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Statement Concerning Transcript of Press Conference

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Escambia County Sheriff's Office has received numerous inquiries relative to the triple homicide in Escambia County, specifically as to its potential ties to a ritualistic murder. We encourage everyone concerned about the truth and facts to read the following transcript and go to ricksblog.biz for the complete transcript (media outlet not affiliated with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office.)

What follows is an excerpt of yesterday's press conference:

Media: Sheriff, you mentioned that it might be some religious or spiritual tie to this. Can you give us a little more of an idea about that?

Well, again, the time of the blue moon every three years, the method of the murders and also our person of interest is known to practice this.

Media: Can you say what religion that is?

It's witchcraft. I'll say that right now. There are different factions of that. While it doesn't bother me to release it being their being, most assuredly, you do not want to want to defame or demean any particular practices.

One of the great things about our country you can believe in pretty anything you want to believe in. That doesn't indicate that one practitioner ... I'll use a family member of mine for an example.

I have family members who are Pentecostal. They don't strychnine and handle poisonous snakes, but there are sects in the Pentecostal faith that do. You can't say all Pentecostals do this or all Pentecostals don't do that. At this juncture until such time as we garner more evidence and this case progresses, then we'll be fully preparing at that time to release that information.

Media: Would you be prepared to give a description of the person of interest so that members of the public might ... In case they see the person?

White male. That's pretty definitive, isn't it. We deal with that every day with profiling. We're looking for somebody.



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Media: Have you or your investigative parties spoken with this person of interest?

Yes, that is a true statement. Any other questions. Okay, again I want to close the interview with anyone in our community that has any information of the homicide of the Smith family, again call 433-STOP, that's for Crime Stoppers. By law, you remain anonymous.

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