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No exhibits introduced.

1 MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011

2 THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, and  
3 welcome to your courtroom. You have been selected as the  
4 members for this term of general sessions court. As he  
5 said, I'm Judge Jeff Young, and I'm from Sumter, and it's  
6 nice to be back here.

7 Now for many of you, and perhaps most of you, this may  
8 be the first time you have been called on to perform this  
9 important service of jury duty. This call does not come  
10 often during your lifetime and may never come again, and  
11 service as a juror is a civic and a patriotic obligation  
12 which all good citizens should perform. And I believe with  
13 the exception of our airmen, sailors, and soldiers who are  
14 defending this country, that this is the highest calling  
15 that a citizen can have. It represents your contribution  
16 to our democratic way of life, and it affords you an  
17 opportunity to express your faith in the judicial branch of  
18 our government by which the legal affairs and the liberties  
19 of your fellow citizens are determined and protected.

20 Now, ladies and gentlemen, I recognize that each and  
21 every one of you has made a sacrifice in leaving your  
22 homes, your businesses, your professions, or your  
23 occupations to participate as jurors here today or for this  
24 week. However, such sacrifices are essential to our form  
25 of self-government. Your entry upon this service will

1 delegate to you certain powers over decisions over human  
2 affairs that are not given to every citizen. And again,  
3 jury duty is a community service which should command your  
4 pride.

5 Now, ladies and gentlemen, in addition, let me  
6 introduce some of the people who are going to be working  
7 with you this week. First and foremost we have Mr. Jamie  
8 Campbell.

9 CLERK OF COURT: Good morning.

10 THE COURT: He's your clerk of court and, ladies and  
11 gentlemen, I've been all over this state, and I can tell  
12 you. As citizens of Sumter County, you have the finest  
13 clerk of court anywhere in this state.

14 CLERK OF COURT: Thank you, Judge.

15 THE COURT: We also have Ms. Lillie Britt, who will be  
16 working with you in this courtroom; Ms. Pam Hainsworth will  
17 be working with you in the smaller courtroom.

18 To my left is Ms. Elizabeth Harris; she's the court  
19 reporter. This is a court of record and, therefore,  
20 everything that's stated in here, she will take down and  
21 have transcribed it if necessary.

22 Ladies and gentlemen, you've already met some of the  
23 bailiffs that are here. We've got Mr. J.B. Bradley who you  
24 met earlier this morning.

25 BAILIFF: Good morning.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Larry Prince, is he here?

2 CLERK OF COURT: Yes, sir. He's right over there.

3 THE COURT: He's right here in the red tie. We have  
4 Mr. Gene Kelly in the back, Ms. Sandy Dickerson, and Mr.  
5 David Jones will be the bailiffs, and they will help  
6 shepherd you around as you do your jury duty.

7 We have officers David Scott, Ray Nichols, Deputy  
8 Frank Thompson, and Deputy Kevin Yost will be responsible  
9 for the security as you come and go from the courthouse and  
10 here in the courtroom.

11 We don't have Mr. Chip Finney, who is your solicitor,  
12 here today but we've got Mr. John Meadors, who is deputy  
13 solicitor, and Mr. Jack Howle, is he in here? He's the  
14 chief public defender for this circuit.

15 Now, ladies and gentlemen, your duties as jurors will  
16 require that you be prompt in your attendance as you were  
17 this morning -- and I appreciate that -- attentive to the  
18 duties that are assigned to you, faithful to the oath that  
19 you are getting ready to take, and considerate and tolerant  
20 of your fellow jurors, and you need to be sound and  
21 deliberate in the evaluations of the evidence that is  
22 presented to you.

23 And, ladies and gentlemen, if you do your duty -- and  
24 I have all of the confidence that you will -- you will reap  
25 the rich reward that is reserved for those who rise to the



1 call of public service, and you will obtain a deep sense of  
2 satisfaction for having bourn with honor the obligations  
3 and duties of this great responsibility.

4 Now, ladies and gentlemen, the demand upon your time  
5 as jurors will not be unreasonably or unduly prolonged as  
6 service will just be for this week. I'm always open to  
7 hear if something comes up in your life, an emergency that  
8 would make your attendance here impossible. And every  
9 effort will be made, ladies and gentlemen, to make sure  
10 that your time is not wasted, and every consideration will  
11 be given to avoid any discomfort or inconvenience. Now, if  
12 you need to confer with me on anything, something comes up,  
13 please contact one of the bailiffs. They will in turn get  
14 in touch with me.

15 Now, ladies and gentlemen, normal hours of court are  
16 basically going to be from 9:30 to about 1, and then we'll  
17 take an hour and a half lunch break and come back at 2:30  
18 until about 5 or 5:30. Now, I can't say with definite  
19 certainty because of what we do. If we're in the middle of  
20 some important testimony and we need to run over, we will.  
21 Also if we have to go into the evening, then I will try to  
22 give you as much notice as possible so that you can let  
23 other people in your life know where you will be. And if  
24 anybody needs any escorting out or transportation, I can  
25 make sure that happens for you.

1 Now, ladies and gentlemen, when your presence is not  
2 required on a trial, I will excuse you, but please observe  
3 that unless you are excused by me or Judge Cothran, you  
4 must be here. The work assigned, assigned to this term of  
5 court cannot move forward unless you as jurors are ready,  
6 willing, and able to serve, and just your presence here is  
7 a significant contribution to our judicial system. And on  
8 behalf of this court, your state, and this county, again  
9 let me thank you for your service.

10 Now, ladies and gentlemen, in just a few minutes, the  
11 clerk will call the roll of the jurors and when your name  
12 is called, please stand and in the clear voice state your  
13 name. Tell us where you work or where you're retired from.  
14 If you're married, please tell us where your spouse works  
15 or where your spouse is retired from.

16 Mr. Clerk, if you will please swear the jury and call  
17 the roll.

18 CLERK OF COURT: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

19 (WHEREUPON, THE OATH IS ADMINISTERED TO THE JURY,  
20 FOLLOWED BY THE ROLL CALL.)

21 VENIRE

22 THE COURT: Now, ladies and gentlemen, your names have  
23 been drawn from a list of prospective jurors to serve as  
24 jurors for this week. I now must ask you some questions to  
25 determine whether you're qualified to serve as jurors.

1 Now, each question that I'm getting ready to ask you  
2 is based upon some requirement of law. This is not  
3 something I'm just coming up with to ask you, and if you're  
4 determined not to be qualified, please don't feel bad. I'm  
5 not qualified to serve as a juror, as you'll see from the  
6 questions that I'm getting ready to ask you.

7 If any of these questions do apply to you, or you  
8 think that they might, I would ask that you please stand,  
9 and I can't stress enough how important it is for you to  
10 listen carefully to each question.

11 Now, ladies and gentlemen, some of these questions  
12 that I ask you may be embarrassing, or you may just not  
13 want to say it out in public. If that's the case, then I  
14 can give you a semi private meeting down front in front of  
15 the court reporter and the lawyers, but at least you won't  
16 have to state it out front.

17 Now, ladies and gentlemen, in order to serve as jurors  
18 in the courts of this state, a person must possess one of  
19 the three following items, and it's not necessary that you  
20 have them here with you or that you -- or have them all in  
21 your possession. Is there any member of the jury panel who  
22 does not have at least a valid South Carolina driver's  
23 license, or a highway department identification card, or a  
24 valid voter registration certificate? If so, please stand.  
25 Thank you. No one is standing.

1 I figured y'all all had that because that's how they  
2 come up with the list to tell you to come here.

3 Now, is there any member of the jury panel who is not  
4 now a citizen of the United States? If so, please stand.  
5 All right, thank you. No one is standing.

6 Is there any member of the jury panel who is not now a  
7 resident of Sumter County? If so, please stand. Thank  
8 you. No one is standing.

9 Is there any -- now, y'all are a young looking crowd.  
10 I don't know that you're this young, though. Is there any  
11 member of the jury panel who has not reached his or her  
12 eighteenth birthday? If so, please stand. All right,  
13 thank you. No one is standing.

14 Is there any member of the jury panel who is a clerk  
15 or deputy clerk of court, a constable, sheriff, a probate  
16 judge, a county commissioner, a magistrate, or any other  
17 person who is employed within the four walls of any  
18 courthouse? If so, please stand. All right, thank you.  
19 No one is standing.

20 Does any member of the jury panel hold a law  
21 enforcement commission, with or without pay, such as a  
22 constable, a conservation officer, a game warden, deputy  
23 sheriff? Basically anyone who has the power to arrest. If  
24 so, please stand. All right, thank you. No one is  
25 standing.

1           Has any member of the jury panel ever been convicted  
2           or pled guilty in a state or federal court of a crime that  
3           is punishable by more than one year's imprisonment and your  
4           civil rights have not been restored by pardon or amnesty?  
5           Now, ladies and gentlemen, this does not mean that you  
6           actually served more than a year, or that you served any  
7           time at all. It's simply that the crime carried more than  
8           one year. And, ladies and gentlemen, if this applies to  
9           you and you'd like to come forward, I will hear from you at  
10          this point in time. Does this apply to anyone?

11          All right, sir, do you want to come forward?

12          CLERK OF COURT: Just one at the time.

13          (THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCES ARE HELD AT THE BENCH.)

14          THE COURT: Yes, sir. Please state your name.

15          JUROR: Michael Frierson.

16          THE COURT: Mr. Frierson. Yes, Mr. Frierson.

17          JUROR: I was convicted of possession of marijuana,  
18          attempted distribution about twenty-something years ago.

19          THE COURT: Okay, and that would carry more than a  
20          year. So, what's your juror number?

21          What's his juror number?

22          CLERK OF COURT: Number 52, Your Honor.

23          THE COURT: This is who?

24          CLERK OF COURT: Michael Frierson.

25          THE COURT: Okay, Mr. Frierson, you are not qualified

1 to serve as a juror. Okay, thank you very much, sir.

2 JUROR: I can go?

3 THE COURT: You can go.

4 BAILIFF: Juror number 5, Calvin Anderson.

5 THE COURT: All right, come on forward, sir. Yes, Mr.

6 Anderson.

7 JUROR: I have -- convicted felon.

8 THE COURT: Speak into here.

9 JUROR: Convicted felon. It's about twenty years old,  
10 and then I also have to go to court later on this week.

11 THE COURT: What were you convicted of?

12 JUROR: Burglary.

13 THE COURT: Burglary? Okay. That would certainly  
14 count.

15 All right, he's not qualified.

16 All right, you're free to leave now. Number 5 is free  
17 is free to leave. Thank you, sir.

18 BAILIFF: Juror number 112, Vicki McKay.

19 THE COURT: All right.

20 JUROR: Hi, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

22 JUROR: I have a case pending right now. My lawyer's  
23 Mr. Keffer. It's against the school board.

24 THE COURT: It's a civil case?

25 JUROR: No. It's a criminal case because I yelled at

1 the principal.

2 THE COURT: That doesn't matter.

3 JUROR: Okay. I don't know.

4 THE COURT: You haven't been convicted.

5 JUROR: I just wanted to make sure.

6 THE COURT: Thank you. You're qualified.

7 JUROR: Okay.

8 BAILIFF: Jason Evans, number 46, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

10 JUROR: I just recently had ---

11 THE COURT: What's your name again?

12 JUROR: Jason Evans.

13 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

14 JUROR: I just recently had a gun charge, carrying a

15 concealed weapon.

16 THE COURT: You were charged?

17 JUROR: I wasn't charged. I was arrested for it.

18 THE COURT: Okay, but you hadn't been convicted?

19 JUROR: No, I hadn't.

20 THE COURT: All right, you're innocent until proven

21 guilty.

22 JUROR: Okay. I was just making sure.

23 THE COURT: All right, anyone else?

24 (END OF CONFERENCES AT THE BENCH.)

25 (A PAUSE.)

1 THE COURT: All right, next question. Is there any  
2 member of the jury panel who is unable to read, write,  
3 speak, or understand the English language? If so, please  
4 stand. Thank you. No one is standing.

5 Is there any member of the jury panel who is  
6 incapable by reason of mental or physical infirmity to  
7 render efficient jury service? And if you want to come  
8 forward and speak about that, I'll let you do that at this  
9 time. All right, thank you.

10 CLERK OF COURT: Judge.

11 THE COURT: We got one.

12 (THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCES ARE HELD AT THE BENCH.)

13 THE COURT: Yes, sir, what's your name?

14 JUROR: Naman Pack [phonetic].

15 THE COURT: McFadden?

16 JUROR: Naman Pack.

17 THE COURT: Kevin Pack?

18 JUROR: Naman.

19 THE COURT: Naman Pack, okay. What's your -- yes,  
20 sir.

21 JUROR: My memory ain't, ain't, ain't good.

22 THE COURT: How long can you remember things?

23 JUROR: One of, one of your men is saying something,  
24 Your Honor, I, I...

25 THE COURT: You can't follow directions?



1 JUROR: I ain't, I ain't quick on it at this time.  
2 I'm going to be truthful. I ain't quick on it.

3 THE COURT: You what?

4 JUROR: I'm not quick on remembering.

5 THE COURT: Says not quick on remembering. Do you  
6 have a doctor's excuse?

7 JUROR: I went to get it Friday, but doctor wasn't in.

8 THE COURT: I'll, I'll, I'll, what I'll do at this  
9 point in time, I'm going to transfer him.

10 CLERK OF COURT: That's fine, Judge.

11 THE COURT: I'll transfer you. You need a doctor's  
12 excuse next time.

13 CLERK OF COURT: Bring the doctor's excuse to the  
14 clerk's office.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 CLERK OF COURT: Okay, you're free to go.

17 THE COURT: You're free to go.

18 Next.

19 BAILIFF: 32, Essie Dallas.

20 THE COURT: I'm disabled. I have two artificial  
21 knees, have deteriorating bone osteoarthritis, and I also  
22 have fibromyalgia.

23 THE COURT: Do you have a doctor's excuse?

24 JUROR: I didn't bring it.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 JUROR: But I have an appointment Friday. I also keep  
2 my two grandkids.

3 THE COURT: No, ma'am, that doesn't get you out of  
4 that. If you can keep your kids, you can serve as a juror.  
5 She's qualified to serve. Thank you.

6 BAILIFF: Number 91, Donald Johnson, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Yes, Mr. Johnson.

8 JUROR: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Yes, Mr. Johnson.

10 JUROR: Well, basically I got a real bad case of  
11 psoriasis from a dental operation I had. Bacteria got in  
12 my blood, and I'm on a medication, and I'm not supposed to  
13 be around people where I could pick up any contagious  
14 diseases.

15 THE COURT: Do you have a doctor's excuse?

16 JUROR: I asked him for one, Dr. Reynolds over there,  
17 and he said well, you know, I can't give you one. I didn't  
18 think about that, and I really got three reasons. My  
19 wife's disabled, and I have to check on her frequently to  
20 make sure she's okay. She's only about seventy-five  
21 percent mobile.

22 And I'm also the operator of Municipal Wastewater and  
23 Treatment Plant. South Carolina law requires that I be  
24 within one hour of these facilities in case of a  
25 malfunction overblow or the water wells shut down and, you

1 know, I got about 30,000 people that depend on me, but  
2 those are all three reasons anyway.

3 THE COURT: Well, I'll tell you what. I'm going to  
4 transfer you to another term, and then you can get a  
5 doctor's excuse at that point.

6 JUROR: Okay. Well, what happens about a transfer?

7 THE COURT: You're going to be called at another  
8 term of court, but it will give you time to get that  
9 doctor's ---

10 JUROR: So, I'll be able to go today and ---

11 THE COURT: You'll be able to ---

12 JUROR: --- get it cleared up?

13 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

14 JUROR: Thank you very much, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Good luck.

16 Transfer him.

17 CLERK OF COURT: Yes, sir.

18 BAILIFF: Laurel Lasaine [phonetic], number 103.

19 THE COURT: Ms. Lasaine, you're having a hard time  
20 this afternoon?

21 JUROR: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: Do you have a doctor's excuse?

23 JUROR: No, sir. I didn't get one since I was going  
24 to try to come up here, to get a doctor's excuse.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 JUROR: But my -- I have arthritis in my knee. I  
2 can't get around like everybody else.

3 THE COURT: Well, it's obvious that you can't get  
4 around very well.

5 I'm going to excuse this juror. All right, thank you.

6 JUROR: Thank you, sir.

7 CLERK OF COURT: 103.

8 BAILIFF: Juror number 161, William Wilson, Your  
9 Honor.

10 THE COURT: All right. Yes, sir, Mr. Wilson.

11 JUROR: I got a hearing problem.

12 THE COURT: You can't hear?

13 JUROR: I can't hear.

14 THE COURT: Do you have a doctor's excuse?

15 JUROR: I don't have it with me.

16 THE COURT: Can you get one?

17 JUROR: I had surgery many years ago and it...

18 THE COURT: How old are you?

19 JUROR: Sixty-two.

20 THE COURT: Okay. You're close.

21 Are we going to have enough jurors?

22 CLERK OF COURT: Judge, right now we've got  
23 sixty-three.

24 THE COURT: I'm going to transfer you to another term,  
25 and then you can get a doctor's excuse, okay? Thank you.

1 You're free to go today.

2 JUROR: Thank you, Judge.

3 BAILIFF: Juror number 154.

4 THE COURT: All right.

5 BAILIFF: Danny White, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. White.

7 JUROR: Yes. My disability is that I just came off a  
8 stroke back in '08. Last year this time I was being  
9 treated for prostate cancer, and a lot of the medication I  
10 be taking ---

11 THE COURT: Do you have a doctor's excuse?

12 JUROR: No, sir. I didn't -- I don't have any  
13 doctor's excuse. No, I don't have any.

14 THE COURT: So, the doctor says you can -- do you  
15 work?

16 JUROR: No. I'm on disabled. I'm disability.

17 THE COURT: All right. Well, transfer him, and then  
18 you get a doctor's excuse.

19 JUROR: Okay.

20 THE COURT: All right? You don't have to -- but you  
21 get that doctor's excuse back up here.

22 JUROR: When do I need to have that?

23 THE COURT: As soon as possible. Before your next  
24 term of court. All right.

25 (END OF CONFERENCES AT THE BENCH.)

1 THE COURT: All right, the next question is does any  
2 member of the jury panel have less than a sixth grade  
3 education or its equivalent? If so, please stand. Thank  
4 you. No one is standing.

5 And has any member of the jury panel actually served  
6 as a juror within the last calendar year? If so, please  
7 stand. Thank you. No one is standing.

8 Now, ladies and gentlemen, in addition to the  
9 questions that I just asked you concerning your  
10 qualifications, there are certain people who may be exempt  
11 from jury service. However, it's been held that you have  
12 to ask for your exemption if you want to be excused from  
13 jury service.

14 The first question is has any member of the jury panel  
15 reached his or her sixty-fifth birthday and wishes to claim  
16 an exemption? The legislature has -- it's not -- if you're  
17 over sixty-five, it doesn't mean you're not qualified. It  
18 just means that if you make it to sixty-five, the  
19 legislature has determined that you don't have to serve on  
20 a jury if you don't want to. So, if you're over sixty-five  
21 and don't want to serve, please stand at this time. Thank  
22 you. No one is standing.

23 Couple of months ago, I had a ninety-one year-old lady  
24 who served on two juries. So, she was very qualified and  
25 very patriotic.

1           Now, ladies and gentlemen, is there any member of the  
2 jury panel who is an officer or an employee of the state  
3 Department of Corrections and wishes to claim their  
4 exemption from jury service? If so, please stand. Thank  
5 you. No one is standing.

6           Is there any member of the jury panel who has a child  
7 under seven years of age and you do not work, stay at home  
8 with the child, and you actually have custody and the duty  
9 to care for such child? You may be exempt from jury duty  
10 if this applies to anyone. Please stand at this time. All  
11 right, thank you. No one is standing.

12           Now, is there any member of the jury panel who is a  
13 student, either in high school or an institution of higher  
14 learning, including a technical school, whose service this  
15 week would conflict with their activities as a student? If  
16 so, I will be able to transfer you to a term of court that  
17 would not conflict with your student activities. Anyone  
18 wants to be exempt for that reason, please stand at this  
19 time.

20           (NO ONE STANDS.)

21           THE COURT: Thank you. Is there any member of the  
22 jury panel who is a school employee whose service during  
23 this week would conflict with his or her activities as a  
24 school employee? Now for the purposes of this question, a  
25 school employee is a person who is employed as a teacher,

1 certified personnel at the building level, or a school bus  
2 driver, or a school system or school district offering  
3 education activities from K-12, or an institution of higher  
4 learning to include a technical college. So, if you are a  
5 school employee and wish to be --- yes, ma'am.

6 JUROR: I have a letter from my superintendent.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Bring it forward.

8 JUROR: I'm just asking to be assigned a different  
9 week.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Have y'all started back to school?

11 JUROR: I will start back Monday.

12 THE COURT: Next week?

13 JUROR: This coming Monday.

14 (A PAUSE.)

15 THE COURT: She works in the school district.

16 CLERK OF COURT: You want to go ahead and transfer  
17 her, Judge?

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 CLERK OF COURT: We'll go ahead and transfer you,  
20 ma'am.

21 JUROR: Thank you so much.

22 BAILIFF: Juror number 157, Patricia Williams.

23 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

24 JUROR: I'm employed at the school district as an  
25 attendance supervisor, and I'm scheduled to work tomorrow.



1 THE COURT: Talk in the mic. Can't hear you.

2 JUROR: I'm Patricia Williams. I work for the Sumter  
3 School District as an attendance supervisor, and I'm  
4 scheduled to report to work tomorrow.

5 THE COURT: So that school will start back for you  
6 tomorrow?

7 JUROR: Right. School starts for me tomorrow, but  
8 students don't -- will return August 16th.

9 THE COURT: So, you won't have to worry about their  
10 attendance until after August 16th, correct?

11 JUROR: Well, we're in the process of getting ready  
12 for them to return.

13 THE COURT: I'm getting a little low on jurors. I'm  
14 going to keep you on for this week because there's no other  
15 time to transfer you to until next summer.

16 JUROR: Thank you.

17 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

18 BAILIFF: Juror number 18, Randy Brisbane, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

20 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor. I'm Randy Brisbane, and I'm  
21 head custodian at the schools.

22 THE COURT: You're a custodian at the school?

23 JUROR: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: And y'all are getting the schools ready  
25 for this?

1 JUROR: A letter from my principal.

2 (A PAUSE.)

3 THE COURT: All right, transfer him.

4 CLERK OF COURT: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: Because they are getting ready for next  
6 week.

7 CLERK OF COURT: That's right. Thank you, Judge.

8 THE COURT: All right, you're transferred to another  
9 week. Do it around Christmas.

10 All right, next question is has any member of the jury  
11 panel previously served as a juror in a circuit court,  
12 which would be common pleas or general sessions, in the  
13 last three calendar years? If you've served in the last  
14 three calendar years, you may not have to serve today if  
15 you don't want to. All right. Thank you.

16 BAILIFF: We got one standing.

17 THE COURT: Oh, we do. Yes, ma'am.

18 JUROR: Are you saying just for the general sessions  
19 or?

20 THE COURT: General sessions or common pleas.

21 JUROR: I've been ---

22 THE COURT: In this courtroom?

23 JUROR: No, sir.

24 THE COURT: Where? Over in magistrate's court?

25 JUROR: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: All right, that doesn't count.

2 JUROR: Okay.

3 THE COURT: Thank you.

4 Has any member of the jury panel previously served as  
5 a member of the grand jury for Sumter County within the  
6 last five calendar years? If so, please stand. Believe  
7 me. If you were on the grand jury, you will remember that.

8 (NO ONE STANDS.)

9 THE COURT: All right, thank you.

10 Does any of the jury panel know of any reason why he  
11 or she is not duly qualified, and that goes back to the  
12 first set of questions. So, if something has popped into  
13 your mind that you probably should have disclosed earlier,  
14 this is a good time to do it. So, if this applies to  
15 anyone, you remember something from before, you need to let  
16 me know now.

17 (NO ONE STANDS.)

18 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

19 Is there any member of the jury panel who is a primary  
20 caretaker of a severely disabled person who is unable to  
21 care for themselves, or they cannot be left alone  
22 unattended? If so, please stand. Thank you. No one is  
23 standing.

24 And finally, is there any juror who is the primary  
25 caretaker of a person who is sixty-five years of age or

1 over, over? Just like for young parents, we allow you to  
2 be excused if you have a child under seven, but if you are  
3 the primary caretaker of somebody over sixty-five, I may be  
4 able to excuse you if you request it. All right, thank  
5 you. No one standing.

6 Now, ladies and gentlemen, that concludes the  
7 statutory list of qualifications and exemptions from jury  
8 service, and I can't excuse an otherwise qualified juror  
9 from service. However, under compelling circumstances --  
10 in other words, if this is the absolute worst week of this  
11 year for you to serve as a juror, I may be able to transfer  
12 you to another term of court. So, if someone really needs  
13 to be transferred for something that's come up, I'll hear  
14 from you now.

15 Yes, ma'am.

16 JUROR: I started a brand new job on Monday, and I  
17 have been out of work for three years, so this is kind of  
18 important. I'd gladly go to another term, sir.

19 THE COURT: When's the next term of court?

20 CLERK OF COURT: September 6th, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Ma'am, I'll transfer you to the September  
22 6th term of court. What's your name and number, please?

23 JUROR: Nina Kate, juror 112.

24 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

25 JUROR: Thank you, Your Honor.

1           THE COURT: All right, thank you, ladies and  
2 gentlemen. All of you have not been excused or transferred  
3 are qualified as jurors in this court.

4           Now, ladies and gentlemen, let me give you a short  
5 break, about fifteen minutes, and then we will start the  
6 jury selection for our first trial. So, court will be in  
7 recess until 11:15. Thank you.

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 Reginald Canty, )  
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THE COURT: All right, the state ready to call the first case?

MR. MEADORS: If it pleases Your Honor? Your Honor, the state at this time calls *State of South Carolina vs. Reginald Canty*. He is represented by Mr. Garryl Deas. *State of South Carolina vs. Daniel Deangelo Jackson*, who's represented by Mr. Wilder. Your Honor, they are charged in 2008-GS-43-993, a Third Circuit true-billed indictment, with murder and armed robbery.

THE COURT: All right, please pass up the indictment.

(A PAUSE.)

THE COURT: All right, ladies and gentlemen, we are about to begin the case of *State vs. Reginald Canty and Daniel Deangelo Jackson*, and the indictment on these gentlemen reads as follows. Under count one, murder. That Reginald Canty and Daniel Deangelo Jackson did in Sumter County on or about January 12, 2008, feloniously, wilfully, and with malice aforethought, either expressed or implied, kill one William J. Flexon by means of shooting him with a firearm. That said William J. Flexon did die as a proximate result thereof.

Count two reads armed robbery. That Reginald Canty and Daniel Deangelo Jackson did in Sumter County on or about January 12, 2008, violate section 16-11-330 of the

1 code of laws of the State of South Carolina 1976 as amended  
2 while armed with a deadly weapon -- to wit, firearms -- did  
3 feloniously take from William J. Flexon in the presence of  
4 William J. Flexon by means force or intimidation goods or  
5 monies of the said William J. Flexon, such goods or monies  
6 being described as three Sambino's pizzas.

7 Now, ladies and gentlemen of the jury panel, let me  
8 remind you. The fact that these defendants were arrested,  
9 charged, and indicted in no way indicates that they are  
10 guilty of the crime charged. The state has the burden of  
11 proving their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. And it's  
12 only until the state has satisfied the jury of that guilt  
13 beyond a reasonable doubt that these men could be  
14 convicted. They are presumed to be innocent at this time.

15 *JURY VOIR DIRE*

16 Now, ladies and gentlemen, before we select the jury,  
17 there's several questions that I'm going to need to ask you  
18 under oath. And I remind you that you are still under oath  
19 from the oath that you took earlier this morning.

20 And one of the reasons that you are under oath during  
21 this phase is because this is such a critical stage in this  
22 trial. Just like a building must have a firm foundation to  
23 be strong and protective of those who live in it, so must a  
24 jury be strong as the basis of a fair and impartial trial  
25 for those who participate, the solicitor for the people and

1 the defendants who are on trial. Your answers to these  
2 questions are the foundation by which the attorneys will  
3 build a jury. And they are relying on your truthful  
4 answers to help them strike an unbiased jury who will  
5 diligently listen to the facts and deliver a just verdict.  
6 And again thank you for your complete truthfulness as I go  
7 through these questions.

8 Now, ladies and gentlemen, has anyone in the jury  
9 panel been related by blood or marriage or had a close,  
10 personal relationship with either -- or with Reginald  
11 Canty, or Daniel Deangelo Jackson, or the alleged victim,  
12 William J. Flexon? So, if any member of the jury panel  
13 knows the defendants or the victim, if you would please  
14 stand at this time.

15 All right, thank you. No one is standing.

16 Now, ladies and gentlemen, listen carefully. We have  
17 a long list of witnesses, so I'm going to ask you the same  
18 question: if you've ever been related by blood or marriage,  
19 or had a personal or business relationship with any of  
20 these witnesses. Marcus Branch, Detrone Jenkins, Rayshawn  
21 Holmes, Donovan Shields, Henry Parker, Deputy Jay Griffith,  
22 Corporal Hice, Cindy Pierson, Ray Mackessy, Mike Bean,  
23 Marie Hodge, Robert Burnish, John Franklin Baldwin,  
24 Dominick. I'll -- stand at the end. Let me go through the  
25 whole list. Dominick West, Linda McDuffie, Regina



1 Patterson, Jennifer Dickey, Ray Dickey, Jeff Parrott of  
2 State Law Enforcement Division, Verona Gibson, James  
3 Kennedy, Anthony Rush, Curtis Wheeler, Amy Stephens of  
4 State Law Enforcement Division, Selena Kinard, of the State  
5 Law Enforcement Division, Robin Kreib, Lashawnda Canty,  
6 Andrea Russell Boyd, Isaac Boyd, Maryann Boehm of SLED,  
7 Reginald Canty, Dorothy Canty, LaToya Rush, Anthony Rush,  
8 Rashawn Holmes, Ronnie Chandler, Priscilla Depaul, or Ray  
9 Dickey.

10 So, if any member the jury panel is related by blood  
11 or marriage, or knows, or has had a professional or  
12 business relationship, personal relationship with any of  
13 these potential witnesses, please stand at this time and  
14 tell me what the relationship is.

15 All right, thank you. Yes, Ms. Hurst.

16 JUROR: Robert Burnish, a professional relationship.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Would the fact that you had a  
18 professional relationship with Mr. Burnish make it so that  
19 you couldn't be fair and impartial to the state or the  
20 defense in this case?

21 JUROR: No.

22 THE COURT: You could be, you could be fair and  
23 impartial?

24 JUROR: Uh-huh.

25 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Hurst.

1 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, may we have the juror number?

2 THE COURT: Yeah, what's your juror number, please?

3 JUROR: 165.

4 THE COURT: All right, 165.

5 Yes, ma'am.

6 JUROR: I'm not really sure.

7 THE COURT: All right, what's your name and juror  
8 number?

9 JUROR: Sarah Jackson.

10 THE COURT: Yes, Ms. Jackson.

11 JUROR: Juror number 87.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 JUROR: I really did not catch whether or not the, one  
14 of the officers was Hice you said? Is that Curtis Hice?

15 THE COURT: They don't, they don't say. It just says  
16 Corporal Hice. Is it? It is Curtis Hice, yes, ma'am.

17 JUROR: Okay. I, I know him personally.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Would the fact that you know him  
19 personally make it so that you couldn't be fair and  
20 impartial to the state or the defense in this case?

21 JUROR: Honestly?

22 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

23 JUROR: I'm really not sure, to be honest with you.

24 THE COURT: All right, any objection to me dismissing  
25 this juror for cause?

1 MR. DEAS: No objection from defendants.

2 MR. MEADORS: None.

3 THE COURT: All right, thank you. You will not be  
4 called this case. Remain seated; there will be another  
5 case.

6 Yes, sir.

7 JUROR: Franklin Benenhaley, juror number 11.

8 THE COURT: What's your juror number?

9 JUROR: Number 11.

10 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

11 JUROR: Cindy Pierson.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 JUROR: A neighbor.

14 THE COURT: Would the fact that you know Cindy Pierson  
15 make it so that you can't be fair and impartial to the  
16 state or the defendants in this matter?

17 JUROR: No, sir.

18 THE COURT: All right, thank you, sir.

19 Yes, sir?

20 JUROR: Jerry Howell, jury number 71. Curtis Hice is  
21 my son-in-law.

22 THE COURT: He's your what?

23 JUROR: He's my son-in-law, Curtis Hice.

24 THE COURT: All right, that's close enough that I  
25 think I'm going to remove you from this case for cause.

1 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, what number was this?

2 THE COURT: 71.

3 All right, the attorneys in this case ---

4 MR. MEADORS: Judge.

5 THE COURT: Oh. Yes, sir?

6 MR. MEADORS: There's one other list. Can we  
7 approach?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 (OFF-THE-RECORD BENCH CONFERENCE.)

10 THE COURT: All right, ladies and gentlemen,  
11 apparently they didn't give me all possible witnesses, so  
12 let me go through this list. And so if you are related by  
13 blood or marriage, I'm going to ask you this question  
14 again. Deputy Jennifer Thompson of the Sumter County  
15 Sheriff's Office, Corporal Curtis Hice of the Sumter County  
16 Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Robert Burnish of the Sumter  
17 County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Ray Mackessy formerly of  
18 the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Investigator Kip Coker  
19 of the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, Investigator Mike  
20 Bean of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Investigator  
21 Robert Skinner of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office,  
22 Investigator Dominick West formerly of the Sumter County  
23 Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Alex Dukes of the Sumter County  
24 Sheriff's Office, Thomas Miller of the Sumter Third Circuit  
25 Solicitor's Office, Special Agent Tracy Thrower of the

1 State Law Enforcement Division, Jeff Parrott of the State  
2 Law Enforcement Division, Amy Stephens of the State Law  
3 Enforcement Division, Illa Simmons of the State Law  
4 Enforcement Division, Joe Powell of the Sumter County  
5 Sheriff's Office, Maryann Boehm of the State Law  
6 Enforcement Division, Veronica T. Gibson of the State Law  
7 Enforcement Division, Investigator Cindy Pierson of the  
8 Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Robert Reynolds of  
9 the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Dr. Janis E. Ross  
10 pathologist, Selena Kinard of the State Law Enforcement  
11 Division, Curt Gowdy of Farmers Telephone Company, Patricia  
12 Crooks of the State Law Enforcement Division, Lisa Waananen  
13 of the State Law Enforcement Division, Thomas Darnell of  
14 the State Law Enforcement Division, Isaac Boyd, Henry  
15 Parker, Andrea Russell, Priscilla Depaul, John Baldwin,  
16 Tanya Knudson, Ray Dickey, Jennifer Dickey, Linda McDuffie,  
17 Regina Patterson, Anitta Shannon, Eugene Mackovitch,  
18 Lashawnda Canty, Dorothy Canty, Larry Archie, Investigator  
19 of the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, Investigator  
20 Marie Hodge of the Sumter Police Department, Esther Sharpe,  
21 Rodney Sharpe, and Jacoby Fields.

22 So, in addition to the other list -- I understand that  
23 some of these were stated twice -- is there any member of  
24 the jury panel who is related by blood or marriage, or has  
25 a professional or personal relationship with any of these

1 possible witnesses? If, so please stand at this time. If  
2 you've already stood, that's fine.

3 Yes, sir?

4 JUROR: Juror number 164, Howard Harris. I possibly  
5 taught one of the last names you mentioned, but I  
6 definitely taught Officer Dukes back in high school, sir.

7 THE COURT: Would the fact that you possibly taught  
8 one of the witnesses or did teach Officer Dukes in high  
9 school -- how long ago was that?

10 JUROR: It was approximately fifteen years ago.

11 THE COURT: The fact that you taught him fifteen years  
12 ago, would that make it so that you couldn't be fair and  
13 impartial to the state or the defendants in this case?

14 JUROR: No, it would not, sir.

15 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much.

16 All right, ladies and gentlemen, the attorney for the  
17 solicitor's office is Mr. Meadors. Please stand, Mr.  
18 Meadors. And Mr. Reginald Canty is represented by Mr.  
19 Garryl Deas, and Mr. Daniel Deangelo Jackson is represented  
20 by Mr. Arthur Wilder. Is there any member of the jury  
21 panel who is related by blood or marriage, or has ever been  
22 represented by any of these attorneys or their law firms?  
23 If, so please stand.

24 Yes, ma'am. State your name and number, please.

25 JUROR: 118 relating to -- he had me with a case with

1 my son's father with the court, Garryl Deas.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Deas did?

3 JUROR: Yes.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Deas represented your father?

5 JUROR: My son's father.

6 THE COURT: Your son's father?

7 JUROR: But he represent me against him. So, I don't  
8 know.

9 THE COURT: I'm not following you. He represented  
10 you?

11 JUROR: He represent me. He took me to court.

12 THE COURT: Some case -- so, he took you to court?

13 JUROR: My son's father did.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 JUROR: A civil matter.

16 THE COURT: Would the fact that the other side in this  
17 case was represented by Mr. Deas make it so that you  
18 couldn't be fair and impartial to the state or the  
19 defendants in this matter?

20 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, I think, I think what she's  
21 saying is ---

22 JUROR: Yeah, that's right.

23 MR. DEAS: --- that I was actually her lawyer.

24 JUROR: He was my lawyer.

25 MR. DEAS: Against her son's father.

1 JUROR: Yes.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. DEAS: She and I.

4 THE COURT: Okay. So, you were the one who  
5 represented her?

6 MR. DEAS: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Anyone object to her being removed  
8 for cause? I would take her off for cause.

9 All right, thank you, ma'am.

10 Anyone else?

11 (NO ONE STANDS.)

12 THE COURT: All right, thank you. Has any member of  
13 the jury panel formed or expressed an opinion about any  
14 issue or matter involved in this case? And, ladies and  
15 gentlemen, the idea is that you are to hear about this case  
16 from the evidence that is presented in this court. So,  
17 does anybody have -- know anything about this matter that  
18 would not -- that you would come in here with a prejudice  
19 before the case starts?

20 (NO ONE STANDS.)

21 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Is there any  
22 member of the jury panel that was also a member of the  
23 grand jury that indicted this case? If so, please stand.

24 (NO ONE STANDS.)

25 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Is there any



1 member of the jury panel who is a member of or a  
2 contributor to any group which has as its primary concern  
3 the promotion of law enforcement or victims' rights? These  
4 groups would include but certainly not limited to Mothers  
5 Against Drunk Drivers, Students Against Drunk Drivers, or  
6 Citizens Against Violent Crime. Is so, please stand.

7 Thank you. No one is standing. Does any member of  
8 the jury panel know of any reason whatsoever why he or she  
9 should not serve as a juror in this case, with particular  
10 emphasis being placed on your ability to be fair and  
11 impartial to both the state and the defendants? If so,  
12 please stand.

13 All right, thank you. No one is standing. Is there  
14 any member of the jury panel who is related by blood or  
15 marriage to the solicitor, Ernest A. Finney, III, or any  
16 member of his staff? If so, please stand.

17 (NO ONE STANDS.)

18 THE COURT: Has any member of the jury or anyone you  
19 are related to closely or affiliated with ever been the  
20 victim of a violent crime? If so, please stand.

21 Yes, ma'am. You want to come down? Why don't you  
22 come down.

23 (THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE IS HELD AT THE BAR IN THE  
24 PRESENCE OF ALL COUNSELORS.)

25 THE COURT: Yes. Ms. Jackson?

1 JUROR: No. Lisa Gainey, juror 55. My niece was just  
2 murdered last month; she was shot and killed.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Would the fact that your niece was  
4 murdered last month make it so you couldn't be fair and  
5 impartial to the state or the defense in this case?

6 JUROR: I couldn't honestly say.

7 THE COURT: Okay, I'm going to remove her for cause.  
8 Thank you.

9 (JUROR NUMBER 55 RETURNS TO THE JURY POOL.)

10 MR. MEADORS: While we're up here, Judge, I would  
11 object. I would object to 5 and 6 respectfully, Mr. Deas.  
12 I think number 6 is covered in your general charge.

13 THE COURT: That's right.

14 MR. MEADORS: And number ---

15 MR. DEAS: Withdrawn.

16 MR. MEADORS: And number 4.

17 MR. DEAS: I withdraw.

18 MR. MEADORS: Withdraw? He said he withdraws, okay.

19 THE COURT: Number 4.

20 MR. MEADORS: Oh, I'm sorry. I think you already  
21 covered that.

22 THE COURT: Yes. 5 and 6?

23 MR. MEADORS: 5 and 6, yes, sir.

24 (END OF CONFERENCE AT THE BENCH.)

25 THE COURT: Has any member of the jury panel or anyone

1 related to you or closely affiliated with you ever been  
2 charged with a violent crime? Is so, please stand. All  
3 right, thank you. No one is standing.

4 Is there any member of the jury panel -- let me make  
5 sure I've got this right. Is there any member of the jury  
6 panel that has any personal knowledge of the events  
7 surrounding the incident case, or any knowledge, or formed  
8 any opinion about the defendants' guilt or innocence? If  
9 so, please stand.

10 (NO ONE STANDS.)

11 THE COURT: Thank you.

12 Does the state have any additional questions it would  
13 like for me to ask?

14 MR. MEADORS: No, sir, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Mr. Deas, does you client have any  
16 additional questions he would like for me to ask?

17 MR. DEAS: No, sir, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder?

19 MR. WILDER: No, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Thank you.

21 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, I need to...

22 THE COURT: Did we....

23 MR. MEADORS: This will be the last time. I promise.

24 (OFF-THE-RECORD BENCH CONFERENCE.)

25 THE COURT: All right, ladies and gentlemen, now the

1 computer is going to come up with a random list of jurors.  
2 As your name is called, please come forward and turn around  
3 and face General Thomas Sumter. The state will then have  
4 an opportunity to strike you, and then the -- each  
5 defendant will have an opportunity to strike you.

6 Now, ladies and gentlemen, please do not be offended  
7 if you are stricken. The attorneys can strike you for any  
8 reason or no reason except for they can't strike you based  
9 on your race or your gender. These attorneys have an idea  
10 of what they think would be the ideal jury for this case.  
11 So, again, please do not take it personally if you are  
12 stricken from this case. You'll have several opportunities  
13 to be selected on juries before this week is out, I can  
14 assure you.

15 Bring your personal items up so in case you are  
16 selected, you will have those items already there with you.

17 All right, are we ready to proceed?

18 CLERK OF COURT: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: And we will have two alternates.

20 CLERK OF COURT: Please the court, Your Honor?

21 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

22 *JURY SELECTION*

23 CLERK OF COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, when your name  
24 is called, come through the double gates here on your left  
25 or the single gate on your right, which is most convenient.

1 Juror number 64, Wayne Green.

2 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE COMES FORWARD.)

3 CLERK OF COURT: Turn around and face the back of the  
4 courtroom, please, sir.

5 What saith the state?

6 JUROR: Sir?

7 CLERK OF COURT: No, you stay right there.

8 MR. MEADORS: Please excuse Mr. Green.

9 CLERK OF COURT: Had a seat back with the panel;  
10 you've been excused from this trial, please, sir.

11 Juror number 47, Deneen Fioritto.

12 (WHITE FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

13 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

14 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Fioritto.

15 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

16 MR. DEAS: Please excuse the juror on the trial of  
17 this case.

18 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel;  
19 you've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.

20 Juror number 157, Patricia Williams.

21 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

22 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

23 MR. MEADORS: Please excuse Ms. Williams.

24 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.

25 You've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.

1 Juror number 75, Perry Hendrix.

2 (WHITE MALE COMES FORWARD.)

3 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

4 MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. Hendrix.

5 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

6 MR. DEAS: Please excuse the juror on the trial of  
7 this case.

8 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.  
9 You've been excused from this trial, please, sir.

10 Juror number 60, Sherry Glasscho.

11 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

12 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

13 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Glasscho.

14 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

15 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

16 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

17 MR. WILDER: Please swear the juror.

18 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
19 ma'am.

20 Juror number 30, Terry Crowder.

21 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

22 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

23 MR. MEADORS: Please excuse Ms. Crowder.

24 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel;  
25 you've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.

1 Juror number 100, Michael Knight.  
2 (WHITE MALE COMES FORWARD.)  
3 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?  
4 MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. Knight.  
5 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?  
6 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.  
7 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?  
8 MR. WILDER: Please swear Mr. Knight.  
9 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
10 sir.  
11 Juror number 167, Marion Thomas.  
12 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE COMES FORWARD.)  
13 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?  
14 MR. MEADORS: Please excuse Mr. Thomas.  
15 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.  
16 You've been excused from this trial, please, sir.  
17 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, we'd ask that the record  
18 reflect a motion to be heard later.  
19 THE COURT: Yes.  
20 MR. MEADORS: On both sides, Your Honor.  
21 THE COURT: Yes, sir.  
22 MR. DEAS: Same for Reginald.  
23 MR. MEADORS: Both sides.  
24 MR. DEAS: Reginald Canty.  
25 THE COURT: Duly noted.

1 CLERK OF COURT: Juror 46, Jason Evans.

2 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE COMES FORWARD.)

3 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

4 MR. MEADORS: Please excuse Mr. Evans.

5 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.

6 You've been excused from this trial, please, sir.

7 Juror number 32, Essie Dallas.

8 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

9 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

10 MR. MEADORS: Please excuse Ms. Dallas.

11 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel;

12 you've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.

13 MR. WILDER: We'd ask that our motion run throughout.

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 MR. MEADORS: As I would, Your Honor. May we

16 approach?

17 THE COURT: You may.

18 (OFF-THE-RECORD BENCH CONFERENCE.)

19 THE COURT: Next.

20 CLERK OF COURT: Juror number 28, Linda Cooper.

21 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

22 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

23 MR. MEADORS: Please excuse Ms. Cooper.

24 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.

25 You've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.



1 Juror number 13, Sherrie Benenhaley.

2 (WHITE FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

3 CLERK OF COURT: Was saith the state?

4 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Benenhaley.

5 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

6 MR. DEAS: Please excuse the juror on the trial of  
7 this case.

8 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.

9 You've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.

10 Juror number 115, Kelley McMillan.

11 (WHITE FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

12 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

13 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. McMillan.

14 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

15 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

16 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

17 MR. WILDER: Please swear Ms. McMillan.

18 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
19 ma'am.

20 Juror number 109, called Sean McCombs.

21 (WHITE MALE COMES FORWARD.)

22 CLERK OF COURT: Was saith the state?

23 MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. McCombs.

24 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

25 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

1 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

2 MR. WILDER: What's the number, please?

3 CLERK OF COURT: The number is 109.

4 MR. WILDER: 109, thank you. Please excuse the juror  
5 from this trial.

6 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.  
7 You've been excused from this trial, please, sir.

8 Juror number 120, Charles Mullins.

9 (ASIAN MALE COMES FORWARD.)

10 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

11 MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. Mullins.

12 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

13 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

14 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

15 MR. WILDER: Swear Mr. Mullins.

16 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
17 sir.

18 Juror number 143, Martin Stegner.

19 (WHITE MALE COMES FORWARD.)

20 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

21 MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. Stegner.

22 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

23 MR. DEAS: Please excuse the juror on the trial of  
24 this case.

25 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.

1 You've been excused from this trial, please, sir.

2 Juror number 124, Thomas Nissen.

3 (ASIAN MALE COMES FORWARD.)

4 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

5 MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. Nissen.

6 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

7 MR. DEAS: Please present the juror.

8 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

9 MR. WILDER: Please swear Mr. Nissen.

10 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
11 sir.

12 Juror number 6, Erin Anderson.

13 (WHITE FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

14 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

15 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Anderson.

16 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

17 MR. DEAS: Please swear Ms. Anderson.

18 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

19 MR. WILDER: Please swear Ms. Anderson.

20 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
21 ma'am.

22 Juror number 123, Lisa Ottenschot-Newman.

23 (WHITE FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

24 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

25 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Ottenschot-Newman.

1 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

2 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

3 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

4 MR. WILDER: Please excuse the juror from this trial.

5 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.

6 You've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.

7 Juror number 34, Connie Davis.

8 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

9 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

10 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Davis.

11 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

12 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

13 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

14 MR. WILDER: Please swear Ms. Davis.

15 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
16 ma'am.

17 Juror number 159, Jaron Wilson.

18 (ASIAN MALE COMES FORWARD.)

19 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

20 MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. Wilson.

21 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

22 MR. DEAS: Please swear Mr. Wilson.

23 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

24 MR. WILDER: Please swear Mr. Wilson.

25 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,

1     sir.  
2         Juror number 155, Marcus White.  
3         (AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE COMES FORWARD.)  
4         CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?  
5         MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. White.  
6         CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?  
7         MR. DEAS: Please swear Mr. White.  
8         CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?  
9         MR. WILDER: Please swear Mr. White.  
10        CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
11     sir.  
12        Juror number 82, Johnnie Holland.  
13        (AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE COMES FORWARD.)  
14        CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?  
15        MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. Holland.  
16        CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?  
17        MR. DEAS: Please swear Mr. Holland.  
18        CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?  
19        MR. WILDER: Please swear Mr. Holland.  
20        CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
21     sir.  
22        Juror number 132, Robert Rogers.  
23        (WHITE MALE COMES FORWARD.)  
24        CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?  
25        MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. Rogers.

1 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

2 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

3 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

4 MR. WILDER: Please swear the juror.

5 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
6 sir.

7 Juror number 43, Angela Edwards.

8 (WHITE FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

9 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

10 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Edwards.

11 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

12 MR. DEAS: Please excuse the juror from the trial of  
13 this case.

14 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.  
15 You've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.

16 Juror number 164, Beckham Harris, Jr.

17 (WHITE MALE COMES FORWARD.)

18 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

19 MR. MEADORS: Please present Mr. Harris.

20 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

21 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

22 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

23 MR. WILDER: Please excuse the juror.

24 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.  
25 You've been excused from this trial, please, sir.

1 Juror number 166, Shawn McLaughlin.

2 (WHITE MALE COMES FORWARD.)

3 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

4 MR. MEADORS: Please excuse Mr. McLaughlin.

5 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.

6 You've been excused from this trial, please, sir.

7 Juror number 165, Terry Hearst.

8 (WHITE FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

9 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

10 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Hearst.

11 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

12 MR. DEAS: Please excuse the juror on the trial of  
13 this case.

14 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel.

15 You've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.

16 Juror number required 144, Wendy Stickle.

17 (WHITE FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

18 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

19 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Stickle.

20 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

21 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

22 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

23 MR. WILDER: Swear the juror.

24 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
25 ma'am.

1 Alternate juror. Juror number 17, Ieshia Bradley.

2 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

3 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

4 MR. MEADORS: Please present Ms. Bradley.

5 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

6 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

7 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

8 MR. WILDER: Swear Ms. Bradley.

9 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,  
10 ma'am.

11 Juror number 140, Walnetta Spears, second alternate.

12 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

13 CLERK OF COURT: What saith the state?

14 MR. MEADORS: Please excuse Ms. Spears.

15 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat back with the panel;  
16 you've been excused from this trial, please, ma'am.

17 Juror number 145, Lakeishia Stubbs.

18 (AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE COMES FORWARD.)

19 CLERK OF COURT: Any reason for cause from the state?

20 MR. MEADORS: Please present the juror.

21 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Canty?

22 MR. DEAS: Please swear the juror.

23 CLERK OF COURT: What saith Defendant Jackson?

24 MR. WILDER: Swear the juror.

25 CLERK OF COURT: Have a seat in the jury box, please,



1     ma'am.

2             THE COURT: Please call the names of the jurors who  
3     have been selected.

4             CLERK OF COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, when I call  
5     your name, please raise your hand. Sherry Glasscho,  
6     Michael Knight, Kelley McMillan, Charles Mullins, Thomas  
7     Nissen, Erin Anderson, Connie Davis, Jaron Wilson, Marcus  
8     White, Johnnie Holland, Robert Rogers, Wendy Stickle,  
9     Ieshia Bradley, Lakeishia Stubbs. Thank you.

10            THE COURT: All right, thank you, Mr. Bradley.

11            CLERK OF COURT: Yes, sir.

12            THE COURT: All right, ladies and gentlemen, you have  
13     been selected as the jurors for this case. I'm going to  
14     send you back to the jury room for a few minutes while we  
15     take up a few matters before the court.

16            Please do not discuss anything about this case.  
17     You'll get tired of hearing me say that, but please do not  
18     discuss anything about this case while you're in the jury  
19     room. Thank you.

20            (THE JURY EXITS AT 12:44 P.M.)

21            THE COURT: All right, are there any objections to the  
22     jury that has been selected, and the manner in which they  
23     have been selected from the state?

24            MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence?

25            THE COURT: Yes, sir.

1 (A PAUSE.)

2 MR. MEADORS: Nothing.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Deas?

4 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

5 (DEFENSE COUNSELORS CONFER.)

6 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, from the Defendant Reginald  
7 Canty, we would like to take up that motion.

8 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Wilder, you ---

9 MR. WILDER: *Batson*, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

11 MR. WILDER: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Tell you what. It's about lunch time.

13 So, ladies and gentlemen, those of you who have not been  
14 selected, I'm going to dismiss you now with instructions to  
15 be back here at 2:30, where you will have an opportunity to  
16 be selected on a jury at that time.

17 So, have a nice lunch break, and be back to at -- and  
18 go to courtroom number 2, all right? Not this courtroom  
19 but the other one around the corner.

20 (THE JURY PANEL EXITS.)

21 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Wilder, you have made a  
22 *Batson* motion.

23 MR. WILDER: Yes, Your Honor. We'd move to quash the  
24 selection of the panel.

25 Your Honor, I intended no disrespect to Mr. Meadors by

1 asking the court to note that it run throughout. I just  
2 want to say that. He seems like he was upset by it. But,  
3 Your Honor, if I don't say something, I have had a judge  
4 who'll say, well, you should have made it in a timely  
5 fashion.

6 THE COURT: No. It's my understanding is you actually  
7 make it after all the jurors have been selected.

8 MR. WILDER: And had I known that was Your Honor's  
9 understanding about it, I might not have said anything  
10 about it at all. But because -- but the purpose of putting  
11 it on the record was to let him know that he was going to  
12 have to justify to the court if he did it again. And I,  
13 you know, just as a kind of courtesy, I wanted to tell him,  
14 you know, better, better keep note of your records because  
15 we're going, we're going to be into this.

16 Now, the time ---

17 THE COURT: I think from here on out, we'll let you  
18 try your case, and we'll let him try his case.

19 MR. WILDER: I think that's an excellent suggestion,  
20 Your Honor.

21 MR. MEADORS: And I'll just say for the record I  
22 appreciate him letting me know what I need to do. But I  
23 did take personal offense at it because it is supposed --  
24 Your Honor is supposed to ask if any -- you're not even  
25 supposed to mention the word *Batson*, which they did at the

1 end with this jury panel.

2 But the timing was incredible: after I had struck  
3 folks which I believe I had very good reasons. And he  
4 wants, I think, to infer that I'm striking on that. That's  
5 why I took offense because I don't do that, and his timing  
6 was incredible. That's why I did. But I accept his  
7 apology.

8 THE COURT: All right. Very well.

9 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, and I would note for the  
10 record that I waited to do it until a pattern had been  
11 established. Didn't say anything on the first black juror  
12 that was struck. Didn't say anything on the second one. I  
13 think I waited until the third or fourth one before I said  
14 anything at all. So, I don't how any juror could have  
15 inferred anything from me asking the court to note a motion  
16 at that point. So ---

17 THE COURT: All right, I'm not, I'm not worried about  
18 that at this point.

19 MR. WILDER: Okay. Your Honor, so we want to move  
20 under Batson. He did strike black jurors. I believe it's  
21 incumbent upon him now to state race-neutral reasons why he  
22 did so.

23 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Meadors, as to those that  
24 you did strike, and I think there were eight jurors that  
25 you struck.

1 MR. MEADORS: That's correct.

2 THE COURT: Could you please give a race neutral ---

3 MR. MEADORS: Judge, I will, I will take them just as  
4 they -- as we did them, if they will, and I will do so now.

5 I almost made a Batson motion myself because every  
6 person they struck was white.

7 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

8 MR. MEADORS: Judge, as to juror number 64, Mr.  
9 Griffin was assisting me in this, and he has pending  
10 burglary charges. Every one on this list had had a pending  
11 or a serious conviction or charge -- I don't care if  
12 they're black, white, or purple -- I struck them. Anything  
13 beside a traffic offense, which I never use, but if there's  
14 a serious offense out there that's either still pending or  
15 convicted or we're not sure, I struck them.

16 I have a burglary charge for this individual. That's  
17 why I struck him.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Green, there was burglary charge  
19 pending?

20 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir. That's juror number 64.

21 THE COURT: Right.

22 MR. MEADORS: Judge, juror, juror number 157. Judge,  
23 as we approached -- I've done this my whole career. People  
24 that want off, I don't put on. There were several people  
25 that wanted off Your Honor transferred. This next juror,

1 157, wanted off. I believe she was the attendance  
2 coordinator. It was obvious to me -- not, not disagreeing  
3 with you keeping her on, Judge, but it was obvious to me  
4 she wanted off. And everyone that wanted off, that is my  
5 reason that I chose not to present her.

6 Your Honor, number 30 has charges, and I don't know.  
7 They're from Baltimore, but they're charges of possession  
8 of heroin, intent to distribute, possession of Valium with  
9 intent to distribute, possession of paraphernalia with  
10 intent to inject something, nuisance, conspiracy to violate  
11 the drug laws, possession of narcotics. That's why I  
12 struck her, Judge.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, did he say she has a  
15 conviction for that?

16 THE COURT: She has pending charges showing up on her  
17 sheet.

18 MR. MEADORS: As I said, everybody ---

19 MR. WILDER: She had pending charges?

20 THE COURT: She has pending charges.

21 MR. WILDER: All right.

22 MR. MEADORS: I forgot where I was now, Judge.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Thomas.

24 MR. MEADORS: 167. I struck everyone that came up  
25 that was unemployed, that stated they were unemployed. And

1 while we're at there, he is a black male, juror 166.  
2 Number right next to him, Judge, is a while male. He's  
3 unemployed. I struck him, too.

4 Juror number 46, Your Honor, has a -- came up, I  
5 believe came up when we were all present, said he had a gun  
6 charge that's pending. That's why I struck him.

7 Juror number 32 also in my notes had said she did not  
8 want to serve. I had written that down. That was  
9 consistent with that.

10 And finally, juror number 28, Judge, fraudulent check  
11 convictions, false statement to obtain benefits  
12 convictions, other fraudulent check convictions, just  
13 convictions of fraud and deceit, and that's why I  
14 respectfully struck that juror.

