

Garry Gray: Yup.

James Gunnels: And, that was when the first molestation against me took place was on the first trip up North.

Cory Williams: Do you remember when that was?

James Gunnels: I think it was seventy-six?

Cory Williams: Was that the one...

James Gunnels: Oh no, that was before then, I believe, it was before then.

Cory Williams: How long?

James Gunnels: It was years earlier, a couple years probably.

Cory Williams: Prior to the one...

James Gunnels: I, I'm not positive on that, I can't you know...

Cory Williams: Just to be clear for the tape here...

James Gunnels: Right, right.

Cory Williams: You're sayin' that you went up to that cottage...

James Gunnels: Yea.

Cory Williams: Up, maybe, a couple years...

James Gunnels: It was Es Lake outside of Alpena.

Cory Williams: ...couple years prior to the one...

James Gunnels: I'm thinking it was at least a year or two prior.

Cory Williams: Prior to the one where they charged Chris with up in Atlanta when they brought you up to Atlanta?

James Gunnels: That was...

Cory Williams: That was in seventy-six.

James Gunnels: Okay, yea, I'd say it probably the year prior to that, so it would be seventy-five is, is probably the very first time that he had taken me up there.

Cory Williams: Okay, so you were up there all the way back then?

James Gunnels: Because yea, we went up there the very first time it was winter time, snowmobilin' and then, then, then, then, he'd take me up there again in the summer time and again molested me.

Cory Williams: Okay and then the following winter you went up there again...

James Gunnels: No, I don't, I don't remember if I did or not. I, I didn't, I just can't remember, you know what I mean, how many times I went up there. I...

Cory Williams: Were there other, w...who were some of the other boys that were up there with ya?

James Gunnels: Just the four of us. My, my younger brother Paul, Brent, and Scottie.

Cory Williams: Alright.

James Gunnels: Just us four.

Cory Williams: Was there other, did he ever have any other adult men up there?

James Gunnels: No.

Cory Williams: Chris.

James Gunnels: No.

Cory Williams: None of his friends?

James Gunnels: None that I remember.

Cory Williams: Okay.

James Gunnels: None that I remember.

Cory Williams: Alright. You 'member running with Chris in the Flint area then? Goin', goin' with him different places?

James Gunnels: Yea, he s...he stopped, he stopped and got me a couple different times, not with anybody else, or whatever. He turned me on to weed, or

whatever, um...he did ta...he took me, he took me to a movie theater, watched Death Wish, the very first time it had ever, it was you know, it had ever showed, in air. And I don't remember, if that was in the Flint area, I don't remember where.

Cory Williams: Okay.

James Gunnels: You know what theater it was or anything.

Cory Williams: Alright. Um...

James Gunnels: That just brought, that brought that memory back, you're talkin' 'bout a movie theater. That's, so that...

Cory Williams: Well just, uh, let me show you a picture of...make sure we're talkin' 'bout the right guy. Was there ever a time when Chr...when Chris had ever used force against you? Had sex?

James Gunnels: Yea, yea, it was up, up North at his, 'at his, it was not the cottage, it was his own personal house in Alpena.

Cory Williams: Oh, at his house in Alpena?

James Gunnels: There w...there was a cottage, a family cottage on Es Lake, right outside of Alpena.

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Cory Williams: Okay.

James Gunnels: In there, or somewhere in that vicinity, and then there was his actual house.

Cory Williams: Chris, Chris owned it?

James Gunnels: Yea, far as I, I don't know, I don't know this.

Cory Williams: Right.

James Gunnels: I mean, he told me he did.

Cory Williams: So you were at both places?

James Gunnels: Two different places, yea.

Cory Williams: Yea.

James Gunnels: Yea.

Cory Williams: Was, was Bowman, was Bowman with you at either of those places?

James Gunnels: Kenny Bowman?

Cory Williams: Yea.

James Gunnels: No. No. Not that I know of I mean, you know what I mean, you're tellin' me that there's another man involved, maybe perhaps he was in that house and I don't even know it.

Garry Gray: Well maybe. We just, we're just, we're...

