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1 responsibility to write the verdict, but I will give the
2 foreperson further instructions about that at the conclusion
3 of the case.

4 Now, in order to preserve everyone's rights, I will give
5 the parties an opportunity to object to anything that I have
6 said. Any exception or objection to anything that I have said
7 to the jury by the State?

8 MR. CLEMENTS: No, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

10 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

12 MR. BAILEY: No, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, we are now
14 going to begin the trial. I will recognize the solicitor for
15 opening statements. You're so recognized.

16 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the
17 Court.

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

19 OPENING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE

20 MR. CLEMENTS: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Deberry. Ladies and
21 gentlemen of the jury, on April 12th, 2012, out here on Highway
22 501 North right close to the Dillon County line, a group of
23 young men got together and were hanging out, drinking some
24 beer, playing some cards, and looking at pictures on the --
25 off the computer on the TV screen. And those young men were

1 gathered together in their home that they lived in the trailer
2 of Gavin Graves, and he was one of those young men.

3 Also, there was a young man by the name of Christopher
4 Kollock and a young man by the name of Darrell Antonio Davis
5 and a young man by the name of Derrick -- let me make sure I
6 don't get all my names mixed up -- Derrick Lamont Wilson and
7 one other gentleman by the name of Christopher Drawhorn. They
8 were there chilling out and had some other people that had
9 come and gone that evening.

10 And all of a sudden, they hear a pow, pow. And then they
11 hear a pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, and it turns
12 crazy inside the trailer and bullets are flying and they're
13 coming through the wall and exiting the back wall and hitting
14 things in-between and everybody hits the floor. And they
15 start crawling around, the furniture is turned over, and it is
16 nuts in that trailer for a few seconds.

17 And then when the bullets stop flying and you stop
18 hearing the gunshots, they begin to check to see if everybody
19 is okay. And everybody is fine, they're not hit, except one
20 person, and one of them says Christian has been hit and he's
21 gasping for air. And they check him and he is hit in two
22 places.

23 And you're going to hear from the pathologist on the
24 witness stand that's going to testify as to what exactly his
25 wounds were, but I believe that she's going to tell you that

1 he had a perforated wound to the left arm, which means it went
2 through and through, and he had a penetrating wound in the
3 back shoulder, which means the bullet went in and stayed, and
4 that shot ended the life of Christian Drawhorn. And the
5 pathologist at MUSC took out that projectile from that bullet
6 that killed Christian and submitted it to SLED for testing.

7 And you're going to hear from the young men who were in
8 that trailer when all that chaos was going on and they're
9 going to testify as to what they did after it happened. They
10 called 9-1-1 immediately. Two of them called 9-1-1 and the
11 ambulance came, but Christian's life could not be saved. And
12 then immediately on the scene with the ambulance was also law
13 enforcement came and you're going to hear from Officer Pike
14 and Richardson and Legette, who were out there on patrol, and
15 they all arrived at the scene and secured the scene. And the
16 investigators proceeded there. That included Investigator
17 Martin Bell and Investigator Charlie Watson, and they came and
18 they processed the crime scene and collected what little bit
19 of evidence they could collect.

20 And I want to pause right here and tell you, as the judge
21 has told you, this is real life. This is not Hollywood. This
22 is not TV. This is not CSI. I want you to understand that.
23 You know, this was a drive-by shooting and they collected the
24 evidence that was there and all it was was a few projectiles
25 that were spent and many, many shell casings. There was

1 nobody on the scene with any guns that were used in this
2 murder and attempted murder and discharging a firearm into a
3 dwelling, but they get -- they got a gun there that belonged
4 to Derrick.

5 Derrick gave it to them and they tested that gun at SLED
6 and, as you're going to hear from the investigators, as they
7 investigated and came up with leads that they executed a
8 search warrant and seized another gun and they sent it to SLED
9 and it was tested, but neither of those guns were used. They
10 didn't match any of those shell cases.

11 And so the guns were never found, but they worked and
12 they worked and they worked with Latta Police Department.
13 They discovered what beefs anyone might have had with someone
14 else and they followed those leads and they developed some
15 suspects and they developed the suspects of Willie "Boo Boo"
16 Bethea and Jamie Williams, who you're going to hear from both
17 of them, and also, Blaton Smith and Shaheed Hayes.

18 And you're going to hear testimony that those four
19 gentlemen pulled up on Highway 501 right in front of where
20 Gavin's trailer was and they opened fire, and that Blaton was
21 the driver of the car and he was in control and he was the
22 boss that night as to what was going on. And you're going to
23 hear testimony that Shaheed Hayes was in the back seat on the
24 passenger side and he was shooting out the window and shot
25 that trailer up. And that Willie Bethea was sitting in the

1 front seat passenger side unarmed. And that Jamie Williams
2 was on the back behind the driver and he shot over the top of
3 the car.

4 That's what I believe the evidence is going to be
5 presented by the witnesses that are going to testify before
6 you. And when we present our testimony and we present our
7 exhibits and we present the pictures and the diagrams, we're
8 going to submit it to you and we're going to ask you to weigh
9 the testimony that you hear because, as the judge is going to
10 inform you, he's the judge of the law, but you are the judge
11 of the facts and that you are the persons that will judge the
12 credibility of the people that take this witness stand, and
13 when I say credibility, that just makes a word for
14 believability.

15 And I ask you to judge their demeanor. Watch them and
16 listen carefully to them and weigh what they say, each and
17 every witness from that stand, because these gentlemen, Mr.
18 Smith and Mr. Hayes -- they deserve your full attention as you
19 listen to whatever is presented. And the State of South
20 Carolina also deserves your full attention. This is a serious
21 matter. And Christian Drawhorn's mother and the other victims
22 in this case that were in that trailer -- they deserve your
23 full attention. Weigh the evidence we present and bring back
24 a verdict.

25 I think verdict comes from the Latin term -- it's two

1 terms I believe. I never took Latin, but I've been told this.
2 Veredicto means to speak the truth and to tell the truth.
3 Veredicto is the Latin phrase that we get our word verdict
4 from.

5 And this is a serious, serious matter and we appreciate
6 y'all being here and bringing your common sense, your wisdom,
7 your good judgment, and your insight in listening to all the
8 evidence, all of the evidence, and at the end of all of the
9 evidence to reach a verdict that speaks the truth.

10 And the charges that are before you are murder, the
11 murder of Christian Drawhorn, and I believe when the judge
12 charges you on that law, he's going to tell you that murder is
13 when you take the life of a person with malice aforethought.
14 And malice is an evil intent of the heart and aforethought
15 just means ahead of time.

16 Someone with malice took Christian Drawhorn's life and I
17 would submit to you that the facts you're going to hear from
18 this witness stand, when somebody comes and shoots up a
19 trailer with no reservation, no consideration whatsoever for
20 anyone in that trailer or behind that trailer or in that
21 neighborhood, that that is evidence of malice, and that
22 Christian Drawhorn died because of that malice and that malice
23 is what caused that trigger to be pulled and that bullet to go
24 on its way through that trailer. That's one charge.

25 The other charge is discharging a firearm into a

1 dwelling, and that's real simple. Somebody decides to shoot
2 into a building where someone lives and dwells, and that was
3 done multiple times on that night. I believe it was somewhere
4 right around midnight April 12th -- April 13th, right in that
5 time change, that date change.

6 And then you're also going to have to decide on four
7 counts of attempted murder. There are four people that walked
8 out of that trailer by the grace of God when those bullets
9 finished flying through there, and that each one of those
10 people that it was an attempt to murder them, and you've got
11 to judge that. Attempted murder of Derrick, of Gavin, of
12 Darrell, and of Christopher Kollock.

13 And the last charge is possession of a weapon during the
14 commission of a violent crime, and I believe the judge is
15 going to instruct you on the law that murder is classified as
16 a violent crime. Attempted murder is classified as a violent
17 crime. And if you use a weapon and you have it in your
18 possession while committing those crimes, that you are guilty
19 of possessing a weapon during the commission of a violent
20 crime.

21 Those are your counts that you have to determine, seven
22 of them, and I ask you if you consider the facts on each one
23 of them and reach your unanimous verdict that tells the truth,
24 and I believe that you will find that the State will reach its
25 burden. And what is my burden? My burden is beyond a

1 reasonable doubt. Everybody has heard that at some point in
2 time in civics class or somewhere that beyond a reasonable
3 doubt is the burden of proof that the State has to make on
4 these charges. It's not a fanciful doubt, not a ridiculous
5 doubt, but a reasonable doubt.

6 And until you determine what that verdict is, Mr. Smith
7 and Mr. Hayes are clothed with the presumption of innocence.
8 What that means is they've got, like, a cloak of innocence,
9 like I've got this jacket on that they've got a cloak of
10 innocence that covers them because in our country everybody
11 that's accused is presumed to be innocent until it's proven
12 beyond a reasonable doubt, and that's the way it should be.

13 Right now, they're just accused and I'm getting ready to
14 meet my burden so that you can take those facts and you can
15 take that evidence and you can go back in that jury room and
16 you decide that we have met that burden beyond a reasonable
17 doubt and you will come back with a verdict that speaks the
18 truth, and that verdict is going to be that Blaton Smith and
19 Shaheed Hayes are guilty of murder and they're guilty of
20 discharging a weapon into a dwelling and they're guilty of
21 possessing a weapon during the commission of a violent crime
22 and they're guilty of four counts of attempted murder.

23 And you may say, well, we just heard that Blaton Smith
24 was in control and he was driving. We don't hear him shooting
25 anybody. We didn't hear anybody say that Blaton Smith shot

1 anyone and you're not going to hear that from the evidence we
2 present, but what you are going to hear is that the judge is
3 going to tell you about the law in South Carolina that is
4 called accomplice liability. And another way of saying that
5 that might be more familiar to you is to say that the hand of
6 one is the hand of all. And he's going to tell you what that
7 law means and I submit to you -- and I'm telling you what I
8 think he's going to say.

9 Don't take my word. Take it as the judge tells you, but
10 I believe he's going to tell you that if Mr. Hoefer and I
11 decided we're going to go knock off a liquor store and we go
12 to rob the liquor store and I pull out a gun and shoot the
13 clerk and kill him that I may be guilty of murder, but so is
14 Mr. Hoefer because we did it together and the hand of one is
15 the hand of all.

16 And I submit to you if you drive people up there, provide
17 them guns, and say shoot, let's do it, let's get them, and the
18 people that are with you shoot because you drove them up there
19 and they kill somebody, that you are just as guilty as they
20 are because the hand of one is the hand of all. That, ladies
21 and gentlemen, you're going to decide about Mr. Blaton Smith
22 and I believe you'll decide he's guilty.

23 It's time to move on. It's time for you to hear
24 testimony. I want to thank you for your attention. I want to
25 thank you for your wisdom and I want to thank you for your

1 time. Give the State of South Carolina and Christian
2 Drawhorn's family and Derrick and Gavin and Darrell and Mr.
3 Kollock, who is not here -- give them a fair trial.

4 And also give Blaton Smith a fair trial and Shaheed Hayes
5 a fair trial. If I don't meet my burden, your sworn duty is
6 to find them not guilty, but once you hear the evidence and
7 you hear the testimony, you will understand that burden has
8 been met and you'll speak the truth, which is guilty. Thank
9 you.

10 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Deberry, you're recognized on
11 behalf of your client for opening statements.

12 OPENING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANT HAYES

13 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor. Mr. Bailey, Mr.
14 Clements. Ladies and gentlemen, first of all, I'd like to
15 just tell you I understand you probably don't want to be here.
16 It's been a long week probably for you already with this jury
17 selection and the process. I know we were here a long time
18 Monday morning.

19 I'll tell you that it's a result of where we live, the
20 fact that we all live in the greatest nation that there ever
21 was. The fact that anybody can be accused of a crime, but
22 everybody who is has their right to their day in court. Okay?
23 And as Mr. Clements said earlier, when you're charged with a
24 crime, you're innocent until you're proven guilty, and I just
25 ask that you keep an open mind.

1 Mr. Clements has already asked you to convict my client.
2 He's already asked you to convict Mr. Smith, but there's been
3 no evidence entered into this record at all so far and it's
4 only speculation as to what evidence will come into this
5 record. And what evidence that does come into this record is
6 the only thing and the only evidence that legally you can use
7 to determine whether or not our clients are guilty or not
8 guilty.

9 Now, just like Solicitor Clements said just before he sat
10 down, he said you'll take a -- you've taken a sworn oath that
11 if he hasn't met his burden at the end of this trial that you
12 have to find the defendants not guilty. And the judge is
13 going to tell you that it doesn't necessarily mean that you
14 find them not guilty. It could mean that you're just not sure
15 that they're guilty. It could mean that you just have a
16 reasonable doubt as to what took place. And if you have a
17 reasonable doubt as to what happened, then you have to find
18 them not guilty. It doesn't mean they're not guilty. It just
19 means that you're not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that
20 they are guilty.

21 Now, I want to tell you that just because Mr. Smith and
22 Mr. Hayes appear before you in a joint trial as they are,
23 that's not by their decision. It was called that way by the
24 solicitor and the law says that they can be tried this way,
25 but I'll tell you and I think the judge will tell you later

1 that their cases are totally independent of each other. You
2 can find one guilty of one crime and the other not guilty of
3 another crime. You can find them all not guilty of any crimes
4 or you can find them guilty of all crimes.

5 It's up to you and that's why we live in the greatest
6 nation that there ever was is because we get the opportunity
7 to pick twelve people from the community, twelve common people
8 of our peers, to decide what happened back on the night in
9 question, April 13th, 2012. So that's why why we're here is so
10 important.

11 And the solicitor -- he did ask you for a fair trial for
12 everybody and we're not disputing the fact that Mr. Drawhorn
13 lost his life and that that's a terrible tragedy. We're not
14 disputing that that house got riddled with a whole bunch of
15 bullets. We're not disputing that at all.

16 What is in dispute is who did it and how did it happen.
17 Why did it happen and who was there? Okay? They have their
18 theory, but I suggest to you that the evidence will bring
19 about other theories. Okay? And if any other theory comes
20 into your mind that gives you a reasonable doubt or a
21 hesitation to act or that leaves you not with the feeling that
22 you're firmly convinced of the State's theory, you have to
23 find them not guilty.

24 Again, it may not mean that they're not guilty and I'm
25 not saying that they are guilty. I'm just telling you that's

1 the way the law is in this country.

2 Now, if you're sitting here in judgment in a civil case,
3 the burden of proof is totally different. It's what we call a
4 preponderance of the evidence. It just means that after you
5 hear the evidence that it's more likely than not, that you
6 probably think something happened. That -- you know, the
7 scales of justice, if they're tilted ever so slightly, then
8 you can find somebody responsible, but not here, not in a
9 criminal trial, not in a criminal case where somebody's
10 liberty is at stake. You have to be firmly convinced.

11 And I just want to suggest to you and ask you for that
12 fair trial. I'll ask you for a fair trial for the victims,
13 for Mr. Drawhorn, for the State of South Carolina, for law
14 enforcement. They do a good job. They're the ones that
15 protect us when we need them, but they're not perfect. Okay?
16 I also want to ask for a fair trial for Mr. Blaton Smith and,
17 most importantly and because I'm an advocate for him, my
18 client Shaheed Hayes.

19 We just want you to listen to the evidence. You have the
20 almighty power to judge what happened on the day in question.
21 And at the end of all the evidence if you have any doubt at
22 all, like I said, you have to acquit. I mean that's what the
23 judge is going to tell you.

24 So we just ask you to pay attention and we promise not to
25 waste any of your time. I know there's thousands of places

1 you would rather be. I know people are depending on you to do
2 other things. You probably have jobs and other things and
3 other commitments that you need to be doing. All of us do.
4 But I promise you that this is part of the reason that we live
5 in the best nation, the greatest nation that there ever was,
6 is because in a time like this, this country is going to
7 afford people who have been accused of crimes their day in
8 court, and this is just the very example of that system.

9 So I ask you just to pay attention and give everybody a
10 fair trial. Thank you for being here.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

12 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the
13 Court.

14 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

15 OPENING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT SMITH

16 MR. BAILEY: The most dangerous thing in a world of lies
17 is the truth, and that's why we're here. What's the truth?
18 You twelve are going to hear the evidence in this case, the
19 testimony, and you will be asked to render the truth.

20 The solicitor stood before you a few minutes ago and told
21 you what he thought his case was going to show was the truth.
22 I agree with that to one extent. Everything that brought us
23 into court here tonight or today started on April the 13th,
24 2012. There was a shooting on Highway 501 near the Dillon
25 line. Okay?

1 But the problem is outside of the two witnesses that he
2 plans to call here today, there's not one piece of evidence
3 that links Blaton Smith to the shooting. You're not going to
4 hear about fingerprints. There aren't any. They have no
5 guns. They can't find them. You're going to hear testimony
6 about this car that was there. They never went and got the
7 car.

8 But what they do have is they have two people who were
9 charged with the exact same crimes that my client, Blaton
10 Smith, was charged with. Okay? This happened on April the
11 13th, 2012. They were arrested about April the 30th -- May the
12 1st, 2012, about 18 days later. But in that 18-day period,
13 neither one of them came forward. They didn't talk until they
14 got arrested.

15 Once they got arrested and law enforcement, Detective
16 Bell, says here's what I'm going to charge you with, they
17 started talking, and that's all the State is going to be able
18 to prove to you is that those two people, Willie Bethea and
19 Jamie Williams, are the only people who are going to say that
20 Blaton Smith had anything to do with this.

21 And you're going to hear from the State that Willie
22 Bethea and Jamie Williams -- they have everything to lose.
23 They're charged with murder and four counts of attempted
24 murder. You're going to hear him say he doesn't want to go to
25 prison. Okay? He's going to -- you're going to hear him say,

1 yes, I'm cooperating with the State. I need his help. I need
2 the government's help. I don't want to go to prison.

3 My theory of what I plan to bring out from Willie Bethea
4 and Jamie Williams is that they completely lied. Blaton Smith
5 was not in that car that night and Blaton Smith was not at
6 that house that night. He had nothing to do with this
7 shooting.

8 When Willie Bethea comes up here and testifies, he's
9 going to go through his statement. He gave one statement back
10 when he was arrested, and his statement was video-recorded.
11 Everybody who was interviewed by Detective Bell in this case
12 -- one video recording. That's it. One video recording. His
13 video was about an hour long, and I think, if I recall
14 correctly, Detective Bell had Willie Bethea go through his
15 story three times and each time Willie goes through it,
16 another inconsistency pops up.

17 Because what happens when you tell a lie? You have to
18 tell another one to cover it up. And then you tell another
19 lie and then you tell another lie and at some point you can't
20 keep track of all your lies.

21 Jamie Williams -- similar situation. He's going to
22 testify that he got arrested at the end of April or early May.
23 He didn't voluntarily come in and say this is what happened.
24 I need to get this off my conscience. No. He only talked
25 because he got caught. You'll hear his statement. You'll

1 hear him testify to it. He puts himself and Willie and Blaton
2 and Shaheed all in this car, and his statement as to what
3 happened will completely contradict what Willie Bethea's
4 statement was. They butt heads. The facts are completely
5 inconsistent. Okay?

6 Jamie Williams gives a couple more statements, some
7 smaller statements. Last week -- he's going to tell you he
8 got scared. Last week -- he's going to tell you he got scared
9 and he decided to cooperate. He wants help too. Jamie
10 Williams is going to tell you he don't want to go to prison.

11 And what you're going to hear from this testimony is that
12 Jamie Williams's new version of the last week is nearly
13 identical to what Willie Bethea said two-and-a-half years ago.
14 It's not a coincidence, folks. It's not a coincidence.

15 Blaton comes here before you an innocent man. He and I
16 are going to expose all the lies in this case. And in doing
17 so, we're going to expose the truth, and that truth is going
18 to be that Blaton Smith had nothing to do with this.

19 If we're lucky enough, Solicitor Clements may call a
20 gentleman by the name of David Graves. I hope he does because
21 David Graves knows more about this case than probably
22 Solicitor Clements, myself, and Mr. Deberry. He's got facts
23 that nobody knew about. Okay? His first statement to law
24 enforcement was the day after the shooting and his first
25 statement places Willie Bethea at the scene of the shooting.

1 So not only that, he goes into detail to say what Willie
2 Bethea was wearing that night when he was shooting that house.

3 Now, ultimately, he changes his story. Okay? And if
4 Solicitor Clements comes in -- brings him in front of you all
5 this week, I anticipate his story is going to be in line with
6 what Willie Bethea and Jamie Williams talk about because David
7 Graves is in prison right now. He's in jail for another
8 shooting after that. He's in prison, but he needs help.

9 You're going to hear him say he's got one pending charge
10 here in Marion County being prosecuted by Solicitor Clements
11 for which he could get -- I believe it's an additional ten
12 more years, plus the time that he's doing in prison right now
13 can be reduced based on his cooperation. So he has all the
14 incentive in the world to come in here and say Blaton Smith
15 orchestrated or master-minded this entire shooting.

16 It's not going to come together for Solicitor Clements at
17 the end of this case, ladies and gentlemen. The testimony is
18 going to be too inconsistent. And as Mr. Deberry told you,
19 when y'all begin your deliberations at the end of this case,
20 if you have a question as to what happened that night, that is
21 reasonable doubt. And, as Judge Brown will instruct you, that
22 little bit of reasonable doubt requires a finding of not
23 guilty.

24 Once you hear all the lies and the incentives that these
25 people are going to get for their testimony, you're going to
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1 ask yourself what's the truth, and I'm going to come back up
2 here at the conclusion of this case and I'm going to tell you
3 the evidence presented by Solicitor Clements against Blaton
4 Smith is not sufficient to find him guilty of anything that
5 they have said he has done.

6 I thank you all for your time and I hope that you will
7 give everyone here a fair trial in this case. Thank you.

8 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Clements, call your first
9 witness.

10 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, we'd call Officer Greg Pike.

11 THE CLERK: Put your left hand on the Bible and raise
12 your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm the
13 testimony you are about to give in the trial of this case will
14 be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so
15 help you God?

16 THE WITNESS: I do.

17 THE CLERK: Thank you.

18 OFFICER GREG PIKE, being first duly
19 sworn, testifies as follows:

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

22 Q: Will you please state your name for the record and tell
23 the jury where you work and what you do?

24 A: My name is Greg Pike and I'm a detective with the Marion
25 County Sheriff's Office.

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1 Q: And how long have you been a detective with Marion
2 County?

3 A: Just a couple months now.

4 Q: Where were you working in April 2012?

5 A: I was with the Sheriff's Office. I was a road deputy. I
6 worked the roads for patrol.

7 Q: Okay. How many years' experience do you have in law
8 enforcement?

9 A: Military, 20, and then civilian side since 2006.

10 Q: All right. Where did you work before you came to work in
11 Marion County Sheriff's Office?

12 A: The City of Mullins.

13 Q: Okay. Now, do you recall being dispatched out around
14 April the 12th -- April 13th, 2012, to Highway 501 North?

15 A: Yes, sir.

16 Q: Can you please tell this jury what kind of call you got
17 and where you went?

18 A: It was out near General Road. The trailer is on the
19 corner of General Road and 501 North. It was a shots fired
20 call and we got out there and that's what the call was for.

21 Q: Okay. When you said "we" got out there, who went out
22 there with you?

23 A: I was the first officer on the scene and then Sergeant
24 Legette and Corporal Richardson were pretty much right behind
25 me.

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1 Q: Okay. And how many people did you have on shift during
2 the nighttime?

3 A: That was it, us three.

4 Q: So all three of y'all responded?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: Okay. All right. And who got there first?

7 A: I did.

8 Q: Okay. And they came right after you?

9 A: Pretty much, yeah.

10 Q: When you got there, can you tell this jury what -- what
11 did you find there when you got there?

12 A: When I got there, I pulled towards the back of the
13 trailer where a driveway is. When I got there, there was a
14 crowd of people outside, probably five or six maybe, and they
15 had Mr. Drawhorn kind of outside and they were trying to help
16 him and he had -- you could see blood on his shirt. And
17 that's when we got there and we called for EMS.

18 Q: All right. How -- did EMS respond quickly?

19 A: Yeah. They were real quick.

20 Q: Okay. Now, you saw Mr. Drawhorn and saw the other people
21 there and you called EMS. What else did you do there on the
22 scene?

23 A: Well, right there, you know, we're to secure the crime
24 scene, make sure there's, you know, no weapons around that can
25 harm us or anybody else or EMS, and preserve the crime scene.

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1 That's our main job and call the detectives out.

2 Q: So it wasn't your job actually to gather up evidence?

3 A: No, not -- normally, no.

4 Q: Okay. All right. That would be someone else's job?

5 A: Usually, the detectives.

6 Q: Okay. All right. Did you see -- can you tell us -- what

7 did you observe out there, if anything, on the scene that you

8 thought would have been evidence?

