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CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIVE MEMORANDUM

ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT AND ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGES APPLY

DATE: August 16, 2005
TO: Thomas D. Shults, Esq.
FROM: Steele Investigation Agency/ KRS
RE: Gregory Tambone

INTERVIEW RECAP OF WITNESS SUPINDER CHAUHAN

On Tuesday, August 16, 2005, I went to the Shell Gas Station located on the corner of U.S. 41 and 53rd Avenue West in Bradenton, Florida. There I spoke with Supinder Chauhan. Mr. Chauhan was the **employee** working on July 27, 2005, when the shooting took place at the Shell station. Mr. Chauhan was the only person working at that time. Mr. Chauhan resides at [REDACTED]. He was born on June 27, 1975. His cell phone number is [REDACTED]. The following information was learned from my interview, which was not recorded:

Mr. Chauhan was standing behind the register when he heard a noise that could have been a gunshot. He was the only employee working at the facility at that time. When he heard the noise, he looked up from the register and saw two (2) vehicles stopped on the south side of the most southerly gas pumps.

Mr. Chauhan did not recognize the make or model of either car, nor could he remember the color of either car.

One of the cars was facing U.S. 41 and the other car was stopped in front of that vehicle facing the other direction. That is, they were stopped front to front.

The first thing Mr. Chauhan saw was a black male standing by the right rear of the car closest to the building. This was the car that was facing U.S. 41. This black male was shooting a gun. Mr. Chauhan could not see this individual's face because the black male was positioned with his back toward Mr. Chauhan.

Mr. Chauhan thinks that the black male fired the weapon two (2) or three (3) more times after Mr. Chauhan had looked up from the cash register.

The other thing that Mr. Chauhan noticed was that the people in the parking lot were all squatting down. There were, however two (2) or three (3) white males running around. He did not know where they were running from or where they were running to.

The black male that Mr. Chauhan saw shooting the gun then re-entered the rear of the car.

All of this happened very quickly and Mr. Chauhan was ducking down behind the counter because he was scared. He did not observe how any of the vehicles left the parking lot. Other than the black male, Mr. Chauhan did not see anyone else standing by that vehicle.

Mr. Chauhan did not know any of the customers that were at the gas station that day and does not know the names of any other possible witnesses.

One male customer did come into the store while the shooting was going on because he was also scared. He doesn't know who this individual was or what he may have seen.

Mr. Chauhan hit the emergency button and called 911 while all of this was taking place.

Mr. Chauhan is not sure what the emergency button does or who it alerts.

There are no outside video cameras at this gas station. There is one small camera mounted on the wall inside the building pointed toward the front door. Mr. Chauhan is not sure if that video camera would have caught any activity outside the store. He thinks that the glare of the sun, on the window, might prevent the camera from capturing anything that took place in the parking lot. If we want to take a look at the video, we need to contact the store manager, Mr. Keyan Attari at cell phone number, 941-228-1265.

Mr. Chauhan drew a diagram showing the position of the two (2) vehicles, the black male shooter and Mr. Chauhan's own position as the cashier within the store.

In looking out the window from inside the store, Mr. Chauhan would have had a relatively clear view of the activity taking place. Even though there are some posters on the windows and other point of sale items stacked along the windows, they would not have obstructed his vision completely.

Mr. Chauhan did not know the names of, nor did he recognize anyone else that was in the area when the shooting took place.

Mr. Chauhan remembers that there was one man who was pumping gas that stayed and talked to the police. This was a white male in his 30's or 40's. Mr. Chauhan thinks this individual saw exactly what happened but does not have any knowledge as to what this man may have seen or who he is.

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INTERVIEW RECAP OF WITNESS AMBER WARREN

On Wednesday, August 17, 2005 I met with Amber Denise Warren. Ms. Warren resides at [REDACTED]nd [REDACTED]. Her telephone number is [REDACTED]. Ms. Warren was born on December 17, 1986. She is currently employed at Firehouse Subs. She is also, currently, on house arrest. The following information was learned from our interview:

Ms. Warren was traveling in a van driving by [REDACTED]. They were on their way to the Shell gas station in order to get gasoline. As they were traveling westbound on 53rd Avenue West, they were stopped in traffic due to a red light at the intersection of 53rd Avenue West and US 41.

As they were stopped in traffic, Amber heard the sound of two gunshots followed by two more gunshots. As she looked to her left, which was south, she saw two vehicles stopped in the southeast corner of the Shell Gas Station parking lot. One car was a dark colored Lexus and the other car was also a dark colored vehicle, of which she was unsure of the make or model.

She observed a white male with spiky hair come from the fence along the south side of the Shell station parking lot, run around the rear of the Lexus and enter the driver side of the car. She did not see him with any gun or weapon.

At about the same time, she observed approximately four white men and one black man running northbound through the Shell gas station parking lot, crossing 53rd Avenue, and entering the BP/Amoco Gas Station.

