

ON FRIDAY 11-30-01 AROUND 6:25PM
DET BLACKWELDER OBSERVED RHPD CSU GARDNER AND WILLIAMS
COME INTO THE SALLY PORT WITH EVIDENCE FROM 407 RICH ST. IN
THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, S.C. THE EVIDENCE WAS TRANSPORTED BY
CSU FROM RICH TO ROCK HILL LAW CENTER. BLACKWELDER ASKED
MIKE WILLIAMS(CSU) ABOUT THE BROOM THE DEFENDANT
VERBALLY ADMITTED TO USING ON THE VICTIM DURING THE
ASSAULT. WILLIAMS STATED THAT COLLECTED THE BROOMS AND
TWO DUST MOPS ALONG WITH OTHER EVIDENCE. BLACKWELDER
WENT TO STATION 5 HOLDING AREA OF POLICE DEPT AND SPOKE
WITH MR. COPE. COPE WAS SITTING DOWN AND WAS EATING WHAT
APPEARED TO BE A TV DINNER. BLACKWELDER IDENTIFIED HERSELF
AND ADVISED MR. COPE THAT SHE WAS WORKING ON THE CASE
WITH LT. HERRING, BLACKWELDER ASKED MR. COPE IF HE COULD
TELL HER WHICH BROOM HE USED TO COMPLETE THE ASSAULT, COPE
FIRST STATED THAT IT WAS EITHER THE RED OR THE BLUE BROOM,
THEN HE STATED IT WAS DEFINITELY THE BLUE HANDLE BROOM AND
NOT THE DUST MOP. BLACKWELDER ASKED COPE WHAT HE DID
WITH THE BROOM AFTERWARDS, COPE STATED THAT HE COULD
NOT RECALL WHAT HE DID WITH THE BROOM AFTERWARDS.

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