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POLYGRAPH REPORT

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED TO
BILLY COPE

BY DETECTIVE M. L. BAKER OF THE YORK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DECEPTION INDICATED

Responses indicative of attempted deception were noted to the relevant test question(s).

The following relevant test questions were used:

- (R5) Did you choke Amanda? Answer: No
- (R7) Did you choke Amanda causing her to die? Answer: No
- (R10) Were you in the room when Amanda died? Answer: No

COMMENTS/REMARKS

During the posttest interview the subject admitted to having choked and beat the victim to death. Subject also admitted having inserted a broom handle into victim's anus and vagina. Subject gave a written statement to Lt. Les Herring of the Rock Hill Police Department.

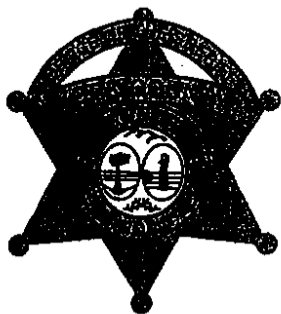

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER


AGENCY


DATE


EXAMINER SIGNATURE

Polygraph #: P01-168 Incident 0111291224 Test Date: 11/30/01 Examiner: M. L. Baker



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Interview of Billy Cope
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November 30, 2001
M. L. Baker

On November 30, 2001, Lt. Les Herring of the Rock Hill Police Department brought the subject Billy Cope to the Moss Justice Center so that a polygraph exam could be administered to Mr. Cope. The polygraph interview began at approximately 10:45am with Mr. Cope being advised of Miranda warnings. Cope waived Miranda, he signed both a waiver of rights and a consent to polygraph form. A polygraph pre-test worksheet was also completed on Mr. Cope.

Mr. Cope appeared attentive and calm. There was no outward expression of emotion or sign that Cope had been crying or otherwise was in distress. Cope advised he had requested that he be given a polygraph exam.

Mr. Cope was asked to give the details surrounding his daughter's death. Cope began by telling about events starting at 6:30pm Wednesday, November 29, 2001. He went into at length about how first his wife, then he, and then the victim, Amanda, helped one of the other children with their math homework. Cope gave details about the times and sequence that various things happened in the household, but he repeatedly changed the details. Cope finally stated by 1:00am he and all the children were in bed; his wife had gone to work earlier in the evening. He states he spent only 15 minutes on the Internet this night and that was to check email. Cope reported he spent most of the evening studying a Bible quiz book. He initially stated he slept, without waking until approximately 6:00am when the alarm on the portable phone woke him. He then changed this account to stating he got out of bed around 3:00am to use the bathroom. He states after using the bathroom he checked in on the younger two daughters but not Amanda and then returned to bed. He reported he woke at approximately 6:00am after having a dream about the Rapture. In the dream he stated he heard God saying, "Come up".

Cope denied ever having any sexual feelings for any of his daughters. He denied ever having had a problem with Internet pornography and stated except for a recent unsolicited pornographic email, he had not viewed any pornography for a long time. Cope stated he and his wife had normal sexual relations until recently when she began to

have medical problems. Cope stated there were no sex toys in the house and that they did not allow anything like that in the house.

The polygraph test and procedures were explained to Cope and the test questions were reviewed. Cope was offered a bathroom break at approximately 11:45; he did go to the restroom at that time. After returning from the bathroom break the polygraph exam was conducted. Cope co-operated during the exam. Cope failed the polygraph exam and he was informed of his failing the exam; Cope did not seem surprised that he had failed the test nor did he show any emotion.

At this time discrepancies in his statements were pointed out to Cope. The case facts were also reviewed. After approximately 5 to 10 minutes Cope asked if he could have done this, referring to killing Amada, and not remember having killed her. After more conversation Cope asked if he could have killed Amanda in his sleep and not remember it. After these theories were challenged, he stated, "I must have done it".

Cope then stated that everything he had said was pretty true but that he did remember that he had gone into Amanda's room after he went to the bathroom at 3:00am. He stated he had a "hard-on" after using the bathroom and went into Amanda's room and began to masturbate while standing over Amanda. Cope reiterated that he and his spouse had not been having sex recently. He stated he was wearing long black pants and underwear but no shirt and that he had pulled his pants and underwear down to his knees. He stated he doesn't remember ejaculating but must have ejaculated because he remembers it feeling "real good". He stated he normally masturbates into a washcloth but had not brought a washcloth with him into Amanda's room. He stated he did not know where the ejaculate ended up and that he did not clean it up.