9 A: Saw a bunch of bullet holes in the trailer.

10 Q: Okay.

11 A: We were inside the trailer and you could tell that they

12 were playing cards and video games and stuff inside the

13 trailer, but then they had come outside.

14 Q: Okay. All right. Did you see anything else? Any other

15 evidence outside?

16 A: Not that I recall.

17 Q: Okay. Out on the highway?

18 A: Shell casings out on the highway.

19 Q: Okay. And what did you do with those shell cases, if

20 anything, yourself?

21 A: I just looked at them. I didn't -- I was waiting for the

22 detectives to arrive.

23 Q: Okay. And who else observed those with you?

24 A: Corporal Richardson was out there when I was out there.

25 Q: Okay. All right. I'm going to show you what's been

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1. marked State's Exhibit 38 and 37, and I'm going to ask if you
2 can identify State's Exhibit 38. Does that look familiar to
3 you?

4 A: Yes. That's the -- that's the trailer.

5 Q: Okay. Let's don't show it yet. I've got to move it into
6 evidence.

7 A: Okay.

8 Q: All right. And State's Exhibit 37, is that --

9 A: Yeah. That's an aerial view.

10 Q: , Aerial view of the same place?

11 A: Mm-hmm.

12 Q: Okay.

13 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, at this time, I would move
14 State's Exhibit 37 and 38 into evidence I believe without
15 objection.

16 THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Deberry?

17 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

19 MR. BAILEY: No, sir, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: 37 and 38 admitted into evidence without
21 objection.

22 (Whereupon, State's Exhibit Number 37 and State's Exhibit
23 Number 38, both color photographs, are admitted into
24 evidence.)

25 MR. CLEMENTS: I would ask permission for Investigator

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1 Pike to step down, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: All right. You may step down.

3 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

4 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

5 Q: I'm going to ask you, if you can, can you describe
6 State's Exhibit 38 to the jury, please?

7 A: That is the 501 view of the trailer. That's the front
8 door. I think they may have used the back door, which you
9 can't see.

10 Q: And is that up on a rise or down low?

11 A: It's kind of down low.

12 Q: Down -- you have to go down from the roadway to it?

13 A: Yeah. General Road is right out here and you kind of go
14 down and the driveway goes down a little bit also.

15 Q: Okay. All right. I'm going to show you State's Exhibit
16 37 and ask if you can describe that and explain that to the
17 jury?

18 A: That's an aerial view of it and there's 501. Heading
19 that way is going to like you're going to Latta and that's
20 General Road right there.

21 Q: And where did y'all pull around to?

22 A: I pulled into the driveway into the back, not far in
23 there, but I pulled into the back.

24 Q: Okay. Do you recall how many cars were there, if any?

25 A: Yeah. There was a few. I don't recall how many.

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1 Q: Okay. All right. Thank you. You can have a seat back
2 up there.

3 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

4 Q: How did y'all secure the crime scene?

5 A: We just made sure, you know, people were outside of the
6 trailer and made sure nobody could go back in the trailer
7 until the detectives arrived, but they were pretty quick also.

8 Q: They were pretty quick as well?

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: Is there anything that you put up at a crime scene?

11 A: Crime scene tape normally. I didn't put it up. I don't
12 know who did. I know I did not.

13 Q: Okay. It could have been Richardson or Legette?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: Okay. And what color was that crime scene tape?

16 A: Yellow with some black markings on it, just --

17 Q: Okay.

18 A: -- you know, "Sheriff's Line, Do Not Cross."

19 Q: All right. So what else did you do there at the scene
20 after you made sure the crime scene was secure?

21 A: Pretty much by then the detectives were arriving and I
22 helped Detective Bell take some photos of the front of the
23 trailer of the bullet holes in the front of the trailer.

24 Q: Okay. And you assisted him in that or you --

25 A: . Yeah.

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1 Q: -- did that yourself? You assisted? Who did you assist
2 in that?

3 A: Detective Bell.

4 Q: Okay. All right. Just -- you were just another set of
5 eyes for him?

6 A: Yeah.

7 Q: Okay. Is there anything else that you did that night at
8 that crime scene?

9 A: Besides typing up the report, no, I don't think so.

10 Q: Okay. So you did a report?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: Okay. And after you left that crime scene -- about how
13 many hours were you out there?

14 A: I think it was around 4:30 and we got there right after
15 midnight.

16 Q: Okay. And so a little over four hours?

17 A: Yes, sir.

18 Q: After you left that crime scene and did your report, did
19 you have any other duties in this investigation?

20 A: No.

21 Q: Okay. Please answer any questions defense counsel may
22 have.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

24 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you.

25 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

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CROSS EXAMINATION

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2 BY MR. DEBERRY:

3 Q: Detective now?

4 A: Yes.

5 Q: All right. And how long have you been a detective?

6 A: About two months.

7 Q: Okay. And you said you had been on with Marion County
8 how long at the time of the incident?

9 A: I started in February of 2012; so about three months.

10 Q: So -- okay. When you arrived at the -- at the shooting
11 location -- and you said you were there first; is that
12 correct?

13 A: Yes.

14 Q: How many -- and you said approximately how many people
15 were there?16 A: Are you talking beside law enforcement? Like I say, I
17 was the first law enforcement there. There was, you know,
18 probably -- it seemed like there was five or six people there.

19 Q: Five or six people? Do you know their names?

20 A: No, I do not.

21 Q: What did you -- when you arrived, you must have been
22 concerned that -- that it was a -- I mean what was your -- you
23 -- did they just call it out as a shooting? Shots fired?

24 A: Mm-hmm. As far as I recall, yeah.

25 Q: So when you arrived, you weren't concerned with maybe

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1 violence still being -- still going on there?

2 A: Yeah. I was concerned. I called for my supervisor. He
3 was on his way.

4 Q: Okay. So -- but did you find any violence still ongoing
5 when you got there?

6 A: No.

7 Q: Had anybody left there that you knew of?

8 A: Not that I know of, sir.

9 Q: Did any -- what type -- what kind of cars were there?

10 A: I -- I don't recall. There was a -- I know there was a
11 -- there was a white SUV, a big SUV. I don't recall what
12 kind.

13 Q: And where was it parked?

14 A: I think it was on the -- in the back on the side.

15 Q: Can you -- where are those pictures? Can you just show
16 me about where it would have been parked?

17 A: Right over where that black vehicle is, maybe a little
18 farther up.

19 Q: Okay.

20 A: I guess that's a black vehicle.

21 Q: Could you show that to the jury?

22 A: It was probably right about here. It was -- I guess
23 that's a black vehicle. It was right around in here.

24 Q: Okay. All right. Now, when -- you said crime scene tape
25 eventually got put up before you; is that correct?

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1 A: Mm-hmm.

2 Q: Can you just give me an idea about where it was put up?

3 A: I'm sure it just covered the whole -- the whole area. I
4 mean I'm not sure where whoever put it up put it up. They
5 probably went out to the road. I just -- I don't recall.

6 Q: Were you the ones -- how did you know about the shell
7 casings in the road?

8 A: I saw them. I mean I went out there and I was looking
9 around.

10 Q: Before anybody got there?

11 A: No. No. The detectives were on their way. My other two
12 officers on patrol were with me too.

13 Q: Exactly where was Mr. Drawhorn when you got there?

14 A: In the back by the -- on the concrete. It was like a
15 sidewalk. It would have been right there.

16 Q: All right. So he was --

17 A: That comes up to an L. Yeah, right there.

18 Q: So he was a decent amount away from the house?

19 A: Six to ten feet maybe.

20 Q: Okay. Was -- was it apparent -- I mean what -- what was
21 your first reaction as to what had happened?

22 A: I could see blood on his shirt.

23 Q: Okay. So you assumed that he had been shot?

24 A: Yeah.

25 Q: All right. And by seeing that blood, was there any blood

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1 on the ground?

2 A: I don't recall. I just remember seeing it on his shirt.

3 Q: Was there any blood inside the house?

4 A: I don't recall any.

5 Q: Was there any shell casings in the back yard?

6 A: I don't believe so, but as far as I can tell, I don't
7 recall that.

8 Q: Did you look for any?

9 A: No, I did not.

10 Q: How about -- did you come in down General Road?

11 A: Yes.

12 Q: Did that ever become part of the crime scene?

13 A: No, I don't -- not to my knowledge, but I'm not sure.

14 Q: Is that a dirt driveway that comes off of General in
15 there?

16 A: Mm-hmm.

17 Q: Did you check for any footprints over there?

18 A: Well, I --

19 Q: Any shell casings?

20 A: I didn't, but I parked my car right about there.

21 Q: And that's where you left it?

22 A: Mm-hmm. While I was there the whole time.

23 Q: Did anybody do any investigation behind your car?

24 A: I -- they didn't tell me if they did I mean.

25 Q: Okay. And you didn't think it would -- what was in your

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- 1 -- what did you put in your report?
- 2 A: About?
- 3 Q: Well, we don't have your report. We're just -- I'm just
- 4 curious as to what -- what you put in it.
- 5 A: I put that, you know, that I arrived on scene and we
- 6 called for investigators. My shift was right behind me.
- 7 Q: All right. You said you went in the house?
- 8 A: Yeah. Eventually, yeah.
- 9 Q: You didn't go -- did you go in the house before anybody
- 10 else arrived?
- 11 A: Before the detectives did? No.
- 12 Q: You testified earlier that you -- that you made sure
- 13 everybody stayed outside of the house?
- 14 A: Mm-hmm.
- 15 Q: Why -- what -- why did you do that?
- 16 A: In case there was any kind of evidence inside.
- 17 Q: Well, couldn't there have been evidence outside?
- 18 A: Yeah, there could have been.
- 19 Q: Okay. So when -- when did you go in the house?
- 20 A: Like how many minutes after I arrived? It was after the
- 21 detectives got there.
- 22 Q: All right. Did you notice any drugs inside of the house?
- 23 A: I didn't see any.
- 24 Q: Okay. What did you do inside of the house?
- 25 A: I was helping them look for, you know, drugs or anything

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1 like that. About all I could see was, like I said, they had
2 been playing video games and cards and stuff like that, and
3 that's what they had told us they were doing.

4 Q: So you -- so were the people that were there -- were they
5 treated as victims -- or you said you went inside looking for
6 drugs. Were they detained at that time?

7 A: I didn't say I went inside looking for drugs. I said I
8 was inside and we were looking for stuff, but they were
9 treated, you know, as victims.

10 Q: Okay. Did you take any of their statements?

11 A: No, I did not.

12 Q: All right. So did you just say you went in looking for
13 drugs or not?

14 A: We went in looking for everything.

15 Q: Okay. But you didn't find any?

16 A: I did not, no.

17 Q: What were the license plate or the tag numbers of the
18 vehicles that were there?

19 A: I could not tell you.

20 Q: Okay. Did you allow any of the individuals that were
21 outside to get in their cars or go in their cars or do you
22 know?

23 A: Not while we were there. Not -- you know, not before the
24 detectives got there, no.

25 Q: Okay. Which way did you come from?

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- 1 A: I came from the Marion city side.
- 2 Q: Okay. So you were traveling down old Highway 501 North
3 from Marion towards Latta?
- 4 A: Yes.
- 5 Q: Okay. And upon your arrival you didn't see -- did you
6 see any vehicles at all that were running or leaving or going
7 any direction?
- 8 A: No, sir.
- 9 Q: All right. And how soon do you think you arrived after
10 the call came out?
- 11 A: It was -- it shouldn't have been more than a couple
12 minutes.
- 13 Q: That would be in your report?
- 14 A: Yes, sir.
- 15 Q: Do you have your report?
- 16 A: I don't have a copy of it.
- 17 Q: Have you looked at it recently?
- 18 A: No.
- 19 Q: You -- you testified earlier that you helped Detective
20 Bell take some pictures of some bullet holes?
- 21 A: Yes, sir.
- 22 Q: Where did it -- where were those bullet holes?
- 23 A: On the 501 side of the trailer.
- 24 Q: Okay.
- 25 A: The part of the trailer you could see from 501.

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1 Q: Could you tell if they were all entrance holes or exit
2 holes or what kind of bullet holes they were?

3 A: No. All the pictures we took were all entrance holes.

4 Q: How do you know that?

5 A: The way the hole was. It was curved in.

6 Q: So did you do any testing as to which way those bullets
7 were coming from?

8 A: I did not, no. Like I said, I just helped him with the
9 photos.

10 Q: Okay.

11 MR. DEBERRY: All right. I don't have any further
12 questions. Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Cross examination, Mr. Bailey.

