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Box 1, Tape 1

In this interview, Bronisław Jaworski, born in 1927 in the village of Goslawice, talks about his memories of seeing 36 Jewish men led to their execution by German gendarmes in the forest near his house in Goslawice, near Konin.

**[01:] 00:32:00 – [01:] 09:44:15**

He talks about his native town Goslawice, presently a suburb of Konin and a small village at the time of the war; comments on the Jewish population of Konin as several thousand before the war; talks about seeing Jews at the market where his parents shopped; discusses seeing Jewish men being led to the forest by the cemetery during the German occupation; comments on the cemetery being near his parents' house; talks about the Jewish men being accompanied by two or three gun-carrying gendarmes; comments on his and his friends hearing gunshots, after the Jewish men reached the forest; remembers seeing a young Jewish man (in his 20s) who apparently tried to escape and was shot in the open field; remembers seeing the Jewish man's body lying in the field; mentions that in all other cases he never saw the bodies of the men who were shot.

**[01:] 09:44:16 – [01:] 20:15:11**

He comments on the men who buried the bodies being from the local jail (detention center) and being brought by trucks; assumes that some of them were Jewish; comments on the identity of the Jews who were shot; discusses these Jews working for the German stationed in the village, or in the office that used to be the Polish Police station before the war; discusses two Jews being seen in the village for a very long time, but being shot in the end; recalls counting 36 Jewish men led to their execution; comments on the question whether the bodies were exhumed after the war; discusses the sand from the burial place being collected after the war; speculates on some bones that might have been collected; assumes that these bones were buried in a Polish cemetery somewhere (not in a local cemetery); comments on a Hitler Jugend camp near the village with up to a thousand boys who, most likely, were brought from Germany.

**[01:] 20:15:12 – [01:] 28:52:10**

He comments on the Jewish men who were led to the forest to be killed wearing working clothes and carrying no luggage with them; discusses their usually being buried after dark; talks about many of them being brought to the village to work for the German

households or to clean the streets of the village; discusses some Jews being seen in the village for a week or longer, before being led to the forest; assumes that the executed men dug the graves in which they were buried.