

# SNOW NOTES

## THE WRONGFUL CONVICTION OF JAMIE SNOW AND HOW THEY GOT AWAY WITH IT

### Williams Perspective

From:

Dispatch Tape, 3/31/91

Case Report by Williams, 3/31/91

Audio Interview 2/27/99

Sworn Testimony, Snow Trial, 1/2/01

Pelo Testimony, Snow Trial, 1/2/01

Received dispatch call for Clark Station at 8:18 (Williams testimony, p 136, line 13)

5-20 seconds before Williams arrives, he hears Pelo say he's arrived, 1023, over radio (Audio 2/27/99, 2:30)

He creeps up at 8:21 going North of Linden St with lights off (Williams testimony, p 137, line 14, 21-23 & p 138, line 2). Stops ½ block short of the Clark station, and watches for 15 – 20 seconds (Case Report 3/31/91).

Pelo hears Williams say he arrived, 1023, but he didn't see him (Pelo Testimony, p 119, line 22).

First thing Williams saw was Pelo pulling up, get out of his car and walk from the credit parking lot to the gas station lot, in sequence (Williams testimony, p 138, line 20, p 139, line 5-6 & p147, line 15)

Heard Pelo calling in a plate over the radio (Williams testimony, p147, line 8) and he has his eyes fixed on the front door at this time (Williams testimony, p 138, line 12) *(That's why he didn't see Pelo use the radio, because he's looking at the front door.)*

Williams reports from his vantage point, there was no obstruction in view of the entrance and exit of the station, except passing street cars, and he saw no movement, no one came in or out of the door facing him (Audio 2/27/99, 6:10, 9:18)

While Pelo is calling in the plate, DM is doing all his movements, gets 15-20 feet from the station, and eventually leaves (Pelo testimony, p 124, lines 3-12), all while Pelo is calling in the plates, within 24 seconds (Dispatch Tape, 3/31/91).

Pelo says he knows DM left the parking lot before he finished crossing empire on foot (Pelo Testimony, p129 line 21).

Williams saw Pelo walking towards the station, so he approached as well (Williams testimony, p 139, lines 5-8, and p 148 line 5-6) and parked his squad car in the gas station lot 23 & p 138, line 2).

Williams saw the truck pull into the filling station while he was pulling up (Williams testimony, p 147, line 19) and while still in the squad car crossing Empire, he saw Pelo talk to them (Audio 2/27/99, 9:55)

Pelo is sure he called in DMs plates before this truck came (Pelo Testimony, p119 line 16).

Williams did notice a car by the air pump, never saw DM and never saw DM leave, he thinks the car was still by the pump when Pelo walked out of the station (Pelo Testimony, p 153 line 7).

Pelo calls for rescue 24 seconds after reporting DM has left the scene in his car (Dispatch Tape, 3/31/91).

Williams states he told Pelo to stay outside, and he entered the gas station to do a quick check, found the body on the floor, noticed no respiratory movements, no movement of any other kind, a contact lens popped out of his right eye, and a hallow look. He states he prepared to attempt CPR, but after cutting off the victim's shirt, he noticed two bullet holes in his chest, lack of breath sounds, glassy eyes, purple skin tone, and limpness, so he decided not to continue. Rescue services arrived shortly and confirmed he was dead (Case Report 3/31/91 & Williams Testimony, p 139, lines 19-22, p 140, lines 9-14, p 141, lines 9-20, p 142, lines 1-7, & p 148, line 19).

Williams states he secured the scene, waited outside the front door, and refused entry to anyone else until the detective sergeant showed up and custody was transferred (Williams Testimony, p 142, lines 10-14 & p 144, lines 1-2).

Williams accompanied the body in transfer to the county morgue and waited with the body until it was sealed (Williams Testimony, p 144, lines 10-14).

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*That gives us a time frame, that Williams arrived 5-20 seconds after Pelo, parks on the street, saw Pelo with his own eyes exit his squad car and approach Empire Street, and turned his view to watch the door, all while Pelo was on the radio, reporting DM, and DM gets back into his car before Pelo is done crossing. So, the entire exchange with DM and a suspect happens while Williams is watching the door and reports no movement and no one exiting or entering.*

Notes:

1090 = Hold Up Alarm Call

1023 = Arrived on Scene

1028 = Run Plates