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Dear Detective Inspector,

I have found a statement that was collected as part of the reinvestigation into the disappearance of Marjorie in 1960. This combined with Thomas Oakley's original time-clock card for August 23rd provides him with an alibi and eliminates him from the investigation.

Sincerely,

C Hopkins
Detective Sergeant Hopkins."

## GARENTON POLICE

## WITNESS STATEMENT

Case No: GPMP045

Surname: Oakley	First Name(s): Thomas Dylan	Address: 23 Old Rope Lane Garenton,	Date of Birth: 15.06.1901
STATEMENT SUMMARY			
Statement Date:	30.10.1960	Statement Time:	13:40
Statement Place:	Garenton Police Station	Officer Name:	PC George Philpot

I, Thomas Oakley, write this statement to assist with the investigation into the murder of Marjorie Millington. As Marjorie's boyfriend, I did not come forward after she was reported missing in 1924. I was afraid that I would be considered a suspect, as we had made plans to run away and start a new life in Paris. Marjorie understood that our relationship would not be accepted by her family and her father, in particular, wanted her to marry Ralph. However, Marjorie never appeared at the park at midnight as planned in our coded message, which I passed to her when I visited the ladies' department on Saturday to collect some clothes for mending. She also failed to appear at our regular meeting point the next night. I was concerned about her but had no means of contacting her. I did not become aware that she was officially missing until the Tuesday after the bank holiday, when the Hillington & Son department store reopened. Over time, I felt that I could not come forward, as I would have been the primary suspect, and I desperately needed my job at the time. My time card should provide enough evidence to prove that I did not kill Harjorie. I had to take an early lunch that day because my younger brother needed to be picked up from my grandmother's house and taken home to my mother, who was recovering from a bad chest. I was back at the store before 11:45 a.m. and remained there until 6 p.m.

No... 354 Name. Thomas Oakley Week Commencing 18th Aug 1924 DAY IN OUT MON 06:50 12:48 13:40 18:02 TUE 06:56 12:01 12:57 18:05 WED 06:55 13:01 THU 06:57 12:01 | 13:02 | 18:05 FRI 06:56 11:30 12:25 18:03 SAT 07:00 10:45 11:45 18:00 TOTAL Hours

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