

LIVE INTERVIEW
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HEATH CARLTON STOCKS

HEATH: I told him, I told him if he ever hit me again I was going to kill him. When he told me to get out (sobbing) he said that he'd kill me if I ever said that again and I (sobbing continually) I didn't realize what was going on until it was over with. I just, I just, all I could see was him. I couldn't see anything else.

OFFICER: Did you try to talk Heather out of the house and she wouldn't go. She said she was going to call the cops, is that right?

HEATH: No she said she was going to call 911 and that, that we had been robbed and I said just go, just leave and then Mom and Dad pulled up and ran inside, I was in the living room, just surprised I didn't know what was going on and

OFFICER: Okay, wait a minute, wait a minute, Heather got home first?

HEATH: (Sobbing) And they was all in the kitchen and then, then Dad was on the phone and then I just (inaudible) I just, I just shot I didn't

OFFICER: Okay. I was wrong. I thought Moma and Daddy got home first.

HEATH: I didn't (pause) couldn't see them.

OFFICER: After you did what you, did you, did you mess up the house before they got home or after they got home? Before?

HEATH: I don't know I was just so mad. It still hurts, so confused I didn't know what was gonna happen, I went out and sat in my car and I thought, I was scared and tried to shoot myself but I couldn't do it (sobbing) cause I was scared what else I was going to do and I didn't even know but. (sobbing) (inaudible)

OFFICER: So from what you are telling me Heather come home first and saw the house messed up, said she'd call 911 and say ya'll been robbed. And then Moma and Daddy come.

HEATH: And I saw him and he gots the phone.

OFFICER: He tried to call 911 and you shot him, then you shot moma.

HEATH: I just shot.

OFFICER: You just went to shooting?

HEATH: I didn't (sobbing) I didn't know.

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OFFICER: You don't remember shooting them after they were down?

HEATH: (No answer)

OFFICER: Did you walk up to Daddy after it was, after you shot them and they were on the ground and shoot him in the head?

HEATH: I don't remember.

OFFICER: You don't remember?

HEATH: (No answer)

OFFICER: Can you remember anything else before you left the house?

HEATH: (Sniff) I got in my car and I was just driving, I didn't know where I was. I just wanted to go home (sobbing) (sniff) I prayed for God to bring them back and he couldn't do it.

ALEX: And I have been praying with you also Heath.

HEATH: I want to die.

OFFICER: You ain't got nothing. You need some help which you gonna get. We'll get you some help.

? Thank you.

HEATH: (Sniff) (Took a deep breath)

OFFICER: Listen to me, listen to me Heath. I want you to tell Mark what you just got through telling me and Mr. Fingers here.

MARK: Okay, let's just go over there and we can sit down in a seat okay?

OFFICER: Can you tell me the story again real quick, please?

HEATH: (Sobbing)

HEATH: (Sniff) (Took a deep breath)

MARK: Keep your seat a minute okay?

(Door opening and closing in background.)

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ALEX: Heath I appreciate you telling the truth.

HEATH: I am sorry.

ALEX : That's okay I, it's okay I appreciate you finally telling the truth and I know I am going to continue to pray for you, if you don't mind.

HEATH: Please (Sobbing continually)

ALEX: And I will every night before I go to bed, I will continue to pray for you and I want you to continue to pray also.

HEATH: (Sobbing) I prayed to God (sobbing) prayed to God to help me. (sobbing continually)

ALEX: Did you break into the house Heath? You didn't, you had a key?

HEATH: (Breathing deeply)

ALEX: Hum? What happened when Heather came home and saw you in there?

HEATH: (Sniff)

ALEX: Take your time, what did Heather tell you?

HEATH: I just want to be alone by myself.

ALEX: Is that what Heather told you?

HEATH: No I just started this. (Sobbing) (Sniff)

ALEX: What did Heather tell you Heath when she came home, when she came in and saw that it was you? What did she say?

HEATH: She asked what happened.

ALEX: Say again.

HEATH: She asked what happened.

ALEX: Yeah what happened?

HEATH: (Sniff) I said I didn't know.

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ALEX: Then what?

HEATH: She tried to call and I told her not to. I told her to leave and I went in the living room and I didn't know what was happening, I was just (sniff) so mad and I just wanted him to come home, I didn't want anybody else to come home.

ALEX: Did you have the gun waiting on him then?

HEATH: No answer.

ALEX: I can't hear you?

HEATH: (No answer, possibly shook head)

ALEX: Is that a yes or no?

HEATH: (Sniff)

ALEX: Hum?

HEATH: Where's Steve?

ALEX: Ah he's coming back, he probably going to get you some water or something.

HEATH: (Sniff, sniff) Yes.

ALEX: Then what?

HEATH: Moma and Daddy got home, I couldn't see Moma, I could see, I could see him and so that was all I wanted just him, then I just started shooting at him, and then when I looked they were all dead. I tried to get them up, I just wanted them to get up (sobbing) and they wouldn't get up (sobbing) I couldn't.

ALEX: Did you lay them on the side of each other the way that they was laying?

HEATH: No. (sobbing)

ALEX: That's the way they fell?

HEATH: (Sobbing) I just started shooting.

ALEX: Heath there was a couple of them shot in the back of the head like they were laying on the floor.

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HEATH: I don't remember.

ALEX: And you sat out in the car for about (20) twenty minutes and you left and what did you do with the jewelry?

HEATH: Threw it in a dumpster.

ALEX: In Arkadelphia?

HEATH: By Pizza Hut (Sniff) (Starting sobbing) I just hated him so much.

ALEX: I know it he was beating on you and you told him the next time he hit you, you'd kill him. Did he try it again?

HEATH: (Sobbing) No I wasn't gonna let him.

ALEX: But Heath I'm not mad at you because I know if you had to do it all over again, you probably wouldn't go there, would you? So I'm not mad like I said I'm continued to pray for you like I said I would, I'm not mad at you, you know you did what you thought you had to do, I just hate that it had to result in this, but, I continue to remember you in my prayer.

(Mark exited the door)

OFFICER: Come on.

HEATH: (Sobbing)

OFFICER: Come on, just going next door.

HEATH: (Sniff)

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