

Hopewell, N.J.,
Residence of Col. C.A. Lindbergh
March 11, 1932.

Statement of: Charles Henry Ellerson,
Residence: Summit St., Norwood, N. J.
Age: 28 years.
Occupation: Chauffeur for Mrs. Dwight S. Morrow, Englewood, N.J.

Statement made to: Lieut. John J. Sweeney,
Newark Police Dept.

STATEMENT

I have been employed for the past year as chauffeur by Mrs. Morrow at Englewood, N. J. On Tuesday, March 1, 1932 I received a telephone call from Banks, the butler in the Morrow home. I was in the garage. He just told me to take the car and take Betty down to Princeton. Betty and I left about a quarter to twelve and started for Princeton. In Englewood Betty asked me to stop at a drug store where she got out and made a purchase of some candy. We reached Hopewell about a quarter to two. When we got here we had some lunch. I stayed for about an hour and then went back to Englewood, which I reached at about five o'clock. On My way out of the Lindbergh lane I noticed that a man had his car parked in the road; the car was facing toward Hopewell. It was a green Ford coupe; there was only one man in the car and although I blew my horn he did not move and I had to drive my car around his to get by. I noticed nothing unusual.

Charles Henry Ellerson

{ This statement taken stenographically and
and transcribed by Samuel B. Finklestein, }
Newark Police Dept. }

Statement of Charles Henry Ellerson, age 23, residence Summit Street, Norwood, N. J., made to Inspector Harry W. Walsh, Jersey City Police Department.

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I, Charles Henry Ellerson, ~~was~~ resident of the State of New Jersey all my life. I was a resident of Jersey City, place of my birth, for twenty years and during that time I was employed by the Bergen National Bank on the Boulevard near Journal Square, as a bookkeeper for one year and a half and then left of my own accord because I had no desire for inside work. I next was employed by the Graydon Battery Service of Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, engaged in delivering batteries at which place I worked for about two weeks and left of my own accord. I next became employed by the New York Telephone Company in their office at 24 Walker Street, New York, where I was engaged as a wire chief's clerk for a period of about three years. During my employment by the New York Telephone Company I moved to E Norwood, N. J., because of the death of my father who was killed in a railroad accident. Again becoming disgusted with inside work I quit this job and engaged in building contracting and odd jobs with a man named Edward Levy of Norwood, N. J.,. Our shop and office was located on Livingston Street, Norwood, N. J., and I remained in business with Levy for a period of about two years. I next was employed by William H. Irving, 106 Woodridge Place, Leonia, N. J., as a private chauffeur and continued in that position for about a year and a half and quit because the job did not pay enough salary. I then moved to Englewood, N. J., and was unemployed for a period of about a year when I was employed by the Morrow Family as a chauffeur the position which I still have. I was married in 1927 and am at present residing with my wife and two year old daughter at Englewood, N. J.

Q. Can you relate your movements for March 1st of 1932 from 8 A. M. until 12 midnight of that date?

A. Yes. I came to work at 8 o'clock, cleaned the Chevrolet and put it at the door for Miss Elizabeth Morrow. Went for the secretary at a quarter of nine, then I washed the Cadillac ~~in~~ Limosena. I started ~~to~~ clean the floor of the garage when the phone rang and Banks (the butler) summoned me to the house phone at about 11:30 A. M. and instructed me to drive Betty Gow to the Lindbergh estate at Hopewell, N. J. I had to wash up and get dressed and I got down to the house at 12 o'clock sharp. I had a bowl of soup with Betty and she and I started for Hopewell, N. J., at about 12:10 in a Chevrolet Roadster owned by the Morrow Family. We arrived in Hopewell about 2:15 P. M. Arriving at the Lindbergh in Hopewell both Betty and I had lunch and I remained about the Lindbergh home for a period of about an hour and started back to the Englewood home with the Chevrolet car alone, arriving there at about 5:00 or 5:15 P. M. I went down and had some supper at a lunch wagon and then I met Tom O'Callahan, a utility man at the Morrow estate at Englewood, and we went over to the Shady Nook in Teaneck and had some beer. We then returned to the B. & M. Taxi office in Englewood arriving there about 11 o'clock and it was there that I learned from the desk man that the Lindbergh baby had been kidnaped. I then called Mr. Springer at the Morrow home to see if it was true and if they needed me for anything and he said no, and I then drove Tom home ~~to~~ at Palisade Avenue and then went to ~~my~~ my home in Norwood, arriving there about midnight or a little after.

at Hopewell

Q. During your trip to the Lindbergh estate with Betty Gow did you make any stops?

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A. Yes, we stopped at a drug store in Englewood, Betty went in there and came out with some candy. This stop was made at the direction of Betty Gow

Q. Do you know whether or not Betty Gow made a telephone call while she was in the drug store?

A. No, I do not.

Q. How long was she in the drug store?

A. About three minutes.

Q. Did you have any conversation with Betty Gow on your way to Hopewell concerning the Lindbergh baby?

A. No.

Q. Any conversation concerning Betty Gow's boy friend?

A. Yes, we just talked about him and Betty told me he was going away some where, as I think it was Hartford, Conn.

Q. Did you have any conversation with Betty Gow concerning her disappointment concerning an engagement she had with her boy friend that evening as the result of her being ordered to Hopewell?

A. She just told me she was supposed to see him that night.

Q. Did you have any conversation with her concerning the length of time she would stay in Hopewell?

A. No, she did not mention anything at all about the length of time being confined there but said she got the blues.

Q. What are your habits on your furlough nights?

A. Most of the time I am home but when I do go out I go bowling and also have a few beers.

Q. Who were your associates?

A. Tom O'Callahan, John Saunders and Ambrose, last name unknown, of the B. & M. Taxi Company. Ambrose drives for the B. & M. Taxi Company at Englewood. O'Callahan is at present engaged by the Morrow family and Saunders to the best of my knowledge is unemployed.

Q. At any time previous to March 1st did you engage in any conversation with any of your friends or did you overhear any conversation while in the company of your friends or others concerning the Lindbergh baby?

A. I don't recall ever having a conversation or ever hearing any conversation regarding the Lindbergh baby.

Q. Are the three men you mentioned as your habitual associates residents of Englewood?

A. Yes, they are.

Q. How well are you acquainted with Henry Johnson?

A. I am not acquainted with him, I only saw him once at the Morrow home.

Q. Do you know of your movements for the evening of February 28th which was the night before the kidnaping?

A. Yes, I got home around 8 o'clock and played bridge with my wife, my sister and Ed. Levy until about 1 o'clock at which time my friends left and I retired.

Q. What is your salary at the Morrow Home as a chauffeur?

A. \$40.00 weekly.

Q. Have you a bank account?

A. No.

Q. Has your wife a bank account?

A. No.

Q. Do you own your own home in Norwood or pay rent?

A. My mother owns the house and I pay rent.

Q. Have you a telephone at home in Norwood?

A. Yes I have, the number is Closter ~~532~~ 532.

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