All this happened while Amber and Arden were stopped in traffic waiting to proceed southbound on US 41.

Amber did not see who was shooting a gun nor did she see anyone who appeared to be shot.

Of the four white men and one black man that were running toward the BP Station, she did not see any of them carrying any weapons. She did state they were all wearing baggy pants and as they were running they were holding up their pants.

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The van, in which Amber was a passenger, turned southbound on U S 41 and pulled into the entrance of the Shell gas station off of US 41. At this time the Lexus backed up, drove around a blue car that had been stopped in front of it and then drove between the gas pumps and the store in a northerly direction exiting onto 53rd Avenue West traveling in an eastbound direction.

After the Lexus departed the gas station, the van in which Amber was a passenger, drove around the gas pumps and parked in front of the store.

By that time, the police were beginning to arrive.

Amber stayed at the Shell station while Arden went with the police and was taken to identify the people in the Lexus.

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Amber observed two shell casings in the parking lot of the Shell station. The shell casings were located near the blue car that was still parked in the parking lot. (Please see Amber's diagram. The shell casings are marked with Xs on this diagram.)

Amber stated that she did not know that anyone had been shot until after the police arrived and people started talking.

Amber later learned that the black man that was running with the four white men just happened to be a customer at the Shell station and was the driver of the blue car that was parked in front of the Lexus. He apparently just happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Amber stated that she does not know anyone involved in the shooting nor did she recognize anyone that was a customer at the Shell station.

Amber was recently served with a witness subpoena from the State Attorney's office to appear on August 25, 2005, at the State Attorney's office.

Amber was a pleasant individual who was soft spoken. As is evidenced by her statement, she did not see the actual shooting take place nor did she see anyone with a gun or a weapon.

We did obtain a tape-recorded interview with Amber. If you would like her statement transcribed, please let me know.

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INTERVIEW RECAP OF WITNESS NEFTALI RIVERA

On Wednesday, August 17, 2005, I met with Neftali Rivera at his residence located at [REDACTED]. Mr. Rivera's telephone number is [REDACTED]. He was born on December 9, 1983. He currently is working for Beall's Department Store. At the time of the shooting, he was employed at Red Hoagland washing cars. The following information was learned from our interview:

Mr. Rivera was in the Red Hoagland parking lot, standing near the chain-linked fence washing cars.

He heard a gun shot which drew his attention to the Shell station. As he looked toward the Shell station, he observed a vehicle, which he believed to be a Lexus, parked on the south side of the gas pumps facing in a northwesterly direction. Parked in front of the Lexus was a dark colored vehicle facing in a southeasterly direction. The occupant of that vehicle was a heavy-set black male who stayed around after the shooting and gave his statement to the police. Mr. Rivera does not believe this individual was anything other than a customer of the Shell station and was not involved directly in the shooting.

Mr. Rivera observed that the Lexus had the driver's door open and the left leg and left arm of the driver was protruding from the vehicle. He observed the driver fire a gun two (2) or three (3) more times. He described the individual as a white or possible Hispanic male. Mr. Rivera did not see who this person was shooting at nor did he see anyone shooting back at this individual.

At this same time, Mr. Rivera saw several other people running north through the Shell gas station's parking lot, away from the shooter. Mr. Rivera stated that he could not recognize any of those individuals nor could he tell me if they were black, white or Hispanic.

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Mr. Rivera did not observe anyone in the Lexus other than the individual whose left leg and left arm was protruding from the driver's door. He did not see the face of that individual nor did he see any other occupants in that vehicle.

This is the only individual he saw shooting a gun.

Mr. Rivera stated that all this was happening very quickly and he hid behind a van for protection. As a result, the only thing he saw is what he just described.

He stayed behind the van until he heard the Lexus exit the Shell station by backing up and then traveling north through the Shell Station between the store and the gas pumps and then exiting east bound onto 53rd Avenue West. After that, Mr. Rivera went into the office at Red Hoagland and asked anybody in there if they had heard the shots. Apparently, people had heard the shots but no one other than him had seen anything.

He remained at Red Hoagland until the police arrived and began asking for anyone who may have witnessed anything. He supplied his name and gave the handwritten statement which is included in the police report.

Mr. Rivera did not recognize nor did he know any of the individuals involved. He does not know why the shooting occurred and he does not know what happened after the Lexus exited the Shell gas station.

Mr. Rivera does not know what happened to the individuals who were running north through the parking lot away from the gun fire.

Mr. Rivera had just received a Witness Subpoena from the State Attorney's Office in which he was requested to show up at the State Attorney's Office on August 25, 2005 to give his testimony as to his observations.

Mr. Rivera is a young man whose wife is expecting a baby. He was very congenial and happy to discuss what he observed. He makes a good appearance and would be a good witness even though he has limited knowledge of the events.