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During the course of their conversation, Andrew Mays asked Robert Lee Myers how everything was going up at his residence. Robert Lee Myers became very serious and said that he was not getting along with his wife sexually like he used to when they first got married. He said she was giving him sex only two times every two weeks and that that was not enough for him. Robert Lee Myers told Andrew Mays he would be heading for the "block" if she did not keep such close tabs on him. Robert Lee Myers further stated that he should never have gotten married so soon and that he is playing it smart this time by not putting his new wife's name on the house or will. Robert Lee Myers told Andrew Mays that if he decides to divorce his wife this time, he will not make the same mistake as last time. Robert Lee Myers went on to say that he will get his wife to "sign a paper." Robert Lee Myers said he should have gotten his other wife to sign a paper before he went off like he did. Robert Lee Myers said, "You know, I believe I went crazy there for about a month." Robert Lee Myers said he was feeling better now and his mind was all coming back to him.

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Robert Lee Myers said his wife called him awhile back on the telephone and told him she had to see him right away. He went to her and she made him take a few drinks. She then told Robert Lee Myers "Leete" had called and that they might not be married. Robert Lee Myers went on to say Tina told him she had gotten drunk and that she believes she married another man and was married at the time she married him. Robert Lee Myers said he is just playing it cool.

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STATEMENTS MADE BY ROBERT LEE MYERS

Robert Myers told James Leete that Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers may be involved in the murder of Mary Ruth Myers without his knowledge. James Leete talked with Robert Lee Myers at his residence concerning the alleged stolen diamonds valued at \$150,000 on Monday, July 7, 1980 at 7:18 p.m. This conversation took place outside of the residence and Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers would not show herself, but continually sent the daughter of Robert Lee Myers, Shelly Myers, out to tell Robert Lee Myers to come into the house. After several of these interruptions, Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers sent Shelly Myers out and told Robert Lee Myers to stop talking to James Leete, that his attorney was on the telephone. Robert Lee Myers told James Leete at that time that this was not true that Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers just wanted him to stop talking to James Leete. Robert Lee Myers told James Leete to come to his office during the morning hours so conversations could be held without interruptions from Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers. At the meeting on the parking lot at 40 South Church Street, Westminster, on Thursday, August 28, 1980 at 7:40 a.m., Robert Lee Myers requested all future contacts between himself and James Leete take place at his office because Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers becomes extremely distressed when she would discover that he had talked with your Affiant. Robert Lee Myers reported to James Leete that Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers would punish him for talking with James Leete by denying his sexual access with her for a period of time.

On July 18, 1980, Andrew Mays was Eastbound on Maryland Route 140 when he observed Robert Lee Myers in front of Ben's Rental. He pulled his vehicle into the parking lot and Robert Lee Myers came over and they started a conversation. Andrew Mays had responded to Robert Lee Myers' residence earlier in the week (July 13, 1980 at 1:15 p.m.) in reference to a loud party. One of Mr. Myers' neighbors had an extremely loud party and Andrew Mays had taken

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said that he really did not know what all she did before he married her, but he said he thinks she has not cheated on him since the marriage.

Robert Lee Myers told Andrew Mays that Mary Ruth was killed because of diamonds. He said he had \$250,000 worth of diamonds hidden up in the attic which were stolen. Robert Lee Myers told Andrew Mays that he could not have reported them, because the IRS would have gotten him.

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As he was leaving, Robert Lee Myers said to Andrew Mays that he has been attending church lately and that no matter what, in the end, he will be okay.

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Also, Robert Lee Myers told Andrew Mays that the one thing that really bugs him is how Mary Ruth stole that money from him and gave it to Pat Crowl - just like she knew what was going to happen.

On Sunday, September 2, 1979 at approximately 9:13 a.m., James Leete and Andrew Mays arrived at the Myers' residence at 4636 Turkeyfoot Road, Westminster, Maryland. There, the automobile of Robert Lee Myers was observed. As James Leete drove around the cement driveway, Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers was observed in the study in a blue bathrobe. James Leete went to the back door and knocked for several minutes before Robert Lee Myers came to the door clad in a pair of white shorts. At first, Robert Lee Myers indicated to the investigator that he had spent the night at the residence alone. However, when confronted with the observation of Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers, he amended the statement to include the fact that Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers had also been there and that they were taking pictures of the crime scene. Robert Lee Myers told the investigator that he wanted to talk to him and he didn't care what his lawyer said, since he did not have anything to hide. Robert Lee Myers also told James Leete that he had

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recalled the .30-.30 rifle which he had stated was missing from the residence when he went through with James Leete on August 31, 1979, and it had actually been sold by him to Ben Crowl.

