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 STATEMENT OF JERRY OWEN, 1113 North Mar-Les Drive, Santa Ana, Calif.
 Phone: 839-0123, DOB 4-16-13, 6', 215, dark hair, blue eyes.
 Never arrested in Los Angeles (claims he was arrested and exonerated
 three times). Church work - Evangelist; conduct services on Sunday
 at Calvary Baptist Church in Oxnard.

File # 28693

STATEMENT TAKEN AT UNIVERSITY DETECTIVE DIVISION 6-5-68 5:00 p.m.

I left Santa Ana Monday, 6-3-68 around 1:00 p.m., came in on the freeway and turned off and stopped at the Coliseum Hotel on Santa Barbara and Figueroa where a friend of mine has a heavyweight boxer who stays by the name of Rip O'Riley, and he asked me how I was getting along and to come in and see if I needed any equipment from United Sporting Goods Store on Hill Street, downtown, Los Angeles, I went down and purchased a pair of boxing shoes and was taking them out to Hollywood to have some green shamrocks sewed on each side. As I turned over from 9th and Hill Street, I stopped at one of the lights and I was waiting for the light, one fellow walked up and reached out to touch a large chrome horse (ornament) on my Chev pickup truck and he asked if I was going west and I said "yes" I was going out Wilshire over into Hollywood. They wanted to know if they could ride and the two of them jumped in the back of the pickup. When we stopped at the light at Western and Wilshire, there was three or four young kids on the corner dressed hippie style (heads).

They both got out of the truck. One fellow (susp) asked if he could ride up front with me. He appeared to be in his early 20's, I thought he was Mexican, dark bushy headed kid, looked like a Mexican, but spoke very good English. As we went out Wilshire he asked me if I could stop for a little while at the big hotel and stated that he had a friend that worked there, that he'd only be a few minutes. I waited about ten minutes and was ready to go on my way when he came across the street and got into the truck and he started talking about horses. He wanted to know if I had horses and what kind of horses. In the conversation he stated that he

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was an exercise boy at the race track. In the conversation I told him I was going to Oxnard to sell a Palomino horse that had been used to pony horses. I told him that I was going to sell it for \$250., and he said he would like to buy it, cause if he had his own horse he could work at the track ponying some horses, and told me that I could meet him that night. We discussed where I was going to stay. I told him that I would be going to the Saints and Sinners, and he seemed to know when I said on Fairfax, then he wanted to know if I was Jewish and I said "no", "I'm not Jewish, I'm Welsh," and he said I have no use for Jews. He said that as a boy he lived in Jordan. He told me that he was raised in Jordan and left there when he was 13 or 14 years old. In his conversation he seemed to be opposed to Jews and trouble. He said he would have cash at 11:00 p.m., that night. I came to the hotel and parked and he was across the street on the corner. Across the street was a car; 57, 58, or 59 Chevy, hard top, kind of off-white, a dirty car. He went across the street. The girl that was standing on Wilshire and Western was there. The other fellow in the car got out. (Girl 20/21, 5/5, 140, chunky, wearing slack outfit, straight dirty blonde hair and needed a bath) He went across, talked to them, and came back and showed me a hundred dollar bill. He said he was supposed to get more money and he didn't have the rest. He said "I'll buy the Palomino from you and give you \$250." So I said I'll go over and stay in the hotel (St. Moritz Hotel, 5849 Sunset Blvd, 467-2174, Rm 203). I left a call for in the morning for 8:00 a.m., cause he was to have the money at 8:00 A.M. So I got a phone call about five minutes to eight and I came out in front and the same girl and the same guy said that he wanted the horse bad and if I could wait over until Tuesday night. He said something was happening

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at the Ambassador Hotel and he would take the horse and he asked me if I could get the boy a job at the ranch because he was a good rider. He was too heavy for a jockey. I gave him a card. I left. I stayed in Oxnard Tuesday night with some friends. I left Oxnard at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday. I arrived at the Coliseum hotel at exactly five minutes after three, discussed Kennedy tragedy with waitress. I began to look at Hollywood Citizen News and saw kids picture in the paper. I told the waitress that it looked like the three same kids I saw the other night.

Q. What time did you leave the Coliseum Hotel?

A. Monday afternoon at about 1:20 p.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Q. What was the name of the friend that you know that owns the coffee shop?

A. Bert Morris

Q. You left the Coliseum coffee shop and you went to a store to buy some shoes?

A. First I went by the Teamsters Gym and then I went to United Sporting Goods Store, located at 9th and Hill.

Q. What time was that?

A. About 2:30 p.m. or 3:00 p.m., June 3, 1968.

Q. You went from United Sporting Goods Store, west on 7th St. to Grand, north on Grand to Wilshire and west on Wilshire?

A. Yes

Q. What time did the two guys get into your truck at 7th and Grand?

A. Shortly between 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Q. Two guys got in your truck; one of whom you have identified as the fellow that has his picture in the paper. Describe the other fellow.

