICER FLEMING)

You remember me asking you if you gave that to your boss?

A I gave the dollar to my boss and he said "Take that and get gas and oil in the morning".

Q (BY OFFICER FLEMING)

Put that belt on. (Handed Mingo a belt to put on.)

Did you buy that?

A Yes Sir.

Q How long have you had that belt?

A About three weeks.

Q How long have you worn it? It's a pretty new belt.

A I wore it. I bought it at Union St., New Bedford.

Q That's quite a big store?

A No, it's a small store.

Q How many belts did they have there?

A A big box.

Q Why didn't you get one to fit you?

A He said "Do you want size 32?" I said "No, 38" so I took a safety razor blade and cut it off.