

Threats by Michael Benton

NOTE: Jesse Brooks WAS NOT at the barn in Deerfield, New Hampshire nor was he present for the supposed cover story meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

- 12/01/06 Robin Knight UNRECORDED Proffer.
NH State Police Troop A Barracks Epping, NH
- AAG Charles Keefe, AAG Kirsten Wilson, Atty. Boffetti, Trooper Gilbert, Trooper John Marasco, Sgt. Robert Estabrook
- Mike told Joe and Robin if they talked, he was coming after them.** (22557)
- 12/01/06 Robin Knight UNRECORDED Interview.
Charles Keefe, Kirsten Wilson, Atty. Boffetti, Trooper Gilbert, Trooper John Marasco, Sgt. Robert Estabrook
NOTES: Typed with bullet points.
- goes around corner and see feet sticking out of closet, Mike Benton going crazy holding hammer. Short hammer (22910)
- Benton flipping out (22911)
- Mike says no cops.** (22911)
- Mike states to Joe and Knight that if they talk, he is coming after them.** (22912)
- 12/01/06 Robin Knight UNRECORDED Interview.
Charles Keefe, Kirsten Wilson, Atty. Boffetti, Trooper Gilbert, Trooper John Marasco, Sgt. Robert Estabrook
NOTES: Handwritten
- Mike said if U call the police I'll kill you to.** (25786)
- 12/01/06 Robin Knight UNRECORDED Interview.
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NOTES – Handwritten, punctuated with dashes.
- Joe was nervous + thought kid was going to snap. Mike looked like a bit of a pschco. (25784)
- O heard a thud, before that he heard Jack say “What the fuck was this.” (25785)
- O went to them kid was going crazy w/Jacks feet sticking out at closet. Reid was lying on Joe. (25785)

Mike had short handle hammer w/big head. Looked antique (25785)

Reid on floor w/blood on him (25785)

Joe was laying there stunned.

^ Jay "How am I supposed to talk to him now" (25785)

Mike said if U call the police I'll kill you to O (25786)

05/30/08 Michael Benton Meeting at the Attorney General's Office
Attorney Richard Samdperil, AAG Karen Huntress, AAG Janice Rundles,
AAG Michael Lewis, SGT Scott Gilbert

Benton said he remembered saying to Knight and Vrooman that he would be coming for them if they tried implicating him. (No Bates # pg. 2 of 4)

05/30/08 Michael Benton Meeting at the Attorney General's Office
09:30 MB, Samdperil, Huntress, Rundles, Lewis
Notes:

At Robins condo I said something to Joe + Robin That he'd be coming after them if they implicated him (42280)

05/30/08 Michael Benton Meeting at the Attorney General's Office
Notes J, K, RS

When at Robin's condo -said—don't mention my name. I'll come after you. (RTK001661)

06/04/08 Michael Benton Brentwood, NH
State of New Hampshire v. John Brooks
For the State: Janice Rundles, Esq., Michael Lewis Esq., Kirsten Wilson Esq., Karen Huntress.
For the Defendant: Thomas Hoopes, Esq., Christopher Carter Esq., Martin Murphy Esq.
Monica Foster, Esq.

Benton - Cross

Q. Okay. Did you tell Mr.—Ms. Huntress asked you a number of questions about what things were said at the meeting. **At that meeting, did you tell Mr. Vrooman, Mr. Knight and Mr. Jay Brooks that if they ever implicated you in the murder, you would be coming for them?**

A. **I might have said that.**

Q. Might have said it?

A. Yeah.

Q. You did say it, didn't you, Mr. Benton?

A. I'm not sure.

Q. No? Do you remember telling the police on May 22nd, and the prosecutors, 2008, that you told this group that if they ever implicated you, you would be coming for them?

- A. Does it say that on the report right there?
- Q. I'm asking if you remember it, sir. Do you remember?
- A. I don't remember.
- Q. You're not hearing these words for the first time when I'm asking you those. You recognize that statement, don't you, sir?
- A. Yeah. I've heard it before. (p. 108 lines 18-23, p. 109 lines 1-14)

Jay Brooks'
Trial

Benton – Cross

- A. I told Robin Knight specifically—and Joe Vrooman and Mr. Brooks had been in the close vicinity when I told Mr. Robin Knight specifically that if any—if anybody gets approached by the cops they're not to say my name at all, to keep my name completely out of it. (p. 1554 lines 5-9)
- A. At some point I did say that if I was to be arrested for this, I would—I forget my exact words, but I believe it was to the extent that, **I would come after you guys.**
- Q. Yeah. **You told them you would come for them,** right?
- A. **I believe so.** I'm not sure if that's my exact word.
- Q. But that's exactly the import, the sense you were trying to convey, right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You were trying to tell those men—and, in fact, you said just a minute ago, what? **You said that you were talking to Knight specifically with Vrooman and Jay Brooks there, and you said, I'm coming for you, right?**
- A. Well, I didn't just say that a minute ago, but—
- Q. That's what happened, right?
- A. **Yes.**
- Q. And you told us you're what, 6'4", sir?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And you're sitting here now about 240 pounds. Is that right?
- A. The last time I weighed myself, which was last Thursday, I weighed 232 pounds.
- Q. Right. Robin Knight, is what, under six foot, right?
- A. I'm not sure exactly, his---
- Q. A little smaller than you, right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Yeah, right?
- A. Yes, I said.
- Q. **And when you threatened him you meant it, right?**
- A. **Yes.** (p. 1562 lines 7-23, p. 1563 lines 1-12)
- Q. Never met this guy before, right?
- A. Never.
- Q. **This is the same Robin Knight that you threatened out in Las Vegas, right?**
- A. **It is.** (p. 1594 lines 12-16)