A. Mexican or Latin, 23, three or four inches taller and slimmer, dark hair, long hair, old jacket, sleeves were different color from body of jacket, dark standard levis, shoes, nothing unusual. No mustache. Medallion around his neck, a tall kid.

Q. Describe the short one.

A. Shorter kid I identified from the paper. He was wearing a sweat shirt (dk gry), light colored pants (beige), bushy hair, in his 20's, not over 22 or 23. They got in the back of truck and I drove north on Grand and west on Wilshire to LaBrea.

The other kid got out on Western and Wilshire, on the right hand corner. We stopped at the light and here stands three or four kids on the corner, including a blonde girl. The three or four kids on the corner appeared to know the two guys that were with you. The tall kid got out.

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Q. Describe the girl.

A. Blonde, wearing slack outfit, (dk gry or blu), 20/21, Cauc, needed a bath, have stuff on neck and large wristwatch. Made a big fuss about the horse. (ornament) Had sandals on. The same guy that was with her I saw later on that night.

Q. Describe him

A. Biggest of the whole bunch, gold turtleneck, fair suit, long hair and long sideburns, dark brown hair, straight and combed good. He was in his 30's, pretty neat, greenish-golden irredescent suit, matching pants, no mustache, medallion around neck, very neat, polished and manicured nails.

Q. Described the others

A. Two guys on the corner, extreme hippies, between 19/23, (whiskers, pants to knees, long hair).

Q. Then what happened?

A. We stopped at the Ambassador Hotel for about ten minutes. He said he knew someone that worked there and he'd only be a few minutes. He started talking about the horses and he said he had to get some money. He said he would like to stop at the big hotel, he didn't say the Ambassador. He said I have a friend who is working there. He gets out and goes in. He's gone ten minutes or more. He came back and then he wanted to go out to Hollywood.

Q. Did he say what his friend was doing in the hotel?

A. He works in the kitchen.

Q. Was his friend male or female?

A. Friend was a male.

Q. Was he dressed in the same clothing?

A. Yes

Q. Were you able to determine what entrance he went into the hotel?

A. No

Q. How long was he in the hotel?

A. About ten minutes.

Q. When he got back what happened?

A. After returning to car, we continued west to Rosemont, north on Rosemont to Vine, north on Vine to Smitty's Shoe Shine, across from Hollywood market. I stopped at Smitty's and he waited in the car.

Q. Did Smitty's see the kid in the car?

A. No

Q. Then what happened?

A. I went across the street with the shoes and when I came back that's when he told me he'd meet me and have some money and he really wanted the horse. I told him that I was going to the Saints and Sinners.

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When I said that, he said, where's that, and I said on Fairfax and right away. He said that "heeb" town. I then drove north on Vine, east on Sunset to the old bowling alley. He got out. I told him I'd meet him on this corner at 11:00 p.m. that night. He was to have the \$250. He said, I'm interested in buying the horse and I said, O.K. I'll meet you here at 11:00 p.m. tonight and I left. At 11:00 p.m. that night, across the street from the hotel, he was standing on the corner. I backed the truck and he said, just a minute. He went across the street and I could see from the lights that it looked like the same dirty girl, and the guy in the suit sitting at the wheel of the dirty Chev. He then came back and said, I got \$100. He showed me a hundred dollar bill. He said I'm suppose to get more money, but I can't get it until tomorrow morning. He was very interested in getting the horse. I said if you are positive that you will take this horse for \$250, I'll wait over, if not, don't waste my time. So I went over into the hotel across the street, registered and put a call in for 8:00 a.m. A fellow called, who said he was phoning for Joe Sahara. I met him outside at the parking lot. There was the car, the same girl and guy (wearing the same yellow turtleneck shirt and same suit). He (the guy in the suit) said if you could stay over until tonight, he (susp) hasn't got his money.

Q. The call received from the hotel was not to wake you up?
A. No, it was from them.

Q. When you went out to talk to these people, what did they say about Joe Sahara?
A. He said that Joe got the message and that he was interested in buying the Palomino horse, and that he won't have the money until tonight. If I would wait over, it was positive deal to take the horse.

