WASHINGTON STATE PATROL Criminal Investigation Division



Witness Statement

Interviewer: (JR) I

(JR) Det. Jeff Rhue

Case Number:

WP 14-004

Date:

January 28th, 2015

Time:

1:22 p.m.

Place:

Incident Type:

School Shooting

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1	JR:	This is the statement of the date of birth is
2	ļ	date is January 28, 2015 and the time now is 1:22 p.m. I am Detective Jeff Rhue of
3		the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team; this statement is being
4		recorded at the residence. There are five persons present in the room for
5		purpose of voice identification would each person besides uh
6		their nameand uh relationship to please?
7	DA:	Denise Anderson I'm mother.
8	CH:	Donald uh Charles Hatch junior, uh Grandfather.
9	JR:	And also present with me is uh Detective Dave Honnen, do you understand that
10	201.5.5	this statement is being recorded?

11 Yes.

JR:

Could you give your full name and spell it please?

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JR: And is your current address

15 Yes.

16 JR: What's your home telephone number?

17 Don't have one.

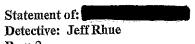
JR: Ok. What's the best contact number here?

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JR: Ok and your date of birth is

Yeah.



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JR: Ok. Uh before we got on tape we -- I I (sic) explained uh what what (sic) our goal in the interview today is uh and talk about uh your relationship with uh Jaylen Fryberg and uh the incident that happened on October 24th, uh 2014 at Marysville Pilchuck High School. Uh if we could just go ahead and start at the beginning uh how long have you known...Jaylen?

I've known him since kindergarten and we didn't really like each other at first and then when we got in middle school, we became best friends and started hanging out every day, every other weekend, we wrestled together, we played football together. We got into high school, spent like every day walking around the school with him, he was pretty much my best friend.

JR: Ok. Is - - are you blood relatives?

Yeah.

13 JR: So your nodding yes, ok, uh cousins or what's?

14 Cousins.

15 JR: Ok that'd be first cousins, second?

16 CH: Second cousins.

17 JR: Second cousins ok. Uh how about the individuals at the table there, uh if I can go around the...so Shaylee...how do you know Shaylee?

I've known Shaylee since 5th grade. We became good friends in 6th grade and we just always hung out all the way up until this happened.

JR: Ok.

She was a really good friend.

23 JR: How about Zoey?

Same with Zoey, I met them around the same time and we always hung out together.

25 JR: Andrew?

Andrew was...my best friend (sounding as if he may start crying).

JR: Ok.

He was pretty much a brother to me. He lived right next door.

JR: Ok.

We'd always hang out...go quading...go on trails. I'd go there every day after school, after football practice. Always try...to convince him to wrestle again...me, him and Jaylen just...we were really best friends, didn't expect Jaylen to do something like this.

JR: Ok. How about Gia?

Gia was a new friend. I just met her that year. She's pretty cool, I don't think she was meant to get shot cause Jaylen didn't know her all that well.

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JR: Ok.
But...that's everything.
JR: How about
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She was another good friend. I grew up with all them.

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I think...homecoming night, that her and Jaylen did something.

JR: Ok.

And then...he got, he told his girlfriend to leave and that he didn't want to be with her anymore and he liked and that him and were starting a new thing and then all this happened.

13 JR: Ok. Are you friends with

14 (Inaudible answer)

15 JR: Ok.

We used to be.

17 JR: Uh...as far as...ok - - was there any, as far as you know was there any - -did Jaylen
18 have any issues with anybody at the table, was there any fighting beforehand or was
19 he angry at anybody?

No. Not that I know of. It's just like any other day, sitting down eating lunch.

JR: Uh I want to talk about Jaylen's behavior, uh you know sometimes things you look at things in hindsight and things are, things are more obvious after something happens like I I (sic) didn't see that or uh I learned to see if there's - - want to know if there's anything different about his behavior in the past or how did he act that day, did you, did you have any classes with him or did you see him that day prior to lunch?

Only time I saw him was walking into the lunch room.

28 JR: Ok.

Then...he was just really quiet and on his phone and then when we got our lunch he didn't really say anything.