15 Again for the record, all of their strikes were  
16 exercised against white individuals. Your Honor, I think I  
17 provided a race-neutral reason for each one of them. We  
18 would respectfully ask you keep this jury. Thank you.

19 THE COURT: All right, since you didn't make a motion  
20 for that, I won't go into it.

21 MR. MEADORS: I'm sorry, Judge; I apologize. I won't  
22 say anything.

23 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

24 Anything from y'all?

25 MR. WILDER: No, Your Honor. Just leave it in Your

1 Honor's discretion. If you find those reasons  
2 satisfactory, I have nothing else to say.

3 THE COURT: Well, I looked at the jury. You know,  
4 you're not entitled to the perfect jury or to one of all --  
5 but certainly the ones who have pending charges, I find  
6 that to be race neutral and deny your motion.

7 All right, let me bring the jury back in, and I will  
8 excuse them until tomorrow morning at 10:00, when we will  
9 start this trial. We've got some motions we need to take  
10 up this afternoon, I understand.

11 Let's bring the jury in.

12 And for your record, your motion is denied.

13 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

14 (THE JURY ENTERS AT 12:55 P.M.)

15 CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, we have all the jurors  
16 present in the courtroom.

17 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Bradley.

18 Ladies and gentlemen, y'all have indeed been selected  
19 as the jurors for this case, but we have some things that  
20 we need to take up this afternoon. So, the trial won't  
21 actually start until tomorrow morning. So, I am going to  
22 dismiss you for the balance of the day, with instructions  
23 that you be back here just a little bit before 10:00  
24 tomorrow morning.

25 Again, please do not discuss this case with anyone



1 that he is currently competent to stand trial. The court  
2 makes so finding.

3 MR. MEADORS: Thank you.

4 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Anything further?

5 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, we do have some motion to  
6 suppress as to Reginald Canty.

7 THE COURT: All right.

8 MR. DEAS: Before we get into that, Your Honor, just  
9 regards to the prior motion that was made by Mr. Wilder as  
10 to the -- his motion to dismiss and other extraordinary  
11 relief based on the prior written motion that he handed up  
12 to the court, I want to make Mr. Canty's, Canty's discovery  
13 that I received from Ms. Fant back on August 21, 2008, a  
14 court exhibit.

15 Like with Mr. Jackson, although on Friday I received  
16 the information relating to the latent prints that were  
17 lifted from the pizza box, that is not information we had  
18 in prior discovery that was given to us by Ms. Fant. And I  
19 understand that you've already ruled on that motion as to  
20 Mr. Jackson. And I assume your ruling ---

21 THE COURT: And I would make the same ruling.

22 MR. DEAS: --- would be the same as to Mr. Canty.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Canty.

24 MR. DEAS: Just wanted to clarify that for the record.

25 With regards to Mr. Canty, Your Honor, and I probably

1 need to forewarn you of this. He gave five different  
2 statements, some of which I believe were given to  
3 Investigator West, some of which were given to Sergeant  
4 Burnish. So, we're going to probably have to have a  
5 Jackson vs. Denno issue hearing with both Burnish and Mr.  
6 West. But instead of just one statement, we're going to be  
7 dealing with, like, five statements.

8 THE COURT: All right. Very well.

9 Y'all ready to proceed?

10 MR. MEADORS: Investigator West.

11 (PACKET OF DISCOVERY MATERIALS FOR CANTY MARKED INTO  
12 EVIDENCE AS COURT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 4.)

13 (DOMINICK WEST RESUMES THE WITNESS STAND.)

14 CLERK OF COURT: You're still under oath.

15 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, I tabbed the statements in  
16 purple there.

17 THE COURT: All right. You're still under oath.

18 WITNESS: Yes, sir.

19 MR. DEAS: And, Your Honor, that motion, my motion in  
20 limine to suppress is in writing. I filed it with the  
21 court back on June the 2, 2011. If you do not have a copy,  
22 I've got a copy.

23 THE COURT: All right.

24 (STATEMENT BY CANTY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 3  
25 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

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1 COURT REPORTER: State's exhibit 3 for I.D.

2 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, before we start, for the  
3 record, I just maybe -- I would agree there are one, two,  
4 three, five statements. One of those, a statement on  
5 January 17th, actually takes two forms, an oral statement  
6 and then a written statement. So, possibly it could be six  
7 if you view it that way.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MR. MEADORS: There's another letter after that which  
10 I would like to get to today which I think -- in the motion  
11 he denies making. But anyway, that's a separate issue.

12 THE COURT: All right.

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14 Q. Investigator, let me show you what's marked State's 3,  
15 and let me know if you recognize the fact that's your  
16 signature on there.

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And what's the date on State's 3 for I.D.?

19 A. The date is the 15th, January 15h, 2008.

20 Q. And that time, did you have occasion to talk to  
21 Reginald Canty?

22 A. Yes, I did that.

23 Q. And then where was that?

24 A. At the Sumter county Law Enforcement Center.

25 Q. And let's go over briefly at the top there. It's

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1 Canty, Reginald Rashard, age sixteen, . How did you  
2 acquire that information?

3 A. From him.

4 Q. Okay, and when he gave you that, did you have any  
5 trouble understanding him?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. Did you get his birth date?

8 A. .

9 Q. So, he was how old?

10 A. Sixteen at the time.

11 Q. And this was at the Law Enforcement Center also?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Okay, and you said you got his address, his date of  
14 birth, age sixteen. Now, underneath there where it has his  
15 initials, Reginald Canty, R.C..

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Can you read that sentence to the judge?

18 A. It says:

19 I, Reginald Canty, understand I do not have to  
20 say anything, and I volunteer the following  
21 information on my own free will for whatever  
22 purposes it may serve. I -- it has can, cannot,  
23 and he circled can -- read and write and  
24 completed the seventh grade in school.

25 Q. Okay, and did he -- who's filling this out?

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1 A. I wrote his name, and he filled out the rest. Well, I  
2 wrote the seventh.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And he -- well, actually I did everything because he  
5 -- I was asking him.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. And he said he can.

8 Q. But he's providing the information, correct?

9 A. He provided the information.

10 Q. Okay. Now, was he free to leave at this -- in this  
11 statement? Was this a voluntary statement?

12 A. This statement right here?

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Did you say yes, sir?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. I mean, just yes. You don't have to say sir to me,  
18 but he signed here, or he initialed here that he understood  
19 he didn't have to say anything, say anything, but he's  
20 volunteering this information of his own free will,  
21 correct?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And can you, can you, can you tell the judge what he  
24 told you just by reading it?

25 A. I started off the statement. This is what is, what is

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1 in the statement:

2 The statement is being written by Investigator D.  
3 West by the request of Reginald Canty. I am not  
4 currently under the influence of any alcohol or  
5 drugs that may make me give any false information  
6 in the statement.

7 Q. And was that in response to you asking him are you  
8 under the influence of anything?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did he put that down there then, or tell you ---

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. --- to put it down there?

13 A. I asked whether you're under drugs or alcohol before.

14 Q. All right. Go ahead.

15 A. On the night of the shooting, Deangelo asked my  
16 cousin Desmond Canty to take him to the  
17 Cherryvale Grocery. I went along because I  
18 needed batteries. After arriving at the store,  
19 me and Deangelo, Deangelo got out of the car and  
20 went to use the pay phone. So, I stood beside  
21 him swinging my phone, and I overheard him  
22 stating, stating he wanted to order three large  
23 pizzas: one pepperoni, one all pepperoni, and one  
24 of all cheese. I didn't hear the other one.

25 Q. All right, let me stop you there. Go back to where it

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1 says: So, I. And it looks like something is scratched out  
2 and he initialed. Did he changed something you had  
3 written?

4 A. No. It was something that wasn't supposed to be  
5 there, so I scratched it out, and he put his initials, and  
6 then I put my initials. You can see my small initials  
7 right there. So, I corrected it.

8 Q. But that shows you and he both initialed the change?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Okay: I didn't hear the other one.

11 A. Didn't hear the other one. He told me while on  
12 the phone with the order that the address is  
13 Cherryvale Drive, lot . He got off the phone  
14 and he went in the store.

15 Q. Does that say: We went?

16 A. He got off the phone and we went into the -- in  
17 the store. I, I went to look for some batteries.  
18 Deangelo brought a snack cake. While I was in  
19 the store, the manager approached me and asked me  
20 what, what did -- what I took, and I told him  
21 nothing. That I had my phone. Deangelo was  
22 standing to the door waiting for, waiting for me.  
23 After we left the store, we was going back home,  
24 and Deangelo asked to be dropped off to Oaklawn,  
25 but we already had passed it. So, we went back

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1 home, and Deangelo left walking. I went outside  
2 and then came back. I went inside and then get  
3 back outside to sit on the porch. As I came out  
4 the house, I saw Desmond walk by, and I asked  
5 where, where he -- where you going, and he stated  
6 nothing and walked towards the back of the mobile  
7 home park. Tonya Rush, who stays beside me, she  
8 told me that -- to watch her house while she was  
9 gone. I went to the house, and I got something  
10 to drink. I went to the house and got something  
11 to drink and sat on the porch. I saw car lights  
12 where lot is, and I went to my fence, and I saw  
13 a white man wrestling with a tall black man over  
14 a gun. The black man told him to stop, and then,  
15 I heard a gunshot. Deangelo was standing next to  
16 the van looking at the guys wrestling. The other  
17 guy had a handgun that looked, that looked like a  
18 revolver. After the gun fired, everyone ran. I  
19 ran in the house. I told my moms what I saw  
20 later on that night. I wasn't truthful to law  
21 enforcement at the beginning because I was  
22 nervous and scared because I never saw anyone get  
23 killed before.

24 Q. And does he put his initials at the end of that  
25 paragraph on the front?



1 A. His initials at the end.

2 Q. And there's an X here with his initials on page 2.

3 Why, why is that?

4 A. That's just to show nobody can't add anything towards  
5 the statement.

6 Q. And did he and you both sign the bottom of that?

7 A. Yes, we did.

8 Q. And I believe he said I -- are his initials on the  
9 first page:

10 I have read each page of this statement  
11 consisting of two pages, each page of which bears  
12 my signature, and corrections, if any, bears my  
13 initials. And I certify the facts contained here  
14 are true and correct.

15 A. Yes. I -- during a statement, I always ask read, when  
16 you read a statement, finish reading it, put your initials  
17 at the beginning and the end of each page of the statement  
18 form. And then put your initials where you said: I have  
19 read each page of the statement consisting of two pages.  
20 Put your initials there also.

21 Q. Okay, and then he was free to leave and did leave,  
22 correct?

23 A. Yes. 11:25, everything was concluded.

24 Q. And is the person who gave you that statement in the  
25 courtroom, and if so, would you point him out?

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1 A. Mr. Canty is Mr. Deas's defendant.

2 MR. MEADORS: And ask the record to reflect. Thank  
3 you.

4 BY MR. MEADORS:

5 Q. Now, did you have occasion to talk Mr. Canty again?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Specifically, on January 17th?

8 A. On the 17th, yes, sir. He was brought to the Law  
9 Enforcement Center by his aunt.

10 Q. Okay, and at this time on the 17th, did you have  
11 occasion to read him, Mr. Canty, his Miranda rights?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence. I'm sorry.

14 (A PAUSE.)

15 (MIRANDA WARNING FORM-CANTY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
16 NUMBER 4 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

17 COURT REPORTER: State's 4 for I.D.

18 (STATEMENT BY CANTY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 5  
19 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

20 COURT REPORTER: State's 5 for I.D.

21 MR. MEADORS: Thank you. Thank you, Judge.

22 BY MR. MEADORS:

23 Q. I'm going to hand you what's State's, been marked  
24 State's 4 for I.D. Investigator West, do you recognize  
25 this?

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1 A. That's the Miranda form for the Sumter County Sheriff  
2 Office.

3 Q. And you said something earlier. Who had -- how had  
4 Mr. Canty gotten to the Law Enforcement Center?

5 A. By his aunt, Ms. Glover.

6 Q. Did you start talking to him then?

7 A. No. I waited for his mom to come, to arrive, Ms.  
8 Dorothy Canty.

9 Q. And did you have the opportunity to advise Mr. Canty  
10 his Miranda warnings and Waiver of Rights when his mother  
11 was there?

12 A. I did. All that was done in front of her because at  
13 that time, we was -- we, we went from getting a voluntary  
14 statement as a witness to possibly him being charged.

15 Q. And thus you read him his Miranda rights?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And when you go through again with Mr. Canty, tell His  
18 Honor. Did you have occasion to read him his you have the  
19 right to remain silent?

20 A. Yes, sir. Like I stated before, the Miranda warning,  
21 waiver of -- Waiver of Rights as 1 through 5. Number 1  
22 stated: You have the right to remain silent. Once again,  
23 it has a line. He put his initials, R.C. I put my  
24 initials on the far, far left by the number.

25 Q. And, Investigator West, is that your initials to show

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1 that you read it?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And he understood it? His initials show that it was  
4 read to him and ---

5 A. It was read to him, and he understood it.

6 Q. Please just go through.

7 A. Number 2: Anything you say can and will be used  
8 against you in a court of law. Once again, his initials  
9 and my initials.

10 3: You have the right to talk to an attorney and have  
11 him or her present while you are being questioned. His  
12 initials and my initials.

13 Number 4: If you cannot afford to hire an attorney,  
14 one will be appointed to represent you before any  
15 questioning if you wish. His initials.

16 Number 5: You have the right to not answer any  
17 questions or make any statements. He put R. Instead of  
18 putting R.C., he just put R., but I put my initials there  
19 as well.

20 Q. And let me stop. During the reading of these five  
21 rights, did Mr. Canty appear to understand you?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Did he indicate to you he understood --- he understood  
24 it?

25 A. Yes, he did.

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1 Q. And were his answers appropriate to the questions?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And you understood his words?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Did he appear to be under the influence of alcohol,  
6 drugs, or any other intoxicant?

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. You smell anything on him?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. Were you again in the same interview room?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Describe the atmosphere to the judge.

13 A. The interview?

14 Q. Well, the atmosphere when the three of y'all were  
15 there.

16 A. Just normal. It's...

17 Q. Were you yelling at him?

18 A. No, sir. No fussing or ---

19 Q. Was he yelling at you?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. His mom was there?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. All right.

24 I understand each of these above rights. I  
25 understand each of the above rights which I have

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1           been read and explained by Investigator D. West  
2           of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office at 107 East  
3           Hampton Avenue at 3:33 p.m.

4           Did he indicate to you below the rights that he did  
5           understand that by signing his name?

6           A.    Yes, his Waiver of Rights he -- well, under that, yes,  
7           he signed his name, his mother signed her name, and I  
8           signed my name.

9           Q.    And did you read him the Waiver of Rights?

10          A.    The Waiver of Rights also. Having been advised his  
11          rights and fully understand his rights:

12                I do wish to answer questions at this time. I do  
13                not wish to have an attorney present. My  
14                decision to answer questions now without an  
15                attorney is made freely and is of my own choice.  
16                No one has threatened me in any way or promised  
17                me anything.

18          He signed. His mom signed it. I signed.

19          Q.    No one has threatened me in any way or promised me  
20          anything. And he signed. Dorothy Canty, in parentheses  
21          she puts mother?

22          A.    Yes.

23          Q.    And you signed?

24          A.    Yes.

25          Q.    And that's at 1/17, 3:34 p.m.?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Can you tell the judge. Prior to, prior to us  
3 discussing what's State's 4, not 3, did you have an  
4 occasion, and I don't, I don't know. Is it your practice,  
5 did you have an occasion to just talk before you put  
6 something down in writing with him?

7 A. After the Miranda form was read and he signed and  
8 everything was understood, the reason why we brought him  
9 back because some of his stories were just inconsistent  
10 with the previous stories he gave to law enforcement. And  
11 we was just questioning him about it. At the beginning, it  
12 going -- before I, I did a written statement, I was doing  
13 -- just talking to him orally, taking notes. It was so  
14 much being said, I was taking notes at that time. And so  
15 he went on, and he was just telling us what was going on  
16 and...

17 Q. Did you confront him and say it's not adding up?

18 A. Yeah. I, I told him it was -- his stories were  
19 inconsistent.

20 Q. And did he give you an oral statement prior to the  
21 written statement?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Will you tell the judge about that oral statement?

24 A. It was -- I typed up a oral statement that, that was  
25 -- we was doing. We was talking, and then after we

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1 finished talking, I told him, well, I need to put this on  
2 a, on a form. Whatever he told me, I put it on the form  
3 word -- verbatim.

4 Q. Can you talk about the oral statement to start with?

5 A. The oral statement?

6 Q. Yes, sir.

7 A. You want me to read it?

8 Q. Yes, sir.

9 A. Okay. He was brought to the Law Enforcement Center.

10 Q. And that was Reginald, Reginald Canty was brought?

11 A. Reginald Canty was brought to the Law Enforcement  
12 Center by his aunt, Ms. Glover. Reginald's  
13 mother, Dorothy Canty, arrived at the Law  
14 Enforcement Center, and the interview began. I  
15 started by advising Reginald his Miranda rights.  
16 He signed a Waiver of Rights form in front of his  
17 mother due to the fact he was being charged at  
18 the present time. After reading him his rights,  
19 I then advised Reginald that his story in the  
20 past was inconsistent and that he needed to be  
21 truthful from here on out. Reginald began  
22 telling the story of all the events that happened  
23 on how he was at home, and Daniel Jackson  
24 approached him and asked whether he wanted to  
25 make any money robbing the pizza man, and he told



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1 him yes. Reginald then asked his cousin Desmond  
2 Canty to take him and Daniel to the store,  
3 Cherryvale Grocery, where he stated Daniel made a  
4 telephone call to Sambino's pizza restaurant.  
5 Reginald then stated that they went inside the  
6 store, and he wanted to buy some batteries but  
7 did not have that -- have it -- but they did not  
8 have the kind he wanted. Reginald stated that  
9 Daniel bought Debbie cake, Debbie snack cake and  
10 left the store. I then asked what did they do  
11 next. He stated that they went back to his  
12 house. Daniel walked back to the rear of the  
13 mobile home park, O.C. Mobile Home Park.

14 Q. And will you slow down a little bit?

15 A. I'm sorry.

16 Q. That's okay. He went back to the rear of O.C. Mobile  
17 Home Park.

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 And he watched until the pizza man drive up in a  
20 van. He began to say he stood in his yard by the  
21 gate and saw a black male struggling with the  
22 pizza man, and another black male holding a  
23 revolver. I asked him how he knew it was a  
24 revolver, it being dark with no light and all,  
25 and he said it was a glare from the gun. He then

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1           stated it was not supposed to happen like that,  
2           and I asked him what did he meant by that. And  
3           he stated the pizza man was not supposed to get  
4           shot.

5       Q.    It was not supposed to happen like that, and the pizza  
6       man was not supposed to get shot?

7       A.    Yes.

8       Q.    All right. Go ahead.

9       A.       He stated it was a accident. His mother then did  
10       he -- how he knew it was a accident and you say  
11       you weren't there, and how you know it was a  
12       revolver and it was dark outside. Reginald then  
13       began to cry, and he stated that he did not shoot  
14       and kill anyone. He kept saying it was a  
15       accident. He kept saying that he wasn't there.  
16       So, I asked him there is no way you can say it  
17       was a accident and you weren't there, and he put  
18       his head on the table and continued to cry.  
19       Reginald then stated that the suspects ran away,  
20       and he ran in the house.

21       Q.    Put his head on the table. Continued to cry?

22       A.    Uh-huh. Yes, sir.

23       Q.    All right, is it fair to say that was the substance of  
24       an oral statement that he gave you at 3:34ish shortly  
25       after, or after reading the Miranda rights?

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1 A. After Miranda, yes, sir.

2 Q. All right. After that ---

3 MR. MEADORS: And what I'll call, Judge, it's still  
4 the same time frame.

5 Q. But after that, there's a -- did you put in writing?

6 A. Yes, sir. I put everything in ---

7 Q. Is that what State's 5 is?

8 A. Yes. Yes. 17th? Yes, sir.

9 Q. Now, this is on the same voluntary form. I want to  
10 look at this other one and see, but did you have him fill  
11 out also: I am giving of my own free will and accord?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And: I can read and write. Did he initial that also  
14 in State's 5?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay, but you had already -- this was contemporaneous  
17 with the rights you'd already read him, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Miranda rights?

20 A. All was the same time frame.

21 Q. Oral statement, and now I believe the time on here,  
22 4:44?

23 A. Yeah. That's when everything was completed.

24 Q. So, is it fair to say from the time of rights to start  
25 writing of this, y'all were talking, and that's part of the

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1 time where he was telling you about ---

2 A. Yes, sir. Went from the oral, from recording the oral  
3 statement, to me getting a written statement on the form.

4 Q. And is this -- are these his words in your  
5 handwriting?

6 A. In my handwriting, his words.

7 Q. And at any time during the process of the oral  
8 statement or this written statement that you took from him,  
9 did he ever, did he ever say I don't want to talk to you?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did he ever say get me a lawyer, Dominick?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. If he had, what would you have done?

14 A. Stopped the interview.

15 Q. Did his mom ever say that?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. And please publish that to the judge, if you would.

18 A. The written statement?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. Excuse me.

21 This statement is being written by Investigator

22 D. West by the request of Reginald Canty.

23 MR. MEADORS: Judge, for these purposes, I don't even  
24 know if we need to do that.

25 THE COURT: I've got it right here.

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1 BY MR. MEADORS:

2 Q. During the reading of this -- during the statement  
3 that he gave you which was -- did you put into writing some  
4 of the things he had told you in the oral and some he  
5 didn't?

6 A. Some things that was in the oral, he didn't put into  
7 the written, and some things that was in the written.

8 Q. Is this January 17, '08, 4:44 p.m.?

9 A. Yes, that's when it occurred.

10 Q. Reginald, Reginald Canty?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And did you sign the bottom, too?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And on the second page, does he initial the top and  
15 bottom of the paragraph?

16 A. Initialed the top, bottom, and across the page.

17 Q. And at the bottom, is it Reginald Canty's signature  
18 and your signature?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. At any time during the taking of the oral or the  
21 written statements, did you threaten, coerce him, or hold  
22 out any hope of reward?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. Did he appear to understand your questioning during  
25 both the oral and the written?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And tell me. Look at this, Investigator. Look at  
3 this. When you were writing this down, these weren't your  
4 words, right?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. His words?

7 A. It was his words.

8 Q. Could you understand him?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Enough to write it down?

11 A. Yes, sir, I did.

12 Q. And is the person who gave you that oral and written  
13 statement in the courtroom?

14 A. Yes, he is.

15 Q. And would you point him out to the judge?

16 A. He's Mr. Deas's client.

17 MR. MEADORS: Okay, now we go to, Your Honor, what is  
18 the -- I'll call fourth statement.

19 Q. And going back to that January 17th statement again,  
20 was Investigator Burnish there for the written portion, or  
21 what portion was he there?

22 A. None. It was just me and his mother.

23 Q. Okay, and his mother was there for that whole time  
24 period, the oral and the written?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. Okay, unless I'm mistaken, the next is January 25,  
2 2008.

3 (MIRANDA WARNING FORM-CANTY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
4 NUMBER 6 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

5 (STATEMENT BY CANTY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 7  
6 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

7 COURT REPORTER: State's 6 for I.D. State's 7 for  
8 I.D.

9 (A PAUSE.)

10 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

11 THE COURT: Yes, sir. I'll tell you. While you get  
12 that ready, why don't we take a short break?

13 MR. MEADORS: I'm sorry.

14 THE COURT: We've been in here almost two hours now.

15 MR. MEADORS: I apologize.

16 THE COURT: We'll stand in recess for ten minutes.  
17 You may step down.

18 (OFF THE RECORD.)

19 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Meadors, you ready to  
20 proceed?

21 MR. MEADORS: Please the court?

22 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

23 BY MR. MEADORS:

24 Q. I refer you to State's 6 for I.D. and State's 7 for  
25 I.D., and did you have an occasion to speak with Mr. Canty

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1 on January 25th approximately 10:40?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And I have, State's 6 is a Miranda warning and Advice  
4 of Rights sheet that's signed by Reginald Canty, Dorothy  
5 Canty, his mother, and Sergeant Burnish. Were you present  
6 during the reading of these rights?

7 A. I do not recall.

8 Q. Okay. Look at State's, what State's 7 is. Were you  
9 involved in that?

10 A. Yes. He gave another statement. That's my signature  
11 at the bottom.

12 Q. All right, and that statement was given at 12:06 on  
13 January 25th?

14 A. It started, yeah.

15 Q. It ended ---

16 A. It ended, yes.

17 Q. --- at 12:06?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. All right, and this is state's 7 I.D. Where was this  
20 statement given?

21 A. When? 25th.

22 Q. Where?

23 A. Where? At Sumter County Law Enforcement Center.

24 Q. Okay, and when this written statement was given, whose  
25 handwriting was this in?



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1 A. It was filled out by Sergeant Burnish. His  
2 handwriting -- it was Mr. Canty handwriting on the -- for  
3 the narrative, and this, this signature, top portion  
4 Sergeant Burnish. Middle portion Reginald Canty, signature  
5 Reginald Canty. And witnessed by myself.

6 Q. Okay, by yourself, and again on this form, Mr. Canty  
7 initialed before the first line of the statement and at the  
8 end of the statement, and then twice in the middle with an  
9 X to show that nothing could be added?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. And that's his name there, correct?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Did you threaten or coerce him at any time when he  
14 gave this statement?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. During the course of this statement. I apologize.  
17 Did he appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs  
18 or any other intoxicant?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Did he understand or appear to understand, based on  
21 your training, what y'all were asking him?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Could you understand him?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. I mean, you could understand his words and what he was

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1 talking about. You didn't threaten him?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Hold out any hope of reward?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. A promise?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. Could you publish this for the judge? This is State's  
8 7.

9 A. Like I say, it's in Mr. Canty handwriting.

10 When we got home, Brick went to the back of the  
11 trailers, and he wait at the back for the pizza  
12 man to come. When the pizza man came, they  
13 started to rob the man. The pizza man was trying  
14 to take the gun from Brick and Brick said stop.  
15 And after he said stop, he shot the pizza man.  
16 Then he stayed there for a second. Then he ran.  
17 It looked like it was another person running away  
18 with him around the car. Brick is Daniel  
19 Jackson.

20 Q. Brick is Daniel Jackson, and what's -- right after  
21 that period, what initials are there?

22 A. R.C.

23 Q. And you said you do not recall whether or not you were  
24 present when the rights were read on State's 6, which was  
25 the Miranda rights for the statement, correct?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. But you were present ---

3 A. When the statement was given.

4 Q. --- when the statement was given, and again on here,  
5 did it have:

6 I, Reginald Canty, understand I don't have to say  
7 anything. I volunteer this information of my  
8 free will.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And: I can read.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And at this point, I guess you had, say, gotten to  
13 know him, but you had been involved in several statements,  
14 correct, with him?

15 A. Yes, I was.

16 Q. Did you ever yell at him or get upset with him?

17 A. No, sir.

18 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

19 (A PAUSE.)

20 Q. And were the, were those Miranda warnings given  
21 because the charges had been upgraded to murder?

22 A. On the new one?

23 Q. Yes, sir.

24 A. What's that, the 25th? Can I see that warrant?

25 Q. Or do you know? Let me make sure I have it.

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1 A. I know at the first time when we questioned him, we,  
2 we -- when I said his story was inconsistent, we charged  
3 him with accessory after the fact.

4 Q. Correct.

5 A. And then ---

6 Q. This is January 25th. Was he served with murder and  
7 armed robbery warrants?

8 A. Yes, he was.

9 Q. And that is the same day that Sergeant Burnish talked  
10 to him and you talked to him?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And is the person who gave you that statement on the  
13 25th in the courtroom?

14 A. Yes, sir, and Mr. Deas ---

15 Q. Standing with Mr. Deas?

16 A. Mr. Deas's client.

17 MR. MEADORS: We'd ask the record so reflect.

18 THE COURT: All right, the record will so reflect.

19 MR. MEADORS: Judge, that's all we have as to the  
20 statements with this witnesses.

21 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Deas.

22 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the  
23 court? Your Honor, for the record, and I'll show this to  
24 Mr. Meadors.

25 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

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1 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, what we have is a -- and I want  
2 to mark as a court exhibit. I guess it would be Court  
3 Exhibit Number 2.

4 COURT REPORTER: Court's 5.

5 MR. DEAS: Court's 5. It's an affidavit of indigency,  
6 indigency that was filled out by Mr. Canty, which is dated  
7 April 10, '08 -- I'm sorry, April 1, '08, and then it's  
8 filed with the court April 2, '08.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 MR. DEAS: And then the letter from the public  
11 defender's office assign me the case under the Rule 608  
12 contract.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 (AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS  
15 COURT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 5.)

16 (LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS COURT'S  
17 EXHIBIT NUMBER 6.)

18 COURT REPORTER: Court's 5 and Court's 6.

19 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

20 Q. Mr. West, you first encountered Mr. Canty back on --  
21 your first time interviewing him was back on January 15th  
22 of '08?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Okay, and now, and you correct me if I'm wrong, and  
25 you may know this more so than anyone. He essentially at

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1 some point prior to talking to you gave two statements to  
2 Sergeant Burnish. Is that correct?

3 A. From my knowledge, from what I was told, yes, sir.

4 Q. Okay, and if you know, correct me if I'm wrong. Those  
5 two statements were given on January 13th. Two, two  
6 statements given on January 13th?

7 A. Yes, sir, as the statement form states.

8 Q. And then he gave his statement to you in January 15th?

9 A. 15th.

10 Q. Okay. Now, when, when he gave you -- when he made the  
11 statement to you on January 15th, he was not represented by  
12 an attorney, correct?

13 A. No, sir. He wasn't ---

14 Q. Because he hadn't been ---

15 A. --- being charged.

16 Q. --- assigned me as his attorney?

17 A. He wasn't being charged at that time.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. On the 15th.

20 Q. Okay. So, he was unrepresented. Is that correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay, and at the time you initially encountered him,  
23 he was sixteen years old?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay, and when you -- when he gave you his statement

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1 on January 15th of '08, is it true that his mother was not  
2 present?

3 A. No.

4 Q. His mother was not present?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. So, he was by himself?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Now, that statement that he gave you on January 15th,  
11 was he, was he Mirandized?

12 A. He was, he was a witness. He wasn't being questioned  
13 as a suspect at that time. So, there was no need for  
14 Miranda.

15 Q. So, at that time he was being viewed as someone who  
16 may have knowledge about ---

17 A. Who ---

18 Q. --- the incident?

19 A. Who knew something about the incident.

20 Q. But he was not being ---

21 A. Because it happened right there in his ---

22 Q. He was not under investigation?

23 A. --- back yard. No, sir.

24 Q. Okay. So, so, he was not Mirandized when this January  
25 15th ---

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1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. --- statement was given? He did not sign a Waiver of  
3 Rights form?

4 A. It wasn't no need for -- to do a Waiver of Rights form  
5 because he was being talked to as a possible witness, not  
6 as a suspect.

7 Q. Now, in that January 15th statement, he does indicate  
8 that he went to the Cherryvale Grocery Store with Mr.  
9 Jackson?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And he also indicates that he saw several men approach  
12 the pizza man?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And in that, in the January 15th statement, he, he  
15 does not implicate Mr. Jackson at that point, correct? He  
16 just says that Mr. Jackson was near where the incident  
17 happened. Would that be fair to say?

18 A. That he, as he was sitting on the porch, Daniel walked  
19 by towards the back of the mobile home park, and that  
20 Deangelo was standing next to the van looking at the guys  
21 wrestle.

22 Q. So, it would be fair to say that he indicates that  
23 Deangelo, Deangelo ---

24 A. Was in the proximity of the incident.

25 Q. --- was in the proximity of the incident but was not



1 engaging the, the ---

2 A. Yes. In that statement, he was in proximity of the  
3 incident.

4 Q. Right.

5 A. But not the person who was wrestling with the, the  
6 victim, Mr. ---

7 Q. Mr. Flexon.

8 A. Flexon.

9 Q. All right. Now, the next time you spoke with Mr.  
10 Canty, my client, was on January 17th of '08. Is that  
11 correct?

12 A. Yes, it was.

13 Q. And then at that point, was he now considered a  
14 suspect and not just a witness?

15 A. He was.

16 Q. Okay, and what changed his status from being a witness  
17 to a suspect? How, how did that occur?

18 A. Possibly different evidence that, that was brought in  
19 to play or, you know, different -- his statements that he  
20 was giving. Then we brought him back in for questioning  
21 when his aunt brought him there, and then when we waited  
22 for his mom for his interview to begin.

23 Q. So, on the 17th of '08, January 17th of '08, his mom  
24 at some point was present when he gave a statement?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. But he still wasn't represented by counsel?

2 A. No. His mom was there, so, and it ---

3 Q. Now.

4 A. Miranda was also given.

5 Q. Now, initially he give an oral statement. In other  
6 words, he was, he was being questioned and he gave, and he  
7 gave statements in response to your questions?

8 A. Yes. After Miranda was given, the statement took --  
9 everything took place.

10 Q. All right. So, he was Mirandized for the January 17th  
11 statement?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. All right, and, and he signed a Waiver of Rights form?

14 A. Yes, he did, along with his mother.

15 Q. Did at any point during your questioning on January  
16 17th '08, did he or his mother ever invoke his right to  
17 counsel?

18 A. No, they didn't.

19 Q. Did he ever ask for an attorney?

20 A. No. No, he didn't.

21 Q. Were you aware of what his status was so far as  
22 whether he had a lawyer or not?

23 A. No, sir. No lawyer was being -- no lawyer was  
24 mentioned during that time.

25 Q. And, and as far as you knew at the time, I was not his

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1 attorney at that point, correct?

2 A. Not at the present time. I didn't know anything.

3 Q. Now, in the oral statement he gave, would you agree  
4 with me there's some differences between the oral statement  
5 he gave and the written statement he gave, both on June  
6 17th?

7 A. There was some things left out during oral statement.  
8 It was him talking, me, him talking, and his moms. I'm  
9 writing everything that he was saying, trying to remember.  
10 But during the written statement, I was writing what he  
11 said verbatim, and I was telling him take his time. It was  
12 some things he wanted, wanted into the written statement  
13 that he didn't want into, you know.

14 Q. Do you -- did you ask him specifically why there was  
15 some difference between what he told you orally at 2:34  
16 p.m. and what was written ---

17 A. 3:34 ---

18 Q. --- in the written statement at 4:44 p.m.?

19 A. It was 3:34 and ---

20 Q. I'm sorry, 3:34 p.m.

21 A. And the -- it finished at 4:44. So, the oral, it was  
22 just small things left out as -- where is that statement?  
23 It wasn't that many things left out but, you know, his mom  
24 asked how you know it was a revolver, and you said that you  
25 wasn't around. And the way, when he put his head down,

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1 that wasn't into the...

2 Q. One of the specifics that was in the written statement  
3 that is not in the oral statement is that he indicated that  
4 Mr. Flexon was approached by three males with hoodies, and  
5 that's what was stated in the written statement. But  
6 that's not what was indicated in the oral statement?

7 A. Like I say, he, he told me different things. So, you  
8 know, I wrote what, what was going to the oral statement.  
9 Then when I say I needed to put it on the written statement  
10 form, he started telling me. Again, you know, verbatim. I  
11 wrote it down word for word what he was saying.

12 Q. Is there ---

13 A. Told him to take his time.

14 Q. Is there any possibility that he may have said some of  
15 the very same things that are in the written statement, but  
16 you just didn't write them down when you took your notes on  
17 the oral statement?

18 A. I doubt it.

19 Q. This, this written transcript of what he said orally  
20 to you, did you type that up?

21 A. Yes, sir. I did.

22 Q. Okay, and did you type that up contemporaneously with  
23 the interview or later, later on?

24 A. Later on. I had a notepad, you know. I took my  
25 notes. Are you talking about the whole statement form,

1 the ---

2 Q. Right.

3 A. Yes. I -- different days and I dated and time it.

4 Q. Now, subsequent to the statement he gave on January  
5 17th, you met with him again on January 25th?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Of '08, and then he gave another statement?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And this was, this, this statement also was in  
10 writing?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And it is in his own handwriting. Is that correct?

13 A. His own handwriting.

14 Q. And in this statement, it seems to just add some  
15 additional detail to the January 17th statement.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Would you agree with that?

18 A. Charges was upgraded from -- an additional statement  
19 was taken from him implicating Mr. Jackson.

20 Q. All right. In the January 17th statement, he says Mr.  
21 Jackson is present but not actually physically engaging Mr.  
22 Flexon. But in the January 25th statement, he actually  
23 says Mr. Daniel Deangelo Jackson was the person that shot  
24 William Flexon. Is that, would that be a fair way of  
25 describing the difference between the January 17th

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1 statement and the January 25th statement?

2 A. Beg your indulgence.

3 (A PAUSE.)

4 A. When you said in the January 17th statement that he  
5 said that only Daniel was present in proximity. He said he  
6 was one of the three black males back there. Said that the  
7 guy was wrestling with another black male. Daniel was in  
8 proximity. And in that statement form right there, he said  
9 that Daniel was the one that shot him.

10 Q. Right, so that basically in the 17th statement, he  
11 basically indicated Daniel Deangelo Jackson was merely  
12 present. But in the January 25th statement, he indicates  
13 that Mr. Jackson shot William Flexon.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Is that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. Now, that January 25th statement, was that the  
18 last time you had -- took any statements from Mr. Canty?

19 A. I met with him in reference to a photo lineup. I do  
20 not recall who was in the photo lineup. I usually have the  
21 driver license picture with the name of the guy who is in  
22 the photo lineup on my information. But for some unknown  
23 reason, I do not know who was in that photo lineup, but he  
24 did not pick anyone out of that photo lineup, so.

25 Q. Did he at any point during any of your contacts with

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1 Mr. Canty, and I'm talking about back on January 7th --  
2 January 15th, January 17th, January 25th, and April of '08  
3 when you showed him the photo line up. At any point during  
4 any of those times, did he ask for an attorney?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. Do you think at sixteen years of age, he understood  
7 his constitutional rights?

8 A. Well, at ---

9 Q. His legal rights?

10 A. At the time, his mother was present during the time he  
11 was being charged. In April of that year, he was seventeen  
12 at the -- at that time. So, there was no need for a  
13 parent, guardian to be present for him.

14 Q. Now, you said his mom was present for the 17th?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. But you would agree with me his mom was not present  
17 when you gave that voluntary -- well, when ---

18 A. The 15th, the 15th.

19 Q. --- he gave a statement as a witness on January 15th?

20 A. As a witness.

21 Q. So, any -- so, any statements that he gave once he  
22 became a suspect, you're saying his mother was present?

23 A. His mother was present.

24 Q. All right.

25 A. Beside that time when I went to do photo lineup

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1 because he was at the age of seventeen.

2 Q. Now, at any point during any of these statements --  
3 that's the 17th, both the oral statement and the written  
4 statement, and the statement on the 25th -- did, did you at  
5 any point tell him that you would help him out by getting  
6 him a lower bond if he were willing to give a statement?

7 A. I, I don't make promises because I can't fulfill those  
8 promises. I can only say you can help yourself out if you  
9 cooperate with law enforcement. And we as a law  
10 enforcement officer can talk on your behalf saying that you  
11 participated, you help, helped with the case, with the  
12 investigation.

13 Q. So, you never said to him hey, give us a statement,  
14 and I'll make sure you get out on bond?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Never said that?

17 A. I, I don't -- I can't promise nobody like that because  
18 I'm not the judge.

19 Q. Did you tell him that he was -- how many years he was  
20 facing in prison if he got convicted of these crimes? In  
21 other words, use that to coerce him into giving these  
22 statements?

23 A. I don't recall that. No, sir.

24 Q. Never mentioned to him how much time he was facing?

25 A. No.



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1 Q. Was his mom present even during the -- your  
2 questioning of him? Not just when he was signing the  
3 Waiver of Rights form, but was she present at all times  
4 during the questioning?

5 A. The interview didn't start until his mom got there.  
6 That's, that's with the Miranda form or the oral interview,  
7 the written interview.

8 Q. How long would you say you interviewed or questioned  
9 Mr. Canty on January 17th?

10 A. It goes from when the interview started from the  
11 Miranda form until the concluding of the written. So, the  
12 17th, the interview started at 3:34. Let me see; let me  
13 look at the Miranda form. 3:33, it started at 3:33 and it  
14 ended at 4:44.

15 Q. And on January 25th, how long did you question him  
16 before he gave that statement on January 25th?

17 A. The 25th, 10:40 a.m. it started and ended at 12:06  
18 p.m.

19 Q. All right. Was anybody present with you during your  
20 questioning of Mr. Canty on the 17th? Was Sergeant Burnish  
21 present or any other investigator?

22 A. That was me, him, and his mother.

23 Q. Same thing on the 25th?

24 A. Sergeant Burnish started the Miranda sheet for the  
25 25th, but I must, I must have been there for that, for the

1 written statement part because I signed. Sergeant Burnish  
2 started the voluntary statement form at the top, and then  
3 that's when Mr. Canty wrote the narrative, and then I, I  
4 was at the bottom where I signed it. So, Sergeant Burnish  
5 must have began it, and I came in to the end towards ---

6 Q. In the state ---

7 A. Before the statement.

8 Q. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

9 A. Go ahead. I was just saying I came in before the  
10 statement was being written up right at the time.

11 Q. Did at any point in any of these statements that you  
12 participated in with -- where you interviewed and  
13 questioned Mr. Canty and informed him of his Miranda  
14 rights, did he at any point say that he was the individual  
15 that shot Mr. William Flexon?

16 A. He said that he did not shoot and kill anyone.

17 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

19 (COUNSEL CONFERS WITH DEFENDANT CANTY.)

20 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor, so far.

21 THE COURT: Thank you.

22 Mr. Meadors, any redirect?

23 MR. MEADORS: No, sir.

24 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down.

25 MR. MEADORS: May we ask the investigator be excused?

1 He's got a job to get to. I have him under subpoena, and  
2 he will be back this week.

3 MR. DEAS: No objection.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

5 MR. MEADORS: Thank you.

6 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

7 MR. DEAS: Thank you.

8 Your Honor, I think that two statements were given  
9 by ---

10 THE COURT: Burnish.

11 MR. DEAS: --- Mr. Canty to Mr. Burnish or Sergeant  
12 Burnish. I believe there was a letter that's also at  
13 issue.

14 MR. MEADORS: I think I can do this from our side  
15 relatively quickly.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MR. MEADORS: I call Robert Burnish.

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 (STATEMENT BY CANTY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 8  
20 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

21 (STATEMENT BY CANTY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 9  
22 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

23 COURT REPORTER: State's 8 for I.D. State's 9 I.D.

24 (ROBERT BURNISH RESUMES THE WITNESS STAND.)

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1 Q. Sergeant Burnish, we are on Mr. Canty's statements,  
2 and I'm going to show you first what's 8 for I.D. and 9 for  
3 I.D., and did you take these statements of Mr. Canty?  
4 Specifically, number 8?

5 A. Yes, sir. I did.

6 Q. What time of day is that?

7 A. The -- it ended at 4:55 p.m.

8 Q. And what day was it? I apologize.

9 A. January 13th.

10 Q. All right. Where was that taken?

11 A. This was taken at the Central Carolina Technical  
12 College, Shaw campus, on 4 -- 441.

13 Q. And who was there was?

14 A. It was myself and Lieutenant Tony Horton of the Sumter  
15 Sheriff's Office.

16 Q. Yourself and Tony Horton?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And at this point, was Mr. Canty under arrest?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. So, this was a voluntary statement?

21 A. That's correct. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And he signed it?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And was free to leave?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. It actually says: I'm free to walk away without saying  
2 anything, and I volunteer to give you this information.

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. For whatever purpose it may serve?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And he signed the bottom?

7 A. Yes, sir, he did.

8 Q. You signed at the bottom?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. You signed the bottom? Did you threaten or coerce  
11 him?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. Did he appear to understand you?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Did you promise him anything, hold out any hope of  
16 reward?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. And State's 9 later on that day at 6:00, was this also  
19 a voluntary statement?

20 A. Yes, sir, it is.

21 Q. And he agreed to talk to you?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Signed that it was voluntary?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. You signed it also?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Still appear to be sober?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Not under the influence of anything?

5 A. Yes, sir. In fact, we were still at the same location  
6 as the first one.

7 Q. Okay, and you, could you understand him?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Could he understand you, based on his answers to your  
10 questions?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And you didn't threaten or coerce him?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. Wasn't handcuffed, was he, because he ---

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. Now, the next involvement you had, I believe, was on  
17 January 17th, correct?

18 A. I believe so, yes.

19 Q. And is the individual who gave you those voluntary  
20 statements, State's 8 and 9, is that Mr. Canty with Mr.  
21 Deas?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And just for the, for the record, the first statement  
24 is:

25 Saw two people fighting, then heard gunfire.

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1           Looked like a rifle. Person with the rifle had a  
2           hoodie on, but he could not see the gentleman's  
3           face.

4       A.    That's correct.

5       Q.    The second -- 9, I believe -- January 13th at the  
6       Peach Orchard:

7           It was the same as above, but he had added he saw  
8           the victim fall down and the bad guy could be  
9           James or J-Boy because he had on a black hoodie  
10          with a gold dragon on the back, short pants with  
11          blue designs on the pockets, and the front of the  
12          hoodie looked like it zipped up. The guy had a  
13          black bandana over his face. Thinks it's got to  
14          be J-Boy. Saw him shoot the victim with a long  
15          rifle, then run. Heard more than one person's  
16          footsteps running away.

17       A.    Right. That's correct.

18       Q.    And then in the sequence, the next one was January 15,  
19       2008, but you weren't involved in that. The judge has  
20       already heard testimony about that, correct?

21       A.    That's correct.

22       Q.    Okay. Then we go to January 17th, and at this point  
23       he was -- he being Mr. Canty -- was under arrest for  
24       accessory, correct?

25       A.    That's correct.

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1 Q. All right, and is that where his mother came down with  
2 him?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And specifically I think we've heard testimony of an  
5 oral statement and a written statement, correct?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And I'll show you what's marked State's 4 for I.D. It  
8 has Mr. West and Mr. Canty and his mother, Dorothy Canty,  
9 and the Advice of Rights. Were you present for that?

10 A. I don't recall being present for this one.

11 Q. Okay, and on this January 17th statement then -- I  
12 call it the second part of January 17th, whatever, the  
13 written part. Were you there for that?

14 A. I do not recall being present for this one, no, sir.

15 Q. And January 25th was just Investigator West only, I  
16 believe, correct?

17 A. I believe so, yes, sir.

18 MR. MEADORS: Judge, that's all I have. There is  
19 another issue of a letter. I don't really plan on offering  
20 it. So, I don't...

21 MR. DEAS: If he doesn't plan on offering it, I ---

22 MR. MEADORS: I don't see any need. It's clearly not  
23 a statement that ---

24 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, I'd like to ask him about it  
25 because I believe ---



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1 MR. MEADORS: That's fine, but I just wanted to say  
2 I'm not going to go into it right now.

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 MR. MEADORS: That's all I have.

5 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

6 Mr. Deas.

7 MR. DEAS: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

8 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

9 Q. Sergeant Burnish, you met with Mr. Canty twice on  
10 January 13th. Is that accurate?

11 A. Yes. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And at the time, was he -- what was his status? Was  
13 he a suspect or a witness?

14 A. No, sir. He was just a witness since this incident  
15 occurred right in front of his house. We were talking to  
16 him to see if he had any further information he could help  
17 us in the case.

18 Q. And how -- what led you to talking to Mr. Canty?

19 A. Well, like I said, his, where his residence is  
20 located, we just wanted to talk to him to see if he had  
21 heard or seen anything that he was afraid to divulge in  
22 before. And that was my first dealing with Mr. Canty. So,  
23 I wanted to make sure I had a chance to talk to any  
24 witnesses.

25 Q. Now, so at that point, he was not Mirandized or read

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1 his rights, or he didn't sign a Waiver of Rights form?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. Was he -- did you talk to him at that point about him  
4 deriving some benefit from, from cooperating and giving a  
5 statement?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. Was he told at that point that he was -- that he could  
8 be arrested and charged in association with this crime?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. And this conversation took place at his home?

11 A. No, sir. This conversation took place at the, as I  
12 stated earlier, the Shaw campus of Central Carolina Tech.

13 Q. And who -- was he with his mother at the time?

14 A. His mother brought him there, yes.

15 Q. For both the statement that was given at 4:55 p.m. on  
16 January 13th and the one given at 6:00 p.m. on January  
17 13th?

18 A. That's correct. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Was there any -- what led to the second statement  
20 roughly about an hour after the first statement?

21 A. After giving the first statement, after I read it I  
22 asked him was there, was there anything in the, in the  
23 first statement that he was leaving out. And then he  
24 started to divulge some more information, which is notated  
25 in the second statement. So, that's why we asked him to

1 write a second statement.

2 Q. Okay. So, in the second statement, he just gives a  
3 little more detail than the first statement?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Now, he, he was again sixteen years of age when this  
6 was given?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. When the statement was given. I see on the first  
9 statement that was given on January 13th, on the actual  
10 statement it says that it was given on January 13, 2007.  
11 That would obviously have been a year before the incident  
12 happened. So, I assume that's just a typo?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. All right. Well, just an error?

15 A. Yes, sir. That would be an error, beginning of the  
16 year. Honestly, I didn't catch it before.

17 Q. Then the second statement indicates that whatever --  
18 what -- the statement he gave was given on January 13,  
19 2008?

20 A. That's correct. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Was there -- did at any point during your questioning  
22 of Mr. Canty did he say, did he ever indicate that he  
23 wanted to consult with an attorney?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. Were you aware of whether he had an attorney or even

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1 needed an attorney at that point?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. And at that, at that stage, he was not being developed  
4 as a suspect?

5 A. That's correct.

6 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence?

7 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

8 MR. WILDER: May it please the court?

9 THE COURT: He hasn't finished yet.

10 (A PAUSE.)

11 MR. DEAS: Nothing further.

12 THE COURT: All right, thank you.

13 Mr. Wilder.

14 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

15 Q. Mr. Burnish, did you receive a letter from Mr. Canty?

16 A. Yes, sir, I did.

17 Q. And do you have it with you today, or is it over here?

18 A. It's over there.

19 MR. MEADORS: I've got one right here.

20 Q. Is that a copy of it?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, please the court? I'd ask  
23 that the state produce the original so we can have it  
24 marked as a ---

25 THE COURT: Do you have a copy of it?

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1 MR. WILDER: --- as a court's exhibit.

2 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir.

3 MR. WILDER: Okay, thank you.

4 BY MR. WILDER:

5 Q. All right, now I'm going to show you a yellow piece of  
6 paper and ask you can you identify as being the letter you  
7 received?

8 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir, this is the original.

9 Q. All right.

10 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, I'd ask that this be marked  
11 as a court's exhibit for the purpose of this hearing.

12 THE COURT: All right, please mark it. This will be  
13 number 11 or 10?

14 COURT REPORTER: 7.

15 THE COURT: 7.

16 MR. MEADORS: Judge, could we also make this part of  
17 it, too?

18 THE COURT: The envelope?

19 (LETTER AND ENVELOPE MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS COURT'S  
20 EXHIBIT NUMBER 7.)

21 BY MR. WILDER:

22 Q. All right, Mr. Burnish, so in addition to receiving  
23 the statements that you witnessed and the statements that  
24 Mr. West witnessed, you also got a letter from Mr. Canty  
25 from jail, right?

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1 A. That's correct. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And that's now been marked as Court's Exhibit Number  
3 7, along with the envelope it came in, addressed to  
4 Sergeant Robert Burnish?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Okay, and I assume the postmark on it -- or is the  
7 postmark relatively accurate to your -- insofar as your  
8 memory of when you received it?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. So, in -- is that June of 2008, June 26th?

11 A. June 26th, yes, sir.

12 Q. Of 2008. All right, so in addition to the other  
13 statements received by Mr. Canty, this was also received by  
14 law enforcement?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And whatever, whatever it says?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. I guess you carefully read it?

19 A. I do. I did. I don't recall exactly what was in it  
20 at this point.

21 Q. Okay, and insofar as if you determined whether any  
22 other leads that developed out of there, do you remember if  
23 you arrested anybody else as result of ---

24 A. No.

25 Q. --- receiving that?

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1 A. No arrests were made as a result of that letter.

2 Q. Well, would it be fair to say that by the time you got  
3 that, he'd told so many stores, you didn't know if he was  
4 telling the truth or not?

5 A. It would be fair, yes, sir.

6 Q. Because his lips were moving, and any time his lips  
7 were moving, apparently he wasn't telling the truth, right?

8 A. It would be fair to say that there was quite a few  
9 stories said.

10 Q. Okay. So, we just didn't know if that was going to be  
11 reliable or not, right?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. Okay.

14 MR. WILDER: Now, let's see. I'll give this back to  
15 Mr. Deas. I have no other questions for Mr. Burnish.

16 THE COURT: Thank you.

17 Any redirect?

18 MR. MEADORS: Very briefly.

19 MR. DEAS: No questions.

20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

21 Q. Are you aware through the investigation that the names  
22 mentioned in this, some of the names mentioned in this  
23 letter are from the incident four days before that Deputy  
24 Griffin had investigated ---

25 A. I would have ---

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1 Q. --- as being involved?

2 A. To answer that question, I would have to look at it to  
3 refresh my memory. But the names that are in there, I, I  
4 don't recall what names are in there.

5 Q. And, and are you aware that Mr. Canty has denied  
6 making the statement through his attorney? That he's  
7 saying that Jackson made this statement, and he's denying  
8 even making the statement?

9 A. I don't recall that as being, that being ---

10 Q. That's a part of the record, one of motions, so I ---

11 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, out of an abundance of  
12 caution, I'm going to object to the form of the question  
13 because it is kind of leading.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MR. WILDER: To say are you aware.

16 MR. MEADORS: I apologize. It's late in the day, and  
17 I didn't mean to. I was just...

18 MR. WILDER: Normally I don't object to that during a  
19 suppression hearing, but...

20 BY MR. MEADORS:

21 Q. Following up on Mr. Wilder's questions, did you know  
22 that Mr. Canty has said he did not make this statement?

23 A. I don't recall being told that.

24 Q. You don't know that?

25 MR. MEADORS: That's all. Thank you.



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1 MR. WILDER: May I have one follow up?

2 THE COURT: You may. You may.

3 RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

4 Q. You don't have a statement from Mr. Canty that says he  
5 didn't make that?

6 A. No, sir. I do not.

7 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

8 THE COURT: All right, may step down.

9 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

10 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, in reply to Sergeant Burnish,  
11 we call Mr. Canty.

12 THE COURT: You may. Yes, sir, for the limited  
13 purposes of this hearing.

14 REGINALD R. CANTY, BEING DULY  
15 SWORN, TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

16 CLERK OF COURT: State your full name. Spell your  
17 last name for the record.

18 WITNESS: Reginald, Reginald Rashard Canty, C-A-N-T-Y.  
19 Reginald Rashard Canty, C-A-N-T-Y.

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

21 Q. Mr. Canty, you're going to need to speak up loudly and  
22 clearly so the court reporter can hear you, okay?

23 Mr. Canty, after you were arrested for this crime on  
24 January 17th of 2008, you were transported to the Sumter  
25 Lee Regional Detention Center. Is that correct?

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1 your handwriting on this letter?

2 A. That's my handwriting.

3 Q. And is this -- on the top of the letter, it has your  
4 name, Reggie Canty. Is that -- did you write that?

5 A. Yeah, that's my name.

6 Q. Why, why did Mr. Jackson mail the latter and not you?

7 A. I don't know.

8 Q. After you wrote this letter, did you give it to him?

9 A. Yeah, I give it to him.

10 Q. How were you able to give it to him in jail?

11 A. Because we were right next door to each other.

12 Q. So, y'all were next door to each other in the same  
13 pod?

14 A. In the same pod.

15 Q. Did you write this at his request?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And then you gave it to him?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Was it, was it on all the same yellow paper?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And you just, you -- what, did it have an envelope at  
22 the time?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. You just gave him the plain yellow sheet of paper with  
25 your writing on both sides?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Did you know who the letter was going to go to?

3 A. No, sir.

4 MR. DEAS: Thank you, sir. I have no further  
5 questions.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Meadors or ---

7 MR. WILDER: No questions.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Meadors.

9 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir. May it please the court?

10 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

11 Q. Mr. Canty, on your statement here, do you remember on  
12 the 13th of January talking with this fellow over here,  
13 Sergeant Burnish?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And, and that's your signature on State's 8 and  
16 State's 9, isn't it?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And you voluntarily gave him those statements?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, that's outside the scope of my  
21 examination of Mr. ---

22 THE COURT: It's still cross-examination. I'm going  
23 to let him.

24 MR. MEADORS: Judge, I think you still hadn't ruled on  
25 the voluntariness of the -- his statements.

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1 THE COURT: All right.

2 BY MR. MEADORS:

3 Q. So, those are your statement signatures there?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Okay, and during that time you gave that information  
6 to Sergeant Burnish, y'all just had a nice conversation? I  
7 mean, there wasn't any bad words going back and forth or  
8 anything?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. And do you remember, Mr. Canty, meeting and talking  
11 with Investigator West on the 15th of January, and I just  
12 to show you, if you don't mind. I'm showing you State's 3.  
13 That's your name down there?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And you've signed that?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Voluntarily signed it?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. All right. I mean, I mean, Investigator West didn't  
20 threaten or force you or anything to sign that, did he?

21 A. I mean, on the last statement, he did. Well, I don't  
22 want to call it a threat or whatever, but he did said that  
23 somebody else close to Deangelo Jackson in the other room  
24 said that they -- if they statement wasn't better than  
25 mine, or if it wasn't -- if their statement was better than

1 mine, that he would charge me with the alleged crime.

2 Q. Okay, but did he -- that's your statement -- I mean,  
3 your signature?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And he didn't make you sign that? I mean, you did it  
6 on your own free will?

7 A. I did.

8 Q. And up here, your initials there that I don't, I don't  
9 have to say anything because you weren't under arrest here  
10 -- he let you go here on the 15th?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. I've just got a few more questions. On the 17th, do  
13 you remember when your aunt brought you down, and then you  
14 and your mom talked with the investigator?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Investigator West, who isn't here, and is that your  
17 signature?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And is that your momma's signature?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And that's West's signature?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And all those were voluntary?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And did you sign each one of these after he read your

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1 rights here?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. I mean, did you actually put R.C. down there?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And do you understand what he was -- you understood  
6 what he was telling you?

