



Omar Ballard

Ballard lived only a few blocks from the victim. On 6-24-97, he assaulted a woman in the apartment complex and was chased by an angry mob to the Bosko apartment where victim's husband gave him shelter and refused to release him to the crowd. Ten days after the victim's homicide, 7-17-97, Ballard sexually assaulted a juvenile female near the apartment complex.

Ballard's DNA was eventually found to be a match to the DNA under the victim's fingernails and in her vagina.

When interviewed, Ballard acknowledged that he raped and killed the victim and that he did it alone. He also made a short statement concerning the incident. Following is a digest of his statements juxtaposed with a listing of physical evidence at the scene, the victim's condition, and autopsy results.

<u>Ballard's Statement</u>	<u>Evidence</u>
Police interview at Augusta Correctional Center on 3-4-99	
Transcription of taped interview	
She invited him in	Consistent with evidence
We had sex	Consistent with evidence
Victim willingly had sex with him	Not consistent with evidence
I stabbed her in the chest one time	Consistent with evidence
When victim on floor I stabbed 2-3 more times	Consistent with evidence
Knife brown handle with ridges 5-4" long	True
Victim knew him because he was there two other times	True
Took \$35	Consistent with evidence
Victim and husband stood up for him when he accused of rob and beat apt resident	True
Alone during incident	Consistent with evidence
Never hit victim	Consistent with evidence
Committed crimes between 2:30 – 3:00	Consistent with evidence



a.m.	
Victim moaning when he left	Possible, but improbable
Police interview at Augusta Correctional Center on 3-11-99	
Officer's Notes	
Raped victim on bed	No evidence to substantiate
Victim asked - "Why did you do it?"	
He snapped and headed out of room	
He turned around, grabbed her, they fell to floor, choked her	Victim was choked
Went to kitchen, got knife, stabbed her 3-4x	Victim suffered 4 serious stab wounds
She never fought or screamed	She scratched him No screams were reported
Transcription of taped Interview	
Information additional to officer's notes	
Not much struggle during sexual assault	Consistent with evidence
Got knife because "figured she was going to tell"	
Brown handled w ridges, 4-5", from kitchen drawer	Accurate description of knife used Accurate description of location knife taken from
Stabbed in chest, 3-4x	Consistent with evidence
Dropped knife	Knife found on floor near victim
Five minutes total in apartment	Consistent with evidence
Choked w both hands from front	Consistent with evidence
3-15-00 statement to police before sentencing	
Met Williams, Dick, Wilson, Tice in lot; knocked on victim door, all rushed in, all raped and stabbed her, Ballard last to leave apartment, took \$35 out of victim purse that was laying on table	Not consistent with evidence; Ballard did not pass polygraph concerning this statement

Ballard's statement is consistent with the physical evidence, the victim's condition, the autopsy results, and what would be expected to be found at a single-offender crime.