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NARRATIVE

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On 11-01-01 at about 3:30 AM, I met with Jerry Trump who had been brought to the Columbia Police Department regarding this homicide. I had learned that Trump discovered the body of Kent Heitholt.

Trump informed me he is employed at C&S Cleaning (Cunningham and Shelton). They are contracted by the Tribune to do janitorial work at the business. Trump is the manager for the cleaning crew and has worked for the Tribune for about two years.

Trump stated it is not uncommon for Heitholt's car to be parked on the lot until 2 or 3 AM for several consecutive nights. Trump states he knows him as he visits with him frequently during the time Heitholt is working late.

Trump stated that on 10-31-01 at 9:30 PM, he arrived at work. He did his cleaning and supervisory duties. He recalls looking at his watch at about 2 AM because he wanted to have a smoke break. He contacted a female subordinate of his named Shawna. They commonly take smoke breaks together. He informed Shawna he was going to go take a smoke break and invited her to go with him. He informed her he would be there shortly and suggested she go ahead. He told her he was going to clean one remaining urinal on the dock level bathroom.

Shawna walked away from Trump and Trump continued cleaning the urinal. A very short time later, which Trump estimated to be under three minutes, Shawna returned. It was apparent to Trump that Shawna was scared. He asked her what was wrong and she said, "Two guys are crouched down behind a car."

Trump further questioned her about the two guys and the vehicle. She described the location and the vehicle to Trump. According to Trump, he is familiar with Heitholt's car and told Shawna, "That's Kent's car."

While they were having this discussion about the two guys crouched down in the parking lot, Trump and Shawna were walking to the dock area that led to the exterior near where the vehicle was parked. When they got to the dock area,

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