Cope stated he had images of this in his head, referring what he had just described and that if he could see them he must have done it. Cope stated, "it is all bottled up inside me".

Cope then reported Amanda had woke while he was masturbating over her and said, "oh gross daddy". He then stated that this was the voice he had heard when he was referring to the dream about the Rapture. He stated that he became "enraged" and jumped on top of Amanda and began to beat her. He stated he hit her on the back and sides of her head with his hands. Cope demonstrated this by swinging both hands, fists partially closed in a sweeping motion toward the center of his body; this demonstration was unsolicited. He reported he thought he only hit her twice in that manner. He stated he also grabbed her by the back of the head and "slammed" her face into a video game and he "guessed that was how her face got messed up". Cope had been asked earlier about the injuries to Amanda's face but no reference to this video game had been made previously during this interview. Cope also physically demonstrated this action. Cope was told there were injuries to Amanda's stomach or groin area and was asked if he had held Amanda down by placing his knee in her stomach he stated, "No, I straddled her".

Cope was asked if he choked her with one hand and he replied "no", that he had used two hands and he demonstrated this by placing his hands together with only his thumbs and index fingers touching. He was asked how long did he choke her and he said "for a while". He stated she did struggle a little and that after she went limp he wrapped the strip of green cloth around her neck and choked her more. Cope demonstrated wrapping the strip of material around the victim's neck and pulling the material tight from either side of the victim's neck; again this demonstration was unsolicited. Later, Cope stated he wrapped the cloth around her neck but it did not work right so he took the cloth off and rewrapped the cloth around her neck and continued to choke her "to shut her up".

Cope maintained his composure and still never cried and showed little emotion. He asked if he "was going to fry for what I did", and he was advised there was no way to know what the punishment would be. He asked if he could get help, that he was a sick and evil person to do what he did. Cope seemed to only be concerned for his own well being.

Cope was asked about the injuries to Amanda's anus and vagina. He stated he could not have done something like that. He then stated he could see "it", referring to the attack. He stated he grabbed a broom that was in the doorway. He stated there were two brooms in the house, one had a plastic handle and the other broom had a wooden handle. He stated he used the wooden handled broom on Amanda. He stated he pulled Amanda's pants and panties down and "poked the broom handle in her butt first". He stated he then "poked her up front" referring to her vagina. Cope stated he did not remember playing with Amanda's breasts or unhooking her bra.

When asked why he had done this, referring to the sexual attack, after he had already masturbated, he stated, "I just wanted to play with my daughter". Cope was asked what he had done with the broom after he had used it on Amanda, Cope stated he could not remember what he did with the broom.

Cope made the statements "I am a monster" and "I must be sick to have done this". Cope again asked about what type of help he could get.

Lt. Les Herring joined the interview and Cope's previous statements were reviewed. Cope was offered and given a soft drink. This was at approximately 1:30pm.

Cope, at this time was asked about a dildo and pornographic videotape that were supposed to be in the house but were missing. Cope then stated there had been a dildo and pornographic tape in the house and that he had lied earlier about not having sex toys in the house. He volunteered that the dildo was "only a small one". He was asked why he lied about the dildo and if he had also used the dildo on Amanda. He stated he had used the dildo on Amanda and then he corrected himself and stated he could only remember using the broom handle on her. He was asked where the dildo and tape were now and he stated "I might have thrown them out the back door". Then he said "If I threw them out the back door there are two books with them". Cope was referring to two pornographic magazines he stated he had bought two years ago at a Handy Pantry. He described the videotape as being a cable version tape and that "you really couldn't see anything". He

stated he occasionally used the tape and magazines when he masturbated and that the tape and magazines had been stored in a bedroom closet. He stated the dildo was kept in between the mattresses on his bed but had recently fallen on the floor while they were moving bedroom furniture.

Cope was asked why he had thrown the dildo, tape and magazines out the back door. He stated he was ashamed after he had done what he did to his daughter and didn't want them in the house anymore. He stated he should have gotten rid of them a long time ago. Cope volunteered that he had also deleted files in the "Temporary Internet Files" folder on his computer after throwing the above items away. Cope stated he then went to bed and went to sleep after putting on the facemask that is attached to his "CPAP".

Cope stated he woke up and was hoping that the "rapture" had come and that what he had done to his daughter had not actually happened. He stated when he got out of bed, he looked in on his two youngest daughters and knew that it, referring to his killing Amanda, had happened and that Amanda was dead.

Cope asked if he could plead insanity and he was told that we could not answer that question. Cope also asked if he could get special protection when he was in jail because he "knew that they would kill a child molester".

