

Kirkland, Brandie Renell Redacted

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This is Georgia State Patrol Specialized Collision Reconstruction tape-recorded witness statement of Ms. Brandy...is that Rennell? Rennell. Kirkland. Date of birth, 1978.

Georgia driver's license, 050-735-919. Subsecurity number is... Telephone, 912-687-5261. Work number is 912-245-6790.

Today's date is April 11, 2016. Current time is 1014 AM. We're located here on State Route 292 in Vidalia on the crash scene.

My name is Chuck Hardy of the Georgia State Patrol. This statement that we are prepared to take is to be recorded. For the purpose of voice identification, I will ask that all others present identify themselves at this time and state your affiliation.

Brandy Kirkland. And you are a witness to the collision? To the wreck, yes. Alright.

Ms. Kirkland, do you understand that the statement is being recorded? Yes, sir. Would you state your full name and spell it for me? Brandy Rennell Kirkland. B-R-A-N-D-I-E-R-E-N-E-L-L-K-I-R-K-L-A-N-D.

You give your current address. 8800 Georgia Highway 129 South, Claxton, Georgia 30417. Give me your home phone number, please.

I'll use my cell. Okay. 912-687-5261.

State your employer's name and location and telephone number. I work for Republic Services here in Vidalia. My work number is 912-245-6790.

912-245-6790. Okay. Give your date of birth and age, please.

1978. I'm 38. Social Security number, please.

Driver's license number. And that's a Georgia driver's license? Yes, sir. Please give the name and address or phone number of the nearest relative not living with you.

Number is programmed. That's all right. We'll skip that one.

Highest level of education completed. College. Okay.

All right. We're here on State Route 292 in Vidalia. Can you tell me which direction you were coming from and where you were going this morning? I was coming from Claxton towards, or actually in Vidalia.

The address where I work is 425 Georgia Highway 292 West. I was heading that way, and I was

behind this maroon Tahoe all the way. Next thing I know, the Tahoe hits the brakes, swerves to the ongoing traffic, and that's when I hit my brakes.

But before he did that, I heard this god-awful loud noise. Then I saw him, the driver, the guy that was on the bicycle, slung. I didn't actually see the bicycle.

I just saw him after I heard it. Once the Tahoe went to the left and he left, I immediately pulled over, saw the driver that was in front of the Tahoe. He jumped out of the car and ran towards the guy that was laying on the ground, and I immediately called 911.

That's when another person stopped to check his pulse. Then the ambulance finally got there. When y'all were approaching up here, there's an intersection, or a road that cuts across back over to Georgia 30.

When you were coming this direction, coming north, I mean going west, do you remember slowing down for any vehicle to turn here, this road? No, sir. Not at that road. About what speed do you remember that maybe you were traveling when you were coming up this direction? I want to say about 50, because that Tahoe was not going very fast.

The maroon Tahoe, do you remember any of the tag number of it? I just know it had new dealership, or new dealer something on the bottom of it. On the bottom of where the tag should have been? Mm-hmm. Anything in the rear window, did you notice stickers? No.

Was it dirty? It was clean. It looked like a new one. Tinted windows.

That's all that I remember of it. I thought they would stop. They were right behind him.

You didn't see the silver car hit the person on the bicycle? You just heard it? I heard it, and I saw him fly off the bicycle, or slung him, or however. I heard it. It's like right when the person in front of me slammed on brakes and just went to the left.

Do you remember seeing the car, when the maroon vehicle went to the left, what did you see? I saw the car go off the side of the road to pull over. That's what I remember seeing, and him just immediately jumping out of the car. And that's where he's at now? That's where he's at now.

The right time he stopped, he's never moved it? And you pulled in right behind him? And the bicycle, was it laying where it was when you noticed it? That's where it was. Nobody's moved it? Nobody's moved it. It wasn't in the highway? No, sir.

Have you ever seen anybody riding bicycles through here? I come this way every morning. I've never seen a bicycle. I may see somebody walking every now and then, but never... Because I know somebody that stopped, one of the paramedics, I think it was, said he drives this bicycle on this road to work every day.

But I come this way every day. I've never seen him. Was there anybody behind you that stopped for a minute and then left? I don't... I don't think anybody behind me stopped.

About what time was it this morning, do you remember? I want to say about maybe quarter till eight, maybe. I'm just guessing. Between seven forty-five and eight? And I can call, look at my phone and see when I call 9-1-1.

And it's back here in your car? Okay. To be sure. Yeah, I will check that because I'll need to go pretty close.

The gentleman that hit him, did he say anything to you? He was just... I was asking him if he was alive. He's like, I don't know. I don't know what to do.

And I was on the phone with 9-1-1 and they asked if anybody knew how to do CPR. And he said, I do not. And then another lady was out there and she said that she did, but then another guy had checked his pulse and he said, I think it's too late.

And then about that time is when the paramedics were showing up. Was it dark? No. It was already pretty good daylight.

And the sun was to your back, it wasn't in your eyes? It was, yes. Wasn't raining? No, sir. Clear.

Any other traffic going the opposite direction that you noticed? I mean, there was traffic going back and to... I know there was almost a wreck when the Tahoe had swerved over. I do remember seeing that. All right.

Other than that, nothing out of the normal. Nobody that was in the other direction stopped? Blake, he was the first one. I mean, he was right there at the guy the whole time and he just felt terrible.

He didn't know what to do. Can you think of anything that I might need to ask you that I hadn't that you want to tell me about that you saw or what? You think? Not that I can think of right now. All right.

What I'll get you to do is write your name here and read this statement for me. Then I'll get you to sign it and I'll tell you what time it is. Okay.

I need you to read it out loud for me. Oh, excuse me. I, Brandi Rennell Kirkland, declare that the facts stated on this tape are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

My statement has been made freely, voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind. All right. You just put your signature there.

It's going to be 10, uh, 1024 a.m. Because now's the time. It's 1024 a.m. and this concludes this statement on skirtcase number 1116.

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