"On a Saturday night in the first of July 1943, the exact date of which I don't remember, I went to Samford's Juke Joint at about 8:00 P.M. I remained at the Juke Joint off and on the entire evening. At about 10:00 P.M. JIM BROWN drove up in his car and sat there a few minutes and then drove off. At about 11:00 P.M. BOHANNON came back together with his gun and some other white men. Between 10:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. there had been a little fight between ARTHUR CROSS and EUGENE HOPPS and EUGENE ran so the fight was over. BOHANNON walked in the Juke Joint, looked around and walked back out on the porch. BOHANNON went up behind W. L. DAVIS, who was talking to CLAY O'BUT, and yelled him around the belt and I assumed he wanted to see if W. L. had any weapons. W. L. looked back and slapped BOHANNON's hand away and then BOHANNON stepped closer to W. L. and said "you ain't got no right to hit me. I'm not your man, I'm your Uncle Sam's man." W. L. either hit or tried to hit BOHANNON and they "flew up". They fought a few minutes on the porch and then stepped down on the ground in front of the porch and continued fighting. W. L. broke away from BOHANNON and ran around the side of Samford's house which is next door to the Juke Joint and seemed to be trying to get away. The chief, BOHANNON, yelled to the other white men to head W. L. off and the chief's boy turned on a flashlight on W. L. down in the alley. I was in front of the Juke Joint and couldn't see W. L. but I could see the chief of police, BOHANNON, and a few seconds after W. L. ran around the house I saw BOHANNON then draw his gun and shoot in the direction where W. L. ran. BOHANNON then drew a line on the ground and told everyone present not to go past it and he and his boy and the other white men left. When he had left we went back and saw W. L. lying face down on the ground.

"The above statement has been read to me by Special Agent PENSTEMAHER and I have signed this page and initialed on other page because it is true.

/s/ JOE STOKES

WITNESSES:

/s/ HARVEY E. PENSTEMAHER, JR., Special Agent FBI

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Furnished the following signed statement to the writer: