

235 CI 4142



SANTA CLARA – IVINS
Public Safety Department

Voluntary Witness Statement

For Officer Use Only

Incident # 235 CI 4142

Officer ID 12x17

Time 0930

Date 9/8/23

Name:

DANNY L CLARKSON

Read Carefully: I hereby certify that all statements made in this statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Additionally, I understand this statement may be used at a preliminary hearing. If I make a false statement which I do not believe to be true, I will be subject to criminal penalty.

ATTACHED

Signature

Date

[Signature]
9/8/23

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Statement for Ivins Police re 12 Year Old Boy Asking For Help

On Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 10:46AM our doorbell rang. I was slow to answer because I have mobility issues and my wife was in the bathroom. When I answered it I saw a young boy who had started to walk away. This was startling because our community has no children. I called him back and I asked him what was going on. He said he needed a favor. He asked to be taken to the nearest police station. The boy was in socks, no shoes, walking on hot asphalt and our long rock driveway. I told him to come sit down on one of our patio chairs by the front door.

I sat in the chair beside him, asked him his name and he said it was [REDACTED] I asked his age, he said twelve. I asked him where he came from and he said Jodi's house. That house is about 100 yds away.

[REDACTED] appeared emaciated and malnourished. Also he had duck tape around each ankle.

I asked him about the duck tape around his ankles and he said it was personal business, but that it was his fault. I did not press the issue but became further alarmed.

About that time my wife Debi came outside. We locked eyes. I told her that [REDACTED] here had been staying at Jodi's house please bring my phone. Then I asked if he wanted some water or something to eat. He said yes. Debi ran and brought the phone. She asked [REDACTED] if he had any food allergies then gave him a bottle of water, an organic pineapple strip and a banana.

At 10:52AM I called 911. I told the dispatcher a twelve year old boy had just showed up at our door asking for help and stated he appeared emaciated and malnourished with duck tape around his ankles. I continued to talk to [REDACTED] as the 911 dispatcher started giving me questions to ask him. We got his full name as [REDACTED] and his age as 12. As we began to look at the duck tape around his ankles we realized there was Saran Wrap and blood beneath the duck tape. We also discovered he had duck tape around his wrists, hidden by long sleeves, and again he said "I got these wounds because of me". It was obvious to us that he had been in bondage.

The dispatcher asked his mother's name. He said Ruby Franke but that he didn't know where she was. When asked, [REDACTED] said he had a 10 and 14 year old sister, still in Jodi's house.

Before the ambulance arrived [REDACTED] reminded us that he had been to our door last Christmas delivering a gift from Jodi. We recalled a woman and several children bringing over a plate of Christmas cookies and my wife exchanged Christmas treats as well at the time. The woman explained she was a friend of Jodi's.

At this point [REDACTED] had consumed the food so Debi made him a bag with small snacks in it.

An ambulance arrived at 11:02AM. The EMTs immediately ascertained that the duck tape covered deep wounds and they ceased cutting the tape off. When asked how he got them [REDACTED]

said "rope". The wounds were the same on both ankles and wrists. The EMTs asked him to walk to the ambulance because they needed to treat him in there. The police officer wanted to carry him but [REDACTED] was determined to walk. Debi gave him her sandals so he could walk across our sharp driveway rocks. The ambulance didn't move for about half an hour then left for the hospital.

The first policeman arrived simultaneously with the ambulance. He observed [REDACTED]'s wounds and heard [REDACTED] say rope had caused them. He gently asked [REDACTED] a few more questions, got his mother's name as Ruby Franke, home in Springville. He then stepped away to communicate. Within minutes things began to happen fast. He told us the police were all responding "to this one". Numerous police vehicles quickly arrived. It was obvious the police took [REDACTED] and his sisters situation extremely seriously. We advised them that we thought Jodi's house had a full basement with a panic/safe room.

We have video of [REDACTED]'s arrival and several minutes thereafter on our Ring door bell system.

[REDACTED]