JR: Ok. How about the pre - the week, like leading up to that, like after homecoming uh - -

After homecoming he kept posting this stuff on Snapchat.

34 JR: Ok.

And I asked him about it, I asked him if he was alright and if everything was ok.

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Before homecoming he was all fine. 1 Ok. So what was his normal demeanor, was he just, was he a happy guy or? 2 Yeah happy and outgoing. 3 JR: Ok. 4 (Dog barking) 5 Uh so after homecoming I know he went with after afterwards it's my JR: 6 ended up back at his place for a understanding that uh Jaylen and 7 get together? 8 and them were there too but we left. Well me and 9 Ok. JR: 10 Cause it got pretty boring. 11 your date to the? JR: 12 was my friend that - - he was the one that went with Shaylee. 13 Was land a guy or? 14 JR: He's a guy. 15 JR: Oh sorry. 16 at the house. And then we left and then that just left Jaylen, 17 JR: Ok. 18 And then the next day Jaylen told me that him and did stuff - -19 \mathbb{JR} : Ok. 20 ...and then all the stuff he said to 21 Ok. JR: 22 And then he kept - - he regretted it and then he wanted back and 23 wouldn't talk to him and from my understanding, I don't know if you guys know, 24 but I heard that he sent pictures to the gun to at like days before this 25 happened and said talk to me before I do this and all this stuff. And then he was like 26 saying stuff like bang, bang I'm dead and you don't care, I don't care and then she 27 told him to stop, I'm going to tell your sister and then he said I was just kidding I 28 just wanted you to talk to me. 29 JR: Ok. 30 And then she never told anyone. 31 Ok. We can talk about that afterwards too. Uh how about the the (sic) fight uh at JR: 32

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school when he got suspended?

I don't...think that had anything to do with this.

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Just Jaylen.

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1	JR:	Ok.	
2		He kind of liked to fight.	
3	JR:	Ok.	
4 5 6		And then that kidI've had my altercations with him too and I've almost fought him before that. It was just him and Jaylen were the worst and it finally happened, it popped off and Jaylen beat him up.	
7 8 9 10 11	JR:	Ok. So other than uh you said you don't think that had anything to do with it, uh but other problems with the problems between the and anything that dealing with that, is there anything else that you know that he was that he's been stressed out aboutor was stressed out about or had any confided in you about uh anything going on in his life that would be stressful?	
12	2000	Not (inaudible).	
13 14	JR:	Now for I want to go to the the (sic) 24 th uhhowwas that your normal lunch that you attended?	
15		I had usually have second lunch and it was a half day so I had first lunch.	
16	JR:	Ok.	
17	The same of the sa	And then that just put all of us at the table in the same lunch with Jaylen.	
18	JR:	Ok.	
19 20	1000	Usually that was our normal lunch group just minus Jaylen and then it was a half day so he was in our lunch and then he sat with us.	
21	JR:	Ok. So did he contact you before and say hey want a	
22	a dispositive to	I didn't see the text.	
23	JR:	Ok.	
24	Aliterationing	I was walking into the lunch room with him.	
25	JR:	Oh with Jaylen?	
26		(inaudible response).	
27	JR:	Ok how how (sic) did he seem at that point?	
28		He was just on his phone.	
29	JR:	Oh just on his phone? But didn't seem any any (sic) different to you?	
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was she a normal person at your lunch table? Was there