James Gunnels: I...I'm not s...

Garry Gray: No, no, what, all we want, all we want...

James Gunnels: Right.

Garry Gray: ...i...is just what you remember.

James Gunnels: Right.

Garry Gray: Don't, if you can't remember, you can't remember.

James Gunnels: Okay.

Garry Gray: We'll try to...

James Gunnels: I understand.

Garry Gray: We'll, we'll try to hit a few switches to see if it can jog your memory...

James Gunnels: Right, right.

Garry Gray: ...but just, all we want is just remem... what you remember, that's all. We're not puttin' any words in your mouth.

James Gunnels: Okay, okay, I understand.

Cory Williams: Okay, do you recognize...

James Gunnels: That's Chris Bush.

Cory Williams: That's Chris Bush, okay, alright. For the record, uh, Mr., uh, Gunnels identified a photo from nineteen seventy-seven of Christopher Brian Bush.

Garry Gray: Was he always pretty much heavy, he was pretty heavy all his life, he was huge.

James Gunnels: Yea, huge.

Garry Gray: What'd he weigh, about three maybe?

James Gunnels: Over three, I'd say. Yea, but he was big, big.

Garry Gray: Big guy.

James Gunnels: Yea.

Garry Gray: Always had that beard?

James Gunnels: Yea.

Cory Williams: Did, uh, he always have the beard?

James Gunnels: Far as I know, yea.

Cory Williams: Far as you remember?

James Gunnels: I remember, remember seeing him in a beard.

Cory Williams: Okay. Did he ever, Kenny Bowman talked about, that Chris and Greg, we'll get back to Greg in a minute...

James Gunnels: Oh, okay.

Cory Williams: ...'cause you're saying you don't remember right now, would use you boys as lures. They'd take you for a ride in a car...

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Cory Williams: ...and use you to call a kid over, another kid over to the car for directions, or whatever...

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Cory Williams: ...like a lure...

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Cory Williams: ...to get 'em over towards the car. Did he ever do that with you?

James Gunnels: No.

Cory Williams: Chris didn't do that with you?

James Gunnels: Unh, uh.

Garry Gray: Why don't, why don't, listen, why don't you tell us, we don't want anybody, we know it's the past.

James Gunnels: Right.

Garry Gray: And, and it's hard for you and this is not going anywhere. This, if it had something to do with our case...

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Garry Gray: You know that might help us or lead us or direct us, yea, we'll, we'll use it, but we're not to dig up your past or tuh, tuh, you know what I'm saying, just use it against you.

James Gunnels: I understand.

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Garry Gray: I know that's something painful for you and I know, because I do, ninety percent of my work is, is crimes against children.

James Gunnels: Okay.

Garry Gray: You know, children become what, adults.

James Gunnels: Right.

Garry Gray: You know, it's the same baggage they have.

James Gunnels: Right, right.

Garry Gray: From when you're little, to when you're older. I mean you have that and carry it with you.

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Garry Gray: Those are in the back of your memory. Here, it's a bad thing.

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Garry Gray: And, I mean you put it away, see I don't wanna talk about this stuff. 'Cause it's...i...it hurts, doesn't it.

James Gunnels: Yea, sure does.

Garry Gray: It does, I know it does. And I can tell even, I can tell you by your face, even by you the way you're sittin'.

James Gunnels: Right, right.

Garry Gray: It bothers you.

James Gunnels: Oh, it does.

Garry Gray: I understand that. It was, it was, it's devastating.

James Gunnels: It's changed my life.

Garry Gray: Exactly.

James Gunnels: To where I am today. In prison.

Garry Gray: To why you're...

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James Gunnels: I mean I act out, I act out in different ways...

Garry Gray: Sure.

James Gunnels: It's just, it's just a, a...and drugs, too.

Garry Gray: You know and, and, and a lot of it is 'cause and effect. This happened, back then to you, which caused you, you slipped.

James Gunnels: UNCLEAR

Garry Gray: You slipped and fell and then you ended up in here. And why? I don't know exactly why. You know the reason why? Because of these sons of bitches right here. Those guys...

