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STATEMENT

Date: March 19, 1986

Case: DWR

Present: Sgt. Brad Birch, SOPD; Rhonda Lovell

B.B. On March 19, 1986 at approximately 10 a.m. I went to the Social Services Department in the Eccles Building in Ogden Utah and there I did execute an arrest warrant which was issued out of Rich County for one Rhonda Lovell. Rhonda's full name is Rhonda B. Lovell. Her address is 4820 South 350 East, Apartment A-12, Ogden, Utah. Rhonda is a white female. Her date of birth is [REDACTED]. The warrant which was issued out of Rich County was for a charge having to do with the taking of game out of season, or poaching. Rhonda was involved with her husband in the incident. Her husband is Douglas Lovell. Douglas is presently serving time for an aggravated kidnapping and an aggravated rape which happened in South Ogden and Davis County. As stated he is incarcerated in the Utah State Prison.

I transported Rhonda from the Eccles Building to South Ogden Police Department and she was there questioned concerning this incident by myself and also Det. Terry Carpenter from South Ogden Police. Rhonda indicated to us that the date in question that she was with her husband, Doug, in the Monte Cristo area. That they had driven over from the Ogden side, that they had gone there and they were going to meet some friends in Woodruff to go camping, however, Rhonda could not give me the names of the friends. She indicated she did not want to name who they were because she did not want to get involved. She did say that they were from Salt Lake. She indicated that when she was initially stopped by the Fish and Game Officer on the road coming out of Monte Cristo towards Woodruff that her husband at that time was out relieving himself at the side of the road. She indicated that that was why the Fish and Game Officer had not seen him. We also asked Rhonda why she had told the Fish and Game Officer that she had picked up the male individual which would have been Doug, her husband, when they were stopped later by the same Fish and Game Officer. We asked why she indicated she had picked him up hitch hiking. She had no explanation for that. Rhonda indicated that Doug did own a Weatherbee 300 Deer Rifle. She indicated that she smoked Player Cigarettes and she indicated that would be the kind of cigarettes she had with her that day.

We asked Rhonda whether they had gone to Doug's father's cabin which is located in the Monte Cristo area. She indicated that they did not have the keys and did not go to the cabin.

B.B. (cont.) It would be good to note that before any of this questioning took place that she was given her rights as per Miranda. These rights were given by myself to Rhonda. Rhonda was also questioned extensively about possible involvement or knowledge in the disappearance of one Joyce Yost, which is a missing persons case that we are handling at this time in South Ogden. Rhonda indicated that she had no knowledge and no further information concerning Joyce's disappearance. After she was questioned about these two incidents she was transported to Randolph by myself and Det. Carpenter and was booked into Rich County, booking #R3-21-86. That has been the last contact with Rhonda since March 19, 1986.

As stated previously, Rhonda stood fast to the fact that she was not involved in any type of poaching. She indicated that she knew nothing about any deer taken illegally. She indicated that Doug had not done any improper killing of any game animals and that they had not had any type of weapon with them, however, Rhonda had no explanation as to why she had said the things she said to the Fish and Game Officer as to why Doug was outside of the truck in the snowstorm. As to why, she had no information as to what they were doing in the area and who the people were that they were supposedly there to meet.

CONTINUATION OR FOLLOW-UP
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1. Business, Victim or Complainant

2. Case No.

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DIVISION WILDLIFE RESOURCES

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UT0290300 South Ogden Police

3. Type Offense

4. Officer ID

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Follow-up

This is a statement regarding assisting Sgt. Birch in interviewing one Rhonda Lovell. This occurred on March 19, 1986. Present at that time was Sgt. Birch, myself, and Rhonda Lovell.

Approximately 10 a.m. on March 19, 1986 I was contacted on the radio by Sgt. Birch and asked to meet him in the office. I responded to the office and found that Sgt. Birch had arrested Rhonda Lovell. Sgt. Birch requested I be present during the interview which was held with her. Rhonda was advised of her rights per Miranda by Sgt. Birch. She stated she understood these rights and she wished to talk with her attorney.

Rhonda was very sociable and willing to talk about anything else. We explained to her an interest in several things, among which was her possible involvement with the disappearance of Joyce Yost. Rhonda denied any knowledge of it, denied any knowledge of Douglas Lovell, her husband, being involved, or of her knowing that Doug was involved with Joyce's disappearance. Rhonda did comment on the fact that she was going to Woodruff and was stopped by a Fish and Game Officer. She stated that they were in the process of meeting some friends at the time that the Officer approached her and that Doug was out of the car going to the bathroom.

I asked her, specifically, why she didn't just tell the officer that he was out going to the bathroom. Rhonda stated she was too embarrassed to say that. Rhonda gave information to myself and Sgt. Birch that they were going to meet some friends in Woodruff, with the purpose of going snowmobiling. She declined to identify who the people were, saying she did not want to get them involved. Rhonda stated that in going from Ogden to Woodruff they stopped at Doug's cabin, or had attempted to stop at Doug's cabin, but the gate was locked and Rhonda stated they did not have a key to get in.

There was a brief discussion regarding the trial that had occurred. Rhonda asked some questions about the trial which were answered by Sgt. Birch. Rhonda was asked if Doug had any firearms. She stated that he only had one rifle that she was aware of. That being a Weatherbee 300. Rhonda, consequently, made arrangements for her mother to care for her child. She also made arrangements for her mother to pick up her car. She was then transported to Rich County Sheriff's Office by myself and Sgt. Birch. As stated previously, this occurred on March 19, 1985. Rhonda denied any knowledge of poaching any animals. She stated she was not present when any animals were killed. That she had not seen any animals on that day. This will conclude my statement. This is Terry Carpenter, Detective, South Ogden Police Department.

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