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Ryan Ferguson case:

Interview of Mike Boyd:  
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On 6/24/05 I talked with Charles Erickson. Erickson told me just prior to the homicide he and Ferguson had hidden near a wall where dumpsters were located near the Tribune parking lot. Erickson said he had seen the victim on the parking lot and he and Ferguson waited as a red car pulled off of the lot.

After talking with Erickson I reviewed reports and found that Mike Boyd, a Tribune employee, was the last person to talk to Heitholt. In the reports Boyd describes his conversation with Heitholt. Boyd also describes the direction he took when left the parking lot.

I found that Boyd was no longer an employee of the Tribune and is now employed at the Ste. Genevieve Herald. I called and talked to Boyd. He told me he did own a red car and he was driving it the night of the homicide. Boyd told me he still owned the car. I explained to Boyd I wanted to come to Ste. Genevieve and photograph his car.

On 7/24/05 I drove to St. Genevieve and met with Boyd and photographed his car. The car is a red 1992 Plymouth. Boyd told me in October of 01 he drove the car regularly to work and he was sure he was driving it the night of the homicide. I reviewed with Boyd what he had told the police earlier in the investigation. Boyd told me he remembered talking to Heitholt on the parking lot, he said he remembered the cat scratching the tire of Heitholt's car and he thought that was funny. He said as he left the parking lot he turned west down the alley towards Providence road. Boyd said as he passed the wall where the dumpsters were located he saw two white guys standing there. Boyd said he could not identify these individuals. He said he could not describe their clothing, he just knew there were two young white guys standing near the dumpsters as he drove away. Boyd said he thought

nothing of it because they looked "alright" and there were always people out at night in that part of Columbia. Boyd said on that night you could "hear" George's and there were a lot of people on the streets. I told Boyd that the police reports contained no mention of him seeing two white guys near the dumpsters. Boyd told me he couldn't remember if he had told the police about seeing them. He said they seemed "OK" to him but he was sure he saw them.

After talking with Boyd I returned to Columbia and transferred the photos I had taken of his car to CD.

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