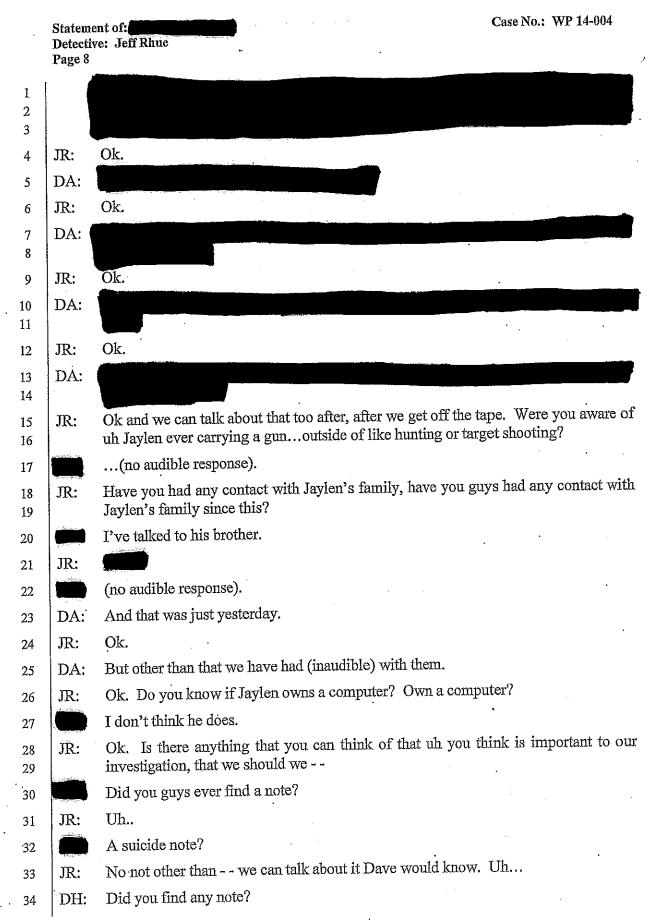
anybody at that table who was like it was --who usually doesn't sit with you guys?

Ok. Uh so...so once you got to the table and lunch started, what happened from

Detective: Jeff Rhue Page 7 Just sat down, played a game on my phone. 1 JR: Ok. 2 Then the next thing I know pop, pop, pop, pop. 3 So you didn't see him pull, pull a gun out? JR: 4 I saw him stand up and then once the first shot went off I looked up and then by then 5 it seemed like he already shot. 6 JR: Ok. 7 And then I just fell and laid there until it was all over. 8 Why do you think he, he targeted you? JR: 9 Because I'm one of his best friends and he wanted me to go with him. 10 Ok. Why do you think he, he did this? JR: 11 He couldn't get over ... and he probably drove himself crazy thinking about 12 it. Then he probably found the gun and then just started thinking stupid stuff and 13 convinced himself into it. 14 I want to talk about your injuries that you received. Uh can you tell me about - -JR: 15 How long were you at Harborview for obviously you have you were 16 do you remember? 17 Like two weeks...maybe. 18 DA: Mhm a little shy of two weeks. 19 JR: 20 21 DA: 22 JR: 23 I have - -24 DA: 25 26 JR: Ok. 27 DA: 28 29 30 31 32 33 Ök. JR: 34 DA: 35

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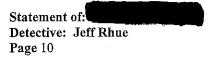
JR: No. 1 Yeah ok that's I think that's the reason he (inaudible). CH: 2 Ok. Anything else you can think of that...anything you want us to know? JR: 3 Well there was a note. 4 Ok. JR: 5 I'm pretty sure there was a note. 6 Ok. JR: 7 Cause when this all happened I was in the hospital and Snapchatted me a 8 picture of it. 9 Ok. JR: 10 And told me some of the stuff it said. 11 Do you remember any of the stuff it said? JR: 12 That he didn't want to live anymore and he wanted to take his ride or die's with him 13 and that was me, Andrew and Zoey and Shay. 14 Ok. Was that note for the family or do you know? JR: 15 I think it was for his parents to apologize to our parents. 16 Ok. Is there anything else you can think of JR: 17 Just that he texted days before and she could have told someone. 18 Ok. We'll go ahead and end the statement now. JR: 19 I've got some questions. DH: 20 \mathbb{JR} : Oh I'm sorry. 21 So I want to clarify on the note and this is for all of you then, so there was a he sent a DH: 22 text message before he did the shooting. 23 DA: Mhm. 24 Is that what you're talking about? You're talking - -so you saw a picture of DH: 25 something written on paper? 26 Yeah. 27 Ok I just want to be clear because a lot of those, a lot of what you just said was in DH: 28 that text message too. 29 Yeah. I'm pretty sure it was on paper because his brother snapped me a picture of

same content that everybody got in that text message? I don't know what the whole paper said, it was a long paper.



