

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Additional Report

Date: 3/24/93

Case No.: 93-16868

By: JP

Charge/Incident: Homicide

Complainant/Victim: ARTHUR HAINES

Location of Incident: 4507 N. Washington

On 3/22/93 at approximately 1030 hours, I did contact MAURICE HAINES in the MCU office of the SPD. At that time, I sat down with HAINES to speak with him about the death of his father and the circumstances surrounding it. I asked him to start back to the last time he saw his father alive. He said it was an early Saturday afternoon which would have been 2/27/93. He said he usually went over between 16 and 1700 hours to see his Dad but on some Saturdays, he would go earlier because he and his girlfriend did go play Bingo in the evening. He said that at the time he talked to his Dad, there had been nothing out of the ordinary, that his Dad seemed perfectly fine and in fact, had not talked about anybody being around the house or anything strange occurring. He said when he got there, he had asked his Dad if he wanted to know what was in the mail because his Dad's eyesight was failing and then would leave the mail on his end table. When MAURICE would come over, he would make sure his Dad was not throwing anything away that was of value. He said that he did that and was only there about five minutes and told his Dad he would get back in touch with him. He said that his Dad had called on Sunday between 1600 and 1700 hours. They had a normal conversation and he told his Dad that he would be over to see him on Monday.

On Monday, 3/1/93, he said he arrived at his Dad's house at about 1645 hours. He said he opened the gate and immediately upon opening the gate, saw that the newspaper was on the porch. He felt that his father might be sick inside because the first thing that the elderly gentleman did was to get up, have a cup of tea and then would go out and pick up the newspaper and sit and read it. He said as he got up on the porch, he saw that there was still mail in the mailbox and it was at that time, he started to open the door to go in and observed smoke on the window. He said as he went in, he hollered for his Dad two or three times. He noticed the only light on was the light over the TV which again was unusual because of the fact that his Dad had not used that light for some time because the one time he had turned it on, he had fallen and had to get help getting back up. He said he started to go back towards the back of the house and that it was quite smokey in there and there was a small sewing machine which was sitting in the dining room area against the wall. He said as he walked by it, he hit his leg on the sewing machine door which

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was open. He said that this was out of the ordinary too but he turned and continued on. He said there was light coming from the kitchen. He was not sure if there was a light on or maybe it was coming in through the kitchen window. He said as he started around the corner, he did observe his father lying on the floor. He said he turned immediately and started out. As he started out, he turned the light on in the dining room. He went to use the phone by the couch but there was no dial tone. He said he turned on the other light by the couch and left to go next door to the ROACHES.

Upon arriving at the ROACHES, he told DENNIS ROACH, "I think my Dad's dead." He said he then went back across with DENNIS and that DENNIS went in and MAURICE said that he told DENNIS his Dad was in the kitchen. He said DENNIS went into the kitchen area and called out for him not to come in and to go call 911 and ask for the Police and the Fire Dept. MAURICE said he went over to DENNIS' house and did use the phone to call 911. He was unsure as to exactly what he said to the 911 operators but he then went back across the street. He said he looked in the front bedroom and got his Dad's checkbook and checks. He said he went back to the front porch area and it was at this time that the Fire Dept. arrived. He said he then went over to DENNIS' house and waited there. I asked MAURICE what his thoughts were as far as getting the checkbook and the checks out of the bedroom area, and he said he doesn't know why he did it. He said he does not believe he was thinking clearly at the time, and that was the one thing that he knew where they were, so he just went in and got those but could give no other explanation. I asked MAURICE about the next time that he was in the house and this would have been with Det. CONNELLY. He said they looked through the house and really could not find very much disturbed. He talked about the billfold which his father would have been carrying which was not the billfold that was found by these Dets.. He said that billfold would have been pigskin in color. It should of had a social security card in it, a health card from Health Care, possibly a State Industrial card and maybe four or five dollars in cash. He said the credit cards would not likely have been in the billfold itself. He said that also his father would keep usually a five or a ten dollar bill in the Bible, either in the front of back of it. This would be to pay for some kind of emergency if MAURICE was unable to come over.

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We talked about the other items in the house that had been disturbed or missing. He said that to the best of his knowledge, he could not say there was anything missing from the house. He also wanted to mention about the clock that seemed to be of interest to the Police when they first went in. He said the clock may have stopped, that on the day that he wound it, it has a key that goes in the face to wind three different spots. He said he only wound the outside two that day because it had been straight up and down at six o'clock. I asked him what difference that made and he said that because the clock was straight up and down to six o'clock, the minute arm was covering the one hole that the key needed to go in to wind the center. He said it may have been for that reason that the clock stopped, rather than any other thing related to his father's death. MAURICE said that in going back through the house through his own personal effects, there were all kinds of airline cards, etc. that were still in the drawer that had not been touched. He said even though most of them had expired, it did not appear anyone had gone through them extensively.