14 CROSS EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. BAILEY:

16 Q: What was your position with the Marion Sheriff's
17 Department on April 13th, 2012?

18 A: I was the private on my shift. I had a corporal and a
19 sergeant that I worked for.

20 Q: Okay. On the hierarchy, where does private fall in? Is
21 that the lowest rank as a deputy?

22 A: The bottom, yes, sir.

23 Q: Okay. As a private, you were the first responder?

24 A: Yes.

25 Q: Okay. You were probably the closest to 501 North?

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1 A: Yes, sir.

2 Q: Okay. Do you know how long or how much time transpired
3 between the shooting and the 9-1-1 call?

4 A: No, sir, not at all.

5 Q: Or you -- and I'm assuming you don't recall how much time
6 transpired between the 9-1-1 call and your call to respond to
7 the scene?

8 A: You mean by the time 9-1-1 dispatched it to us?

9 Q: Yeah, dispatched it to you.

10 A: No.

11 Q: Okay. When you arrived, you saw a group of people
12 gathered around the back porch on the cement block; correct?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: You said there was about five or six individuals?

15 A: It seemed like that, yes.

16 Q: Okay. When you arrived on the back side of the trailer
17 on 501, were you by yourself?

18 A: Yes.

19 Q: Okay. Have your weapon drawn?

20 A: No.

21 Q: So you weren't concerned too much about the shooting that
22 you just got a call on?

23 A: Yeah, I was, but I did not have my weapon drawn.

24 Q: Okay. Is that standard operating procedure for
25 responding to a shooting call?

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- 1 A: I don't know if it's standard, but I mean I was -- I was
2 prepared for anything I mean.
- 3 Q: Now, you went to the back and you saw Mr. Drawhorn laying
4 on the concrete block I'm assuming?
- 5 A: Yeah.
- 6 Q: Okay. What was your first act when you got there to that
7 group of people and Mr. Drawhorn?
- 8 A: I think I asked what was going on and then I saw him and
9 then I called for EMS I believe.
- 10 Q: Okay.
- 11 A: And told my super -- and called my supervisor also on the
12 radio.
- 13 Q: Okay. Are you trained in CPR?
- 14 A: No.
- 15 Q: You're not trained in CPR? That's not a requirement of
16 the Marion County Sheriff's Department?
- 17 A: (Whereupon, no verbal response.)
- 18 THE COURT: Is that -- I need a verbal response from you,
19 sir.
- 20 THE WITNESS: No, sir.
- 21 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 22 Q: So you performed no CPR on Mr. Drawhorn?
- 23 A: No. No, sir.
- 24 Q: Okay. Now, you said you would have responded within a
25 couple minutes of the dispatch call; correct?

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1 A: Yeah. It should be in the report I mean.

2 Q: How long after you arrived did the next officer arrive on
3 scene?

4 A: It seemed like he was right behind me a minute or two
5 maybe..

6 Q: Okay. Did you ask the group of people who were gathered
7 around Mr. Drawhorn to step away from the property?

8 A: No. To step away from the property, no. To step away
9 from him, not to the property. No, sir.

10 Q: How far away did they step away from Mr. Drawhorn laying
11 on the ground?

12 A: Just a couple feet until when EMS got there. They
13 allowed EMS to, you know, pick him up and everything.

14 Q: Okay. How long did it take for those individuals to be
15 removed from the crime scene?

16 A: I couldn't tell you. I don't know.

17 Q: Okay. You've been in law enforcement for 20 years prior
18 to coming to the Marion County Sheriff's Department?

19 A: Yes.

20 Q: Okay. And did I hear correctly that was in the military?

21 A: Yes. Twenty of it was, yes.

22 Q: Okay. Did you have to go to crime scenes in the
23 military?

24 A: Mm-hmm.

25 Q: Okay.

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- 1 A: Yes, sir.
- 2 Q: So this wasn't your first crime scene that you had ever
3 been to?
- 4 A: No. The first one with the county, but --
- 5 Q: But you've got experience with crime scenes?
- 6 A: Mm-hmm.
- 7 Q: Okay.
- 8 THE COURT: Is that a yes? I need a --
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 10 THE COURT: -- verbal yes or no, please.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 12 Q: Do you know what evidence is?
- 13 A: Yes.
- 14 Q: Okay. There's some evidence that you cannot see;
15 correct?
- 16 A: Of course.
- 17 Q: Okay. When you come on the scene, didn't you think that
18 these people could be contaminating evidence on the back of
19 the house?
- 20 A: Yes, but at the time there was only one of me. So --
- 21 Q: But you couldn't instruct them, hey, y'all, just back up
22 for me?
- 23 A: Well, I did.
- 24 Q: But they only backed up two feet?
- 25 A: Yes.

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1 Q: Okay. So -- so you really didn't secure the crime scene
2 yourself?

3 A: No.

4 Q: Okay. The next officer who arrived -- who was he?

5 A: I believe that was Sergeant Legette.

6 Q: Legette? Okay. What did you observe Legette do when he
7 arrived?

8 A: He was just, you know, making the crowd get back also.

9 Q: Okay. Was EMS there by the time Legette arrived?

10 A: I don't recall. They were there pretty shortly
11 afterwards.

12 Q: Okay. Well, did -- did you observe Officer Legette
13 perform any CPR?

14 A: No, I did not.

15 Q: Okay. So, Mr. Pike, I want to make sure I understand
16 this. You arrived to the crime scene; correct?

17 A: Yes.

18 Q: And one of your first observations is a body laying on
19 the ground; correct? Verbal answer, please?

20 A: Yes. Yes, sir.

21 Q: Okay. And you noticed blood on the shirt?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: And it was a shooting call?

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: And you didn't clear the crime scene; correct?

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- 1 A: Yes.
- 2 Q: Okay. So did you and the other individuals there just
3 stand there and look at Mr. Drawhorn laying on the ground?
- 4 A: No, sir.
- 5 Q: Well, who was doing what at the scene?
- 6 A: We were -- we were trying to get the people away from Mr.
7 Drawhorn.
- 8 Q: Okay. Now, your report indicates other detectives showed
9 up; correct?
- 10 A: Yes, sir.
- 11 Q: Did you call Martin Bell yourself?
- 12 A: No, sir.
- 13 Q: Okay. Do you know who called Martin Bell?
- 14 A: It should have been Sergeant Legette.
- 15 Q: Okay. In your experience for a shooting call, is it
16 normal for all the detectives in the department to show up?
- 17 A: Yes.
- 18 Q: Even in the middle of the night?
- 19 A: Yes.
- 20 Q: Now, you testified about taking -- or assisting Detective
21 Bell with taking some photographs; correct?
- 22 A: Yes, sir.
- 23 Q: Okay. And those photographs were taken at night;
24 correct?
- 25 A: Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q: Not like the photos introduced already showing the
2 daytime?
- 3 A: Correct.
- 4 Q: Okay. It was pretty dark out there. You would agree?
- 5 A: Yes.
- 6 Q: Not a lot of street lights shining light on that trailer?
- 7 A: I think there was one street light near there.
- 8 Q: Okay.
- 9 A: But it wasn't, like, bright. No, sir.
- 10 Q: Okay. But it was visible enough for you to see bullet
11 holes in the front of the trailer?
- 12 A: We had flashlights.
- 13 Q: Okay. And that's what you used? You just shined your
14 flashlights on the -- on the trailer?
- 15 A: Mm-hmm.
- 16 Q: Okay. And Detective Bell was the one who took those
17 photographs or you did?
- 18 A: Detective Bell did.
- 19 Q: Okay. And I want to -- and I just want to make sure you
20 did not see any blood on that concrete slab behind that --
- 21 A: I just don't recall any.
- 22 Q: Okay. And you don't recall about seeing any blood coming
23 into the house?
- 24 A: No. No, sir.
- 25 Q: Okay. And there's one door that goes into the back of

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1 the house; correct?

2 A: As far as I, you know, remember, yes.

3 Q: Okay. Would you have been the first officer who went
4 into the house?

5 A: Probably not.

6 Q: Okay. Had there been blood leading into the back of that
7 house, somebody would have stepped in it; correct?

8 A: I would have thought so, yes.

9 Q: You would have stepped in it; correct?

10 A: I --

11 Q: You weren't looking for the blood on the floor, were you?

12 A: I might would have been looking for it, but I wouldn't
13 have stepped in it if I would have seen it, no.

14 Q: Okay. And you would have documented it if you found
15 blood; correct?

16 A: Yes, sir.

17 Q: But you don't recall finding blood?

18 A: No, sir, I do not.

19 Q: Okay.

20 MR. BAILEY: Please answer any questions that the State
21 may have on redirect.

22 THE COURT: Any redirect?

23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

25 Q: Was it or was it not your job to process the crime scene?

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1 A: It was not my job.

2 Q: It was not? So all Mr. Bailey was asking you about
3 finding blood and that kind of stuff, that wasn't your job,
4 was it?

5 A: No, sir.

6 Q: All right. And he kept asking you about performing CPR.
7 Did Mr. Drawhorn -- did he appear to be in need of CPR? He
8 was breathing, wasn't he?

9 A: Yeah, he was breathing.

10 Q: Okay. Okay. He wasn't -- didn't act like his -- you
11 know, cardiac arrest?

12 A: No, sir, not at all.

13 Q: Okay. And he asked about destroying evidence on the
14 back. From the information you got, where was all the
15 shooting coming from? The front or the back?

16 A: From the front, the 501 side --

17 Q: Okay.

18 A: -- of the trailer and I was on the opposite side.

19 Q: And you were on the back?

20 A: Yes, sir.

21 Q: So the evidence would have been in front; right?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: Okay. All right. I just wanted to clear that up.

24 MR. CLEMENTS: No further questions.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry, anything further?

OFFICER GREG PIKE - RE-CROSS BY MR. DEBERRY

1 MR. DEBERRY: Just one question, Your Honor.

2 RE-CROSS EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. DEBERRY:

4 Q: Detective, were you aware that there was a bullet hole in
5 the -- in the white Suburban that was in the back yard?

6 A: Now I recall that, yeah.

7 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you.

8 A: It was in the door I believe.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey? Mr. Bailey, anything?

10 MR. BAILEY: Judge, I have no further questions.

11 THE COURT: All right. Sir, you may step down. Thank
12 you.

13 MR. CLEMENTS: We'd call Corporal Marion Richardson.
14 Your Honor, can Investigator Pike be released from his
15 subpoena and his sequestration order?

16 THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Deberry?

17 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

19 MR. BAILEY: No, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Yes, sir, he may be. Sir, you're relieved
21 from any further responsibility which relates to your
22 subpoena. You're free to go if you so desire.

23 MR. CLEMENTS: Step up and be sworn, please, Corporal
24 Richardson.

25 THE CLERK: Do you solemnly swear or affirm the evidence

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1 you'll give in the trial of this case shall be the truth, the
2 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

3 THE WITNESS: I do.

4 THE CLERK: Thank you.

5 CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON, being
6 first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

9 Q: Can you please state your name for the record and tell
10 this jury what you do for a living?

11 A: My name is Marion Richardson and I work for the Marion
12 County Administration Office. I handle the code enforcement
13 issues throughout the county which deals with the civilians
14 and the businesses in Marion County.

15 Q: And how long have you been so employed?

16 A: I've been employed with Marion County for probably around
17 five years now, three-and-a-half years with the Sheriff's
18 Office on patrol and about a year-and-a-half with the Marion
19 County Administration Office.

20 Q: All right. So April 2012, where were you working?

21 A: I was working with the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

22 Q: In what capacity?

23 A: As a patrol officer, corporal.

24 Q: Okay. And were you on patrol the night of April 12th and
25 morning of April 13th?

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- 1 A: I was.
- 2 Q: 2012?
- 3 A: I was.
- 4 Q: Okay. And who was on patrol with you?
- 5 A: Our sergeant was Clemson Legette and we also had -- at
- 6 that time, Greg Pike was our private.
- 7 Q: Okay. And did you get a call to respond to a shooting?
- 8 A: We did. All three of us responded to that location.
- 9 Q: All right. Where was that location?
- 10 A: It was on 501 North Business. I can't relate --
- 11 recollect the exact address, but it was right there at the end
- 12 of 501 and 501 Bypass North in Marion.
- 13 Q: Okay. And what type of dwelling was it?
- 14 A: It was a mobile home.
- 15 Q: All right.
- 16 A: Single family.
- 17 Q: Single wide or double wide?
- 18 A: Single wide.
- 19 Q: Single wide? I'm going to show you what's been marked as
- 20 State's Exhibit 38. Does that look familiar to you?
- 21 A: Yes, sir.
- 22 Q: What is that?
- 23 A: That's the mobile home, a single wide.
- 24 Q: Okay. That's where you responded?
- 25 A: Yes, sir.