Yeah so what I'm wondering is content of what was written on the paper, is that the





1		It was a long paper so was that text message, you've seen it haven't you?
2	DA:	We haven't seen nothing/
3	DH:	You haven't seen it?
4 5 6	DA:	But I've also heard that from other people in the community, because you know they were asking me has it have any of the family come and talk to you and I'm like no I haven't heard from them at all
7	DH:	Ok.
8 9 10	DA:	you know and there was I've also heard that there was a note that Jaylen wrote to for his family to give to me and Andrews mother Lahneen, apologizing to us for -
11	DH:	Yeah.
12	DA:	taking our sons.
13 14	DH:	I'm just wondering out loud if that text isn't the same thing that's written on that piece of paper, that's what I'm thinking. I guess we'll never know.
15	CH:	Mhm.
16	DH:	Uh we can certainly share that text with you if you care to see that.
17 ·	DA:	Yeah I do.
18	DH:	Ok. It's painful.
19	DA:	Mhm.
20 ,	DH:	But uh we wouldn't withhold that from you.
21	DA;	Ok.
22	DH:	I got I got some more.
23	DA:	Ok.
24 25 26 27 28	DH:	Uh I want to ask a couple questions about after homecoming when you said that Jaylen and had this thingwell a thing means a lot toit may mean something different to me, it may mean something different to your Mom or you Grandfather, what does thing meancan you be more precise or can, do you want to tell me?
29		I just think they did stuff.
30	DH:	Did?
31		Like kissy kissy.
32	DH:	So they made out?
33		Pretty sure.
34	DH:	Did they have sex; I mean is that what Jaylen told you?

- -his sister I forgot the

DH:

you...there's Jaylen,

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Page 11 He didn't go that far, well it sounded like it. 1 Ok so not intercourse but they had some sort of type of physical - -2 Yes. 3 ...kissing, toughing, that kind of thing? 4 left cause him - - her and Jaylen got in an argument...and then she 5 took off - -6 About...making out with her - -7 ...walking. 8 Ok. Who else was there? DH: 9 And then - -10 During this? DH: 11 his sister, but I don't know, I can't remember who was there when I think. 12 me and 13 Ok was any adults there? DH: 14 I...don't...think so. 15 DH: Uh... 16 That's my daughter. DA: 17 Ok...she can come in. DH: 18 DA: Ok. 19 Uh...if you, if you don't want to answer this question or you can't answer this DH: 20 question, please tell me ok? During that party was there - - did anybody have 21 alcohol to drink? 22 No. 23 Ok was any marijuana smoked? DH: 24 No. 25 Ok. How did everybody get from Homecoming to Jaylen's house? DH: 26 mom cause I rode with them and then Jaylen and I got dropped off by 27 and them rode with...Jaylen's Auntie I think. 28 Who's that, Jaylen's Auntie? DH: 29 Uh I think her name's Sam. Sam... 30 DA: (inaudible). 31

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So if I'm, if I'm adding up my fingers right there, there's only about five of

you,

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1 so that's seven? 2 that was there though, it was either I'm not quite sure if its 3 that was there with us. 4 Ok but about seven people at some point. Uh did and Jaylen see DH: 5 together? 6 I...don't know. 7 DH: Ok. 8 were still good but was there. left, Jaylen and When me and 9 Oh so this happened after you left, ok. And did you go home then? DH: 10 Yeah. 11 How did you get home? DH: 12 We walked. 13 To here? So where's Jaylen's place real quick? DH: 14 Up the main road, to the left, down like not even that far like fourty feet, sixty feet. 15 The main highway? They live just off the main highway? DH: 16 DA: Mhm. 17 So when I go up to the stop sign their just like --DH: 18 Yeah you go up to the stop sign - -19 ... almost across the - -DH: 20 ...take a left, and keep going back and you'll see a sign that says Arcaida. 21 Oh ok I know (inaudible). Uh ---DH: 22 (whispers: it's about a half a mile up the road). CH: 23 bet home then, do you know? Cause she's like fourteen...she ...how did DH: 24 it was uh quite a (inaudible). How about I switch gears for 25 a minute, so you wrestle and Jaylen wrestles? 26 Yeah. 27 How good of a wrestler was he? DH: 28 Really good. 29 Really good. Was he planning on wrestling this year? DH: 30 No. He kept saying he didn't want to wrestle this year and I was like dude your 31 wrestling. 32 Why didn't he want to wrestle? DH: 33

