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Schroedel's statements to police

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MONTICELLO — What did Anthony Schroedel say to police and how did he say it?

Sometime in late April, Schroedel, charged with the murder of Barbara Vogt, is expected to go on trial for his life.

Schroedel made two statements, one written, one oral, to Sheriff's Department investigators on the day of his arrest on June 21, 1999. **The River Reporter**, as could anyone else, has obtained copies of these statements from the Clerk of the Sullivan County Court.

The first of the statements is hand written. **TRR** has reproduced it in its original form on the newspaper following pages. The second is taken from a transcript of an oral interview with Schroedel later on the morning of his arrest. That statement begins on page 5 of the print edition and online, and is published in its entirety, unedited except for insertion of missing end-sentence punctuation.

Hearings preliminary to the trial are ongoing now to consider what evidence will be admissible at the trial. County Court Judge Frank LaBuda confirms that part of those proceedings include issues of whether the defendant was adequately apprised of his Constitutional rights to legal counsel before making any statements, and whether Schroedel waived those rights.

Schroedel's attorneys have also raised issues about the defendant's mental state at the time he made the statements, as to whether he was capable of understanding his rights.

While excerpts of the statement have been published in this and other media in the past, Sullivan County District Attorney Stephen Lungen has questioned the publication of the full text of the statements at this time. He argues that the publication could make jury selection, especially of jurors from principal **TRR** circulation areas, more difficult.

LaBuda, faced with similar arguments in deciding to open the pre-trial hearings to the media earlier this month, wrote that, despite highly publicized past murder cases, "no [no emphasis added] criminal case in Sullivan County has ever required a change of venue or failed to select a jury."

He went on to rule against a motion to close the hearings that would have also sealed or redacted related court records, finding that the public "has an overwhelming interest in this matter in keeping all proceedings open."

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SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF Sullivan

DATED: 6/20/99

Village of Monticello

I, Anthony J.C. Schroevel, AGE 40, BORN ON 9/13/58,
HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY Det Don A. Stamer,
OF THE Sullivan County Sheriff's, OF THE FOLLOWING:

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, AND I DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT IF DON'T WANT TO.

IF I GIVE UP THAT RIGHT, ANYTHING I DO SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST ME IN A COURT OF LAW.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER PRESENT BEFORE MAKING ANY STATEMENT OR AT ANY TIME DURING THIS STATEMENT.

IF I SHOULD DECIDE I DO WANT A LAWYER, AND I CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE ONE, A LAWYER WILL BE APPOINTED FOR ME FREE OF CHARGE AND I MAY HAVE THAT LAWYER PRESENT BEFORE MAKING ANY STATEMENT.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE RIGHT TO STOP AT ANY TIME DURING THIS STATEMENT AND REMAIN SILENT AND HAVE A LAWYER PRESENT.

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS, AND AT THIS TIME I AGREE TO GIVE UP MY RIGHTS AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

Anthony J.C. Schroevel
SIGNATURE

Det Don A. Stamer
WITNESS

Q- DROVES QUESTION

A- DROVES ANSWER

Q- YOUR NAME IS ANTHONY J.C. SCHROEVEL

A- YES

Q- YOUR RESIDENCE IS ON AIRPORT RD ELDER

A- YA 36 AIRPORT RD.

Q- WERE WALKING IN ELDER THIS MORNING AROUND 4:00 AM

A- FAR AS I KNOW YES. I WOKE UP AT 4:10 WENT TO THE BATHROOM HEADED TO THE

Anthony J.C. Schroevel

NAME:

DATE:

A - "COIT" I WENT TO SEE ABOUT THE PAPER. I HAD AN IMAGINE ABOUT A WOMAN AND A KID. I WALKED DOWN TO RIOS. I WALKED BACK CHECK TO SEE ABOUT THE PAPER AGAIN. I THINK I WAS IN TOWN AS FAR AS I KNOW I WENT INTO A HOME ON RT 53 I TOLD A WOMAN I WANTED HELP. I HEARD A VOICE THEN ANOTHER VOICE A WOMAN DID WORDED ME I ASK HER WHERE I WAS. I'VE SEEN HER HERE AND THERE I SAW THE BOY ALSO. BEFORE I ASSAULTED THE WOMAN AND THE BOY I LEFT THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR. THE BOY RAN OUT OF THE HOUSE. I RAN UP THE ROAD. I GOT RID OF OF THE KNIFE BETWEEN AIRPORT RD AND THE HOUSE. I THROUGH ONE OF MY SHIRT AROUND AIRPORT RD ON YELLOW ELDERED RD. ACTUALLY AIRPORT RD IS WHERE THE SHIRT IS. I RAN HOME TOOK MY CLOTHES, 2 PAIRS OF SOCKS UNDERPANTS AND PAIR OF PANTS AND SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT. THEN I PUT THEM IN THE BURN BARREL. THEN I LIT IT ON FIRE. THEN I WENT BACK INSIDE THE HOUSE AND TOOK A SHOWER.

Q - WERE YOUR CLOTHES ALL BLOODY

A - AS FAR AS I KNOW (YES) EXCEPT FOR THE SHOES

R. J. C. S.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Q- AFTER YOU GOT BACK TO THE HOUSE AND BURN THE
GLOVES WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT.

A- I SHOWERED. I WRAPPED MY HAND PREVIOUS. THEN
WRAPPED IT AGAIN TWICE.

Q- DID YOU CUT YOUR HAND AT THE HOUSE ON
SS?

A- YA- I MIGHT HAVE. LIKE PREVIOUS I'M
SLEEP WALKING HAVING DREAMS THAT I'M
NO GOOD I KNEW SOMETIME TODAY I WANTED
TO KILL MYSELF.

Q- WHY DID YOU WANT TO KILL YOURSELF?

A- NOTHING GOES RIGHT FOR ME LIKE
THE PREVIOUS.

Q- DID YOU TAKE A SHIRT OR SOMETHING TO WRAP
YOUR HAND IN WHEN YOU LEFT THE
RESIDENTS.

A- JUST MY SHIRT AND HANKERCHIEFS.

Q- WHERE DID YOU PUT THAT SHIRT AND
HANKERCHIEF?

A- I BURNED THOSE AND THE HANKERCHIEFS.

~~I~~ I MAY HAVE BURIED THEM OR THREW
THEM TO SIDE OF THE ROAD. IT COULD
BE ALONG SS OR AIRPORT. AT THAT TIME
I WAS IN A DAZE AND IN A HURRY
TO LEAVE THERE.

Q- DID YOU SEE THE BOY LEAVE THE HOUSE?

A- NO.

Q- DID HE GO BY YOU?

A- HE WENT PAST ME DOWN THE STAIRS
THEN I RAN OUT OF THE DOOR.

T.P.C.D.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Q- Did you go out the front door

A- YES

Q- WHAT DID THE WOMAN SAY TO YOU.

A- I KNOW I HEARD SOME IMAGES A WOMAN APPROACHED ME I TOLD HER I WENT IN DIRECTION BUT TO WHERE I DON'T KNOW. I THINK SHE PUSHED ME I STARTED SCREAMING HER. AS FAR AS I CAN RECALL. THEN THE LITTLE BOY PUSHED ME AND RAN BY ME.

Q- WHAT CAUSED YOU TO SHOOT HER

A- I DON'T KNOW. I THINK MAYBE FROM INCIDENT ALONG TIME AGO. I CAN'T REALLY TELL YOU.

Q- DID YOU MEAN TO HURT HER

A- NO. I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT ANYBODY LIKE I SAID PREVIOUS I WAS SLEEP WAKING.

Q- DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES YOU SHOT AT HER.

A- I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE THE FOGEST

Q- HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU SHOOT THE BOY

A- I THINK ONCE OR TWICE I DON'T REMEMBER

Q- WHERE DID THE KNIFE COME FROM

A- IT WAS A FOLDING KNIFE. THAT I CAN REMEMBER IT WAS IN A POUCH. I THREW IT ON SS OR SOME PLACE ON SS.