James Gunnels: Emotionally I quit growing at that, at that stage.

Garry Gray: Exactly.

James Gunnels: I d...already, I did a lot of therapy on those guys.

Garry Gray: Yea, I know.

James Gunnels: But, I mean, you know, for real, I mean, I've dealt with this issue...

Garry Gray: We know that, but we know that.

James Gunnels: But, it's, it still has its affects throughout your life.

Garry Gray: I know!

James Gunnels: You're never gonna change.

Garry Gray: We've been doin' this, we've been doing this, and we, we...

James Gunnels: I understand.

Garry Gray: ...we've been involved with kids all over the coun...or, you know w...and I, and I re...you know and I, I, I apologize if I refer to you as a kid.

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Garry Gray: You know why?

James Gunnels: I, I don't mind it.

Garry Gray: You know why? Because you were a kid when all of this happened.

James Gunnels: Yea.

Garry Gray: You're a grown adult, you know, you're payin' your price, but if I refer to you as a kid, it's out of respect.

James Gunnels: Okay, it's respect.

Garry Gray: It's respect to you, because that's what happened when, when you were little.

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Cory Williams: You know a lot of dur...during this case we're workin' on, bein' that it's, these kids were not only molested but killed, so these, these guys took it a step further.

James Gunnels: Oh, I know.

Cory Williams: Okay? But, what it, my point is, is during the course of this investigation, we've interviewed probably forty or fifty guys that were kids back then.

James Gunnels: Right.

Cory Williams: Obviously they were molested but they weren't the ones that were killed in it...

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Cory Williams: ...by the same people...

James Gunnels: Right.

Cory Williams: ...and they're all in the same position you're in.

James Gunnels: Right.

Cory Williams: Where most of 'em are in prison, most of 'em and it's all because of these assholes right here.

James Gunnels: Right.

Cory Williams: Is why you guys ended up where you ended up.

James Gunnels: Right.

Cory Williams: We know that.

James Gunnels: Right.

Cory Williams: Um...

Garry Gray: The, the, the one thing that I want you to understand Vince is this, or Jim, we're not saying these guys did anything.

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Garry Gray: We're not saying they killed anybody.

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Garry Gray: Okay, that's what we're here for is to pick your brain and to see if we can't jog memories that can assist us, that it may lead to something down the road.

James Gunnels: Okay.

Garry Gray: Don't, don't get out, don't think that we have information that these guys did that.

James Gunnels: Right.

Garry Gray: We're lookin' at it.

Cory Williams: You, you tell us about Chris Bush. Why don't you tell us about him. Umm, about his personality and what you guys were doin' and what he did to you.

James Gunnels: Well, as an adult, I see that he was totally manipulative, in a ways that he, he knew what kids wanted.

Garry Gray: Um-hmm.

Cory Williams: Right.

James Gunnels: Hot, I mean we're talkin' about the do's and don'ts of chi...of raising kids and who knew that we wanted do the things we c...wasn't supposed to have.

Cory Williams: Right.

James Gunnels: And he, for me personally, and my younger brother Paul and Brent Bush, which was a nephew of his, would turn us on to weed. Umm...it was just he, the movies, spending money too, you know what I'm saying. Oh, you want a, you want a beer, or you want this, that, and the other and you spend money. D...uh, there was only four different times, that I can freshly remember anyways, that I had made trips with him out of town, up north, and the first two times were with Brent, Paul, and me and his younger, I mean Scotty was with us one time, I'm not positive about that; the very first two times. When he put his hand, I laid on, a, a, a fold out bed in the, in the living room of the cottage on the lake, at ES Lake, and I tried that night to go into the bedroom with the other brothers, and just you know, my brother and Scott and Brent and whatever and his brother, to go to sleep, you mean, you know what I mean, it was time to go to bed or whatever. And he came in and insisted that I sleep on this fold out bed in the couch, uh, and I did eventually I came back out there and I went, went and laid down and

when I went to sleep now I woke up he had his hands on my, on my leg and private area.