7 A. Mostly, yes, sir.

8 Q. All right. Now, are you ---

9 A. At the time.

10 Q. Are you familiar with the Miranda rights?

11 A. I mean, I'm, I'm familiar with it, but at the time I  
12 didn't know anything about the law or anything to it.

13 Q. But you're familiar with Miranda rights?

14 A. I'm, I'm familiar with what he was saying about it  
15 but, but I didn't really know.

16 Q. And you -- but you -- and you signed here that you  
17 were familiar with them, right, and your momma was there?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And on the 25th, I think on the 25th, Reginald, Mr.  
20 Canty, that's your signature down here?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And those are your initials?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And this is a statement here. You remember when you  
25 crossed out that page so nobody else could put anything on

1 it, and did you sign those initials?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And did he tell you to do that so nobody else could go  
4 back and add anything?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And is that your R.C. up front and R.C. up there?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And that's the statement you gave? That's actually in  
9 your handwriting, isn't it?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Now, this letter, these weren't your words, though,  
12 were they?

13 A. Those, those are not my words.

14 Q. You just said those weren't your words.

15 A. Those are not my words.

16 Q. And what you mean by that is somebody was telling you  
17 to write -- put these words down?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And who was telling you to put those words down?

20 A. Mr. Jackson.

21 Q. Those are -- really aren't your words?

22 A. No, sir. That's my handwriting but not my words.

23 Q. And so he was giving you the words to say?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And you didn't mail it?

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1 A. No, sir.

2 MR. MEADORS: That's all. Thank you.

3 THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Wilder?

4 MR. WILDER: Yes, Your Honor.

5 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

6 Q. Reginald, when you first talked to Mr. West and Mr.  
7 Burnish over here, it was just you and your mother talking  
8 to them?

9 A. When I went up, yes. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Okay, and nobody was telling you what to say then,  
11 were they?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. Okay. So, whatever they wrote down on that day, those  
14 were your words, weren't they?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Okay, and on that day -- well, no, let's move forward  
17 then. In the, in the same pod. Which pod were you in with  
18 Mr. Jackson?

19 A. Bravo pod.

20 Q. Bravo pod, and in Bravo pod, y'all have separate  
21 cells, don't you?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. So, Mr. Canty wasn't even in the same -- you have to  
24 speak up now.

25 A. Yes.



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1 Q. For the court reporter so she can hear you.

2 THE COURT: She can't hear you.

3 Q. In Bravo pod, there's no way for you to even reach out  
4 and touch the person in the cell next to you, is there?

5 A. Yes. If the flaps are open, you can touch their  
6 hands.

7 Q. All right, but you have to kind of reach out, and the  
8 guards can see you do that?

9 A. We was in a back hall, so nobody couldn't see us.

10 Q. Okay, but in order for anybody to touch you, you'd  
11 have to put your hand outside the window, wouldn't you,  
12 outside the flap?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Okay. So, nobody, no way anybody could get at you if  
15 you didn't want to reach and touch them, is there?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. Okay. All right. So, when you say those aren't your  
18 words but it's your handwriting, you were writing them in  
19 your cell by yourself, weren't you?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Okay. So, what you're now trying to say is that  
22 somebody else gave you the information, right?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. But it's -- you wrote it?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. But when you wrote it, it was a voluntary thing you  
2 were writing, wasn't it, because nobody was there to make  
3 you?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. Nobody was there to make you, right?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. Okay, and you didn't have to give him the letter, did  
8 you? You could have given it to a C.O.

9 A. You're correct, I guess.

10 Q. Okay. Now, the time you first met the police  
11 officers, you weren't even in custody, were you?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. And so you weren't being charged with anything. They  
14 weren't threatening you in any way, were they?

15 A. No, not -- I wouldn't say threatening. Basically  
16 what, okay, well, what Dominick West said, told me that I  
17 was up there talk about why, why was my crime, that the  
18 sentence on my crime. Say that I would had, I would have,  
19 I would have gotten, like, thirty years, thirty to life.

20 Q. Thirty to life?

21 A. Thirty to life.

22 Q. And you heard him say that, and you decided you wanted  
23 to give a statement without a lawyer present, right?

24 A. At, at the time, I was sixteen years old. I didn't  
25 really know.

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1 Q. Okay. All right. So, because Dominick said that, you  
2 knew it was very serious, what you were doing, didn't you?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Okay, and -- but there was nobody that put the words  
5 in your mouth? You were telling them what you wanted to  
6 tell them, right?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Mr. West didn't tell you what to say, did he?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. And Mr. Burnish didn't tell you what to say?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Okay.

13 MR. WILDER: All right, thank you. No other  
14 questions.

15 MR. MEADORS: Can I do one follow up?

16 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

17 RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

18 Q. You testified those weren't your words. How did you  
19 get those words to put on there?

20 A. Said how did I get the words? You know what I'm  
21 saying? We was next, we was next door to each other. I  
22 was in 110, he was in 111, so we was able to touch each  
23 other. So, basically we were right beside each other.  
24 Like, I could hear him talking.

25 Q. So, you could hear?

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1 A. I could hear him.

2 Q. And I'm just trying to clarify. Did -- so, did he  
3 tell you what to write down?

4 A. No. He written down what he want me to write down.

5 Q. That's what I -- he, he wrote? So, he gave you  
6 something?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And did you copy it?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. So, they were his words that he gave you, and you  
11 copied what he wrote?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. So, your testimony is you had a document that  
14 Defendant Jackson had given you, and you copied it,  
15 correct?

16 A. Because I don't have it, the doc -- I don't have what  
17 he had wrote.

18 Q. I understand, but who was this supposed to go to?

19 A. I didn't, I didn't know where it was supposed to go.  
20 He told me to wrote it -- told me to write it.

21 Q. And you just did, did what he said yes?

22 A. Yes. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Why?

24 A. Scared.

25 MR. MEADORS: Thank you.

1 MR. DEAS: Nothing further, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: All right, thank you. You may step down.

3 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

4 THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Deas?

5 MR. DEAS: Nothing further, Your Honor. Not by way of  
6 testimony.

7 THE COURT: All right.

8 MR. MEADORS: Nothing further from the state.

9 THE COURT: Anything further?

10 MR. MEADORS: No, sir.

11 THE COURT: Does the state want to make a statement?

12 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, I think we've shown, first  
13 of all, the first two statements he was not in custody. I  
14 don't think there's respectfully an issue there. And first  
15 -- the third statement he wasn't in custody actually. I'm  
16 sorry if we wasted the court's the time even doing those.

17 January 17th and 25th I guess are what at issue. We  
18 have received testimony that he understood his rights. He  
19 wasn't under the influence. Wasn't threatened or coerced.  
20 That the officers understood him, and he appeared to  
21 understand them.

22 We've had his testimony. He says he wasn't forced to  
23 sign, and his mother was even present. So, Your Honor, we  
24 think we respectfully have shown those were freely and  
25 voluntarily given.

1 Judge, I'm not sure which statements, if any, we're  
2 going to offer. If it's needed to be done -- now of course  
3 there may be another issue if we just decide to offer one  
4 of them. I guess we will reach that. Obviously, we'll  
5 take that up *in camera*, but we won't do that without trying  
6 to bring it to the court's attention and these lawyers'  
7 attention. But as far as that matter, that's all we have.

8 As far as the letter, I mean, I'm certainly not going  
9 to offer a letter that he is denying he's, he's the real  
10 author of. So, I don't have anything else to say to that.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Deas.

12 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the  
13 court? Your Honor, just briefly, Your Honor, we're asking  
14 that certainly the letter be suppressed, given the fact  
15 that he's denied he actually composed it or came up with  
16 the content of it. And that he didn't even know who it was  
17 mailed it, and that it was mailed by actually Daniel  
18 Deangelo Jackson. So, I would, we would move to suppress  
19 that, that letter.

20 Also as to the other statements, we'd just indicate  
21 that the police questioned him on at least six other  
22 occasions. At the time, he was only sixteen years old, has  
23 a seventh grade education. Did not have any knowledge as  
24 to his Miranda rights. We would indicate that as a result,  
25 those statements are not voluntary and, therefore, should

1 be suppressed.

2 In particular, I would say that the oral statement on  
3 January 17th is somewhat duplicative of the January 17th  
4 written statement. So, it would be my position that to  
5 allow both into evidence would be somewhat self-serving and  
6 duplicative. So, we would ask that the oral statement be  
7 suppressed if the court is not inclined to suppress both  
8 the statements.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 Mr. Wilder, do you want to make...

11 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, we would at this point renew  
12 our motion for severance. Now the court has the statements  
13 in front of you, and you see what -- we've gone all the way  
14 from Mr. Jackson was not involved in it, he didn't do it,  
15 and then he started adding him in there a little bit. That  
16 he was present but didn't shoot a weapon. That later he  
17 says something else, and then he admits writing the  
18 statement in his own handwriting.

19 That statement is written in his own handwriting, and  
20 I believe that at a separate trial, if we were to go into  
21 any of those statements, that I would have a right to go  
22 into all of them to show that he changed them over time,  
23 and that he, he made different statements. And all that  
24 would go to the credibility of anything he said.

25 Remember what Investigator Burnish said? Basically

1 that he said so many different statements, he didn't know  
2 whether he was telling the truth at all. And only if  
3 you've got the benefit of knowing how many of those things  
4 were made and the different times would you be able to come  
5 to that conclusion.

6 If you just take a little piece of one, you might be  
7 inclined to give it some degree of credibility or no  
8 credibility. But at this juncture, to let any of them in I  
9 believe is prejudicial to my client.

10 And if you let any of them in, then we're back to the  
11 question of how you redact them. If any of them are  
12 redacted, I believe that it's still going to cast an  
13 inference because of the fact there are two defendants on  
14 trial. You're going to have him saying Mr. Blank did so  
15 and so. Mr. Blank did so and so, and all that kind of  
16 stuff. I, I would move that they be thoroughly redacted if  
17 you keep it, keep, keep any of them in.

18 But again, it all goes to the question of whether or  
19 not it's even fair to try these two guys together, and I,  
20 and I believe it's not.

21 So, I appreciate the court hearing my motions. I  
22 would move that you suppress all of them. And then if you  
23 do let any of them in, that they be thoroughly redacted,  
24 but I don't think that's going to protect us. So, I'll  
25 renew the motion for severance on the grounds of the



1 statements that have actually been presented now and the  
2 court has heard them all.

3 THE COURT: All right, let me rule on the  
4 admissibility first, and then I'll hear from you on the  
5 severance.

6 It's clear that these statements were made freely and  
7 voluntarily. I don't think there's -- even his own  
8 testimony states that.

9 He was not a suspect at that time that he gave the  
10 initial two. So, I find that all statements can through --  
11 can come in with the exception of, which you probably  
12 wouldn't use anyway, the written statement, the letter that  
13 he says he didn't really write. So, all the statements are  
14 admissible.

15 All right, as to the severance.

16 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir, and did -- well, you provided  
17 an argument for the -- back to the severance, I guess,  
18 since we're doing that motion now. Okay.

19 Judge, I don't think we're any different from where we  
20 were. There's mechanisms in place, another person --  
21 there's a way where, the best we can, try not to cast any  
22 light on the co-defendant.

23 You know, it is what it is, and I don't think it's  
24 fair to the state not to be able to present the testimony,  
25 with the exception of redacting any reference that Mr.

1 Canty makes to Mr. Jackson.

2 The other issue, Your Honor, which I guess we will  
3 have to decide, and I've got some case law I'll provide  
4 you. It may be -- and I don't know everybody else will be  
5 thinking about it. We might want to offer just one  
6 statement, and obviously we'd offer every statement  
7 contemporaneous with this. The issue then becomes if you  
8 offer that, do you have to offer all on top?

9 Again, I don't think you do. I've got some case law  
10 I'd ask Your Honor to consider respectfully. I obviously  
11 defer to Your Honor. That decision has to be made by  
12 Wednesday, I presume. I don't think we'll get to this  
13 tomorrow.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 MR. MEADORS: But, but that being said, I don't think  
16 there's any other way. Your Honor's ruled. We'd ask you  
17 to stay with that ruling.

18 Any statements that we do present, we'll have them  
19 fully redacted. We'll go over with the court *in camera*  
20 before we bring them out, and we'll make sure Mr. Jackson's  
21 name does not appear in Mr. Canty's statements unless he  
22 takes the stand. And then it's open game for everybody.

23 THE COURT: All right, I'm going to deny the motion  
24 for severance. Like I said, I don't think anything has  
25 changed from my earlier ruling. And then we'll see where

1 we are on redaction if any statements are proposed by the  
2 state.

3 MR. MEADORS: Thank you, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, I have one more motion.

6 THE COURT: All right, for somebody who's retiring,  
7 you must -- really, some motions that didn't get made in  
8 your lifetime that you want to make at the end?

9 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, I actually handed it up to  
10 the court earlier. It was a renewal, an expanded *Brady* and  
11 Rule 5 request, Your Honor. And it had several  
12 subparagraphs of things I was asking for specifically.  
13 And, Your Honor, I would rely on the written motion just  
14 like I filed it and served it on the state.

15 THE COURT: Is this the one?

16 MR. WILDER: That's the most recent one, but there's  
17 one I handed you ---

18 THE COURT: And let me -- the solicitor's office needs  
19 to update your date stamp because apparently somebody  
20 hasn't done it because it said that y'all received it on  
21 August 9, 2011, which is not until tomorrow.

22 MR. MEADORS: And I haven't received it yet, so that  
23 may, that may explain it.

24 MR. WILDER: Well, I actually did give it to them at  
25 8:30 this morning. The clerk's office was correct, Your

1 THE COURT: All right, court's adjourned until 10:00  
2 tomorrow morning.

3 MR. MEADORS: Thank you, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: All right, thank you.

5 (A PAUSE.)

6 THE COURT: Competency to stand trial coming in? Did  
7 y'all ---

8 MR. WILDER: I'm sorry, Judge?

9 THE COURT: Did y'all need for that come in?

10 MR. MEADORS: Court's exhibit.

11 THE COURT: Court's exhibit.

12 MR. WILDER: Court's exhibit, no problem with court's  
13 exhibit.

14 THE COURT: All right, thank you.

15 (WHEREUPON, THE CASE IS AT EASE.)

16 TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011

17 (COURT RESUMES AT 10:00 A.M.)

18 THE COURT: Let me see the attorneys up here just a  
19 second.

20 (OFF-THE-RECORD BENCH CONFERENCE.)

21 (JUROR NUMBER 159 ENTERS THE COURTROOM.)

22 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Wilson, it's my  
23 understanding that you work at Wal-Mart. Is that correct?

24 JUROR: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: And you assisted someone in the victim's

1 family last week when they were out there shopping or  
2 something like that?

3 JUROR: It was actually the day before.

4 THE COURT: The day before?

5 JUROR: Yes.

6 THE COURT: So, it would have been Sunday?

7 JUROR: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: And when you walked out, you said hello  
9 or?

10 JUROR: Yeah.

11 THE COURT: Would the fact that you had seen them the  
12 day before make it so that you couldn't be fair and  
13 impartial to the state or the defense in this case?

14 JUROR: No, sir.

15 THE COURT: Does the state have any questions that you  
16 would like for me to ask?

17 THE COURT: No, sir.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Deas, do you have any questions?

19 MR. DEAS: Yes. If you could ask him exactly when he  
20 had his interaction with the family member yesterday.

21 THE COURT: Okay. When did you have the interaction?

22 JUROR: Let's see. Today is ---

23 THE COURT: Tuesday.

24 JUROR: Tuesday. So, it would be on Sunday. I was  
25 putting up my freight, and I was asked a question, and I

1 answered it. You know, like a friendly way you would ---

2 CLERK OF COURT: Speak into the mic.

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 JUROR: You know, friendly way you would ask -- you  
5 would give a customer. That was it.

6 THE COURT: And then you saw somebody else, and you  
7 just said hi?

8 JUROR: Yes.

9 MR. DEAS: Does he know in particular who he spoke to  
10 on yesterday?

11 JUROR: Yes, sir.

12 MR. DEAS: And who was that?

13 JUROR: This young lady right here.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder.

15 MR. WILDER: No questions, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: All right. I find that the contact was  
17 inconsequential. It was just a greeting, and I'm going to  
18 -- and I will tell you later you're not to have any  
19 contact with anyone. But I can see how at a small  
20 courthouse things like that happen. All right.

21 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, just for the record, I would  
22 ask that he be replaced with an alternate.

23 MR. MEADORS: Could we do that out of his presence,  
24 any motions they have?

25 THE COURT: All right.

1 MR. MEADORS: We'd ask that he stay, but if we could  
2 do it out of his presence.

3 THE COURT: All right, if you could step back here.

4 JUROR: Okay.

5 (JUROR EXITS THE COURTROOM.)

6 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Deas.

7 MR. DEAS: Yes, sir. Although his contact sir was  
8 relatively uneventful, the fact that he did have contact  
9 with a family member after the jury panel was impaneled I  
10 would say ---

11 THE COURT: Well, they haven't been really impaneled.  
12 They've been selected, but they've not been sworn.

13 MR. DEAS: Right. My position would be is to err on  
14 the side of caution is have him replaced by, by an  
15 alternate.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder.

17 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, up until the point where Mr.  
18 Deas objected in his presence, I was kind of okay with not  
19 having a dog in the fight. But the two things I have  
20 concern about, then we got into Mr. Meadors trying to get  
21 him out of the room. So, that seemed to me to be the wrong  
22 way to -- but then also while he was standing there, the  
23 two clients were brought into the courtroom from the lockup  
24 area. So, I was little bit concerned about that, too, with  
25 him witnessing it.

1 THE COURT: Well, I can imagine it would not surprise  
2 the jurors if the defendants in this case were locked up.

3 MR. WILDER: And, and so again I was just kind of  
4 uneasy but not wanting to say anything. But now that we've  
5 got -- Mr. Deas made the motion in the presence of the  
6 juror, I think we'd better excuse him because he might hold  
7 that against Mr. Deas since it's obvious to him Mr. Deas is  
8 the one who wants him gone.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Meadors.

10 MR. MEADORS: Judge, I didn't know I did anything. I  
11 was really trying to say let's do this in front of you. I  
12 don't think what Mr. Deas -- anyway, that is what it is,  
13 Judge.

14 We -- he said he could be fair and impartial. That it  
15 was an inadvertent contact. I don't -- he doesn't know  
16 them. He just happened to see them in Wal-Mart. Saw them  
17 the other day and said hey. They hadn't been introduced.  
18 He said he could be fair and impartial. I don't know what  
19 else to say. We'd ask that he remain, but whatever Your  
20 Honor does.

21 THE COURT: I think this is serious charges. Both of  
22 them have the potential for life imprisonment. I am going  
23 to err on the side of caution, and I am going to relieve  
24 him.

25 If you can have a randomly drawing -- I mean, that's



1 why we have two. Let my court reporter draw two. We're  
2 randomly drawing.

3 All right, juror number 145, Lakeishia Stubbs, will be  
4 the next juror in this case. If you can excuse him, and he  
5 needs to be back at?

6 CLERK OF COURT: Call that number.

7 THE COURT: Call that number.

8 (A PAUSE.)

9 THE COURT: Anything before we bring the jury in?

10 MR. WILDER: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder.

12 Hold on. Hold on.

13 MR. WILDER: I'd like to make a motion to sequester  
14 the witnesses on both sides. And the reason is multiple  
15 statements have been given by witnesses, some of which  
16 there have been no, no notation of what they're going to  
17 say provided to us. So, we have no way of checking to see  
18 if their testimony may have changed from what was given to  
19 the state initially and what, what they are now. And many  
20 of these statements are inconsistent. So, the ability to  
21 impeach with those statements that were given may be  
22 impeded. So, I would ask that witnesses be sequestered.

23 I guess I'm not including the investigator, chief  
24 investigator, but the remainder of the witnesses I would  
25 maybe sequester.

1 MR. MEADORS: No, sir.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Deas, any objection for Mr. Canty?

3 MR. DEAS: No, objection.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder, any objection for Mr. Jackson?

5 MR. WILDER: None, Your Honor. Thank you.

6 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, ladies and  
7 gentlemen. We will now begin the trial of this case.

8 Mr. Meadors.

9 MR. MEADORS: May it please the court?

10 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

11 MR. MEADORS: William Flexon. William Flexon is dead.

12 William Bill Flexon is dead. He was gunned down, gunned

13 down on January 12, 2008, in an abandoned trailer, lot

14 number , on Cherryvale Road here in Sumter County while he

15 was delivering a pizza, while he was delivering a pizza.

16 That's what this case is about: the murder of William Bill

17 Flexon as he was delivering a pizza.

18 Ladies and gentlemen, my name is John Meadors. I'm an  
19 assistant solicitor here in the Third Judicial Circuit.

20 And I have the pleasure and the honor of working for

21 Solicitor Chip Finney, Ernest Finney, III. I'm sitting

22 here with Sergeant Burnish, Investigator Mims, Investigator

23 Miller, and the Flexon family. I represent the State of

24 South Carolina, the people of Sumter, and the family of

25 Bill Flexon. And I've here today representing the state,

1 the people, against defendants Daniel Jackson, represented  
2 by Mr. Wilder, and Reginald Canty, represented by Mr. Deas.

3 First, very briefly I want to thank you for being  
4 here, and thank you for the attention I know you will give.  
5 As Your Honor said, this is opening statements, and we're  
6 allowed to give you what we believe the evidence will show.  
7 I'll be relatively brief, but I want to start out talking  
8 about a couple of things that are foundations. They're  
9 important, and I bring them up.

10 First is the presumption of innocence. These two  
11 defendants sit there presumed innocent, presumed innocent.  
12 It's got a cloak of innocence around them, and they are  
13 presumed innocent and that cloak stays with them. Remember  
14 the cloak. The cloak stays with them unless and until,  
15 unless and until the state proves them guilty beyond a  
16 reasonable doubt. That's our burden. You've all heard  
17 beyond a reasonable doubt. Not beyond all doubt. Beyond a  
18 doubt that makes reasonable folks hesitate to act.

19 What are they charged with? Y'all all know. You can  
20 say it as good as I can: murder. Murder is the  
21 intentional, unlawful killing of another human, living,  
22 breathing being -- Bill -- with malice aforethought.

23 What is malice aforethought? Malice is meanness, an  
24 evilness, a wickedness, a spitefulness one person shows to  
25 the other. I think in this case, the evidence will show

1 mean was the right word. Meanness, evilness, wickedness.

2 Malice can be expressed. Someone can say I'm going to  
3 kill you. It's also permissible under certain  
4 circumstances, and I believe the evidence will show in this  
5 case, to infer or imply malice by the use of a deadly  
6 weapon. In this case weapons.

7 Unlawful killing of another person with malice  
8 aforethought. Now, malice is a term, aforethought is a  
9 term of art. You don't have to plan something you. You  
10 don't have to say I'm going to get up and kill this pizza  
11 guy today. I'm going to kill him five minutes before.  
12 Aforethought, it can exist in the instant it happens. It's  
13 a term of art, pulling of the trigger. Malice  
14 aforethought.

15 And we must prove that William Bill Flexon died as a  
16 proximate result of the injuries. In this case, being shot  
17 with two firearms: a 30-30 rifle and another firearm which  
18 may be some type of revolver. We'll hear from the expert.  
19 Two bullets from different guns came from his body.

20 What's the other charge?

21 And as a final to murder, we'll have to prove that he  
22 died as a proximate result of those gunshots. We'll bring  
23 a pathologist in to present that evidence to you.

24 Armed robbery: you take the goods of someone else  
25 without permission by means of force or intimidation while

1 you're armed with a deadly weapon. In this case, the goods  
2 of Bill Flexon and Sambino's Pizza, pizza. Murder and  
3 armed robbery.

4 Now, you're going to hear different types of evidence  
5 in this case, ladies and gentlemen. Just very briefly,  
6 there's direct evidence. That's what somebody sees, hears,  
7 smells, touches. They gather with their senses. They come  
8 in here and tell y'all I saw this, I heard this.

9 Circumstantial evidence, as the judge will charge you,  
10 is testimony as to a fact or facts which taken together  
11 leads to the conclusion of another fact. It snowed. Of  
12 course it didn't. This weather, we wish it did, but if it  
13 snowed last night, you didn't see it. You got out and saw  
14 snow on the ground, well, it snowed. Anybody can see it.  
15 There will be examples of circumstantial evidence in this  
16 case.

17 Documentary evidence, documents we may or may not put  
18 in. Video that you may see, different types of evidence.

19 Credibility in this case will be an issue, as it is in  
20 all cases, credibility and believability. Your common  
21 sense stayed with you when you came in this courtroom.  
22 Evaluate, evaluate the witnesses and the testimony you hear  
23 because this is the only testimony you can consider are  
24 exhibits and testimony that came from this stand. Use your  
25 common sense in deciding what the truth -- what's

1 believable.

2 What happened? We believe the evidence will show that  
3 January 12, 2008, we're at Sambino's. We're going to take  
4 you to Sambino's, Sambino's, Sambino's on 441 Peach Orchard  
5 Road. Tanya Knudson owns the place. She's going to be the  
6 first witness, along with her husband, Rodney.

7 She gets a phone call approximately 8:06. Three large  
8 pizzas were ordered. She's going to tell you what kind of  
9 pizzas. She's going to tell you who she heard on the other  
10 end of the phone. Says it sounded like a male. They order  
11 three pizzas. She asked them where they were, where they  
12 were calling from, as she does. Said I'm calling from a  
13 pay phone, calling from a pay phone. Where is it? It's  
14 lot number , O.C. Mobile Home Park in Cherryvale, lot  
15 number , O.C. Mobile Home Park. She takes the order.

16 Bill Flexon, the evidence will show, this is the last  
17 delivery, last delivery. Wasn't even going to take this,  
18 but decided he would take it along with another one. And  
19 you'll see on the pad where it's scratched out, and then  
20 Bill's name put it. It was Al scratched out, and then  
21 Bill.

22 He's leaving to take the order. Jennifer Griffin,  
23 who's now Jennifer Thomas, who works for the Sumter County  
24 Sheriff's Department, was eating in Sambino's, eating in  
25 Sambino's and sees Bill Flexon leave with three pizzas.

1 Short while later, Jennifer Griffin, now Thomas, gets a  
2 call: shots fired Cherryvale.

3 She leaves, the evidence will show, and she goes down  
4 to lot number O.C. Mobile Home Trailer Park, and she sees  
5 the body of Bill Flexon lying dead on the ground. That's  
6 what evidence will show.

7 She, Ms. Knudson, heads down there when she gets the  
8 call back that it's her delivery carrier. She comes down,  
9 comes in contact with Sergeant Burnish. Informs them that  
10 she had gotten a call from a pay phone.

11 They go down to Cherryvale Grocery, law enforcement.  
12 They go in and talk to a fellow named Eugene Mackovitch.  
13 He said, well, about this time, we believe the evidence  
14 will show two young men came in here. Describes them.  
15 They get the video the next day. A guy named John Baldwin  
16 is going to come in here some time today and tell you how  
17 he downloaded the video.

18 They look at the video with Mr. Mackovitch, Mr.  
19 Baldwin and law enforcement, and one of the employees  
20 identifies one of the persons who came in there and went  
21 outside the store is Daniel Jackson sitting over there. At  
22 some point, the other individual, the evidence will show,  
23 is identified as Mr. Canty.

24 Law enforcement has the video. They gather -- you'll  
25 hear from a Raymond Mackessy. He's now retired, but he's

1 coming back to testify about the evidence he gathered at  
2 the scene, the pizza boxes, and where they were gathered  
3 around and where they were located in relation to lot  
4 number , O.C. Mobile Home Trailer Park.

5 January 13th, law enforcement talks to Mr. Canty. Mr.  
6 Canty gives approximately five statements to law  
7 enforcement. The first two, the evidence will show, denies  
8 any knowledge of it. We get into the next series of  
9 statements -- three, four, and five -- and you'll hear it  
10 in detail. Mr. Canty says I was there. Then says another  
11 person asked me do I want to rob the pizza man. Yes. I  
12 was with another person when it happened. Another person  
13 did it. Give a series of five statements, so we're going  
14 to put it up here and show for you to evaluate this.

15 Law enforcement is working. They've identified two  
16 individuals, time frame, taken a statement from Mr. Canty.  
17 At some point in the investigation the next few days -- and  
18 I'll have this lined up for you to look at them at the end  
19 -- law enforcement goes to a lady named Andrea Russell's  
20 house, the evidence will show, in Summerton.

21 Ms. Russell is the aunt of Deangelo Jackson. She  
22 consents to letting law enforcement come in. Mr. Jackson,  
23 we would show, was there but fled when the police came.  
24 When the police leave, Mr. Jackson, we believe the evidence  
25 will show, comes back.



1           The evidence will show that Ms. Russell then called  
2 law enforcement. Ms. Russell called law enforcement and  
3 said after you left, I found a rifle under my futon and  
4 it's not mine. Y'all come get it.

5           They did. Investigator Kipp Coker from Clarendon  
6 Sheriff's Department, along with one of these officers of  
7 one of these other officers, Investigator Hammett, went to  
8 Ms. Russell's house and got the gun. Gave it over to  
9 Sergeant Burnish, along with some other bullets that she  
10 gave over to them that she said, the evidence will show,  
11 weren't hers. And she'll tell you whose they were.

12           Law enforcement also goes to Mr. Canty's house and  
13 finds a shelling case under his bed. And then later on,  
14 Ms. Russell calls back and says I found another shell  
15 casing. I found another shell casing. And listen to her  
16 testimony where she said she found it. She turns that over  
17 to law enforcement.

18           Excuse me, family. Homicide cases, pathologist gets  
19 involved, have to do an autopsy. Get two bullets out.  
20 Evidence will show one came from a rifle, one came from a  
21 handgun. Evidence will show through testimony, SLED  
22 agents, pathologist, specifically SLED agents who took the  
23 projectile, took the shell casings from Mr. Canty and the  
24 shell casing from Mr. Jackson, and they said they came from  
25 that rifle. And they're going to be able to say that one

1 of the bullets from the body of Bill Flexon was fired by  
2 the rifle. That's what the evidence will show.

3 Ladies and gentlemen, both individuals were arrested.  
4 Mr. Jackson was arrested. As you will hear the testimony,  
5 officers will go over his Miranda rights. Read him his  
6 rights, and the testimony will be he said two things. When  
7 y'all came to my aunt's house, I took off. And the second  
8 question. After being served with a warrant for murder and  
9 armed robbery, his question to law enforcement was how ---

10 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, I'd like to interpose an  
11 objection at this point on grounds previously raised.

12 THE COURT: All right, overruled. This is opening  
13 statement.

14 MR. MEADORS: After being served with the murder and  
15 armed robbery warrants, he looked at the law enforcement  
16 there, and you'll hear from them, and he said how can you  
17 charge me with armed robbery if I didn't take anything from  
18 the pizza man?

19 Ladies and gentlemen, all I ask you is to listen. Use  
20 your common sense. We're going to take you through this  
21 investigation, take you through Mr. Canty's statement, take  
22 you through Mr. Jackson's statement, show you the  
23 investigation, offer a video. We're going to go through  
24 and show you this investigation and present the evidence to  
25 you. And all we can ask is just listen. Be fair to both

1 sides.

2 We all have our roles here, and I'm about through.  
3 His Honor is the judge of the law. He is the law; there's  
4 no question about that. What he says governs this. This  
5 is his courtroom. He is the law.

6 We all have roles here, Mr. Wilder, Mr. Deas, myself.  
7 But in all due respect to these gentlemen and to the judge,  
8 I've always thought, and I do think y'all have to most  
9 important role of all. You are the judge of the facts;  
10 you're a judge, too. You're the judge of the facts.  
11 Listen to them. Evaluate them. Decide what the truth is,  
12 and at the end of the trial, His Honor is going charge you  
13 on the law.

14 And Your Honor's right. This is an important case.  
15 This is an important case. It's as important a case as is  
16 tried in this country this year, today, this week. You'll  
17 take the law he gives and apply it to the facts, and you'll  
18 come back with a verdict.

19 And the word verdict is beautiful. It means to speak  
20 the truth: veredicto, to speak the truth. And all any of  
21 us can ask is that you speak the truth. And at the end,  
22 I'm going to respectfully, respectfully ask you to come  
23 back with a verdict that said that on January 12, 2008,  
24 Bill Flexon was gunned down for no reason at all. And I'm  
25 going to ask you to convict both defendants. Thank you.

1 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Meadors.

2 Mr. Deas and Mr. Wilder.

3 MR. DEAS: Thank you. May it please the court?

4 THE COURT: The court is pleased.

5 MR. DEAS: Mr. Foreman, ladies and gentlemen of the  
6 jury, Mr. Meadors, my name is Garryl Deas. I practice law  
7 here in Sumter. Born and raised here in Sumter, and I  
8 represent the defendant Mr. Reginald Canty. Mr. Canty is  
9 seated here to my immediate left.

10 At the time of this incident back on January 12, 2008,  
11 he was sixteen years old, living with his mother in  
12 Cherryvale Mobile Home Park.

13 One thing I agree with my colleague, Mr. Meadors, is  
14 that this case is about Mr. William Flexon and his family,  
15 and I want to first say that there is -- what they've  
16 experienced is a tragedy that none of us would hope to  
17 experience or encounter. My heart goes out to them. My  
18 heart and prayers are with their deceased loved one, Mr.  
19 Flexon. If you have red blood running through your veins,  
20 if you have a beating heart, there is no way you cannot  
21 feel for this family and the tragedy they've experienced.

22 But, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you that one  
23 thing my father used to tell me years ago before he passed  
24 away during my first year of law school is that, he used to  
25 always tell me son, two wrongs don't make a right. And how

1 true that rings in this particular situation because if  
2 indeed, ladies and gentlemen, after such a tragic  
3 experience encountered by this family, endured by this  
4 family, and we have the two wrong individuals on trial for  
5 what occurred to Mr. Flexon, that is also a wrong. And  
6 that is also tragic.

7 I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that throughout  
8 this week you're going to hear evidence, and you're going  
9 to hear testimony. You're going to see videotapes, and  
10 you're going to hear from the lawyers. And when it's all  
11 said and done, in the end you, as the jurors in this case,  
12 it's your responsibility to ultimately judge the facts and  
13 to help us in this quest to find the truth of what really  
14 happened back on January 12, 2008.

15 It's easy to conclude that because you have two  
16 defendants sitting at the defense table, and because you  
17 have the state attempting to establish their guilt by  
18 producing evidence, and establishing their guilt beyond a  
19 reasonable doubt, it's easy to become a part of the rush to  
20 judgment and say that they're sitting at that defense  
21 table, they must have done it.

22 I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that both Mr.  
23 Canty and Mr. Jackson walked into this courtroom cloaked in  
24 innocence. That's not because I say so, but because of our  
25 rule of law, a defendant is innocent until he is proven

1 guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by the state. The  
2 obligation to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable  
3 doubt rests with this state from the beginning of this  
4 process to the conclusion of it. If the state fails to  
5 meet that burden and prove the defendant's guilt on each  
6 and every element of each crime that they are charged with,  
7 if they fail to do -- meet that burden, ladies and  
8 gentlemen, it's your obligation to return a verdict of not  
9 guilty. It is also equally your obligation if they do meet  
10 that burden to return a verdict of guilty.

11 What I ask you to do, ladies and gentlemen, don't be  
12 part of the rush to judgement. Simply sit back, listen,  
13 watch, and base your judgment not on preconceived notions  
14 of disposition. Base it on the evidence and testimony  
15 you'll hear in this courtroom this week.

16 I, myself, have been guilty of sometimes making a rush  
17 to judgment. I'm going to tell you a little story very  
18 quick. I have two daughters. One's eleven, one's eight.  
19 My eleven-year-old daughter takes after my wife: she's  
20 sweet, kind, pretty, very angelic spirit. You know, just  
21 the apple of my eye. My youngest daughter takes after me.  
22 She looks like me. She probably won't like that when she  
23 gets older, but she sort of has my attitude. She is also  
24 sweet and angelic, but she's a little more mischievous than  
25 my older daughter.

1           My older daughter almost never gets into trouble. One  
2 of the things that she did recently to get in trouble is I  
3 usually bring to court a calculator. I usually keep it in  
4 that little black bag over there, and she had a tendency to  
5 want to take it, take it and use it at school. And right  
6 before school ended she had a test, and I knew, I thought  
7 for sure she had taken my calendar because she had done it  
8 in the past.

9           And so when I got home -- I had been in court, and I  
10 was going through my bag looking for that calculator.  
11 Couldn't find it. And I'd already said to myself I know  
12 she took it because she's done it before. So, I got home.  
13 I was mad and upset with her, and I said you took my  
14 calculator to school, didn't you, for that test you had.  
15 And she said no, Daddy. I didn't take it. I said yes, you  
16 did because I've looked in my bag and I can't find it. She  
17 said I'll tell you, Daddy. I promise you I did not take  
18 it.

19           Despite her pleas of innocence, I punished her. Took  
20 away the T.V. and wii and sent her to her room, put her on  
21 restriction for a week.

22           One day about a week later, I'm in court again and I'm  
23 going through that same black bag, and I look inside one of  
24 the pockets in there that I didn't look in before, and  
25 there was the calculator. I said to myself I'm guilty of

1 the very thing that often times I'm encouraging and  
2 imploring jurors not to do is to make a rush to judgment.

3 So, I come home. Say to myself now how do I  
4 apologize? How do I make amends for accusing my daughter  
5 of doing something she didn't? All I could do was  
6 basically bow my head to her and to tell her Daddy's sorry.  
7 And in her true sweet and angelic way, she said that's  
8 okay, Daddy. I know you've got a lot on you. You don't --  
9 you didn't mean it, and I'm going to be okay.

10 It was easy to rectify that situation. All I had to  
11 do was tell her I'm sorry. But once you make a rush to  
12 judgement in a court of law, it's not easy to undo the  
13 wrong. And that's why it's important, ladies and  
14 gentlemen, that you base your verdict on the evidence. On  
15 what you hear, what you see from witnesses, and when you  
16 review the evidence, whether it's documentation or any  
17 other form of evidence.

18 Now, on the day of this incident, and Mr. Meadors  
19 already alluded to this, it is true that my client, Mr.  
20 Canty, and Mr. Jackson went to the mobile -- went to  
21 Cherryvale Grocery. It is true that my client was with Mr.  
22 Jackson on that day at the Cherryvale Grocery near this  
23 mobile home park.

24 But once this actual shooting occurred, I submit to  
25 you, ladies and gentlemen, that the evidence will establish



1 that Mr. Canty was not within proximity of Mr. Flexon. He  
2 did not at any point physically have contact or engage Mr.  
3 Flexon.

4 The state is going to attempt to establish that my  
5 client, under a theory of accomplice liability -- under the  
6 hand of one, hand of all theory -- regardless of whether he  
7 was actually at any point had any contact with Mr. Flexon,  
8 regardless of whether he actually pulled the trigger on one  
9 of these weapons, that simply because he was with the  
10 parties that may have done, and simply because he was with  
11 Mr. Jackson at the Cherryvale Grocery Store, and simply  
12 because he was in the vicinity when Mr. Flexon was shot and  
13 killed, that his mere presence in the vicinity leads to a  
14 conclusion that he was a participant in this heinous crime.

15 I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that merely  
16 being present or in proximity to an act, to a crime does  
17 not mean you are responsible or guilty of it. I submit to  
18 you, ladies and gentlemen, that when you hear the evidence,  
19 when you have heard all the testimony, you will conclude as  
20 I do that Mr. Canty, although he went to the store with Mr.  
21 Jackson -- the same store the phone call was made to order  
22 pizza -- he was not in any shape, form, or fashion in close  
23 proximity. Or he did not -- and he not have any actual  
24 contact. He did not actually engage Mr. Flexon at any  
25 point at the time Mr. Flexon was shot and killed. He was

1 in the proximity. He was near enough to what happened to  
2 see, but he did not participate in this, in the carrying  
3 out of this crime.

4 And that's what state has to establish beyond a  
5 reasonable doubt. Not that just he was there or that he  
6 was close by, or that he rode to the store with Mr. Jackson  
7 and back to the mobile home park. They're going to have to  
8 prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Canty is guilty of  
9 murder, which means they must prove that Mr. Canty  
10 intentionally killed William Flexon with malice  
11 aforethought.

12 And what that means by malice, what, what is meant by  
13 malice aforethought is that he did so, he committed this  
14 intentional killing knowing it was wrong, without any just,  
15 legal cause. That he intended to kill Mr. Flexon. That  
16 his intentional act was the proximate cause of Mr. Flexon's  
17 death, and that he did so without any just, legal cause.  
18 That's what has to be proven by the state beyond, beyond a  
19 reasonable doubt for you to conclude that Mr. Canty is  
20 guilty of murder.

21 Likewise, in order to establish his guilt beyond a  
22 reasonable doubt as to the charge of armed robbery, the  
23 state has to prove that Mr. Canty took property from Mr.  
24 Flexon. And that he did, he took this property directly  
25 from Mr. Flexon or his immediate presence, and that he did

1 so through the use of some form of violence or  
2 intimidation. And that he did so through the use of a  
3 deadly weapon, or some form of weapon when it, when it  
4 occurred.

5 I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that can't  
6 happen if you're just merely near the individual or in  
7 close proximity to the individual that's being victimized.  
8 Mere presence, merely being in close proximity to a crime  
9 does not make you guilty of the crime.

10 Now, as Mr. Meadors talked about previously, everyone  
11 here has a role. His Honor, he's the judge of the law. At  
12 the appropriate time, he will instruct you on the specifics  
13 of the laws that will be applied to the facts of this case  
14 so that you can render a verdict. What I say, what Mr.  
15 Meadors says, what Mr. Wilder, what he will say, it's our,  
16 it's our role as the lawyers to project and convey to you  
17 your position as to our particular defendants that we  
18 represent. For Mr. Meadors, it's his job, it's his  
19 responsibility to present the position of the state. What  
20 we say isn't evidence; it's just our theories, our  
21 philosophies, our positions as to how the facts and how the  
22 events of January 12, 2008, appear to us.

23 But what you will base your decision on is what His  
24 Honor tells you when he instructs you on the law, and what  
25 you hear from this witness stand, and what you see in this

1 courtroom by way of evidence.

2 All I ask you to do is don't do what I did and make a  
3 rush to judgment when I accused my daughter of taking my  
4 calculator. All I ask you to do is simply withhold making  
5 any judgment, withhold forming any opinion, withhold  
6 forming any views until you've heard it all and seen it  
7 all.

8 Now, the one part of this case that I'm sure will come  
9 up, and in actuality it already has, is that my client, Mr.  
10 Canty, gave some, gave statements. And actually when this  
11 incident occurred, his mother is the person that told the  
12 police that she thinks her son either saw or heard  
13 something. That's how law enforcement initially began to  
14 develop Mr. Canty as a witness or a suspect in this case:  
15 because Mr. Canty's mother told them that he had come home,  
16 or he had come back in the house and told her that he had  
17 saw, he either saw or heard something. From that, the  
18 police began to question him.

19 And they began to question him on January 13, 2008,  
20 the day after the incident. Mr. Canty is sixteen years of  
21 age. He had no lawyer. His mother was present, and he  
22 initially did what a lot of young children do when they may  
23 have seen something or heard something and it may have  
24 involved people they know. The first instinct is to  
25 pretend you don't know anything; the first instinct is to

1 basically act clueless. When you're sixteen years of age  
2 and you see something like this, not hard to understand why  
3 initially he pretended to be clueless.

4 In the world he grows up -- he grew up in that area of  
5 town, unfortunately guns and acts of violence are nothing  
6 out of the ordinary. Guns are more plentiful than  
7 basketball goals or baseball gloves or baseball bats. In  
8 his neighborhood, when you see somebody do something you  
9 know they shouldn't, mum's the word. You don't tell  
10 anybody. You don't rat out your friends. In his world  
11 where he grew up, snitches are the scum of the earth. You  
12 don't tell on their friends.

13 So, initially when he was approached by the police at  
14 sixteen years of age about what he saw on January 12, 2008,  
15 of course he was reluctant to talk about what he saw.

16 That's the explanation, ladies and gentlemen, for why  
17 his initial statements were vague: being he was trying to  
18 be loyal to the neighborhood and his friends. He wasn't  
19 necessarily trying to protect himself, ladies and  
20 gentlemen, because he was not in close proximity to Mr.  
21 Flexon when Mr. Flexon was shot and killed. He was trying  
22 to look out for the ones that were involved.

23 Is that wrong? Yes. Does that make him guilty of  
24 murder, I submit to you, or armed robbery? I submit to  
25 you, ladies and gentlemen, no, it doesn't. At sixteen

1 years of age, he did what his instincts told him, and  
2 that's to play it clueless.

3 Now, as the time went on, after he went from January  
4 of 2008 to May of 2008 and no lawyer, no legal counsel  
5 whatsoever, and after giving almost, as Mr. Meadors alluded  
6 to, four or five additional statements, he ultimately gave  
7 more detail each time he gave a statement. His statements  
8 weren't completely in discord with one another. It's just  
9 that each one, he finally became more willing to give full  
10 details. And ultimately when he finally gave his last  
11 statement -- which was on January 25, 2008 -- after having  
12 statements taken from him January 13th twice, January 15th,  
13 January 17th, on January 25th he finally gave a statement  
14 that gave the full details of what happened. Because he  
15 ultimately realized at sixteen years of age, without the  
16 benefit of a lawyer, that if he was going to do right, he  
17 had to tell the truth. And that's what he did on January  
18 25, 2008, when he gave that final statement.

19 Now, is the fact that he gave multiple statements,  
20 some of which were vague and the last that were more  
21 detailed, does that mean he can't be believed? Does that  
22 mean he really participated in the shooting and senseless  
23 the killing of Mr. Flexon? I submit to you no, it doesn't.  
24 What it does mean is he made a mistake. The mistake he  
25 made was that he should have just told the full truth right

1 from the beginning. But he didn't because he relied on  
2 what his instincts told him, which were to play clueless  
3 and don't tell anybody, and maybe this will all go away.

4 It's not, but we know it's not going to go away in  
5 that fashion. That's the mistake Mr. Canty made at sixteen  
6 years of age after seeing such a tragic and heinous event  
7 take place. He waited a few weeks before he told the full  
8 truth.

9 Now, what I'm going to ask you to do, ladies and  
10 gentlemen, is what I alluded to earlier. When you hear the  
11 full facts in this courtroom this week, and only until you  
12 hear the full facts in this courtroom this week, and when  
13 you go back into your deliberation room to begin to discuss  
14 the verdicts you're going to render in this case, think  
15 about what I just said regarding Mr. Canty. And whether or  
16 not riding to the store with Mr. Jackson, his friend,  
17 riding back to O.C. Mobile Home Park with his friend, Mr.  
18 Jackson, and seeing these events take place, and then not  
19 being directly and fully honest about it with the police  
20 initially, whether those things add up to guilt of murder  
21 and armed robbery, or if it has to be established. And if  
22 you heard enough evidence in this courtroom this week to  
23 establish that he participated in the carrying out of the  
24 senseless and heinous shooting of Mr. Flexon. Whether or  
25 not or not he truly participated in that act, and whether

1 or not he was, he actively participated in the armed  
2 robbery of Mr. Flexon. Not that he was just there, not  
3 that just he was in the near vicinity, not just that he saw  
4 it, but whether or not he truly actively participated. And  
5 if you conclude, ladies and gentlemen, the state has failed  
6 its burden to establish that beyond a reasonable doubt,  
7 then I am confident you'll return a verdict of not guilty  
8 as to Mr. Canty. Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Deas.

10 Mr. Wilder.

11 MR. WILDER: May it please the court, Your Honor?

12 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

13 MR. WILDER: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, my name  
14 is Arthur Wilder. I've been practicing law here in Sumter  
15 County almost thirty-five years. It's been my privilege to  
16 practice in this courtroom and the small courtroom  
17 sometimes over in magistrate's courts here in Sumter  
18 County.

19 But it's been a wonderful thing to participate in our  
20 system. And I've had many roles over the years. I served  
21 as city judge for a while, and then I went and worked with  
22 the public defender's office as an assistant public  
23 defender. After a few years, got to be chief public  
24 defender over there. And then one day they asked me to  
25 serve on the Commission on Indigent Defense. I did that



1 for a while with the State of South Carolina. And when Mr.  
2 Culp retired as solicitor, I served as the solicitor for  
3 the Third Judicial Circuit. So, I've actually done the job  
4 that Mr. Meadors will be doing in prosecuting cases in this  
5 courtroom. And after that was over, I came back and went  
6 back to work defending cases for the public defender's  
7 office. Been the chief litigator for a while, and now I've  
8 been appointed on this case since back in 2008 to defend  
9 Mr. Daniel Jackson.

10 And I want to say about that. Even though that's who  
11 I am, this case is not about me. As the judge said, what  
12 Mr. Meadors says and what I say, what Mr. Deas says, that's  
13 not evidence in a case. You haven't -- in fact, you  
14 haven't heard any evidence yet. Evidence is going to come  
15 from the testimony that you hear from this witness stand.  
16 And what you as individual jurors think the evidence proves  
17 is going to be what, what you find it to be in this case.

18 Judge has told you you're the finders of the fact;  
19 you're the judges of the fact. And I agree that your role  
20 is very important in our, in our justice system. We could  
21 not have court without our jury system, and it is the  
22 finest system in the world.

23 On this day in January, January 12, 2008, Mr. Flexon  
24 was killed. And Mr. Meadors explained to you how they went  
25 to the Cherryvale Grocery and they got this video, and they

1 began to look at it, and they focused in on Mr. Canty and  
2 Mr. Jackson. Well, I presume that at some point the  
3 state's going to offer that video into evidence, and I'm  
4 going to ask you to pay attention to the whole video, all  
5 of it.

6 Pay attention to who else came in the store that  
7 night. Pay attention to the time line. Who came and went?  
8 Cherryvale Grocery is a busy place, and when the state  
9 starts trying to focus in on just one little thing, got to  
10 keep your mind open. Step back a little bit. Let's see  
11 who was in there at about that time, and what were the  
12 events that took place. Pay attention to the time and date  
13 stamp on the video because that's going to show you some  
14 things about the time line.

15 I believe when Mr. Mackovitch testifies, you're going  
16 to hear that you can't see where the phone is located from  
17 the place where the cashier's station is. So, the video is  
18 not going to show you who made the phone call.

19 They're not even going to show you that they have the  
20 right, specific time that they say the phone call was made  
21 to Sambino's. A phone call was made from that place, from,  
22 from Cherryvale Grocery to Sambino's, and that's, and they  
23 want to say that was the one where the pizza order was  
24 ordered, and that's critical.

25 Then you're going to hear, well, they went out there

1 Jackson. Footprints were there but didn't match the shoes  
2 he was wearing that night. And, ladies and gentlemen, we  
3 know what kind of shoes he was wearing that night because  
4 he had Timberland boots on when he came in O.C. --  
5 Cherryvale Grocery over there. And so you're going to see  
6 that, and you'll know that those aren't his footprints that  
7 are found in proximity where Mr. Flexon's car was.

8 You're going to know that it's not his DNA that was  
9 taken. They say that Mr. Flexon had a struggle with  
10 whoever it was and that his fingernails had some DNA.  
11 Whoever did it left it under his fingernails. Not Mr.  
12 Jackson.

13 They're going to say that the pizza was stolen, the  
14 boxes. Well, the boxes were found. Guess what? They  
15 found the boxes, and do you know what? They took  
16 fingerprints off the boxes. Not Mr. Jackson's  
17 fingerprints.

18 Every place they went to look to try to put this on  
19 Mr. Jackson, the evidence isn't there. Mr. Meadors wants  
20 to talk about the circumstances. The circumstantial  
21 evidence shows that he's not the one that did it.

22 So, now, what else did they find? Well, when we took  
23 him into custody and we were interrogating him, he said how  
24 could I do it? I didn't steal any pizza from anybody.  
25 What else did he say? Well, I ran away when you came to my

1     aunt's house, but then he gets in a car and asks his aunt,  
2     Angela Boyd, to drive him to the Law Enforcement Center so  
3     he can turn himself in. That's not the actions of a guilty  
4     man, to come on down and turn himself in so that they can  
5     interrogate him.

6             All right, so you're going to find out from Dominick  
7     West, who no longer is employed with the sheriff's  
8     department. Ask why. And Mr. Robert Burnish is sitting  
9     right here. When they start asking him questions, do they,  
10    do they videotape it like you see on T.V.? Do they tape  
11    record the conversation? Do they make notes while they're  
12    talking to the man? No. They do none of that. So, they  
13    make no record of what he supposedly said, and yet they  
14    want to base their whole case on something he said.

15            Those are all reasons for doubt, reasonable doubt.  
16    See, it would be tragic, not only tragic to try two guys  
17    that didn't do it, but to convict somebody that didn't do  
18    it. My client was nineteen years old when this happened,  
19    facing charges that are the most serious we have under our  
20    system of justice. Wouldn't that be a tragic thing?

21            If the state is going to carry its burden, let them  
22    show you fingerprints on the pizza boxes. Let them show  
23    you the scrapings under the fingerprints of Mr. Flexon.  
24    Let them show you who else is on the video. Let them show  
25    you who owns and stays in those mobile homes around where

1 that pizza was ordered to. Let them show you tape  
2 recordings, videotape of any kind of interview or  
3 interrogation that they did with Mr. Jackson. Let them  
4 show you the footprints that they should have taken from  
5 the scene. Let them show you these things that should add  
6 up to evidence and proof beyond a reasonable doubt. And I  
7 think what you're going to find is they don't have any of  
8 those things.

9 What they got is the day after this took place, my  
10 client got a phone call from a guy named Curtis Wheeler,  
11 and he asked his uncle, Daniel Jackson's uncle, to give him  
12 a ride so that he could go and get from Mr. Wheeler -- Mr.  
13 Wheeler told he could have a rifle the day after the  
14 shooting. And so like an idiot, he goes over to Mr.  
15 Wheeler's house, and Mr. Wheeler gives him the rifle. And  
16 the uncle is going to come in here, I believe, and testify  
17 to just that: the day after the shooting.

18 Well, that explains how he came into possession of the  
19 rifle. How come the police didn't follow up on what the  
20 uncle said about where it was and who he, who he was that  
21 got that rifle for Mr. Jackson?

22 And maybe that rifle was used in the shooting. I  
23 don't know, but I'm here to tell you his. My client didn't  
24 shoot him, Mr. Flexon. He didn't have the rifle on the day  
25 when this happened, and the police know he got the rifle

1 the next day.

2 Ladies and gentlemen, I do appreciate your being here.  
3 I thank you for be willing to serve as jurors. And like it  
4 was said earlier, that, you know, jury duty is a high  
5 calling. It may be the most important thing you ever do in  
6 your entire life because if you want justice somewhere  
7 else, you got to insist on it here in Sumter County. It  
8 may be the only opportunity you have to participate in our  
9 system of justice like this. And we thank you for your  
10 willingness to be here, and we ask you for your close  
11 attention to the evidence that comes from that witness  
12 stand.

13 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Wilder.

14 All right, ladies and gentlemen, before we begin the  
15 testimony, I'm going to give you a short break. We'll take  
16 a fifteen minute recess.

17 If you could take them back and get them something,  
18 some coffee or something like that. We will start back --  
19 court will be in recess until 11:30.

20 (THE JURY EXITS AT 11:16 P.M.)

21 THE COURT: All right, court will be in recess until  
22 11:30.

23 (OFF THE RECORD.)

24 (PRINTOUT OF CALLER I.D. MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
25 NUMBER 10 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

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1 MR. DEAS: Nothing from defendant.

2 MR. WILDER: Nothing, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right, let's bring our jury in.

4 (THE JURY ENTERS AT 11:34 A.M.)

5 CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, we have all jurors  
6 present in the courtroom.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Bradley.

8 All right, is the state ready to proceed?

9 MR. MEADORS: State's ready, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: State may call its first witness.

11 MR. MEADORS: If it pleases the court, Your Honor?

12 The state would call Ms. Tanya Knudson to the stand.

13 TANYA KNUDSON, BEING DULY SWORN,

14 TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

15 CLERK OF COURT: please state your full name. Spell  
16 your last name for the record.

17 WITNESS: Tanya Jean Knudson, K-N-U-D-S-O-N.

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

19 Q. Good morning.

20 A. Good morning.

21 Q. Ms. Knudson, as I do with all my witnesses, would you  
22 just acquaint yourself with the jury? Where are you from?  
23 Where were you born?

24 A. North Carolina.

25 Q. And specifically Salisbury?

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- 1 A. Salisbury.
- 2 Q. Where did you live after that?
- 3 A. My father was military, so we went to Seymour,
- 4 Johnson, Alaska, and Goldsboro.
- 5 Q. Goldsboro?
- 6 A. Uh-huh.
- 7 Q. And at some point, did you come to Sumter?
- 8 A. Shaw was our last base.
- 9 Q. And how old were you when you came to Sumter?
- 10 A. I was in the fifth grade.
- 11 Q. And, and where did you go to high school?
- 12 A. Hillcrest High School.
- 13 Q. And after you graduated -- when did you graduate?
- 14 A. '91.
- 15 Q. What did you do after that?
- 16 A. My husband and I got married, and we opened up
- 17 Sambino's in March of 2010.
- 18 Q. And that's pronounced Sambino's, correct?
- 19 A. Sambino's.
- 20 Q. And where was -- have you been in another location
- 21 prior to where you are now?
- 22 A. Our first location we opened on Broad Street Extension
- 23 right across from the base.
- 24 Q. Is that near the Cherryvale Road area?
- 25 A. Yes.



1 Q. And during that time, were you serving the Cherryvale  
2 area?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. When did y'all move Sambino's?

5 A. We closed our first location in May of 2007 to  
6 relocate, and it took four months to open. The new place  
7 opened in September of '07.

8 Q. And everybody may know, but where are you located now?

9 A. We're at 305 Peach Orchard Road.

10 Q. Is also 441?

11 A. 441, uh-huh.

12 Q. Now, did William Bill Flexon work for you?

13 A. Yes, he did.

14 Q. Can you tell the ladies and gentlemen of this jury?  
15 How long had he been employed with you?

16 A. Bill had been employed with us for three years. He  
17 was with us at our first location, and he also was with us  
18 when we reopened.

19 Q. Did, did he work somewhere else in the time period  
20 when you were waiting to reopen?

21 A. It took longer than we anticipated to reopen, and he  
22 needed, you know, work, and so he went and worked at Pizza  
23 Hut for the four months while we were closed.

24 Q. And then came back when you went to 441?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Let's go straight to January of 2008. Can you give  
2 the jury -- what was Bill's job, Mr. Flexon's job?

