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Story Memo

I spoke with detective ring this afternoon, and asked him about the DNA testing. He told me that "Ring: simply wasn't enough. DNA" and "Ring: and I was never really hopeful about the cigarette butts.. they're on every street corner"

He also remembered I had asked him for copies of interviews, and said he thought most of them had been transcribed and that I might ask for those copies as well.

I have read through half of Eugene Vent's interview and highlighted some areas that I will consider adding to my final report.

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Wouldn't this excerpt indicate that Ring drew the diagram?

From Foia: I am requesting copies of any sort of diagram or drawing prepared or used by Eugene Vent to identify the location of Hartman's body during interview with detectives

From Vent interview:

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Or are we looking for something more than this??

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(RING) You ask questions, general questions and uh if those general questions lead you to specifics that would indicate if the interrogation should be should be held. Then you do the interrogation.
And again it depends on the person. Some people are real easy to interrogate, just involves did you do it and they'll say yeah. But you know other people, obviously uh are a little more reluctant to admit guilt.

Excerpts from Eugene Vent's Interview

DETECTIVE RING: What was the problem with the dude uh, on Barnette earlier that was wearing camos, the camo shirt?

VENT: Barnette?

DETECTIVE RING: Yeah, the guy wearing that shirt right there. Cause we had a little problem with him too, and uh, wondering what kind of problem you had with him.

VENT: I didn't have any problem with some

DETECTIVE RING: You've already been identified as having a scuffle with him too, so I, I don't like, I'm not here to mess around with ya .

VENT: NO, NO, NO

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RING: Uh, I don't . . . know what the deal is there. He's saying one thing, I'd sure like to hear what your side of the story is

**Later:**

**DETECTIVE RING:** Well here's, here's the problem. Here's what you did: you been identified with this gun over at the motel. Okay, I don't know what kind of gun, I don't know if it was loaded, you intended to kill somebody or what. Okay? That's

**VENT:** HOLY COW, THAT'S GOING A LITTLE DEEP THERE

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**DETECTIVE RING:** Some people could say you were in a fight.

**VENT:** Some people, man, you're starting to drive me crazy man

**DETECTIVE RING:** Well I'm not trying to.

**VENT:** You started to make me tell

**DETECTIVE RING:** Well let me, let me ask you this

**VENT:** I told you what I know. And that's all I'm gonna tell you.

**DETECTIVE RING:** Well except for what you told me before is that you were never on Ninth, now you tell me you were there for five minutes, ya know, like I say, it's, you're close to the truth, but you're not quite

**VENT:** Don't worry about me, say what you wanta say, tired of telling you man. I told you the truth, it seems like you're not gonna believe me, so

**DETECTIVE RING:** Well that's cause you tell me a little bit more each time I talk to you, okay. I'm just trying to get the whole truth here. If you would tell me the whole truth, then we wouldn't have to pull it out a little bit at a time. You see what I'm saying. You see I'm saying, you see where I'm coming from.

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VENT: I told you several names, but, if I had a phone hooked up with my bro getting beat up un, I mean you . . . gotta tell me his name, man, I ain't got nothing to do with that

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**DETECTIVE RING:** You told me he got maced, you told me you saw him get maced and you told patrolman when they first got you that you were there (inaudible)

**VENT:** I didn't, I didn't, I

**DETECTIVE RING:** Yeah, they had

**VENT:** I heard about it, but I didn't tell you I saw him get maced, he wasn't with me.

**DETECTIVE RING:** Who'd you hear it from?

**VENT:** If me and Harley were together, we would've been

**DETECTIVE RING:** Well where'd, who'd you hear it from?

**VENT:** From you

**DETECTIVE RING:** No, who'd you hear he got maced from?

**VENT:** YOU

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DETECTIVE RING: (Inaudible) that's all. I wanta know what happened. Don't believe you're trying to run me, your losing your temper with the wrong guy.

VENT: I told you what happened.

DETECTIVE RING: So don't even bother with that stuff with me, okay, don't do it

VENT: I told you what happened, man, and I'm tired of telling you what happened. If, if my footprints is there, they're there.

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**DETECTIVE RING:** Except for, except for you're there because I can prove that you're there and so

**VENT:** I know you can prove I was there, I told you I was there.

**DETECTIVE RING:** Okay

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DETECTIVE RING: What do you mean you might've been there, but you don't know who that is?

VENT: If I stepped in his blood, I was there, but I don't know who that is right there.

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**DETECTIVE RING:** Was he trying to buy some weed too?

**VENT:** No

**DETECTIVE RING:** How do you know?

**VENT:** He was trying to sell it?

**DETECTIVE RING:** This kid was?

**VENT:** I didn't see that jacket.

**DETECTIVE RING:** Well who is this kid?

**VENT:** Apparently they got some type of (inaudible) I don't know, they didn't like it.

**DETECTIVE RING:** He was there

**VENT:** Man, why you asking me,

**DETECTIVE RING:** Well, now you're telling me some new information. This kid was

**VENT:** I'm not telling you nothing man, all I say, he might've hooked 'em up

**DETECTIVE RING:** No, you said this kid was selling some weed. Okay

**VENT:** OH DID I?

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DETECTIVE RING: I wanta know what happened

VENT: YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME

DETECTIVE RING: Well tell me what happened there is all, that's all I'm looking for. Okay

VENT: I'm telling you, I

DETECTIVE RING: If, if your friend, your friend needs some help, he's hurt pretty bad. Okay?

VENT: I can't believe what you're saying right now

DETECTIVE RING: He's hurt really bad.

VENT: You should, you should be talking to him. If he's my friend and he's hurt bad, you should be talking to him. I'm telling ya, I don't know nothing about nobody being hurt

DETECTIVE RING: Well he's

VENT: None of my friends been hurt

DETECTIVE RING: He's over in the hospital is the problem, Okay.

VENT: I can't believe you're doing this to me.

DETECTIVE RING: And when he wakes up, I'd like to be able to tell him that you helped me here. Okay

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**VENT:** I wanta talk, I wanta talk to him right now, man. Let me talk to him.

**DETECTIVE RING:** He's unconscious.

**VENT:** What's his name?

**DETECTIVE RING:** You just told me his name, I don't know his name, cause he doesn't have any I.D. on him.

**VENT:** His name, his name could be anything. Tell me his name.

**DETECTIVE RING:** You already told me several names here, Ludenbocker is the name you