Cory Williams: Um-hmm.

James Gunnels: Groping, groping me...

Cory Williams: Right.

James Gunnels: ...and told me you know and I went to go get up and to walk into my brothers bedroom, not yellin' at him or nothin', freakin' out, scared to death, you know thinkin', I'm the one that's wrong or whatever, that whole mind set, or whatever, I'm shuttin' down basically mentally, that this has happened. Alright...he asked, he asked me to come back into the, into the living room and sit down and try talkin' to him and saying, hey, he wasn't gonna hurt me, you know. And, I don't know if he slipped me somethin', in a drink or whatever, but, I passed out and when I did come to he was literally givin' me a blowjob.

Cory Williams: Okay.

James Gunnels: And that, and then I started really freakin' out about it, and, and to be honest with you, that was my first sexual experience with any other person, you know what I'm sayin'?

Cory Williams: Um-hmm.

James Gunnels: And, umm...the next day I wanted to leave, and I, and that's hard for my other two, my brother couldn't understand why, we're havin' fun, we're ridin' snow mobiles, we're smokin' pot and doin' the things we like to do why would you want to call my parents, you know, call mom and dad and see, you know, gettin' out, stayin' again. Umm, and I was talked out of it by my brother, you know, shut up, man, let's have fun, blah, blah, blah. We stayed, I think, another night, and it was a weekend thing and then the next day he dropped us off in Flint and uh...

Cory Williams: That must've been a rough, over night.

James Gunnels: Well...

Cory Williams: Now you said four times you went up...

James Gunnels: I got outta...

Cory Williams: I don't wanna count.

James Gunnels: I...

Cory Williams: Was it always up North?

James Gunnels: Yes.

Cory Williams: UNCLEAR

James Gunnels: Yes, yes, yes.

Cory Williams: Okay. Did you...

James Gunnels: It was twice, I think, to that cottage it may have been three times and then one time or two times to that house that he had in Alpena or whatever it was...

Cory Williams: Okay.

James Gunnels: ...in that area.

Cory Williams: And you mentioned somethin' about he used, or, he may have used force with you?

James Gunnels: That, yea, he tried to go anal on me.

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Cory Williams: What, what was that at the house in Alpena?

James Gunnels: And that was at the house, at the house. And uh...

Cory Williams: And what happened there?

James Gunnels: I, I fought, I fought him off, the best I could. He didn't penetrate me, he told me, now I'm screamin', I'm literally screamin', and he had, and that was the first time he had ever showed any kind of film footage of child molestations, I'm talkin' 'bout a big screen rolled down on you know the T.V. like a projector.

Garry Gray: Oh, you mean a movie screen?

James Gunnels: A movie screen.

Garry Gray: UNCLEAR a projector?

James Gunnels: Yea, he had that and he had the thing right there in the bedroom and dropped it down and started playing footages of...and these weren't

adult films, these were kids being molested. Now whether he was the person in it, I can't remember. I was so freaked out about the whole thing and I was, of course, again stoned.

Cory Williams: Had kids being molested by adults...

James Gunnels: Yes.

Cory Williams: ...in the movie?

James Gunnels: Yes.

Cory Williams: Okay.

James Gunnels: And it was, it was the, I can't remember if he was the person in it or if there was another person in it or...

Garry Gray: You remember the victims, children, were they boys or girls, or...

James Gunnels: Boys.

Garry Gray: Just boys?

James Gunnels: Yep. Yep.

Garry Gray: They home, they like a homemade movies?

James Gunnels: Yea.

Garry Gray: Those type?

James Gunnels: Yea, yea. But it was a film, like..

Garry Gray: Like 8 millimeter.

James Gunnels: UNCLEAR

Garry Gray: UNCLEAR

James Gunnels: Exac...right, I mean that, that it didn't have a...

Cory Williams: Like, like uh, used to show you at school? UNCLEAR

James Gunnels: Yea, exactly. Exactly. I mean it was a smaller thing...

Cory Williams: Right.

James Gunnels: ..... 'bout like the headboard of a bed or whatever it was...

