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Information that I provided to the investigators at the time was false. There are two sides to every situation and at that time, I wasn't spiritually ready to provide them with the truth. I needed to be believed and I felt that no one would believe me. I also felt that I needed time to find myself, find answers to understand what happened so that when I did tell the truth, I would be believed.

When Det.'s Ochoa and Samaniego questioned me on Mary's case, I was not really surprised about what they were asking. I was more curious as to where it would fit in with the case that was against me here in El Paso. In the beginning, I didn't open up to them, because I was informed by legal counsel to never speak on the matter again but I believe that this was the opportunity to come full circle and to tell the truth. I then provided the detectives with details concerning Mary's disappearance.

First and foremost, I emphasized that I did not kill Mary Mount. I had known Mary for at least a couple of months. I met her through the Internet on a game called "Never winter nights." She was kind enough to pay for my bus ticket from Washington State to Florida and for the room that I stayed in upon my arrival there. Our relationship quickly became sexual.

In January 2004, on a Sunday afternoon, Mary and I shared dinner and a movie at her mother's house. We then departed afterwards and went to the hotel where I was staying. The hotel was located in Cape Coral, Florida. I don't recall the name of the hotel. We had sex at the hotel. After we were done, I fell asleep. I want to note a certain personal thing concerning Mary and her sexual desires. She enjoyed very physical demanding sex. By this I mean that Mary would like to be spanked, hair pulled, etc.

While I was asleep, I woke up to her tapping me, trying to get my attention. I looked at her and she seemed to be having trouble breathing. She was favoring her throat with her hands and she looked like she was in a panic. I tried to help her by applying the Heimlich maneuver because I didn't know if she was choking on food or anything else that could be stuck in her throat. I also did compressions on her chest, I tried opening the airway with CPR to clear her air path and massaged her throat. It was in the midst of my own panic and anxiety over the situation that caused me to black out.

When I came too, I was laying half on Mary and half off. She was not breathing. I didn't know what to do. I thought of calling for emergency assistance or calling her mother. I knew that her mother did not like me so I decided on not calling anyone, which was a mistake. This is when I began packing and cleaning the room. When I was done cleaning and packing, I decided that I was going to have to remove Mary and take her to another place due to my fear. Mary started to bleed out of her nose so I placed a white bag over her head so that the blood wouldn't get everywhere. I have no idea why Mary's nose was bleeding. She did not bleed a lot. It was like a little trickle of blood coming out of her nose. I then placed her in a green military duffie bag and ultimately within the trunk of her car. After packing, I left the hotel room and went to a parking lot and slept through the night. I didn't stay at the hotel because I was planning on leaving the following day and did not want to go back and have to re-clean the hotel.

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The following morning, after waiting for Mary's mother to go to work, I entered the residence. I packed up the car with the electronic items and other personal items that were in the car when it was seized by the Corpus Christi, P.D.

When I was done at her mother's house, I went back to Cape Coral, to the hotel office to turn in the key. From there, I proceeded to leave Lee County. I left town and headed north until I got to I-10 and then headed westbound. I had Mary in the trunk of the car along with some of her items, as well as my own. I also had some of the stuff packed into the back seat.

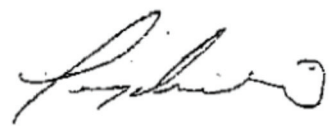
During the trip, I stopped at a Wal-Mart, I don't know what state it was, but I stopped there so that I could purchase a shovel. I also bought two one-gallon containers for gasoline and filled them both. I then bought some lighter fluid and matches. I also purchased some black trash bags.

I continued to travel westbound on I-10, entering Texas. I don't know why I chose Texas to be the place that I would bury Mary. I stopped at several locations to try to bury her. One was in the Kerrville, Midland, Texas area. Another was before the location where I eventually ended up choosing to bury Mary. I chose a place that was close to the Sierra Blanca checkpoint, off of Lasca road. I drove into the desert on a dirt road eventually turning off to the right on another road. I proceeded on it for about one mile before I stopped. Off to the left hand side of the road, about 20-25 feet, was a ravine. It was in this ravine that I chose to place Mary. The reason why I chose this place, was that the location was away from wild life, in an attempt to preserve the body. The duffle bag was the only casket like article that I had to place her in. I also used this so that her body could be preserved as best as possible. I did not place her within the duffle bag to defile her body or to cause any disrespect. Before burying Mary, I placed a black trash bag around the duffle bag. I tried to dig a deep enough grave with the shovel that I purchased at Wal-Mart to cover Mary's body, but due to my physical limitations, I ended up having to collapse one of the ravine walls to achieve this.

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After I buried Mary, I prayed for her, for forgiveness and for failing to be able to help her. From there, I placed the shovel back in the car and left. I want to state that I had intentions of burning the body before leaving. I poured the gasoline from the two one-gallon containers over her body but I did not feel that it was my right to burn her. It was bad enough that I had re-located her body for burial.

There are many things that took place early on that I felt that I had no control over. A lot of them were tied to me not being emotionally and spiritually ready to trust that others would believe me. I faced a Trial in Florida; I traveled from Florida in a semi-direct path all the way back to Texas because even though I was set free, I was still trapped emotionally. The lawyers had told me not to talk about the case and my heart was yelling for peace. I ended up in El Paso, Texas. I chose this because it was the closest major town that was near where I had buried Mary. I wanted, wholeheartedly, to end the grief, pain and sorrow this had caused for so many people. As I said in the beginning, I did not kill



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~~When~~ Mary, but I did take Mary away from her family and that alone, I could not live with. When I was in Florida, Mary's mother wrote me a letter while I was incarcerated. She asked for one thing, to know the truth and even then, I was scared. I letter that I wrote to her was not what it should have been. Each day from that point, I have strived to give her the truth. I'm sincerely sorry for what has happened. For what my involvement has put everyone through and for not giving Mary's family the closure they needed. ~~TM~~

~~TM~~ I hope that through revealing this now, I will be believed and forgiven. That is all that I can ask for. ~~TM~~

~~TM~~ After providing the Detectives with this information, I voluntarily led them to Mary's body. I told Det. Ochoa that I would personally lead him and others as soon as they were ready. We went during the early morning hours (around 2:00 AM) but the area was too dark. The detectives asked me if I would return the following day to assist them. I agreed. They picked me up from the El Paso correctional facility at about 1:00 PM and we arrived to the site shortly after 2:00 PM. This took place today, 10-19-05. ~~TM~~

~~TM~~ After leading them to Mary's body, I prayed for her again. I got on my knees and said the Lords prayer and asked for forgiveness. I was then escorted from the scene, to the Sierra Blanca County Jail. From there, I was transported back Det. Ochoa's office. There, Det. Ochoa asked if I would provide this statement. I agreed. ~~TM~~

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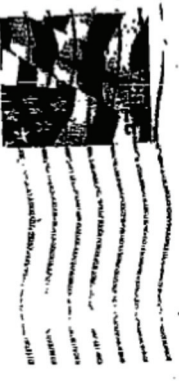
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