Cope agreed to give a signed written statement. Lt Herring took the statement, which was completed at 2:00pm. Cope, escorted by Lt. Herring, left minutes later. Before leaving, Cope thanked us and offered his hand in a handshake.

YOUR RIGHTS

BEFORE I ASK YOU ANY QUESTIONS, I WANT TO ADVISE YOU OF YOUR RIGHTS.

1. You have the right to remain silent.
2. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a Court of Law.
3. You have the right to talk to an attorney and have him/her present with you while you are being questioned.
4. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you before any questioning, if you wish.
5. You can decide at any time to exercise these rights and not answer any questions or make any statements.

Do you understand each of these rights I have explained to you? Yes: Yes No: _____

[Signature]
Signature

Date

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I am willing to talk to police and answer questions. I do not want an attorney at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me, and no pressure of any kind has been placed upon me.

[Signature]
Witness

11/30/01
Date

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Signature

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Date

Interviewee: Billy Cope

Date of Birth: 8/13/63 Age: 38

Education Level: 2 yr College Read: (Yes) No
(Circle one)

Write: (Yes) No
(Circle one)

Place of Interview: MJC

Time: 10:45

Interviewer: M. L. Baker

Date: 11/30/01

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Yes: BWC No: _____Billy W. Cape
Signature11-30-01
Date

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DateInterviewee: Billy CapeDate of Birth: 8/13/63 Age: 38Education Level: 4 yrs
York College Read: ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Circle one)Write: ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Circle one)Place of Interview: MJCTime: 10:45Interviewer: M. L. BakerDate: 11/30/01

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

I, BILLY WAYNE COPE, know and understand my rights. Having decided to answer questions at this time, I now make the following statement.

- 1) IN THE EARLY MORNING OF NOV. 29TH 2001, A THURSDAY
- 2) MORNING, I GOT UP & WENT TO THE BATHROOM
- 3) ABOUT 3:00AM. I HAD A HARD ON AFTER I URINATED,
- 4) I THEN WENT INTO MY DAUGHTER, AMANDA COPE'S,
- 5) BEDROOM. WHILE IN HER ROOM I BEGAN TO MASTURBATE
- 6) WHILE DOING THIS AMANDA WOKE UP. I REMEMBER
- 7) HEARING AMANDA SAY OH, GROSS-DADDY. I THEN
- 8) JUMPED ON TOP OF HER & STRADDLED HER. I THEN
- 9) BEGAN TO HIT HER WITH MY HANDS IN THE SIDE &
- 10) TOWARDS THE TOP OF HER HEAD. SHE WAS STRUGGLING
- 11) & I GRABBED HER BY THE NECK & I TOOK HER HEAD
- 12) & BEAT IT DOWN ON THE BED ON TOP OF THE VIDEO
- 13) GAME. SHE SLOWED UP IN HER STRUGGLE & BECAME
- 14) LIMP. I THEN GRABBED THE END PART OF THE
- 15) BLANKET & I WRAPPED IT AROUND HER NECK. I
- 16) THEN GRABBED A WOODEN BROOM & I STARTED TO

The statement above, consisting of 2 page(s), is made of my own free will. No one has threatened me in any way or promised me special treatment to cause me to make this statement. I am signing my name in the space below to show that it is my statement and it is the truth.

Signed: Billy Wayne Cope

Date: 11-30-01

Time: 2:00PM

Witness: M. D. Baker

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- 1) POKE IT INTO HER. I THINK I POIKED IT IN HER
- 2) BUTT FIRST & THEN HER VAGINA. I THEN WENT
- 3) BACK INTO MY BED, PUT MY BREATHING MASK BACK
- 4) ON & WENT TO SLEEP. THESE ARE THE IMAGES THAT
- 5) COME INTO MY MIND.
- 6) ADDED AT 2:25 PM 11-30-01 - THERE WAS A DILDO,
- 7) A PORNO VIDEO TAPE AND 2 PORNO MAGAZINES IN
- 8) THE HOUSE. AFTER ALL THIS TOOK PLACE, I WANTED TO
- 9) GET THIS STUFF OUT OF MY HOUSE. I DON'T REMEMBER
- 10) USING THE DILDO ON AMANDA, I THINK IT WAS JUST
- 11) THE BROOM HANDLE, BUT I TOOK THE DILDO, TAPE
- 12) AND MAGAZINES & I REMEMBER THROWING THEM
- 13) OUT THE BACK DOOR. BWC
- 14) KHA
- 15)
- 16)

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M. L. Bah

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