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Mr. Roger Williams, Law Clerk  
Circuit Court for Cecil County  
Court House  
Elkton, Maryland

RE: Lidge Schowgurow v. State of Maryland  
No. 368 - September Term, 1964  
(Your Criminal No. 1040)

Dear Roger:

The attorneys for the appellant in the above entitled case wish to have State Exhibit No. 1, "Statement," printed in their record extract, therefore, would you please send the original exhibit to this Court to be incorporated in the record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Chief Deputy

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Statement of LIDGE SCHOWGUROW taken at Barrack "F", North East, Cecil County, Maryland, Maryland State Police on Monday, January 6, 1964. Statement begun at 1:00 P.M. and concluded at 3:00 P.M.

"Lidge", you are now at Barrack "F" of the Maryland State Police, located at North East, Cecil County, Maryland. People present are TFC W. E. Fields and Clerk is Mrs. Ragan, civilian employee. I am 1st Sergeant Kosirowsky of Maryland State Police. We would like to ask you some questions in connection with the shooting of your wife which happened on January 5, 1964 at approximately 12:45 PM at 253 Laffoy Circle, Manor Heights, Port Deposit, Cecil County, Maryland. It is my duty to inform you that you have a perfect right to answer any and all questions asked you, and you have a perfect right not to answer any and all questions asked you. Anything you say will be used against you in Court. Now that you know these facts, do you wish to make a statement?

A. Yes.

Q. State your full name?

A. Lidge Schowgurow

Q. Address?

A. 168 W. Laurel Street, Philadelphia.

Q. Are you married?

A. Yeah.

Q. What is your wife's name?

A. Joyce

Q. And her address is the same as yours?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you read?

A. Not perfect.

Q. Can you write?

A. No

Q. Can you write your signature?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you tell us in your own words exactly what happened, why and where it happened, to the best of your knowledge?

A. Each Thursday night I took her to psychiatrist at 8th and Spruce. I took her to doctor, first she says she wants clothes. I buyed her clothes then I took her to mothers place. We had to stop anyway to pick up children. Then she said she wants coffee. Her mother didn't offer her coffee and she was angry. When she come home she goes to kitchen and grabs coffee pot. Pot was empty and she had cup and sugar in cup and fell asleep in chair. I wake her up to go in bed. So she arguments with me - person can sleep whenever person wants. After around 11:30 I went up and we had 2 young child with us and she started waking up and started arguments with me and said I in purpose keep waking her and trying to drive her nuts. I said no man tries to make his wife nuts. I still need you, I love you and children still need mother. She started screaming and said children are together

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and try to drive her nuts. She tried to run to door. I ran first and slammed the door and told her go to bed and rest. She kept screaming. I said up stairs I got sister and brother-in-law sleeping. Why you try to advertise the fighting. She said what they are "kings"? I seen it was impossible to fight with her. So I went to sleep. I was going to work and she was coming downstairs and didn't say nothing to her, I went to work. After I come back from work I had 2 children with me. Ninety-four year old grandmother and countryman was watching children. I asked him what happened to her and he said she get dressed and left. This was Friday, December 20, 1963 when she left the house.

I went to her mothers place and asked if she is there. She said she didn't see her. Told her I am not mad, to come home when she sees her. I am going to Vineland I took sister and brother-in-law to Vineland. I left around 10:30 or 10:45, arrived in Philadelphia around 12. So I went home. She was not home, the 2 children was home. So I went to sleep. Next morning I went to her mother place and they said she was not there. So I took my girl to my mother place, the boy was home with countryman. My brother brought girl back and I was not home and then I brought to my in-laws and left the girl there. Monday I went to work, we had suspension, they give us ten dollars Christmas present and we don't work all week, if we do they give me call. I went to in-laws and brother-in-law said I never saw her. I am taking the children. After I took them back the second to oldest one, Nina, my brother took her to mothers place. I went to Camden to a lady we know, Marge, I told her she left and I got children. She said little one stay with me. She had the little one 2-3 days then she bring me back and took her back again.

Week passed and her brother told me she was in Maryland. I come in Maryland. I knock on door and I went in and I see her. Her sister told me she want to talk with me in kitchen. I talk and she said wait till her husband come and then I talk to her. This was January 2nd. Her husband come, he ~~passed~~ poured me whiskey I dranked couple sips. She called her out and she come and sit beside me. I talked said when you coming home and I got children all over. She said I don't have nothing to talk till Court come. Give me answer are you finishing with me. She said she let me know at Court. I asked sister if all right to go in room and talk with her. I went with her in room and talk to her. She said I won't go home till after this Court. I don't give you no answer. I asked if I could visit and she said "no". I asked if I could call and she give me telephone number. I asked if she needs money and she said yeah. I don't have much, but I send you money. I went back to Philadelphia by bus and send her \$10.00 next day.

I called her that evening she said to call me tomorrow morning, Saturday. Every time I talk to her I ask her to come home and reunite. She said not yet. Then letter come my name. Her sister was writing to her mother. In letter was that I was there I saw my wife and they were expecting arguments but it went nicely. She was calm. She made me believe that she was coming back to me. I found the gun in apartment house where I was working couple months ago. Placed was empty, I found gun in closet.