I asked MAURICE about the situation that had occurred in September or October where there had been some ill feelings among the family, wherein the ROACHES had talked about him being upset with his Dad and the family. He said he was not upset with his Dad but the problem had been that his Dad was terribly upset when he had gone over there. He wasn't sure if it was September or October. He said when he got there, his Dad said that JEAN had just been there and that he was upset and started yelling and screaming at MAURICE. MAURICE told his Dad that he was going home and that when his Dad calmed down, he would call him later. He said it was not until the next day that his Dad called him and at that time, had calmed down enough to tell MAURICE what was going on. MAURICE said that his Dad told him that JEAN had come over and wanted him to go into a nursing home in Sandpoint. He said that his father was very upset and did not want to go. JEAN told him there would be lots of people there to visit him, and she even went so far as to make all the arrangements and was going to take her father with her. MAURICE said for this reason, he did get Elderly Services involved and this would have been KIM CALLAHAN who this Det. had spoken with earlier, and they did come out and evaluate his father. The determination was made at that time that in fact the gentleman was able to care for himself and did not need to be placed in some kind of a nursing facility. This would correspond with what I was told when I did contact

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Elderly Services. They also advised that the elderly gentleman did not want to be removed from his home, as he felt that he could function in his home. MAURICE went on to say it was about this same time that JEAN had found out that she had been taken out of the Will and became very upset. She had even made arrangements to take ARTHUR HAINES back to STEVEN HUGHES to have another new Will drawn up. It was apparently at that time that his father had the stress which caused him to lose his memory entirely, to the point that he did not even know any of the kids or immediate family members.

I asked MAURICE if taking care of his Dad had been a burden on him and his relationship with his girlfriend. He said that it had been to a point that he felt his sisters could have done more. He said that his sister in Chewelah, which would be YVONNE, did not even take the time to come and visit their Dad. On different occasions, he would talk to JEAN, and one time in particular, they had just come home from Arizona and they were cleaning up their trailer and were going to the Seattle area on the coast and stay for awhile. He asked JEAN if possibly she could take their father with her for a few days and that they could get an airline ticket and fly him back and MAURICE said he would pick him up at the airport. He said JEAN would not do this as she said that the old man was too much of a bother to take along. Because of the inability of his sisters to help, MAURICE said that he did feel put upon a little bit but that in fact, he wanted to take care of his father, and that it was not such a burden to the point that he would ever do anything to harm his Dad.

I had told MAURICE earlier when he signed the releases for me to talk to the attorneys, that I would be talking to them about the Wills. In going through them, the last Will that he had made out with Jim Cooney & Assocs., there had been a slip of paper attached to the Will basically justifying why he was going to make the changes. In there, he had a list of things he had already given some of the children and there was a gold wedding band that had been given to JEAN. I asked MAURICE if this might be the 22 carat gold wedding band that had been mentioned as being stolen from his father. He said he was unaware that JEAN had gotten this but that's the only wedding band he could think of and that his father may have given it to JEAN without his knowledge and I would have to check with her to see if she had it. I advised MAURICE that I attempted to call the phone number

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that I had for JEAN in Arizona three times, but had not reached anyone. I would, however, continue to keep trying and if he had contact with her, to also ask about this. He said that the family was at odds again about the Will and that JEAN had already advised that she was going to contest the Will regarding taking YVONNE out of the Will, and leaving the remainder of the items to MAURICE.

Because of the fact that MAURICE had the last contact and basically the Wills had been changed in a manner to give everything to MAURICE, I explained to him that I felt that he should take a polygraph test to clear himself from any involvement in this matter because of some of the implications that might be brought up at a later time. MAURICE agreed to this and did take a polygraph on the 22nd of March at 1200 hours. During the test with polygraph operator, MIKE HEINEN, the results of the test came back being that MAURICE was deceptive. Based on some of the questions that had been asked, his reasons for having trouble answering were that he felt that if he had been there to see his Dad, his Dad might still be alive and that this was the reason for having the problem. Because of the questions the way they were set up, Det. HEINEN has agreed to run a second test on MAURICE HAINES which will be run on April 5th at eight o'clock in the morning. Because of the inability to pass the polygraph test, this Det. will go to the Prosecutor's office in an attempt to get a subpoena to take to U.S. West Bank to have them produce the checks that were written on that account for the last six months, so I might be able to determine if in fact, MAURICE was writing checks for cash or other items for himself for personal gain which could give some insight into this case. With that, the investigation will continue.

Further Investigation

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