Cory Williams: UNCLEAR

James Gunnels: ...or a dresser or somethin'.

Garry Gray: UNCLEAR

Cory Williams: Uh, that was, his house in Alpena?

James Gunnels: Right.

Cory Williams: Well, you know UNCLEAR.

James Gunnels: I don't know if it was his and I'm not even sure if it was in Alpena but I know it was in that area.

Cory Williams: When you were...go ahead.

Garry Gray: But it wasn't the house on Ess Lake? There were two separate places?

James Gunnels: No, no. That was his parent's place on Ess Lake.

Garry Gray: Yea.

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James Gunnels: ...on ES Lake, far as I know.

Garry Gray: Hi...his parents, uh...

James Gunnels: Big money. His mother approached me on the way to school, when this case was going on; had already been interviewed by the police and she pulled up in a limo and offered me money not to say anything against her son.

Cory Williams: Really?

James Gunnels: Yea.

Garry Gray: How much, how much money did UNCLEAR?

James Gunnels: I don't remember. I don't remember, and I went, my brother Paul was with me. And, I ran home and my father worked third shift and he was already in bed and I ran upstairs and I, and I told my dad, I said, "Dad, you know, I said, you told me if anybody ever touches me again, af, after this, you know, get to somebody."

Garry Gray: Yea.

James Gunnels: See, this was like a block away from my house you know that this happened and I ran back to my house and told him what happened.

Cory Williams: Did uh...

James Gunnels: He told the school about it or somethin', I can't remember.

Cory Williams: Had you ever been to his house in Birmingham?

James Gunnels: No.

Cory Williams: His parent's house?

James Gunnels: No.

Cory Williams: Did you ever, did you ever go for a ride with him to the Detroit area at all?

James Gunnels: No.

Cory Williams: Down Woodward, or...

James Gunnels: No.

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Cory Williams: Never did, okay.

James Gunnels: I'm sure of that.

Cory Williams: What was he drivin' at the time; that we're talkin' about?

James Gunnels: A Vega, Pinto type car. And then he had a big Blazer, but I don't, you know a big four-wheel vehicle.

Garry Gray: Do you know, do you remember the color of the Vega? I mean, I remember the name...

James Gunnels: I wanna say it was brown, but I don't know.

Garry Gray: Any distinguishing characteristics now that, that you can remember?

James Gunnels: Not really. I mean, it might've had a nice stereo system in it.

Garry Gray: Yea.

James Gunnels: You know what I mean.

Garry Gray: 8-Track, no doubt.

James Gunnels: Yea.

Garry Gray: Yea.

James Gunnels: I mean, back then, at least.

Cory Williams: Okay, umm...so, did, did he ever, I don't know if I asked you this, did, were any of the kids in the movie, do you remember were they tied up?

James Gunnels: Yea.

Cory Williams: They were?

James Gunnels: That's what freaked me out about it man, I mean I, I...I remember runnin' out in the living room, gettin' away, you know, literally he had, he was tryin' to do me anal, okay?

Cory Williams: Um-hmm.

James Gunnels: He had his pants down.

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Cory Williams: Did he try and tie you up?

James Gunnels: No. No, well I don't...no, he hadn't had out ropes out that I had seen. Whether that was his intention or not, I don't know.

Cory Williams: He had ropes out you said?

James Gunnels: No, I said...

Cory Williams: Oh.

James Gunnels: ...whether he did or not I don't know.

Cory Williams: Oh, oh.

James Gunnels: But I, I was getting away from that just soon as I seen that, what was going on.

Cory Williams: Did you ever see him with ropes at any time?

James Gunnels: No.

Cory Williams: Did you ever see him carry any kind of weapon?

James Gunnels: A knife possibly, you know what I mean, like on a belt, belt type, the pocket type thing.

Cory Williams: Did he ever threaten you?

James Gunnels: Unh-uh.

Cory Williams: Either directly or indirectly?

James Gunnels: No, no.

Cory Williams: Okay. Did you ever hear...

