

DATE OF INTERVIEW: November, 29, 2001

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Law Center

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Billy Wayne Cope

ADDRESS: 407 Rich Street TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

RACE: W SEX: M AGE: 38

EMPLOYED BY: Steakout Restaurant

ADDRESS West Main Street TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

INTERVIEWING OFFICER: Burris

DETAILS OF INTERVIEW: Mr Cope stated during the interview he awakened around

6:00AM and called out to his daughter Amanda(victim) to get up, when he did not hear

her moving around, he went into her bedroom approximately two minutes later he found

her in bed with a blanket strip around her neck and she had turned the color purple.

He said he cradled her in his arms but he could see that she was dead. He said that he

screamed and his other two children ran into the room, when they saw the victim, they

asked if she was dead. He told the two children to go into the livingroom and then he

called 911 emergency. Mr Cope stated that he has two other daughters, Jessica Nicole,

age 11 Yrs and Lyla Cope age 7 Yrs. He stated that Amanda and Jessica went to bed around

12:30AM and the youngest daughter Kyla went to bed around 9:30PM He stated that Amanda

have her own bedroom, and the other two girls share a bedroom. Asked if he had anyone

else visiting the home that day or night and he said no. Stated they never had any

visitors because of the roach problem in their home. Mr Cope stated that he has

sleep apnea, and sleep with a machine that make some kind of a whirring noise

and stated he have had this problem approximately two years. After a lengthy interview

with Mr Cope, it was decided that we should do a suspect rape exam on him at the hospital.

After getting him to sign a consent form, did along with CSU officer Davis transport him to PMC for the test that was conducted by Dr. Maynard.

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After evidence collection was done at the hospital, Mr Cope stated that if during the autopsy skin was found underneath his daughters fingernails, it would be his because he had her to scratch his back before she went to bed because of an itch. He also made remarks like someone might have came into the home without his knowledge because of the machine on his face when he sleep making the whirling noise,