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - DIRECT BY MR. CLEMENTS

1 Q: All right. And when you pulled up on the scene there,
2 who was on the scene?

3 A: They were -- when I pulled up, I observed three
4 individuals, one of them being the victim, at the rear of the
5 residence. And at that time, I was giving orders to EMS to
6 proceed as soon as possible.

7 Q: Okay. And you say one was the victim. One was the
8 gentleman who had been shot?

9 A: Yes.

10 Q: And where was he exactly and what position was he in?

11 A: He was on the outside of the residence and he was -- he
12 was down in a laying down position and his -- I guess it was
13 his friends that was trying to pick him up.

14 Q: Okay. And was that on the front or the back of the
15 mobile home?

16 A: That was at the rear of the residence, the back of the
17 mobile home.

18 Q: Okay. All right. And who -- what other officer was
19 there?

20 A: By that time -- it's been so long ago I can't really
21 remember, but it was a lot of officers responded to that
22 location. I want to say -- I can't remember if Greg Pike or
23 Sergeant Legette -- I can't remember which two had arrived,
24 you know, right shortly thereafter I got there.

25 Q: Okay.

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - DIRECT BY MR. CLEMENTS

- 1 A: We all arrived there pretty quickly.
- 2 Q: All right. All about the same time?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: What did you do in regards to securing the scene?
- 5 A: Well, I -- I just made sure that there was no other
6 people in the area. I kind of held my position until the --
7 until the shift supervisor got there so we could -- so we
8 could secure the scene.
- 9 Q: Okay.
- 10 A: I didn't really do a whole lot else. Like I say, we all
11 were out there pretty close to the same time.
- 12 Q: Okay. Do you know who put up the crime scene tape?
- 13 A: I have -- I don't remember. I don't really recall.
- 14 Q: Could it have been you?
- 15 A: I don't think I did.
- 16 Q: Okay. All right. Do you recall whether you walked
17 around the front or out to the roadway on 501?
- 18 A: I remember walking. I did not -- I did not do a lot of
19 walking around the crime scene area because I -- just as soon
20 as EMS loaded the victim up, I escorted them out to the Marion
21 County Medical Center and I was there with the victim until I
22 was ordered to leave.
- 23 Q: Okay. Did you -- did you go out to the road and see any
24 -- anything out there of any evidentiary value?
- 25 A: Only from what -- I didn't actually go out to -- I went

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - DIRECT BY MR. CLEMENTS

1 out to the road later after the crime scene had started, but I
2 didn't get involved in the crime scene.

3 Q: Okay. You didn't move any shell casings out of the
4 roadway?

5 A: No. I didn't move them. No.

6 Q: Okay. All right. But did you see any shell cases out
7 there?

8 A: I observed some out there, but that was documented as a
9 crime scene so we -- we stayed away from that area --

10 Q: Okay.

11 A: -- for the detectives to investigate.

12 Q: Okay. All right. Is there anything else you did out
13 there on the scene?

14 A: Not other than assist EMS in following them back to the
15 Marion County Medical Center.

16 Q: Did you follow them back to the medical center?

17 A: Mm-hmm.

18 Q: Okay. All right.

19 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence.

20 Q: You didn't get involved in talking with anybody or
21 anybody that was there? Did you count how many people were
22 actually in the trailer or anything like that?

23 A: No, sir.

24 Q: You didn't look at any of the vehicles in the back or do
25 any of that?

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1 A: No, sir. It was my job to secure the victim at the
2 hospital.

3 Q: Okay.

4 A: Make sure nobody tampered with him.

5 Q: All right.

6 MR. CLEMENTS: Please answer any questions that Mr.
7 Bailey or Mr. Deberry may have.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry, cross examination.

9 CROSS EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. DEBERRY:

11 Q: Can you tell me -- you testified earlier that there was
12 about three people there when you pulled up; is that right?

13 A: I said there was three subjects there, yes, one including
14 the victim -- you know, including the victim as one of them --
15 being one of them.

16 Q: So what do you -- what do you refer to when you say a
17 subject?

18 A: There was the two other occupants. It was the two other
19 guys that -- I'm speaking in terms of subjects as the ones
20 that has -- that was friends maybe, not getting shot or
21 anything. The victim -- I'm speaking in terms of the victim
22 because he was the one that had suffered the bullet wounds.

23 Q: Okay. But sometimes subjects get arrested, don't they?

24 A: Sometimes they do.

25 Q: So you didn't know who they were. In other words, they

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1 were just three subjects?

2 A: Right. I did not ask any questions of them. Like I
3 said, we assisted EMS in, loaded the victim up, and I escorted
4 them back to the Marion County Medical Center.

5 Q: Why wouldn't it have been logical to search those
6 subjects and make sure they weren't armed?

7 MR. CLEMENTS: Objection. Calls for speculation, Your
8 Honor.

9 THE COURT: Rephrase your question.

10 BY MR. DEBERRY:

11 Q: Did you search any of the subjects?

12 A: No.

13 Q: And at that point in time, you didn't know what sort of
14 subjects they were?

15 A: At that -- I did not -- I did not know. Yes, sir.

16 Apparently, they appeared to be friends to my knowledge.

17 Q: Okay.

18 A: They were trying to help the victim.

19 Q: Okay. Where was the victim when you pulled up?

20 A: They were all three at the rear of the residence, the
21 back of the residence, behind the mobile home.

22 Q: All right. Where -- do you have any idea where the rest
23 of the people were that were there?

24 A: Uh-uh.

25 Q: Did you observe anybody leaving that -- the area?

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1 A: No.

2 Q: How many cars were there when you got there?

3 A: I cannot -- I can't remember that now. I mean I know
4 there were some vehicles there. I can -- I can -- I think
5 there -- at that time, to the best of my knowledge, I think
6 there were two vehicles there.

7 Q: You knew you had pulled up to a shooting scene; right?

8 A: That is correct.

9 Q: You weren't concerned about your safety with maybe a
10 shooter being inside the home?

11 A: That's why I waited for the other officers to secure the
12 residence.

13 Q: But -- so how close to the victim were you?

14 A: The closest I got to the victim was I would say at least
15 25 yards.

16 Q: You never went any closer?

17 A: Uh-uh.

18 THE COURT: Is that a no?

19 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

20 THE COURT: Thank you.

21 BY MR. DEBERRY:

22 Q: Is this -- State's Exhibit 38. Is this what Mr.
23 Solicitor showed you earlier?

24 A: That is correct.

25 Q: Can you see what -- where is that picture taken from?

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - CROSS BY MR. DEBERRY

- 1 A: From Highway 501.
- 2 Q: And that's --
- 3 A: From the front side of the residence.
- 4 Q: 501 North?
- 5 A: 501 North, front side of the residence.
- 6 Q: Can you tell in this picture what's behind that mobile
7 home?
- 8 A: No.
- 9 Q: Okay. Where did you park when you pulled up there?
- 10 A: When I pulled up to the residence and my other deputies
11 -- or the other deputies on that shift that night, we pretty
12 much pulled up there pretty close to the same time, and I
13 staged right here on this street right here. I did not pull
14 any closer to the -- into the residence. I just pulled right
15 up in here --
- 16 Q: Okay.
- 17 A: -- and staged with the high light beams shining back at
18 the rear of the residence.
- 19 Q: Is all that out there -- that General Road and that
20 driveway and all, is that dirt?
- 21 A: Yeah.
- 22 Q: It was -- it's impressionable if you would have stepped
23 on it or tire tracks and such?
- 24 A: I -- I cannot answer that due to the weather. I mean I
25 don't know what -- it's possible.

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1 Q: How was the weather?

2 A: It was -- I can't remember. It was probably -- I can't
3 remember if it was wintertime or summertime.

4 Q: It was in April.

5 A: It was in April? It was probably pretty cool. It was at
6 night. It was in the -- it would have been early in the
7 morning.

8 Q: Does the temperature make a difference with tire tracks?

9 MR. CLEMENTS: Objection, Your Honor. I don't know if he
10 has any expertise to answer those type questions.

11 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

12 BY MR. DEBERRY:

13 Q: Did you -- did you notice any tire tracks or footprints?

14 A: I wasn't observant of that. At that time, I was pretty
15 much focused on the individuals behind the residence.

16 Q: You testified -- you must have returned to the scene
17 after you left the hospital. Is that what happened?

18 A: Later on.

19 Q: Later on? Could you just outline where the crime scene
20 tape was?

21 A: I have no idea. I couldn't -- I'm secure -- I'm pretty
22 sure it's secured around the residence. I'm not exactly
23 positive where the crime scene tape would have been at.

24 Q: Where did you park when you returned?

25 A: When I returned, I parked out here at the edge of the

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - CROSS BY MR. DEBERRY

1 road.

2 Q: On General Road?

3 A: Yes, sir.

4 Q: Did you park on the dirt or where?

5 A: We was all lined up out here on the dirt road because the

6 whole area right there was a crime scene.

7 Q: Okay. So you're testifying that -- how many cars were

8 there at that point in time? A lot of law enforcement?

9 A: Yes. Lots of law enforcement.

10 Q: A dozen vehicles maybe?

11 A: Probably more.

12 Q: Probably more than a dozen vehicles? And they were all

13 parked on General Lane?

14 A: They was parked in that area right there up and down that

15 road.

16 Q: Okay. Do you know if any shell casings were moved?

17 A: I have no idea.

18 Q: And you testified that you just stayed at your vehicle

19 and you never walked up to the -- to the body?

20 A: Right. I never -- I never approached it. I assisted the

21 EMS back to Marion County Medical Center.

22 Q: And you're saying that you may have been the first one

23 there?

24 A: I'm not sure if I was the first one there. Like I said,

25 all three of us got there pretty much at the same time.

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - CROSS BY MR. DEBERRY

- 1 Q: And did you write a report?
- 2 A: No, sir.
- 3 Q: All right. Is it customary for you to write a report?
- 4 A: Whoever is handling the crime -- whoever is handling the
5 crime scene and the officer that's taking charge of that crime
6 area normally do the report who handles the case. Not whoever
7 receives the case, no.
- 8 Q: Okay. So you didn't write a report?
- 9 A: I was not involved in the report.
- 10 Q: Did you write any -- have any notes?
- 11 A: No.
- 12 Q: So if you'd have had some notes, you may remember better
13 today what happened two years ago?
- 14 A: Can you repeat that, please?
- 15 Q: Had you -- had you written some notes at the time of the
16 incident, you probably would have been in a better position to
17 remember today what happened at the -- at the time of the
18 shooting; right?
- 19 A: I -- I'm not -- I'm -- yes. If I'd have wrote some
20 notes, yes, maybe, but it was -- that wasn't the way the
21 incident was laid out --
- 22 Q: Thank you.
- 23 A: -- to me.
- 24 Q: I appreciate it.
- 25 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

CROSS EXAMINATION

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BY MR. BAILEY:

Q: Mr. Richardson, how long were you on the scene before EMS arrived?

A: I'm not sure. At the time, you know, it was pretty hectic and every -- with the calls and all. I'm not sure how long I was on scene. I can't -- I can't -- I think EMS was standing back waiting for our arrival. So I'm not sure how long I was on scene before we made it safe to enter to approach.

Q: Okay. So they were there before you got there?

A: No. No. They were standing by before I got there.

Q: Okay. When EMS arrived, they were in an ambulance; correct?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: Where did they pull up to? Would it help if I showed you the picture?

THE COURT: For the record, tell me what exhibit number that is.

MR. BAILEY: Judge, this is State's Exhibit 37.

THE COURT: Thank you.

BY MR. BAILEY:

Q: Can you demonstrate for the jury where the ambulance pulled into?

A: I didn't give the call on that. I was securing the road

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- 1 out here, but I think --
- 2 Q: I'm sorry. Can you hold the picture up and show what
3 road you were securing?
- 4 A: I was -- I was out here securing this side of the
5 property. So I think -- I think the ambulance kind of pulled
6 up back there to where the victim might have been laying at.
- 7 Q: Okay.
- 8 A: And then I was -- and then from that point on, I was
9 there to escort the ambulance back to the medical center.
- 10 Q: Okay. When you went back to -- well, let me ask this
11 question. When you refer to the medical center, was that
12 Marion County?
- 13 A: Yeah. Marion County Medical Center.
- 14 Q: Okay. You followed the ambulance to the hospital?
- 15 A: Right.
- 16 Q: They pulled into the emergency department?
- 17 A: Yes.
- 18 Q: Did you pull into the emergency department as well?
- 19 A: I stayed alongside the emergency department close to it,
20 yes.
- 21 Q: Okay. Did you exit your vehicle and enter the hospital?
- 22 A: Sir?
- 23 Q: Did you exit your vehicle and enter the hospital?
- 24 A: Yes.
- 25 Q: Okay.

