

some point, everybody who was arrested kind of went through things like that, you know, at that time and emm. But she, she told me, she said, 'You know what? They could have killed me or did anything to me,' she said. 'Because I am not an informant and I could never do that,' you know. And I, I believe she was telling the truth – in my heart I know she was not, you know.

Serle Chapman: But did she ever specifically say to you, you know, 'Dee I'm really frightened because David Price has threatened to kill me?'

Bernie Lafferty: Emm, I know you know, about things like that she was really scared, you know. And I think probably that's how we got into the conversation of her dying and stuff like that and her telling me those things and stuff and emm.

Serle Chapman: Do you remember what her reaction was to Leonard telling you that he'd killed the agents?

Bernie Lafferty: Her reaction?

Serle Chapman: Uh huh.

Bernie Lafferty: Emm, I can't remember. I just, I think mostly because of how I reacted myself. Because, I don't even know – he just told us! I, I don't know if we – I don't think we asked him or anything. And we, we were just talking about it one time and he told us and then I've never, in my whole life, since that day, ever told anybody or admitted it, or said I knew anything, until right now when I'm talking to you.

Serle Chapman: Uh huh. Well, you know, 26 years is a long time for a fallacy and reinvention of history and a lot of other people; a lot of other people's lives have been affected because of that.

Bernie Lafferty: Yeah.

Serle Chapman: But I want to talk about that some more. Emm, correct me if I'm wrong here, but part of what he said was, 'That mother-fucker was begging for his life but I shot that fucker anyway.'

Bernie Lafferty: Uh huh.

Serle Chapman: Is that how you remember it?

Bernie Lafferty: That's – yeah. I don't know if it was those exact words but yeah, that was kind of basically what he said.

Serle Chapman: Did he say anything about shooting the other agent or not, because that was in reference to the guy who was still conscious and sat up against the car.

Bernie Lafferty: I just remember him saying the one, you know, like he was holding his hand up or something like that.

Serle Chapman: He was holding his hand up like a gun?

Bernie Lafferty: Emm – Kind of holding his hand up like you know, so they won't shoot you, or asking him not to shoot you, or something in that reference. Kind of like that.

Serle Chapman: Uh huh. That the agent was holding his hand up?

Bernie Lafferty: Yeah.

Serle Chapman: And Leonard had his finger or his hand like cocked into a gun?

Bernie Lafferty: Uh huh.

Serle Chapman: Yeah? Is that how you remember it?

Bernie Lafferty: Emm, I can't remember all that but I just – I remember him saying what you said.

Serle Chapman: Uh huh.

Bernie Lafferty: And he told us, you know, that he - He told us that he, you know, shot them. And that, then, up to that point I didn't know what happened actually – the real truth and everything – and, emm.

Serle Chapman: So how did you feel about it when he told you that – did it surprise you?

Bernie Lafferty: Yeah. I mean I was like; yeah I was really surprised because you know I thought, you know, I, I really didn't even want to know, you know; because now I have to live with that - knowing, for the rest of my life, you know. And I'd rather have not even ever known.

Serle Chapman: And did you start to think of him differently after that? Like he was capable of shit that you never imagined that . . .

Bernie Lafferty: No. I, I: I kind of didn't really think like that because, emm, like, I, you know – from the first time I met Leonard, long; when we was; he used to stay you know, emm, and be at our house all the time and stay there and stuff like that. I don't know how many times, ever since I first met him, Leonard asked me to marry him, over and over, and I'd say no, no, no. But we always had like a real, real close friendship – I mean like he was like my best friend. So even after he told me that, I, I don't think I; at that point I didn't think he could really do anything to; would do that to anybody; an Indian person anyway, you know. I didn't think he could. But I don't know if it was just because I was so close with him, you know. Or maybe if I wasn't, I might have thought something different. I don't know.

Serle Chapman: So do you remember ever discussing what he said with Annie Mae?

Bernie Lafferty: No. Uh-uh.

Serle Chapman: So after he said it there wasn't; it wasn't a topic of conversation?

Bernie Lafferty: Uh-uh.

Serle Chapman: Do you remember if Dave was there when he said that?

Bernie Lafferty: Emm. Oh God. I can't remember if he was there or not.

Serle Chapman: Do you remember that there was a clambake?

Bernie Lafferty: Uh huh.

Serle Chapman: Do you remember that clambake?

Bernie Lafferty: You know what – I, I, I didn't go down there when they had it. I think I just stayed up to the house because I don't eat that kind of food. But you know what too? I think emm, it looks like they had, for some reason – I wasn't right there when they did that – but I remember them talking about it and stuff. But I don't know if I was at the house, or if I was like, when we wasn't there, we were somewhere else at the time or something. But I know I wasn't down there when they did that.

Serle Chapman: Did you know that – or did you become aware that Leonard had told quite a few people that he'd killed the agents?

Bernie Lafferty: No. I just figured – I knew he told us but I didn't think he told anybody else. I mean, I didn't know of anybody else, you know.

Serle Chapman: Had you any awareness of what the plan was going to be after you were at Chiquitti's?

