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Grand Jury, March 5, 1982

ADA TIMOTHY BURKE

COMM. VS. LEONARD J. PARADISO

Murder - 1st

WITNESS SWORN

q identify yourself.

a Katherine Leonti.

q where do you live?

a 365 Meridian St. East Boston.

q are you married?

a yes.

q what is your husband's name?

a Anthony Leonti.

q did you know Marie Iannuzzi?

a my sister.

q how old was Marie at the time of her death?

a 20.

q she died on August 12, 1979.

a yes.

q did you know who she was living with at the time of her death?

a David Doyle.

q do you know where they were living?

a Jeffrey St.

q #53 in East Boston.

a yes.

q how long was she going with Mr. Doyle?

a about 6 years since she was 14..

q how long did she live with him at Jeffrey St?

a about a year.

q who else lived at Jeffrey St., if you know?

a David's parents lived on the first and second floor.

q at the time of Marie's death how did you find out about her having been killed?

a I found out through my sister who called me on the phone screaming and telling me come up I went up there up to my parent's house. They told me the story. My mother said she heard it on the radio coming home from work they found somebody in Saugus. She told me from what they were wearing my mother knew it was her. She knew what she wore to the wedding.

q she went to the wedding.

a yes.

q where was the wedding?

a in Saugus.

q did she go somewhere after the wedding to a reception at the Ship?

a yes.

q who did she go there with?

a She was with David at the wedding.

q did they have an argument at the wedding?

a From my sister-in-law she went to the wedding sat at the same table with them. She told me during this time they had an argument at the wedding

q after the reception was over did they go somewhere together or did they leave and go their separate ways?

a They did Marie called my mother. She said her and David had an argument and she was going on to a sort of reception at the house and David was not going with her.

q this was about 5:30 August 11.

a yes.

q she called your mother said she was not going with David she was going to a house party.

a yes but she did not say who she was going with.

q did she say why David did not want to go to the house party?

a no.

q at some point did members of the family go to David's house?

a not then.

q after her body was discovered?

a The detectives came to the house even before that my mother was coming through the tunnel heard it on the news. She went to Haynes St. to pick up Jean because it was only around the corner. Together they both went to David's house.

q where they were living?

a yes.

q what happened when they got there?

a This is what my mother told me. They got to the house. Jean said they were calm and rang the bell. The mother opened the door. She said the mother opened the door Jean asked David's mother where is Marie I want to speak to my sister. The mother threw her hands up to her face said oh my God.

jq was this the same night that your mother found out the same day?

a Monday, the wedding was Saturday.

q the body was discovered on Sunday.

a yes.

q your mother went to Jeffrey St. the following Monday.

a yes, a detective came to our house Monday morning.

q during the course of the wake did you observe David Doyle?

a yes.

q did you observe anything about him?

a The day he came to our house my father said is it true He sat on the chair on his hands. He said nothing. He looked like I don't know.

q what was your father referring to is this true?

a about Marie and what happened to her.

q when did this take place?

a Monday morning with my mother, my father said it to him when the detectives came he just sat at the kitchen chair just glazing looking around.

q was he at the wake?

a The first day of the wake he went to myself, my sister Jean and my husband. I remember because he said to me in the back I sat next to him he said what do you think I should do do you think I should start seeing other girls. I said I don't think you should say that.

q did you see him at the funeral?

a He never showed up. We were supposed to get him. His father said he went to buy flowers. We got there. He was not there.

q did people go to 53 Jeffrey St. to get Marie's belongings?

a I went to get her a dress I went Monday morning to get her a dress to wear.
q for the wake?

a Yes. My sister Jean and myself went upstairs to the third floor David let us in. He walked around. He said the stuff is all around. Everything was all packed in boxes. I said what is this. He said I had nothing to do I was up all night so I packed her things.

q everything was all packed.

a yes all in boxes and a luggage bag.

jq what day was this?

a Monday morning we started getting her belongings together.

q did Marie own a cat?

a Not at this time she did not. There was no cat when I went up. Marie told us a month before the cat ran away. David had dogs. They had a cat at Haynes.

q when did they move from Haynes to Jeffrey?

a I am not sure. They were only there a few weeks to months at Jeffrey.

q there was no cat at Jeffrey.

a no.

q did you notice a scratch on David's hands and face?

a I did not.

q did other people from your family notice it?

a everybody pointed it out but I did not look myself.

q did you know what kind of prior relationship they had?

a I would say so. I did not know Dave beat her up. We spent that month together and perhaps months before she passed away I recall her saying David wanted her to move out. She was afraid to go. She was with him so long she was afraid to start with somebody else.

q when did he say he wanted them to break up?

a the end of July.

q she was killed in August.

a beginning of August.

q is Ann Marie Kerney here?

a yes.

q she is a friend of your sister.

a yes.

jq the scratches people observed was the cat living with them then?

a They had no cat the cat ran away before Jeffrey.

q the cat was not there at this time.

a no.

q the mother had dogs.

a David's mother had one or two dogs.

jq everything was packed Sunday night he packed, did he know Sunday she was dead?

a I don't think so Monday morning it was all packed.

jq do you remember the time you went up there?

a no.

q did you ever ask David what happened?

a No I myself did not. We thought it was odd he did not volunteer what happened.