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On September 6, 1979 at approximately 9:45 a.m., James Leete and Andrew Mays went to the office of Robert Lee Myers at 40 South Church Street, Westminster, Maryland. Robert Lee Myers took James Leete and Andrew Mays into his side office and the inventory of the items seized from his house was turned over to him. Robert Lee Myers talked about the killing of his wife, volunteering that if he had wanted to kill her, he would have pushed her off his boat out in the ocean where the sharks would have gotten her. He threatened to sue the State's Attorney, Thomas Hickman, for conducting the investigation and made several statements that he would see that he (Hickman) would not get elected again. Robert Lee Myers also brought up the fact of possible involvement in the murder of his wife by Ernestine Layne Gilles Myers without his knowledge. He stated that she may be involved in the killing and that he didn't know it. Robert Lee Myers stated that he really didn't know too much about Ernestine Layne Gilles Myers. Robert Lee Myers rambled on from one subject to the other, interjecting the fact that he knew several troopers and did their tax returns for them.

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On Saturday, July 5, 1980 Det. Sgt. U. Paul Utz had an informal contact with Robert Lee Myers. During this contact, Robert Lee Myers related to him that he had \$150,000 in diamonds stolen from the attic of the house when his wife was murdered. Robert Lee Myers went on to relate that he couldn't report this initially because when he bought the diamonds, he knew they were stolen property. On July 7, 1980 at 7:18 p.m., James Leete contacted Robert Lee Myers at his residence and questioned him about these stolen diamonds.

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Robert Lee Myers stated that he had bought the stolen jewels from a white male subject named Tom. This individual came around to the bars and different businessmen in Carroll County in a stolen wagon and sold jewelry. He could furnish no further description of Tom or where he could be reached, but did name Benjamin Crowl, Isabell Sharkey, and Don Bullock as persons who had purchased jewelry from this person. Robert Lee Myers stated the jewelry consisted of rings and the fact that they were in the attic was known only to himself and the victim. Robert Lee Myers stated that he had paid anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per ring. Robert Lee Myers couldn't give the number of rings he had in the stash, and told James Leete he could get the number by dividing \$1,500 or \$3,000 into \$150,000. When pressed for a more exact number of rings, he stated that they may have numbered around 30. This conversation was steadily interrupted by Robert Lee Myers' daughter, Shelly, who was relating that Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers was demanding that Robert Lee Myers come into the house with her, because his lawyer was on the telephone. Robert Lee Myers told James Leete that this was a lie and was only being used as a means to get him away from James Leete. He stated that he had better go inside with Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers and invited James Leete to come to his office anytime during the mornings when Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers wasn't around to continue their discussions.

Robert Lee Myers accounted for his whereabouts during the time in question in a very straight-forward manner. Robert Lee Myers stated he had not seen his wife since August 17, 1979. On that date, Friday, Robert Lee Myers had had an argument with Mary Ruth Myers in his office, which is Maryland Business Service, located on Church Street, in Westminster. Mr. Joe Brown from Brown's Delicatessen, was in the office at the time, and may have heard the argument which took place. After this disturbance with the victim, Robert Lee Myers stated that he went to Angelo's on Main Street in Westminster and got drunk. Robert Lee Myers stated that from August 17th through the time James Leete contacted him, Robert Lee Myers had been with his girlfriend, Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers and that the coming Friday, which would have been August 31, 1979,

