

Department of Public Safety – Ruston, Major	STATEMENT
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Victim		Witness	X	DATE\TIME 8/21/20XX 2015	CASE NO. 00 4453766
TAKEN BY Det. Montgomery					SERIAL
STATEMENT OF Varda Levi					AGE
ALIAS					
ADDRESS 4189 Alter Street, Ruston				ZIP 98105	225-3421
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH					
OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER Retired teacher					BUSINESS PHONE

ENTER STATEMENT BELOW

I am 86 years old and retired. I have three grown sons and five grandchildren. I live by myself. My husband passed away five years ago.

Tonight, detective Montgomery came to my house to speak with me because I called the Ruston Police Department to tell what I know about what happened to Sondra Griffith.

On July 23rd of this year, I heard a knock at my back door at about 9:00 P.M. It was my next-door neighbor Sondra Griffith. Sondra was very upset. She was crying. Tears were streaming down her cheeks. She was shaking too. She told me that her husband Sam Griffith had just grabbed her by the neck and threatened to kill her. She said that she begged him to stop and he did. Then he left and as soon as he was out the door, she said she ran straight out her back door and over to my house. Sondra showed me a red mark on her throat.

Sondra said that Sam had hit her once before and threatened to kill her if she ever told anyone. She said that both times it happened when they argued over their finances.

I pleaded with her to call the police but she said she was deathly afraid of Sam, her husband. She said he told her not to tell anyone and that if she did he would kill her. Sondra said that her throat really hurt. I drove her to Ruston Medical Center's Emergency Room and I went into the room when she saw the doctor. The doctor asked Sondra what was wrong, she told her that her neck really hurt. The doctor examined the red marks and Sondra's neck. The doctor asked Sondra what happened to cause the red mark and Sondra told the doctor the same thing that she told me. After the examination and an x-ray the doctor told Sondra that nothing was broken but that she would have a big bruise. The doctor urged Sondra to call the police but Sondra was adamant that she would not. I drove Sondra home.

Sondra and I are in a neighborhood bridge group and when Sondra was out the room another friend of Sondra's, Mercedes Jones, told me that Sondra told her that Sam abused her both physically and verbally. I believe he has committed other domestic violence on

Sondra but I personally know only of this one time.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Major, that the statement above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

8/21/XX

Date

Varda Levi

Signature