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1		He justdidn't want to.
2	DH:	Had he won anything last year? Was he in eighth grade, have you won any matches?
4		Yes he tookhe went undefeated last year.
5 6	DH:	And he doesn't want to wrestle this year? When did he first say he didn't want to wrestle?
7 8		Right after football season, seasonI I was setting myself up to be eligible and then I asked him if he was going to wrestle, he said no.
9	DH:	So that was this fall sometime he said he didn't want to wrestle?
10		Mhm.
11 12	DH:	Was he planning to wrestling during the summer break, I mean was he looking forward to wrestling seasoncan you or can you answer that?
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15 16	DH:	Uh the lunch schedules, you say that you and Gia and Zoey, Shaylee all had lunch, first period lunch?
17		No we all had second.
18	DH:	Second period lunch.
19		And then that day we had first.
20	DH:	Ok so normally what period lunch did Jaylen have?
21	San Market	First.
22	DH:	First. So every Friday you have half day?
23	() () () () () () () () () ()	Yeah.
24	DH:	So every Friday does second lunch go to first lunch?
25		Yeah.
26 27	DH:	Ok so he would have known, Jaylen would know that hey I'll be seeing you guys at lunch, because that's normal routine?
28		Yes.
29 30	DH:	Had uh, had Jaylen ever said anything to you about his uh diabetes and changing lunch periods?
31		I just always watched him do his diabetes thing. He was pretty good at it.
32 ·	DH:	Ok so he kept on top of his blood sugar and diet and taking his shotsok. If you don't know the answer to this question say I don't know the answer to that question

don't know the answer to this question say, I don't know the answer to that question

ok? So I'm thinking on the summer break, between eighth and ninth grade, you

guys probably spent a lot of time together, during the summer time I think, so in

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1	those times that you guys are alone and you're talking about philosophy and	girls
2	and things of that nature that we all do, did he ever express any ideas to you a	bout
3	feeling depressed?	

No. He seemed like he always had what he wanted, he was a little off. 4

So he was happy? Uh did he ever express any ideas about harming other people? DH: Such as...go ahead and answer.

Not like harming anybody the way he harmed us, but like he'd just be like...dang 7 probably going to beat the crap out of that dude if he keeps talking or...stuff like 8 that 9

Yeah, yeah, yeah ok that's (inaudible) so just in general terms...guys do that...they DH: 10 kind of mean shouldn't talk to me that way...so that normal guy stuff or was he 11 expressing some - -12

That's the normal... 13

I mean just normal ok. Oh no I was looking at something here just... DH: 14

How was his school work, how was he doing in school, any idea? JR: 15

He liked stopped caring, like he would just sleep in class, like leading up two weeks 16 before probably, he just started sleeping and slacking off. 17

How many classes do have, did you have with him? JR:

I had one but he got switched out. 19

Ok. Is that something that you'd - -he'd told you or you just heard from other JR: 20 people or? 21

He told me, he'd just be like dude all day in second period I slept and we would just 22 23

Ok. Is there anybody else that you think that we should talk to about, about what JR: 24 happened? 25

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Ok, anybody else? JR: 27

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Ok. Is there anybody outside the the (sic) table there that Jaylen was really close to? JR: 29

Closest is me and Andrew. 30

Ok. How about what's his relationship with Typical sibling or? Did 31 JR: they get along really well or are they they (sic) did get along (inaudible)? 32

They got along. 33

Ok. Anything else you can think of that you want to add to this statement? Any JR: 34 questions we didn't ask? 35

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JR: Ok. Is it true the facts stated on this recording are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and that you - - this statement has been made freely, voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind?

Yes.

JR: Ok. Do you certify or declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that this statement is true and correct?

Yes.

DH: Ok the time now is 1:56 p.m. and this will conclude the recording.

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