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

- 1 A: Directly.
- 2 Q: Did you go into any medical room with Mr. Drawhorn?
- 3 A: No. I stood outside the medical room.
- 4 Q: Okay. How long were you at the hospital before any other
5 officers came to the hospital?
- 6 A: I don't recall.
- 7 Q: Okay. If you had some notes, you might have recalled
8 that for us today; correct?
- 9 A: I -- I don't recall. Yeah. I mean I don't recall
10 documenting how long that was possibly. I was there a while.
- 11 Q: Okay. Did you collect any evidence from Mr. Drawhorn's
12 body at the hospital?
- 13 A: I don't remember.
- 14 Q: Let me ask you this. Do you know if a GSR kit was
15 performed on Mr. Drawhorn?
- 16 A: I don't remember. I can't recollect that.
- 17 Q: Do you recall any hospital staff giving you any
18 belongings of Mr. Drawhorn?
- 19 A: If it were -- if it were the case, they would have been
20 secured in an evidence bag. If that were the case, but like I
21 said again, I don't recall. It's been so long ago.
- 22 Q: Okay. Was there anyone that would have responded to the
23 hospital that would have collected that evidence were there
24 any?
- 25 A: I can't -- I can't recall. I don't remember that.

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

1 Q: Do you recall who went to the hospital while you were
2 there, law enforcement-wise?

3 A: Not really. Not really because I contacted my shift
4 supervisor. Once the performance or whatever was performed at
5 the hospital to try to save this gentleman's life, you know, I
6 contacted my shift supervisor and advised him and I waited for
7 further instructions, but I can -- I don't quite remember what
8 I had to do at that time.

9 Q: And are you still with the Sheriff's Department?

10 A: No. I'm with the Marion County Administration Office.

11 Q: Why did you leave the Marion County Sheriff's Department?

12 A: It was for a better job.

13 Q: More pay?

14 A: Well, better hours.

15 Q: Better hours? Okay. Now, I know you testified for Mr.
16 Deberry that typically only the officer who gets the case
17 number does a report?

18 A: Well, it's -- we usually -- we normally meet up and
19 discuss what all took place and our actions that we took and
20 usually -- they usually have one general person doing the
21 report, whoever -- whoever assigns the case number on that
22 particular incident, and we discuss it, you know, and then the
23 report is set up at that point.

24 Q: Okay. Did you go to the police academy?

25 A: Yes.

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

1 Q: Or the criminal justice academy?

2 A: Yes.

3 Q: And you went to the one that's in Columbia, South
4 Carolina; correct?

5 A: Yes.

6 Q: And at the academy, they pretty much teach you how to be
7 a police officer; correct?

8 A: They do their best, yes.

9 Q: Okay. Did they teach you how important it is to make
10 notes when you're on a crime scene?

11 A: Absolutely.

12 Q: Okay. Is it a policy decision that y'all don't take
13 notes at the Marion County Sheriff's Department?

14 A: We all take notes. Yes, we do.

15 Q: But you elected not to take notes on a murder case?

16 A: Well, I wasn't involved in the actual -- I wasn't
17 involved in the actual investigation of the case. My notes
18 was pretty simple. That was to escort the gentleman to the
19 Marion County Medical Center and I did take notes at times,
20 recorded times. I referred all that information back to the
21 shift supervisor at that time.

22 Q: And the shift supervisor was who?

23 A: And the shift supervisor at that time was Clemson Legette
24 I think.

25 Q: Okay. Do you know what Officer Legette did with your

CORPORAL MARION RICHARDSON - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

1 records?

2 A: That's where we had our meeting at and discussed all our
3 numbers and stuff, and mine was more -- mine was more set to
4 times than anything as far as the deceased and all that, time
5 of the arrival at the hospital, deceased time, stuff like
6 that.

7 Q: And since you don't have your notes, you can't tell me
8 what time you arrived at the hospital?

9 A: No, I cannot.

10 Q: Okay.

11 MR. BAILEY: Please answer any questions that Solicitor
12 Clements might have for you.

13 THE COURT: Any redirect?

14 MR. CLEMENTS: No, Your Honor. I ask if he can be
15 released from his subpoena.

16 THE COURT: All right. Any objection, Mr. Deberry?

17 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

19 MR. BAILEY: Nothing, Your Honor. I mean no objection.

20 THE COURT: Sir, you may step down. You're free to go.
21 You have no further responsibility under your subpoena. Thank
22 you for being here.

23 MR. CLEMENTS: We'd call Sergeant Clemson Legette.

24 THE COURT: Not right now. Ladies and gentlemen, we're
25 going to take a break. You've been out here about an hour and

SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE - DIRECT BY MR. CLEMENTS

1 THE CLERK: Thank you.

2 SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE, being first
3 duly sworn, testifies as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

6 Q: Could you please state your name for the record and tell
7 this jury what you do for a living and who you work for?

8 A: Yes, sir. My name is Clemson Legette II and I'm a
9 sergeant with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, a road
10 patrol deputy.

11 Q: And how long have you worked in law enforcement, Sergeant
12 Legette?

13 A: Eighteen years.

14 Q: And have you worked with the Marion County Sheriff's
15 Office the entire 18 years?

16 A: No, sir.

17 Q: Where else have you worked?

18 A: I worked for three years with the Marion Police
19 Department and about a year and a half with the state troopers
20 of South Carolina.

21 Q: Okay. And you're a native of Marion County?

22 A: No, sir.

23 Q: Where are you from?

24 A: New Jersey.

25 Q: New Jersey? Okay. How long have you lived in Marion?

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- 1 A: Thirty years.
- 2 Q: Okay. All right. And were you out and was it your shift
3 that was patrolling the night of April 12th and the early
4 morning of April 13th, 2012?
- 5 A: Yes, sir.
- 6 Q: Did you get a call to respond to Highway 501 North?
- 7 A: Yes, sir.
- 8 Q: Can you please tell this jury when you got that call what
9 you did and what you found and where you went?
- 10 A: Yes, sir. We received a call of shots fired at a
11 residence. I was located on Highway 501 South near the Rains
12 community on patrol. I came up on scene after the other
13 officers. We noted -- saw the victim, Mr. Drawhorn, and
14 family members and we tried to take control of the scene.
- 15 Q: And you were where? Where do you recall that being? 501
16 North or 501 South?
- 17 A: The call was 501 North. I was located on 501 South.
- 18 Q: Okay. Down in Rains?
- 19 A: In Rains, yes.
- 20 Q: So it took you a little bit of time to get there, did it
21 not?
- 22 A: Yes, sir.
- 23 Q: Who else was on patrol with you?
- 24 A: I had Corporal Marion Richardson and Patrolman Gregory
25 Pike.

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1 Q: Okay. And that was all on patrol?

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 Q: All right. Do you know who got there first?

4 A: Patrolman Gregory Pike.

5 Q: Okay. And who got there second?

6 A: Corporal Marion Richardson.

7 Q: All right. Who got there third?

8 A: I did.

9 Q: Okay. And was that within minutes or seconds or how
10 close together was it?

11 A: Corporal -- Corporal Richardson and Patrolman Pike was
12 within seconds of each other and I came in within about --
13 within two minutes after they arrived.

14 Q: Okay. And how soon after you arrived did EMS get on
15 scene?

16 A: They arrived approximately 30 seconds after I came on
17 scene.

18 Q: Thirty seconds after you?

19 A: Yes, sir.

20 Q: And where do you get those times from?

21 A: We got it from the dispatch.

22 Q: Okay. CAD report?

23 A: Yes, sir.

24 Q: Okay. And when you got there on the scene, can you
25 please tell the jury what you found and what you saw?

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1 A: We came on the scene and we saw the family members, you
2 know, upset within reason. I saw Mr. Drawhorn trying to, you
3 know, stay calm, that he was shot.

4 Q: Where was he located?

5 A: He was in the back yard.

6 Q: Okay. All right. Who was out there with him?

7 A: I'd say -- I assumed that's his family members, possibly
8 some friends that was outside the residence.

9 Q: Okay. Do you recall about how many people there were?

10 A: Not clearly, but I'd take a guess. It probably would
11 have been five to seven. That's about right.

12 Q: Five? That's a guess? You don't --

13 A: Yes, that's a guess.

14 Q: It's been a couple years, hasn't it?

15 A: Yes, sir.

16 Q: Okay. All right. When you got there, what did you do
17 after you got out of your car with the people that were there
18 and your officers? What did you do?

19 A: As I recall, when we were clear, EMS got there and they
20 took Mr. Drawhorn.

21 Q: Okay.

22 A: Like I said, it was -- everybody was upset; so we were
23 trying to, you know, control the situation as much as we could
24 talking to the people about what they witnessed or what they
25 heard.

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1 Q: Okay. So the people that were there were witnesses?

2 A: Right.

3 Q: Okay. Were they upset? Did you have to calm them down?

4 A: We tried to talk with them, calm them down, trying to
5 get, you know --

6 Q: Okay.

7 A: -- make sense what took place.

8 Q: All right. And about how soon after you got there did
9 the investigators get there?

10 A: The investigators got there. If I recall, I had to call
11 Detective Bell.

12 Q: Did you call Detective Bell?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: Was he the on-call detective at that time?

15 A: He was the on-call detective at the time.

16 Q: Okay. And did he respond?

17 A: He responded.

18 Q: And now on this type of situation where you got a
19 shooting and a death, how many investigators do y'all call
20 out?

21 A: Well, we usually have all the investigators.

22 Q: All of them? Okay. Did you do anything to secure the
23 crime scene?

24 A: Well, I instructed Patrolman -- Patrolman Pike to see if
25 he could find any evidence because there was only three of us

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1 --

2 Q: Yeah.

3 A: -- out there. I kept my eye on the back to make sure

4 nobody was going in and out of the residence.

5 Q: And he went to look around?

6 A: Right. Well, along with Corporal Richardson.

7 Q: Okay. Along with Corporal Richardson?

8 A: Yes, sir.

9 Q: Did they go out to the roadway?

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: Was anything moved?

12 A: Well, according to Patrolman Pike, I found after the fact

13 that Corporal Richardson moved -- moved the shellings.

14 Q: From where to where?

15 A: From the road -- I want to say from the road probably to

16 the --

17 Q: Out of the roadway?

18 A: Out of the roadway.

19 Q: So they wouldn't get run over?

20 A: Yes, sir.

21 Q: What -- if it was you, what would you have done? Would

22 you have moved the shells or done something else?

23 A: I would have left it alone.

24 Q: All right.

25 A: You don't touch evidence.

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- 1 Q: Stopped the traffic?
- 2 A: Stopped the traffic.
- 3 Q: Closed the lane off?
- 4 A: Yes, sir.
- 5 Q: Okay. Now, is Corporal Richardson still working with you
- 6 in law enforcement?
- 7 A: No, sir.
- 8 Q: Where is he?
- 9 A: He's with the code enforcement.
- 10 Q: Okay. All right. Now, did you put any or did anybody
- 11 else put any crime scene tape up? Who put that up?
- 12 A: After investigators came, I put the crime scene tape up.
- 13 I wasn't sure -- it was one of the investigators. I wasn't
- 14 sure who was with me at the time that set it up.
- 15 Q: Okay. So you waited on the investigators?
- 16 A: Right.
- 17 Q: And then you and an investigator put it up?
- 18 A: Yes, sir.
- 19 Q: Do you recall which investigator it was?
- 20 A: No, sir.
- 21 Q: Okay. But before they got there, did you have enough
- 22 manpower to look at everything and keep your eye on everything
- 23 and put the tape up?
- 24 A: No, sir. Like I said, there was only three of us.
- 25 Q: All right. Once the investigators got there, y'all had

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1 more manpower?

2 A: We had more manpower. Yes, sir.

3 Q: Okay. All right. What else did you do on the scene, if

4 anything?

5 A: I basically assisted the investigators. I just looked

6 for any additional evidence.

7 Q: Okay. So when they came on the scene, the control of the

8 scene went from you to them?

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: Okay. All right. And you just assisted with whatever

11 they asked you to do?

12 A: Yes, sir.

13 Q: All right. Now, how long did you stay at that scene, if

14 you recall?

15 A: I'd say, if I could recall, approximately over an hour.

16 We had another call.

17 Q: You got another call you had to respond to?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: Where? Somewhere else in the county?