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was to be a date of decision for him. Robert Lee Myers explained that he had planned to choose between his wife's affection, and the affections of his girlfriend, Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers, on that date. Robert Lee Myers stated that he had spent some time up at the campground in Pennsylvania with Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers and had also travelled to Ocean City, Maryland, Wildwood, and Atlantic City, New Jersey, and had returned to Ocean City at approximately 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 1979. Robert Lee Myers had driven past his motel, the Northwinds Motel, and observed his wife's vehicle at that location. Robert Lee Myers then drove to the Electric Circus Disco, where he contacted Maria (whom he described as Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers' Aunt), who was the owner of the Disco. They obtained lodging for the night at the Electric Circus, staying in Maria's apartment over the top of the dance center. Robert Lee Myers stated that he was in the apartment all day of Tuesday, August 28, 1979 until approximately 10:30 p.m. At that time, Robert Lee Myers and Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers went out to the Bon-Fire Restaurant in an attempt to gain an evening meal. However, the Bon-Fire Restaurant was no longer serving dinner and the couple had to be satisfied by drinking two grasshoppers (Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers) and two glasses of wine (Robert Lee Myers). They left the Bon-Fire Restaurant around midnight or 1:00 a.m. on the 29th and got to the Electric Circus and danced the last two dances. Robert Lee Myers described the waitress who waited on them at the Bon-Fire Restaurant as a white female, 23 to 24 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, with long blonde hair past her shoulders. Robert Lee Myers stated that she was an attractive young girl. While at the Electric Circus Robert Lee Myers states that the bartender served him wine and that they left the Electric Circus with Maria at approximately 2:30 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. on the 29th. (After helping clean up and carry out the trash). From that point, Robert Lee Myers and Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers went to an outlet shop located above the Northwinds Motel. They were waited on

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by a young white female who was short and had frosted hair. He ordered a cheddar cheese omelet with bacon and Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers and Maria both had a potato omelet with sour cream. They left the omelet shop somewhere between 3:00 and 4:00 a.m., and went straight back upstairs of the Electric Circus. Robert Lee Myers stated that Maria's nephew may have seen them come in. At approximately 8:00 or 9:00 a.m., Robert Lee Myers called his step-daughter, Kimberly Abbott, to come and have breakfast with him. After meeting her at the doughnut shop, Robert Lee Myers then went shopping with Kimberly Abbott and bought her a bathing suit. Robert Lee Myers and his step-daughter then went back to the motel and attempted to call the victim, Mary Ruth Myers. Robert Lee Myers also signed some checks for the business while he was there. From the motel, he went to the White Marlin Club located on the waterfront in Ocean City. There, he shot pool with a young boy named Monk.

Robert Lee Myers stated he had last talked to the victim, Mary Ruth Myers, on Monday, when she had said hello and he hung up. Robert Lee Myers stated this would have been around 11:00 p.m.

Robert Lee Myers stated that approximately two to three weeks prior, he had been in Ocean City with his wife. When he came home early one morning, Mary Ruth Myers had placed a knife on his belly and stated that she would, "Cut his peter off if he was screwing around."

Robert Lee Myers explained that he has not been using his own car, so his wife would be unable to track and follow him. He explained his car, the maroon over white 1977 Lincoln, was parked at Charlotte Borton's son's house in Westminster. During the time in question, they had been using the vehicle which he had purchased for Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers, which was described as a 1976 brown over white Torino.

The guns and their locations in the house was discussed with Robert Lee Myers. He stated that the .22 rifle described by the

investigator had been located in the gun cabinet. He also related that the .22 caliber Astra revolver was his, it had been given to him by his Father. Robert Lee Myers described this weapon as the gun that he often went target shooting with. He stated that the ten gauge double-barrel shotgun had been under the bed located in the victim's and his bedroom. He indicated that he knew that this particular weapon did not have any shells for it.

James Leete asked Robert Lee Myers where his house keys were. Robert Lee Myers stated his keys were on a ring that was in the suitcase of Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers. He explained that Ernestine Layne Gillen Myers was still staying in Ocean City.

Robert Lee Myers told the investigator he knew of no one who would wish to do his wife harm. He then went on to state there were various forces of organized crime in Ocean City who may wish to get back at him. He explained that he knew of drug deals such as cocaine and marijuana, which were being brought in by boat from ships off the coast at Ocean City. He wasn't specific about these allegations, only that he thought that they may have been trying to get back at him.

When James Leete asked Robert Lee Myers directly if he, Robert Lee Myers, if he killed his wife, he replied by stating all of the troopers who were his good friends out at the Barrack and the fact that they knew that he would not kill his wife. Robert Lee Myers related that troopers at the Westminster Barrack had assisted him in getting a gun permit in a hurry. Mr. Myers went on to detail to James Leete all the troopers whose income tax returns he prepared.

Robert Lee Myers was given the opportunity to change any portion of his statement that he had gives to James Leete. He stated that he desired to change nothing and there was nothing other than he may be off on his times by a couple of hours.

Robert Lee Myers said that he thought Dana Syker may be having sexual relations with the victim, Mary Ruth Myers.

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On April 5, 1981, at 10:59 a.m., James Leete contacted Robert Lee Myers by telephone concerning his runaway daughter, Shelly Myers. During the course of the conversation, James Leete questioned Robert Lee Myers about Daniel Lee Chadderton. Robert Lee Myers stated he didn't remember the last time he saw the suspect, Daniel Lee Chadderton, and had no idea where he was. Robert Lee Myers did confirm Daniel Lee Chadderton had the white Lincoln.

At 1:32 p.m. on April 5, 1981, Robert Lee Myers telephoned James Leete at the Barrack. He stated that he had left his residence and was calling from Moffit's Store in Silver Run. During the course of the conversation, the subject of this investigation was brought up. Robert Lee Myers asked James Leete such questions as, "What would it take to get you off my back?" "What do you want out of this case?", etc. Robert Lee Myers also said if he knew of a professional hit man, he would have a contract on James Leete. When Robert Lee Myers started talking in this manner, James Leete had Det. Sgt. U. Paul Utz listen in on an extension. Det. Sgt. Paul Utz was also able to hear Robert Lee Myers make some of these statements.

On Thursday, September 4, 1980, at 9:15 a.m., Robert Lee Myers contacted James Leete by telephone at the Westminster Barrack. At this time, he gave James Leete a list of guns he stated were stolen when his wife was murdered.

- One (1) .32 caliber automatic Smith and Wesson, blue steel frame with brown grips, with scratches on right side of frame. (Belonged to his Father). Valued: \$100.00
 - One (1) .38 caliber automatic Smith and Wesson, blue steel frame, brown grips, faded bluing. Valued: \$100.00
 - One (1) .25 caliber automatic Titian, Model 527, blue steel frame, NFD. Valued: \$ 35.00
 - One (1) .22 caliber rifle, Marlin, Model 780, bolt action, magazine fed, scratches on pistol grip area of stock. Valued: \$ 60.00
 - One (1) caliber automatic Remington rifle, tube fed, wood stock, poor condition. Valued: \$ 50.00
- Total Value: \$345.00

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In addition to the above guns, Robert Lee Myers also reported that two (2) .22 caliber Ruger rifles, Model 10-22 were stolen, and a .12 gauge shotgun was stolen during the murder.

Robert Lee Myers stated to James Leete that Marlin Utz had told him about the number of shots during a visit to Utz's Tennis Club, Fountain Hill. According to Robert Lee Myers, this meeting took place prior to the funeral for his wife and was for the purpose of working on the tennis club books. When James Leete confronted Robert Lee Myers with the fact that such a meeting could only have taken place sometime between Thursday, August 30, 1979, after approximately 50 minutes past midnight (when first contacted by James Leete upon his return from Ocean City, Maryland) and Friday, August 31, 1979 at approximately 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. (when he made the statement to Diane Gilbert Abbott). Robert Lee Myers could not state at what point he had such a meeting to go over the books of the tennis club. James Leete also confronted Robert Lee Myers with the fact that Marlin Utz had been contacted and stated that he had no communication with Robert Lee Myers until at least a month after the funeral of Mary Ruth Myers. Robert Lee Myers continued to insist that Marlin Utz had told him how many times his wife had been shot before the funeral, but now added that Tom Thomas, an ambulance crewman may have told him.

James Leete had a telephone conversation with Robert Lee Myers on Sunday, August 31, 1980 at approximately 11:45 a.m. During this conversation, Robert Lee Myers told James Leete that Marlin Utz had contacted him concerning James Leete's inquiry on this subject. Robert Lee Myers stated to James Leete over the telephone that Marlin Utz was telling the truth that he never told him how many times his wife had been shot before the funeral. Robert Lee Myers then told your Affiant that whoever made the statement that he (Robert Lee Myers) had told them that Mary Ruth Myers had been shot nine times prior to the funeral must be lying.

On Thursday, January 31, 1980, Detective Melvin Leroy Blizzard of the Baltimore County Police Department paid a personal visit to Robert Lee Myers at his business office at 40 South Church Street, Westminster, Maryland. During the conversation, Robert Lee Myers admitted to Detective Blizzard that he had lied