James Gunnels: Other than, other than in a predatory way of layin' the guilt on me after it happened the first time; what are you doin' back up here, blah, blah, blah. That's, that's not a direct threat against my health or life, you know what I'm sayin'.

Cory Williams: Right.

James Gunnels: But mentally, it's a, oh my god, a, a fag, and I'm all these other things...

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Cory Williams: Right.

James Gunnels: And blah, blah, blah laying that whole thing down.

Cory Williams: Right. Did you ever hear about him hurting or killing a kid?

James Gunnels: Yes, but that was after the arrest had been made.

Cory Williams: What year?

James Gunnels: And that was the detective's in Flint, or cops, whatever they were, called me down, umm, and they didn't get into descriptions about how, they said that there was bodies found? I thought that, you know, that's what they had said, that there was bodies found in the area of the houses that he had lived up North? I don't know if they were talkin' 'bout both of them or not. And, uh...

Cory Williams: Okay.

James Gunnels: I mean...

Garry Gray: Did you, did you know how he killed himself?

James Gunnels: I was told he hung himself.

Garry Gray: Do you...

James Gunnels: And he UNCLEAR...

Garry Gray: Let me ask you this, do you know why?

James Gunnels: Shame from his family, I would think, you know it's the family name has been, I, I mean I'm, I'm thinkin' that, you know; um...other than that, um...

Garry Gray: It's because of wh...wh...d...give, give me the, the, wh...what do you thinkin'? You were, you were there; I mean we weren't. We, all we can do is ask questions. We don't know all these answers to, but were you, what i...what is your take on it? Why do you think he would've killed himself?

James Gunnels: Guilt; just big time guilt.

Garry Gray: For?

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James Gunnels: Molestin' all these kids, man, guilt traumatized him, I mean, whatever, you know.

Cory Williams: He...when...when he killed himself, uh...w...d...was he into art, drawing, or anything like that? Do you remember?

James Gunnels: No.

Cory Williams: Okay.

James Gunnels: If it jumps out at me...

Cory Williams: Alright, there was a, when he killed himself the police found a drawing. Looks someone did a sketch with, with a pencil, real good one actually.

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Cory Williams: Pinned to the wall in his bedroom and what, I'm gonna let you take a look at it...

James Gunnels: Uh-huh.

Cory Williams: ...and tell me what you think about it and why he would've had, why he would've done something like that, if it was him that drew it.

James Gunnels: Okay. Why would he do this picture?

Garry Gray: Yea.

James Gunnels: A child in torment is what it looks like to me; screamin' out. Why? I don't know, and I don't remember the picture, you know. You say this was in his house where up North, or?

Cory Williams: Birmingham.

James Gunnels: Oh, Birmingham.

Cory Williams: It was in his room where he committed suicide.

James Gunnels: Oh, I thought he was in jail; uh, when he did it.

Cory Williams: Is that...

James Gunnels: I thought he hung himself in there. Was, was he hung? Can I ask you that? Was he hung?

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Cory Williams: No.

James Gunnels: Oh, oh I didn't know.

Cory Williams: This was in his walk-in closet on the floor.

James Gunnels: No UNCLEAR

Cory Williams: Okay. Why do you think he'd have that stuffed there?

James Gunnels: Bondage I would think, for tying somebody up.

Garry Gray: L...l...let me ask you this, uh, Jim. UNCLEAR

Cory Williams: Do you go by Jim or James?

James Gunnels: Jim.

Cory Williams: Jim's fine.

Garry Gray: A, a lot of, a lot of times, when we talk, when, when we talk to uh, kids, like I said, I usually refer...

James Gunnels: Right.

Garry Gray: ...to you as kids...

James Gunnels: Right.

Garry Gray: When we, when we talk to, uh, young, young, young men that, uh, may have been victimized many years ago that they're suppressing memories and such, it's something that y...of course you wanna completely blocked out of your memory.

James Gunnels: Right.

Garry Gray: You wanna, get rid of it. You wanna empty the trash, is, in other words, what happens. But then, it changes your life because it happened to you.

James Gunnels: Of course, I know.