20 A: Yes, sir.

21 Q: Okay. Do you recall where that was?

22 A: It was located in west Marion.

23 Q: Okay.

24 A: Lachlan Road.

25 Q: All right. So you left the scene out there at 501 North

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1 and went to --

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 Q: -- that other scene?

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 Q: All right. Did you have any other duties other than
6 helping prepare a report in this case?

7 A: No, sir.

8 Q: Okay. And who -- who prepared the report?

9 A: It was Patrolman Pike.

10 Q: All right. Did you have to review that and approve it?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: Okay. All right.

13 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence. Sergeant
14 Legette, thank you. Please answer any questions Mr. Bailey or
15 Mr. Deberry may have.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry, cross examination.

17 CROSS EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. DEBERRY:

19 Q: Good afternoon, Sergeant Legette.

20 A: Good afternoon.

21 Q: You testified when the call came in you were over in the
22 Rains community?

23 A: Yes, sir.

24 Q: Which way would you go from Rains to -- to 501 North?

25 A: From Rains, I probably was traveling northbound. I was

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- 1 southbound at that time.
- 2 Q: How far -- how far would you have been away from the
3 crime scene?
- 4 A: It would have been within ten miles.
- 5 Q: About ten miles?
- 6 A: Within ten miles, yes.
- 7 Q: So you're sure that -- that Deputy Pike arrived first?
- 8 A: Yes, sir.
- 9 Q: Okay. Where did you park when you arrived?
- 10 A: I parked in the back yard.
- 11 Q: In the back yard?
- 12 A: Yes, sir.
- 13 Q: All right. I'm going to show you what's into evidence as
14 State's Exhibit 37. Do you recognize that?
- 15 A: This would be the area --
- 16 Q: Is that --
- 17 A: -- where it took place.
- 18 Q: That's where the shooting occurred?
- 19 A: Yes, sir.
- 20 Q: Okay. How did you get into the back yard? Well, I'll
21 ask you does the driveway come in off of General Road?
- 22 A: It come off of -- I want to say I came from the highway.
- 23 Q: What -- what are you -- what came from the highway?
- 24 A: The road -- the driveway to the -- to the back yard.
- 25 Q: Let me show you. Let me point out something to you.

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- 1 This is Highway 501 North here. This is General Road, this
2 gravel dirt road.
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: And this is the driveway. It looks to be off of General
5 Road. Are you testifying that you drove in off of 501 North?
- 6 A: Parked off of General Road. It has been a while. It
7 seems like there was, like, a road in the driveway forward.
- 8 Q: Okay. Do you agree that General Road is a dirt road?
- 9 A: Yes, sir.
- 10 Q: Okay. Would you agree that that driveway that goes to
11 the back of that residence is dirt?
- 12 A: Yes, sir.
- 13 Q: Okay. Whereabouts did you park behind that residence?
- 14 THE COURT: Hold it up, please, for the jury to see.
- 15 A: I'm sorry. I'd say in this area possibly.
- 16 Q: Okay. And did you then walk up to Mr. Drawhorn?
- 17 A: At the time, EMS had got there. I walked up to -- like I
18 say, his family members was trying to --
- 19 Q: So did -- you walked up amongst what you're calling
20 family members. Did you know them individually?
- 21 A: No, sir.
- 22 Q: What were their names?
- 23 A: Like I say, I didn't know them.
- 24 Q: Did -- you knew that there had been a shooting there?
- 25 A: From what the call came through, yes, sir.

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1 Q: All right. So were you not concerned that they may be
2 subjects?

3 A: Yes, sir.

4 Q: You were?

5 A: Yes, sir, but also I guess when we come to the scene, we
6 just want to make sure of the safety of the other people as
7 well.

8 Q: Okay. Do you have any training at all that when you come
9 to a shooting scene that there's evidence that could be there
10 that could -- that could be wiped away or anything like that?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: Are you familiar with GSR?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: What is that?

15 A: That's the gun -- gunshot residue.

16 Q: Gunshot residue?

17 A: Yeah.

18 Q: And where does that typically -- where is that typically
19 found?

20 A: On the palms, on the hands of the shooter.

21 Q: Okay. Now, you testified that the people that were there
22 were family members?

23 A: I said possibly family members or -- and friends.

24 Q: Friends?

25 A: Yeah. I can't really say for sure they're family

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1 members. I don't know.

2 Q: All right. And at the time, did you know where the
3 shooting had -- what had happened?

4 A: No, sir. That's what we were trying to find out, what
5 was going on.

6 Q: That's what you were trying to find out?

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: So did you search the individuals that were there?

9 A: No, sir.

10 Q: Did you pat them down?

11 A: No, sir.

12 Q: Were there -- were they trying to put Mr. Drawhorn into a
13 vehicle?

14 A: When I got there, from what I could understand, they was
15 trying to keep him walking around to keep him awake, keep him
16 up.

17 Q: He was walking around?

18 A: They was keeping him up walking him trying to keep him
19 from -- I guess from passing out.

20 Q: Did anybody, you or your other officers that were there,
21 tell them to get away from Mr. Drawhorn?

22 A: No, sir.

23 Q: You didn't? They didn't?

24 A: At least for my part, I didn't myself. But when I got
25 there, I didn't.

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1 Q: Was Mr. Richardson up there amongst Mr. Drawhorn and his
2 family members or the subjects or --

3 A: Yes, sir.

4 Q: He was?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: And how -- and how long after y'all were there did EMS
7 arrive?

8 A: It was I would say within 30 seconds after I arrived on
9 the scene.

10 Q: Thirty seconds after you arrived?

11 A: Within 30 seconds.

12 Q: So what happened to the individuals? I assume that they
13 went ahead and transported Mr. Drawhorn?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: What happened to the other individuals that were there?

16 A: They stayed on the scene.

17 Q: But you don't -- you didn't take their names?

18 A: As I recall, we took names trying to get names of the
19 victim, Mr. Drawhorn, and who else was in the house to talk
20 with. Like I said, due to the shortage of manpower, we tried
21 to do all we could. Like I said, people were still upset.

22 Q: Are you familiar with a crime scene log-in report or a
23 crime scene report where you take names of individuals who
24 enter the crime scene?

25 A: Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q: Where is that report?
- 2 A: I'm not sure.
- 3 Q: Are you sure that one was even generated?
- 4 A: I'm not sure.
- 5 Q: You're not sure? So who was it from EMS that arrived?
- 6 A: I'm not sure who was on from EMS.
- 7 Q: Where did the ambulance come?
- 8 A: The same way we came in the back yard.
- 9 Q: The same way you came?
- 10 A: Yeah.
- 11 Q: You testified that you sent your two patrolmen out to do
12 some searching for evidence; is that right?
- 13 A: Yes, sir.
- 14 Q: And that they found some gun shells?
- 15 A: Yes, sir.
- 16 Q: And that they moved them?
- 17 A: According to Patrolman Pike, Corporal Richardson moved
18 them.
- 19 Q: Did he pick them up and move them or did he sweep them
20 with a broom or kick them with his feet? How did he move
21 them?
- 22 A: Probably picked them up.
- 23 Q: Picked them up?
- 24 A: All I know is they was removed from the -- from the
25 actual location.

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1 Q: They were removed from the actual location? What was the
2 actual location?

3 A: I guess it was in the roadway.

4 Q: In the roadway?

5 A: Yeah. In the roadway.

6 Q: In the median?

7 A: In the -- in the highway.

8 Q: There's four lanes of traffic that must be 50 yards wide
9 of highway out there. About where -- where were they?

10 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object. He says he heard
11 they were moved. I mean I don't know how he's going to know
12 where they were moved from if he wasn't out there.

13 MR. DEBERRY: I mean he certainly acts like he's about to
14 answer the question.

15 THE COURT: If he knows the answer to the question, he
16 can answer it. Tell me for the record what exhibit that is.

17 MR. DEBERRY: That's State's Exhibit 37.

18 THE COURT: Thank you. If you know the answer, sir,
19 please answer it. If you don't --

20 BY MR. DEBERRY:

21 A: Well, this, like I said, was out front and I was in the
22 rear. From my earlier looking, then I guess it was from the
23 roadway to -- into another location I guess from the highway
24 to keep traffic from flowing over the evidence.

25 Q: Okay. So your understanding and you're testifying that

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1 they moved the evidence so that traffic could come through?

2 A: I'm not saying anything. I'm saying Corporal Richardson.

3 Q: Corporal Richardson?

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 Q: Okay. It was after midnight?

6 A: Yes, sir.

7 Q: Is there very much traffic out there after midnight?

8 A: You might not have that much traffic, but still -- you

9 still have a few cars. Still vehicles of traffic then.

10 Q: Okay. Is it standard procedure would you say to move

11 that evidence like that?

12 A: You don't move evidence.

13 Q: So that was a mistake?

14 A: That's a mistake.

15 Q: And because it was moved, then we don't have any way to

16 know where it was. Fair?

17 A: If they moved it, yes.

18 Q: Okay. Do you know or do you have any idea if it was down

19 here close to General Road or was it way up here or where was

20 it? Do you have any idea?

21 A: I have no idea.

22 Q: There's been some testimony that as a sergeant -- do you

23 meet with your officers and generate a report?

24 A: As far as doing a report?

25 Q: Mm-hmm.

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- 1 A: Check off when necessary. Looking at the reports, yes,
2 sir.
- 3 Q: Did Mr. Richardson give -- supply you with any notes he
4 had?
- 5 A: No, sir.
- 6 Q: Did you meet with Mr. Richardson to help produce a report
7 from that night?
- 8 A: Actually, it was Patrolman Pike's report. That was his
9 zone. We call it a zone in each area -- each part of the
10 county. So Mr. -- Patrolman Pike was doing the report.
- 11 Q: Did you review the report?
- 12 A: Yes, sir.
- 13 Q: Are you familiar with what the report says?
- 14 A: At the time, I do -- I did. I am familiar with it.
- 15 Q: Are you --
- 16 A: We put on there what took place.
- 17 Q: When is the last time you took a look at the report?
- 18 A: I glanced at it this afternoon.
- 19 Q: Does that report show anything or say anything about the
20 shell casings being moved?
- 21 A: No.
- 22 Q: Can you tell me where you wrote it down or where you have
23 it logged in about the specific vehicles that were there?
- 24 A: No, sir.
- 25 Q: Do you remember how many vehicles were there?

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1 A: If I would take a guess, I would say it was probably
2 about two or three.

3 Q: You testified one time that you made sure that nobody
4 went inside and outside of the house, didn't you?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: Why did you -- why was that a concern?

7 A: Well, that's part of the scene. It's actually a crime
8 scene, like I said.

9 Q: Oh, it was?

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: What gave you that determination?

12 A: We had the drive-by shooting at the residence. The
13 residence is part of the crime scene. So we try to keep
14 people in and out -- I mean try to keep people out of the
15 crime scene as much as possible.

16 Q: What evidence or what -- any -- what gave you any
17 inclination at that point in time when you had just pulled up
18 that it was a drive-by?

19 A: We had a call from -- dispatch had put it out as a drive-
20 by and somebody got shot, so far as I can recall.

21 Q: Did you -- were you aware there was a bullet hole in the
22 car in the back yard?

23 A: I can't recall that.

24 Q: Okay. If there's an individual shot in the back yard, I
25 mean would that not give you some inclination that that might

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1 be part of the crime scene as well?

2 A: The car was in the area we blocked off as part of the
3 crime scene.

4 Q: Show the jury where you did block off as the crime scene?
5 This is State's Exhibit 37.

6 A: We try to make it as wide as we can at the time so we
7 have to have some trees to -- or poles we can use. Let's see.
8 It was in this area.

9 Q: Right around that area?

10 A: Right that way.

11 Q: Well, Sergeant, we're not sure where the shell casings
12 were; right? I mean they were moved?

13 A: Right.

14 Q: And they were moved to the side of the roadway somewhere;
15 correct?

16 A: Right.

17 Q: You didn't include that area in your crime scene?

18 A: Well, the shell casings were already moved from the
19 highway. We had other vehicles. We had patrolmen, like I
20 said, just -- we had other officers to park there because we
21 did eventually stop the flow of traffic.