Me and my wife both found gun couple years ago. We went to people I know and I took gun out and was playing with boy and it accidently fired. My wife she gave gun to niece. My niece was playing with the gun outside and police saw him. She told him we thought was play gun. So it was ended with that.

When I found the gun I wrapped it in newspaper and put in the cellar, this second gun I found. After that letter I said I come to her. I come here (this was Saturday night). I took the gun out of cellar, I figures when I come here with gun I scare her

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and get her to come home. Then when we get together everything going to be all right. I got here by bus and got taxi to apartment. I went in empty place I straightened myself up, then I walked down and saw my girl and asked where mommie was. She was sitting alone. I said surprise Joyce, did you receive the money I sent you money. She said not yet. I said when are you coming home. She said not till we go to court. Then she said what you got in your pocket, do you have a gun? I said no. She said well I can believe you. I said I want you to come home with me. If you don't want to go home, see about the children, you got two here and three in Philadelphia. If not for my sake, for your childrens sake come home. She jumped off sofa and grapped the coffee table and started hitting it and started screaming. She picked up a chair, then I took the gun and I started shooting. I didn't have time to show her the gun and say here is gun I want you to come home. When I pulled t e gun she was running and I kept shooting and then when I realized what I am doing I shoot myself and I fell down and that I am still moving and shoot myself again and clips is empty. Then I walked through door and brother in doorway said stop, police are coming. I threw gun away and said I killed her and he said no she's not dead. I said you call ambulance and he said I call ambulance and state police and shore patrol going to come.

After police come they said where is gun and I told them. I told them it was same gun I had.

Q. This was the same gun that you used to fire bullets into your wife?  
A. That is the one.

Then I took money out, two ten dollar bills to brother-in-law and said take my children to my brothers house. The ~~3/4/75/100/160/~~ Shore Patrol took my wife away and they wanted to take me and my brother-in-law said I was civilian and that state police are coming.

Q. Why did you do this?  
A. I don't know.

Q. Were you jealous of your wife because of her good looks?  
A. No, because I know I living with her so many years and we had children.

Q. Was she running around with anyone?  
A. No she was not. If she was running around countryman lives with us and he would tell me. In evening she want out and took either children or dog with her.

Q. Are you a naturalized citizen?  
A. No.

Q. Are you registered?  
A. Yes.

Q. When did you come to this country and from where?  
A. 1951 - Germany

Q. Where was your home country?  
A. Yugoslavia

Q. What are you?  
A. Mongolian

Q. What was your trade in Germany?  
A. Electrician.

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- Q. How did you come to America?  
A. Immigration quota.
- Q. You met your wife here?  
A. Yes-Philadelphia.
- Q. (By TFC Fields) When you took cab to Manor Heights, you got out at Perryville, why did you get out of the cab this far from Manor Heights?  
A. I had to go to the toilet.
- Q. Were you there long? (By TFC Fields)  
A. Maybe 5 or 10 minutes.
- Q. (By 1st Sgt. Kosirovsky again) Were you so tense you maybe felt you had to urinate?  
A. I was calm, I had no intention to kill-not like person have something on mind.
- Q. (By TFC Fields) How did you know your wife was in bottom apartment and not upstairs?  
A. My daughter told me. She was in the hallway.
- Q. (By 1st Sgt. Kosirovsky) What did you say to your daughter?  
A. I petted her face and asked her where mommie was.
- Q. (By 1st Sgt. Kosirovsky) Did you ever hear of anyone or relatives using pointed gun and say I am going to scare you?  
A. Yes in Russia. They said pointing gun and as long as they can settle between us it is over and forgotten.
- Q. In Russia are they allowed to carry a gun concealed? (Questioning now continued by 1st Sgt. Kosirovsky)  
A. Yes.
- Q. You said that the first time you came which was last week, she (your wife) patted you down to see if you had a gun?  
A. That's right.
- Q. This time, Sunday evening, yesterday, she said "Do you have a gun"?  
A. At first she said what you got in pocket - you got a gun. I said no. Then she picked up chair and I pulled out gun and shoot her.
- Q. Is there anything else you wish to say about this matter?  
A. I don't know what else to say, I don't understand now she is dead and never will I know why she left me.
- Q. Do you have anything to say about why you shot her?  
A. I can't say nothing. I don't know.
- Q. Have you been treated all right by State Police or anyone else involved with your custody, while you have been in custody?  
A. Yes.
- Q. Has anyone threatened you?  
A. No. Everybody is nice and kind.
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Q. Have you been offered any reward, promise of leniency or favor in order to get you to make this statement?

A. No.

Q. Have you made this statement freely, voluntarily, and of your own free will?

A. Yes.

Q. After reading your statement consisting of five pages and seeing the statement true and correct and just as you have told it, are you will to sign your name?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you read English?

A. Yes.

WITNESSES:

Walter E. Fields  
Gene Rogan

Lidge Schowgurow  
Defendant's signature

The above statement, consisting of five pages, has been given to me to read. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lidge Schowgurow  
Defendant's signature