Q- WHAT COLOR WAS IT.

A- CASE WAS BROWN & THE KNIFE WAS WOOD GRAIN

T.P.C.D.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

A - 'COW' - THE POUCH WAS LEATHER ABOUT THE SIZE OF MY HAND. IT SNAPS SHUT.

Q - WHEN DID YOU TAKE KNIFE OUT.

A - WHEN I FIRST WENT INTO THE HOUSE

Q - HOW DID YOU GET IN

A - FRONT DOOR IT WAS UNLOCK. I'VE WALKED PAST IT BEFORE ON'S. I KNOW HER FROM PREVIOUS TIMES SHE'S A GOOD LOOKING WOMAN. SHE HAD A TEE SHIRT ON & UNDERPANTS. I HAD A FLASHLIGHT WITH ME.

Q - WALK US THROUGH THE HOUSE.

A - I WAS IN A DAZE. I ENTERED A HOME WHO'S IT WAS I DIDN'T KNOW. I KNOW I WAS SLEEP WALKING AND IN A DAZE. I WENT UP THE STEPS. I HAD THE FLASHLIGHT AND SHINED IT AHEAD OF ME I WENT UP THE STAIRS. THE STAIRS HAD CARPET ON THEM STRAIGHT UP I MADE A RIGHT UP ANOTHER SET OF STEPS. I HEARD A VOICE. A WOMAN TALKED TO ME AND ASKED WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE. I TOLD HER I WAS LOST AND DAZED. THERE WAS A NIGHT LIGHT ON IN THE HOUSE ABOVE THE SECOND SET OF STAIRS. I HEARD HER STAMP UP THE THIRD TIME SHE TALKED SHE ASKED ME WHY I WAS THERE. SHE WINKED AT ME I HAD THE KNIFE OUT. THE BLADE IS ABOUT 3 OR 4 INCHES. THE HAND IS ABOUT

T.P.C.D.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

A "COIT" THE HANDLE IS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE. I GOT SCARED AND STARTED SCABBING HER AND THE BOY. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I SCABBED HER. SHE SAID STOP. I KNOW I LUNGED AT HER AND STABBER HER. I WAS SCABBING AT HER. SHE WAS ABOUT A UP TO MY CHEST HAIR WAS ABOUT AN INCH BELOW HER EARS. THE LITTLE BOY LUNGED AT ME I SCABBED HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES. WE WERE BETWEEN THE BEDROOM @ THE SECOND SET OF STAIRS. THE BOY RAN. SHE WAS BLEEDING AND ON THE FLOOR. I WENT OUT THE FRONT DOOR. I REALIZED WHEN I WAS BY THE BUZZER THAT I WAS BLEEDING. I THREW STUFF ALONG THE WAY. EITHER ON S.S OR AIRPORT RD. I GOT HOME A LITTLE AFTER 5:00 A.M. I WAS WAKING WITH TRAKIE. MY DAD WAKE UP AFTER I SHOWED. I DON'T KNOW WHY I WENT TO THAT HOUSE. I WANTED TO KILL MYSELF.

Q- DID YOU WANT TO KILL YOURSELF BEFORE OR AFTER YOU SCABBED THE WOMAN AND CHILD.

A- BEFORE THAT. AFTER I DID WHAT WAS WAKING I WANTED TO KILL MYSELF MORE. I KNOW I DID SOMETHING WRONG. I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING KNOW. I KNOW WHAT I'M FACING. I BROKE INTO HOME STAYS SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY. I KNOW THAT IT'S

E.A.C.A.

NAME:

DATE:

A - (Covit) 5 to 15 years maybe attempted
MURDER would be 15 to 25. All I know
I broke into a home I sleep walk
and day dream. I know where I'm
going now.

Q - IS everything you told the truth.

A - As far as I know yes. You'd be better
off getting rid of me. You'd be better off
executing me I don't want to live.

Q - IS there anything else you would like to
add here. Nobody's going to help me.

Anthony J. C. [Signature]

10:05 AM.

Witness: Det. [Signature]
[Signature]

X. Anthony J. C. [Signature]