Twisted Details Revealed In Woman's Murder

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SEMINOLE COUNTY, Fla. -- A man was arrested for kidnapping a woman from a Longwood car dealership and then murdering her. WFTV obtained recordings <u>(*full interview*)</u> Thursday of the suspect saying the murder was part of a twisted social experiment.

Detectives say William Davis confessed to the murder, but then he turned around and pleaded not guilty. Davis is accused of kidnapping 19-year-old Fabiana Malave from a car dealership in October, then raping and strangling her to death.

Investigators say Davis, who remains in jail, admitted to the 19-year-old's murder when he was tracked down. But the back story he told detectives, in a second interview days later, is both strange and scary.

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William Davis said little at his first court appearance. Investigators said he'd already admitted to killing of Longwood car dealership employee, Fabiana Malave. They also believe he raped her.

But just two days later, he called detectives to the jail and described a bizarre "experiment" that left him terrified for the lives of his loved ones.

"I couldn't function. I couldn't even think. I was scared," Davis said in the interview.

Davis told them of a mystery man who approached him in a Pine Hills park the weekend before the murder and presented the frightening experiment.

"It had something to do with what people perceive as right and wrong, and what circumstances could change that," Davis explained.

Davis claimed the man knew he was wanted in Lake County and would go to police. The man also allegedly showed Davis a gun.

Still in the park, the man then supposedly opened a briefcase and showed him pictures of Davis's girlfriend and her young son. He asked how far Davis would go to keep them safe.

"And he asked me if I loved them, and I told him yes, that I did," he said. "And I told him I'd do anything to make sure they were safe."

Davis then described a second meeting with the same mystery man at an Auto Zone two days later, which was two days before the murder.

However, in the recording, you can't hear Davis describe what the men talked about in that second meeting. The audio recording cut off, indicating a confession that's not public record. Prosecutors would not comment on the new Davis claims or whether they're believable or not. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Davis is expected to face a judge on April 14, but no trial date has been set.

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