

mother and my grandparents.

WK: Well, you have a different viewpoint than I do. I remember him saying that about the Schneiders, but my remembrance was he never said that he was going to kill Roger Thompson.

BT: I actually have the trial transcripts, and in trial he did say he had two targets in mind, and one most likely, and this is verbatim, 'the Schneiders, and then I thought Roger Thompson would be a good one, too.'

WK: I didn't remember that.

BT: And, of course, the Schneider's house was very isolated, and our house was not isolated. But I have often wondered if he seriously had thought about that prior to the murders, or if he was just saying that for effect in the courtroom.

WK: I don't know. I don't ever remember Roger Thompson being mentioned.

BT: Do you think that Drabing acted and planned these murders alone? Acted alone on the night of August 19<sup>th</sup>?

WK: I have no reason to think otherwise. I never had . . . it never occurred to me that anyone helped him or helped him plan it.

BT: And he never admitted that?

WK: Well, I can't tell you what he told me.

BT: Right.

WK: Ah, that's privileged communication . . . unless it came out some other way. But I can tell you I never got the impression that anyone else was with him or that he wasn't alone. I think the guy was a loner in the first place. Not that that's bad, but I think he was. I don't think he had any close friends.

BT: So, then you feel confident that he drove himself out to the Schneider's alone, killed them single-handedly then drove himself home in his car to his mother's house following the stabbings?

WK: That's what he testified to, and I believe that.

BT: And you recalled how many times the Schneider's were stabbed.

WK: I thought it was ninety-seven or ninety-eight times.

BT: Lloyd was stabbed twenty-nine times, Phyllis thirty-five, and Terri twenty-six. You remember the slice wound that Mike had on his outer calf?

WK: Yes. It wasn't a slice. It was a stab.

BT: Well, it was more like a slice wound. It was about four-inches long and extended deep into the muscle. I interviewed Dr. Tomlinson, too. It was almost to the bone. And do you remember that there was a right bloody shoe print that was found by Deputy Stuart Erlenbush on the front porch of the Schneider home? It was a shoe print exiting the home, and there was also a bloody shoe print on the backside of a poster in Terri's bedroom.

WK: A poster on the wall?

BT: A poster on the wall that was on the floor. The image side was facing down and someone had stepped on the backside of it. And then there was a right bloody shoe print on the porch exiting the house. Do you recall Drabing's clothing that was collected as evidence at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital?

WK: Yes.

BT: Where Glen Tomlinson had taken Mike to suture his wound?

WK: [Answered excitedly] Yes, yes!

BT: Do you recall the condition of his clothes?

WK: [Quickly] Yes.

BT: And how do you recall his clothes?

WK: Either it came out in trial, or he told me. As I remember there was very little blood on his clothing. Uh, he had on a white T-shirt as I remember, and like a sweater or a flannel shirt on top of that . . . I don't remember. But I do remember that there was very little blood on Michael Drabing's clothes. I remember that. Of all the things about the trial, I remember that very distinctly. And I was surprised.

BT: You were perplexed by that?

WK: Yes, I was. I was surprised. I thought about that many, many, many times. I watch these goofy things on TV, murders and all that bullshit . . . .

BT: Cold Case Files, Investigative Reports . . . .

WK: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I watch all that stuff, and I remember the Drabing case very clearly. I was really surprised that he . . . .

BT: He had on a white T-shirt, and then he had like a green work shirt over it . . . .

WK: Right, right, right.

BT: And a pair of jeans . . . blue jeans. So, you probably are recalling the shirts, and you're correct about that, there was very little blood on both of those shirts.

WK: Right.

BT: The jeans, however, they were quite bloody, particularly in the area where his own wound had been bleeding.

WK: I remember that.

BT: But his pants, when they collected them at the hospital, were wet with blood and moisture and mud around the cuffs . . . and blades of dead, dried grass on his pant legs.

WK: I remember that.

BT: That was the condition they were in when they collected that stuff at the hospital. And it was turned in and receipted for. Um, where did Michael say he parked his car?

WK: I don't remember.

BT: Well, at trial, and in the police reports and things I've gone through, he claimed to have parked it a mile or two from the Schneider home, and then he walked through fields, so on and so forth, to get to their house. But it's never been positively established exactly where he had allegedly parked his car. And it never came out in trial . . . the exact place where he said he parked his car. And that surprises me.

WK: I remember he drove the car and parked it somewhere, but where he parked it, I don't remember.

BT: I don't think he ever really verified that. They thought he might have parked it in this little dirt road in the field right off Fifth Street, which was the main street going out to the Schneider ranch.

WK: I always wanted to go out there, but I didn't know how to get there.

BT: [Disbelief] You never saw the place?

WK: No.

BT: You're kidding?

WK: No.

BT: Oh, wow.

WK: What good would it do to see it?

BT: Well, a lot.

WK: It would?

BT: Yeah. It would show you . . . .