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Statement of Harry James Warner: Framing of Edward E. Mays

I, the long long, am making this statement of my own free will. I am not being promised anything or being threatened in any way to make this statement. It is my desire to make this statement to make things right with Ed Mays as per involvement in framing him along with Police Chief Lennie Hendricks of Humble, Texas.

On or about January of 1984 I was stopped by an Humble patrol unit. The car I was driving was stolen and I also had in my posession an oozi machine gun with 100 rounds of ammunition. The car and the gun were confiscated by Humble P.D. and I was taken to Chief Hendricks office. Chief Hendricks told me I was looking at some hard time in T.D.C. He said if I worked with him to set up Ed Mays to arrest him that he would in return dispose of the stolen car I was driving and machine gun. I was advised to get in touch with Mays and to be friends with him. I told Hendricks I would help him this time but after Mays was arrested I wanted out of it all.

Rendricks told me I was going to be in on a touchy situation & if I wanted to carry a gun to feel free to do so. He gave me a .45 automatic with ammo to use and said he would take care of it with the other officers.

John Walger, Humble Fire Marshal, was called to talk to me. Walger said he had wanted May's ass for a long time. He said he wanted me to testify that Mays had set fire to his house.

I was asked if there was anything in May's home located at 2810 Canary Lane, Humble, Texas, which they could get him for. I told them he had a possibly stolen shotgun, t.v., and storeo. Walger said he wanted Hays for a long time and after Mays was arrested they would go into Mays home and plant things if they had to.

I was told to get Mays to say anything I could to make it sound as if he was involved in illegal things. I was put up to calling Mays & talling him my car was broke down and to try to get him to say things in front of an under cover Humble cop who Mays had never seen before. Mays never said or would go along with any of it.

About a month before his arrest, (Mays), I met with John Walger & Chief Hendricks at the Denny's Rest. on U.S. 59 at Greens Rd. where they told me they wanted to buy me supper as they knew I had no money. He also offered to get repairs done to my car and said they would help me out with food and money. Chief Hendricks told me he had taken care of the stolen car & offered me some money. He gave me \$25 and said there would be more.