3 A. Bill was a pizza delivery driver for us.

4 Q. How many pizza delivery drivers did you employ a day?

5 A. During Monday through Thursday was probably two, and  
6 Friday and Saturday we had three at that time.

7 Q. And then would you agree with me that January 12th of  
8 '08 was a Saturday?

9 A. It was a Saturday.

10 Q. And so was Bill working that day?

11 A. He was. He was our day driver and our night driver.  
12 He came in at 11 that day.

13 Q. How long was he supposed work that day?

14 A. We only had three drivers, and he was the early  
15 person. He would be the first person off. There was no  
16 specific time when you would get off. You know, usually  
17 8:00, the first person would get off.

18 Q. And did it, did it obviously depend on how much  
19 business was going on?

20 A. It depended on how busy we were. That's why we had  
21 three drivers on the weekends.

22 Q. Now, were you working that night?

23 A. I was.

24 Q. And what was your job or your duty? I know you owned  
25 the place, but what were you doing that night?

1 A. I was working the front counter, doing the carry-out  
2 orders, the call-in order.

3 Q. And do you have, and if you can remember, do you have  
4 specials all the time?

5 A. Yes. We have specials we run on pizzas for pickup or  
6 delivery.

7 Q. And when you were working the counter that night as  
8 you were, were you receiving money from people that were  
9 eating there? Did you -- were you taking money in?

10 A. Yes, we have dine in.

11 Q. And were you also taking orders?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Over the phone?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. All right. Now, at approximately 8:04, did you get a  
16 phone call from -- 8:04 p.m. on January 12th of '08, did  
17 you get a phone call, an order ordering some pizzas?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And who answered that phone call?

20 A. I answered the phone.

21 Q. And did the person order pizzas?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Can you -- what pizzas did they order?

24 A. They wanted, they asked for our pizza specials. He  
25 asked me what my pizza specials were, and I asked him for

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1 pickup or delivery, and he said for delivery. And I told  
2 him we had that large four-topping, we had the two large  
3 one-topping, and then the two large with five toppings each  
4 and the two-liter special.

5 Q. And you kind of know your specials. When people call,  
6 you can just reel it right off, you would agree, right?

7 A. I mean, yeah.

8 Q. Now, was it your practice, and specifically in this  
9 case and this phone call at 8:04, did you -- you asked if  
10 it was delivery, correct?

11 A. I'll ask him if it's for pickup or delivery so I know.  
12 I have a separate sheet to write them on.

13 Q. What other information do you get from a caller?

14 A. If -- I always get their, try to get their name.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. And I ask them for a phone number. And if they give  
17 me -- I have caller I.D., and if they give me a different  
18 number than what's on my caller I.D., I write them both  
19 down. That way we have, I have the number they gave me  
20 plus the number that showed up on my caller I.D.

21 Q. All right, and did you ask this caller at 8:04 on  
22 January 12, 2008, what was their number or where they were  
23 calling from?

24 A. I asked him for a phone number, and he specifically  
25 told he was calling from a pay phone.

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1 Q. And you're saying he right now. Was it -- sound like  
2 a male?

3 A. It was a male's voice.

4 Q. All right.

5 A. And so when he said that it was coming from a pay  
6 phone, I wrote down the number. Of course it was on the  
7 caller I.D.

8 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

9 Q. I'm going to show you what's marked 10 and 11, State's  
10 10 and State's 11. Would you look at it and just tell me  
11 whether they relate to your testimony? Do you recognize  
12 it? Does it relate to your testimony right now?

13 A. Yes, it does.

14 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, we'd offer State's 10 and 11  
15 without objection.

16 THE COURT: Any objection from either defendant?

17 MR. DEAS: No objection.

18 MR. WILDER: None, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right, State's Exhibit 10 and 11 are  
20 admitted without objection.

21 MR. MEADORS: Thank you, sir.

22 (PRINTOUT OF SAMBINO'S CALLER I.D MARKED INTO EVIDENCE  
23 AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 10.)

24 (PRINTOUT OF SAMBINO'S CALLER I.D MARKED INTO EVIDENCE  
25 AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 11.)

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1 THE COURT: You may proceed.

2 MR. MEADORS: May I approach?

3 THE COURT: You may.

4 BY MR. MEADORS:

5 Q. You just said your caller I.D., correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And are you looking at this as you're on the phone  
8 taking an order?

9 A. Yes, I am.

10 Q. So, if somebody, I think you said, gives you a number  
11 and it's different than your caller I.D., you'll take down  
12 both of them?

13 A. I'll write both numbers down.

14 Q. So, looking at State's Number 11, what, what does that  
15 show?

16 A. When that call comes in, it will show the date and the  
17 time.

18 Q. And could you tell the ---

19 A. That the call comes in.

20 Q. Could you tell the jury what the date is?

21 A. January 12th, 8:04 p.m.

22 Q. January 12th, 8:04 p.m., and that's State's 11. Now,  
23 State's 10, what is that?

24 A. The phone number that came on the caller I.D. when the  
25 call came in.

1 Q. And you're sure about that?

2 A. Yes. I'm positive.

3 Q. And that phone number, would you read it to the jury?

4 A. (415) .

5 Q. And who took these pictures?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. When did you take them?

8 A. When we got back from the family of Bill's home, when  
9 we had to go and tell them. We went with victim's advocate  
10 to his family. And when I got back, I pulled up my caller  
11 I.D. and took pictures with my cell phone.

12 Q. And you still have that on your phone today, correct?

13 A. I do.

14 Q. Now, did this person make an order?

15 A. They did.

16 Q. Okay, and I'm going to show you what's marked State's

17 12. And do you recognize that, and did you produce it?

18 A. Yes, I did. That is my handwriting.

19 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor?

20 A. That's our delivery sheet.

21 Q. That's your delivery sheet?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 MR. MEADORS: We'd offer State's 12.

24 THE COURT: Any objection?

25 MR. WILDER: Let me see.

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1 MR. MEADORS: I thought they'd seen it. I'm sorry.

2 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

3 THE COURT: Any objection?

4 MR. DEAS: No objection.

5 MR. WILDER: No objection.

6 THE COURT: State's Exhibit Number 12 is admitted  
7 without objection.

8 You may proceed.

9 MR. MEADORS: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 (PIZZA RECEIPT MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
11 NUMBER 12.)

12 BY MR. MEADORS:

13 Q. Ms. Knudson, this is, what is this?

14 A. That's our pizza delivery sheet. It's a three-part  
15 sheet. The back of it gets stuck to the pizza box so the  
16 delivery driver knows where they're going. And the yellow  
17 stays with us so when we check them out, we can balance  
18 out. And they take the pink with them or else it's left on  
19 the box, whichever they prefer.

20 Q. And on here, did this caller give you a location of  
21 where he wanted to pizza to go?

22 A. He did. He said he wanted it delivered to  
23 Cherryvale Drive, lot number

24 Q. Were you familiar with the Cherryvale area?

25 A. If they give me a mobile home, if they say, like,



1 Oaklawn Mobile Home, lot number whatever or Burgess Glenn,  
2 lot number whatever, I know where those are. But I was not  
3 familiar when he said Cherryvale Drive, lot .

4 Q. And did, did you check to see if y'all had delivered  
5 in that area before?

6 A. I had asked the gentleman to hold on a moment, and I  
7 went in the back and asked my husband if he was familiar  
8 with Cherryvale Drive and he said yes, but it was O.C.  
9 Trailer Park. That we hadn't had any problems with it.  
10 That it was okay to go ahead and take the order.

11 Q. So, you got back on the phone and said okay, I'll take  
12 an order?

13 A. That's when I proceeded with the order.

14 Q. And what did this person order?

15 A. He ordered three large pizzas. He asked for a  
16 pepperoni, a sausage, and a double cheese.

17 Q. And is that reflected there with the three X's?

18 A. The three X's represent the number of pizzas they  
19 want.

20 Q. And there's -- three X is a large, P.S. and a 2C?

21 A. Yeah. 2C is our initial for double cheese.

22 Q. And does it have the time on here?

23 A. It does. That could been the time either that I came  
24 back on the phone and proceeded with the order or, you  
25 know, it wasn't exactly the time that maybe the call came

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1 in. It's just in the process of me taking the order, I  
2 look at my watch and note the time.

3 Q. And the number underneath here, is that the same  
4 number that's on State's 9, I think?

5 A. Yes, it is.

6 Q. State's 10, I apologize. And does it have the amount  
7 that you charged on there?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And, and lot Cherryvale, and did you ask -- I mean,  
10 I guess you asked for a name, correct?

11 A. I had to keep asking him to, to repeat himself because  
12 it was like, it was either he was trying to muffle the  
13 phone, or there was something in his mouth. I had to keep  
14 asking him to repeat himself. I do remember that. And, I  
15 had thought I'd heard him. I had asked for a name, and  
16 when he said his name, I asked him, I said I'm sorry. I  
17 couldn't hear, and he repeated it again, and I wrote down  
18 Jesse because I assumed that's what he had said, Jesse.

19 Q. Jesse?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Is there any way for you to verify if someone has  
22 given you a real name?

23 A. No.

24 Q. I'd talked to you previously. Had Bill originally,  
25 Mr. Flexon, was he going to take this order?

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1 A. Originally he was not.

2 Q. And who was going to?

3 A. One of our other drivers, Al Roberts.

4 Q. Al Roberts?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. And how did that change?

7 A. Bill was already scheduled to take our Frierson Road  
8 delivery, and that was going to be his last delivery of the  
9 night. And when we got the call in for the Cherryvale  
10 Drive, he was going, he was going home. He was going to  
11 come back later and get checked out when things slowed  
12 down, which he normally did. And he said, well, that's on  
13 my way home. I'll just take it because that call came in  
14 right after the Frierson Road one. He said that's on my  
15 way home. I'll just go ahead and take it.

16 Q. So, Al was supposed to go but?

17 A. Al was supposed to have originally taken that  
18 delivery.

19 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

20 (PIZZA DELIVERY SHEET MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER  
21 19 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

22 COURT REPORTER: 19 for identification.

23 BY MR. MEADORS:

24 Q. I'm going to show you what's marked State's 19. Does  
25 this -- do you recognize that?

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1 A. Yes. That is our pizza delivery sheet.

2 Q. And that's different from this how?

3 A. This is the top copy. It's a three part -- it's --  
4 that's the top copy, and then it goes on to the next three  
5 copies.

6 Q. And on this one, it's got a name, and this one it  
7 doesn't?

8 A. Yes, because that's mine. Their slips are ready torn  
9 off and taken over to the pizza box to be put on, and this  
10 one is where we write who takes the delivery.

11 MR. MEADORS: State's 19, Your Honor, without any  
12 objection.

13 THE COURT: Any objection?

14 MR. DEAS: No objection, Your Honor.

15 MR. WILDER: No objection.

16 THE COURT: All right, without objection.

17 (PIZZA DELIVERY SHEET MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S  
18 EXHIBIT NUMBER 19.)

19 BY MR. MEADORS:

20 Q. And so that just shows that Al was supposed to, and  
21 Bill ended up taking it?

22 A. Al was originally going to take it, and Bill took it.

23 Q. Do you have some -- this is a crazy question, but do  
24 you have police sometime eat at Sambino's?

25 A. All the time, uh-huh.

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1 Q. And was there an officer eating there about this same  
2 time, 8:00 on January 12th?

3 A. There were a few, actually, in the dining room eating.

4 Q. After -- well, did Mr. Flexon leave with the pizza?

5 A. He'd left with those deliveries.

6 Q. And after that, you kept working obviously?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And at some point after that, did you, did you  
9 yourself learn that there had been a shooting?

10 A. I did. The officers had come up quite quick to the  
11 counter to check out, and I had heard something over their  
12 radio about some shots in Cherryvale Drive. And I looked  
13 at the officer and I was, like, I have a driver delivering  
14 over in O.C. Trailer Park right now. And they, you know,  
15 they just continued to check out as fast as they could and  
16 they left.

17 Q. And at some point after that, you learned that it was  
18 your driver?

19 A. I did. It had been a little while, and I wasn't  
20 expecting Bill to come back, so I didn't think anything  
21 different because of course he was going to go home and  
22 come back later to be checked out. And one of the officers  
23 came in and went around in to the counter, and I just felt  
24 real uneasy about it.

25 I felt my heart sink, and I knew. I just felt

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1 something bad had happened. So, I grabbed my cell phone  
2 real quick and tried to call Bill's cell phone to see if  
3 he'd answer and make sure everything's okay.

4 And a few minutes later, the officer comes back around  
5 the counter and tells me that my husband wants to see me in  
6 the office. And he had told me what happened.

7 Q. And that's when you learned of Bill's death, Mr.  
8 Flexon's?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Do you need a moment here?

11 (A PAUSE.)

12 Q. Ms. Knudson, Tanya, did you have an occasion to go to  
13 the O.C. Mobile Home Park?

14 A. I never went there, but I was familiar with it because  
15 my sister-in-law lived over in the Cherryvale area.

16 Q. Did you have an occasion to go there that evening?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. And did you come in contact with this fellow right  
19 here, Sergeant Burnish?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. And had you had a prior dealing with him and a check  
22 for some incident at your establishment?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Or someone had written bad ---

25 A. Some returned checks.

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1 Q. And it is -- did you have the opportunity to convey to  
2 him that somebody had ordered a pizza from a pay phone?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. And that was your driver?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. And were you familiar with the area and the pay phones  
7 in the area?

8 A. Yes, I was.

9 Q. And what was the closest pay phone?

10 A. The closest one would have been at the Cherryvale  
11 Grocery.

12 Q. And that's an area y'all had used to -- y'all being  
13 Sambino's, y'all had served that area before?

14 A. A lot.

15 Q. You don't serve it anymore, do you?

16 A. Rarely.

17 (A PAUSE.)

18 Q. I'm going to show you what's marked State's 13, and  
19 can you recognize this? Do you recognize it? I'm sorry.

20 A. I do. Those are our pizza boxes. I do. Those are  
21 our pizza boxes.

22 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, this is State's 13 without  
23 objection.

24 THE COURT: Without objection, gentlemen?

25 MR. DEAS: No objection.

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1 MR. WILDER: No objection.

2 THE COURT: Without objection.

3 (PIZZA BOXES MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
4 NUMBER 13.)

5 BY MR. MEADORS:

6 Q. I won't get these out, but this is State's 17. Do you  
7 recognize those?

8 A. I do. It still has the white sheet. That's exactly  
9 like the other evidence. That's the third copy that's  
10 attached to the box.

11 Q. And it does, doesn't it? And that white sheet says  
12 what?

13 A. It says Jesse, Cherryvale Drive, lot . And if  
14 you look on the other boxes, they'll have the initial of  
15 what the other pizzas are. This one has an S, which the  
16 driver knew that was his other sausage pizza. That he  
17 needed to take that one with him as well.

18 Q. These really are the pizzas that came from your place.

19 MR. MEADORS: That's State's 17, I believe, without  
20 objection.

21 THE COURT: Any objection?

22 MR. DEAS: No objection, Your Honor.

23 MR. WILDER: No objection.

24 THE COURT: Without objection, State's 17 is admitted.

25 (PIZZA BOXES MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT



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1 NUMBER 17.)

2 BY MR. MEADORS:

3 Q. Now, you like to keep your pizzas warm for when they  
4 get there, don't you?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And I don't know if there's anything, but did you miss  
7 three pizza warmers after this?

8 A. The two red ones are ours.

9 Q. Okay. That's State's 16 and State's 14, these are  
10 yours?

11 A. Those are ours.

12 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, we'd offer these without  
13 objection.

14 THE COURT: Any objection, gentlemen?

15 MR. MEADORS: I'll bring them over.

16 MR. WILDER: Your Honor.

17 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

18 BY MR. MEADORS:

19 A. The others at my store look exactly like those.

20 MR. MEADORS: So, it's 14 and 16 without objection,  
21 Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Without objection?

23 MR. WILDER: Without objection.

24 MR. DEAS: No objection.

25 THE COURT: Thank you.

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1 (PIZZA WARMER MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
2 NUMBER 14.)

3 (PIZZA WARMER MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
4 NUMBER 16.)

5 BY MR. MEADORS:

6 Q. And this one you don't recognize?

7 A. I think it was a Pizza Hut one Bill had kept in his  
8 car when he worked at Pizza Hut for those four months we  
9 were closed.

10 Q. Do you think this was -- this came -- this was Bill's  
11 when he worked at Pizza Hut?

12 A. Yes, I know it was Bill's because he left an extra bag  
13 in his car. When he had extra pizzas and didn't have an  
14 extra bag, he would use that one.

15 MR. MEADORS: And we'd offer 15.

16 THE COURT: Any objection?

17 MR. WILDER: No objection.

18 MR. DEAS: No objection, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Without objection.

20 (PIZZA WARMER MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
21 NUMBER 15.)

22 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

23 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

24 BY MR. MEADORS:

25 Q. This just came to me. Do drivers collect money?

1 A. They do.

2 Q. All right, and if you go take a, if you're going to  
3 make a couple of different stops off, where, where do they  
4 keep the money? Or do y'all have a procedure of what they  
5 do with it until they come back, bring the money to you,  
6 the owners?

7 A. Some drivers, they would, they would make a drop with  
8 me and my husband, and we would keep it separate.

9 Bill was a locksmith by trade, and he had lock boxes  
10 all in his car, and he always told my husband. He called  
11 him Boss Man. He said Boss Man, nobody will ever find my  
12 money because he kept it locked in different areas. But  
13 that night, he had it in his pocket.

14 Q. So, so, was the plan then when he got through with the  
15 deliveries, if he had the opportunity to, he would have  
16 brought the money back when?

17 A. He would have come back when we slowed down and get  
18 checked out. He would give us a call and see how things  
19 were going, and he would come back and get checked out.

20 Q. But he wasn't able to come and check out?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence?

23 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

24 (A PAUSE.)

25 MR. MEADORS: Judge, that's all we have. Thank you,

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1 sir. Thank you.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Deas.

3 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor.

4 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

5 Q. Ms. Knudson, how are you doing?

6 A. Hi.

7 Q. My name is Garryl Deas, and I represent the defendant  
8 Mr. Canty.

9 When this call came in to, to your place of business  
10 on January 12th, you said it was 8:04 approximately?

11 A. It was between 8 and 8:05.

12 Q. Okay, and that's what your caller I.D. indicates?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. That call came in at that time?

15 A. My caller I.D.

16 Q. And that's the store's caller I.D. Is that correct?

17 A. The store's caller I.D.

18 Q. All right. Now, do you recall what time it was when  
19 Mr. Flexon left the store to take the two deliveries, the  
20 one to Frierson Road and then the Cherryvale?

21 A. No. It wouldn't haven't been long after that because  
22 it doesn't take long for those pizzas to go to the oven.

23 Q. Okay. So, you all's policy and procedure is once a  
24 call comes in, is that then cook the pizza, or are the  
25 pizzas already pre-made?

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1 A. No, they're not pre-made. They're cooked to order.

2 Q. Okay. So, when the call came in 8:04 p.m. before Mr.

3 Flexon would leave to take the two deliveries, that ---

4 A. I think he was just about on his way out with that

5 Frierson. That one came. He said it's on my way out.

6 I'll wait for it real quick.

7 Q. Okay, but once, once the order was made by the

8 customer or by the person that called at 8:04 p.m., before

9 Mr. Flexon would leave the store, he would have to wait for

10 the pizzas to be cooked, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay, and how long does it typically take to make ---

13 A. It takes about ---

14 Q. --- three pizzas?

15 A. They have usually the dough prepped, and they just

16 have to top it real quick, and we have two people back

17 that's doing the top, and it takes about six to seven

18 minutes for it to run through the oven.

19 Q. For them to come out of the oven?

20 A. Out of the oven from ---

21 Q. Okay, for a total ---

22 A. From the time they go in the oven until the time they

23 come out.

24 Q. So, total prep time would be about maybe seven

25 minutes, you said?

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1 A. Possibly, yes.

2 Q. Okay, and then once the pizzas were prepared, once  
3 they were cooked, at that point Mr. Flexon would have then  
4 put them in warmers and left?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Would he be the one that would do that or someone  
7 else?

8 A. It just depends. The other drivers help each other  
9 out and get their runs ready. So, Bill could have done it,  
10 or one of the other drivers could have put it in the bag.

11 Q. But, and I understand this was back in January 2008.  
12 So, we're talking about a little more than three years ago.  
13 But do you have any recollection of approximately what time  
14 it was when he left?

15 A. When he left?

16 Q. When he left to take the two orders.

17 A. I don't.

18 Q. Would it be fair to say that it was obviously at some  
19 point after 8:15?

20 A. I'm not sure.

21 Q. Do you know what time it was, or do you recall what  
22 time it was when you got the phone call about the incident  
23 that happened with Mr. Flexon?

24 A. I did not get a phone call.

25 Q. Okay. How did you become aware that something

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1     happened with Mr. Flexon?

2     A.     One of the officers had come back into the store.

3     Q.     Okay, and do you remember what time that was?

4     A.     I do not.

5     Q.     When the officer came back in the store and told you  
6     about what happened with Mr. Flexon.

7     A.     Looking at the clock was the last thing -- I wouldn't  
8     have, you know.

9     Q.     Now, you mentioned that there was an officer eating in  
10    the store?

11    A.     There were a few of them in there eating.

12    Q.     Do you recall if that officer received some type of,  
13    if that officer received some type of call on her  
14    transistor radio or her radio about this incident?

15    A.     Whether it was a female or not -- I don't believe the  
16    one I heard was on a female's radio. It might have been.  
17    I'm not sure, but they had to have gotten the call when  
18    they were in dining room eating because they came up real  
19    quick to check out so that when they got the call, they  
20    would have been sitting in the dining room. I, I didn't  
21    hear it in there. I heard it on another one's radio when  
22    he came up to the counter to pay.

23    Q.     And how many officers were there total in ---

24    A.     There, there could have ---

25    Q.     -- in the restaurant that evening?

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1 A. There was probably maybe three, four.

2 Q. But you don't dispute that a call did come in on the  
3 officer's radio about the incident?

4 A. It would have had to have when they were in, they were  
5 in the dining room eating because they came up real quick  
6 to pay.

7 Q. Do you know approximately what time it was when these  
8 officers came up to pay after receiving this call on their  
9 radio?

10 A. No.

11 Q. You also mentioned that you at some point went out to  
12 the mobile home park that evening after learning about what  
13 happened ---

14 A. That evening.

15 Q. --- to Mr. Flexon?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. Did you go, did you go there? Was that the first  
18 place you went after you left your store?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. After, after learning ---

21 A. Immediately.

22 Q. --- what happened?

23 A. We closed and we went straight there.

24 Q. Do you remember what time it was when you got out to  
25 the, to the mobile home park to the scene of where the



1 incident had happened?

2 A. No. It happened. You know, we just left immediately.

3 As soon as we found out, we shut down and went.

4 Q. Okay, and you, you -- it was nighttime?

5 A. It was.

6 Q. It was dark out?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And can you tell me, or if you recall, where exactly  
9 it was you went when you went out to the mobile home park?

10 A. We went as far as the officer, the patrol cars would  
11 let us go. And then I -- we didn't have to walk very far  
12 to where the investigators were.

13 Q. And is that where you encountered Sergeant Burnish?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did, did Sergeant Burnish at that time take any  
16 statement from you about your phone call with the person  
17 that ordered the pizza?

18 A. Whether he took a statement, I offered it to him. I  
19 let him know that when the call came in, the gentleman told  
20 me specifically he was calling from a pay phone because  
21 when I asked for a phone number, he could not give me one.  
22 And he just plainly said I'm calling from a pay phone. And  
23 so when he made that call, with the vicinity of where I  
24 knew he was, the delivery was going, the closest pay phone  
25 to him was Cherryvale Grocery.

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1 Q. Okay. So, at the time, you really hadn't -- you  
2 didn't know specifically which pay phone the call came  
3 from. You just assumed it was Cherryvale Grocery because  
4 that was the closest one?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. But you didn't know that specifically?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Now, at some point did you give Sergeant Burnish and  
9 one of the other investigating officers the picture of your  
10 -- the picture you took with your cell phone of your caller  
11 I.D.?

12 A. I showed them, but I gave the pictures to Mr. Meadors.

13 Q. So, correct me if I'm wrong, Ms. Knudson, but  
14 basically then, so far at the time frame, the one thing  
15 that you're clear on is that the call came in at 8:04?

16 A. My caller I.D. says 8:04.

17 Q. But you, you're not certain as to when Mr. Flexon left  
18 the, left Sambino's to deliver the pizzas. Is that  
19 correct?

20 A. I don't know exactly the time that he left, but he was  
21 only waiting on that, that order to be made.

22 Q. And he wasn't -- the only two orders that he was  
23 taking that evening was the one to Frierson Road and the  
24 one to Cherryvale?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And do you know if he took the order to Frierson Road?

2 A. He did.

3 Q. He did?

4 A. He did. He knew that was the first order, order  
5 called in, and so that's where he would have went first.

6 Q. Now, your -- the location of Sambino's where the call  
7 came in, that's the one that's on -- is that the one that's  
8 on 441?

9 A. 1305 Peach Orchard Road.

10 Q. And that's off of 441?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. How far is that? How far is Frierson Road from but  
13 1305 Peach Orchard Road?

14 A. Our drivers have access to Shaw Air Force Base, and so  
15 they're able to cut through the gate, and Frierson Road's  
16 right there.

17 Q. So, how long would you say it would take to get from  
18 your store to, to ---

19 A. Depending on how fast they're going. There's no  
20 telling. They're out to make some money.

21 Q. Would you say it's probably about a five mile trip one  
22 way from your store to, to ---

23 A. I couldn't be sure.

24 Q. --- to Frierson Road?

25 A. I couldn't be sure.

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1 Q. It wouldn't take an hour to get there, would it?

2 A. Oh, no.

3 Q. Would it take under ten minutes?

4 A. Possibly, because they're able to cut through Shaw Air  
5 Force Base.

6 Q. So, you have knowledge that he did make the Frierson  
7 Road delivery prior ---

8 A. He did make the Frierson.

9 Q. --- prior to going to Cherryvale Road?

10 A. He did.

11 Q. And then he would have left Frierson Road, heading on  
12 to Cherryvale Road?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And just to clarify, you're, you're not certain today  
15 as to what time it was. You were informed by law  
16 enforcement that an incident had happened to Mr. Flexon?

17 A. I did not look at the clock when the officer came in.

18 Q. Okay, and you're also not certain as to the time that  
19 the officers in the restaurant received a call on their  
20 radio about the incident. Is that correct?

21 A. I don't know what time they received a call.

22 Q. And, and, Ms. Knudson, you don't know for sure whether  
23 it was Mr. Canty that made the phone call to order the  
24 pizzas, do you?

25 A. I didn't see their faces when they called my phone.

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1 Q. So, you don't know who made the phone call, correct?

2 A. No, I don't.

3 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

4 THE COURT: Your Honor.

5 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence. Nothing further.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 Mr. Wilder.

8 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

9 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

10 Q. Good morning. I believe you testified that you gave a  
11 picture, the picture that's now in evidence, to Mr.  
12 Meadors?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. And so since Mr. Meadors hadn't been employed here  
15 except for a few months, I guess that would have been you  
16 gave the picture to Mr. Meadors just a couple of months  
17 ago, right?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q. All right. So, from all the way from 2008 to a couple  
20 of months ago, nobody asked you for a picture of a phone  
21 call?

22 A. No, they didn't. I had the call on my phone, on my  
23 pictures, and I had just recently started paying my bill  
24 online on Verizon's website. And did not know that I could  
25 transfer pictures from phone to my Verizon Wireless account

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1 and that you were able to print them until recently.

2 Q. Okay. So, you figured out how to do that, and you let  
3 Mr. Meadors know you could provide him with a picture?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Now, the -- well, within just a few hours after this  
6 incident, another call came in to Sambino's of a young man  
7 looking for a job, didn't it?

8 A. It did.

9 Q. And did you give Mr. Meadors a copy of the phone call  
10 from a young man looking for a job?

11 A. The call came up private on the caller I.D. There was  
12 no phone number associated with it.

13 Q. And so you figured it was just a sick prank that ---

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. --- somebody would make a phone call within hours of  
16 the shooting of Mr. Flexon, saying they were looking for a  
17 job.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. But you called. You gave that information to law  
20 enforcement immediately, did you not?

21 A. I let them know that a call had come in with a private  
22 number to see if they could get some records from the phone  
23 company to see if they could get the number traced.

24 Q. All right. Do you know if they traced that number?

25 A. To my knowledge, I don't think they were able to trace

1 it.

2 Q. Okay. All right. Now, that caller, whoever it was,  
3 was aware that whoever was shot apparently was working for  
4 Sambino's.

5 MR. MEADORS: Objection, Your Honor. There's just no  
6 way she'd know.

7 THE COURT: Sustained.

8 BY MR. WILDER:

9 Q. Was the caller -- did the caller say that they were  
10 aware, they were aware that there was a job opening?

11 A. They had said that we hear you're looking for a pizza  
12 delivery driver.

13 Q. Okay. Sounds like they were aware, doesn't it?

14 A. If that was the way you would take it.

15 Q. All right. Now, looking at the pizza boxes that have  
16 been entered into evidence, this one up here, State's  
17 Exhibit Number 17, and I'm going to ask you to look in the  
18 wrapper there, if you would, and look at the pizza box  
19 itself. You can see the purple stains that are on the  
20 boxes?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. All right. Now, when you send your pizza boxes out,  
23 they don't have purple stains on them like that, do they?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And presumably maybe that's fingerprint powder or

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1 something law enforcement used to try to lift fingerprints,  
2 but ---

3 A. I'm not sure.

4 Q. But whatever it is, this didn't come from Sambino's,  
5 did it?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Okay, all right, and the same would be true with the  
8 other pizza boxes. To the extent that they have purple  
9 stains on them, they didn't come from Sambino's, did they?

10 A. No.

11 Q. All right, but you said you could identify for the  
12 jury that those were the specific pizza boxes that were  
13 sent to lot number on Cherryvale, right?

14 A. Yes, they are.

15 Q. Because of the attached receipt on the box?

16 A. And they also have -- this one has a 2C on it, which  
17 would represent the double cheese that was ordered, and the  
18 other box has an S written on it which would represent the  
19 sausage.

20 MR. WILDER: All right, Your Honor, with permission of  
21 the court, I'd like permission for the witness to show that  
22 marking to the jury.

23 THE COURT: You may, yes.

24 BY MR. WILDER:

25 Q. It is in evidence, so if you would show the jurors



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1 that marking you're referring to so that they can see,  
2 please.

3 A. (WITNESS COMPLIES.)

4 Q. And would you also show the stains that are on the box  
5 that are not from Sambino's?

6 A. (WITNESS COMPLIES.)

7 Q. Okay, thank you. You may return to your seat. All  
8 right, now Mr. Deas was trying to get you to name specific  
9 times. But I'm going to ask you if you have an impression  
10 of how much time there was between the time Mr. Flexon left  
11 and the time you found out that there had been a shooting  
12 at Cherryvale.

13 A. I do not recall the time frame that was in between  
14 those two.

15 Q. All right. Some time after you received the call,  
16 obviously time enough to cook the pizzas, time enough for  
17 him to go by one other place, and then get to Cherryvale,  
18 right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And then whatever time the call came in to law  
21 enforcement, which I guess the police have a record of  
22 that, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. Now, the receipt, you wrote those -- that's  
25 your handwriting on State's Exhibit Number 12?

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1 A. That is my handwriting.

2 Q. And you wrote down the name Jesse?

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 Q. Now, you said that time that you put down there was at  
5 some point following the phone call. It's your impression  
6 that that's ---

7 A. It could have been ---

8 Q. --- a few minutes?

9 A. --- the time when I came back from asking my husband  
10 where Cherryvale Drive was.

11 Q. Okay. All right.

12 MR. WILDER: Ask the court's indulgence for one  
13 moment.

14 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

15 (A PAUSE.)

16 BY MR. WILDER:

17 Q. When you were speaking with Officer Burnish that  
18 evening out at Cherryvale, how, how far away from Mr.  
19 Flexon's car were y'all standing?

20 A. I could see the car was facing out, and the front door  
21 was open. The ambulance was just leaving when we got  
22 there.

23 Q. Okay. So, the ambulance has just been leaving, and  
24 you're standing somewhere close enough to see the car and  
25 the open door?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. All right. Would you say it was, like, from here to  
3 the end of the courtroom or closer where the car was?

4 A. I couldn't give you an exact.

5 Q. Well, what's your impression, ma'am, of how close the  
6 car was to you? Was it, is it, was it 10 feet, 100 feet?  
7 How far away from the, from open car door were you  
8 standing?

9 A. I knew what Bill's van looked like, and I could see  
10 his van with the front door open from where I was standing.

11 Q. All right. Was it down the little lane where the car  
12 was?

13 A. The car -- O.C. Trailer Park has a horseshoe, and Bill  
14 must have driven through the second driveway. So, he would  
15 be coming out and facing his van to come out the first  
16 entrance.

17 Q. Okay, but I'm interested in where you were standing  
18 when you talked to Investigator ---

19 A. I was not in the horseshoe. I must have been right at  
20 the edge of it.

21 Q. Right at the edge of the horseshoe. So, you were on  
22 Cherryvale Drive, not ---

23 A. I was on Cherryvale Drive. I was not ---

24 Q. Not the little loop?

25 A. --- in O.C.

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1 Q. Okay. So, you were on, on Cherryvale Drive, and it  
2 was very shortly after the incident because the ambulance  
3 was just pulling ---

4 A. The ambulance was pulling away when we got there.

5 Q. Okay, and was traffic able to go up and down  
6 Cherryvale Drive? At that point, had the police blocked  
7 off that one little driveway? Were you still able to drive  
8 your car up and down Cherryvale Drive?

9 A. I don't recall if they had it, the whole road, blocked  
10 off.

11 Q. But you were standing there in the roadway at that  
12 location on Cherryvale Drive?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did you see crime scene tape being stretched around?

15 A. I don't remember any crime scene.

16 Q. Do you, do you, did you recognize any of the other  
17 officers who were out there that evening other than Mr.  
18 Burnish?

19 A. I spoke with Glenn Herrett, and I spoke with Mr.  
20 Burnish.

21 Q. Anybody else you saw you recognized?

22 A. There was so many things going on. I wasn't focused  
23 on who I was -- you know, I was talking to Mr. Burnish.

24 Q. Now, you mentioned to the jury during your original  
25 testimony that you had attempted to place a call to the

1 cell phone that belonged to Mr. Flexon?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. So, therefore, you knew that he had a cell phone with  
4 him?

5 A. Yes. He had a bluetooth.

6 Q. Did Officer Burnish ask you to identify Mr. Flexon's  
7 cell phone?

8 A. His cell phone?

9 Q. His cell phone, yes, ma'am.

10 A. No, he did not.

11 Q. Did he ask you to identify any cell phones at any  
12 point during his investigation of this case?

13 A. No, he did not.

14 Q. Did you ever see Mr. Flexon's cell phone again?

15 A. No, I did not.

16 Q. Did you get close enough to the car to examine its  
17 contents?

18 A. No, I did not.

19 Q. Do you know whether the black pizza warmer box that  
20 you said was Mr. Flexon's, do you know whether it was even  
21 in his car that evening?

22 A. The black one? No, I don't.

23 Q. The other pizzas that were delivered before Mr. Flexon  
24 was supposed to go to the lot on Cherryvale, the O.C.

25 Mobile Home -- but those other pizzas, you said you knew he

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1 delivered those pizzas, right?

2 A. That was his first delivery. He knew he was to go  
3 there first. So, he would have went and dropped those  
4 first.

5 Q. He would have, but you don't know if he actually did  
6 or not, do you?

7 A. That would make no sense to backtrack. He would have  
8 went to Frierson Road first.

9 Q. And you're basing that on what you presume to be this  
10 logical route of travel, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. You do not know whether or not he delivered those  
13 other pizzas that night, do you?

14 A. No, I don't.

15 Q. Have you ever see the pizza boxes that were delivered  
16 to that first location that night again?

17 A. I wouldn't have seen them again.

18 Q. I'm asking you. Did you?

19 A. No, I did not.

20 Q. Okay. Now, these pizza warmers, those are the kind  
21 you use. Are you sure those are the ones that came from  
22 Sambino's, the red ones?

23 A. They look exactly like the exact same ones we have in  
24 our store. Those are our pizza bags.

25 Q. The blue stain or the purple stain that's on those,

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1 they wouldn't have been on the boxes that you -- or the  
2 warmers that you normally have, would they?

3 A. No.

4 MR. WILDER: Nothing further.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Meadors, any redirect?

6 MR. MEADORS: Very briefly.

7 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

8 Q. Mr., I think Mr. Deas asked you about the time frame.  
9 Well, I know he did, and then Mr. Wilder was asking you  
10 about the boxes and all. After the order comes in, did  
11 Bill make the pizzas?

12 A. Those pizzas he didn't, he didn't make.

13 Q. So, somebody else made the pizzas?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Somebody else gets the box and puts the pizza in  
16 there?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. And then somebody puts it in the warmer?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So, it's handled by a few folks before it gets to  
21 Bill?

22 A. The box itself can be handled by many people. We fold  
23 boxes ahead of time and stack them.

24 Q. So, they might be sitting?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Need to ask you about if you know for sure. State's  
2 16 entered without objection. These are your pizza boxes?

3 A. Those are my pizza bags.

4 Q. And he asked you about some stains not being on there  
5 before. But these are white when you get them out, right?

6 A. Yes, they're white.

7 Q. And I think he might have even asked you if those  
8 could be from law enforcement, but you, you didn't have  
9 anything to do that, did you?

10 A. No.

11 Q. He asked you about this phone call earlier in the  
12 evening. I think it was 2:00 in the morning after this.  
13 Rodney actually got that phone call and told you about it,  
14 right?

15 A. He took the office -- the call in the office.

16 Q. And that's a pretty sick joke, isn't it?

17 A. It is.

18 Q. And it was a private phone number, and you had no way  
19 of knowing who it was?

20 A. No. It came up private.

21 Q. That's mean, isn't it?

22 A. Very.

23 Q. Now, Mr. Wilder asked you about whether you knew the  
24 first order was, was given. Why did you say that order  
25 would have been delivered first?



1 in?

2 MR. MEADORS: Nothing from the state.

3 THE COURT: All right, bring the jury in.

4 (THE JURY ENTERS AT 2:05 P.M.)

5 CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, we have all the jurors  
6 present in the courtroom.

7 THE COURT: All right, thank you.

8 And, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your  
9 promptness. I would hope that you did not overeat at  
10 lunch. What I've found is that on warm days like this --  
11 in fact, a couple of months back we had a trial, and I  
12 noticed one juror kind of nodding off because of the heat  
13 and the full stomach. So, I asked all the jurors to stand  
14 up. Well, they didn't all stand up. One of them was sound  
15 asleep. So, we'll try to give you enough breaks today to  
16 keep active. If we need to do a set of stretches, you can  
17 do that as well.

18 So, state ready to proceed with the next witnesses?

19 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: All right. You may call your next  
21 witness.

22 MR. MEADORS: If it pleases the court? State would  
23 call John Baldwin.

24 JOHN BALDWIN, BEING DULY SWORN,

25 TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

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1 (PROPERTY LIST MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 21 FOR  
2 IDENTIFICATION.)

3 (SURVEILLANCE PHOTOGRAPH MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
4 NUMBER 22 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

5 (SURVEILLANCE PHOTOGRAPH MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
6 NUMBER 23 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

7 COURT REPORTER: State's 21, 22, and 23 for I.D.

8 THE COURT: 21. What are they again?

9 COURT REPORTER: 21, 22, and 23 for I.D.

10 THE COURT: All right. Very well. Thank you.

11 CLERK OF COURT: State your full name. Spell your last  
12 name for the record.

13 WITNESS: John Baldwin, B-A-L-D-W-I-N.

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

15 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Baldwin. Good afternoon.

16 A. Good afternoon.

17 Q. Please look at these ladies and gentlemen and tell  
18 them in little bit about John Baldwin. Where you're from,  
19 where you grew up, where you lived, and how you got to  
20 Sumter.

21 A. I was born in North Carolina. I grew up in Mexico,  
22 Minnesota. I joined the Air Force in 1979. I got out of  
23 the Air Force in '83. I received some avionics training in  
24 the Air Force.

25 Q. Slow down a little bit.

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1 A. I'm sorry. For the next twenty years or so, I worked  
2 as a bartender/waiter, and for the last ten years I've been  
3 in video surveillance.

4 Q. What type business was your dad in?

5 A. My dad was a computer systems analyst.

6 Q. And your moving around was a lot to do with his  
7 profession?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And you joined the Air Force when you were sixteen?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. And where were you there? Where were you stationed?

12 A. I was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base for basic  
13 training. That's in San Antonio, Texas. I was -- then for  
14 technical school, I went to Lowry Air Force in Denver,  
15 Colorado. And for my permanent base was Eglin Air Force  
16 Base.

17 Q. And you were in Eglin roughly when? Do you remember?

18 A. Yes, sir, from '81 to '82.

19 Q. And did you receive any type training at that point in  
20 your life involving ---

21 A. I received general electronics training.

22 Q. And I think you said you bartended?

23 A. Yes, sir, bartended and waited tables for  
24 approximately twenty years.

25 Q. And where was that?

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1 A. Florida. Just outside at Milton, Florida. Pensacola,  
2 Florida. Also in Alabama.

3 Q. And then in '92 and '93, you came to Sumter?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Quit bartending?

6 A. Yes, sir. Well, no, sir. I didn't. I started  
7 working at the officers' club.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. On Shaw Air Force Base as a bartender.

10 Q. And had your father come to Sumter previously?

11 A. My father had moved here with my mother about two  
12 years before that.

13 Q. And at the Air Force, what did -- you got what type of  
14 training in electronics specifically?

15 A. Just the basic electronics, how it worked.

16 Q. And what connection did your dad have with Cherryvale  
17 Grocery, if anything?

18 A. My father owned Cherryvale Grocery Store in 1992, I  
19 believe.

20 Q. He owned it?

21 A. He owned it. He owned it until my mother died.

22 Q. And when you moved here to Sumter, who did you stay  
23 with?

24 A. I stayed with my brother.

25 Q. Here in Sumter?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And at some point, did you begin on your own  
3 installing satellite equipment?

4 A. Yes, sir. I applied for a job Direct Broadcasting  
5 Services in Sumter as a satellite installer.

6 Q. And did you get training for that?

7 A. On-the-job training, yes, sir.

8 Q. How long did you do that?

9 A. About two and half years.

10 Q. And then you went to work for a Ken Turner?

11 A. Yes, sir, Protection Plus. It's an alarm company.

12 Q. And how long did you do that?

13 A. About two and a half years.

14 Q. And after you stopped working for Mr. Turner, what did  
15 you do after that?

16 A. I went to work for Clifton Reynolds, Carolina Security  
17 and Fire, as his video surveillance.

18 Q. And what was your job then?

19 A. To sell and to install camera systems.

20 Q. And how long have you been doing that?

21 A. Since 2005.

22 Q. You're still doing that?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. So, you actually go to residences or businesses and  
25 install surveillance equipment?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. All right. Now, the Cherryvale Grocery back in June  
3 -- January of 2008, Mr. Baldwin, was it equipped with a  
4 surveillance system?

5 A. It was equipped with the surveillance system I  
6 provided for them, yes, sir.

7 Q. So, you actually were the one that was -- installed  
8 it, monitored it?

9 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. I installed two cameras at that  
10 time and the DVR system.

11 Q. Who owns the store now, Cherryvale Grocery?

12 A. I don't know his last name, but his name is Early.

13 Q. Early something?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. All right. Did you get a call from -- I don't know  
16 who. From somebody to go to Cherryvale Grocery to download  
17 or to put on a VHS a certain time period at Cherryvale  
18 Grocery in January of 2008?

19 A. Yes, sir, I did.

20 Q. And do you remember who contacted you?

21 A. He's in, he was sitting in here just a second -- there  
22 he is.

23 Q. Sergeant Burnish?

24 A. Yes, sir. I believe it was Officer Burnish that  
25 called me. I do not know for sure. It was a phone call.

1 It was that long ago, but he's the one that came, picked me  
2 up from my house.

3 Q. Something the police want to see at Cherryvale. You  
4 installed the system. Police call you to come down and get  
5 the information?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Fair to say?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And did, did you do that?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Tell the jury what you did.

12 A. I waited to be picked up at my house. I live five  
13 house from Cherryvale. I was taken down there. I was  
14 handed -- I was told what time the people came in, and I  
15 recorded the time off the DVR onto a VCR tape.

16 Q. I'm going to show you.

17 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

18 MR. MEADORS: And I apologize, Judge.

19 BY MR. MEADORS:

20 Q. I'm going to show you what's marked State's 18. Just  
21 look at it. We call pull it out if you want to. Tell me  
22 if you recognize it. Does it relate to what you were  
23 talking about just a few minutes ago?

24 A. Yes, sir. This is the VCR tape, I believe.

25 Q. That you copied from ---

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1 A. On DVD.

2 Q. --- Cherryvale Grocery surveillance system?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Can you tell them how you did that?

5 A. I hooked up the VCR to the DVR system. To do that, I  
6 hooked up the input of the VCR from the output of the DVR,  
7 the output of the VCR back to the monitor so I view what I  
8 was recording at the time.

9 Q. And the specific time periods they gave you, you  
10 recorded?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And do you remember -- and we've looked at a copy of  
13 this together, correct?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And there's a time on there. Do you remember that?

16 A. Yes, sir I do.

17 Q. Like the time of day, and I believe it's in military  
18 time. You were in the military?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. When you went down there on January of 2008, did you  
21 have an opportunity to look at it live like it was taken  
22 then?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And what observations, if any, did you make about the  
25 time when you saw it down there on January '08, 2008 before



1 you recorded what happened when you were looking at it  
2 live? What observations, if any, did you make about the  
3 time that was on there?

4 A. The time was one hour off.

5 Q. One hour off, and any question about that?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. I remember looking at it and ---

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. --- looking at your own watch and going that's an hour  
10 off?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Okay, and you ever heard of the term fall back before?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Did it appear that that machine had not? Somebody  
15 hadn't turned it back for fall?

16 A. No, sir. I mean, yes, sir, it did appear that way.

17 Q. But other than that, the hour, was the time correct?  
18 Just being an hour off?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Does that make sense? Would that be correct?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 MR. MEADORS: I believe we'd offer the VHS, 18,  
23 without objection.

24 THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Deas?

25 MR. DEAS: No objection.

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1 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder? Mr. Wilder?

2 MR. WILDER: No objection.

3 THE COURT: Without objection, that would be State's  
4 Exhibit Number 21?

5 COURT REPORTER: 18.

6 THE COURT: 18. All right. Very well.

7 (VIDEO MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER  
8 18.)

9 BY MR. MEADORS:

10 Q. All right. Now, on here, John, Mr. Baldwin, marked  
11 State's 21, is your signature on there?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And what is, what is that?

14 A. It's a Sumter County Sheriff's Office property list.

15 Q. And does that show where you gave that tape to  
16 Sergeant Burnish?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, I believe State's 21 without  
19 objection.

20 MR. WILDER: No objection.

21 MR. DEAS: No objection.

22 THE COURT: State's 21 is admitted without objection.

23 (PROPERTY LIST MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
24 NUMBER 21.)

25 BY MR. MEADORS:

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1 Q. Now, you have -- have you, excuse me, viewed what's  
2 marked as State's 20 with me, a portion of it, to see if it  
3 reflects what's on State's 18?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And it appeared to you that what's on this disk,  
6 State's 20, was the same that was on that VHS?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. All right. You and I didn't watch that whole VHS  
9 together to see if it's all the same on here, correct?

10 A. No, sir. We did not.

11 Q. And you didn't copy this yourself from the VHS?

12 A. No, sir. I did not.

13 Q. Your understanding law enforcement made a copy of that  
14 onto this, correct?

15 A. I understand what I was told, yes, sir.

16 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, this is State's 20. I'd  
17 like the record to reflect Mr. Baldwin has -- what he has  
18 seen on there is on here. We'd offer it as State's 20.  
19 There may be an objection.

20 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, we'd like just to wait until  
21 Investigator Bean gets here to say that it contains  
22 everything that's on the tape.

23 MR. MEADORS: So, we would -- 20 for I.D. depending on  
24 Your Honor's ruling. It just shall go to I.D.

25 THE COURT: When do you intend to call Investigator

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1 Bean?

2 MR. MEADORS: Judge, this afternoon and the morning,  
3 there are some witnesses that will need to look at that,  
4 and the only practical thing we have is the DVD, and  
5 that's...

6 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to overrule your  
7 objection. If it comes up and Officer Bean does not  
8 testify, then I'll have it stricken.

9 All right, you may proceed.

10 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, may our objection run  
11 throughout?

12 THE COURT: Absolutely.

13 MR. WILDER: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

15 (DVD MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER  
16 20.)

17 (A PAUSE.)

18 THE COURT: Do y'all want to move around so that y'all  
19 can see?

20 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, this will be very -- I'm  
21 going to direct him to the time, and that's it. I'm not  
22 going to be long with him.

23 THE COURT: All right.

24 (A PAUSE.)

25 (PORTIONS OF STATE'S 20 ARE PLAYED FOR THE JURY

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1 THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONY.)

2 MR. MEADORS: Mr. Baldwin, can you see this?

3 WITNESS: No, sir. Is it all right if I go down?

4 THE COURT: Do you need to get down to see? He can't  
5 see it. Can you not blow it up any more than that?

6 MR. MEADORS: Can you blow it up any more than that?

7 WITNESS: I can see from here, sir.

8 MR. MEADORS: If that's okay with Your Honor.

9 Pause it here real quick, Mr. Miller.

10 BY MR. MEADORS:

11 Q. How many cameras in January of 2008 were installed or,  
12 and are -- and operated at Cherryvale Grocery?

13 A. Five.

14 Q. And did you have a camera outside?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. Now, you had mentioned earlier, you had testified  
17 earlier about the time, I believe, had been an hour off,  
18 correct?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Would that be reflected right here, 2103 ---

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. 53? So, according to your testimony and being down  
23 there at Cherryvale on January 12, 2008, this time would  
24 have been 8:04, correct?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. Now, also, I just -- actually right here it says  
2 January 12th. That was the right day, wasn't it?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. But it's got 2088?

5 A. I have no idea about that one, sir.

6 Q. That clearly can't be correct, right?

7 A. Yes. Yes, sir, that couldn't ---

8 MR. WILDER: Object to the leading, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Sustained.

10 BY MR. MEADORS:

11 Q. What year is it?

12 A. That was 2008, sir.

13 Q. Have we gotten to 2088 yet?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. What, what part of the store are these cameras showing  
16 now?

17 A. Right now, that's showing -- camera one is showing the  
18 back register. Camera two is also showing the back  
19 register from a different angle. Camera three is showing  
20 their wine coolers or beer coolers or soda in the back of  
21 the store where the camera is. Camera four down there is  
22 showing the front of the store at the front counter. And  
23 the other camera four, which is on a quad splitter --  
24 that's why there's only two cameras showing there, is  
25 showing the front door.

1 Q. When, if ever, will the, will the cameras start  
2 recording?

3 A. When there's motion in the camera.

4 Q. If there's no motion, what do we see? A picture?

5 A. Nothing.

6 Q. Why is, why is that?

7 A. There is no reason to record nothing. It saves the  
8 hard drive on the DVR.

9 Q. It still shows the picture, the picture when there was  
10 movement?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Do you know what this is?

13 A. It's the front door.

14 Q. And what is this over here?

15 A. It's the front register from the angle above the front  
16 door.

17 Q. And how far is it from here to here generally?

18 A. About 12 feet.

19 Q. You can have a seat now. Thank you.

20 Now, were you in Cherryvale Grocery at that time  
21 period that law enforcement was asking you to record? I  
22 mean, you weren't at Cherryvale at that time, were you?

23 A. I got to Cherryvale a little after 11..

24 Q. My point being that at 8:04, you weren't at  
25 Cherryvale?

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1 A. No, sir. I was at home.

2 Q. Okay.

3 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

4 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

5 (A PAUSE.)

6 MR. MEADORS: That's all. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Deas.

8 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the  
9 court?

10 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

11 Q. Mr. Baldwin, good afternoon, sir. My name is Garryl  
12 Deas. I represent the defendant Mr. Reginald Canty.

13 You indicated that you were contacted either by  
14 Sergeant Burnish or someone else with law enforcement to  
15 come out and actually record what was captured on the video  
16 surveillance at Cherryvale Grocery. Is that correct?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Okay. Do you recall when you, you received that  
19 contact from law enforcement?

20 A. I believe it was, it was somewhere about a quarter to  
21 11, 11:00.

22 Q. On, on January 12th of 2008?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Okay, and you actually were picked up by someone from  
25 law enforcement?



1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And then you were transported out to the store?

3 A. Yes, sir. Like I stated earlier, I live five houses  
4 away.

5 Q. Now, this video surveillance equipment, you installed  
6 it?

7 A. Yes, sir. I installed ninety percent of it.

8 Q. Okay, and whose responsibility is it to maintain the  
9 equipment such as changing the time and things of that  
10 nature?

11 A. It's the store's responsibility. It's not mine.

12 Q. Now, you indicated previously on -- during direct  
13 examination that the time that's shown on the video  
14 surveillance is 2103. That would have been, in standard  
15 time, that would be 9:03 ---

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. --- p.m., correct?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. But you also indicated you, that you felt that was  
20 wrong, the time was wrong?

21 A. Yes, sir. When I got there, the time was an hour off.

22 Q. And did you notice that when you arrived?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Now, is this machine capable of accounting for the  
25 change in time during Daylight Savings Time automatically?

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1 A. It is if it has been programmed, yes, it is.

2 Q. Okay. How do you know that machine wasn't programmed  
3 to do that?

4 A. I have no idea, sir.

5 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, can he repeat the question?

6 MR. DEAS: I asked him how does he know this  
7 particular machine wasn't programmed to do that, programmed  
8 to account for the change in time automatically.

9 BY MR. DEAS:

10 A. When I first installed it, it was, sir. But as I  
11 stated, it was approximately two years after that. I have  
12 no idea what happened after that.

13 Q. So, when you installed it, you programmed it to  
14 account for, to account for the change in time  
15 automatically?

16 A. Yes, sir. There's a box that you can click for  
17 Daylight Savings Time.

18 Q. Do you remember what time you arrived at the store  
19 back on January 12, 2008?

20 A. It's between 11, 11:15.

21 Q. Now, you don't, you don't have any specific knowledge  
22 as to what, what the frames are showing at this point?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. At 2103 on January 12, 2008, you don't, you don't have  
25 any idea as to what, what the video frame is showing at

1 this point, do you?

2 A. Well, I know where the cameras are. I know what's  
3 showing right there, yes, sir.

4 Q. So, it's basically just showing the front door of the  
5 store?

6 A. Yes, sir, the front door of the store, and the other  
7 camera's showing the front register.

8 Q. Now, is it possible that this machine did account for  
9 the change in time, and that it recorded at 9:03 p.m.?

10 A. I can't answer.

11 Q. You don't know, do you?

12 A. I don't know. I can't answer.

13 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

14 (A PAUSE.)

15 MR. DEAS: No further questions.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder.

17 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

18 Q. Mr. Baldwin, do you know Eugene R. Mackovitch?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Do you know the name of the clerk who was on duty that  
21 night?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. Do you know who was actually attending the store at  
24 that time?

25 A. No, sir. I was not at the store.

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1 Q. Do you know the names of -- well, how many -- tell the  
2 jury. Did you watch the whole tape?

3 A. I watched where I, only what I was told to, what they  
4 had me do the time from.

5 Q. But you made the assumption that the times were at an  
6 hour off. So, you watched an hour different from what the  
7 police told you?

8 A. No, sir. I looked at my watch. I looked at the time  
9 on the live picture and saw it was an hour off.

10 Q. And so you watched an hour off from what the police  
11 told you to run?

12 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, object. That's not what he  
13 said.

14 THE COURT: He's on cross-examination. I'm going to  
15 give him some leeway. The witness can handle it.

16 BY MR. WILDER:

17 A. No, sir. I put, I -- what the police told me the time  
18 that I was to record from, and I noticed that it was an  
19 hour off from the DVR. So, I went back to the proper time.

20 Q. So, you adjusted what the police told you?

21 A. No, sir. I just went back to the time ---

22 Q. Let's do it ---

23 A. --- it should be at.

24 Q. Let's do it this way. What time did the police tell  
25 you to record?

- 1 A. I don't remember, sir. They had a list written down.  
2 I just did what the list said with the time that they had  
3 written down from ---
- 4 Q. Did they ask, did they ask for more than one time?
- 5 A. I don't recall, sir.
- 6 Q. I thought I heard you say that they had the times  
7 written down.
- 8 A. Time is from the beginning time to the end time.
- 9 Q. All right. How long a period of time did they ask  
10 for?
- 11 A. It couldn't have been more than five minutes.
- 12 Q. And how long was the tape you made?
- 13 A. I don't recall, sir. I have not seen the whole tape  
14 again. I do not recall how long I was there.
- 15 Q. What's your recollection as to how many people came  
16 and went from the store during the time that you actually  
17 recorded?
- 18 A. Sir, I didn't specifically view the tape as I was  
19 recording. I viewed the time stamp on the bottom to make  
20 sure I got it from the time he wanted to the end of the  
21 time he wanted.
- 22 Q. And, sir, wouldn't it make sense, Mr. Baldwin, that if  
23 they asked for a particular time and you observed that it  
24 was an hour off, that you would adjust the time they asked  
25 for by an hour?

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1 A. I can't adjust it on that DVR. I just did what I was  
2 asked to do, sir. I'm not understanding your question all  
3 the way.

4 Q. Well, I'm trying to get to the point of time that the  
5 police asked and the time that you made the recording of.  
6 And I guess you're telling us you don't remember?

7 A. No, sir. I don't remember that.

8 Q. All right, and since you weren't in the store, you  
9 can't actually tell this jury how many people came and went  
10 during whatever period of time it was they wanted?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. All right, what was the actual hour that you checked  
13 against whatever clock you had?

14 A. I don't understand your question. I looked at my  
15 watch and it was, like, 11:05 or something like that.

16 Q. Okay. You looked at your watch?

17 A. Uh-huh. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Are you aware that when the police check time, they  
19 call it in to the dispatcher and have the dispatcher clock  
20 in the official time?

21 A. Sure.

22 Q. Did you do that with your watch?

23 A. Why would I do that with my watch, sir?

24 Q. In case your watch was off.

25 A. No, sir. I did not do that with my watch.

1 Q. All right. So, we don't know if your, your watch was  
2 actually on time or not, do we?

3 A. No, sir. You don't.

4 Q. And so when you say it's exactly an hour different, we  
5 don't have anybody but your word, and you can't remember  
6 what time it was you checked it, right?

