

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT
(NOT UNDER ARREST)

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I, John Henry Snapp, am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to Clayton Smith, Texas Ranger. Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve.

I am 31 years of age, and I live at 204 Buckingham Larena, Texas. I have known Ed Dray for approximately 10 years and Clare, Joley and Jason Dray for approximately 3 years. On the afternoon of 8-26-86 I was at my residence when my wife Katy received a phone call from Ed Dray. I heard the conversation of what Katy was saying to Ed. After Katy hung up the phone she told me what the situation was about. At that time I was in the process of changing clothes. About 1 or 2 minutes later I left the house to go to Eds. I slowed down at Chuck's house to see if he was there and then continued on. Chuck is my brother-in-law who lives next door. When I got almost to Spring Valley Road I saw the smoke coming from the fire. It looked like a lot of smoke but I don't remember the color of it. I arrived at Ed's house in about 3 or 4 minutes. I parked in front of the neighbors house just west of Eds house. I remember seeing a police car parked I believe in front of Eds house. I immediately got out of my car and went through the open garage into the house. I went to the family room and Ed was standing by a baby play pen and I think Ed was in the process of picking up the baby or had it in his arms. I don't remember any conversation between Ed and I. I went on out the back door into the yard and Ed followed with the baby. I saw Will Wondra and John Samble who were in the back yard of Eds and they were spraying water on the shed using garden hoses. I believe Will spoke to

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Dated at Heigitt Texas, this 17 day of September 19 86.

WITNESS: Clayton Smith

WITNESS: Frank Lutz

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me. Ed had said something about the baby's face getting hot and possibly carried the baby back into the house. About that time I saw some firemen come into the back yard and John Dumble started walking across the yard headed west toward the double gates and I followed. Ed was following us at that time and I don't remember Ed having the baby at that time. As we got close to the double gates I ask Ed where are the boys at? He said I don't know I haven't seen them. I then took off running to the street looking for the boys. I looked where all the kids had gathered and didn't see them and then ran back up to where Ed was at near the garage and ask him if the door on the shed was opened or closed and he said they were open. I said, oh no that's it." Then Ed said something about maybe they had gone off on their bikes. Then we went back into the back yard and found them on the patio. In my mind I thought the boys were in the shed but I took off toward the street and went toward Tahoe and then went back Sierra Slope but didn't see the boys. I remember a fireman telling me to slow down. The next time I saw Ed he was in the house on the couch and I remember sometime a fireman came in and said we have confirmation that a body is in the shed. The fireman then called the school where Clare teaches and told the principle to have her come home. ~~I then took the baby~~

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I then called Katy about what was happening and took the baby from the play pen, got some bottles and left for home. I have never seen or heard of the Gray boys playing with matches nor have my children ever made a statement to me about the Gray boys playing with matches. I have been in the shed on occasions and basically the shed contained junk, a couple of chain saws, weedeater, and lawn mowers. J.S.

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