

## **JAN BRIDGES IAD STATEMENT**

For the record, my name is Gregory Reserve, assigned to the Internal Affairs Division of the Marshall City Police Department. Today is July 15, 2003. This is the statement of Jan Bridges, taken in the offices of the Internal Affairs Unit, pursuant to the order of the Chief of Police.

Q: State your name and assignment.

A: Jan Bridges. I am a Marshall City Police officer, presently assigned to the narcotics strike force.

Q: Officer Bridges, we have a report that you are in violation of Department Regulations. You have been skimming drugs and money from drug dealers in and around the City of Marshall. Are you aware of your rights under the United States and Marshall Constitutions as well as the Marshall City Police Department regulations?

A: Yes. I also know that if I refuse to answer your questions, I am subject to immediate dismissal from the force.

Q: So I take it you are willing to answer our questions?

A: I have no choice, so bring it on.

Q: Do you or did you know a person by the name of Lucky Stokes?

A: I know all about Lucky Stokes. He was a snitch and a low life drug dealer. He put a knife to my partner's throat. I had to shoot him. I saved my partner's life. You know that. You already questioned me about that and I was cleared. You also know that I received a police commendation for that shooting and have a total of five commendations as of today.

Q: Yes. Your record reflects that you have received a number of police commendations. You should be congratulated for that.

A: Thanks a lot.

Q: You're welcome. Do you know a person by the name of Dale Davis?

A: Yes. Dale Davis is another drug dealer. The only contact I have had with Davis is while I was trying to break up the Red Rovers.

Q: What about Blackie Crowe?

A: He's the one that got away. I lost him but I seized the 4 ounces of crack he left behind. Don't know where he disappeared to. Maybe the bottom of a river.

Q: 4 ounces? According to our information, there was a lot more than 4 ounces that Crowe left behind.

A: That's a lie. And if you got someone to say it was more than that, I'd like to know who.

Q: Have you ever seized property and then failed to inventory all of it?

A: Never. I would never do such a thing. I enforce the law - I don't break the law.

Q: When we served you with the notice to appear for this statement, you gave permission to the investigators to search your apartment. The investigators found approximately fifty thousand dollars, in cash, in two shoe boxes, in your closet. Isn't that right?

A: That's not illegal. That's my legal savings. I got that money from a gift and gambling. That's also why I told your investigators to feel free to search my house, even though they had no search warrant.

Q: Why shoe boxes? Why not put the money in the bank, if it was legal?

A: I don't believe in banks. I want access to my money for when I gamble. I like to be flexible and liquid. Banks don't give you that kind of flexibility. You see what interest banks give? Nada. Screw them. You pay them to hold your money. Not me.

Q: You have had people selling drugs for you? Drugs you seized, but didn't inventory. Isn't that right.

A: Wrong. Not true.

Q: Actually, that money in your closet was your share of drug sales - right?

A: No way. You know they searched my apartment from top to bottom and didn't find any drugs or contraband. And, if the money was from drugs, how come they didn't take it when they had the chance?

Q: Hold on for a second. I have to take this call.

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Q: O.K. You are excused for now. I have just been informed to terminate this interview. If you wait a few minutes you can read the transcript.

A: Suit yourself, whatever.

Q: Good luck. You are going to need it.

End of Interview

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I have read the above transcript and it is true and accurate

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Jan Bridges July 15, 2003

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Pamela Yi, Reporter