7 A. I told you 11:05, sir.

8 Q. But your watch could be wrong, right?

9 A. If you say so, sir.

10 Q. Well, I'm asking you.

11 A. Yes, sir. My watch could be wrong.

12 Q. Okay, and so there's no way to verify right now  
13 whether three years ago it was right or wrong?

14 A. I'll agree with that.

15 Q. Now, when you installed the camera equipment, were  
16 there any cameras outside that had the cameras trained on  
17 the phone that's outside?

18 A. No, sir. I did not install any cameras outside.

19 Q. To your knowledge, have there ever been any cameras  
20 outside?

21 A. I wouldn't -- I mean, to my knowledge, no.

22 Q. When you made the tape of the video, did you recognize  
23 any faces that were on the camera?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. Are you telling the jury that the police asked for

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1 five minutes of video tape?

2 A. It was three years ago, sir, and they gave me a time  
3 to -- from the start to the finish. I believe it was about  
4 five minutes.

5 Q. And that's all they wanted?

6 A. They wanted the view of some people coming into the  
7 store and then leaving the store, yes, sir.

8 Q. So, they asked you to look for people coming in,  
9 specific people coming in?

10 A. No, sir. They gave me the time.

11 Q. They gave you the time?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Okay.

14 MR. WILDER: Thank you very much.

15 MR. MEADORS: Just a couple.

16 THE COURT: Any brief redirect?

17 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir.

18 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

19 Q. Did the police ask you to video a certain time period?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Did you do that?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Based on your watch, was that off an hour?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. He asked you if you called dispatch. Weren't the



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1 police the ones asking for this?

2 A. The person that called on the phone was the one that  
3 asked me for it. I believe it was Officer Burnish.

4 Q. And did you give it to the police?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 MR. MEADORS: That's all. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Anything further?

8 MR. DEAS: Nothing further, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Cross? No cross?

10 MR. WILDER: No, sir.

11 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down.

12 Any objection to this witness being excused for the  
13 balance of the trial?

14 MR. MEADORS: Thank you.

15 MR. DEAS: None, none.

16 MR. WILDER: None.

17 THE COURT: All right, thank you. You are excused,  
18 sir.

19 WITNESS: Thank you.

20 THE COURT: Thank you.

21 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

22 (A PAUSE.)

23 THE COURT: Who would the state call as its next  
24 witness?

25 MR. MEADORS: Eugene Mackovitch, Your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: Is someone going to get him?

2 If the jurors would like to stand up for just a moment  
3 while this witness comes up, you may do so.

4 (A PAUSE.)

5 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, the state would call Eugene  
6 Mackovitch.

7 EUGENE R. MACKOVITCH, BEING DULY  
8 SWORN, TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

9 CLERK OF COURT: Please state your full name. Spell  
10 your last name for the record.

11 WITNESS: Eugene R. Mackovitch, M-A-C-K-O-V-I-T-C-H.

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

13 Q. Mackovitch?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. I apologize.

16 A. I've been called worse.

17 Q. I understand. Just be sure. I don't think we'll have  
18 trouble hearing.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. Well, you've been called worse, but most people call  
21 you Mack, right.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Or your friends call you Mack?

24 A. Most people, yes, sir.

25 Q. Well, Mack or Mr. Mackovitch, would you please tell

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1 these folks about you? Just where you're from, kind of a  
2 little bit about where you grew up.

3 A. I'm originally from upstate New York. Been in the  
4 service. Retired.

5 Q. Where were you in the service?

6 A. All over. Last station was here. Spent fifteen years  
7 overseas, and we liked the area, fishing and all that. So,  
8 got out here.

9 Q. What year did you get here, Mr. Mackovitch.

10 A. Oh, geez, I don't know. Probably around '76 or  
11 something like that.

12 Q. Okay, and retired here obviously?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And when you got -- what did you do when you got to  
15 Sumter County?

16 A. Well, after retirement I delivered newspapers for The  
17 State. Worked for Security Management South Carolina.  
18 Worked at Howser's Suit and Rack, and now Cherryvale  
19 Grocery.

20 Q. And I'm sure most folks know, but Cherryvale Grocery  
21 is where?

22 A. In Cherryvale. That's right out Broad Street by a  
23 Chinese restaurant and Citgo Station.

24 Q. If you're leaving town, would you take a left on  
25 Cherryvale?

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1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. And Cherryvale Grocery is down on the right?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. How long have you been employed with Cherryvale  
5 Grocery, Mack?

6 A. I think it's going on seven, eight years.

7 Q. And what is your job there?

8 A. Cashier, manager. You know, shift.

9 Q. A little bit ---

10 A. I work the night shift, okay.

11 Q. And what is the night shift?

12 A. 3 to 10.

13 Q. And do you work every night?

14 A. I have off on Fridays and some other days.

15 Q. And when you're working there, are you by yourself?

16 Are there other employees there on the night shift?

17 A. Well, during the weekends, we have -- weekdays we have  
18 one come in at 5:00.

19 Q. At 5:00?

20 A. Yeah. On weekends, I'm there with a guy who just  
21 cleans up and assists and, you know.

22 Q. And what's that gentleman's name?

23 A. Junior.

24 Q. Junior?

25 A. Right.

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1 Q. Now, let me take you back, Mr. Mack, to January of  
2 2008. Specifically, January 12th of 2008. It's this  
3 incident we're talking about, okay?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Had you or were, were you working the night shift on  
6 January 12th of 2008?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And would you dispute that was a Saturday night?

9 A. No, I wouldn't.

10 Q. Okay, and who else was there working with you that  
11 night?

12 A. I was working by myself, and Junior was sitting  
13 around, you know, keeping things up.

14 Q. And where would Junior sit when he was in there if he  
15 wasn't...

16 A. He'd sit at the bar under the counter down there.

17 Q. And I may get you to show that in a minute.

18 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

19 (A PAUSE.)

20 BY MR. MEADORS:

21 Q. Who owns Cherryvale Grocery?

22 A. Mr. Early Dubose.

23 Q. Mr. Early Dubose. Now, Mr. Mack, did the, did the  
24 police come and see you sometime that evening of January  
25 the 12th?

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1 A. Yes, they did.

2 Q. Okay, and do you remember for what purpose they came  
3 to see you?

4 A. They came to see me, wondering if I seen any personnel  
5 around certain time of the evening, or if I could remember  
6 anything special.

7 Q. And did they, they give you a time period roughly?

8 A. They told me it was between about 8, 8:30.

9 Q. And your store, Mr. Early's store, is equipped with  
10 surveillance cameras?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And they were operating that night?

13 A. They were. We don't, we don't have any outside, but  
14 we got them inside.

15 Q. Okay, and did you have occasion some time that evening  
16 or around that day to look at the videotape?

17 A. During that, that night, you mean?

18 Q. Yes, sir.

19 A. No, sir. Not until they told me to ---

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. --- pull it.

22 Q. And was that the next day?

23 A. No. That, it was that evening they came in there.

24 Q. Would it be fair to say the 12th or the 13th?

25 A. I think was still the 12th because I left right after.

1 I think Early came out that evening, too, so.

2 Q. And I apologize. That's my fault. It was the  
3 question, but you had a chance to look at that tape?

4 A. Afterwards.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. But not...

7 Q. And maybe I'm being -- I don't mean ---

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. --- right when things are happening.

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. But did you review it and look at it with the police  
12 later on that evening?

13 A. Well, I ran it to approximately where they told me to,  
14 and we identified any...

15 Q. And, and was there something on the tape that you --  
16 what, if anything, had you told the police about any  
17 individuals that had come in and left that night?

18 A. Well, the only incident I knew that night was a couple  
19 individuals came in, and they were in the back. I had  
20 customers coming in and out. I thought I noticed someone  
21 put something in their pocket, and just -- how you glance  
22 up all the time.

23 Well, one -- they came to the counter. They bought a  
24 Little Debbie snack, I guess. And as they were going out,  
25 I went around the counter and approached him and just ask

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1 -- you know, questioned them about if they got anything in  
2 their pocket. He said no, and that's -- other, you know --  
3 I don't get too involved. You know, it didn't look -- no  
4 bulges. So, I just let him go, and this was -- that was  
5 it.

6 Q. And had you told the police about that incident?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. And did you have an occasion to view the video and  
9 show the police on the tape what you were talking about?

10 A. Yeah. We ran it to that portion that evening.

11 Q. Okay, and did a fellow come down, Mr. Baldwin, do you  
12 know, and made a copy of it?

13 A. I think he did it the next day or something. I don't  
14 know when it was.

15 Q. All right, but do you remember a copy being made?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And you've had the chance to review that?

18 A. Just vaguely.

19 Q. The incident of them going out the door?

20 A. Right.

21 THE COURT: And subject to your continuing objection.

22 MR. WILDER: Yes, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Whether Sergeant Bean testifies.

24 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir.

25 MR. DEAS: That's correct.



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1 (PORTIONS OF STATE'S 20 ARE PLAYED FOR THE JURY  
2 THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONY.)

3 BY MR. MEADORS:

4 Q. Do you recognize this, Mr. Mack?

5 A. Yeah. Yeah.

6 Q. Can you see from here?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Let me ---

9 THE COURT: Watch out.

10 Q. Can you see that, sir?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Do you recognize this?

13 A. Yeah. That's the Cherryvale Grocery.

14 Q. That's the Cherryvale Grocery?

15 A. That's right.

16 Q. And I'll tell you ---

17 THE COURT: You're going to need to speak up if you're  
18 going to get away from ---

19 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, if he could come right here?

20 THE COURT: You can come to that microphone right  
21 there, sir. Thank you.

22 BY MR. MEADORS:

23 Q. Mack, you just talk into there, please.

24 A. Yeah, that's inside the Cherryvale Grocery.

25 Q. That's inside Cherryvale Grocery. What's this right

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1 here?

2 A. That's the counter.

3 Q. Can you get louder?

4 A. That's the counter.

5 Q. What is this? Not the person, but what's this right  
6 here?

7 A. That's the front doors.

8 Q. Now, you testified about an incident about two  
9 individuals?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. That came in the store, and you went to talk to one of  
12 them.

13 MR. MEADORS: Freeze it. Freeze it. Will you go  
14 back? Sorry about that. That's my fault. This right  
15 here. Keep going. Pause it, please.

16 Q. Where are you right now in this video? Remember  
17 you're got to talk to me here.

18 A. I'm still probably behind the register.

19 Q. Behind the register?

20 A. Yeah.

21 MR. MEADORS: All right, go ahead.

22 Q. Who is this right here?

23 A. Looks like me.

24 MR. MEADORS: All right, keep going. Stop right here.

25 Q. All right. Now, you testified earlier about an

1 incident where you approached and talked to one of the  
2 customers.

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Is this what you were talking about?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And are these the two individuals that you spoke with,  
7 or this is the individual you spoke?

8 A. Right. The other one came back in.

9 Q. And you said you sold one of them a Little Debbie  
10 snack cake?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. A little snack?

13 A. Well, they call them pies.

14 MR. MEADORS: Keep going. All right, freeze it.

15 Q. Is that you talking to one of the individuals still?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 MR. MEADORS: Keep going, please, and -- freeze it,  
18 please.

19 Q. What does it appear this individual is doing while  
20 you're talking to this individual?

21 A. It looks like he's watching.

22 MR. MEADORS: Keep going. Stop.

23 Q. Did this individual buy anything from you?

24 A. I don't know which one bought the pie, but.

25 MR. MEADORS: Okay, keep going. Stop.

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1 Q. Do you see him doing anything there?

2 A. Looks like he had something his right hand.

3 MR. MEADORS: Keep going.

4 A. Yeah, that looks like a snack.

5 Q. That looks like a snack.

6 A. It does to me.

7 MR. WILDER: Object to the leading.

8 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, I ---

9 THE COURT: No, he stated.

10 MR. MEADORS: I'm repeating his question -- I mean,  
11 his answer.

12 THE COURT: He didn't. Yeah, he was just stating it.  
13 Overruled.

14 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, is it all right if I  
15 communicate with Mr. Miller about...

16 (A PAUSE.)

17 BY MR. MEADORS:

18 Q. Now, Mack.

19 MR. MEADORS: Freeze it, please.

20 Q. Do you see this person here?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. What do people do, if anything, when they are in that  
23 position and you're behind the counter?

24 A. Well, up there, most of them have -- two or three will  
25 come together.

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1 Q. That's a terrible question. Where do you take the  
2 stuff?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Where do you pay for stuff?

5 A. Right at the, where that, right where that first  
6 individual is.

7 Q. Here?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Are you behind there?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Where is the cash register?

12 A. Cash register is -- we got a little space here. The  
13 cash register would be right here on the right.

14 Q. If I or Mr. Wilder or Mr. Deas was going to go in  
15 there and buy something, where would we go to pay you on  
16 here, Mack?

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. Would it be?

19 A. Right there at the counter.

20 MR. MEADORS: Keep going, please. Stop it, please.  
21 Stop it, please.

22 Q. What, if anything, does it appear that person did?

23 A. He's leaving the register.

24 Q. Leaving the register?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. This person is leaving the register, correct?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And where are you? Behind the register?

4 A. I'm still behind the register.

5 MR. MEADORS: Go ahead, please. Stop.

6 Q. Does it appear that person has anything in his hand?

7 A. Which one?

8 Q. This one.

9 A. It looks in this right hand he's got something.

10 MR. MEADORS: Keep going. Stop.

11 Q. Who's this fellow right here?

12 A. Me, myself.

13 MR. MEADORS: Keep going, please. Stop.

14 Q. Did this fellow come back inside, or did he stay at  
15 the door when you were talking with the other fellow?

16 A. He came back in after, after a minute or so.

17 MR. MEADORS: Keep going, please. Stop.

18 Q. Can you tell which way, if any way, that person went  
19 when they walked out the door?

20 A. Well, they went to the right.

21 Q. They went to the right?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 MR. MEADORS: Keep going, please.

24 Q. Mack, January 12, 2008, was there a pay phone to the  
25 right of Cherryvale when you came out?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Were there other pay phones there in January of 2008?

3 A. We had two down. I don't know if one was torn down by  
4 that time or not, or.

5 Q. When you come out and take a right, is there a pay  
6 phone there?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

9 Q. Is this what you showed the police on January 12,  
10 2008?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. I think you can sit back down. Thank you, Mack.

13 (SNACK WRAPPER MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 24 FOR  
14 IDENTIFICATION.)

15 COURT REPORTER: State's 24 for I.D.

16 THE COURT: State's 24 for I.D.

17 BY MR. MEADORS:

18 Q. I'm going to show you what's marked State's 24, Mr.  
19 Mackovitch. What was it you said that one of these  
20 individuals you sold them was? A what?

21 A. A Little Debbie cake.

22 Q. Little Debbie?

23 A. Pie. They call them pies.

24 Q. Looking at State's 24, is that the type y'all sold on  
25 January of 2009?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Does that appear to be a product you had in your  
3 store?

4 A. Yes, sir. What's the date sell by? Yeah.

5 Q. Well, I didn't see that. What does that say?

6 A. Sell by January 22nd.

7 Q. So, you got fresh stuff in there?

8 A. Yeah.

9 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, we'd offer State's 24.

10 THE COURT: Any objection?

11 MR. DEAS: No objection from defendant Reginald Canty.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder?

13 MR. WILDER: Yes, Your Honor. We object.

14 THE COURT: What's basis of your objection?

15 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, there's been no testimony as  
16 to where that was, relevance, materiality, chain of custody  
17 anything of that nature. It appears like it's been  
18 fingerprinted. So, I, I object until we establish the  
19 chain of custody.

20 THE COURT: Sustained.

21 MR. MEADORS: That's fine, and I think he knows it's  
22 been fingerprinted obviously. So, Your Honor, we'd offer  
23 this as 24 for I.D.

24 THE COURT: All right.

25 BY MR. MEADORS:



1 Q. Is this similar, that's similar to a Debbie snack cake  
2 that y'all sold?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And you sold one that night to one of those  
5 individuals?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 MR. MEADORS: 24 for I.D.

8 Q. Mack, you like your job, don't you?

9 A. Yeah. It pays bills.

10 Q. And is it fair to say you have regular customers?

11 A. Yeah. We have regulars.

12 Q. I mean, I mean, people have their own store they go  
13 to, convenience store? I mean, do you see the same people  
14 daily?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Regulars?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. And do some of them, do you know them? I mean, you  
19 know them but you don't know their names? Sort of like you  
20 know them by face?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. And had -- did you recognize these two fellows by  
23 face?

24 A. Recognize them by face. Yeah, I don't know names.

25 Q. You didn't know their names?

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1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. But you knew -- had they been in the store?

3 A. Oh, yeah. They come, they come and go.

4 Q. Come and go?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And I -- are these the two fellows that were on there  
7 that night or on that tape?

8 A. Well, they look familiar, but I can't really say yea  
9 or nay.

10 Q. But they look familiar?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Now, Mack, you had two phones out there, right? And I  
13 apologize for the record. Not you. Mr. Early did.

14 A. Well, some, some contractor put them in, yes.

15 Q. And did you ever use that phone?

16 A. No, I didn't, but I, I just go out there and get the  
17 number if it's jammed and call the individual.

18 Q. I couldn't follow you, Mr. Mack. What did you say?  
19 I'm sorry.

20 A. I never used the phone, no, sir.

21 Q. All right.

22 A. But ---

23 Q. You said you went out and what?

24 A. If the phone ever gets jammed, people say they lose  
25 their money, I tell them, well, I'll call the individual.

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1 and he'll come out and fix it and leave their money.

2 Q. Do people use the pay phone now as much as they used  
3 to?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. They do? Do you remember what that phone number was?

6 A. Not off hand because since then, they replaced new  
7 ones. I can't remember the number, but I think the first  
8 few was 415.

9 Q. How can you remember the first few were 415?

10 A. Because when I went out there checking for a couple of  
11 times, I seen the number and I played it on the lottery.  
12 It didn't do no good, though.

13 Q. You played 415 on the lottery?

14 A. Yeah. Yes, sir.

15 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

16 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

17 (A PAUSE.)

18 MR. MEADORS: One more second, Your Honor. I  
19 apologize.

20 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

21 MR. MEADORS: I think that's all I have. Thank you.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Deas.

23 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the  
24 court?

25 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

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1 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Mackovitch.

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. My name is Garryl Deas. I represent the defendant  
4 Reginald Canty.

5 You had an opportunity to look at the videotape from  
6 the store, correct? You just saw it along with all of us  
7 here today?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Do you recall if law enforcement back on the date of  
10 the January '08 incident, do you recall if law enforcement  
11 came to the store and asked you to look for specific people  
12 on the videotape? Or did they just ask you to give them a  
13 specific time frame on the videotape?

14 A. A specific time frame, yeah.

15 Q. Do you recall what that time frame was that they asked  
16 for?

17 A. What I -- well, they said it's somewhere between 8 and  
18 9:00.

19 Q. Between 8 and 9:00?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Were you aware that the video surveillance equipment  
22 at the store, were you, did you have any knowledge that the  
23 time was off on the videotape?

24 A. It was off an hour. I told them that, yes, sir.

25 Q. And you knew that before January, before the incident

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1 of January 12th or ---

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Or when that happened?

4 A. I knew it before then.

5 Q. And you, you alerted law enforcement to the fact that  
6 that's -- that the video, the video surveillance equipment  
7 was off an hour?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Who did you tell that to?

10 A. I think Officer Burnish when he came in.

11 Q. Now, you said you were the only cashier there, there  
12 the night of January 12, '08. Is that correct?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And then you mentioned something. I think you  
15 mentioned on direct examination about someone named Junior?

16 A. Right. He hangs around there, and he gets paid just  
17 to stay there.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Right.

20 Q. So, he's, he's kind -- he's sort of, he's sort of like  
21 your right-hand man while you work?

22 A. On weekends, yeah.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. He knows everybody and, you know.

25 Q. I understand. Now, on the video, and I know it's not

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1     cued to that particular section of the video now, but at  
2     some point during the video, there appeared to have been  
3     two gentleman entering the store, and -- one of which  
4     actually came to register and purchased something.

5     A.    Yeah.

6     Q.    Is that a fair statement?

7     A.    Yes, sir.

8     Q.    Okay, and I believe you testified previously that one  
9     of the gentleman seemed -- purchased a snack cake?

10    A.    Yes, sir.

11    Q.    Okay. Now, would you -- you had an opportunity to  
12    take a good look at the two gentlemen that came -- that  
13    were on the video that we just watched, correct? You had a  
14    chance to see both of them on the video?

15    A.    Well, yeah. Yes.

16    Q.    Would you, would you -- would it be reasonable for me  
17    to say that one of them was a browner skin  
18    African-American, someone like my complex or a little  
19    darker, and the other one was a faired skin  
20    African-American male? Would that be a fair statement?

21    A.    Yes, sir.

22    Q.    Okay, and you correct me if I'm wrong, but would it  
23    also be reasonable to say that it was the fairer skin  
24    African-American male that purchased the snack cake?

25    A.    Yes, sir.

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1 Q. Okay. Now, you indicated that when these gentlemen  
2 exited the store after this, this snack cake was purchased  
3 by the fairer skinned gentleman, and after you spoke with  
4 the darker skinned gentleman, they both left the store,  
5 correct?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And they exited to the right?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Once they existed to the right and once they exited  
10 the store, you don't know what they did at that point, do  
11 you?

12 A. Well, no, because another customer came in. I had to  
13 take care of the customer.

14 Q. So, you don't know whether either one of the gentlemen  
15 used the pay phone or not, do you?

16 A. Not off hand. Besides, it's sort of -- the lighting's  
17 hard with the -- at nighttime.

18 Q. You never saw either of them use the pay phone that  
19 night, did you?

20 A. I can't say honestly I did.

21 Q. You never told law enforcement or anyone from the  
22 police department that you saw either one of these  
23 gentlemen use the pay phone, did you?

24 A. No, sir. I just told them about the incident that  
25 came up that night.

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1 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Mr. Mackovitch.

2 WITNESS: Yes, sir.

3 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

4 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

5 (A PAUSE.)

6 MR. WILDER: May it please the court?

7 THE COURT: Well, he needs to talk to his client  
8 first.

9 MR. WILDER: Oh.

10 THE COURT: Then he'll let you know if he's ready.

11 MR. DEAS: No further questions.

12 THE COURT: All right, thank you.

13 Now, Mr. Wilder.

14 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

15 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

16 Q. How you doing, Mack?

17 A. Pretty good, sir.

18 Q. Did they let you watch the whole video that was  
19 copied?

20 A. Well, mostly there ain't much on it. I mean, you  
21 know, it's so short.

22 Q. Well, let's see.

23 MR. WILDER: Mr. Miller, can you cue up the very first  
24 segment that you have? And if there's a way to do it, I  
25 hope it can be by fast forwarding so we don't have to watch



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1 the whole thing. If, if -- and I don't know if you have  
2 that capability, Mr. Miller.

3 (PORTIONS OF STATE'S 20 ARE PLAYED FOR THE JURY  
4 THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONY.)

5 BY MR. WILDER:

6 Q. If so, Mack, come down here where you can talk again  
7 in the mic, please, sir.

8 MR. WILDER: All right, and is the earliest one you  
9 have there, Mr. Miller; and if you can pause it for one  
10 second at 2101 I believe is what I'm showing over here on  
11 the date stamp. Is that correct, Mr. Miller?

12 BY MR. WILDER:

13 Q. All right, Mr. Mackovitch, if you would look up there?  
14 And so the date stamp is 2101, and we're looking at the  
15 front doors of the store, right?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And according to everything you know about Mr. Baldwin  
18 and the copy that was made and all of that, this is the  
19 video from the Cherryvale Grocery where you worked from  
20 that particular night, is it not?

21 A. To the best of my knowledge.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Okay, and didn't you say at one point that it's your  
25 recollection that it's close to your closing time, close?

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1 A. It was close to closing time when the officers came  
2 in.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. When the officers came in?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And do you have a, like a recollection you can tell  
8 the jury of how long it was between the incident that you  
9 just told us about and the time the officers came in?

10 A. Let's see, probably would have been about an hour  
11 forty, fifty minutes.

12 Q. An hour and forty minutes?

13 A. Forty, fifty minutes, yes, sir.

14 Q. Okay, now, let me make sure I understand. Is it an  
15 hour or forty or fifty minutes, or hour and forty ---

16 A. An hour and forty or fifty minutes.

17 Q. Yes, sir. Thank you.

18 MR. WILDER: All right, now, Mr. Miller if you would  
19 go as fast as you can run the thing.

20 Q. And would you watch, Mr. Mack, to see where we're  
21 going here and see how long this video ---

22 MR. WILDER: Whoa. If you could stop right there, Mr.  
23 Miller.

24 Q. There's a gentleman in a hoodie.

25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. Time being 2101, gentleman in hoodie, black thing.  
2 All right, can you tell the jury who that was that came in  
3 the store right there?  
4 A. No, sir.  
5 Q. All right. Now, even as he comes in, there are  
6 people over, customers over where you pointed the counter  
7 was where the purchasing is going on and sell. Would you  
8 tell the jury who those people were?  
9 A. No, not, not as small as that is.  
10 Q. Okay, but that was going on in the store that night?  
11 A. Oh, yeah.  
12 Q. Because we know that ---  
13 A. We get busy.  
14 MR. WILDER: All right, let her run, Mr. Miller.  
15 Q. Man in the hoodie goes on in the store. All right.  
16 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, I'm going to object to the  
17 extra comments.  
18 MR. WILDER: All right.  
19 THE COURT: Yes. Don't editorialize, Mr. Wilder.  
20 MR. WILDER: Yes, sir.  
21 THE COURT: Let him testify.  
22 MR. WILDER: All right, stop there, Mr. Miller.  
23 BY MR. WILDER:  
24 Q. Mack, there's a head right there in the corner. Do  
25 you see what I'm pointing to?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. With my pen, and do you know who that individual is?

3 A. I seen him full length that night.

4 MR. WILDER: Run it a little bit more, Mr. Miller.

5 All right, stop, please.

6 Q. This gentleman exiting the store, is he going to the  
7 right or to the left as he goes out?

8 A. If you can run it one more step, I can tell you.

9 MR. WILDER: Please do that, Mr. Miller.

10 Q. Are you able to tell?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Okay, and the lady exiting the store now, do you know  
13 who she is?

14 A. No, sir.

15 A. All right, the gentleman that just went out, did you  
16 know who he was?

17 A. I can't tell by the back of head.

18 Q. Okay.

19 MR. WILDER: All right, let her run. Are we at the  
20 end of the first second segment? No. Okay, keep rolling,  
21 please. All right, stop it, please.

22 Q. Did you know the gentleman that just went out the door  
23 there?

24 A. No, sir.

25 MR. WILDER: Okay. Let her run. Stop, please. Is

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1 this, this is now 2101. Looks like it's a repeat. Is this  
2 a repeat, Mr. Miller? All right, now, if you'll move it to  
3 the next segment. You got another segment?

4 All right, stop right there, please. One, two, three,  
5 four, five, six, seven, eight, nine. Nine segments. Okay,  
6 go ahead. Next one, please.

7 All right, this looks like it would be a repeat of the  
8 same one, Mr. Miller. Is it? Because it says 210 ---

9 MR. MILLER: That's 2102.

10 MR. WILDER: 2? Oh, okay, 2102. Let her run. All  
11 right, stop that.

12 BY MR. WILDER:

13 Q. You know this gentleman? Looks like the fellow that  
14 used to work at Seaco to you, Mack? Right there?

15 A. Citgo?

16 Q. Seaco right across the street here.

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. You don't know the D.J.?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Okay.

21 MR. WILDER: All right, let her run.

22 Q. And this is, I believe, what we watched earlier, is it  
23 not?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Okay. All right. Now, the gentleman kind of dancing

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1 around, do you know him?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. All right. Tell the jury who he is.

4 A. That's Junior's nephew.

5 Q. Is he the guy that works with you, Mack?

6 A. No.

7 Q. No?

8 A. No, sir.

9 Q. Okay. So, you know this fellow?

10 A. I know him, yeah.

11 Q. Okay.

12 MR. WILDER: All right, please run it on.

13 Q. Now, does he go to the right or the left?

14 A. Looks like he walked right out.

15 Q. Walked right out?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay.

18 MR. WILDER: All right, stop it, please.

19 Q. The gentleman that just went out, did he go to the  
20 right or the left?

21 A. I didn't catch a glance at that.

22 MR. WILDER: Could you back it up, Mr. Miller, please?

23 Q. Right there, which way did he go?

24 A. He's heading towards the right.

25 Q. To the right?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Do you know who he is?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. All right. Thank you.

5 MR. WILDER: Let it run.

6 Q. All right, now that's the incident you said took place  
7 at the door, right?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Okay.

10 MR. WILDER: Let her run. Excuse me, back it up a  
11 little bit, please, Mr. Miller.

12 Q. Right there, that gentleman with the jacket on, can  
13 you tell the jury who he is?

14 A. I didn't see no face.

15 Q. All right, and is he wearing a hood, a jacket with a  
16 hood on it?

17 A. Yes, he is.

18 Q. You know, and this is, like, January, so I guess a lot  
19 of people had jackets with hoods on them?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Right?

22 MR. WILDER: Okay, let her run.

23 A. He went to the right.

24 Q. Thank you, sir.

25 A. Thank you.

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1 Q. Appreciate that.

2 MR. WILDER: We're moving to the next segment. Thank  
3 you.

4 Q. All right, another gentleman coming in here -- a lady.  
5 Okay, sorry, lady. All right, but do you know who the lady  
6 is?

7 A. I hadn't seen this part, I don't think.

8 MR. WILDER: All right, can we fast forward it now?

9 Q. All right, Mack, we're looking at the beer cooler over  
10 here now, aren't we?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. And I guess it's important to have a camera on the  
13 beer cooler because sometimes you have trouble over there?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Okay. All right, this gentleman just went in the beer  
16 cooler, do you know him?

17 A. I didn't catch a glimpse of him.

18 MR. WILDER: Okay, it's at 2040 something, 2045, 46.

19 Can you back it up a little, Mr. Miller, try to freeze  
20 frame? Freeze it right there.

21 Q. Do you know this gentleman right here?

22 A. I can't see no face.

23 Q. Okay, but yet apparently somebody bought beer from you  
24 along about that time, 2048?

25 A. Apparently so, yes.



1 Q. But the time is off?

2 A. By an hour.

3 Q. Okay.

4 MR. WILDER: All right, let her run.

5 Q. And it looks to me in the background, that was a lot  
6 of activity over there. Can you describe for the jury how  
7 many people come and go? Another going.

8 A. At that store, they come in streaks.

9 Q. Streaks?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Like?

12 A. Sometimes you'll be busy for about fifteen, twenty  
13 minutes, then dead for twenty more.

14 Q. Would it be like hours of boredom punctuated by  
15 moments of the sheer terror?

16 A. Not that bad, no, sir.

17 Q. Not that bad, okay. Fair enough. All right, I'm not  
18 going to labor on any more. You can step back to the  
19 stand.

20 A. Thank you.

21 Q. If you would, Mack.

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And I will ask you to note that we are only half way  
24 of that segment.

25 MR. MEADORS: Is that a question?

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1 Q. All right.

2 MR. WILDER: Pardon?

3 MR. MEADORS: I didn't know if you had a question.

4 MR. WILDER: Okay. Sorry.

5 BY MR. WILDER:

6 Q. Now, State's Exhibit for I.D. Number 24, they asked  
7 you to look at that. And I believe you said it looks like  
8 something you may have sold at the store?

9 A. We sell Little Debbie snacks, yes, sir.

10 Q. And how often does the Little Debbie snack truck come  
11 around there?

12 A. Once a week.

13 Q. Okay, and so how many Little Debbie cakes do they  
14 leave off at the Cherryvale Grocery?

15 A. They got about fifteen, twenty different kinds.

16 Q. Fifteen, twenty different kinds?

17 A. Fifteen or twenty different varieties.

18 Q. And on that particular night, you can't remember  
19 exactly what variety was sold to that particular customer,  
20 can you?

21 A. Not off hand I can't, no, sir.

22 Q. Okay. So, you can't say that that wrapper is the one  
23 that we just saw on any kind of cake in any of these people  
24 that bought anything from the store that night, can you?

25 A. Well, it's a Little Debbie snack. That's all I know.

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1 Q. That's all you know, and in terms of tracing it back  
2 to the Cherryvale Grocery that night, we knew that the  
3 expiration was a certain date there, but we don't know if  
4 that Little Debbie cake was one that came right out of your  
5 grocery store that particular night, do we?

6 A. Not off hand, no, sir.

7 Q. No way. All right, now, when the Little Debbie truck  
8 comes around, they go to a lot of other stores in Sumter,  
9 don't they?

10 A. Evidently so.

11 Q. Okay, and do you know how many Little Debbie cakes  
12 they sell in Sumter County a week?

13 A. You'd have to ask the distributor.

14 Q. Okay. Could be a lot, though?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. And your imagination and maybe your common sense,  
17 would that tell you it's a good, good size number, right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay.

20 MR. WILDER: Thank you, Mack.

21 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

22 Q. Just a couple of questions. Did you tell Sergeant  
23 Burnish right off the bat that the clock was wrong?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. And you told him about -- did you tell him about an

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1 incident that you were involved in, and that's what you  
2 brought to their attention, and that's what was shown on  
3 here with the two gentlemen?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 MR. MEADORS: Thank you. That's all.

6 THE COURT: Anything further?

7 MR. DEAS: Nothing further.

8 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down. Thank you,  
9 sir.

10 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

11 THE COURT: All right, I think it's an excellent time  
12 for a break, ladies and gentlemen. I'm going to give you a  
13 fifteen minute recess so you can use the restroom. If you  
14 need to smoke, you may smoke. They'll take you out where  
15 you can sweat outside for a few minutes.

16 And, ladies and gentlemen, please do not discuss  
17 anything about the case while you're back in there with the  
18 other jurors. Thank you.

19 (THE JURY EXITS AT 3:25 P.M.)

20 THE COURT: All right, court will be in recess for  
21 fifteen minutes.

22 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 (OFF THE RECORD.)

24 MR. MEADORS: If it please the court?

25 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

1 MR. MEADORS: Judge, just scheduling purposes, we have  
2 two other witnesses ready to go to today. I don't know how  
3 long they will take. I would propose adjourning after that  
4 just for -- it might make tomorrow go smoother, and plus  
5 the heat. Tomorrow after these two witnesses, I'll just be  
6 candid. Tell the court we'll have the crime scene, which  
7 is relatively short, Raymond Mackessy, and Bean.  
8 Investigator Bean just took some pictures of it. And then  
9 after that, Your Honor, we'll have Investigator West and  
10 Burnish, and maybe a few of the smaller witnesses. But I  
11 think, I think I can finish tomorrow.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. MEADORS: And I know one in addition to that. Of  
14 course we'll have the SLED agents and the pathologist, but  
15 all of those are not lengthy witnesses.

16 THE COURT: But I have already assured Mr. Wilder he  
17 would not have to put up any of his witnesses before  
18 Thursday if he chose to do so.

19 MR. MEADORS: Correct.

20 MR. WILDER: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 MR. MEADORS: So ---

22 MR. WILDER: And again, as I stated to y'all earlier,  
23 I will make every effort to have my people here whenever  
24 but -- because there are a few of them I can move around  
25 that wouldn't be inconvenienced to Wednesday afternoon if

1 that becomes...

2 MR. MEADORS: If we, if we do what we're proposing, I  
3 think I'd take up all tomorrow, but I'd finish tomorrow.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. MEADORS: I mean, I think it would be a fairly  
6 busy day tomorrow, but I think I can still finish tomorrow.

7 THE COURT: All right. Very well. Thank you.

8 All right, let's bring our jury back in.

9 (THE JURY ENTERS AT 3:45 P.M.)

10 CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, all the jurors are back  
11 in the courtroom.

12 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

13 All right, is the state ready to present its next  
14 witness?

15 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, if it pleases you, Anitta  
18 Shannon.

19 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

20 ANITTA SHANNON, BEING DULY SWORN,  
21 TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

22 CLERK OF COURT: State your full name. Spell your  
23 last name for the record.

24 WITNESS: My name is Anitta Shannon, S-H-A-N-N-O-N.

25 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

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1 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Shannon.

2 A. How you doing?

3 Q. Will you please tell the ladies and gentlemen of this,  
4 this jury about Anitta Shannon? Just generally. Where  
5 were you born?

6 A. I was born in Virginia, but I was raised in Las Vegas.

7 Q. And when did you come this way? When did you leave  
8 Las Vegas and come back?

9 A. In '89.

10 Q. And where did you go in '89?

11 A. In Sumter, South Carolina.

12 Q. And then what were you doing then?

13 A. I was, I was military family, so I came here and I was  
14 in school.

15 Q. And what -- how old were you when you came here?

16 A. About twelve or thirteen.

17 Q. And where did you go to high school?

18 A. Hillcrest High School.

19 Q. If you don't mind me asking, what year did you  
20 graduate?

21 A. 1996.

22 Q. What did you do after that?

23 A. Cashier jobs.

24 Q. And at a convenience store?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. And you've been doing that up through today?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And I think you told me you're going back to school,  
4 want to do some more schooling?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. What are you interested in?

7 A. Human behavioral science.

8 Q. I want to take you back to January of 2008. Where  
9 were you working then?

10 A. Cherryvale Grocery.

11 Q. And during that month of January, were you working  
12 there?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And did you have an occasion to view a video, either  
15 at the request of law enforcement or with law enforcement  
16 about something or about some people that had been in  
17 Cherryvale Grocery on January 12th of 2008?

18 A. Yes.

19 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, one second?

20 THE COURT: Yes.

21 (A PAUSE.)

22 (PORTIONS OF STATE'S 20 ARE PLAYED FOR THE JURY  
23 THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONY.)

24 BY MR. MEADORS:

25 Q. Now, did you have an opportunity to view this store



1 surveillance tape back in January of 2008?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And did you inform law enforcement that you knew one  
4 of these individuals that were leaving the door?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And, and who did you say you knew?

7 A. Daniel Jackson.

8 Q. And, and is person the closest to the door, or the one  
9 farther from the door?

10 A. Closest to the door.

11 Q. So, you identified this person as Daniel Jackson?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And was that -- you just, you know him?

14 A. Yeah, from -- uh-huh.

15 Q. Through, through a relationship with somebody else?

16 A. Yes, sir. My niece.

17 Q. Okay, but there was no doubt in your mind that that  
18 was Daniel Jackson?

19 A. There was no doubt.

20 Q. And you told law enforcement that?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Did you know who this other person was?

23 A. No, ma'am -- no, sir.

24 Q. And is Daniel Jackson in the courtroom today?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. And would you point him out?

2 A. (WITNESS COMPLIES.)

3 Q. Is he to the right of Mr. Canty?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 MR. MEADORS: And we'd like the record to so reflect.

6 THE COURT: Record will so reflect.

7 BY MR. MEADORS:

8 Q. Now, that's all I have on this. Just a couple of  
9 other questions. Were you working on that day, the 12th?

10 A. I was coming in later on that evening.

11 Q. Did you know anything about the murder of Bill Flexon?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. You don't know anything about that?

14 A. No, sir.

15 MR. MEADORS: That's all I have. Thank you.

16 THE COURT: Thank you.

17 Mr. Deas.

18 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the  
19 court?

20 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

21 Q. Ms. Shannon, my name is Garryl Deas. I represent the  
22 defendant Reginald Canty.

23 On that video, a frame shows two, two young men, two  
24 African-American men, one more fairer skin, one with darker  
25 skin. The one that you identified as the person that you

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1 know is the fairer skin young man, Daniel Jackson. Is that  
2 correct?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Do you know Reginald Canty?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. Have you ever seen him in the store before, Cherryvale  
7 Grocery?

8 A. I don't remember.

9 Q. I believe you've already answered this, but I'm going  
10 to ask it again just in case. Were you at the Cherryvale  
11 Grocery on January 12, 2008?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Do you, do you have any specific recollection of these  
14 two gentlemen entering the store?

15 A. I was coming in that evening. I wasn't working at the  
16 time when they came in the store.

17 Q. Do you have any and knowledge as to what time it was  
18 when they came in the store? I'm talking about, I'm  
19 speaking of specific knowledge yourself.

20 A. No, sir, because I wasn't there.

21 Q. When was it that law enforcement asked you to view the  
22 videotape?

23 A. Shortly after I came in. They were viewing the  
24 videotape.

25 Q. And about what, do you know about what time it was

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1     when you came into the store?

2     A.    No, sir.

3     Q.    But it was on January 12, '08?

4     A.    Yes, sir.

5     Q.    And you were, you were scheduled to work that day?

6     A.    I was. I worked that day. I work double shifts on  
7     Saturdays, and I came back in that evening.

8     Q.    Do you remember what time you were slated to come back  
9     in that evening?

10    A.    It varied. I don't remember.

11    Q.    What was your typical schedule when you worked double  
12    shifts?

13    A.    Just whenever I got home and got ready and came back.

14    Q.    You don't really have any specific recollection of  
15    when it was you came back that evening?

16    A.    No, sir.

17    Q.    To work your, to work your second shift?

18    A.    No, sir.

19    Q.    But when you realize law enforcement was there, they  
20    were -- law enforcement was at the store?

21    A.    Yes, sir.

22           MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

23           (A PAUSE.)

24           MR. DEAS: Nothing further.

25           THE COURT: Thank you.

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1 Mr. Wilder.

2 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

3 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

4 Q. Ma'am, is it Anitta or Anittra?

5 A. It's Anitta Shannon.

6 Q. Anitta Shannon. All right, Ms. Shannon, did the law  
7 enforcement officers ask you to identify everybody who came  
8 in the store that evening?

9 A. No. I just knew the person on the videotape. That I,  
10 I recognized Daniel Jackson on the videotape.

11 Q. Well, did they ask for your help in identifying who  
12 else might be there about the same time?

13 A. Yeah, but I didn't recognize anybody on the tape.

14 Q. Well, how many folks did you kind of go through trying  
15 to figure out if you knew any of them?

16 A. I don't remember.

17 Q. Was it more than ten?

18 A. I don't remember.

19 Q. If I played the tape for you -- how long was the tape  
20 you watched?

21 A. I watched it as he was coming in, when as he was  
22 walking in the door and walking out the door.

23 Q. That's it?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. You didn't watch the rest of the video?

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1 A. I didn't watch the whole video.

2 Q. So, if there was an hour worth of tape, you didn't  
3 watch but a short period of it?

4 A. No, sir, because I wasn't there. I just, I wasn't  
5 there when it happened. I just came in for my, my second  
6 shift.

7 Q. And nobody seemed to be remotely curious to who had  
8 come into the store before or after that?

9 MR. MEADORS: Objection, Your Honor. She can't answer  
10 that.

11 THE COURT: Sustained. She wouldn't know that.  
12 Required speculation.

13 BY MR. WILDER:

14 Q. Did anybody ask you to help the identify anybody who  
15 came in before or after that particular segment?

16 A. No. I just recognized Daniel Jackson on the  
17 videotape.

18 Q. Was it that they happened to be watching that and ---

19 A. Yeah, and I ---

20 Q. --- you pointed ---

21 A. --- pointed him out. I pointed him out.

22 Q. Now, the portion of the tape you remember looking at  
23 in making that identification, how many other people were  
24 in that segment of tape?

25 A. I saw one, like, right beside Daniel Jackson, and I

1 don't recognize the, I don't recognize the guy.

2 Q. Just one?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Now, if I showed you some segments of the tape, could  
5 you possibly help the jury understand who else might have  
6 been in the store that night?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Now, Mack works there. Who else works there?

9 A. It was just me and Mack that night.

10 Q. Is there a third person that works in the store?

11 A. With us? No.

12 Q. Is there another shift that comes in at another time?

13 A. Mack worked the second shift; I worked the first  
14 shift. But I came back as a double shift on that day.

15 Q. All right. Was there anybody else working with Mack  
16 that night?

17 A. No.

18 Q. He was ---

19 A. During, during the time or after the time?

20 Q. During this time.

21 A. I mean, during the time that I was gone?

22 Q. Well.

23 A. No. He was by himself.

24 Q. That night, he was by himself?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Is there somebody named Junior that works in the  
2 store?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Were you ---

5 A. He's just a stocker. He, he just stocks.

6 Q. Stocker?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. And where is Junior today?

9 A. Where is Junior today? I couldn't tell you. I don't  
10 work at the store anymore; I don't go in the neighborhood  
11 barely.

12 Q. All right, but the police didn't ask you to try to  
13 look at any other area of the tape?

14 A. No. All I saw when they were viewing the tape, I  
15 pointed out Danny Jackson.

16 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

17 MR. MEADORS: Very briefly?

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

19 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

20 Q. What are the hours of Cherryvale?

21 A. The hours of Cherryvale are 7 to 10 Monday through  
22 Saturday, and 8 to 10 on Sunday.

23 Q. So, they're open on Sunday?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. All right. So, this particular weekend, would you



1 have worked that Saturday or that Sunday, or do you  
2 remember?

3 A. I worked six days a week.

4 Q. Okay. Which one of those days do you not work?

5 A. Monday.

6 Q. So, you would have worked Sunday the 13th?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. And when you said you worked a double shift, explain  
9 that to me.

10 A. I would come in, like, from 7 to 3, and then I would  
11 come back at a certain time of the night.

12 Q. And what time would that be generally, or, or if  
13 there's ---

14 A. It's going to be, like, 6:30, 7, something like that.  
15 Sometimes I'd be a little late.

16 Q. Sometimes you'd be a little late?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. So, you were saying you were or were not working when  
19 this incident happened?

20 A. I wasn't there at the time. I was coming in to work.

21 Q. So, it would have, would have -- would it have been  
22 after that when you viewed it, correct?

23 A. Huh? Excuse me?

24 Q. It would have been after that when you viewed it,  
25 after you came in?

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1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Okay, and you know Sergeant Burnish was the person  
3 that showed it to you?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And you were there on Saturday and Sunday. Could it  
6 have been Sunday when he showed it to you?

7 A. I saw a tape. I don't, I don't remember if it was  
8 Saturday or Sunday.

9 Q. All right, but do you remember looking at that tape  
10 and saying that's Daniel Jackson?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Is there any doubt about that?

13 A. No, sir.

14 MR. MEADORS: That's all. Thank you.

15 THE COURT: Just very brief cross?

16 MR. DEAS: Nothing further, Your Honor. Thank you.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder?

18 MR. WILDER: No, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down.

20 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

21 THE COURT: Any objection to this witness being  
22 excused for the balance of the trial?

23 MR. MEADORS: We would ask, ask ---

24 MR. DEAS: No objection.

25 MR. WILDER: No objection.

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1 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, ma'am.

2 MR. MEADORS: Deputy Griffin. Excuse me, please the  
3 court?

4 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

5 MR. MEADORS: State would now call Deputy Griffin.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 JENNIFER THOMAS, BEING DULY SWORN,  
8 TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

9 CLERK OF COURT: Please state your full name. Spell  
10 you last name for the record.

11 WITNESS: Jennifer Thomas, T-H-O-M-A-S.

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

13 Q. And you're a deputy?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Good afternoon, Deputy.

16 A. Good afternoon.

17 Q. Please tell these ladies and gentlemen of this jury  
18 about yourself. Specifically, where you're from, where you  
19 were born, your experiences briefly in life, and how you  
20 got here, please.

21 A. I was born and raised here in Sumter, South Carolina.  
22 I attended Lakewood High school. I later went to USC of  
23 Sumter. I then went on to dispatch for the city police  
24 department while going to school. I then became a class 3  
25 officer for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

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1 Q. What's that mean?

2 A. Class 3 officer is pretty much you have limited  
3 duties. You just go to the Academy for your legals. Then  
4 I went back a year later full-fledged class 1 patrol  
5 deputy. And that's when I was assigned to patrol, and I've  
6 been a deputy ever since.

7 Q. Okay, and so that -- what year would you have gone  
8 back as a full-fledged deputy?

9 A. 2006.

10 Q. And when you started off, were you -- and I don't mean  
11 this bad -- you were a road deputy? Are you still a road  
12 deputy?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Okay, and are you and were you assigned to certain  
15 areas as a road deputy?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And in January of 2008, did you have a specific region  
18 or area that the sheriff told you to supervise?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. What was that?

21 A. Cherry -- the Cherryvale area, which is district 4.

22 Q. District 4, and was there a substation there then?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And it's there still now?

25 A. Yes. There still is.

1 Q. And where is it?

2 A. It's on Confederate Road in Cherryvale, at the  
3 Cherryvale Community Center.

4 Q. And is a part of that program that you become a part  
5 of the community, so to speak?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. You get to know the folks there?

8 A. Yes, sir. That's correct.

9 Q. Now, back in '08, January of '08, you were Deputy  
10 Griffin?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Now Deputy Thomas?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. So, the documents have you down as another name. You  
15 just got married since then?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And recently had a child?

18 A. Yes, sir, number two.

19 Q. Let me take back to January 12th of '02, Deputy. And  
20 are you familiar with Sambino's on 441, also known as Peach  
21 Orchard?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And have you been there to eat?

24 A. Several times, yes, sir.

25 Q. And on January 12th of '08, did you an occasion to go

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1 to Sambino's?

2 A. Yes, sir. I went to Sambino's and ate.

3 Q. And did you see William Flexon while you were there  
4 eating at Sambino's?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And where did you see him?

7 A. In the back area, behind the counter area.

8 Q. Did you know him?

9 A. No. Just by name from coming into, eating at  
10 Sambino's.

11 Q. And were you present when he left with a delivery?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Did you see him leave with a delivery?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And at that time, you were eating?

16 A. Yes, sir. I was eating.

17 Q. Please tell the jury what, if anything, happened after  
18 that.

19 A. As I was eating, finishing up eating at the register,  
20 I got a call for shots fired at Cherryvale, in Cherryvale  
21 Drive at O.C. Mobile Home Park, and that's when I  
22 responded. I left Sambino's and headed out towards O.C.  
23 Mobile Home Park that's located on Cherryvale Drive.

24 Q. With that being your region, you knew exactly where it  
25 was?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. You're driving down Cherryvale. Just, just for the  
3 record, take us from Sambino's to Cherryvale.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. And specifically the mobile home park.

6 A. Okay. If you pull out of Sambino's, I would have made  
7 a left-hand turn onto 441, and I would have came to the  
8 intersection of Highway 378 West. I'd have made a left  
9 turn at the light and headed eastbound toward Cherryvale,  
10 and I would have made a right turn onto Cherryvale Drive.  
11 And O.C. Mobile Home Park was probably a couple blocks down  
12 on your right-hand side, and I would have made the  
13 right-hand turn into where Mr. Flexon was laying.

14 Q. Were you the first officer there?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Describe to these ladies and gentlemen of the jury  
17 what you saw when you got there.

18 A. Dark. The complainant, a couple other people pointing  
19 me towards where he was laying. I used my spotlight to  
20 see. There was a body laying on the ground.

21 Q. What did you do next?

22 A. Got out. The other patrol deputies, they were behind  
23 me. Went to go see if there was any, any life, I guess you  
24 would say. Checked to see if the injuries of this person  
25 laying down, to get first responders en route, and start

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1 beginning to secure the scene once they were called.

2 Q. Did you actually go to the body of William Flexon,  
3 Bill Flexon?

4 A. Yes, sir. I did.

5 Q. Did you touch him?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And was he dead?

8 A. Yes, sir. He appeared lifeless.

9 Q. And you've had training and all that, and based -- I  
10 guess. And based on your experience, were you able to tell  
11 he wasn't living anymore?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. But did you still, or is ---

14 A. Still ---

15 Q. --- it procedure to call EMS?

16 A. That's right. We still go ahead.

17 Q. What is your job as a deputy? You're not an  
18 investigator, correct?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. So, as a first responder, which you clearly were, you  
21 checked Mr. Flexon. What did you do? Did you hold the  
22 scene until investigators got there?

23 A. That's correct. Me and the officers start putting the  
24 crime scene tape and securing the area.

25 Q. And was that done?



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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

5 (PHOTOGRAPH MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 25 FOR  
6 IDENTIFICATION.)

7 (PHOTOGRAPH MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 26 FOR  
8 IDENTIFICATION.)

9 COURT REPORTER: 25 and 26 for I.D.

10 BY MR. MEADORS:

11 Q. Can you recognize, and I'm showing you State's 26, can  
12 you recognize this, and does it relate to your testimony?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. You didn't take this, did you?

15 A. No, I didn't take that.

16 Q. And can you, 25, can you recognize that of what you  
17 may or may not have seen that night?

18 A. The mobile home and the van.

19 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, State's 25 and 26 without  
20 objection.

21 THE COURT: All right, without objection?

22 MR. WILDER: Without objection.

23 MR. DEAS: No objection

24 (PHOTOGRAPH MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
25 NUMBER 25.)

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1 (PHOTOGRAPH MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
2 NUMBER 26.)

3 BY MR. MEADORS:

4 Q. With deference to the family now, what does 26 show?

5 A. It shows Mr. Flexon lying on the ground.

6 Q. And, and ---

7 A. With a, looks like a gunshot wound to the chest area.

8 Q. And when you got there, there appears to be something  
9 on Mr. Flexon here that maybe EMS did. Was that there when  
10 you got there?

11 A. I can't remember that ---

12 Q. Well, did you get there before EMS or not?

13 A. Yes, sir, I did.

14 Q. So, if there was anything on here where it looked like  
15 life support, that wouldn't have been on there yet?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Right?

18 A. That wouldn't have been there.

19 Q. Was Mr. Flexon laying on the ground?

20 A. Yes, he was laying on the ground.

21 Q. Does that appear to be in roughly the same position?

22 A. Right.

23 THE COURT: You may publish.

24 MR. MEADORS: Thank you, and I apologize.

25 BY MR. MEADORS:

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1 Q. Now, State's 25, you said you recognized that. This  
2 is a, looks like a closeup picture. What is that a picture  
3 of?

4 A. Of Mr. Flexon's Caravan, Dodge Caravan.

5 Q. You've got to talk. I'm, I'm not ---

6 A. Okay. That's okay. Mr. Flexon's Dodge Caravan.

7 Q. Right, and what does this appear also on State's 25  
8 next to the trailer -- next to the car? Is that the  
9 trailer?

10 A. On?

11 Q. Yes, sir -- yes, ma'am.

12 A. On this one?

13 Q. Yes, ma'am?

14 A. Lot number of O.C. Mobile Home Park.

15 Q. Okay.

16 MR. MEADORS: May I show this, too?

17 THE COURT: You may. You may publish.

18 BY MR. MEADORS:

19 Q. And were there some other pictures taken by  
20 Investigator Bean later on to your knowledge? Do  
21 investigators come in and take pictures generally?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Did you secure the scene until the investigators got  
24 there?

25 A. Yes, sir, the best that we could.

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1 Q. And did you, after that -- your role, and I don't mean  
2 this bad. Basically, when the investigators get there,  
3 they kind of take over, correct?

4 A. That's right. We're pretty much crowd control at that  
5 point.

6 Q. And being familiar with the area, did you know where  
7 Cherryvale Grocery was?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And were there pay phones at Cherryvale Grocery in  
10 January of 2008?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Do you know of any other pay phones in that area?

13 A. No, sir.

14 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

15 (PHOTOGRAPH MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 27 FOR  
16 IDENTIFICATION.)

17 COURT REPORTER: 27 for I.D.

18 MR. MEADORS: Thank you.

19 BY MR. MEADORS:

20 Q. Did you, and if you didn't, that's fine. Did you make  
21 any observations about anything around the body? See any  
22 items of potential evidence? And I'll ask you to look at  
23 it 27. Just tell me if you recognize it. That's all.

24 MR. WILDER: Well, Your Honor, the way the question is  
25 postured is leading because he asked her ---

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 MR. WILDER: --- about it and then showed her the  
3 picture. So, I think ---

4 THE COURT: Sustained. Rephrase your question.

5 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, for the record, they, they  
6 -- I don't think they have objection to this. They just  
7 wanted to put it in perspective. That's what I was told,  
8 and that's why I thought ---

9 MR. WILDER: And that's true.

10 THE COURT: Okay. No objection?

11 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, later on it's my  
12 understanding whoever took that picture is going to  
13 testify. So, subject to whoever ---

14 THE COURT: Just like the video?

15 MR. WILDER: Yes, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Right. Okay.

17 MR. WILDER: Subject to that.

18 MR. MEADORS: I thought we had that understanding, and  
19 I was just trying to get there, Judge. I'll wait.

20 BY MR. MEADORS:

21 Q. Also, is it part of your job to take down names of  
22 people that may be there or around at the time?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And put that in a report?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 MR. MEADORS: Judge, I think that's all I have. Thank  
2 you.

3 THE COURT: Thank you.

4 Mr. Deas.

5 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the  
6 court?

7 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

8 Q. Good afternoon, Deputy Griffith.

9 A. Good afternoon, sir.

10 Q. My name is Garryl Deas, and I represent defendant  
11 Reginald Canty.

12 During your direct examination, you indicated that you  
13 were eating at Cherryvale -- Sambino's on the evening of  
14 January 12, 2008. Is that correct?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Were you on, were you on duty at the time?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. So, you were in uniform?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Now, do you recall what time it was when you, when you  
21 arrived at Sambino's that evening to eat? Now, I know this  
22 was more than three years ago, but do you have some  
23 recollection of that?

24 A. By my report or just -- you want the time?

25 Q. Whether it's, whether it's by your report.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. Or based on your own specific memories.

3 A. Okay. I know it was around 8:00, but the exact time  
4 of the call was 8:44.

5 Q. And so you have, you have your report right there with  
6 you?

7 A. Yes, sir, I do.

8 Q. Okay. May I take a look at that?

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. And this report, you prepared this yourself?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 (A PAUSE.)

13 A. That's not the report that you're looking at.

14 Q. Okay. So, the rest of this is not necessarily your  
15 report? Just the first part is your report?

16 A. The first three pages of the report.

17 Q. I'm going to hand it back to you. Now, so basically,  
18 then, you said it was probably around 8:00 when you first  
19 arrived to eat. Is that correct?

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. And were you by yourself, or you had other officers  
22 with you?

23 A. No. I had other officers with me.

24 Q. Okay. They were other sheriff, sheriff -- officers in  
25 the sheriff's department?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Okay. Do you know who it was?

3 A. I remember Corporal Hice being there, and I believe my  
4 sergeant at the time was there.

5 Q. You remember, remember who?

6 A. Sergeant Horton.

7 Q. Horton?

8 A. Yes, sir?

9 Q. Now, according to your report and based on your  
10 testimony, you said you got a call about 8:44 p.m.?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And you received this call on your radio?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Would it have been, been a radio like the one you have  
15 on your shoulder today?

16 A. Yes, sir. What I'm wearing right now.

17 Q. And that, would that call have come in from dispatch?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Do you recall exactly what was said over the radio at  
20 the time?

21 A. Something along the lines of signal 2 in the area of  
22 Cherryvale Drive, O.C. Mobile Home Park was the original  
23 call, I remember.

24 Q. And what does that mean in laymen's terms?

25 A. Shots fired.



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1 Q. You used to be a dispatcher at one time. Is that  
2 correct? I believe you ---

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. --- testified to that on direct?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And you're familiar, then, with dispatch reports?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. You've seen them before?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

13 MR. MEADORS: He's going to offer that into evidence.

14 We have no objection.

15 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, I'm ---

16 THE COURT: Check with Mr. Wilder.

17 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

18 THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Wilder?

19 MR. WILDER: No objection.

20 THE COURT: Without objection, Defense Exhibit ---

21 MR. DEAS: 1.

22 THE COURT: 1.

23 (DISPATCH REPORT MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS

24 DEFENDANT-CANTY'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 1.)

25 MR. DEAS: Your Honor, may I approach?

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1 THE COURT: You may.

2 BY MR. DEAS:

3 Q. Ms. -- Deputy Thomas, I'm going to hand you what's  
4 been marked as Defense Exhibit 1, and it's been admitted  
5 into evidence without objection. Are you familiar with  
6 that type of a dispatch report?

7 A. It looks like a copy or printout of our CAD screen.

8 Q. Now, what -- tell me exactly what that means or what  
9 that is.

10 A. When, when ---

11 Q. The document there in your hand.

12 A. When dispatch receives a call and they enter the call  
13 into our CAD system, a call is obviously generated, the  
14 address, and in it are comments of the call. And this  
15 looks like a printout of the comments that would be on that  
16 call put in by a dispatcher.

17 Q. And would these be the comments of the dispatcher, or  
18 would these be comments of the responding officer?

19 A. It would be all. It would be any information from the  
20 caller, from the officer. Anything that they felt would be  
21 important, they would type in the system.

22 Q. Now, one of entries on the report, and I will direct  
23 you to it, it says it was made at 210456, which in --  
24 that's military time, but in a regular time that would be  
25 9:04:56. Is that correct?

1 A. Right.

2 Q. And that particular entry states that dispatcher or  
3 one of the responding officers had disseminated some  
4 information that there were three male suspects in the area  
5 running across -- running into a wooded area from the  
6 scene.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. Is that correct?

9 A. That's what this report says, yes, sir.

10 Q. And could you state specifically what it says at that  
11 particular entry?

12 A. It states at 2104, stated that: About three male  
13 subjects went 10/8 across the street into the woods.

14 Q. Okay. Were you aware that evening that that's  
15 information that was being disseminated by, by a  
16 dispatcher? Do you have any specific recollection of that  
17 particular information being disseminated amongst the  
18 officers by dispatch?

19 A. I remember being on scene, and one of the complainants  
20 said that they saw the subjects ---

21 MR. WILDER: Objection.

22 A. --- running to the wood line.

23 MR. WILDER: I'm going to object.

24 THE COURT: What's your objection?

25 MR. WILDER: One of the complainants said she said,

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1 and whatever she said is hearsay.

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 BY MR. DEAS:

4 Q. Without talking about what someone said or what you  
5 heard, so you have any specific recollection of that  
6 particular dispatch entry being broadcasted over the radio,  
7 that there were three male subjects running into the wooded  
8 area from the scene?

9 A. What they told me, I gave to the dispatcher over the  
10 radio that subjects went. So, they -- she would have typed  
11 what I said.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. And if somebody would have called in and said the same  
14 thing, they could have put that also.

15 Q. Okay. So, this information that's on that report  
16 would have been based on ---

17 A. Could be from either or.

18 Q. Would have been either based on information that you  
19 gave to dispatch, or information that came from another  
20 source?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Was there any attempts -- and you were the first one,  
23 I guess you were the first law enforcement officer to  
24 respond to the scene. Is that correct?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. All right. Do you know, does your report indicate  
2 exactly when you arrived on the scene?

3 A. Yes, sir. It does.

4 Q. And when was that?

5 A. Time of arrival, according to dispatch, time was down  
6 there was 2103.

7 Q. So, that would have been roughly about 9:03 p.m.?

8 A. 9:03 p.m., yes.

9 Q. Okay, and when this dispatch entry was made about the  
10 three subjects running into the wooded area, that was  
11 roughly about a minute after that, a minute or so after you  
12 first arrived on the scene. Is that correct? Would you  
13 just ---

14 A. According to that time, 2104.

15 Q. So.

16 A. So, according to this, yes, it would be a minute.

17 Q. About a minute later?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. Do you, as you were approaching the scene of this  
20 incident, do you have any specific recollection of seeing  
21 any male, three male subjects running from the scene?

22 A. No, I did not.

23 Q. Or near the scene?

24 A. I did not see anybody running.

25 Q. Did you at any point when you first arrived on the

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1 scene, did you at any point conduct any search of the area  
2 to see if there were any assailants or suspects in the, in  
3 the area at the time?

4 A. When we first got there, and we checked the victim  
5 that was laying there. Then we would secure the scene, and  
6 then start talking with people to get some information.

7 Q. Now, when you first arrived on the scene, were you by  
8 yourself, or did -- was Corporal Hice and Sergeant Horton  
9 with you?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. They were with you?

12 A. I pulled in first, and they pulled in right behind me.

13 Q. And y'all were each in three separate ---

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. --- police vehicles?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Now, your first responsibility or duty that, that  
18 evening when you arrived, you went directly to where ---

19 A. To the victim.

20 Q. --- Mr. Flexon was?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Were the other two officers with you when you  
23 approached, when you approached him in the area, when you  
24 approached him on the scene?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Now, can you describe and -- well, let me ask you, and  
2 you correct me if I'm wrong. Essentially, when you come in  
3 to this area where Mr. Flexon was lying on the ground, is  
4 it sort of like a cul-de-sac? Sort of like a U-shaped  
5 cul-de-sac?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Would that be a fair description?

8 A. That would be a fair description, yes.

9 Q. And then there's trailers or mobile homes around this  
10 U-shaped cul-de-sac?

11 A. Right. Like a horseshoe, and then there's like one  
12 house in the center of the horseshoe, and the trailers line  
13 around it.

14 Q. Around?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So, in, in, in -- with regards to this horseshoe  
17 that's the cul-de-sac, where in relation to that horseshoe  
18 was Mr. Flexon lying?

19 A. They're numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 like that around.  
20 Was he lying near 7. So, it would be -- there's two  
21 entrances into it. He would be the second entrance.

22 Q. Okay. So, there's ---

23 A. If you're coming from 378 on Cherryvale Drive, you  
24 would have to make the second turn into O.C. Mobile Home  
25 Park.

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1 Q. So, there are two entrances into this U-shaped  
2 cul-de-sac?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And if you were coming into the second entrance?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. Mr. Flexon would have been lying, as you're counting  
7 around the horseshoe, around the lot?

8 A. Right. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Was he, and he was lying right in front of that lot?

10 A. Beside. He would be beside it.

11 Q. Beside the lot?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Now, do you have any specific knowledge as to where  
14 Reginald Canty lives in relation to where lot number is?

15 A. At that time?

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. Now, you mentioned that when -- after securing the  
19 scene and after you approached Mr, Mr. Flexon's -- Mr.  
20 Flexon, who was lying on the ground, and once you  
21 determined that he, he had passed away, you then -- did you  
22 talk with anyone in the area at that point?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Now, don't tell me what they said. I'm just asking  
25 you. Did you talk to any of the bystanders or individuals



1 in the neighborhood?

2 A. Yes, sir. I did.

3 Q. Do you know how many people you spoke to, just you  
4 personally?

5 A.. Maybe three to four, I would say.

6 Q. Did you, did you take any notes as to what they may  
7 have told you, if anything?

8 A. Whatever they would have told me, I would have put it  
9 in my report.

10 Q. And it would be in that report that you have there?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Now, after you arrived on the scene, you spoke with  
13 several individuals in the area, did you have -- did you at  
14 any point advise any of your colleagues, any other law  
15 enforcement officers about the fact that there had been a  
16 dispatch report which indicated that there had been three  
17 male subjects running into a wooded area from the scene?  
18 Did you inform any, anyone of that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay, and what, if anything, happened as a result of  
21 you giving your fellow law enforcement officers that, that  
22 information? Was any type of search conducted with K-9  
23 units or anything of that nature?

24 A. Yes, sir. There was.

25 Q. There was?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And actual canines were used?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. You have a specific recollection of that?

5 A. Yeah, I remember that. Corporal Hice that was on  
6 scene right behind my patrol vehicle, he had his canine  
7 with him that night.

8 Q. But this search utilizing the canines yielded no  
9 positive results, or yielded no, no arrests or any  
10 detainees of any -- or any, or any detention of any  
11 assailants or potential suspects?

12 A. No.

13 MR. DEAS: May I approach, Your Honor?

14 THE COURT: You may.

15 BY MR. DEAS:

16 Q. Do you know, Deputy Thomas, as to whether any steps  
17 were taken beyond the use of the K-9 units to explore this,  
18 this report from dispatch that shortly after the incident  
19 happened, three male subjects were running into the scene,  
20 into a wooded area? Do you know if anything else was done  
21 to follow up that lead besides the use of the K-9 units?

22 A. I did not go with the K-9 unit, so I do not know.

23 Q. Did the, the three or four people that you spoke with  
24 once you arrived on the scene and as part of your  
25 investigation, do you know if they lived in the Cherryvale

1 Mobile Home Park area? Do you have any recollection as to  
2 whether they lived in that area?

3 A. The addresses that they gave me were all in  
4 Cherryvale, yes, sir.

5 Q. Now, you stated that if you had spoken with  
6 individuals that day, you would have noted in your report  
7 what their names were?

8 A. Yes, sir. It's on the report.

9 Q. Okay. Could you point out for me where that is?

10 A. Yes, sir. That would be this complainant, Ray Dickey.  
11 Then that's the victim. That's the suspect. On the second  
12 page, that would be another complainant, another  
13 complainant, and then on the third page, that would also be  
14 another complainant, and then their testimony or whatever  
15 they told me at the time would be in the report.

16 Q. All right. Now, on your report, it states that you --  
17 well, your report, and you just indicated this. It says  
18 that you spoke with a Ray Dickey?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. And that would have been one of the individuals that  
21 was, that was out at the mobile home park that evening?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And you spoke with him?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Then according to your report, you also spoke to

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1 someone by the name of Jennifer Dickey?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And then it also states that you spoke with someone by  
4 the name of Linda Canty?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And also on your report, it indicates that a suspect  
7 is Daniel Jackson.

8 MR. WILDER: Objection. Your Honor, I have a motion.

9 THE COURT: All right, ladies and gentlemen of the  
10 jury, I'm going to give you a break at this point in time.  
11 If you want some refreshments, you may have them.

12 If you would, take them back to the jury room.

13 CLERK OF COURT: Sir.

14 THE COURT: Please do not discuss the case while  
15 you're out.

16 (THE JURY EXITS AT 4:32 P.M.)

17 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Wilder.

18 MR. WILDER: If it please the court? The question you  
19 entered on your report that the suspect listed there is  
20 Daniel Jackson, that calls for rank hearsay, all kinds of  
21 speculation as to when or where that name was decided, she  
22 decided to add that there. But the very question itself, I  
23 think, is prejudicial, and it shouldn't have been stated in  
24 front of the jury.

25 So, I move that the question be stricken, but I also

1 move for a mistrial just because of the fact that the  
2 question was asked. Certainly if the answer, if she  
3 doesn't know of her own personal knowledge that Daniel  
4 Jackson supposedly did something, to list him as a suspect  
5 on a report that can't even be admitted into evidence --  
6 because it's based hearsay also -- is extremely prejudicial  
7 to my client.

8 THE COURT: Well, how is it prejudicial for your  
9 client? He's a defendant in the courtroom. I mean, they  
10 would have to suspect that at some point in time his name  
11 would come into play.

12 MR. WILDER: At some point in time, Judge. They're  
13 posturing as though he was a suspect at that particular  
14 time on that particular night when the report was issued,  
15 and I object to that. That's not even true.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Meadors.

17 MR. MEADORS: I don't know if I have a dog in this  
18 fight. I, I don't know that she put that on there.

19 WITNESS: I did not put that on there.

20 MR. MEADORS: That's what I didn't -- it looks like  
21 there's different writing. So, I don't know if that helps  
22 or hurt either side, but I didn't know.

23 I didn't ask that question. I didn't know it was  
24 coming. I don't think it's worth a mistrial, Your Honor.  
25 Obviously, they both are on trial.

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1 I'd like that -- I don't know if I'm allowed to ask  
2 her questions, but that doesn't appear -- it just appears  
3 to me that's different handwriting, if nothing else, and  
4 that may not have been her that put that on there.

5 THE COURT: All right, I'm not going to grant a  
6 mistrial based on that. I will strike the answer. But, I  
7 mean, I think it's pretty obvious. I mean, here they're  
8 defendants in the trial, so ---

9 MR. WILDER: Yes, Your Honor, and obviously ---

10 THE COURT: --- there's no prejudice.

11 MR. WILDER: --- she didn't even write it there, then  
12 that's ---

13 THE COURT: I'll, I'll instruct the jury that they are  
14 to disregard their last ---

15 MR. WILDER: Thank you, and I do, now that you haven't  
16 granted my mistrial, ask that you do give that instruction.

17 THE COURT: I will be happy to.

18 MR. WILDER: And to do the best we can to cure it.

19 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

20 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

21 THE COURT: Well, while they're out, do y'all want to  
22 take a five minute break and cool down? Let's take five  
23 minutes. Nobody be far away.

24 (OFF THE RECORD.)

25 THE COURT: All right, let's bring our jury back in.

1 (THE JURY ENTERS AT 4:47 P.M.)

2 CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, we have all our jurors  
3 back in the courtroom.

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 Ladies and gentlemen, at the end of the last  
6 testimony, an objection was made. I sustain the objection  
7 and, therefore, I'm going to ask that the jury disregard  
8 the last statement of this witness, all right? Thank you.

9 Please proceed.

10 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the  
11 court?

12 BY MR. DEAS:

13 Q. Deputy Thomas, other than Ray Dickey and Jennifer  
14 Dickey, were there any other -- and Linda Canty, were there  
15 any other individuals that you spoke with that evening?

16 A. Ms. Esther Sharpe, I remember talking with her across  
17 the street.

18 Q. And those would have been the four individuals that  
19 you spoke with that evening?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 MR. DEAS: Okay. Thank you, ma'am. I have no further  
22 questions.

23 THE COURT: Thank you.

24 Mr. Wilder.

25 MR. WILDER: Thank you, Your Honor.

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1 WITNESS: Can I have my report back? Thank you.

2 MR. DEAS: Yes, ma'am.

3 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

4 Q. It's Deputy Thomas now?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And it used to be Deputy J. Griffin?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And it would be unit number 0563?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And anything with Deputy J. Griffin, 0563, down at the  
11 bottom of it would be an incident report which you probably  
12 filed?

13 A. Yes, sir. That's correct.

14 Q. And that number, unit number is how y'all keep track  
15 of -- maybe you got two officers that have the same name,  
16 last name. Might get confusing, but the number is unique,  
17 isn't it?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Okay. So, then I will ask you then. It's not your  
20 job, is it, to even enter who the suspect might be on that  
21 report that you just referred to, is it?

22 A. Unless I know who the suspect is, I would write them  
23 down.

24 Q. And you didn't write it on that report, did you?

25 A. No. That was not my handwriting.



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1 Q. That's not your handwriting, okay. Now, okay, let me  
2 show you an incident report and ask you if that's your  
3 signature or your unit number and your report?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Now, I would like you to leaf through there and ask if  
6 your signature and unit number is on the bottom of each  
7 page of that report.

8 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, could I see which one he's  
9 referring to?

10 THE COURT: Yes, you may. Mr. Wilder, if you'd let  
11 Mr. Meadors see it, please.

12 Q. Can you identify it?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, may we approach?

15 THE COURT: You may.

16 (OFF-THE-RECORD BENCH CONFERENCE.)

17 THE COURT: Objection is sustained.

18 BY MR. WILDER:

19 Q. All right, Deputy Griffin -- or Thomas now, you did  
20 identify this as being your report?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 MR. WILDER: I would ask that it be marked for  
23 identification.

24 THE COURT: Marked for identification only.

25 (INCIDENT REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT-JACKSON'S EXHIBIT

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1 NUMBER 2 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

2 COURT REPORTER: Defendant's 2 for identification.

3 MR. WILDER: All right. Now, Your Honor, when I get  
4 done, if it pleases the court, I'll come back to that in a  
5 setting where the court will approve of me going into it  
6 further.

7 THE COURT: All right.

8 BY MR. WILDER:

9 Q. All right. Now, moving on to something that you were  
10 asked about earlier, your report indicates that you,  
11 Corporal Williams, Reserve Figér, Corporal Hice, Sergeant  
12 Horton, Sergeant Dukes, EMS, Captain Bradford and Turner,  
13 Investigators Barron, Reynolds, Boland, Gardner, Verner,  
14 Skinner, West, Corporal Moore, Vernon Moore. I guess  
15 that's the coroner. EMS, and the crime scene person,  
16 Mackessy and Bean were all notified and responded to the  
17 scene while you were there. Is that not correct?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And that was that night?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Now, did you have occasion to get out the yellow tape,  
22 draw -- cordon off a particular area out there?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And might it have been an area of the drive where the  
25 car was located?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Okay, and then traffic could have still gone up and  
3 down Cherryvale Drive?

4 A. Up and down Cherryvale Drive itself? Yes, sir.  
5 Traffic could still go on Cherryvale Drive.

6 Q. All right, and O.C., the little roundabout or whatever  
7 that is back up in there with the trailer off of it, that  
8 would have been the area you put the tape over, right?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. All right. Now, Mr. Meadors asked you about State's  
11 for I.D. that had a picture, I believe, of a cell phone on  
12 it. Can you tell the jury where the cell phone was when  
13 you got there?

14 MR. MEADORS: Judge, I ---

15 A. I don't remember.

16 MR. MEADORS: I did not show her that picture.

17 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

18 THE COURT: It was objected to, so it did not.

19 BY MR. WILDER:

20 Q. All right. Do you remember seeing a cell phone?

21 A. I don't remember a cell phone.

22 Q. Could there have been a cell phone on the ground next  
23 to where Mr. Flexon was laying?

24 A. There could have been. I don't remember the cell  
25 phone, no.

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1 Q. And in addition to that cell phone, was -- did you see  
2 another cell phone belonging to Mr. Flexon?

3 A. I do not. I don't remember a cell phone.

4 Q. All right. Now, back up on Cherryvale Drive, did you  
5 happen to see a Dunkin' Donuts wrapper?

6 A. No, sir. I don't remember seeing a wrapper.

7 Q. Don't, don't remember seeing a candy wrapper or  
8 anything like that around the body?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. All right. Now, we know that, based on what Mr. Deas  
11 was asking you, that you talked to Ray Dickey, Jennifer  
12 Dickey, Regina Patterson, and Linda Canty because your  
13 report said so, right?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. All right, and then we know the dispatcher called in  
16 something about three black males running away, no names,  
17 right?

18 A. I don't recall dispatch saying. I remember I was  
19 saying it.

20 Q. You were saying that? You called it in to the  
21 dispatcher?

22 A. But they could have said it as well.

23 Q. They could have said it ---

24 A. Through all the commotion, yes.

25 Q. Based on what you told them?

1 A. Right. Well, by this CAD report that shows -- it  
2 doesn't say who said it. That's -- I just don't want that  
3 be confused because this exhibit says that.

4 Q. Okay, but when you called it in, you didn't call in a  
5 name of a suspect, did you?

6 A. No, I did not call a suspect's name.

7 Q. Okay. So, but if one of those people that you talked  
8 to at the scene had given you a name of a suspect, you  
9 would have called that in for sure, wouldn't you?

10 A. Definitely.

11 Q. All right. So, we may then conclude that nobody gave  
12 you the name of a suspect, right?

13 A. No. I did not get a suspect's name.

14 Q. Thank you. All right. Now, but those three people  
15 that you talked to, or four, one, two, three, four, they  
16 were all at the scene and could have moved stuff around, or  
17 touched the body, or touched Mr. Flexon, or gone in his car  
18 or anything before you got there, couldn't they?

19 A. They didn't while I was there. I mean ---

20 Q. But they could have before you got there, couldn't  
21 they?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Because until you got there, nobody had secured the  
24 crime scene, and there were at least four people lived in  
25 the neighborhood that were there, right?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. All right, and then this group of people whose list of  
3 names we read with law enforcement, they began to arrive on  
4 the scene. And at some point, y'all put yellow tape up  
5 there, but you didn't see any candy wrapper or anything at  
6 all at that point in time that you can remember?

7 A. No, sir. I wasn't paying attention to the candy  
8 wrapper.

9 Q. All right. Now, then next off, Mackessy and Bean are  
10 called because they are the investigative people, and it's  
11 their job to document what's on the crime scene, right?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. And, and when they show up, were there maybe other  
14 people who had come like the people from Sambino's who  
15 heard about it? You know, because, you know, people begin  
16 to hear something happened, so a crowd sometimes gathers,  
17 right? Did they ---

18 A. Not in the crime scene.

19 Q. But.

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. But then ---

22 A. Only first responders would be in the crime scene.

23 Q. But all next to where you had the yellow tape out  
24 there, people were standing on the other side of the tape,  
25 right?

1 A. Around, yes, sir.

2 Q. Okay, and tell the jury how many people were standing  
3 around at that point in time.

4 A. That I seen? I couldn't give you a number. I  
5 don't ---

6 Q. Take a guess.

7 A. Maybe without the first responders, I would say maybe  
8 five or six people.

9 Q. Okay. Do you know who they were?

10 A. Four of them we've already named, and maybe, I don't  
11 know. Like a couple other -- neighbors would start coming  
12 out of their houses, but not ---

13 Q. Neighbors?

14 A. --- where we were.

15 Q. Okay. Well, did you see the neighbors who live, say,  
16 in lot number O.C. Mobile Home Park? Did you see those  
17 neighbors come out?

18 A. Not that I recall. I mean, they could have. I don't  
19 remember.

20 Q. But they could have. Isn't that right next to where  
21 the car was?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And so did you talk to the people that lived in lot  
24 O.C. Mobile Home that night?

25 A. I don't recall.

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1 Q. Could you have possibly talked to them?

2 A. Possibly.

3 Q. All right. Do you recall talking to other young black  
4 men out there that night?

5 A. Besides the ones that remained?

6 Q. Yes, ma'am.

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. Okay, and so you probably would have written it down  
9 if you had done that?

10 A. Right. If I would have gotten ---

11 Q. Because it looks, looks like you keep pretty good  
12 notes.

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. When you talk to somebody, you write it down on a  
15 report, right?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And you're supposed to do that. Why you do that?

18 A. In case something happens, or to solve cases.

19 Q. Would it be like, does it help you remember all the  
20 details later if you write down exactly what was said to  
21 you?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. And so it's important for accuracy to write down what  
24 people tell you?

25 A. That's right.



1 Q. So you can remember all the details later, right?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. Now, which direction did the dogs go for the trackers?

4 A. If you're facing Cherryvale Drive from where the  
5 victim was lying, they went out and over to the left.

6 Q. All right. Now, did you happen to see over that  
7 direction any pizza boxes that night?

8 A. No, sir.

9 Q. Did not, and in kind of scoping out the general area  
10 and checking around, did you see any pizza boxes that  
11 night?

12 A. No, sir. I didn't.

13 Q. Do you think you would have seen them if they were  
14 lying right there on the road, right across the other side  
15 of the road?

16 A. I stayed at the crime scene pretty much the whole  
17 time. The K-9 is the one that went out. I did not go with  
18 the K-9.

19 Q. Well, whose job out of that list of people that we  
20 just read would have kind of fanned out through the  
21 neighborhood and kind of look around? Whose job would that  
22 have been?

23 A. All additional officers that were on the scene.

24 Q. Horton, Dukes, Bradford, Turner, Barron, those guys?

25 A. And probably everybody. Once this scene was secure

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1 and they took photos and do what they had to do on the  
2 scene, the other officers definitely would have left to  
3 look for the suspect.

4 Q. Now, would it have amazed you if there were pizza  
5 boxes right across the street and nobody saw them?

6 MR. MEADORS: Objection, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Sustained. Calls for speculation.

8 BY MR. WILDER:

9 Q. All right, let's try it this way. Did you see anybody  
10 look over that direction right across the street?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who?

13 A. Myself. I stepped across the street.

14 Q. So, if there had been a pizza box right across the  
15 street, would you have seen it?

16 A. If it was in plain view, yes, sir. I'm pretty sure I  
17 would have seen it.

18 Q. Okay. Let's hold that thought.

19 MR. MEADORS: What was that last?

20 THE COURT: If it was in plain view.

21 MR. MEADORS: I thought he -- I thought you said  
22 something else. I apologize.

23 THE COURT: Hold that thought.

24 MR. MEADORS: I apologize.

25 MR. WILDER: All right. Now, Your Honor, I need to

1 pursue the matter we discussed over ---

2 MR. MEADORS: Judge, I still have some follow-up  
3 questions.

4 MR. WILDER: Oh. Well, maybe we can do it that way.  
5 I'm just reserving my ---

6 THE COURT: Well, he -- let him follow up, and then  
7 you can do what you wanted to do.

8 MR. WILDER: All right. Thank you. That preserves my  
9 right to pursue it?

10 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

11 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

12 MR. MEADORS: Just a few briefly.

13 THE COURT: Mr. Meadors.

14 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

15 Q. Your job that night, Deputy Thomas, was what as a  
16 deputy, road deputy for the Sumter County Sheriff's  
17 Department when you responded to the scene?

18 A. When I responded, as I'm responding to the scene, any  
19 suspects that might be leaving. Once you get there, check  
20 the victim, make sure the victim's okay first. Then you  
21 would secure the scene.

22 Q. And did you secure the scene?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. And after you got there, was the scene secure until  
25 investigators got there?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And who is it that looks for evidence, takes pictures  
3 of the evidence, takes pictures of pizza boxes if they're  
4 there and does that? Is that you or investigators that are  
5 on the case?

6 A. That's investigators.

7 Q. What does CAD stand for?

8 A. Hold on. Let me think. They call it CAD reports, and  
9 I don't, I don't know right now.

10 Q. If it helps any, I don't either. All right, my  
11 question then was on what's been admitted I think in  
12 Defense Canty. It's Exhibit Number 1, I presume. That was  
13 on the report as coming from -- you don't know who, who  
14 made that report? I'm just trying to clarify. I was  
15 listening. You don't know who called that in, or do you?

16 A. Right. I don't know if she was typing what somebody  
17 called in, or one of those officers while we were there.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. She didn't state. She just stated that they ---

20 Q. And that's where I'm not -- she is who?

21 A. The dispatcher.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. That entered those comments, and that's her last name  
24 right there.

25 Q. Okay. So, call came in, either from you or somebody

1 else, three black males running from the area?

2 A. Right.

3 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

4 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

5 (A PAUSE.)

6 MR. MEADORS: That's all. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Thank you.

8 Any recross?

9 MR. DEAS: None, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Any recross?

11 MR. WILDER: Not at this moment.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 Thank you. You may step down.

14 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

15 THE COURT: All right, ladies and gentlemen, that is  
16 all the testimony that we are going to have for today. I  
17 am going to dismiss you for the evening with strict  
18 instructions that you not speak to anyone concerning this  
19 case, and with strict instructions that you not look at any  
20 news reports that may come on to WIS or any of the other  
21 stations that cover this area, or that you read *The State*  
22 newspaper or *The Item* tomorrow.

23 All right. So, ladies and gentlemen, have a nice  
24 evening, and we will start again at 9:30 tomorrow, okay?  
25 Thank you.

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1 (THE JURY EXITS AT 5:07 P.M.)

2 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Wilder.

3 MR. WILDER: Thank you, Your Honor. We would ask that  
4 the witness return to the stand.

5 (JENNIFER THOMAS RESUMES THE WITNESS STAND.)

6 PROFFERED EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

7 Q. Deputy Thomas, reminding you that you're still under  
8 oath.

9 MR. WILDER: And for the record, I proffer this  
10 testimony, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 BY MR. WILDER:

13 Q. Defense Exhibit for I.D. Number 2-Jackson, I'm going  
14 to hand you this report back again. This is the one,  
15 Deputy Thomas, you identified your signature at the bottom  
16 of.

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And a few days before this incident at Cherryvale or  
19 O.C. Mobile Home Park, did you have occasion to take an  
20 incident report concerning a robbery right there at the  
21 approximate location of where this incident occurred?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And who was the complainant out there just three or  
24 four days before January 12th of 2008?

25 A. The maintenance man, Henry Parker.

1 Q. Maintenance man, Henry Parker. All right, and that  
2 report that's been identified, is that your report  
3 concerning what you did when you took that complaint?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. And does it contain the addresses of suspects in that  
6 robbery that live there at number 9 O.C. Mobile Home Park  
7 right next to where Mr. Flexon's body was found?

8 A. Whose address?

9 Q. The suspects in that case, in that robbery.

10 A. In this robbery? Yes, it has all the names and  
11 addresses.

12 Q. All right. Well, do two of them live right there at  
13 the O.C. Mobile Home Park?

14 A. It's showing Reginald Canty as Cherryvale Drive.

15 Q. All right. Anthony Rush, was he a suspect in that  
16 robbery?

17 A. In this robbery?

18 Q. In the robbery that I'm asking you about in that  
19 incident report.

20 A. Yes, lot . .

21 Q. And Anthony Rush lives at lot . . , O.C. Mobile Home Park  
22 right next to where Mr. Flexon's body was found, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you verified that three days before and put it in  
25 your report, did you not?

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1 A. Yes, I did.

2 Q. Okay. So, you know that as of that time back in 2008,  
3 that's where Anthony Rush lived?

4 A. Yes, at lot number . .

5 Q. Okay. Who else lives at lot number right then at  
6 the time this happened in 2008?

7 A. According to this lieutenant's report and what they  
8 were telling me, Donovan Shields lived at lot . , and that's  
9 it.

10 MR. WILDER: Okay, and the report itself, Your Honor,  
11 I would just move it in for the purpose of proffering it at  
12 this point because I ---

13 THE COURT: Only for purpose of proffering it. It's  
14 not going in.

15 MR. WILDER: And I would ask the court to examine the  
16 contents. No need for me to publish it, but I give it to  
17 the court for what it's worth, and I would, I would ask  
18 that ---

19 MR. MEADORS: Can I cross her on it? I mean, for ---

20 THE COURT: Yes. You may certainly cross her.

21 MR. WILDER: For the record.

22 PROFFERED EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

23 Q. This is an incident that occurred on January 8th?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And it has 2007 at the bottom. Is that correct, or is



1 that just just ---

2 A. No.

3 Q. --- a typo?

4 A. That was just -- yeah, that's a typo.

5 Q. First of the year, people make mistakes like that?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. All right, because number 2 of the report does say  
8 January 8th.

9 A. It's supposed to be 2008, yes, sir.

10 Q. And this report is 8 -- case number 8003209, correct?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And that's not the same case number as the case we're  
13 on trial in, correct?

14 A. No. No, sir.

15 Q. As a matter of fact, on January 8, 2008, Mr. William  
16 was still alive, correct?

17 A. Right. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Had not been murdered until four days later?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. And this has nothing to do with this case, does it?

21 MR. WILDER: Objection to the leading.

22 Q. Does this have anything to do with this case?

23 A. No. It's a separate incident to show us that they  
24 engaged in other criminal activity by, by what this  
25 maintenance man was saying.

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1 Q. And that they just happened to live there?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 MR. MEADORS: Judge, that's all. Judge, I just, I can  
4 imagine if I was trying to offer this into evidence.

5 THE COURT: Oh, you'd never get it in.

6 MR. MEADORS: Against their clients about something  
7 that happened four days earlier.

8 THE COURT: Well, that's why he's, he's not getting it  
9 in either.

10 MR. MEADORS: It's just not, it's not -- has nothing  
11 to do with this case, and they're trying to build a  
12 smokescreen.

13 THE COURT: I find it's inadmissible. He can proffer  
14 it and on appeal, he can show it to the appellate court,  
15 but it's not coming in to evidence in this matter.

16 MR. WILDER: And, Your Honor, there are varying  
17 degrees of it that I would proffer. In other words, if  
18 Your Honor were to find, as you already have, that the  
19 whole thing was not relevant to the case on trial, I was  
20 still ask that Your Honor allow me to admit the portion of  
21 it that identifies who lives at lot number O.C. Mobile  
22 Home Park right next to where Mr. Flexon's body was found.  
23 But whether or not ---

24 THE COURT: No. I mean, that's part of the report.  
25 I'm not going to let any of it in. I mean, if you want to

1 put up testimony to do that, you are welcome to do that.  
2 But I'm not going to let you piggyback on that to get your  
3 evidence in that way.

4 MR. WILDER: Well, is, is the court -- in other words,  
5 I, what I was trying to do was just ask her who lived at  
6 lot , O.C.

7 THE COURT: Do you have any objection to that?

8 MR. MEADORS: Judge, actually what he was, what he was  
9 doing when he was crossing her in front of the jury, he was  
10 asking her if she had interviewed anybody at lot . And I  
11 took it like he was asking about this case when, in fact, I  
12 think he was asking her if she had interviewed lot . four  
13 days earlier.

14 MR. WILDER: No, no.

15 MR. MEADORS: But that's when she had done it, four  
16 days earlier.

17 MR. WILDER: I know that, but I want to -- I would  
18 like for her to testify who lives there.

19 MR. MEADORS: Judge, I ---

20 MR. WILDER: Who lived there at that time.

21 THE COURT: For the purpose of proffer, she can say  
22 that. I mean, if she knows.

23 MR. WILDER: Well, she already put that in the report,  
24 Your Honor. So, she got that information from somewhere.

25 MR. MEADORS: She put that in the report on a

1 different incident four days earlier, which is just  
2 really ---

3 THE COURT: That's, that's why it's not coming into  
4 evidence in this trial.

5 MR. WILDER: Well, it does ---

6 THE COURT: If you want to proffer it, you're welcome  
7 to proffer. It's not coming into evidence, and if you want  
8 to put it in through a different way, you may do so. But  
9 I'm not going to let you do it through this way.

10 MR. WILDER: I understand the court's ruling. Not  
11 trying to go around the court's ruling.

12 THE COURT: Thank you. Thank you.

13 MR. WILDER: Thank you. All right, no other questions  
14 at this time.

15 THE COURT: Thank you.

16 All right, you may step down.

17 WITNESS: Thank you.

18 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

19 THE COURT: All right, anything else before we break  
20 for the day?

21 MR. MEADORS: No, sir. Thank you.

22 THE COURT: And you still believe you will finish your  
23 testimony by tomorrow?

24 MR. MEADORS: The worst case scenario since we went --

25 THE COURT: We can go late.

1 MR. MEADORS: We may do the pathologist Thursday  
2 morning, but I think we'll be rolling tomorrow. We'll be  
3 nonstop.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Well, we think. We could have a  
5 lot of cross-examination.

6 All right, very well. All right, court's adjourned  
7 until 9:30 then tomorrow morning. Thank you.

8 MR. MEADORS: Thank you.

9 (WHEREUPON, THE CASE IS AT EASE.)

10 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011

11 (COURT RESUMES AT 9:36 A.M.)

12 (PHOTOGRAPHS MARKED INDIVIDUALLY AS STATE'S EXHIBITS  
13 28 THROUGH 50 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

14 (DIAGRAM MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 51 FOR  
15 IDENTIFICATION.)

16 (DIAGRAM MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 52 FOR  
17 IDENTIFICATION.)

18 THE COURT: Is there anything before we start this  
19 morning?

20 Mr. WILDER: Your Honor, may it please the court?

21 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

22 MR. WILDER: In accordance with conversations that Mr.  
23 Meadors, Mr. Deas, and Your Honor and I have had earlier in  
24 the week, I'm preparing my witnesses to arrive in the  
25 morning, and I wish to, before it becomes an issue in any

1 way and to make sure that if the state has any help they  
2 can give us with this process, that they -- they are  
3 alerted. But I have a stack of subpoenas, and a service of  
4 process has been indicated on the back of each one, and I'd  
5 like to make the collective group of them a packet as a  
6 court's exhibit because among them are the subpoenas which  
7 have been sent to SLED. And I have called SLED to alert  
8 them to the fact that we need them in the morning. And  
9 little by little, some responses have been received, and  
10 most of them don't appear to be any kind of problems.

11 But there, there was a response we received from  
12 Selena Kinard that when we called her, she said she had  
13 annual leave. And I said, well, she got the subpoena. And  
14 she said, well, she planned to take off and da, da, da, da  
15 da. It's her day off or something like that. And, you  
16 know, we have the service of process on her and, and she's  
17 been notified to be here in the morning.

18 Now, I don't know if she's going to call the court or  
19 if the state plans to call her today, you know, since she  
20 issued one of the reports.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Meadors, are you going to call her  
22 today?

23 Mr. MEADORS: Judge, she is one of those witnesses  
24 that he said he was going to call. If he's giving his word  
25 as an officer of the court he's going to call her ---

1 THE COURT: But now she's saying she may not come.

2 Mr. MEADORS: Well, I will stipulate to her testimony.

3 I have no problem with that.

4 MR. WILDER: Well, we, we may find that to be  
5 acceptable. I don't know. But until I clear that with my  
6 client and after he finishes his case -- see, I don't know  
7 what he's going to put in today. For instance, Ms. Boehm,  
8 Maryann Boehm may testify for him. I don't know. She said  
9 she might ---

10 Mr. MEADORS: Judge, she's a DNA -- there's no DNA  
11 related to them. I'm going to call her, but he said he's  
12 going to call her. So, if he's really going to call her, I  
13 will stipulate to all the chain on that.

14 MR. WILDER: Well, here's, here's the problem. He  
15 said, he's just going to call her.

16 Mr. MEADORS: No, I said if you don't -- if you're  
17 giving me your word you're going to call her, then I'll  
18 make sure she's here in the morning.

19 MR. WILDER: Well, I can't give him my word, see?  
20 Well, I may fold my case. I don't know what all he's going  
21 to put up. I may fold.

22 THE COURT: You know, you're just going to have to  
23 call her as if he's not going to call her because he, he  
24 may put up no testimony.

25 Mr. MEADORS: Right. But, I mean, he'd been telling

1 me the whole time he was going to.

2 THE COURT: Right.

3 Mr. MEADORS: And that's where we've been trying to  
4 work together on this for the court's scheduling.

5 THE COURT: And I'm sorry it's not working, but you  
6 can't -- I mean, Mr. Wilder has to -- his, his case is  
7 fluid apparently at this point in time.

8 Mr. MEADORS: So, I don't know how I can help him  
9 then.

10 THE COURT: Then you can't. It's his case.

11 MR. WILDER: Okay, and so I would put these as a  
12 court's exhibit. Proof, proof of service, Your Honor, and  
13 then ---

14 THE COURT: If she's not here, I'll have a sheriff's  
15 deputy go to her house, if necessary.

16 Mr. MEADORS: And if that being the case, Your Honor,  
17 I'll have her here in the morning and I just ---

18 THE COURT: She is not going to be able to just thumb  
19 her nose at a...

20 Mr. MEADORS: But now who are you talking about?  
21 Selena? I will stipulate to her testimony. I have her  
22 subpoenaed, too, but he's saying he'll check with her.  
23 I'll have Maryann Boehm here in the morning for her  
24 testimony. So, I mean, I doubt we'll rest today.

25 THE COURT: All right.



1 Mr. MEADORS: So, I'll have her here in the morning  
2 and then I can call her then.

3 THE COURT: All right.

4 Mr. MEADORS: That's the safest thing to do.

5 THE COURT: Thank you.

6 (SUBPOENA MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS COURT'S EXHIBIT  
7 NUMBER 8.)

8 COURT REPORTER: Court's Exhibit 8.

9 MR. WILDER: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Anything else before we proceed?

11 Mr. MEADORS: Your Honor, just, just for -- maybe help  
12 the process along, we've marked these pictures. Could we  
13 all three look at them real quickly?

14 THE COURT: Certainly.

15 MR. MEADORS: That might save some time.

16 THE COURT: Do these look like what's already in?

17 Mr. MEADORS: Well, there's some additional ones, too,  
18 Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Are there going to be any objections to  
20 the photos?

21 MR. WILDER: Yes, Your Honor. Any of them basically  
22 that the wounds in color, we would ask the court to make a  
23 ruling as to whether the prejudicial nature of them  
24 outweighs the probative value. They will have to put up a  
25 pathologist, Your Honor, so, to establish the cause of

1 death. A pathologist can testify as to what the nature of  
2 wound would be.

3 I do not know of any reason to compel them to put a  
4 color photograph of the, the wounds into evidence except to  
5 insight the passion and prejudice of the jury against my  
6 client. It's not going to be to establish the cause of  
7 death because the pathologist will do that. So, I don't  
8 believe there's any necessity for it.

9 THE COURT: Let me see the pictures.

10 Mr. WILDER And we would move to suppress them on the  
11 grounds of the prejudicial nature outweighs probative  
12 value.

13 Mr. DEAS: And, Your Honor, I would concur as to these  
14 two photos. They, they do seem to be extreme, and it would  
15 seem that the prejudicial effect would outweigh any  
16 probative value.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Meadors.

18 Mr. MEADORS: Your Honor, we're not offering for that  
19 reason and would not do that. I will withdraw one of them.  
20 The other one, then, I would just like for Your Honor to  
21 consider. It's a picture of the arm. Obviously, we're  
22 just arguing it goes to the malice. I'll withdraw the  
23 other. That was State's 50 for I.D. I won't offer that  
24 one.

25 THE COURT: All right, State's 48 shows a picture of

1 an arm with a bullet hole in it. It has blood around it,  
2 which would be expected. I don't find that to be -- I find  
3 that this is presentable.

4 This was a shooting. There are going to be pictures  
5 of the body. They're already in evidence. It is bloody,  
6 but it's not excessive bloody. So, I find that the  
7 probative outweighs the prejudice.

8 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, I ask that my objection  
9 attach to that exhibit.

10 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

11 MR. WILDER: Do I need to raise it again when they put  
12 it in front of the jury?

13 THE COURT: No, sir.

14 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

15 THE COURT: Your objection continues.

16 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

17 Mr. MEADORS: And then, Your Honor, for -- just for  
18 the record, if we could go over this now, I'd like to save  
19 even more time. As far as State's 28, State's 29, State's  
20 30, State's 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43,  
21 there's no objection on those, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Is that correct?

23 MR. WILDER: That's correct.

24 MR. DEAS: That's correct.

25 THE COURT: We will put them in over your objection to

1 number 48.

2 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

3 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, 48 is the one you ruled on.  
4 I will withdraw State's 42 I.D. I apologize. I'll put  
5 that over here. So, just a few more. I appreciate it.

6 (A PAUSE.)

7 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, a few more, and I appreciate  
8 it. State's 44 and 45, which is a picture of the Little  
9 Debbie snack cake wrapper, we're going to offer it. I  
10 don't know if Mr. -- you might have an objection on that,  
11 but Investigator Bean found it by the body. So, we're  
12 going to offer that.

13 THE COURT: What's your objection?

14 MR. WILDER: Well, first of all, it was not found by a  
15 body. I believe ---

16 THE COURT: Well, I mean, there's going to be  
17 testimony to that. I mean, they're going to ---

18 MR. WILDER: No. No, Your Honor. My understanding is  
19 their testimony will be that it was found over by the road.

20 THE COURT: I mean, they can put pictures in of what  
21 they found. Whether or not they can connect it to the  
22 thing is a different matter.

23 MR. WILDER: And, Your Honor ---

24 THE COURT: If it comes in -- but whether -- as long  
25 as it -- and you have the right to cross-examine him as to

1 where the Little Debbie cake was found.

2 MR. WILDER: Well, Your Honor, I submit that it's so  
3 far out of the secure crime area and that, that they're not  
4 going to be able to testify that it was even there when the  
5 officer got there on the scene and arrived there later.  
6 So, so ---

7 THE COURT: Well, I'm not going to rule on that now.  
8 I'll wait and see what the testimony is.

9 MR. WILDER: All right, and I do, Your Honor, believe  
10 that -- if they have to establish the foundation, which I'm  
11 asking that they do, that we will find that it's, that it's  
12 evidence of nothing. So, therefore ---

13 THE COURT: It maybe.

14 MR. WILDER: --- I'm objecting.

15 MR. DEAS: I'll go on the record. We have no  
16 objection to the Little Debbie cake wrapper coming in.

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 MR. MEADORS: And, Your Honor, and then that last ones  
19 are 46, 47, and 49 without objection, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, I -- 49, no objection. 46,  
22 no objection. 47, no objection.

23 MR. MEADORS: And finally, Judge, 51 and 52, I  
24 believe, are without objection.

25 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, I would object to that

1 without the testimony of who prepared those diagrams.

2 MR. MEADORS: Obviously we'll do that.

3 THE COURT: Right. Okay. I'll rule on that at the  
4 appropriate time.

5 (A PAUSE.)

6 (PHOTOGRAPHS MARKED INDIVIDUALLY INTO EVIDENCE AS  
7 STATE EXHIBIT NUMBERS 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36,  
8 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49.)

9 (DIAGRAM MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
10 NUMBER 51.)

11 (DIAGRAM MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
12 NUMBER 52.)

13 MR. MEADORS: Thank you, Judge.

14 THE COURT: Anything else? All right. Let's bring  
15 our jury in.

16 (THE JURY ENTERS AT 9:46 A.M.)

17 CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, we have all jurors  
18 present in the courtroom.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 Well, good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I hate to  
21 tell you this, but they didn't get the air conditioner  
22 fixed yesterday. So, if you brought your coats you, might  
23 want to be removing them as the day progresses. So, we'll  
24 just see how it goes, and if we have to bring in some fans,  
25 we may have to just do that. So -- but thank you for your

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1 promptness again this morning.

2 State ready to proceed?

3 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: All right. You may call your next  
5 witness.

6 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, if it pleases the court, the  
7 state calls Raymond Mackessy.

8 RAYMOND MACKESSY, FIRST BEING DULY  
9 SWORN, TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

10 CLERK OF COURT: Please state your full name and spell  
11 your last name for the record.

12 WITNESS: Raymond Mackessy, M-A-C-K-E-S-S-Y.

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

14 Q. Good morning, Mr. Mackessy.

15 A. Morning.

16 Q. Are you retired right now?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Can you tell the ladies and gentlemen of this jury  
19 where you're from?

20 A. I'm from Baltimore, Maryland.

21 Q. And did you have any involvement or work with law  
22 enforcement there?

23 A. Yes, sir. I was with the Baltimore City Police for  
24 fifteen years.

25 Q. And what were your different positions there?

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1 A. I was in patrol division and also the helicopter unit.

2 Q. And where is your wife from?

3 A. My wife is from Sumter.

4 Q. And as a result of that, where did you come to after  
5 Baltimore?

6 A. In 1985 I came to -- I moved here to Sumter, and in  
7 1986 I was hired by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

8 Q. And what was it you did then in '86 for the Sheriff's  
9 Office?

10 A. I went to the patrol division where I remained for  
11 approximately eighteen months.

12 Q. What did you do after that?

13 A. And then I was promoted to investigator and went into  
14 investigations, where I remained until my retirement.

15 Q. Had anything specifically in investigations that you  
16 did?

17 A. Yes, sir. I started out investigating cases and doing  
18 crime scene when, when I got to investigations. I  
19 eventually just took over the Crime Scene Unit, and that's  
20 what I did until I retired in May of 2009.

21 Q. May of 2009?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. So, roughly twenty-three years you were in  
24 investigations in the Crime Scene Unit?

25 A. Yes, sir.



1 Q. Other than your education and training for your life,  
2 what, what other training did you receive in law  
3 enforcement?

4 A. I received training in -- when I was Baltimore before  
5 I left, I received training in latent fingerprint  
6 processing. And after coming here to Sumter, I received  
7 training from SLED and from Criminal Justice Academy, and  
8 also various forensic firms in, in crime scene processing,  
9 which included, you know, latent print processing, latent  
10 print identification, photography, collection of various  
11 types of evidence.

12 Q. What's a latent print?

13 A. Latent print, latent being unknown. It's -- a latent  
14 print is, is your fingerprint. That's what -- the powders  
15 that we use or chemicals that we use, that's what develops  
16 the fingerprint.

17 Q. In an ink print, or -- is there a known and a latent  
18 print?

19 A. There's a known if we have a known ---

20 Q. In general, right.

21 A. --- available to us, and there's -- a latent print,  
22 that's the actual print that's lifted at the crime scene or  
23 off of pieces of evidence.

24 Q. Now, let me take you back in time to January of 2008  
25 when you were, you employed with the Sumter County

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1 Sheriff's Department.

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And did you have an occasion -- is it all right if I  
4 call you Mr. Mackessy?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. All right. Mr. Mackessy, to go to lot of O.C.  
7 Mobile Home Park in Cherryvale?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And, and was that regarding William Flexon?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And is that in Sumter County?

12 A. Yes, it is.

13 Q. Can you tell the ladies and gentlemen, please, as  
14 you're driving there in your vehicle, what time did you get  
15 there and what were your first observations?

16 A. My time of arrival, I don't have the log sheet with me  
17 on the -- the crime scene log in my file, but it was  
18 sometime after 9:00, 9:00 p.m.

19 Q. And when you arrived, did you see the body of William  
20 Flexon?

21 A. Yes, sir, I did.

22 Q. I'm showing you what's been entered as State's 49. Do  
23 you recognize that?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And does that appear to be the body of William Flexon?

1 A. Yes, sir, it does.

2 MR. MEADORS: May I show it to the jury, Judge?

3 THE COURT: You may. Without objection.

4 BY MR. MEADORS:

5 Q. And what's your job when you get here, Mr. Mackessy?

6 A. The first thing I do is, is what we call cursory  
7 search. That is a search of the crime scene to see what  
8 evidence is there. The evidence is then marked, and then  
9 photographs are taken.

10 Q. Let's go back to where -- and I know you prepared a  
11 report. What wounds, if any, did you observe on Mr.  
12 Flexon?

13 A. I observed bullet wounds in the left arm and the  
14 chest.

15 Q. Showing you what's marked for -- as State's 48. Do  
16 you recognize that?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And what does that reflect?

19 A. That's a bullet wound in the left arm.

20 MR. MEADORS: With the court's permission?

21 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

22 BY MR. MEADORS:

23 Q. What did you observe or, or do next?

24 A. Well, I had Investigator Mike Bean, who's also with  
25 the Crime Scene Unit. I had him take photographs of the

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1 scene while, while Evidence Technician Cindy Pierson and  
2 myself took measurements and, and sketched the scene.

3 Q. Okay. Were there any vehicles in what you would call  
4 the scene?

5 A. Yes, sir. There was a 2002 Dodge Caravan which bore a  
6 South Carolina tag of 435 XVI which was about 11 feet from  
7 the victim.

8 Q. 11 feet from what?

9 A. 11 feet from the -- well, from the front of the van.  
10 Where the victim was laying, 11 feet from the front of the  
11 van.

12 Q. Okay. So, the victim was 11 feet from the van?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. How did you know that?

15 A. We measured it.

16 Q. And I'm going to show you State's, already entered as  
17 State's 25, I believe. Do you recognize that?

18 A. Yes, sir, I do.

19 Q. And is -- what is that?

20 A. That's the van.

21 Q. So, the body is 11 feet from the van, correct?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. What do you do next?

24 A. After Technician Pierson and I were photographing the,  
25 or not photographing, but measuring and stretching the

1 scene, Investigator Bean was the one who took photographs  
2 of the scene.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I then advised the coroner at the time, Ms. Moore, to  
5 remove the body to the morgue, and then I had the van towed  
6 to the evidence processing building at the Sumter County  
7 Public Works, and it was secured in the building by  
8 Technician Cindy Pierson.

9 I was then advised by Sergeant Robert Reynolds that  
10 they found some shoe impressions and possible blood inside  
11 the -- of a vacant trailer at lot number . I went there  
12 and I examined these shoe impressions, and they were not  
13 suitable for photography. We tried to bring them up with  
14 powder and it didn't work, and we -- I made attempt to lift  
15 one of the impressions, but that attempt failed.

16 Q. All right. Let me show you what's marked State's 47  
17 and State's 46, and I'll start with State's 46. Do you  
18 recognize that?

19 A. Yes. That's photograph of a shoe print. I don't know  
20 where that shoe print was. That's a photograph taken by  
21 Investigator Bean.

22 Q. Is this one of the shoe impressions you're talking  
23 about?

24 A. No. The shoe impressions I was talking about were  
25 inside the trailer.

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1 Q. Okay, and that's 47, correct?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And you said what, what about this, 47?

4 A. We attempted to bring them with up with, with latent  
5 fingerprint powder, and it didn't develop well enough for  
6 photography to be able to compare it to any shoe or any --  
7 I did try to lift one, and that didn't work either. It  
8 didn't even lift.

9 Q. How do you mean? What do you mean you tried to lift  
10 one?

11 A. I used what's called gel lifter, and I used gel  
12 lifters to lift latent impressions. And with this gel  
13 lifter, I just peeled back a piece of plastic, lay it over  
14 the top of the print that's already been processed with the  
15 powder, and then I put a roller over it and then lift it.  
16 And the impression should adhere to the gel lifter, but in  
17 this case it didn't.

18 Q. And I think also you said you went inside the trailer?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Okay, and what did you do in there, if anything?

21 A. Well, that was what the, what I was just talking  
22 about. The, the shoe impressions were inside that trailer.  
23 I also did some fingerprinting of countertops and various  
24 places inside the trailer. No fingerprints were developed.

25 Q. And let me stop right there. Earlier you said you

1     went in there and you attempted to do what, fingerprints?

2     A.    Process for fingerprints inside the trailer.

3     Q.    How do you do that?

4     A.    In this case, I used fingerprint powder.

5     Q.    And, and what was the results of that?

6     A.    Negative results. There was nothing there to develop.

7     Q.    And, and, so, you couldn't find fingerprints in there  
8     at all?

9     A.    No. No, sir.

10    Q.    Did that surprise you?

11    A.    No, sir, it really doesn't. It, you know, in case of  
12    vacant trailers, you know, normally they're left out in the  
13    open. The elements get the print destroyed.

14    Q.    Well, and do elements have an affect on whether -- on  
15    prints? On -- elements, do they affect whether or not a  
16    print could be there?

17    A.    Yes, sir, they do.

18    Q.    Okay, and how?

19    A.    Temperature, for one, affects a fingerprint. Moisture  
20    will effect a fingerprint. Sunlight can affect a  
21    fingerprint, and it can destroy what we call ridge detail.  
22    That's -- if you look at your, your finger, you'll see  
23    lines and we call them ridges. It destroys those ridges to  
24    where you can't identify, identity the fingerprint to a  
25    known fingerprint card.

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1 Q. Okay. Showing you State's 27. You mentioned  
2 something about blood, I think.

3 A. Yes, sir, there was blood. Let me see where I lifted  
4 that from. Small area of blood on the hallway floor.

5 Q. Showing you what's State's 27, I believe without  
6 objection but not as entered. Go ahead.

7 A. Yes, sir. Yes, that's a photograph of a Little Debbie  
8 donut ---

9 Q. That's not -- I'm asking you about the floor down  
10 here.

11 A. Oh, the floor?

12 Q. Yes, sir.

13 A. Yes, sir. That's markers that were placed at the  
14 point where you saw footprints or shoe prints.

15 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, is Mr. Mackessy saying he  
16 took that picture?

17 WITNESS: No, sir, I didn't.

18 MR. WILDER: I still object.

19 BY MR. MEADORS:

20 Q. Did, did you go in and look at this ---

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. --- that trailer?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. I looked at it.



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1 Q. It appeared -- that's the way it was that evening?

2 A. Yes, sir. That's the way it appeared.

3 THE COURT: Overruled.

4 MR. MEADORS: Okay, Bean took them. He's going to be  
5 next.

6 THE COURT: Overruled.

7 MR. MEADORS: That's 27.

8 (PHOTOGRAPH MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
9 NUMBER 27.)

10 BY MR. MEADORS:

11 Q. You've mentioned something about blood, that you were  
12 shown potential blood. Did you take that?

13 A. Yes, sir, I looked at the blood.

14 Q. Okay. Where was that?

15 A. It was, it was on the hallway floor inside the, inside  
16 trailer number 7.

17 Q. Now, did you see a Little Debbie snack cake?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And where was that?

20 A. That was, that was on the side of the road near the  
21 entrance to where lot was.

22 Q. Near the entrance to where lot was?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And, and did you visually see the Little Debbie snack  
25 cake?

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1 A. Yes, sir, I saw it.

2 Q. And looking back at 27, do you see the Little Debbie  
3 snack cake in State's 27?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And I think you testified earlier the body was about  
6 11 feet from the van, correct?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Can you tell on there how close that Little Debbie  
9 snack cake is to the van?

10 A. I didn't measure that.

11 Q. Okay, but can you tell by looking at that picture how  
12 close it is?

13 A. No, sir, not by looking at the photograph. I can't  
14 tell.

15 Q. Are they in the same photograph, the Little Debbie  
16 snack cake and the tire?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. The top on the -- down here at the bottom.

19 A. Oh, at the bottom. Yes, sir, it's, it's near -- it's  
20 near a tire. I don't know -- Investigator Bean took that  
21 photograph.

22 Q. Tell the jury what you did next. Please refer to your  
23 report if it will help you if, if you want to go by your  
24 report, please, sir.

25 A. Yes, sir. After lifting the blood, I collected that

1 Little Debbie wrapper off the ground at the entrance to the  
2 mobile home park on Cherryvale Drive where the victim was  
3 found. I then collected a Virgin mobile cell phone and the  
4 battery off the ground, which was laying on Cherryvale  
5 Drive near the road where the, the victim was found. There  
6 was no back to that phone, and it wasn't in working order.

7 Q. You said it was not in working order?

8 A. It was not in working order. All of these items were  
9 photographed by Investigator Bean prior to us seizing them.  
10 The coroner ---

11 Q. Who collected those items?

12 A. I collected them.

13 Q. What did you do next?

14 A. The coroner, she, she handed me the victim's cell  
15 phone, which she had removed from the victim prior to him  
16 being taken from the scene.

17 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, in this case I would object  
18 to him characterizing it as the victim's cell phone without  
19 him establishing what the coroner, where she got it from.

20 THE COURT: Sustained.

21 BY MR. MEADORS:

22 A. After that, I left the scene and went to Cherryvale  
23 Grocery, which is up the road from, from the scene on  
24 Cherryvale Drive. That's four-tenths of a mile from, from  
25 where the victim was.

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1 Q. And how do you know that?

2 A. That was measured by the odometer in the -- in my van.

3 Q. We're going to come back to the scene in a minute and  
4 get you, if you can, to I.D. this blood and the phones, if  
5 you will. But let's go on to Cherryvale Grocery right now.  
6 What did you do there?

7 A. I took possession of some latent fingerprints that  
8 Investigator Dominick West had lifted off a public pay  
9 phone at the store.

10 Q. And had you been to Cherryvale before?

11 A. Oh, many times. I've been ---

12 Q. Cherryvale Grocery?

13 A. Yes, I've been to Cherryvale Grocery.

14 MR. MEADORS: Okay. Beg the court's indulgence.

15 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

16 (CELL PHONE MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 53 FOR  
17 IDENTIFICATION.)

18 (CELL PHONE MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 54 FOR  
19 IDENTIFICATION.)

20 THE COURT: Any objection?

21 MR. DEAS: No objection.

22 MR. WILDER: No objection.

23 THE COURT: Without objection.

24 (CELL PHONE MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
25 NUMBER 53.)

1 (CELL PHONE MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
2 NUMBER 54.)

3 BY MR. MEADORS:

4 Q. I'm going to show you what's marked State's 53. It's  
5 without objection, but is your name on there, and is that  
6 one of the phones you collected?

7 A. Yes, sir, it is.

8 Q. Has your name at the bottom, doesn't it?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And what about this phone, and that's State's ---

11 MR. MEADORS: I'm sorry, Judge. That's State's 54.

12 BY MR. MEADORS:

13 A. Yes, sir, this is the telephone I received from, from  
14 Coroner Moore.

15 MR. MEADORS: Judge, in a, in a -- just for time  
16 purposes, can we have a very short recess to get these  
17 others marked? I apologize.

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

19 All right, ladies and gentlemen, you'll get a short  
20 break at this time if you'd like a cup of coffee. We'll  
21 break for about fifteen minutes. So, that will give you  
22 sufficient time to get a cup of coffee. If you need to  
23 smoke you may smoke. Please do not discuss anything about  
24 the can case while you're back there.

25 (THE JURY EXITS AT 10:07 A.M.)

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1 THE COURT: All right, court will be in recess for  
2 approximately fifteen minutes.

3 I'll remind you, Detective, you're still on the stand.  
4 You may not discuss anything.

5 WITNESS: Okay.

6 (OFF THE RECORD.)

7 (DNA SWAB MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 55 FOR  
8 IDENTIFICATION.)

9 (FINGERPRINT CARD MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 56  
10 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

11 (CUTTINGS FROM PIZZA BOX MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
12 NUMBER 57 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

13 THE COURT: Are we ready now?

14 All right. Let's bring our jury back in.

15 (THE JURY ENTERS AT 10:30 A.M.)

16 CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, all jurors are back in  
17 the courtroom.

18 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

19 MR. MEADORS: Please the court?

20 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may proceed.

21 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, we appreciate the patience  
22 of the jury panel. Thank you.

23 BY MR. MEADORS:

24 Q. Mr. Mackessy, I want to show you what's marked 55  
25 next, and ask you if you recognize it and does it have your

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1 name on there?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And you, you had ---

4 THE COURT: Any objections?

5 MR. WILDER: No objection.

6 MR. DEAS: No objection.

7 THE COURT: Without objection, number 55 is admitted.

8 (DNA SWAB MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
9 NUMBER 55.)

10 BY MR. MEADORS:

11 Q. Is this the, the blood you were talking about, State's  
12 55?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And that came from where?

15 A. That came from the floor of or the hallway floor in  
16 trailer number 7.

17 Q. And was that trailer vacant or occupied?

18 A. It was vacant.

19 Q. And I believe you also stated you got some prints from  
20 one of the investigators from Cherryvale Grocery, correct?

21 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.

22 Q. And that was from Investigator Dominick West?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. This is State's 56. Did you say you received some  
25 prints from Investigator Dominick West?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Could you look in State's 56 and see if you -- if  
3 these are the prints you received from Investigator  
4 Dominick West?

5 A. Yes, sir. Two fingerprint cards here that I received  
6 from Dominick West. Your Honor, the other one isn't.

7 Q. Okay, and I believe there's some others items in  
8 those. Are these two items which are ---

9 MR. MEADORS: And I think, Your Honor, for this  
10 purpose we'll make this State's 56 included four other  
11 fingerprint cards.

12 THE COURT: All right. Without objection?

13 MR. WILDER: No objection.

14 MR. DEAS: No objection.

15 (FINGERPRINT CARDS MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S  
16 EXHIBIT NUMBER 56.)

17 BY MR. MEADORS:

18 Q. Now, on January 13th, did you go with Sergeant,  
19 Sergeant Burnish to a location where you saw some pizza  
20 boxes?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And is that included in your report?

23 A. Yes, sir, it is.

24 Q. And can you tell the jury where you went?

25 A. That was the next day on January 13th, 2008. Sergeant



1 Burnish called me, advised me he located what he believed  
2 to be two of the three pizza boxes in this incident. I  
3 responded to Cherryvale Drive near Caleb Mobile Home Park  
4 where Investigator Burnish showed me the pizza boxes.

5 Q. Okay, and you say boxes, correct?

6 A. Yes, sir, plural.

7 Q. And I'm going to show you what is already entered as  
8 State's 17 and ask you if you can identify these.

9 A. Yes, sir. These are the pizza boxes that were found  
10 in Cherryvale Drive.

11 Q. All right, and just tell us. You're the investigator.  
12 Can you tell us where they were found?

13 A. They were found -- the pizza box that I designated as  
14 Item 1, and I don't know what state's number is on that.  
15 That was found on the ground on the side of the road on  
16 Cherryvale Drive. That was approximately 375 feet from the  
17 road where the victim was found.

18 Q. When you did a diagram -- I'm going to show the jury  
19 that in a minute -- correct?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And where was the other one?

22 A. The other one, which I designated as pizza box number  
23 two, Item 23, was in the driveway that was next to  
24 Cherryvale Drive. That was about 591 feet from the road  
25 where the victim was found.

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1 Q. Now, what, if anything, did you do with these boxes  
2 processing wise?

3 A. I took them back to the lab, and I used a chemical  
4 called ninhydrin.

5 Q. Called what?

6 A. Ninhydrin. It's a chemical that develops fingerprints  
7 on paper and cardboard. I processed the, these two boxes  
8 here and developed some ridge detail on those boxes.

9 Q. I'm going to show you what's State's 57, and does it  
10 have your name on it related to what you were just talking  
11 about?

12 A. Yes, sir, it does.

13 Q. Okay, and what is that?

14 A. These are the, the ninhydrin developed prints, which  
15 they're faded in time here, but these are the, the latent  
16 prints developed on the pizza box, or one of them.

17 MR. WILDER: No objection.

18 THE COURT: Without objection.

19 MR. MEADORS: That's State's 57.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 (CUTTING FROM PIZZA BOX MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS  
22 STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 57.)

23 BY MR. MEADORS:

24 Q. What did you do with the van, if anything?

25 A. The van was towed to public works and placed in the

1 evidence processing building.

2 Q. And, and did you, yourself, have any part of  
3 processing the van?

4 A. Yes, sir. I processed it for latent fingerprints.

5 Q. And tell the jury what you did.

6 A. I lifted palm prints off the left sliding door window  
7 and the left sliding door. I also took possession of --  
8 there was two pizza warmers inside that van. I took  
9 possession of those, and there was an order slip that bore  
10 the address of Cherryvale Drive lot . This is the  
11 vacant mobile home near where the victim was found that I  
12 previously testified about the shoe prints. I processed, I  
13 processed the pizza warmers later on for latent prints with  
14 negative results.

15 Q. All right. Let's go back to the van. I apologize.  
16 Showing you what's also contained in 56. I think you  
17 looked at it earlier.

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. You mentioned lifting something. Do you see in there  
20 anything you did that relates to the van as far as  
21 processing it?

22 A. Yes, sir. This is 8 by 10, what we call Prolift,  
23 large fingerprint lifter. That bears a palm print that I,  
24 I got off the driver's side, driver's side sliding door.

25 Q. And that's what you've testified earlier to, correct?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, that's also contained in 56  
3 and was already in.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Without objection.

5 BY MR. MEADORS:

6 Q. Now, the two pizza warmers you took possession of?

7 A. Yes, sir, they came out of the van, yes, sir.

8 Q. I want to show you State's 14 and State's 15. Do you  
9 see your name on there, and can you identify these?

10 A. Yes, sir. My initials are on here along with the case  
11 number, yes, sir.

12 Q. Will you look at State's 15?

13 A. Yes, sir. It bears my initials and case number of  
14 this case.

15 Q. And what, if anything -- if we put your initials on  
16 there, it's suppose to help us when we come to court.

17 Isn't it ---

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. --- to identify it?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. What did you do processing wise on those?

22 A. I processed them for fingerprints, and nothing was  
23 developed.

24 Q. And tell these folks. I mean, you tried and looked  
25 and tried to find something. You couldn't?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And explain that, why. I mean, what ---

3 A. The process that I put these pizza warmers through is,  
4 first off, I had -- I can't remember the name of the scope  
5 now, it's been so long. But it's, it's -- ultraviolet  
6 light is used and I look through a scope that can detect  
7 fingerprints on a surface without even putting any kind of  
8 fingerprint powder, chemicals, anything on it. I examined  
9 those under that light and didn't see anything. I then  
10 used fingerprint powder on both those items, and I didn't  
11 see any fingerprints come up at all.

12 Q. But you tried?

13 A. I tried to get them. There was none there.

14 Q. Have you had occasion -- I believe you testified, on  
15 January 22, 2008, at the request of Sergeant Burnish to go  
16 to a vacant mobile home on St. Mark's Circle, correct?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And did you see a pizza box there?

19 A. Yes, sir, I did.

20 Q. And a red warmer?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And I want to show you 16.

23 A. Yes, sir, I can identify this. It's pizza warmer  
24 number three that came out of a trailer on St. Mark's  
25 Circle and bears my initials.

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1 Q. And you took pictures of all this stuff, too, did you  
2 not?

3 A. I took pictures of those.

4 Q. And look at State's 13. Do you recognize that?

5 A. Yes, sir. This is the pizza box obtained at the  
6 trailer, trailer at St. Mark's Circle. It bears my  
7 initial.

8 Q. Okay. So, both of these items, State's Number 13  
9 which you just identified and State's Number 16, what, if  
10 anything, did you do as a crime scene investigator to  
11 examine these?

12 A. Okay. After seizing them, photographing and seizing  
13 them, I took them back to the lab. I sprayed the cardboard  
14 pizza box with ninhydrin, and I also took the pizza warmer.  
15 I did just like the other pizza warmers. I looked at it  
16 under alternate light and didn't see any fingerprints. I  
17 also processed them with powder and didn't see any  
18 fingerprints.

19 Q. And the -- is the purpose here, is that what you're  
20 talking about?

21 A. Yes, sir. That's the chemical ninhydrin. That's what  
22 it does on the surface.

23 Q. So, you put that there?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And, again, what, what can affect whether or not

1 there's fingerprints on an item? You said the elements?

2 A. The elements can affect fingerprints on, on a  
3 nonporous item and also porous if moisture can get to the  
4 porous items. But sometimes I can develop fingerprints on  
5 porous items, and by porous I mean paper, cardboard.  
6 Sometimes when it is wet, if I let it dry, there are  
7 occasions where I do develop fingerprints. But these pizza  
8 boxes, they were, they were kind of greasy and that affects  
9 the fingerprint, the development of fingerprint also. They  
10 weren't wet.

11 But the fingerprints normally on a, on a porous  
12 surface, they are absorbed into the fiber of that, that  
13 surface, and this chemical called ninhydrin actually goes  
14 below that into the fiber and lifts the fingerprint out of  
15 that fiber.

16 Q. I think you also, in your report, said you collected  
17 an order slip from the van?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Is that it? Does that have your name on it? It's  
20 already in evidence.

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And that's State's -- what's that number on there?

23 A. That's State's Number 12.

24 Q. All right, and I think you already -- I want to show  
25 you State's 24, a Little Debbie snack cake. Did you -- or

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1 a wrapper. I'm sorry. Is that your name on there?

2 A. Yes, sir. It bears my name, yes, sir.

3 Q. And that's -- I showed you a picture earlier near the  
4 van, but we don't know if that's the van of the victim or  
5 not in State's 27, correct?

6 A. Well, I can say from where I found it that's not the  
7 victim's van.

8 Q. So, you can actually say that?

9 A. I can actually say that. That's not the victim's van.

10 Q. Okay. Where did you find the van?

11 A. It was found on the side of road, as you come out of  
12 the -- I'll call it the driveway back to where the victim  
13 was found. When you come out of that driveway, you bare to  
14 the left. Just as you bare to the left on the side of the  
15 road is where the Little Debbie snack cake was found.

16 Q. Can you come down please, sir ---

17 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

18 Q. --- in front of the jury. If you need to bring your  
19 notes.

20 THE COURT: Y'all can get to where y'all need to  
21 observe.

22 MR. WILDER: Are the diagrams in evidence? Are the  
23 diagrams in evidence?

24 MR. MEADORS: I was fixing to ask him. State's ---

25 THE COURT: I thought they were.



1 MR. MEADORS: I thought we'd already --- I thought  
2 they were already in.

3 THE COURT: Without objection.

4 MR. MEADORS: I think, I think the question was did he  
5 prepare them, and I, Your Honor...

6 BY MR. MEADORS:

7 Q. I want you to look at State's 51 and 52. Do you  
8 recognize these and did you prepare them?

9 A. Yes, sir. They're sketches that I did.

10 MR. WILDER: No objection.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 MR. DEAS: No objection.

13 MR. WILDER: And what number was that?

14 MR. MEADORS: 51 and 52.

15 MR. WILDER: 51 and 52. Thank you.

16 BY MR. MEADORS:

17 Q. Now, you're going to have to speak up so the court  
18 reporter can hear you. What is State's 51?

19 A. State's 51 is a sketch of the, that was drawn on, by  
20 me on the 12th of January, 2008, of the scene on Cherryvale  
21 Drive.

22 Q. And let's tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury.  
23 This van, is that the van?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And beside it appeared to be a body?

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1 A. Yes, sir, that's the victim's -- victim.

2 Q. And how far did you say his body was from the van?

3 A. 11 feet.

4 Q. And you measured that, correct?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Now, there's been testimony that the pizza was suppose  
7 to be delivered to mobile home number .

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. How far was the body and/or the van from number ?

10 A. The victim to number was 26 feet, and the -- if you,  
11 if you're traveling number , the victim was 26 feet.

12 Q. 26 feet. Had you been out before to O.C. Mobile Home  
13 Park?

14 A. I'm out there on occasion for, for other crime scenes.

15 Q. So, this would indicate trailer . Does that mean  
16 they're back down to number ?

17 A. Yes, sir. I believe there's other trailers in that  
18 lot. I believe there's other trailers there. It's been a  
19 while. So, I can't remember.

20 Q. State's 52, could you indicate on State's 52 where  
21 some pizza boxes were found?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Could you explain this to the jury?

24 A. Okay. Down here I have the road where the victim --  
25 the drive where the victim was found. Here I have pizza

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1 box that I designated number one. That was found 375 feet  
2 from the victim. There's also a pizza box that's  
3 designated number two that was found on a road next to  
4 Cherryvale

5 Drive that was 591 feet from where the victim was found.

6 Q. And those would be State's 17, correct?

7 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.

8 Q. Thank you. I think that's all we have on these.

9 Thank you, Mr. Mackessy. I think if you'll just sit there.

10 I want to show you some photographs. They might be --  
11 these are already in evidence. State's 40, do you  
12 recognize that?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. What is that?

15 MR. MEADORS: Can I show these to ---

16 THE COURT: You may. They're in evidence.

17 BY MR. MEADORS:

18 Q. What is that?

19 A. They're the pizza warmers that were inside the  
20 victim's van.

21 Q. Okay. Now, is it your practice that do you take a  
22 picture of evidence before you collect it?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And why is that?

25 A. To be able to show that the -- the location of where

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1 the evidence was found.

2 Q. State's 39.

3 A. 39 is the, I guess the order slip that the victim was  
4 carrying, and that was inside the van.

5 Q. State's 37. You said you went to another location at  
6 the request of Sergeant Burnish?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. To get a pizza box?

9 A. Yes, sir. That's -- this is the pizza box that was  
10 found inside the vacant trailer at St. Mark's Circle.

11 Q. And that's State's 13 here?

12 A. Yes, sir, pizza box number three.

13 Q. And, and looking on State's 38, what is that?

14 A. That's the pizza that was inside pizza box number  
15 three.

16 Q. That's not the way it is in 37. So, how did it get  
17 opened?

18 A. I opened it.

19 Q. Okay, and to see what was inside?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And you processed this box, you said?

22 A. Yes, sir, I processed the box.

23 Q. Once again, for the record, State's 13. This is  
24 State's 36.

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Do you know ---

2 A. That's the vacant trailer at St. Mark's Circle where  
3 pizza box number three was found.

4 Q. Do you recognize State's 35?

5 A. Yes, sir. That, that's a photograph of the -- has a  
6 numerical and letter designation 2-C, it looks like, on the  
7 side of the box, pizza box number three. That's the pizza  
8 that was found at St. Mark's Circle.

9 Q. You didn't necessarily do it in order, but did you  
10 also take pictures of the pizza boxes that you found  
11 relatively near the scene?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And looking at State's, State's 32, State's 33, do you  
14 recognize those?

15 A. Yes, sir. These are pizza boxes that -- or pizza box  
16 that was found. I believe it's the side of the road on  
17 that one.

18 Q. 32 and 33, and sometimes do you take a far away shot,  
19 closer up shot?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Is that supposed to also help me and you?

22 A. It shows relationship of where the, the items were.

23 Q. Let's start with 30.

24 A. Okay. 30 is the pizza box. It's pizza box number  
25 two. This was found next to the -- I believe it was

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1 Cherryvale Drive.

2 Q. 31.

3 A. 31 is another photograph of pizza box number two  
4 showing its relationship to Cherryvale, Cherryvale Drive.

5 Q. 29 in evidence.

6 A. 29 is the pizza box number two showing its  
7 relationship to residence at Cherryvale.

8 Q. State's 28.

9 A. State's 28 is a, is a pizza box number two showing its  
10 relationship opposite to another trailer.

11 Q. State's 43.

12 A. 43 is a photograph of the interior of the victim's van  
13 showing the pizza warmer was inside the van.

14 Q. Which you've already talked about and said you  
15 processed with negative results, correct?

16 A. Yes, sir, that's right.

17 Q. Item 16.

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. State's 41.

20 A. 41 is a picture of the victim's driver's license and  
21 wallet.

22 Q. Just got a couple more. 44 and 45.

23 A. That's the Little Debbie donut or donut stick wrapper  
24 that were found on the side of the road of Cherryvale  
25 Drive.

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1 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, subject to our objection.

2 THE COURT: Subject to the objection.

3 BY MR. MEADORS:

4 Q. I think you've already mentioned State's 34.

5 A. Yes, sir, that's, that's a -- well, it doesn't show  
6 much. I attempted to photograph a shoe print, or that  
7 might be the blood. Let me see. This is photograph -- I  
8 believe Investigator Bean took this.

9 MR. MEADORS: Okay. Beg the court's indulgence.

10 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

11 (A PAUSE.)

12 MR. MEADORS: I think that's all I've got. Thank you,  
13 sir.

14 THE COURT: Thank you.

15 Mr. Deas.

16 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. Please the court?

17 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

18 Q. Good morning, Mr. Mackessy.

19 A. Good morning, sir.

20 Q. My name is Garryl Deas. I represent the defendant  
21 Reginald Canty. Mr. Mackessy, you were the lead  
22 investigator initially on this case?

23 A. No, sir. I was just crime scene.

24 Q. And did you respond to the scene back on January 12,  
25 2008?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. Shortly after the incident occurred?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Do you, do you recall what time you arrived at the  
5 scene?

6 A. It was after 9:00 p.m. I, I don't have it in my  
7 report, but it was after 9:00 p.m.

8 Q. Now, were you the person that actually, that actually  
9 found the first two pizza boxes, pizza box number one and  
10 pizza box number two?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Do you know who found them?

13 A. Investigator -- or Sergeant Burnish called me and told  
14 me that he found pizza box, or there was some pizza boxes  
15 found. I don't know who found them, but they were --  
16 Sergeant Burnish called me and told me that two pizza boxes  
17 were found in Cherryvale Drive.

18 Q. But they were not found by you on January 12th when  
19 you, when you arrived at the scene? You didn't observe  
20 them?

21 A. I didn't observe them that way, no.

22 Q. And when -- did you get the call from Sergeant Burnish  
23 or some other officer about the pizza boxes on the next  
24 day?

25 A. Yes, sir, the next day.



1 Q. Do you know what pizza boxes were found on the next  
2 day, or you just got a call?

3 A. I just got the call that they had pizza boxes. They  
4 wanted me to come out and see, photograph and see them.

5 Q. Now, pizza box number one, which was found on the  
6 ground about 375 feet from where the victim was located,  
7 that pizza box, it was tested for fingerprints. Is that  
8 correct?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And were any fingerprints detected on this particular  
11 pizza box?

12 A. Bear with me here.

13 (A PAUSE.)

14 A. Yes, sir, fingerprints were developed.

15 Q. Okay. Fingerprints were developed on pizza box number  
16 one?

17 A. On number one.

18 Q. That's the one that's 375 feet from where the victim  
19 was found?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. And do those -- do you know, do you know if those  
22 fingerprints matched Reginald Canty?

23 A. I don't know the results of the fingerprints.

24 Q. You do not know that?

25 A. I don't have that in my file what the results were.

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1 Q. You don't know whether they matched either defendant  
2 Mr. Canty or Mr. Jackson?

3 A. No, sir, I don't.

4 Q. But fingerprints were detected?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Now, at the pizza box number two, you found in the  
7 driveway of Cherryvale?

8 A. Yes, sir, that was, that was processed.

9 Q. That was processed for fingerprints as well?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Were fingerprints detected on that pizza box?

12 A. There were insufficient ridge detail for positive  
13 identification, which means what was developed couldn't  
14 have been matched up to anybody.

15 Q. Is the, is the reason why you don't know, you don't  
16 know what the results of the fingerprints analysis, is that  
17 because that information would have been disseminated to,  
18 to the lead investigator and not necessarily to you?

19 A. The results come back to me. I then -- from Marie  
20 Hodge, who is the AFIS operator, fingerprint operator for  
21 the city police. They come back to me. I then make copies  
22 of the reports, and then it's disseminated to the  
23 investigator that's assigned to the case.

24 Q. So, the results from the fingerprint analysis on pizza  
25 box number one, that information would have come back to

1 you?

2 A. It would have initially come back to me, but it would  
3 have went to -- Sergeant Burnish I think was assigned the  
4 case.

5 Q. So, this -- you just, you just don't remember what the  
6 results were?

7 A. I don't remember what the results. I don't have it in  
8 my file. Since I retired, I, I don't have it in here.

9 Q. But obviously someone, if, if not you, someone in, in,  
10 within the department would know those results, correct?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. All right. So, there was insufficient ridge detail to  
13 lift prints from pizza box number two, the one that was  
14 found, found at Cherryvale. Is that correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. All right, and then pizza box number three, which is  
17 found in the vacant trailer at St. Mark's Circle, that,  
18 that pizza box was also tested for fingerprints?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. And were there any fingerprints detected?

21 A. No fingerprints were developed, no, sir.

22 Q. Out of the three pizza boxes, only one was found to  
23 have fingerprints?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And, and at this point you're not -- you don't have

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1 any knowledge as to the results?

2 A. No, sir, I don't know. I don't, I don't have them in  
3 my file.

4 Q. Now, the cell phone that was found at the scene, you  
5 indicated that it was a cell phone found not only on, on  
6 the, on Mr. Flexon which was Mr. Flexon's cell phone.  
7 There was another cell phone found at the scene. Is that  
8 correct?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And I believe it, it's in evidence?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. It's marked as State's Exhibit Number 53?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And this would be the cell phone that was found at the  
15 scene?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. All right. Can you tell me how close this cell phone  
18 was to Mr. Flexon at the scene? If it's in your notes or,  
19 or you remember from, from your investigation on January  
20 12th, '08?

21 A. It was found on the road, on the ground on Cherryvale  
22 Drive. It was, it was near the road where the victim was  
23 found. I believe that was found basically in the same area  
24 as the, the Little Debbie snack wrapper.

25 Q. Okay. Can you -- do you have any question today based

1 on your memory of what you observed when you arrived at the  
2 scene as to how far away this cell phone and the Little  
3 Debbie snack cake wrapper was from the -- from Mr. Flexon's  
4 body?

5 A. I'm going to say approximately 20 feet from the edge  
6 of that road that the victim was found on to where these  
7 items were found on Cherryvale Road.

8 Q. And, and is it your recollection that, that the  
9 wrapper, snack cake wrapper and the cell phone were, were  
10 in close proximity to one another?

11 A. Yes, they were. I do remember that, yes, sir.

12 Q. Do you know if -- do you recall if they were right  
13 beside each other?

14 A. No, they weren't, weren't right beside each other. I  
15 think the -- they were probably within maybe 10 feet of  
16 each other, if I can recall right.

17 Q. Now, the cell phone that was found, were there any  
18 steps taken to trace that phone back to its owner?

19 A. Not to my knowledge. That, that would be something  
20 you'd have to ask someone else.

21 Q. Your, your job at the time was just simply to collect  
22 it, photograph it, and, if possible, attempt to lift  
23 fingerprints up off it?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Is that right?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And, and did you make -- take steps to lift  
3 fingerprints from the cell phone?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And what were the results of that?

6 A. No fingerprints were developed.

7 Q. Insufficient ridge detail?

8 A. No ridge detail at all. None.

9 Q. And likewise with the, with the plastic Little, Little  
10 Debbie snack cake wrapper, did you make attempts to lift  
11 fingerprints from the snack, from the snack cake wrapper?

12 A. Yes. Yes, sir, I did.

13 Q. And what were the results of that?

14 A. That was insufficient, insufficient ridge detail for  
15 positive identification.

16 Q. We've got no fingerprints on the, on the, on the cake  
17 wrapper, no, no fingerprints on the, on the cell phone, and  
18 no fingerprints on two of the pizza boxes?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Okay. You mentioned during your testimony also in  
21 your report that at lot number there were -- there was  
22 blood found?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. At the trailer on lot number ?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. And that was found in the hall?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And that, that was collected by you?

4 A. Yes, sir, I collected it. Investigator Bean  
5 photographed it and I collected it.

6 Q. And I believe that's in evidence, correct?

7 A. Yeah, it's up here.

8 Q. Was -- were, were there any steps taken to, to  
9 determine if the blood evidence matched my client, Reginald  
10 Canty?

11 A. Yes, sir, it was sent to SLED.

12 Q. Do you know the results of that?

13 A. No, I don't have the results in my file, no.

14 Q. If I told you that it didn't match Reginald Canty,  
15 would you disagree with that?

16 A. Well, I don't know either way whether it did or it  
17 didn't.

18 Q. And likewise would that, with the analysis of the  
19 blood, would that information have initially come back to  
20 you, and then you would disseminate it to the other  
21 investigators?

22 A. It would have come back to the evidence custodian  
23 Cindy Pierson ---

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. --- and she would disseminate it back to the

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1 investigator.

2 Q. Now, in addition to the blood that was found in the  
3 hallway, did you also attempt to lift fingerprints from  
4 inside the trailer?

5 A. Yes, sir, I did.

6 Q. At the door and other areas of the trailer?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. At lot number ?

9 A. At lot number .

10 Q. And were you able to -- were any fingerprints  
11 detected?

12 A. No, sir. I didn't develop any fingerprints.

13 Q. And that's because there was insufficient ridge  
14 detail?

15 A. I don't even think I developed insufficient ridge  
16 detail. I don't think -- there was just nothing there.

17 Q. But did you test that, that mobile home for  
18 fingerprints?

19 A. Oh, yes, sir.

20 Q. But just with negative results?

21 A. Yes, sir, negative results.

22 Q. Going back to the, to the cell phone, do you recall  
23 what kind of cell phone it was?

24 A. I've got it marked as a Virgin mobile cell phone.

25 Q. Do you have any knowledge, as an investigator, as to



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1 whether or not it's possible to trace back, to trace the  
2 owner of a cell phone if you have the actual cell phone in  
3 your possession? Do you know if there's a particular way  
4 to do that?

5 A. You mean by serial number?

6 Q. Correct.

7 A. I would -- I can't say positively, but I would assume  
8 that it's possible, yes, that can be traced.

9 Q. You just don't know if that was done in the process?

10 A. No, I don't know if it was done, no.

11 Q. Now, you also mentioned that there was some shoe  
12 impressions. Were those shoe impressions found near the  
13 scene, or were the shoe impressions inside the trailer at  
14 lot number or ---

15 A. There was, there was a shoe impression. There's a  
16 photograph of an actual shoe impression on the road. I --  
17 Investigator Bean took that. I don't know where that shoe  
18 impression was located. There were shoe impressions inside  
19 the vacant trailer at lot , but all of those shoe  
20 impressions, they, they couldn't be photographed, lifted.  
21 They were just in poor condition.

22 Q. And this, this was, this was -- this is a photograph  
23 of the shoe impression found near the scene?

24 A. That could be near the -- I don't know. Investigator  
25 Bean took that photograph.

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1 Q. Now, do you know if any steps were taken to try to  
2 match that shoe impression with any specific suspect?

3 A. I don't know that any attempt was made. By -- just  
4 from looking, from what I know of shoe impressions, just  
5 looking at that photograph, for one, I don't think that the  
6 photograph, the shoe impression was sufficient for casting.  
7 It's just not deep enough.

8 And, and even if you take a scaled photograph like  
9 this like we did, to match that up, you would be able to  
10 say that -- you wouldn't be able to say that that  
11 impression came from this shoe. You might be able to get a  
12 brand of shoe. But you're not going to be able to say that  
13 shoe print or that shoe, if we had a shoe, matched that  
14 shoe print.

15 Q. Now, with regard to the blood stain shoe impression  
16 inside of the trailer at lot number , I, I believe you  
17 indicated you attempted to, to do a casting, but it was  
18 actually -- the shoe impression was not sufficient enough  
19 to do that?

20 A. I didn't -- well, there's no blood stain shoe  
21 impression.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. There, there were shoe impressions with blood.

24 Q. Inside the trailer?

25 A. Inside the trailer at lot .

1 Q. And so you mean like a shoe print?

2 A. A shoe print, but you couldn't even -- you'd have to  
3 look at it from an angle just to be able to see it. You  
4 couldn't get up on top of them, which we tried to do, and  
5 photograph them, and they wouldn't photograph.

6 Q. So, what was causing, I guess, the imprint? Was it  
7 like dirt or some other substance?

8 A. Probably dirt or whatever was on the surface of the  
9 shoe that placed it there.

10 Q. Okay, and with regard to the pizza boxes, and I know  
11 you've already indicated that you got the phone call the  
12 next day about pizza box number one and two. Do you recall  
13 when it was you got the phone call you were contacted about  
14 the pizza box number three that was found at the St. Mark's  
15 Circle?

16 A. Yes, sir. That was on -- at nighttime on the 22nd of  
17 January of 2008.

18 Q. Well, this has been some, some, I believe, ten days  
19 after the, after the incident.

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And was that pizza box actually found -- it was found  
22 inside the vacant trailer?

23 A. Yes, sir, it was inside.

24 Q. And the pizza warmers, those two that are in evidence,  
25 the two red ones, those were found inside Mr. Flexon's van,

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1 or were they found somewhere near or around the scene?

2 A. Two of the pizza warmers were found inside the van.

3 There was another one found on St. Mark's Circle.

4 Q. And do you know which one that was found -- I'm  
5 talking about pizza warmers.

6 A. Pizza warmers.

7 Q. Do you know which one was found at St. Mark's Circle?

8 A. The one that I had, the one I have designated as  
9 number three, which is Item 47, our Item 47. I don't know  
10 what the state's number is.

11 Q. So, one of these pizza boxes that -- pizza warmers  
12 were found actually ---

13 A. One red one and one black one was found in the van,  
14 and one red one found in the trailer at St. Mark's Circle.

15 Q. Okay, which is the same place that the pizza box was  
16 found?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Now, do you, as part of your investigation back on  
19 January 12th when you arrived at the scene, did you have  
20 any conversation with any neighbors or anyone near the  
21 area?

22 A. I didn't, no.

23 Q. Pretty much you were there to, to secure the scene,  
24 gather and collect any evidence, and prepare for any  
25 analysis?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Take pictures and things of that nature?

3 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.

4 Q. And as you've already indicated, you don't have any  
5 personal knowledge as to whether any fingerprints found on  
6 pizza box number one matched either Mr. Canty or Mr.

7 Jackson? You don't have any personal knowledge of that?

8 A. No, sir, I don't have personal ---

9 Q. And you don't have any -- and the blood evidence that  
10 was found in the hallway in the trailer at lot number ,  
11 you don't have any personal knowledge as to whether that  
12 blood evidence matched Mr. Canty or Mr. Jackson?

13 A. No, sir, I have no knowledge of that.

14 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

15 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

16 (A PAUSE.)

17 MR. DEAS: Nothing further.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder.

19 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

20 Q. Morning, Ray.

21 A. Morning.

22 Q. Let me show you a Sheriff's Department form that's got  
23 your name stamped on it and ask you if you can tell the  
24 ladies and gentlemen of the jury what that is.

25 A. That's an evidence card that the sheriff's department

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1 uses.

2 Q. Okay, and the evidence room is where y'all keep things  
3 maybe secure so that the evidence can be -- identify it in  
4 a chain of custody later and nobody messes with it, or  
5 tampers with it, and it's safe, made safe and secure,  
6 right?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Now, because of that, that form has your particular  
9 signature stamped on it. Was that your responsibility at  
10 that time?

11 A. If I, if I did this with my name on it, yes, that was.  
12 That is logged into the evidence room by me.

13 Q. Okay, and that particular form, what does that form  
14 concern?

15 A. That concerns Items 29 and Item 30, which was a red  
16 pizza warmer and a black pizza warmer that were removed  
17 from the victim's van.

18 Q. Okay. So, because your name was on there, you would  
19 have been responsible for the evidence room at that time,  
20 right?

21 A. I was one of three persons who had access to the  
22 evidence room, one of three evidence custodians.

23 Q. And we know Cindy Pierson was one at that time, right?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And who was the third one?

- 1 A. Mike Bean, officer ---
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. --- had access.
- 4 Q. All right. So, the three of y'all?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. All right. Now -- all right. Now, that particular
- 7 form has the case number on it, doesn't it, of this
- 8 particular case, the ---
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. --- Canty and Jackson case involving Mr. Flexon ---
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. --- as, as the victim. Okay. Now, what's that
- 13 number? Can you tell the jury what this number is?
- 14 A. The Case Number is 08004893.
- 15 Q. All right. So, anything with that number on it would
- 16 have been processed with respect to this case?
- 17 A. All evidence in this case would be filed under that
- 18 case number.
- 19 Q. All right, and that's how you tracked the evidence
- 20 that comes and goes from your evidence room or the
- 21 sheriff's department evidence room ---
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. --- on this case?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. That number. Okay. Now, let's show you another form

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1 and ask you can you identify that as belonging to this  
2 case.

3 A. Yes, sir, I can.

4 Q. And that one has Cindy Pierson's number, name on it,  
5 doesn't it?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. All right. Does that -- never mind. Oh, here. All  
8 right. So, does it have this case number on it?

9 A. Yes, sir, it does.

10 Q. All right, and does it have -- what, what does that  
11 particular form pertain to? Which item of, of evidence?

12 A. Item 15, which is postmortem prints of William Flexon.  
13 Item 16, which is right-hand nail scrapings.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. And Item 17, left-hand nail scrapings.

16 Q. All right. So, presumably those things would have  
17 been, at some point, forwarded to SLED so they would have  
18 them for purposes of analysis? Would that be a correct ---

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. --- assumption ---

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. --- or conclusion? All right, and -- all right, and  
23 this one, if you could make sure it's the same case number.  
24 That's the first thing on it I ask you.

25 A. Yes, sir, same case number.



1 Q. And what does that evidence form pertain to?

2 A. These were items received by Investigator Bean from  
3 Newberry Pathology. Do you want me to say what the items  
4 are?

5 Q. Yes, please, if you would.

6 A. Item 1 is a black and white short sleeve button shirt  
7 with flames. Item 2 is one pair of white tennis shoes with  
8 a pair of white socks, and Item 3 is one pair of blue jeans  
9 with black belt. Item 4 is one green Digita wrist --  
10 digital, I guess he meant to put digital, wrist watch that  
11 was made in China.

12 Q. All right, and, again, that has our case number on it,  
13 correct?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Okay, and let me show you this one. Also check the  
16 number, please.

17 A. Yes, sir, the same case number.

18 Q. All right. Could you tell the ladies and gentlemen of  
19 the jury what that is?

20 A. It's an evidence card for one fingerprint card, Item  
21 32, that Investigator West had gotten off the pay phones on  
22 Cherryvale Drive.

23 Q. All right, and does it have a name associated with the  
24 card?

25 A. No, sir, there's no name on the card, no.

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1 Q. All right. Well -- okay. Thank you.

2 A. Just has the case number. You mean at the top here?

3 Q. No, I'm sorry. All right. Let me show you another  
4 one and ask you the same number.

5 A. Yes, sir, same number. This ---

6 Q. What's that one pertain to?

7 A. This was Item 18 was the Little Debbie donut sticks  
8 wrapper that was found at the entrance of O.C. Mobile Home  
9 Park. It's Item 18. Item 19, one swab bearing suspected  
10 blood off of hallway floor in vacant trailer Number 7.

11 That was marked with Marker 9 in the photograph. Item 20,  
12 Nokia cell phone with case that came from the victim.

13 Q. And does that particular card have your signature on  
14 it or somebody else's?

15 A. No. That's my name on it.

16 Q. Oh, and so it's found at the, the Dunkin', Debbie,  
17 Dunkin' Donuts wrapper?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. You listed it there as being found at the entrance to  
20 the mobile home park, right?

21 A. Yeah, that's how I have it listed here.

22 Q. And the entrance to the mobile home park on your  
23 diagram is a hundred and something feet away from where Mr.  
24 Flexon's body was discovered, correct?

25 A. From the victim's feet to Cherryvale Drive is 117

1 feet.

2 Q. Not 20 feet like you told us a little while ago, but  
3 117 feet?

4 A. No, that's -- when I answered that, I meant 1  
5 Cherryvale Drive. When you come out of that, that little  
6 road there or driveway, to the left, it was about 20 feet  
7 from that driveway.

8 Q. From the entrance?

9 A. From the entrance to that driveway.

10 Q. Okay. So, now tell the ladies and gentlemen of the  
11 jury how many feet it was away from Mr. Flexon's van and  
12 his body.

13 A. All right. The Little Debbie snack, how far away that  
14 was?

15 Q. Yes, sir.

16 A. Well, I'm going to say it's probably going to be -- I  
17 don't have it marked, but in estimation, it's probably  
18 going to be about 137 feet away.

19 Q. Okay. Now, let me show you this one, that little  
20 picture there, and Mr. Meadors was starting to ask you  
21 about that, and ask you. Wasn't it found right next to the  
22 victim's van?

23 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, that's improper. Later on in  
24 his testimony he said he didn't know where that came from.

25 MR. WILDER: Well, after the break I'm going to point

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1 that out.

2 THE COURT: Overruled.

3 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

4 MR. MEADORS: Well, Your Honor, I want to approach.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 (OFF-THE-RECORD BENCH CONFERENCE.)

7 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

8 BY MR. WILDER:

9 Q. Now, Mr. Mackessy, it's obvious from the picture that  
10 the Debbie cake was next to a car, right?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And it's also obvious to you from that picture that  
13 that Debbie cake wrapper was next to a car that was not the  
14 victim's car. Isn't that correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. Okay. Now, before the break this morning, apparently  
17 you were asked isn't it true that the Debbie cake wrapper  
18 was next to the victim's van. Do you remember being asked  
19 that question by Mr. Meadors?

20 A. Was it next to the victim's van?

21 Q. Right.

22 A. I don't remember that. I could have been asked that.

23 Q. You could have been asked that, and now we find out  
24 that it's next to somebody else's car. Isn't that correct?

25 A. That's what it appears, yes. I didn't take these

1 photographs.

2 Q. Okay. All right. Well, now let me ask you. Whose  
3 car is that Debbie wrapper next to?

4 A. I don't know from the photograph. I can't tell.

5 Q. Well, could it have been a police officer's car who  
6 parked there alongside Cherryvale Drive?

7 A. It could have been. It could not have been. I don't  
8 -- I would suspect it would probably be a police vehicle  
9 since it was so close to the scene. That's the only  
10 vehicles allowed down there anyway.

11 Q. All right. You guys are notorious for eating donuts,  
12 aren't you?

13 A. It's a misnomer, Mr. Wilder.

14 Q. And I ---

15 MR. MEADORS: I object.

16 THE COURT: Sustained.

17 MR. MEADORS: There's nothing funny about this.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 by MR. WILDER:

20 Q. Well, the point is you just don't know where that  
21 Dunkin' Donut wrapper came from, do you?

22 A. No, sir, I don't.

23 Q. Okay, and the results of your examination on it don't  
24 reveal fingerprints or anything like that on it, do you?

25 A. No, sir.

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1 Q. So, you can't tell, for instance, where -- what, what  
2 store that wrapper came from or anything like that? You  
3 just don't know?

4 A. I don't know. I don't know where it came from. It  
5 just was fresh. It looked like it had been there a short  
6 time.

7 Q. All right. Let me ask you this. Was there a piece of  
8 yellow tape that was stretched across the entrance to that  
9 driveway?

10 A. I'd have to look at the photographs to remember. It  
11 was secured. I believe it was secured with tape. But I  
12 don't -- if it actually come across the driveway, I don't  
13 know.

14 Q. And so you don't remember, do you?

15 A. I don't remember. It's been over three years ago.

16 Q. Okay, and if the area that was secured was inside the  
17 turn-off, that wrapper was found outside the turn-off,  
18 correct?

19 A. If it was secured at the turn-off ---

20 Q. Right.

21 A. --- then the wrapper would be -- that's awful close.  
22 I don't know. I can't answer that.

23 Q. All right. Now -- okay. Let's move on.

24 THE COURT: And, Mr. Wilder, as you speak, could you  
25 keep facing this way so the court reporter can pick up your

1 voice on her tape?

2 MR. WILDER: Thank you, Your Honor, and I, I would  
3 love for everybody to hear me. Thank you.  
4 by MR. WILDER:

5 Q. All right. Continuing on, let me show you another one  
6 of the forms and ask you. Does it have our case number on  
7 it?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And it is the case number of the one we've been  
10 tracking, right?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. What is that?

13 A. This is evidence card, it's, it's Item 43. It's a  
14 fingerprint ink card containing fingerprints of a Marcus  
15 Branch it looks like from the ---

16 Q. Marcus Branch.

17 A. --- from Investigator West.

18 Q. Marcus Branch, received from Investigator West.

19 Do you know where Marcus Branch lives?

20 A. I don't know a Marcus Branch.

21 Q. Okay. Do you know the cell phone is in the evidence  
22 room, the one that apparently was not on Mr. Flexon, do you  
23 know who that was -- who that belongs to?

24 A. No, sir, I don't.

25 Q. What connection would Jamie Turner be to this case?

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1 A. He's captain of investigations. It's his  
2 responsibility to assign the case to someone.

3 Q. Now, when evidence has come up -- comes back from SLED  
4 or reports or things, do the reports typically come to the  
5 evidence room?

6 A. They come back to the evidence room and Cindy Pierson  
7 makes copies of those results, and they go in a book that's  
8 at the evidence room that she keeps. And then copies of  
9 those go to the investigator assigned the case.

10 Q. Okay, and ---

11 A. She handles all evidence or she -- at that time she  
12 did.

13 Q. All right. Let me ask you if you can identify the  
14 case number of our case on that report.

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And what, what does that appear to be?

17 A. This is a, a SLED or State Law Enforcement Division  
18 serology analysis results.

19 Q. Okay, and does that have our case number on it?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 MR. WILDER: All right. I ask that that be marked for  
22 identification, Your Honor, at this time.

23 THE COURT: All right.

24 (SEROLOGY REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT JACKSON'S EXHIBIT  
25 NUMBER 3 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)



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1 COURT REPORT: Defendant's Number 3 for I.D.

2 BY MR. WILDER:

3 Q. And are you still holding the one for Marcus Branch's  
4 fingerprint card?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 MR. WILDER: And I'd ask that that be marked for  
7 identification, please.

8 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

9 (PROPERTY REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT JACKSON'S EXHIBIT  
10 NUMBER 4 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

11 COURT REPORT: Defendant's Exhibit Number 4 for I.D.

12 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

13 BY MR. WILDER:

14 Q. And so that would have been marked Defense 4 for I.D.  
15 and the serology report was Number 3 for I.D. All right.  
16 Now, I'm going to ask you -- I'm going to hand you up a  
17 report and ask you if you can identify your signature on  
18 that report.

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. And explain to the jury what it is, please.

21 A. It's a photo log, crime scene photo lot.

22 Q. And did you prepare that report?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And is that what you used to keep track of when you  
25 take a picture of something?

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1 A. I generally use that to keep track of what  
2 photographs, what photographs to put in. But it's hard to  
3 do with the way things are done now. So -- but that is a  
4 photo log of the  
5 photographs in this case.

6 Q. In this case, right?

7 A. Yes, whether they're taken by Investigator Bean or  
8 taken by myself.

9 Q. All right, and does it have a signature in there?

10 A. Yes, sir, my signature.

11 Q. Your signature, and that was prepared by you?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. All right, sir, and accordingly it has your signature  
14 on it.

15 MR. WILDER: All right, Your Honor, I'd ask ---

16 MR. MEADORS: We have no objection if he's offering  
17 that into evidence.

18 MR. WILDER: I'd like it marked for identification at  
19 this moment.

20 THE COURT: All right. Be Defense Number 5.

21 (CRIME SCENE PHOTO LOG MARKED AS DEFENDANT JACKSON'S  
22 EXHIBIT NUMBER 5 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

23 by MR. WILDER:

24 Q. All right, let me hand you up a evidence form and ask  
25 you if it has your signature on it.

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And does it have our case number on it?

3 A. Yes, sir, same case number.

4 Q. And tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury what  
5 that form is.

6 A. Yes, sir, this evidence form, it lists Item 38, which  
7 is a 3 by 3 inch cut out section of pizza box one bearing  
8 latent print developed with ninhydrin. Item 39 is a one  
9 and seven-eighths inch by five-eighths inch cut out section  
10 of pizza box number one bearing latent prints developed  
11 with ninhydrin.

12 MR. WILDER: Okay. Your Honor, I'd ask that be marked  
13 for identification.

14 THE COURT: Defense Exhibit Number 6 for ID only.

15 (PROPERTY REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT JACKSON'S EXHIBIT  
16 NUMBER 6 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

17 BY MR. WILDER:

18 Q. Now, I'm going to hand you up a latent processing  
19 report, and ask you. Does it have our case number on it?

20 A. Yes, sir, the same case number.

21 Q. Okay.

22 MR. WILDER: All right, I'd ask that be marked for  
23 identification.

24 Q. Does it also have your signature on it?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 MR. WILDER: Ask that it be marked for identification,  
2 Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Defense Exhibit, Exhibit Number 7 for I.D.  
4 only.

5 (LATENT PROCESSING REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT  
6 JACKSON'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 7 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

7 by MR. WILDER:

8 Q. Ray, could you tell the ladies and gentlemen of the  
9 jury what an AFIS system is?

10 A. AFIS stands for -- it's A-F-I-S, and it stands for  
11 Automated Fingerprint Identification System. All the  
12 fingerprints that were ever taken from anyone from 19, I  
13 believe it's '57, '58 until the present are stored in that  
14 system, and that system is located at SLED. We also have  
15 a, what I like to call satellite system here in Sumter  
16 which is run by the City Police Department, and Fingerprint  
17 Examiner Marie Hodge is the one who runs that.

18 Q. Now, when you have a younger individual like a  
19 juvenile, do those fingerprints go in the AFIS system?

20 A. I can't remember the -- I can't remember the rules  
21 regarding juveniles and the AFIS system. I believe under  
22 certain crimes they may, but I'm, I'm just assuming that.

23 Q. But your recollection is there's something different  
24 about juveniles and the protocol about that?

25 A. Yes, there is.

1 Q. And so when you said all fingerprints went in there,  
2 it could have been juveniles didn't go in till a certain  
3 day or except for a certain crime or something like that,  
4 right?

5 A. Yes, sir. I'm, I'm assuming that, yes.

6 Q. Okay, but there's something different about juveniles,  
7 but when they're -- and that is to the age of seventeen in  
8 our system of justice, doesn't it?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. Okay. So, if they're sixteen years of age or older,  
11 that -- it's kind of like, well, you want to specifically  
12 make sure that that particular fingerprint doesn't match,  
13 but at seventeen years old, AFIS will probably have them in  
14 there, right?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Now, let me show you -- and again the purpose of AFIS  
17 is so that you can compare that not only against specific  
18 individual, but kind of just hopefully compare them again  
19 to everything you've ever -- everything fingerprint you've  
20 ever taken if you can, right?

21 A. If you have an unknown suspect, yes, you compare it to  
22 the entire system.

23 Q. Okay. So, AFIS has kind of come up with an unknown  
24 suspect to try to identify who that might be and hopefully  
25 get a lead and then you can specifically take a closer look

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1 to make sure you can identify that specifically, right?

2 A. That's right.

3 Q. That's fair. All right, sir. Let me show you this  
4 and ask you. Does it have your signature on it?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. All right. What date was that report prepared?

7 A. 14th of January 2008.

8 Q. And in relationship to this incident that we're  
9 talking about here, that would have been like two days  
10 later?

11 A. According to this date, yes, sir. That's when it was  
12 processed, yes, sir.

13 Q. Two days later you signed that report and processed  
14 it, correct?

15 A. Yes, sir. I processed it that day and made out this  
16 report.

17 Q. Okay.

18 MR. WILDER: Well, let me have it marked.

19 (LATENT PROCESSING REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT  
20 JACKSON'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 8 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

21 COURT REPORT: Defense 8 for I.D.

22 MR. WILDER: Defense 8 for I.D., Your Honor.

23 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

24 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

25 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

1 (A PAUSE.)

2 MR. MEADORS: Let the record reflect this was  
3 originally together.

4 THE COURT: Now it's two different ones?

5 MR. WILDER: Two different ones for I.D. both before  
6 court.

7 THE COURT: The same?

8 MR. WILDER: The same?

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 by MR. WILDER:

11 Q. All right. Now -- all right. Now, Mr. Mackessy,  
12 you've examined those items and issued that report,  
13 correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Would you please tell the ladies and gentlemen of the  
16 jury what you found as a result of your examination?

17 A. On Item 18, which was the Little Debbie, Dunkin'  
18 sticks wrapper, there was insufficient ridge detail for  
19 positive identification. On Item 21, which was the Virgin  
20 mobile home or Virgin mobile cell phone and battery, no  
21 ridge detail was developed. On pizza box number one,  
22 latent prints were developed, photographed, and two  
23 cuttings were submitted to AFIS. On pizza box number two,  
24 which is Item 23, insufficient ridge detail for positive  
25 identification was developed.

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1 Q. Of the fingerprints off pizza box number one that you  
2 submitted into AFIS, what was the purpose of sending those  
3 fingerprint lifts to AFIS?

4 A. To be run through the AFIS system to see if any  
5 matches came up.

6 Q. All right, and, in your opinion, those -- were those  
7 fingerprints sufficient AFIS quality fingerprints such that  
8 if they had found somebody to compare them to, they could  
9 have made a match?

10 A. I thought there was sufficient there, and based on my  
11 knowledge of the criteria of the AFIS system, I thought  
12 they were sufficient enough to run through the system.

13 Q. All right, and you even took pictures of them, and Mr.  
14 Meadors asked you about the pictures?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Okay, and those pictures are in evidence and the boxes  
17 that they came off of, are they also in evidence?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Okay. I'll show you another form and ask you. Does  
20 it have our case number on it and your name?

21 A. Yes, sir, it does.

22 Q. And what -- would you tell the jury what those two  
23 things do?

24 A. This Item 27 is a Winchester 94 30-30 rifle bearing  
25 Serial Number 2835601 with cartridge loaded in chamber.



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1 Item 28 is one Styrofoam cartridge holder containing  
2 eighteen unfired Winchester 30-30 cartridges.

3 Q. Okay, and does that report indicate where it was  
4 found?

5 A. No. You'll see I received it from Sergeant Burnish,  
6 but it doesn't indicate where he got it from.

7 MR. WILDER: Okay, ask that be marked for  
8 identification, Your Honor.

9 (PROPERTY REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT JACKSON'S EXHIBIT  
10 NUMBER 9 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

11 THE COURT: Be number 8?

12 COURT REPORT: Number 9.

13 by MR. WILDER:

14 Q. Next, could you identify that one for us?

15 A. Yes, sir. It bears the same case number, my  
16 signature. Lists Item 24, which is a one 3 by 5 inch card  
17 lift bearing latent palm prints off of left sliding door  
18 window. Item 25 is an 8 by 10 inch Prolift bearing  
19 handprint off left sliding door, and a piece of order slip  
20 with the address Cherryvale, lot , ticket number  
21 378649 out of victim's van.

22 Q. Okay. Now ---

23 MR. MEADORS: Judge, for the record, they're already  
24 in evidence.

25 THE COURT: All right.

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1 MR. WILDER: I'd like this marked for identification,  
2 please.

3 THE COURT: I don't know that it needs to be marked  
4 for I.D. They're already in evidence. Please refer to  
5 them as the evidence number. They don't need to be marked  
6 for I.D. They're in evidence.

7 MR. WILDER: The lists are, Your Honor, but the chain  
8 of custody forms are not.

9 THE COURT: Oh, okay. Okay.

10 (PROPERTY REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT JACKSON'S EXHIBIT  
11 NUMBER 10 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

12 COURT REPORT: Defendant's 10 for I.D.

13 by MR. WILDER:

14 Q. All right. Now, now, identify this one for me please,  
15 Mr. Mackessy.

16 A. Evidence card, same case number, my signature. List  
17 Item 22, one pizza box number one found on Cherryvale Drive  
18 375 feet from road victim was found on. Item 23, one pizza  
19 box number two found on road next to Cherryvale Drive,  
20 591 feet from road where victim was found on.

21 MR. WILDER: All right, I ask that be marked for I.D.

22 THE COURT: Yes. Number 11?

23 COURT REPORT: 11.

24 (PROPERTY REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT JACKSON'S EXHIBIT  
25 NUMBER 11 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

1 by MR. WILDER:

2 Q. All right, going back to for I.D. Number 10 and the  
3 palm print, was that, was that sufficient quality to do a  
4 check on to see who belonged to the palm print?

5 A. Yes, sir, I believe it was.

6 Q. And whose responsibility would it have been to check  
7 that palm print out to see who it belonged to?

8 A. That would have been sent by me to Marie Hodge, and  
9 she would check it out.

10 Q. So, was a report received from Marie Hodge that went  
11 into the evidence room?

12 A. I don't have it in my file. I'm, I'm sure there  
13 probably was, but I don't have it in my file.

14 Q. All right, and then there was a red and black pizza  
15 warmer that came out of Mr. Flexon's car, correct?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay, and the diagrams, you prepared those personally  
18 to show the distance on them, right?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Okay. Now, let me ask you about this, and ask you.  
21 Can you identify what that is?

22 A. Yes, sir, I can.

23 Q. And tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury what  
24 that is.

25 A. That's a crime scene log that's prepared by a deputy

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1 at the scene. It lists the people that responded to the  
2 scene and the reason they were there at the scene.

3 Q. Okay. Is that ordinarily kept in the case of a crime  
4 scene investigation?

5 A. In a major case, yes, sir.

6 Q. And Mr. Deas asked you earlier, you know, what time  
7 you got there, and you couldn't remember exactly. Do you  
8 remember approximately?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Would you read the time you got there off the crime  
11 scene log?

12 A. 2141, which would have been 9:41.

13 Q. Okay, and who all got there before you did?

14 A. You want me to go through and list, read every one of  
15 them?

16 Q. Just who got there before you did.

17 A. I have Deputy Williams, Deputy Griffin. I guess it's  
18 Reserve Figers, Deputy Hice, EMS Conscious, EMS Thomas,  
19 Supervisor Sergeant Dale Horton, Supervisor Alexander  
20 Dukes, Rodney Sharpe, which is listed as a neighbor, Tommy  
21 Barren from investigations, Robert Reynolds from  
22 investigations, Coroner Vernon Moore, Captain Bradford,  
23 Investigator Wesley Gardner, and Shift Supervisor Horton.  
24 Crime Scene would be Cindy Pierson and Mike Bean, Aaron  
25 Boland from investigations. Robert Burnish and I arrived

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1 at the same time.

2 MR. WILDER: I ask that this be marked for  
3 identification, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: 13?

5 COURT REPORT: 12.

6 THE COURT: 12.

7 (CRIME SCENE LOG MARKED AS DEFENDANT JACKSON'S EXHIBIT  
8 NUMBER 12 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

9 by MR. WILDER:

10 Q. All right, sir. Now, Investigator Burnish came to the  
11 St. Mark's Church Road. How many days after that January  
12 12th is it that you were asked to respond to that scene?

13 A. If you're referring to St. Mark's Circle off St.  
14 Paul's Church road?

15 Q. St. Mark's Circle, St. Paul's Church Road, right.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. I'm just asking because I don't know the area.

18 A. St. Mark's Circle off St. Paul's Church Road.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. That's how I have it in my report.

21 Q. Okay. Well, that's fine, and I'm not trying to jump  
22 on you about that. I just want you to tell the jury what  
23 day it was you got there.