Q. When you left, did you hear anymore from them?
A. No, not until now.

Q. Would you know the girl if you saw her again?
A. Yes, I believe I would.

Q. Would you know the guy with the yellow turtleneck?
A. Yes, I would know those two.

Q. Would you know the guy whose picture is in the paper?
A. I think three of them I could positively identify.

Q. Maybe the tall kid who rode in the back of the truck?
A. I wouldn't be too positive, but they looked enough alike to be the same nationality, or cousins or brothers. They looked like they were Mexicans.

Q. If you were to retrace your steps in a police car, could you do it?
A. I think I could retrace it all. I think the man at the hotel saw me and the truck when I asked for a cheap room.

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Q. Was the kid with you when you stopped at the hotel?

A. No, He'd left.

Q. Where did he get out?

A. He got out right on the corner by the bowling alley. He told me, I'll meet you right here at 11:00 p.m. and I said, I'll be here at 11:00 p.m. sharp.

Q. When you left Smitty's you must have drove up to Sunset and turned right or left; going east again and drove down to the corner by the bowling alley. Did he seem to be familiar with the GO-GO place?

A. Yes, he did mention there's a girl place over there.

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SECTION A

2. S.U.S. report re Owen's activities - sections pertain to the polygraph examination and the July 3, 1968, meeting of Lt. Pena, Lt. Hernandez, D.A. Fitts, Attorney George T. Davis and Jerry Owen at the law offices of George Davis, 745 Market Street, San Francisco.

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-205

Person(s) Interviewed: Jerry Owen

Date 7/3/68

Suppl Re I/V _____

Time- 2:45 p.m.

Taped Poly Exam
#29272

Business Address & Phone 745 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

Residence Address & Phone _____

Poly Exam at Crime Lab SFPD

Info tion (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How)

DDA Fitts, Lt. Pena, Sgt. Hernandez

Subj. was int. at offices of Attorney George T. Davis, 745 Market St., San Francisco on 7/3/68 12:15 p.m. for approximately one hour and a half. He was then taken to SFPD and given a polygraph test. He failed the test substantially, made several changes in his story. In meaningful areas:
1. Time he saw Sirhan (??), he thinks like Sirhan. 2. He changed his route from home, did not stop at Colisium Hotel, but went straight to United Sporting Goods. 3. He had the susp w/turtle neck sweater showing him a \$100 bill at 8:00 p.m. 6/4/68 instead of (Susp Sirhan) on eve of 6/3/68. 4. He did not mention Ambassador Hotel. 5. He could not identify good photo of Sirhan and picked a nebulous look a like out of the pack of mugs as susp. #2 in truck. 6. He is not an ordained minister.

7/2/68 11:30 a.m.

Taped Lt. Pena talked to Att. Geo. T. Davis in San Francisco by telephone 415 392-1919. Cooperative will have Owens at his office in one hour and call back.

7/2/68 12:00 noon

Taped Davis called back. Owens at office w/Wesley Gardner and Mr. Hardester, Private Invest called off Press Conference 12 T.V. and News people in office.
Owens will be int. by SUS Personnel will int Owens 6-3-68 in Frisco

Jerry Owens residence Tel. 714 839-0123
Wesley Gardner - 707 226-5338
William F. Owens - San Bruno 415 583-2462

Take to San Francisco:

1. Copy of Owen's statement
2. Portable poly
3. Picture of Kourhy??
4. Set of mugs
5. Description of Kourhy
6. Tape of prior statement
7. Picture of Kourhy gal and Corey gal

Investigators making interview
Fitts-Hernandez
Pena

Approved by:
Lt. Pena

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John Antoine Khoury DOB 12/9/43, Palestine, Lebanese Citizen,
M.-Heb-6'-to6'1"-Blk hair- slender build-150 lbs-light olive
complexion-brn eyes-slender facial features

745 Market Street
Between 3rd and 4th

Cam down town between 3rd and 4th parking lot north side of
Mission St. Ask attendant for back entrance of Davis office.
Call him fifteen minutes before come up back entrance.

7/3/68 12:15 p.m. Office of George T. Davis, 745 Market St.
San Francisco

Jerry Owen: (Pena, Hernandez, Flitts,)

Left home at 1113 Marless, Santa Anna, ponies etc. gives free
rides to kids to go to church these and Oxnard. Gets phone
call from sch teacher (also said 11:00 a.m.) Mon
agreed to sell pony \$175. Was leaving for Oxnard (1:00 to 1:15
p.m. left) got call re shoes for boxers. Routed on freeway
to United Sporting Goods (Approx. 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.) 9th and Hill
in old truck, (in Margin--48 Chev truck) Goes to United Sporting
Goods pick up pair of shoes (and boxing robe) (in Margin--Tennis
shoes, sweat shirt, dk kakis) Was going to take shoes, robe
to Hwd. across from Ranch Market to home. Colored man saw inscription
on robe/shoes. (left approx. 3:00 to 3:15) (In margin-What happened
to trip to Hwd. Colored men to see inscription OK) Left United
got going east and on to 7th and Grand to signal (3:30 p.m.) Picked
up tall/short Mexican looking guys at 7th and Grand. After being
asked by shorter one if he was going out Wilshire way, said yes
going to Hwd. They got in truck, he turned right get on Wilshire
and Vermont.

