

Dr. Gilliland Interview-Nov. 5, 92

G: "This is Doctor Gilliland."

B: "Hello. My name is Brad Shellady. I am working with Vic Feazell on Henry Lucas's defense."

G: "Working with Vic Feazell on Henry Lucas's defense."

B: "Right. Henry's appeal."

G: "His appeal. Which extraterrestrial event of henrys are you working on?"

B: "I am looking into the reports from your office that pertain to the Stoneburg remains and Becky Powell. May I ask you a some questions concerning them?"

G: "You are of course aware that all of these details are intimately familiar. Nothing about any of these cases...that time has passed. Ask anything you want and I will tell you, if I remember."

B: "Thank you. The conclusion for the Stoneburg remains reads ".the bone fragments recovered is that of an adult human and that the bone has been subjected to heat." It goes on to state "...the material was recovered following a confession that an adult human had been killed and the body burned." How sure is that conclusion?"

G: "I am certain that that was a human bone. I am certain it was subjected to heat...under a reasonable doubt."

B: "The passage that caught my eye was that the history received with the bones was that someone had already confessed to killing and burning someone."

G: "That's not...That's history. If the history is not correct that doesn't change the fact that that is a human bone and that it was subjected to heat."

B: "Turning to the Becky Powell autopsy, I notice that you were not able to make a positive identification of her."

G: "Um...Not to the exclusion of all other people in the world. That was a strong circumstantial identification, in part by what he said but in part on the basis of superimposition of her face on the skeleton. The skull."

B: "Was everything else found to be consistent with Becky Powell?"

G: "Yes."

B: "Was there any pressure from law enforcement to reach those conclusions?"

G: "No. They wondered if there was anything here and I said "Yes." in the one case. Yea."

B: "The Stoneburg case."

G: "The cremated remains. They said "Could it be something?" I said "It could. It could be not. We've got to look at it. If it is, it is. If not."

B: "Your conclusion was that it was part of a human at one time."

G: "Yes. There was one very distinctive bit of bone fragment."

B: "Do you know if that evidence would still be around?"

G: "Um...I don't have any recollection. I...It might be in old DCMA records. Dallas County Medical Examiner records. That body was released or fragments were released to the family. That is my personal tendency. I am not saying that I have any independent recollection of whether we returned that material to the family because we couldn't positively identify that. I thought about it. It wasn't that I didn't say "There's some little x-ray that has this very fragment on it. It is a unique fragment. It does have unique markings." But we never could find anything to make the comparison with but with circumstantial we have released a number of remains to people and said "This is circumstantially your relative."

B: "Was the bone fragment from Stoneburg a complete enough piece to identify and pinpoint in the anatomy?"

G: "Yes."

B: "So you were able to compare it to an independent source?"

G: "Yes."

B: "That's basically what I needed."

G: "Could I have your name again?"

B: "Brad Shellady. S.H.E.L.L.A.D.Y. Would you like a phone number for me?"

G: "I was hoping this was going to be it and you weren't going to surprise me with a subpoena or anything."

B: "No. That's not the case."

G: "I am reasonably certain about the limited things that I am certain about and I have always tried to state what it is that I am certain about and then say "By history." when it comes to something that is historical."

B: "Thank you very much."

G: "Your welcome."

B: "Goodbye."

END OF INTERVIEW (Dr. Gilliland is now located in North Carolina)□