24 A. Okay. January 22nd, 2008.

25 Q. And you took some pictures there, right?

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- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. And you processed that scene because those pizza boxes
- 3 from this case were found there, right?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And pizza warmers from this case were found there?
- 6 A. A pizza box and a pizza warmer were found there.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. It's not ---
- 9 Q. All right, and so you processed that scene and were
- 10 looking for fingerprint and footprints and all that,
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay, and took some pictures, at least one of which
- 14 made it's way into something they asked you about earlier,
- 15 right?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. All right, and I believe the uneaten pizza was in that
- 18 house or that trailer ---
- 19 A. Yeah.
- 20 Q. --- mobile home, whatever you want to call it?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. All right. Now, and I think you said you didn't find
- 23 any fingerprints or anything that we could trace back to
- 24 that location, right?
- 25 A. That's right.

1 Q. Identified, I mean.

2 A. Identified, no.

3 Q. Okay. Now, did you find any blood that you did some  
4 testing on there or ---

5 A. Not at St. Mark Circle, no.

6 Q. Okay, and tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury.  
7 I believe you said it was vacant?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. But we know somebody was in there when the pizza was  
10 eaten or at least somebody -- it wasn't rats that ate it,  
11 correct?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Okay. So, I believe there were cushions, chairs, and  
14 stuff in there that would indicate that somebody had gone  
15 in there, you know, hung out for a while, correct?

16 A. Could be.

17 Q. Okay. All right. Now, who owns or rents, or who does  
18 that mobile home belong to?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. Would it have been your responsibility to find out?

21 A. That's usually the investigator assigned to the case  
22 or the investigator called me to the scene. That's their  
23 responsibility, I would assume.

24 Q. Would this be the gentleman whose responsibility it  
25 was?

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1 A. He was the lead investigator on the case.

2 Q. Robert Burnish?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. All right. Now, I believe you testified that lot  
5 number O.C. Mobile Home was vacant also, correct?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. And somebody had to be there to leave blood and  
8 footprints and whatever all trace evidence they left in  
9 there?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Where the blood was left and the footprints were left,  
12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury who owns,  
15 leases, or rents number O.C. Mobile Home Park.

16 A. I don't know.

17 Q. Whose responsibility would that be to find that out?

18 A. I guess Sergeant Burnish, the lead investigator on the  
19 case.

20 Q. Not you, right?

21 A. Not me, no.

22 Q. Okay. Now, the diagram that you compared and is now  
23 in evidence as State's Exhibit Number 51, I'm going to show  
24 it to you. I'm not trying to trick you. I just want you  
25 to look at it. You prepared, right?



1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. You've got another trailer identified as being next to  
3 Number . What number is on that diagram?

4 A. Number .

5 Q. Number . Who at that time lived, owned, or rented  
6 lot number , Cherryvale or O.C. Mobile Home Park?

7 A. I don't know and I don't know if it was occupied or  
8 unoccupied. I don't remember.

9 Q. And it seemed like when they asked you were there  
10 other trailers there, you couldn't really remember even if  
11 there were other trailers there. Do you remember of your  
12 own knowledge?

13 A. There was other trailers, but how many I don't  
14 remember. It's been over three years since I've been  
15 there.

16 Q. Okay, and in order, Number , Number . If there were  
17 a Number , would be on the corner, wouldn't it?

18 A. It could be. I'm not -- I don't know.

19 Q. Okay. You don't know who lived in number . O.C.  
20 Mobile Home Park right there on that corner, do you?

21 A. If there was a number there, no, sir, I don't know  
22 who lived there.

23 Q. Do you know where Mr. Canty lived back in '08?

24 A. No, sir, I don't.

25 Q. Do you know where Mr. Jackson lived back in '08?

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1 A. No, sir.

2 MR. WILDER: That's all I have.

3 THE COURT: Any redirect?

4 MR. MEADORS: Yes, sir.

5 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

6 Q. Mr. Wilder asked you about it -- Mr. Deas may have --  
7 about a shoe, shoe print or impressions outside, and was  
8 your testimony it wasn't cast worthy? You didn't think it  
9 would be ---

10 A. It my opinion it wasn't cast worthy.

11 Q. And they did an impression inside the trailer which  
12 you said you even had a hard time photographing it?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. It may or may not be the one?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And everything was negative as to prints as far as you  
17 can determine except the, what you believed was AFIS worthy  
18 on a pizza box, a cutting of the pizza box?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. That pretty much summarizes it then?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And, and respectfully, your, your job in this was to  
23 gather and look at the evidence and then send it on for  
24 somebody else to examine it, right?

25 A. Yes, sir, so far as the fingerprint evidence or ---

1 Q. Right.

2 A. That was sent on.

3 Q. And would that be Marie Hodge who looked at these,  
4 what you provided, that she's going to testify as to what  
5 she found, correct?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And that, that's kind of the way it works?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Did you also take latent fingerprints from other  
10 defendants?

11 A. I believe I did, yes.

12 Q. Okay, and submitted them into, into evidence.

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. I mean, if you had them?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 MR. MEADORS: That's all. Thank you.

17 MR. DEAS: Very briefly?

18 THE COURT: Recross.

19 RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

20 Q. Mr. Mackessy, Mr. Mackessy, I hand you this report.

21 MR. DEAS: May I approach, Your Honor?

22 THE COURT: You may.

23 BY MR. DEAS:

24 Q. Can you identify that, please?

25 A. Yes, sir. That's an evidence card bearing the case

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1 number of this case.

2 Q. Thank you. What, what does that report indicate?

3 A. It indicates Item 44, a fingerprint, inked fingerprint.  
4 card containing fingerprints of Reginald Rashard Canty.

5 Q. Would that mean that his fingerprints were at some  
6 point forwarded to AFIS?

7 A. I would, I would think his were, his fingerprints were  
8 given to Marie Hodge at one point, yes, sir.

9 MR. DEAS: All right. Thank you, sir.

10 THE COURT: Anything further?

11 MR. DEAS: No, nothing further.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder, any recross?

13 MR. WILDER: No, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may step down.

15 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

16 THE COURT: Let me see the attorneys over here for  
17 just a moment.

18 (OFF-THE-RECORD BENCH CONFERENCE.)

19 THE COURT: All right, ladies and gentlemen, I think  
20 we have -- based upon the other witnesses that will be  
21 called, it will be a good time to take a lunch break. So,  
22 I'm going to dismiss you for lunch with instructions that  
23 you do not speak to anyone as always, and let's start back  
24 at 1:30. That will give you an hour and half for lunch  
25 roughly. So, testimony will resume at 1:30. So, be back

1 here just a little bit before that. Have a nice lunch,  
2 ladies and gentlemen.

3 (THE JURY EXITS AT 11:54 P.M.)

4 THE COURT: All right, court will be in recess until  
5 1:30.

6 (OFF THE RECORD.)

7 (BULLETS REMOVED FROM VICTIM MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
8 NUMBER 58 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

9 (LIGHTS/KEYS FROM VICTIM MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
10 NUMBER 59 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

11 (NAIL SCRAPINGS OF VICTIM MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
12 NUMBER 60 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

13 (POSTMORTEM PRINTS MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 61  
14 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

15 (GSR OF VICTIM MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 62 FOR  
16 IDENTIFICATION.)

17 (RIFLE AND AMMUNITION MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER  
18 63 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

19 MR. WILDER: Please the court?

20 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

21 MR. WILDER: We had a discussion in chambers about  
22 Selena Kinard, who's a SLED agent that I've subpoenaed.

23 THE COURT: Right.

24 MR. WILDER: And I believe Mr. Meadors is willing to  
25 stipulate, when we get to it in my case, that the

1 information come into evidence. This is Ms. Kinard's ---

2 THE COURT: She's indicate she's -- her husband's in  
3 the hospital.

4 MR. WILDER: We received word she's -- first we  
5 received word she's on annual leave. Then we've got  
6 information her husband was in the hospital.

7 THE COURT: It's terrible to have your husband in the  
8 hospital when you're on annual leave.

9 MR. WILDER: That would be awful, Judge. And so I  
10 want to try to get word to help the lady. I'm really not  
11 trying to inconvenience anybody just to make sure my case  
12 goes forward. And I'd liked to have this marked for  
13 identification so that at whatever point in time it's  
14 appropriate to move it into evidence, I can, I can do so.

15 MR. MEADORS: I stipulate everything that her name is  
16 on ---

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 MR. MEADORS: --- without having to call her.

19 THE COURT: Very well.

20 MR. WILDER: At some point I'm going to go down to my  
21 office and have somebody call her.

22 THE COURT: All right. All right. Thank you.

23 (SLED REPORT MARKED AS DEFENDANT JACKSON'S EXHIBIT  
24 NUMBER 13 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

25 COURT REPORTER: Defendant's 13 for I.D.

1 THE COURT: Anything else before we bring the jury  
2 back?

3 MR. MEADORS: No, sir.

4 THE COURT: All right. Let's bring our jury back.

5 (THE JURY ENTERS AT 1:44 P.M.)

6 CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, all jurors are present in  
7 the courtroom.

8 THE COURT: Thank you.

9 Ladies and gentlemen, I hope you had a pleasant lunch.  
10 We're probably going to have a fairly long afternoon today,  
11 but we'll take sufficient breaks to keep everyone awake.

12 All right. Is the state ready to call its next  
13 witness?

14 MR. MEADORS: Yes, Your Honor. The state would call  
15 Investigator Coker.

16 KIPP COKER, BEING DULY SWORN,  
17 TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

18 CLERK OF COURT: State your full name. Spell your  
19 last name for the record, please.

20 WITNESS: Kipp Coker, C-O-K-E-R, Clarendon County  
21 Sheriff's Office.

22 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

23 Q. Good afternoon.

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. What is your position with the Clarendon County

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1 Sheriff's Office?

2 A. I'm a lieutenant in the narcotics division at this  
3 time.

4 Q. I do this with every witness, but very briefly, where  
5 are you from, officer?

6 A. I'm -- where I live at?

7 Q. Born and raised.

8 A. I was born and raised in Clarendon County.

9 Q. All right. You went to school?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what did you do after you got out of school?

12 A. My parents owned a convenience store. So, I worked in  
13 the store.

14 Q. And at some point you got into law enforcement?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. And when was that?

17 A. 1999.

18 Q. And with the sheriff's department?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Been there ever since?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. All right, and you're now a lieutenant?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. I want to take you, I guess, to -- crime doesn't stop  
25 at the county line. So, you work with Sumter County



1       sometime?

2       A.     Yes, sir.

3       Q.     And on January 16th of 2008, I believe, did you get a  
4       call or someone in your department get a call from an  
5       Andrea Russell?

6       A.     Yes, sir, we did.

7       Q.     And as a result of that, what did you do?

8       A.     We, we received a call from Ms. Russell from  
9       Meadowfield Apartments, which is located in the Summerton  
10      area of Clarendon County. She called and stated that she  
11      had located a firearm.

12      MR. WILDER: Your Honor, I object to the hearsay.

13      THE COURT: Sustained.

14      MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, I'm not offering this for  
15      the truth of the matter asserted. Actually, Ms. Russell  
16      will be coming up next ---

17      THE COURT: Okay.

18      MR. MEADORS: --- for testimony this afternoon.

19      BY MR. MEADORS:

20      Q.     As a result of that phone call, did you go to her  
21      house?

22      A.     Yes, sir, at Meadowfield Apartments.

23      Q.     And what, if anything, did she show you?

24      A.     She, she showed me a rifle that was found under a love  
25      seat.

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1 Q. She found it?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 (PHOTOGRAPH MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 64 FOR  
4 IDENTIFICATION.)

5 COURT REPORTER: 64 for I.D.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 BY MR. MEADORS:

8 Q. You remember that you saw there?

9 A. Eighteen rounds of ammunition, approximately eighteen  
10 rounds.

11 THE COURT: Any objection to the picture?

12 MR. WILDER: Did he take the picture, Your Honor?

13 That's what I'm trying to figure out.

14 WITNESS: Yes, sir, I did.

15 MR. WILDER: Okay. No objection.

16 THE COURT: All right. Without objection.

17 (PHOTOGRAPH MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
18 NUMBER 64.)

19 BY MR. MEADORS:

20 Q. This is State's 64. Is that what you're talking  
21 about?

22 A. Yes, sir, that's the rifle.

23 Q. And ---

24 A. And the ammunition.

25 Q. I didn't mean for you to go ---

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1 A. I'm sorry.

2 Q. And the what?

3 A. And the ammunition.

4 MR. MEADORS: All right. Can I show it please, sir?

5 THE COURT: You may. Please publish.

6 BY MR. MEADORS:

7 Q. And you actually took this picture?

8 A. Yes, sir, I did.

9 Q. And at Ms. Russell's house?

10 A. Yes, sir, I did at, at Meadowfield Apartment.

11 Q. And after you took the picture, did you take  
12 possession of the firearm and the bullets?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. And I want ---

15 MR. WILDER: Your Honor, objection under Rule 403 to  
16 this. Ms. -- well, under the provisions of the rule.

17 (OFF-THE-RECORD BENCH CONFERENCE.)

18 THE COURT: Overruled. You may proceed, Solicitor.

19 MR. MEADORS: Thank you.

20 BY MR. MEADORS:

21 Q. This is State's 63.

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Now, prior to you coming up here and testifying  
24 earlier today, you looked -- did you get a chance to look  
25 at this picture?

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1 A. Yes, sir, I did.

2 Q. And then look at the gun?

3 A. Yes, sir, I did.

4 Q. And the ammunition?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Is it the same?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. So, that's the gun that you got from Ms. Russell?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Now, in this picture here, 63, is this a, is this  
11 depicted in here but maybe in a different condition?

12 A. Yes, sir. It's a lot cleaner in the picture then ---

13 Q. So, you didn't put all these markings on there?

14 A. No, sir, I didn't.

15 Q. And is it, based on your experience, is it unusual for  
16 these items to go out to SLED for processing?

17 A. No, it's not unusual.

18 Q. And is this the, the rifle you got from Ms. Russell?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 MR. MEADORS: And I think it is in, Your Honor?

21 THE COURT: Yes, without objection or subject, subject  
22 to his objection.

23 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

24 (RIFLE MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT 63.)

25 BY MR. MEADORS:

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1 Q. And when you got there, you gave it to ---

2 A. Detective Burnish.

3 Q. Sergeant. Sergeant.

4 A. I'm sorry. Sergeant Burnish.

5 Q. And as you say, you've worked together on other things  
6 before, correct?

7 A. Yes, sir, with Sumter County Sheriff's Department.

8 Q. And have you looked at that and discovered -- did you  
9 -- just a few more questions. Did you, did you know Ms.  
10 Russell?

11 A. No. No, sir.

12 Q. Prior to her calling the sheriff's office there, you  
13 didn't even know who she was?

14 A. No, sir.

15 MR. MEADORS: Thank you. That's all.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Deas.

17 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. Please the court?

18 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

19 Q. Investigator Coker, is Ms. Russell from -- does she  
20 live in Clarendon County?

21 A. She was at the apartment at, at the address. So, I  
22 assume she lived there.

23 Q. And that's, that's in Clarendon?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Clarendon County?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Now, the -- in addition to the gun that's pictured  
3 here, you said you found eighteen rounds of ammunition?

4 A. I think it was eighteen, yes, sir.

5 Q. Ammunition that was contained in this cartridge?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And was there any ammunition in the chamber of  
8 that ---

9 A. Yes, sir. There was one round in the chamber.

10 Q. Was it a spent round or ---

11 A. I don't recall if it was spent.

12 Q. One round in the chamber?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And then eighteen in this, in this cartridge?

15 A. I think it was eighteen total. I'll have to look in  
16 my file.

17 Q. Do you know how many bullets a cartridge holds? Will  
18 it hold, will it hold twenty bullets?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. You don't know?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. So, without, without question, there were eighteen  
23 rounds in the cartridge that was found with the gun?

24 A. Eighteen rounds including the gun, yes.

25 Q. And then one in the chamber?

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1 A. I would have to look at my evidence sheet. May I?

2 Q. Yes. Yes, sir.

3 A. What was turned over to the Sumter County Sheriff's  
4 Office was one Winchester model 9430-30, Serial Number  
5 2835601, with one bullet in the chamber. The second item  
6 was eighteen 30-30 bullets, and the third thing I turned in  
7 was one disk containing two pictures.

8 Q. So, all in all, nineteen rounds found, one of which  
9 was in the chamber?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And do you know what date it was received this -- when  
12 you received the phone call?

13 A. January the 16th.

14 Q. What year? I'm sorry.

15 A. 2008.

16 Q. And once you gathered this information, you made  
17 contact with who with the Sumter County Sheriff's  
18 Department?

19 A. Detective or Sergeant Burnish.

20 Q. And did he come to you to get these items, or did you  
21 go to him?

22 A. He met with us at the sheriff's office in Clarendon  
23 County.

24 Q. And those items were turned over to him?

25 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. Did you speak with anyone else other than Ms. Russell  
2 about these items?

3 A. No, sir.

4 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

5 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

6 (A PAUSE.)

7 MR. DEAS: Nothing further.

8 THE COURT: Thank you.

9 Mr. Wilder.

10 MR. WILDER: No questions.

11 THE COURT: Thank you.

12 MR. MEADORS: Thank you for coming.

13 THE COURT: Thank you. Any objection to this witness,  
14 witness being excused for the balance of the day?

15 MR. DEAS: No objection.

16 THE COURT: Thank you.

17 You may go back to Clarendon.

18 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

19 MR. MEADORS: Judge, our next witness got, just got  
20 here, just got here earlier because she's a pathologist. A  
21 few things moving swiftly, and to get her out of here, I  
22 just ask for five minutes to get her up here and bring her  
23 right back.

24 THE COURT: All right.

25 MR. MEADORS: I apologize. It won't take longer than



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1 that.

2 THE COURT: All right, court will just stand at ease.  
3 Y'all may move about. I'm not going to move you out of the  
4 courtroom for that moment.

5 (A PAUSE.)

6 JANICE ROSS, FIRST BEING DULY  
7 SWORN, TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

8 CLERK OF COURT: Please state your full name, and  
9 spell your last name for the record.

10 WITNESS: Janice Edwards Ross, R-O-S-S.

11 VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

12 Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Ross.

13 A. Good afternoon.

14 Q. Thank you for coming. Would you please tell this  
15 jury, Dr. Ross, about you background, your training, and  
16 your education, and in particular the education in the  
17 field I've asked you to testify about today?

18 A. Yes, sir. I have a Bachelor's Degree from the  
19 University of South Carolina and an M.D. from Upstate  
20 Medical Center in Syracuse, New York. I've done training  
21 in further residency in pathology, which is the field of  
22 medicine in which we learn how to diagnose diseases and  
23 infections through the use of the microscope and through  
24 laboratory work. We also learn how to do an autopsy. And  
25 I further worked and became certified in forensic

1 pathology.

2 The word forensic means legal. We use our pathology  
3 knowledge, knowledge for further matters such as homicides,  
4 suicide, accidents, and natural deaths. We learn how to  
5 identify patterns of injury in doing a specific type of  
6 forensic autopsy in order to come up with the cause of  
7 death and the manner of death.

8 Q. So, to demonstrate forensic, forensic pathology in  
9 pathology is what?

10 A. General pathology, we look at tissue at -- in the  
11 hospital that comes anywhere from surgery, for instance,  
12 and diagnose tumors. We diagnose leukemias, the hospital  
13 pathology. Forensic pathology builds on that for further  
14 legal matters.

15 Q. Where is your office?

16 A. Newberry, South Carolina.

17 Q. And Dr. Sexton used to work with you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you examined bodies in the morgue at the hospital?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Newberry Hospital?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And, Doctor, you're board certified in forensic  
24 pathology?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And have you been declared an expert in the field of  
2 forensic pathology in courts of record of this state  
3 previous to this?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How many times?

6 A. Over sixty times in South Carolina.

7 Q. How many autopsies have you performed?

8 A. Over 6,000.

9 MR. MEADORS: At this time, Your Honor, we would offer  
10 Dr. Janice Ross as an expert in the field of forensic  
11 pathology.

12 THE COURT: Any objection?

13 MR. DEAS: No objection.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder, any objection?

15 MR. WILDER: None.

16 THE COURT: All right. So, she will be qualified in  
17 the field of forensic pathology.

18 Now, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, normally a  
19 witness is not allowed to testify or give opinions. They  
20 can only testify as to what they saw, heard, tasted,  
21 smelled, or felt.

22 However, there's an exception to this rule that when a  
23 witness has a certain amount of expertise or training or  
24 education, that they can go forward and give an opinion  
25 about a situation, and they can give you the reason as to

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1 their opinion.

2 Now, just because she gives you an opinion concerning  
3 this does not mean that you, as jurors, have to accept it.  
4 As I told you many times, you are the finders of fact and  
5 you may consider her testimony as you would any other  
6 testimony in this case, all right?

7 Thank you. You may proceed.

8 MR. MEADORS: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

10 Q. Dr. Ross, did you have the occasion to perform an  
11 autopsy on the body of William Flexon?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. And can you tell this court and this jury when that  
14 happened?

15 A. We autopsied him on January 14, 2008.

16 Q. As I've asked you before what you do. Now kind of  
17 take us through that autopsy. I mean, when you come in,  
18 his body's there. I mean what's the first thing? What do  
19 you do?

20 A. Yes, first of all, the coroner authorizes it, sends us  
21 the body. We do the autopsy and then the morgue at  
22 Newberry County Memorial Hospital, the body's submitted in  
23 a body bag.

24 We open the body bag, take photographs externally,  
25 take an inventory of the clothing and any personal things,

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1 the items on the person. We take the clothes off and do an  
2 external examination, including photographs to try to  
3 identify any kind of patterns of injury or evidence of  
4 natural disease.

5 We then go further into the body and do a specific  
6 type of procedure in the autopsy procedure to look at each  
7 organ of the body to further identify any pattern of injury  
8 or what, what was injured.

9 Q. And what do you do with -- what did you do with his  
10 clothes?

11 A. His clothes were bagged up, and let me make sure.  
12 Investigator Michael Bean, I think, retrieved those as well  
13 as the toxicology fluids, the fluids we collect from the  
14 body at time of autopsy and the bullet.

15 (CLOTHING OF VICTIM MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER  
16 65 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

17 COURT REPORTER: 65 for I.D.

18 MR. MEADORS: Without objection to 65.

19 THE COURT: Without objection, State's Exhibit 65 is  
20 admitted.

21 (CLOTHING OF VICTIM MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S  
22 EXHIBIT NUMBER 65.)

23 BY MR. MEADORS:

24 Q. That is marked as William Flexon's shoes and socks,  
25 clothes?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you turned this over to law enforcement?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And you said Investigator Bean, he had been there at  
5 the autopsy?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 MR. MEADORS: We have the other items we're  
8 marking, Your Honor.

9 (CLOTHING OF VICTIM MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER  
10 66 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

11 (CLOTHING OF VICTIM MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER  
12 67 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

13 COURT REPORTER: 66 for I.D. 67 for I.D.

14 MR. MEADORS: No objection to 65 and 66, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Without objection, 65 and 66 were admitted  
16 into evidence.

17 (CLOTHING OF VICTIM MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S  
18 EXHIBIT NUMBER 66.)

19 (CLOTHING OF VICTIM MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S  
20 EXHIBIT NUMBER 67.)

21 BY MR. MEADORS:

22 Q. All of the victim's clothes were given to Investigator  
23 Bean, correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. Let's, let's look at his body like you did. How tall

1 was he?

2 A. He was five feet nine inches.

3 Q. How much did he weigh?

4 A. We estimated 195. We don't have a, scales.

5 Q. But, but that's what you'd be looking at the body, and  
6 you start looking for injuries and try to weigh and try to  
7 -- you get a height and a measurement, correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And, and after the clothes are taken off, you start  
10 examining the body. Can you tell the jury what you found  
11 as you were looking at Mr. Flexon?

12 A. Yes. We found evidence of two gunshot wounds.  
13 There's also an abrasion on the forehead, upper frontal  
14 scalp, the ---

15 Q. Can you just show me where that was again?

16 A. On the right, the right frontal scalp.

17 Q. Could that be consistent with a fall?

18 A. Yes. The bullet wounds, one was in the right side of  
19 the chest, and it went backward and downward. It went  
20 through -- it hit part of the heart and the right lung.  
21 The second gunshot wound went through the forearm of the  
22 left arm and in and out, and then reentered the chest again  
23 just to the right of midline. And it also hit the heart  
24 and the lung. This caused a lot of bleeding internally.

25 Q. Now, I'm going to show you what's marked State's 58.

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1 Do you go and retrieve any potential evidence that might be  
2 in the body?

3 A. Yes, we do.

4 Q. And if you'll take your time and look at what's  
5 State's 58, and tell me if you recognize that. And does it  
6 correctly relate to what you just, -- to the autopsy? And  
7 if you'd like to open it up.

8 A. These are the vials that we put the bullets in that we  
9 found corresponding to what we labeled gunshot wound number  
10 one and gunshot wound number two. The numbering is just  
11 for our own organization. It doesn't mean the, the -- when  
12 those bullets were received from the body.

13 Q. You, you can't tell which shot was first is what  
14 you're saying?

15 A. Correct.

16 MR. MEADORS: The record will reflect I'm now removing  
17 a separate package from 58.

18 THE COURT: The record will so reflect.

19 BY MR. MEADORS:

20 A. And, again, these are -- this is what we seal the  
21 evidence in, and these are the bullet fragments, bullets  
22 and fragments that we took out of William Flexon at the  
23 time of autopsy on January 14, 2008.

24 Q. All right. Doctor, I want to start with gunshot  
25 number one, if you can. Can you find that, and that



1 gunshot wound number one?

2 THE COURT: Excuse me one second. Were they submitted  
3 into evidence at this time?

4 MR. MEADORS: It's without objection.

5 THE COURT: Oh, without objection.

6 MR. MEADORS: I apologize.

7 THE COURT: Just wanted to be sure.

8 MR. MEADORS: For the record, and that's 58, Your  
9 Honor.

10 THE COURT: All right. 58's admitted without  
11 objection.

12 MR. MEADORS: I'm sorry.

13 (BULLETS REMOVED FROM VICTIM'S BODY MARKED INTO  
14 EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 58.)

15 BY MR. MEADORS:

16 A. I'm sorry. Repeat the question.

17 Q. I'm just going right down your report. Gunshot wound  
18 number one.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. If you could describe, describe the injury, but I  
21 think your description, the one you described came from a  
22 rifle?

23 A. It appeared to.

24 Q. Okay. Could you, could you tell us which one that is?

25 MR. MEADORS: Let the record reflect I'm further

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1 cutting into the package to bring out the actual separate  
2 packages with the projectiles in them.

3 BY MR. MEADORS:

4 A. That would be this bullet right here, number one.

5 Q. Okay. Is this what you've designated as a gunshot  
6 wound, called gunshot wound number one?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay, and can you describe it? Can you tell us, like  
9 you did in your report, the actual, the wound?

10 A. The wound went in the right side of the chest. It  
11 went from the front to back and downward. It went through  
12 part of the heart and in the lower lobe of the right lung.  
13 It caused a lot of hemorrhage in the right chest.

14 Q. And, Doctor, you could use your report if you need to.  
15 The actual size.

16 A. The size of the entrance wound is .38 inches.

17 Q. And in your report I think you found that that was  
18 consistent with a high-powered rifle?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Gunshot wound number two, could you tell us what the  
21 diameter of the hole was that in that, that that firearm  
22 made in the body of William Sexton -- Flexon?

23 A. First of all, back to bullet number one, further  
24 evidence it was high-powered rifle was X-rayed. It showed  
25 what we call a snow storm of pieces of lead along, along

1 the path of the bullet, which is consistent with a very  
2 high, powerful bullet.

3 Bullet number two measured .38 -- let's see. I'm  
4 sorry. It also measured .38 inches .380. I'm sorry. The  
5 bullet went through the left arm and into the chest. The  
6 hole in the forearm measured .38 inches also, and by the  
7 time that it got into the chest it was larger, .95.

8 Q. And that's what you designated as gunshot wound number  
9 two, correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Now, if -- what specifically is charring in your, in  
12 your world?

13 A. It -- when a bullet comes out of a gun, also there's  
14 powder that comes out, but the powder only goes a certain  
15 distance. If the gun is close enough to the skin of the  
16 person for that powder to hit the skin also, as well as the  
17 bullet, then it leaves little pitted marks called  
18 stippling, tattooing. And that gives us an indication of  
19 the range, how close the gun was to the, to the victim.  
20 There was none in this case.

21 Q. And can -- so, you weren't able to turn -- there was  
22 no stippling and charring for you to say hey, the gun was  
23 this close when it was fired?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. Now, the person had clothes on. Could that of

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1 affected whether or not there was stippling or charring on  
2 the body?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So, you're not able to give us a distance today is the  
5 bottom line?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Now, Doctor, can you -- can you just ---.

8 MR. MEADORS: Can I ask her to come down?

9 THE COURT: You may.

10 BY MR. MEADORS:

11 Q. Can you show where the bullets entered?

12 A. Yes. The first bullet went into the right chest, and  
13 it went downward and slightly towards the middle of the  
14 body. It was found in the inside of the body in the back.  
15 The second wound, the arm would have to be up for the  
16 bullet to come through under the arm and then reenter the  
17 chest.

18 Q. Are you familiar as an, as an expert forensic  
19 pathologist with defensive-type wounds?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Would that injury be consistent with the defensive  
22 position of the body?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. By hands being up?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Now, did you also, also have an occasion to swab the  
2 hands of the victim, and is that your practice?

3 A. Yes. If the law enforcement don't do it, then we do  
4 it.

5 Q. And that was ---

6 A. But one was taken at the time of the autopsy.

7 Q. Gunshot residue?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And that's kind of, what, if law enforcement hadn't  
10 done it then on the deceased, you do it?

11 A. Correct..

12 Q. And do you get that, and then the results of that --  
13 is that -- you basically swab each side of the hand?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Package that up, give it to law enforcement?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you did that in this case?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And do you also, as a part of your job, process X-ray  
20 films of the victim's fingernails?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Under fingernails. Do you gather fluids?

23 A. Yes, we do.

24 Q. And is that to determine the toxicology later on, or  
25 that goes on to SLED, right?

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And in this case, as an expert in the field of  
3 forensic tech -- forensic pathology, do you send it in?  
4 Are you aware that nothing, no illegal substance was found  
5 in -- or foreign substance or alcohol was found in Mr.  
6 Flexon?

7 A. I only get the toxicology report and, yes, I found  
8 that there were -- it was negative.

9 Q. Negative.

10 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

11 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

12 (COUNSELORS CONFER.)

13 THE COURT: Any objection, gentlemen?

14 MR. DEAS: No objection.

15 THE COURT: This will be entered without objection.

16 (GRS KIT OF VICTIM MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S  
17 EXHIBIT NUMBER 62.)

18 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, for the record, this is  
19 State's 62.

20 BY MR. MEADORS:

21 Q. Which is the gunshot residue kit that you took.

22 A. It appears that M.D. Bean signed for it. So, Mr.  
23 Bean ---

24 Q. The ---

25 A. --- did the, did the gunshot residue in the morgue.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. It's on the evidence form.

3 Q. Okay, and it's been stipulated, but this came from  
4 that ---

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. --- gunshot.

7 A. But there are no finger, fingernails on the evidence  
8 form.

9 Q. No fingernails?

10 A. No scrapings.

11 Q. Okay. Look at that and tell me what that is please,  
12 ma'am.

13 A. This the palm prints, fingerprints.

14 Q. From the victim?

15 A. Yes.

16 MR. MEADORS: And, Your Honor, that is without  
17 objection State's 61.

18 THE COURT: Exhibit 61 is admitted without objection.

19 (POSTMORTEM PRINTS MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S  
20 EXHIBIT NUMBER 61.)

21 BY MR. MEADORS:

22 A. These are personal items from the victim.

23 Q. Being keys and a lighter?

24 A. Correct.

25 MR. MEADORS: And that's, excuse me, 59 without

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1 objection, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: The same. Without objection.

3 (LIGHTER/KEYS OF VICTIM MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS  
4 STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 59.)

5 BY MR. MEADORS:

6 A. These are labeled right-hand scrapings, nail  
7 scrapings, and left-hand scrapings. Must have been done by  
8 the investigator.

9 Q. Okay. They are ---

10 MR. WILDER: No objection.

11 MR. DEAS: No objection.

12 THE COURT: Without objection.

13 (NAIL SCRAPINGS OF VICTIM MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS  
14 STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 60.)

15 COURT REPORTER: State's Exhibit 60.

16 THE COURT: 60.

17 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, without objection.

18 A. This is ---

19 MR. MEADORS: Hold on one second, please.

20 (BLOOD SPECIMEN MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 68  
21 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

22 COURT REPORTER: 68 for I.D.

23 BY MR. MEADORS:

24 A. This is a blood specimen on the gauze preserved for  
25 DNA evidence.



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1 Q. From the victim?

2 A. Yes.

3 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, I believe that's 68 without  
4 objection.

5 THE COURT: Without objection, gentlemen?

6 MR. DEAS: No objection.

7 MR. WILDER: No objection.

8 (BLOOD SPECIMEN MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S  
9 EXHIBIT NUMBER 68.)

10 BY MR. MEADORS:

11 Q. All right. For the record, Doctor, do you have a  
12 opinion to a reasonable degree of medical certainty as to  
13 the cause of death of ---

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. --- William Flexon, and if you do, would you please  
16 tell this jury?

17 A. Yes. It's exsanguination, which means bleeding out  
18 due to the laceration of the heart and lung due to the  
19 gunshot wound to the chest.

20 Q. And let me ask you. Gunshot wound number one, would  
21 that, would that have killed him, Bill Flexon?

22 A. In and of itself, yes, it would have killed him.

23 Q. And gunshot wound number two, would that have killed  
24 him?

25 A. Right, it would kill him also, yes.

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1 MR. MEADORS: Thank you. That's all.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Deas.

3 MR. DEAS: Thank you, Your Honor. Please the court?

4 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

5 Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Ross.

6 A. Afternoon.

7 Q. My name is Garryl Deas. I represent the defendant,  
8 Reginald Canty. In your pathological, in your pathology  
9 report you indicated that essentially the victim was shot  
10 twice?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And I believe you indicated during direct that it was  
15 your opinion, as a pathologist, that the first shot, the  
16 first gunshot came from a high-powered rifle?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Do you have any view as to what caliber of weapon,  
19 what type of weapon caused the second shot?

20 A. No, I do not.

21 Q. And is there anything in your report that addresses  
22 what your view is so far as what type of weapon caused the  
23 second shot?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. You removed bullets from Mr. Flexon's body. Is that

1 correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And I understand you're, you're a pathologist. You're  
4 not a ballistics expert. Do you have any view or any  
5 opinion whatsoever as to whether the bullet, those two  
6 bullets came from the same weapon?

7 A. I'm not a ballistics expert.

8 Q. But there were indeed two separate gunshots, two  
9 separate bullets that you removed from Mr. Flexon's body.  
10 Is that correct?

11 A. Yes. They appeared to be different.

12 Q. The bullet that, that entered his chest that came from  
13 the right, where, where did you remove that bullet from?

14 A. It was located in a -- it went towards the back and  
15 was found in the back near the ribs.

16 Q. Okay, and the second bullet from the other weapon,  
17 where was that bullet removed from?

18 A. It was found also in the back, but towards the side.

19 Q. Now, also under direct examination you gave a view as  
20 to the stance of the victim during this incident. You  
21 indicated that, that, based on your perspective, it was  
22 defensive in nature?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Did you have a view as to whether or not the victim  
25 would have had a similar stance if he were attempting to

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1 take a weapon from the assailant?

2 A. All I can say is bullets go straight, and the bullet  
3 went through the left arm and into the chest. So, the arm  
4 was up.

5 Q. If the victim's arm was up, it could have been either  
6 for defensive purposes, or it could have been on the  
7 offensive. Is that correct?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Now, there were scrapings taken from the fingernails  
10 on the left-hand and the right-hand of the victim. Is that  
11 correct?

12 A. It appears that the investigator did that, yes.

13 Q. Did you -- were you involved in that at all?

14 A. I was there when he did it obviously, but he did it  
15 himself and I, I don't get the reports back from those.

16 Q. You wouldn't know about any findings or results from  
17 the analysis of those fingernail scrapings?

18 A. No, sir.

19 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence?

20 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

21 (A PAUSE.)

22 MR. DEAS: Nothing further.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder.

24 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

25 Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Ross.

1 A. Afternoon.

2 Q. The swabs that were taken from the hands were sent to  
3 SLED, I guess, for analysis?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And the clothing would have also been, at some point,  
6 sent to SLED so that they could look at it, make some tests  
7 to decide whether or not there were gunshot residue on it?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And I believe you stated earlier that the results that  
10 SLED did may or may not have been sent to you, right?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Dr. Joel Sexton at that time was also associated with  
13 your office, was he not?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And would you tell the jury when Dr. Sexton left?

16 A. He retired in July of 2008.

17 Q. Okay. So, that would have been after the victim's  
18 autopsy?

19 A. Well, he was still helping out, yes. This was in  
20 January of 2008.

21 Q. Right.

22 A. He retired in July. Yes.

23 Q. July?

24 A. I'm sorry. Yeah.

25 Q. After the date of this autopsy, Dr. Sexton retired,

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1 correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And he signed this autopsy report also, did he not?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And so in your notebook there, I guess you would have  
6 gathered the things that SLED sent you?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And you would be able to amend your opinion if you  
9 would see something from SLED that, say, was inconsistent  
10 with your findings, would you not?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Because of what the subsequent testing that SLED did  
13 and sent to you, right?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And so if I see on a report your copy sent to Joel S.  
16 Sexton M.D., we may infer from that that it's in your  
17 notebook on this case, may we not?

18 A. It should be, but I don't ---

19 Q. Well, I want you to look in there for a trace evidence  
20 report dated August 10, 2009, a copy sent to Joel Sexton,  
21 M.D.

22 A. No, sir, I don't have it.

23 Q. Okay. So, that would have been after the date that  
24 Joel Sexton retired, would it not?

25 A. Yes, but it would have come to our office.

1 Q. And possibly having been sent to your office, because  
2 it was sent to Joel Sexton, might not have made it into  
3 your folder, right?

4 A. It should have.

5 Q. Well, you don't see a report dated August 10th from  
6 the trace evidence people, do you?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Would it surprise you to find that the victim, William  
9 Flexon, had gunshot residue on him?

10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. And would it surprise you to find that the, the  
12 gunshot residue on the -- was on the back of his right  
13 hand? Would that surprise you?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. Would it surprise you that Illa M. Simmons found that  
16 on August 10, 2009, at -- when she examined those swabs you  
17 sent over to SLED?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. All right. Would it surprise you to find that the  
20 black shirt that was examined by SLED was not consistent  
21 with a contact shot, but that no muzzle-to-target distance  
22 can be determined due to the condition of the garment?  
23 Would that surprise you?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. All right, and can you explain to the jury why, if

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1 such a report was sent by the trace evidence people in  
2 August 10th of 2009, you don't have it in your folder?

3 A. I can't explain that. It should be in my report, but  
4 it would not have changed my diagnosis.

5 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Any redirect?

7 MR. MEADORS: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, sir.

8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

9 Q. I think every one of the -- or every one of the  
10 questions he asked you did you know. You said you didn't,  
11 but you just said at the end that would not have changed  
12 your opinion?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. That -- and it would not have, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And if gunshot residue -- is your job to analyze and  
17 testify about gunshot residue?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Isn't that what's collected either by you or the agent  
20 and then sent on to SLED?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Okay, and do they come in and testify about that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. But since he asked you and you are an expert, you said  
25 you wouldn't be surprised to find gunshot residue on his



1 hands. Could that be consistent with the defensive, too?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And is, is, if you know, is gunshot residue coming out  
4 of the barrel?

5 A. Yeah, for a certain distance, yes.

6 Q. And, and it wouldn't surprise you if you didn't find  
7 it wasn't stippling or charring, charring of the body,  
8 correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And you said you would not be surprised if there  
11 wasn't any on the clothes, correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And would that be a distance shot?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And in your world, what is a distance shot?

16 A. It depends on the weapon, the length of the barrel,  
17 the caliber, the ammunition. So, target shooting would  
18 have to be done to, to come up with an exact length or  
19 length that the powder would, would fall. In general,  
20 probably at least three feet.

21 Q. Three feet?

22 A. Yeah, three, but again it's up ---

23 Q. And the elements might be involved, where you were and  
24 wind conditions, too, correct?

25 A. To some -- to an extent, yes.

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1 Q. So, is it, is it your testimony that greater than  
2 three feet, you wouldn't find any stippling or charring  
3 generally?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And that's -- is that all you can really say?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. But that one result or that one paper or that report  
8 about gunshot residue did not change your opinion as to the  
9 cause of death of William Flexon?

10 A. Correct.

11 MR. MEADORS: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Deas, Mr. Wilder?

13 MR. DEAS: Nothing further.

14 MR. WILDER: I have a question or two based on what he  
15 just asked her.

16 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

17 RECROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

18 Q. Dr. Ross, gunshot residue also comes out of the side  
19 of the gun when you're holding it in your hand and shooting  
20 it, doesn't it?

21 A. Some, some guns, yes.

22 Q. Yes.

23 MR. WILDER: Okay. Thank you.

24 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down.

25 Any objection to this witness being excused?

1 MR. MEADORS: No, sir.

2 THE COURT: Thank you.

3 WITNESS: Thank you.

4 (THE WITNESS EXITS THE STAND.)

5 THE COURT: All right, we've been going for about an  
6 hour. Let's take a ten minute recess. If you'd like a  
7 Coke-Cola or something like that, that's all right.

8 Please do not discuss anything about the case. If you  
9 need to smoke you may do so.

10 (THE JURY EXITS AT 2:33 P.M.)

11 THE COURT: All right, court will be in recess until a  
12 quarter till 3:00.

13 (OFF THE RECORD.)

14 (SPENT SHELL CASING MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER  
15 69 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

16 (FINGERPRINT CARD MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 70  
17 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

18 (CONSENT FORM/SPENT SHELL CASING MARKED AS STATE'S  
19 EXHIBIT NUMBER 71 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

20 (LATENT PRINTS MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 72 FOR  
21 IDENTIFICATION.)

22 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, the next witness, the record  
23 would be an October 15, 2001, resisting arrest.

24 THE COURT: Who's the next witness?

25 MR. MEADORS: And that carries a year. My position,

1 my position is it's more than a year that it has to carry  
2 to be impeachable. I don't know if they disagree or not,  
3 but that's my position.

4 MR. WILDER: And one thing I did note about that is if  
5 the court felt that resisting arrest was a crime of moral  
6 turpitude.

7 THE COURT: I don't.

8 MR. WILDER: Okay. As long as that applies to my  
9 client, too.

10 THE COURT: Moral, moral turpitude is more of a  
11 stealing.

12 MR. WILDER: Well, and we had -- I know. Was there a  
13 malicious on there?

14 MR. MEADORS: Your Honor, I was just going to take  
15 them one a time.

16 MR. WILDER: Okay.

17 MR. MEADORS: That, that resisting, Your Honor, our  
18 position is that carries ---

19 THE COURT: More than a year.

20 MR. MEADORS: The statute requires more than a year.  
21 It's just a year.

22 THE COURT: That's correct.

23 MR. MEADORS: The other only conviction that we see on  
24 here is -- well, there's driving without a license from  
25 2003.

1 THE COURT: That's not ---

2 MR. MEADORS: Obviously, I don't think that is, Your  
3 Honor, and then a arson third degree conviction from March  
4 of 2008. She got five years, two years probation.

5 THE COURT: That would do it.

6 MR. MEADORS: I agree..

7 THE COURT: That one comes in.

8 MR. MEADORS: Yeah. Right.

9 MR. WILDER: All right. Well, Your Honor ---

10 THE COURT: Just the arson third.

11 MR. WILDER: And, Your Honor, for the record, we would  
12 ask you to allow us to impeach on the resisting arrest.

13 THE COURT: I'm not.

14 MR. WILDER: And you're not?

15 THE COURT: Overruled.

16 MR. WILDER: Okay. Overruled. Thank you.

17 MR. DEAS: Thank you.

18 MR. MEADORS: That's all. Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Anything else before we bring the jury  
20 back in here?

21 MR. WILDER: Nothing.

22 THE COURT: And just so everybody -- we're going to  
23 break about every hour because it's warm in here. And, so,  
24 yes, let's bring the jury in.

25 (THE JURY ENTERS AT 2:51 P.M.)

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1 CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, all the jurors are back  
2 in the courtroom.

3 THE COURT: Thank you.

4 All right, ladies and gentlemen, we're trying to  
5 accommodate you as much as possible with the fans. I'm  
6 reminding everybody that we need to speak up because the  
7 fans are close to y'all. So, if you can't hear, let me  
8 know.

9 You may call your next witness.

10 MR. MEADORS: May it please the court? The state now  
11 calls Andrea Russell.

12 ANDREA RUSSELL, FIRST BEING DULY  
13 SWORN, TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

14 CLERK OF COURT: Please state your full name and spell  
15 your last name for the record.

16 WITNESS: Andrea Russell. R-U-S-S-E-L-L.

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS:

18 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Russell.

19 A. Afternoon.

20 Q. I talked to you on the phone a month or so ago,  
21 correct?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And maybe on the phone briefly after that?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And then briefly today, correct?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. And you are Andrea Russell?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And where are you from?

5 A. I'm from Kentucky originally, but I've been living in  
6 Summerton in Clarendon County probably for about sixteen  
7 years. Now residing in Sumter.

8 Q. And when you came to Clarendon County, you were how  
9 old?

10 A. I was probably fifteen.

11 Q. And, and, and where were you going to school?

12 A. Scotch Branch High.

13 Q. And, and -- all right. Before you -- what did you do  
14 after school?

15 A. I went to college.

16 Q. Okay, and where did you go?

17 A. Central Carolina.

18 Q. And what degree did you get or were you pursuing  
19 there?

20 A. I was pursuing a double major in psych and journalism.

21 Q. Psych and journalism?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And how far did you get in that?

24 A. I have continued -- I got one year completed, and...

25 Q. Okay, and you got a couple kids?

A. RUSSELL - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And is it okay to say you went through a period of bad  
3 time for a while?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. And are you recovering now?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Recently got out of a recovery house and going on your  
8 own?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Now -- and back in January of 2008, specifically  
11 January the 16th, 2008, where were you living?

12 A. I was living in Meadowfield Apartments in Summerton,  
13 Clarendon County.

14 Q. And do you know what apartment number?

15 A. I don't remember.

16 Q. But you were living in that apartment complex, and how  
17 long had you been there?

18 A. I had been there for almost a year, I believe.

19 Q. Okay, and who were you living there with?

20 A. I was living there at first with my mother and my son,  
21 and I was pregnant at the time.

22 Q. Your mother?

23 A. And my son.

24 Q. And your son. Okay.

25 A. Yeah.



A. RUSSELL - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS

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1 Q. All right. Did you have occasion to see a Daniel  
2 Deangelo Jackson?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And did he come to your apartment?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And, and, and was that the same day that the police  
7 had come there?

8 A. I believe so.

9 Q. In January of 2008?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. And when -- did the police -- well, the police came to  
12 your house. Do you remember that?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. And, and, and when the police came to your house, was  
15 Mr. Jackson there?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Where were you?

18 A. I was in the back bedroom.

19 Q. Had you been there earlier?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And when the -- there's a knock on the door, and you  
22 remember this police officer?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. But you know they were police?

25 A. Yeah. It was just a scary...

A. RUSSELL - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MEADORS

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1 Q. I'm sorry. What?

2 A. It was scary moment and it happened so fast.

3 Q. Sure. Did you agree to let them come in?

4 A. No, I didn't let them come in.

5 Q. Did they come in?

6 A. Yeah, they came in.

7 Q. And did they talk to you?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Did they ask you if you'd seen Jackson?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay, and what did you tell them?

12 A. I told him he was here a minute ago.

13 Q. And, and -- but he wasn't there when you were talking  
14 to them ---

15 A. No, he ---

16 Q. --- when you were talking to them?

17 A. No, he was not.

18 Q. Were they looking around and leave, they, they being  
19 the police?

20 A. They, they went through his stuff and they asked me  
21 some questions and everything. And, you know, you know, I  
22 just spoke and told them everything that I knew, you know.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Which wasn't much.

25 Q. I understand and, and did the police leave?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. After that did Daniel, Mr. Jackson, come back?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And after that, when Mr. Jackson comes back, at some  
5 point does he leave that day?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. We're all still on the same day, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And, and did Mr. Jackson ever come back to your  
10 apartment after that?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Up until today?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. And Mr. Jackson's there, the police come, the police  
15 leave, Mr. Jackson's there, Mr. Jackson leaves, correct?

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. You keep a tidy place, don't you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you, you like a clean place?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. And, and were you vacuuming later that day?

22 A. Yes, I was.

23 Q. Okay, and while you were vacuuming, did you discover  
24 something?

25 A. Yes, I did.

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1 Q. And what did you discover?

2 A. I discovered a gun under my couch.

3 Q. Was it a, a rifle?

4 A. Yeah, some kind of rifle.

5 Q. And as a ---

6 MR. MEADORS: Can I approach the witness?

7 THE COURT: You may.

8 BY MR. MEADORS:

9 Q. I'm showing you what's entered as State's 64. Does  
10 that appear to be your residence back then or part of it?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Is that -- do you recognize that as a bedspread ---

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. --- or do you have ---

15 A. Yeah, I recognize that.

16 Q. And what's this over here, your ---

17 A. My movie stand, the T.V. stand.

18 Q. And is this the gun that's depicted in here that your  
19 vacuum ran into?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Now, where, where was it?

22 A. It was underneath that couch. In that couch.

23 Q. So, were you able to see it before you started  
24 vacuuming?

25 A. No.

1 Q. So, it's when you're vacuuming underneath it you hit  
2 it. So, it wasn't in plain sight?

3 A. It wasn't in plain sight.

4 Q. Was it your rifle?

5 A. No.

6 Q. And after you saw that rifle, did you call Clarendon  
7 County Police Department?

8 A. No, sir.

9 Q. At some point did you call them?

10 A. I called my sister, and my sister told me to call the  
11 cops.

12 Q. So, then did at that point did you call the cops?

13 A. Yes, sir. Yeah, I did.

14 Q. And did you call someone up here? Did you call the  
15 sheriff's department of the county you were in?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay. Was that Clarendon?

18 A. Clarendon County, yes, sir.

19 Q. And you remember a policeman coming?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Do you remember him taking that picture?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. And he took the gun?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Do you like peanut butter?

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1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. I like peanut butter. Were you eating peanut butter  
3 in January of 2008?

4 A. I eat a lot of peanut butter. I didn't have no food.

5 Q. Times was bad?

6 A. Yeah, times were a little bad.

7 Q. And in that same morning had you eaten peanut butter?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. You like peanut butter?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. And you were there, Mr. Jackson was there, Mr. Jackson  
12 was left, the police were there, the police left, Mr.  
13 Jackson came back?

14 A. Yeah. My sister took Mr. Jackson to turn him in.

15 Q. And I don't want to get into that.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. Mr. Jackson left, you're vacuuming, you find the  
18 rifle, correct? All that's happened, correct?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. So, Mr. Jackson never came back there again?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. You had peanut butter that morning. Did you have an  
23 occasion to have some peanut butter again that night?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And was there anything in the peanut butter jar that

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1 night that wasn't there in the morning?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. What was it?

4 A. It was a shell casing.

5 Q. A shell casing?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. In your peanut butter jar?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Had you put that there?

10 A. No.

11 Q. I show you what's been marked 69 at this point.

12 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

13 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

14 (A PAUSE.)

15 THE COURT: Any objection?

16 MR. DEAS: No objection.

17 THE COURT: Without objection.

18 (SPENT SHELL MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S EXHIBIT  
19 NUMBER 69.)

20 BY MR. MEADORS:

21 Q. And this would be State's 69. Did this end up getting  
22 to the police?

23 A. At some point.

24 Q. Did this end up getting to the police?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. And, and I'm sorry. I'm -- that's my fault.

2 A. That's all right. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And this was not your shell casing?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. You didn't put it there?

6 A. No, sir.

7 MR. MEADORS: Beg the court's indulgence.

8 (CLOTHING-JACKSON MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 73

9 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

10 COURT REPORTER: 73 for I.D.

11 THE COURT: 73 for ID. Any objection?

12 MR. DEAS: No objection.

13 MR. WILDER: No, no objection.

14 MR. MEADORS: All right. Thank you.

15 (CLOTHING-JACKSON MARKED INTO EVIDENCE AS STATE'S

16 EXHIBIT NUMBER 73.)

17 BY MR. MEADORS:

18 Q. You also -- did you also give some clothes to the,  
19 Officer Burnish of Mr. Jackson that were in your house?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And that's your signature on there?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 MR. MEADORS: That's without objection. Your Honor,  
24 without objection, 73.

25 THE COURT: 73 is in without objection.



A. RUSSELL - DIRECT EXAMINATION / CROSS-EXAMINATION

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1 BY MR. MEADORS:

2 Q. I know this isn't easy, Ms. Russell. Thank you for  
3 being here. As, as, as required, when a person takes the  
4 stand, I have to ask you a few questions about your  
5 background, okay? I apologize. You said you were going  
6 through a rough time a while back, right?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. You're on the road to recovery now?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Aren't you? You really are?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. But back in March of, of 2008, did you, I assume -- I  
13 don't know if you pled guilty or were convicted, but do you  
14 have an arson third that you got five years suspended to  
15 two years probation on?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And you're off that probation now, too?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 MR. MEADORS: Thank you. That's all.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Deas.

21 MR. DEAS: Thank you.

22 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DEAS:

23 Q. Ms. Russell, how you doing this morning?

24 A. I'm okay. You?

25 Q. Just fine. My name is Garryl Deas. I represent the

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1 defendant Reginald Canty. Let me just ask you. Do you  
2 know Mr. Canty? Ever see him before?

3 A. No.

4 Q. No.

5 A. I don't remember. I don't remember seeing him before.

6 Q. Do you know Mr. Jackson?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. How do you know him?

9 A. He's my nephew.

10 Q. He's your nephew?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Back during the time of this, you contacted  
13 Investigator Coker. Do you, do you recall what day that  
14 was?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. Was it in January of 2008?

17 A. It was in January sometime. I don't know exactly what  
18 date it was.

19 Q. And prior to you vacuuming and finding the, this rifle  
20 and bullets under your -- it was under a bed?

21 A. It was under a couch that was in the living room.

22 Q. Under a couch?

23 A. Yeah. Yes, sir. Sorry.

24 Q. All right. Prior, prior to finding that, that gun,  
25 the gun and bullets, was Mr. Jackson staying with you at

1 your house?

2 A. Yeah. He had come down from Sumter and spent a few  
3 days.

4 Q. He was spending the night there?

5 A. Yeah. He was planning on spending a few, a few days  
6 or so.

7 Q. How long had he been staying there before you found  
8 that weapon under, under the, under the couch?

9 A. Well, I already knew he had it.

10 Q. You already knew he had it?

11 A. Yeah, I already knew he had a gun.

12 Q. Did you already know he had that particular gun?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. How did you know that?

15 A. Because he showed it to us.

16 Q. And when did he do that?

17 A. When he first came in the door.

18 Q. And that was?

19 A. That was earlier that day. I believe it was January  
20 when he first came, you know. I don't know, I don't  
21 remember exact day. My mind was, you know, kind of in a  
22 fog during that time, but it was in January.

23 Q. So, at some point in January he had showed you this  
24 same rifle?

25 A. Yeah.

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1 Q. The rifle that you found under your couch?

2 A. Yeah. Yes, sir.

3 Q. So, when the police initially came to your house that  
4 day in January, and knocked on the door and then ultimately  
5 came in the house, did you know where the rifle was at that  
6 time?

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. Was it that same day that Mr. Jackson showed you the  
9 gun, or was it some day prior to that that he showed you,  
10 showed you the gun?

11 A. I believe it was -- because I think it was a day had  
12 passed before -- it was before he know the police came.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Because he was spending the night. I think it was the  
15 next day when that whole thing went down.

16 Q. Okay. Let me make sure I, I'm clear on it. Mr.  
17 Jackson came, came to your house to stay.

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. He was staying there.

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Is that right?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. All right, and this would have been before the police  
24 came to your house?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. So, the day that Mr. Jackson came to tell you he was  
2 going to stay with you, was that the day, right -- the day  
3 before the police came?

4 A. Yes, sir, I believe so.

5 Q. So then the day before the police came, is that when  
6 he showed you this rifle?

7 A. Yeah. He was not showing me. He was actually showing  
8 my brother-in-law. You know, I just happened to be  
9 standing there looking at them while they were talking  
10 about it be cause boys are boys and they like, you know,  
11 like stuff like that.

12 Q. What's your brother-in-law's name?

13 A. Isaac Boyd.

14 Q. Isaac Boyd?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. So, at that point you didn't know what came of the  
17 rifle? You didn't -- the gun. You didn't know what was  
18 done with it?

19 A. No, I didn't know after that because I didn't see it  
20 no more.

21 Q. So, when the police came the next day, you didn't  
22 indicate to them that Mr. Jackson had, that day before,  
23 shown your brother-in-law a rifle? You didn't tell them  
24 that?

25 A. I don't know if I did or not. I'm not sure.

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1 Q. But ultimately the police left?

2 A. Yeah. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And then I believe you indicated on direct examination  
4 Mr. Jackson came back to your, to your house, right?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. He had left before the police came, and while they  
7 were there he was gone, right?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And then when the police left, Mr. Jackson came back.  
10 Is that accurate?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And then he left again, Mr. Jackson?

13 A. With my sister to go to turn hisself in.

14 Q. Okay. When the police came back to your house after  
15 Mr. Jackson left ---

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. --- and that's when you told them that you found the,  
18 the rifle and the bullets ---

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. --- while you were vacuuming?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Did you also -- did you see -- the bullets that are in  
23 this picture, is that how you found them when you, when you  
24 discovered them under your couch? Were they in this white  
25 cartridge?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Did you know how many of them there were?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. I take it you didn't bother to ---

5 A. I didn't count them.

6 Q. --- count them or anything like that?

7 A. No, sir, I didn't.

8 Q. And basically what you did, once you found them, you  
9 contacted the local Sheriff's Department?

10 A. No, sir. I contacted my sister who told me that I  
11 needed to or I wouldn't get my kids back. So, you know, I  
12 called the police.

13 Q. So, prior to the police arriving on -- at your house,  
14 Mr., Mr. Jackson essentially spent one night there at that,  
15 at your house?

16 A. Yes, sir, I believe so.

17 MR. DEAS: Court's indulgence.

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

19 (A PAUSE.)

20 MR. DEAS: Nothing further.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Wilder.

22 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILDER:

23 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Russell. Could you tell the jury  
24 again your relationship to Mr. Jackson?

25 A. He's my nephew.