(In Margin-White Garage Texaco Station got out went left and
turned right)

4:00 p.m. Guy got off talked to guy and gal and little guy
got out in front (4:07) to see friend in kitchen.

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Mon when guy said he would meet him at 11:00
p.m. Had coffee and sandwich w/Maxie Roseubloom talked about
Saints and Sinners. (In Margin-go-over times at different locations)

(in Margin-Susp. in early 20's)

W/Roseubloom Plaza Hotel at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. went to St. and
Sinners 8:30 to 10:00 to 10:30. Ret for meet at 11:00 p.m. with
subj.

(In margin-Is going to Palestine with Maxie Roseubloom to Brooch
saving his money)

(In Margin-Selling his house, broke)

(Note-Man at shoe shine parlor Smitty)

Douglast Lewis, 36th Vermont, Coliseum Hotel- talked about the horse
deal he had with subj. etc. Cashier at Coffee Shop at Olympis Hotel
had Citizens New to w/story talked him into telling the story.

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(Bert Morris, Coliseum Hotel)

Printed truck at UNIV
Says Univ Dets told him about 4 \$100 bills after he mentioned
\$100 bill deal from subj.

(In margin-Speaks at Oxnard)

(In margin-Where was the taller guy when at the ranch market)

(In margin-What was his reason for staying in truck after)

(In margin-1st call PS4)
Got phone call threat - made good voice, no accent, keep your
blankety Blank mouth shut horse deal or you will ---- ---- ----
On day Kennedy died, Has unlisted phone- time of call between
2-5 P.M. Belives/almost sure it was Subj who called.

(In Margin-2nd call)
Sat. June 22nd - Keep you mother blankety blankety mouth shut.

Wed. after that coming from Oxnard

(In Margin-Reverand Jonathan Perkins - claims was in Pol Bldg
and talked Det and saw mugs)

Polygraph of SFPD.Lab
2:45 p.m. Pima Country-Conspiracy, fraud, 1962 fire fraud sentenced
to 8-10 Bond served/App541 3yrs and released (Vindicated???)

Changed wordage of alleged threatening call. Just told him to keep
his mouth or we will take care of him.

Imight be wrong it may not be the guy.

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO MAYOR YORTY
FROM JACK BROWN

DATE NOVEMBER 13, 1968
SUBJECT:

CONFIDENTIAL:

ON OCTOBER 15, RON ELLEN SOHN AND I HAD A LENGTHY CONFERENCE WITH JOHN CHRISTIAN, A FREE-LANCE INVESTIGATIVE TV REPORTER FROM SAN FRANCISCO. YOU MAY RECALL I PREVIOUSLY MEMOED YOU ABOUT CHRISTIAN AND HIS BELIEF THAT THE MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY WAS A CONSPIRACY.

CHRISTIAN PLAYED FOR US A TAPED INTERVIEW WITH OLIVER "JERRY" OWEN, AN EVANGELIST AND HORSE TRADER WITH HOMES IN BOTH ORANGE COUNTY AND THE OXNARD AREA. IN THE RECORDING, OWEN TELLS A TALE OF PICKING UP TWO YOUTHS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, DRIVING THEM TO THE AMBASSADOR AREA, NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONE OF THEM WHO WISHED TO BUY A HORSE AND COMPLICATED PLANS TO DELIVER THE HORSE NEAR THE AMBASSADOR ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 4.

THE DAY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, OWEN IDENTIFIED THE POTENTIAL HORSE BUYER AS SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. OWEN THEN APPEARED AT UNIVERSITY POLICE STATION AND VOLUNTEERED A STATEMENT. OWEN LATER WENT--CHRISTIAN SAYS "FLED"--TO THE BAY AREA.

APPARENTLY ACTING ON MY PREVIOUS MEMO TO YOU, POLICE CONTACTED CHRISTIAN IN SAN FRANCISCO AND HE OFFERED TO TURN OVER HIS TAPE AND OTHER MATERIAL TO THEM. BUT HE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE OFFICERS.

ELLEN SOHN CHECKED POLICE AND LEARNED THEY HAD SPENT 100 MAN-HOURS INVESTIGATING CHRISTIAN'S ALLEGATIONS THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS AN

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