Garry Gray: Now, what I...w...what we're just tryin' to do is just...stop and think if, you know, is there something that you remember that this guy did that kind of sticks out, or, oh yea, this, you know, this is it, or, uh, he did this, or, or, that can, uh, direct us through there, or was he getting vi...violent, more violent as time was going on, or did he have something that he ever spoke to you about, or, that you can recall that he may have said; a statement to you that kind of sticks in your mind; that something that you may have done in the past that he may have regretted? 'Cause you said, that, the reason you think he committed suicide is because a lot of regret, and...

Cory Williams: You said regret and out of guilt. You know...

James Gunnels: Regret, I mean to, I mean to, to, I know his family had a big influence on who he was; his money. You know what I'm sayin', uh, so I'm thinkin' that, you know, could you possibly...

Garry Gray: Yea.

James Gunnels: ...go on from this and be on the right standing with your family or whatever. That, that's what I meant by regret. The whole tamish the name thing.

Garry Gray: Yea. Did he at any time confide to you or did you over hear him talking about harming anybody? Accidentally or purposely? I don't, I don't know.

James Gunnels: No.

Cory Williams: Could you see him doin' something like that to a kid? Killin' a kid? Maybe, maybe if nothin' else to c...

James Gunnels: Yea, I guess I could, I mean...

Cory Williams: ...to cover up the crime, maybe?

James Gunnels: Yea, yea in that, in that since, I think I could; you know? Jus...just that, I mean, just to cover up a crime.

Cory Williams: You could s...

Garry Gray: Well he, he, he...

Cory Williams: You could see him doin' something like that.

James Gunnels: I mean he was capable of, of, you know what I'm saying, overpowering you, a, a, a child, there's no doubt in my mind about that.

Cory Williams: Well, you were a pretty big kid for your age, weren't you tall at the time.

James Gunnels: Lanky...

Cory Williams: Lanky?

James Gunnels: I'm lanky, you know what I'm sayin'?

Cory Williams: Yea, but you were...

James Gunnels: Yea, I'm a be, I mean, I'm, I'm no match for him though.

Cory Williams: Umm.

James Gunnels: You know what I'm sayin'.

Cory Williams: Well it sounds to me like you spent quite a bit of times with Chris. You knew a lot about his family and about...

James Gunnels: Well, just through his, through his nephews, you know what I'm sayin'? And that...

Cory Williams: Um-hmm.

James Gunnels: Umm...kind of hard to explain how that...let me, let me say this...my mom and dad at that time were going through, they ended up divorced and shortly after this all came out, you know what I'm sayin', and I'm sure that had a lot to do with bringin' that out, you know what I'm sayin'? There are other issues are that are involved, obviously. My mom was a chronic alcoholic, uh, at that time, but anyways, it was like (sigh) my mom would push us off on other people so she could drink.

Garry Gray: Um-hmm.

James Gunnels: You understand what I'm sayin'?

Cory Williams: Um-hmm.

Garry Gray: Yea.

James Gunnels: And my dad was just raisin' eight kids on third shift workin' at the factory so he ain't around a whole lot. He's sleepin' in the day and workin' at night, that type of thing. So, when my mom agreed to allow us to go up North with him, my dad was a little bit skeptical about the whole thing. You understand what I'm sayin'? He's like, well who is this guy? 'Cause I remember him asking my mom and my mom's like blowin' it off like, well it's Connie's brother - in - law. You know and my dad didn't really care for Connie Bush. He knew what my mom was up to, you know what I'm saying drinkin' over there or whatever. Umm, but he allowed it to go on and from that, tons I mean tons of arguments after I had a break down with my oldest sister Bonnie who recently passed away about this. And I, I don't know if I was the first person to go to the police about Chris Bush, I don't know. I can't remember if that was the case.

Garry Gray: Well that drove the wedge in between your mother and father's relationship, because...

James Gunnels: Huge; and me and my dad.

Garry Gray: Yea, oh yea.

James Gunnels: My son's been tarnished. He had a man touch him blah, blah, blah... You know about that whole...