Bernie Lafferty: Emm, no.

Serle Chapman: Do you remember them talking about the Bi-Centennial bombings? You know, bombing that train and stuff like that?

Bernie Lafferty: Oh, I kind of remember some talk about that but at the time you know, because, emm; I would have never even have remembered that if you didn't tell me, but I kind of remember them talking about it but at that point I had no idea what was going to happen, because Ka-Mook and I was both due at the same time to have these babies, you know, and I had no idea.

Serle Chapman: So with Annie Mae: is it fair; do you think it's fair to say that she was nervous by this point and that she was fearful for her well-being?

Bernie Lafferty: Yeah. I think she was. Yeah.

Serle Chapman: Did she ever give you any impression of anybody who she really didn't trust very much who was around the Movement?

Bernie Lafferty: No, I don't remember her saying any names exactly but I, I know that she really thought about – just from our conversations and stuff – she really did think she was going to die and I used to think, You're not going to die, you know but then; I, I, because I don't know; that's why they; so many things were kept from me and Ka-Mook; I don't understand. Because like, I didn't know all that stuff of what they thought about her. But you know what happened one time? When we was living here in St. Paul with that Doug Durham, emm, he emm – I remember that time he told me and Annie Mae, he said, 'Well', because you know he owned his own plane and we thought, Gee, that's nice; and he said, 'Well, if you girls want you know, I could take you for a ride some time.' He said we'd go to Denver or somewhere and then we'll come back or something like that, he said. And he really actually was planning a trip to take me and Annie Mae on this plane with him! And then later on when they were saying he was an informant and all that and I said, 'Oh my God Annie Mae! He could have took us and just threw us off that plane or killed us or something and no one would ever have found us!' And after we thought about it, it was like real, you know, kind of a serious thing. We kind of felt scared after we, you know, after that.

Serle Chapman: Uh huh. So, anything else you can remember about her demeanor, you know, during that whole trip? She wanted to home – Dennis and Leonard wouldn't let her go home. It's fair to say that she was concerned that people thought she was an informant?

Bernie Lafferty: Uh huh.

Serle Chapman: Yeah?

Bernie Lafferty: Yeah.

Serle Chapman: And that she knew what that could lead to?

Bernie Lafferty: Uh huh.

Serle Chapman: So, it seems from everything that people say; from what you're saying; that when she's talking about dying, the reality of that thought is based upon the fact that people were talking about her being an informant?

Bernie Lafferty: Yep.

Serle Chapman: So, moving along. I mean it – you know Ka-Mook said that everybody, superficially, was relatively pleasant to each other in that motor home?

Bernie Lafferty: Yeah.

Serle Chapman: And that it was only such as Leonard would talk about her when she wasn't there, you know, about the truth serum and putting the gun to her head and stuff?

Bernie Lafferty: Uh huh.

Serle Chapman: But nobody would say anything to her directly?

Bernie Lafferty: No, uh-uh. I don't remember anybody ever saying anything to her, you know like, in front of everybody; like anything like that.

Serle Chapman: Ka-Mook remembers some conversations between Dennis and Leonard about Annie Mae; about what they were going to do about it; about her being an informant and you know, having Dave take care of her and all the rest of it.

Bernie Lafferty: Uh huh.

Serle Chapman: But you didn't actually hear those conversations or?

Bernie Lafferty: If, you know if anybody (*Bernie is trying to restrain her emotions here*) – the kind of person Dave is and stuff, you know how I remember and all that – emm, to me if anybody would have, you know like really seriously thought about killing her – if they had somebody do it, I mean, in my mind he could probably do something like that and it wouldn't bother him, you know. Because he's, had a lot of like emm, you know, what does he do? Like that combat training or; he did something, we know. All just kind of how he was and it was like, it wouldn't bother him, you know. But I know he probably - I know he's not the one that did it but you know, he could be real intimidating you know.

Serle Chapman: But even though you didn't necessarily hear the conversations between Leonard and Dennis when they're saying they're going to have Dave 'fucking take care of her'; that would have been the logical thing, do you think, for them to be saying if anyone was going to 'take care of her'?

Bernie Lafferty: Yeah.

Serle Chapman: That he would be the one they'd pick to do it?

Bernie Lafferty: Uh huh. At that, at that time you know, with just the people –the ones that were there, you know.

Serle Chapman: So at this point, emm – did you ever hear of a guy called Harry Powell – by the way, who was one of Leonard's relatives?

Bernie Lafferty: Emm, I don't remember.

Serle Chapman: Okay. How were the women in AIM? Or weren't you particularly around them – when I say the women, I mean like Thelma and Lorelei and Madonna and Angie Begay and Theda – these types. How were they? Or had you disassociated from them?

Bernie Lafferty: I, I just seen them when we were together and stuff and like emm – I, I don't know, I never really heard them – that's why I was so surprised when they told me all these people. And when Ka-Mook told me. Because it's like, God, you know, I never knew, all these years, I never knew that they thought or felt like that, you know – Because they never really said anything to me.