INTERVIEWED: Michael Cantrell

INTERVIEWED BY: Detective D. Burns, J.C.P.D.; Special Agent R. McMahan, ATF

DATE/TIME: 6-13-00/1600-1603

REPORT #

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:

Road, Louisville

DET. BURNS:

Testing: one, two, three, four, five, five, four, three, two, one. June the thirteenth. Today's date its June the thirteenth. It's approximately 1600 hours. Uh, my name is Detective Deborah Burns. We're at the home of Mike Cantrell,

MR. CANTRELL:

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DET. BURNS:

Road. Uh, Mike, would you state your name and spell your last name for me?

MR. CANTRELL:

My name is Michael Cantrell. Last name spelling C-a-n-t-r-e-l-l.

DET. BURNS:

The phone number here?

MR. CANTRELL:

The phone number here's, area code

DET. BURNS:

Aaand, your date of birth, Mike, and your Social Security Number, please.

MR. CANTRELL:

My date of birth is 10-25-55,

DET. BURNS:

O.K. Also here, uh, present at this interview, is Rick McMahon, with ATF. Uk, Mike, we're here in regards to, uh, some information that you possibly might have, in regards to, uh, a fire that took place on Bardstown Road earlier today. Would you relay that information to us. What you may have seen, what time it was, and anything that you might have some information about?

MR. CANTRELL:

I was coming home from work. I got off work at 12:30, at Vencor Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky. Coming southbound on Bardstown Road, as I approached the Church of Fire, I believe is what it's called, or Heart of Fire?

DET. BURNS:

Heart of Fire.

MR. CANTRELL:

Heart of Fire Church, uh, I looked to my left and I observed a vehicle coming from behind the church, with no lights on. The vehicle was, uh, appeared to be a white four-door Cadillac, late model, uh, went northbound on, I believe it's Dreams End, with its headlights still out, turned north on Bardstown Road. Uh, I lost, I lost sight of 'im because the darkness, and then he hit his brake lights and made a U-turn. Then he turned his lights on when he, when he started going southbound on

Bardstown Road. As I kept coming southbound, he passed me at a high rate of speed, and I, all I could tell was it looked, looked what appeared to be a white male driving, with one person in the car. Uh, the vehicle was light in color, it was four-door, it was a late model Cadillac.

DET. BURNS:

O.K. Anything else, uh, about the car that you remember? Tail lights or anything?

MR. CANTRELL:

The tail lights looked to be the, the late model, thin in design. Uh, very, very long up and down and very thin. The modern type of lights. I couldn't tell if it was a pearl paint or just a regular white paint. Uh, as far as the color of the hair, it could've been blonde, uh light color, on the subject I couldn't really, couldn't, couldn't verify that.

DET. BURNS;

O.K.

MR. CANTRELL:

And it possibly had white wall tires on it.

DET. BURNS:

O.K. Uh, but you say there was only one person in the vehicle?

MR. CANTRELL:

Yes, ma'am. From what I could tell.

DET. BURNS:

O.K. And what time, exactly what time was that, or approximately what time was that?

MR. CANTRELL:

When I first saw, saw the vehicle, I looked at my clock on my dash and it was 12:54 a.m., the thirteenth day of the month.

DET. BURNS:

Uh, any particular reason why you looked at your clock?

MR. CANTRELL:

I'd been a policeman, policeman for several years, first of all, here years ago for the City of Prospect and then in Texas. It's just something, when you see something suspicious, I always look at the clock. It's just something that's taught.

DET. BURNS:

O.K. Have you ever been to the Heart of Fire Church?

WR. CANTRELL:

No.

DET. BURNS:

Have any affiliation with the Heart of Fire Church?

MR. CANTRELL:

No.

DET. BURNS:

And would have no reason, uh, or no motive to say anything bad about anybody there at the church or dealings.

MR. CANTRELL:

I would've never known the church had burned until probably I watched the news tonight. My wife called me this afternoon, and uh, she said that, asked me about it because the hour that I got home, and, and then I questioned, I didn't know what she

was talking about, and she informed me what had been on the news and advised me, and I told her what I had seen, and she advised me to call the County Police.

DET. BURNS:

O.K. Rick, do you have any questions?

AGENT MCMAHAN:

The only question I have is what, at what time did you say you lost sight of the car

and where was it?

MR. CANTRELL:

It was, it was 12:56 a.m. and he was heading at a high rate of speed on Bardstown

Road southbound. And it was some, it was right at, right close to the Super America

in Fern Creek, by the Hungry Pelican.

DET. BURNS:

No other questions? This concludes the interview with Mike Cantrell, and the time

is approximately 1603.

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