22 Q: Okay.

23 A: That we didn't have -- like I say, at that time we didn't
24 have enough manpower.

25 Q: Right. So eventually a lot --

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- 1 A: Right.
- 2 Q: A lot of cars came; is that right?
- 3 A: And detectives, right.
- 4 Q: How many cars you think responded?
- 5 A: Let's see. At the time, we had four or five
- 6 investigators, along with -- we had some administrative staff
- 7 to come out as well.
- 8 Q: So you --
- 9 A: So I'm going to say possibly about -- I'd say about seven
- 10 vehicles.
- 11 Q: At least seven?
- 12 A: At least seven.
- 13 Q: Were they parked outside of the crime scene? They
- 14 wouldn't have parked inside of the crime scene, would they?
- 15 A: They wouldn't have parked inside of the scene. If they
- 16 had a log generated, it had their names on it. Possibly had
- 17 some inside. Some inside, probably had some out. Like I say,
- 18 they had some at the highway stop the flow of traffic.
- 19 Q: Do you remember any law enforcement vehicles parked on
- 20 General Road or right in --
- 21 A: They might have one or two just, you know, like there.
- 22 Q: And when you said earlier that you just -- you just taped
- 23 off right around the house; right?
- 24 A: Right around -- around the house, yes.
- 25 Q: Right. You didn't include General Road, did you?

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1 A: No, sir.

2 Q: And you didn't include out here where you found any shell
3 casings?

4 A: I don't think we had the vehicles on the highway.
5 Possibly one or two vehicles.

6 Q: And you can't say if those shell casings were -- you
7 can't say where they were; right?

8 A: Right.

9 Q: You said that Corporal Richardson probably picked them up
10 and moved them?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: Do you know anything about fingerprints?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: Can't they be put on shell casings?

15 A: Depends on how smooth they are I guess.

16 Q: Yeah. Wouldn't it be likely that whoever loaded the gun
17 may have been the shooter of the gun and may have left their
18 fingerprints on the shell casings?

19 A: It's possible.

20 Q: But if somebody puts there fingerprints on top of
21 somebody else's fingerprints, doesn't that kind of mess that
22 up?

23 A: Yeah. They would have smudges.

24 Q: Okay. Do you know if the shell casings were
25 fingerprinted?

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- 1 A: I'm not sure.
- 2 Q: Okay. Did you know if any of those guys out there that
3 are the family members or the subjects or whoever they were --
4 did you know if they washed their hands at all?
- 5 A: I'm not sure..
- 6 Q: Did you -- did you see any blood?
- 7 A: There was blood on Mr. Drawhorn's clothes that he was
8 shot in.
- 9 Q: Blood on his clothes?
- 10 A: Yes, sir.
- 11 Q: And he was outside when you got there?
- 12 A: Yes, sir.
- 13 Q: Did you have -- I mean did you look at the -- how far
14 away from the house was he when you got there?
- 15 A: I'd say probably around -- I'd say a few yards.
- 16 Q: All right. Did you have a flashlight?
- 17 A: Yes, sir.
- 18 Q: Did you -- did you stick your head in the house at all?
- 19 A: Yes, sir.
- 20 Q: Did you notice any blood coming out of the house?
- 21 A: I can't recall at this point. Possibly there was, but I
22 just can't remember.
- 23 Q: So you can't say if he got shot inside or outside, can
24 you?
- 25 A: Like I said, when we had enough manpower to go and

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1 actually check thoroughly, we found bullet holes. There was
2 some bullet holes inside of the house.

3 Q: Did you do any checking on the bullet holes as to which
4 direction they came from?

5 A: Well, we had the investigators to do that.

6 Q: So you didn't do that?

7 A: Like I said, I assisted during that part.

8 Q: I understand. You helped them?

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: Did you see -- did you participate in any sort of
11 trajectory investigation, which means, you know, trying to
12 determine which travel -- which direction bullets were
13 traveling?

14 A: I did the best I could on it.

15 Q: Okay.

16 A: I know they are more, you know, trained for that.

17 Q: Okay.

18 A: But I do the best I can.

19 Q: But you don't have any knowledge of that?

20 A: Not much.

21 Q: Okay. Okay. All right. So when -- did you -- after you
22 went to your -- to your second call about an hour after you
23 were there I guess, by that time investigators and all had
24 come?

25 A: They were already on the scene.

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- 1 Q: Okay. And so you left. Did you come back?
- 2 A: Yes, sir.
- 3 Q: All right. When you came back, did you sign that crime
4 scene log?
- 5 A: I don't recall right now.
- 6 Q: And you didn't start one before you left?
- 7 A: No, sir.
- 8 Q: Yeah. And to your knowledge, is there a crime scene log?
- 9 A: Not to my knowledge.
- 10 Q: Had there been a crime scene log, would the individuals
11 who were there when you arrived been put on that log?
- 12 A: I'm not for sure. Like I say, due to the fact that --
13 excuse me. Like I said, these are -- you know, so the
14 manpower to try to --
- 15 Q: Right.
- 16 A: -- control.
- 17 Q: Right. But you've been to police training and that sort
18 of thing?
- 19 A: Right. Yes, sir.
- 20 Q: And you know it's important to note to --
- 21 A: Yes, sir.
- 22 Q: -- secure --
- 23 A: Yes, sir.
- 24 Q: -- the crime scene and that sort of stuff?
- 25 A: Yes, sir. I'm aware of that.

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- 1 Q: And you know people who were there would probably be an
2 important thing to know?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: So it's possible that some of those people left and we
5 don't know who they are?
- 6 A: It's possible.
- 7 Q: Yeah. All right. And how about the vehicles? Did you
8 -- any report on the license tags, who owned them, who was
9 driving them, what was in them?
- 10 A: We did have recording of some license tags.
- 11 Q: Oh, you did? Who did they report back to?
- 12 A: It doesn't have it here on our CAD -- the CAD report.
- 13 Q: What license tags were there?
- 14 A: Let's see. Must be had four tags.
- 15 Q: Four tags?
- 16 A: Four tags.
- 17 Q: Where were those vehicles?
- 18 A: It doesn't have the location. Like I said, the ones off
19 this here was, like I say, in the back yard.
- 20 Q: You say you were on scene --
- 21 A: Yes, sir.
- 22 Q: -- within two minutes of anybody else; right?
- 23 A: Afterwards.
- 24 Q: Yeah. So I mean you're just guessing they were in the
25 back yard?

SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE - CROSS BY MR. DEBERRY

1 A: Like I say, it has been a while, but that's what I assume
2 because it was in the back yard.

3 Q: So I guess any questions about some specific makes and
4 models, colors and such, you wouldn't know? Or would you know
5 that?

6 A: Not right now, no.

7 Q: You don't have that in your report?

8 A: No, sir. I don't think so. Like I said, I didn't.

9 Q: But you were in charge of --

10 A: I was not in charge. It was just on the report.

11 Q: Did you make any personal notes when you got there? I
12 mean did you write anything down?

13 A: I might have wrote some down. Like I say, I probably
14 gave it to Patrolman Pike for -- for purposes of his report.

15 Q: Did you give them to the solicitor?

16 A: Like I said, I possibly gave it to Patrolman Pike for the
17 -- you know, to assist in his report if there was anything
18 taken.

19 Q: Don't you think it would have been beneficial if you'd
20 have -- if you did write anything down so later, like, if you
21 had to come to court, you might could remember better?

22 A: Right.

23 Q: Right. But that didn't happen? It's been a while;
24 right?

25 A: Yes, sir. It's been a while.

SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE - CROSS BY MR. DEBERRY

1 Q: All right. Well, I appreciate it.

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you so much.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

5 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 CROSS EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. BAILEY:

8 Q: Sergeant Legette, you said you had the opportunity to
9 review Private Pike's report; correct?

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: You're his supervising officer?

12 A: Yes, sir.

13 Q: Okay. Who's your supervising officer?

14 A: It would be Lieutenant Darren Miles.

15 Q: Okay. When you reviewed Pike's report, you had the
16 opportunity to change it?

17 A: If it have any -- anything missing or lacking.

18 Q: You could have added information to his report?

19 A: Well, you know, unless I found anything and then we would
20 add what I call a supplemental report to it, yes.

21 Q: So you have a specific document labeled supplemental
22 report?

23 A: In our -- in our LawTrack, yes, sir.

24 Q: Okay. And you could have done a supplemental report
25 yourself?

SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

1 A: Again, if there was anything missing or if I have some
2 other information pertaining to what took place, you know,
3 possibly I could do that.

4 Q: The moving of the shell casings is a pretty significant
5 event, isn't it?

6 A: Yes, sir.

7 Q: I mean you testified for Mr. Deberry that that was a
8 mistake?

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: That's an error; correct?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: And you reviewed Pike's report; correct?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: Nowhere in Pike's report does it mention --

15 A: No, sir.

16 Q: -- that those shell casings were moved; correct?

17 A: Correct.

18 Q: And you didn't do a supplemental report for us, did you?

19 A: No, sir.

20 Q: That's important though?

21 A: Yes, sir.

22 Q: You should have did a supplemental report for us; right?

23 A: I should have.

24 Q: And you could have told us that Richardson moved those
25 shell casings; correct?

SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

- 1 A: Correct.
- 2 Q: That's something that would have been included in a
3 supplement report. Would you agree with me?
- 4 A: Yes, sir.
- 5 Q: Okay. You were at the trailer on 501 for a couple hours
6 that night?
- 7 A: Yes, sir.
- 8 Q: At any point during the time, did you hear the name
9 Blaton Smith?
- 10 A: Say that name again, sir?
- 11 Q: Blaton Smith, my client right here. Did you hear his
12 name? Blaton Smith?
- 13 A: There was a name mentioned.
- 14 Q: Whose name was mentioned?
- 15 A: I think Mr. Smith's name was mentioned.
- 16 Q: It was mentioned?
- 17 A: Yes, sir.
- 18 Q: How was it mentioned?
- 19 A: One of the witnesses.
- 20 Q: One of the witnesses?
- 21 A: Right.
- 22 Q: You interviewed one of those witnesses?
- 23 A: Talked with -- I talked with some of them.
- 24 Q: And one of those witnesses mentioned Blaton Smith?
- 25 A: Yes, sir.

SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

1 Q: Was he labeled as a possible suspect at that point in
2 time?

3 A: Possible.

4 Q: It was a possible?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: A possibility of a suspect being named that night?

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: Did you do a supplemental report indicating that?

9 A: No, sir.

10 Q: Did you add that to Private First Class Pike's report?

11 A: No, sir, I didn't.

12 Q: That's a pretty significant event, wouldn't you agree,
13 Sergeant?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: You had the name of a possible suspect, but you write it
16 down nowhere. That's what you did that night; correct?

17 A: Correct. The officer -- Patrolman Pike also heard the
18 same name mentioned as well.

19 Q: Patrolman Pike did so as well?

20 A: Right.

21 Q: Okay. And again, not in his report; correct?

22 A: Correct.

23 Q: Did you personally collect any evidence from the trailer
24 or from 501 that night?

25 A: No, sir.

SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

- 1 Q: Now, I know Mr. Deberry asked you a couple questions
2 about going into the house. Did you walk through that house?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: You did walk through the house?
- 5 A: Yes, sir.
- 6 Q: Who did you walk through the house with?
- 7 A: I walked with the investigators.
- 8 Q: Okay. Let me -- let me ask you real just briefly what
9 investigators walked through the house with you?
- 10 A: It would be Detective Bell. Possibly Detective Hotaling
11 I think. I want to say afterwards Patrolman Pike was in there
12 as well.
- 13 Q: Okay. So Patrolman Pike went in the house with you?
- 14 A: Yes, sir.
- 15 Q: Okay. At what point in the night did you go into that
16 house?
- 17 A: It was well after what taken place.
- 18 Q: Well, let me ask you -- let me ask you this way. You
19 were there and then you left and you came back; correct?
- 20 A: Yes, sir.
- 21 Q: Did you go in the house on your first hour-long stay?
- 22 A: We went in it. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q: You did?
- 24 A: Yes, sir.
- 25 Q: Okay. Did you find any evidence in that house?

SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

1 A: I can't recall the first time I went in seeing anything.

2 Q: Were you specifically looking for evidence in that house?

3 A: Yes, sir. Just, like I said, from -- if we had bullet
4 holes to what took place.

5 Q: Okay. And Mr. Deberry asked you this, but you saw no
6 blood inside the house?

7 A: Like I said, I don't recall seeing anything. It's
8 possible that I just -- at this moment, I cannot recall seeing
9 any blood.

10 Q: Did you do a protective sweep of the house, Sergeant?

11 A: Yes, sir. We do that to clear the house.

12 Q: And you did that upon arrival to the scene?

13 A: Well, it was after the victim was -- Mr. Drawhorn was
14 taken away. Also, like I say, getting some information from,
15 you know, what other people -- you're trying to make sense of
16 what happened, and then we went inside just to -- to make it
17 clear.

18 Q: And that protective sweep -- is that when you went in
19 with Detective Bell and Private Pike?

20 A: It actually was with Patrolman Pike. We went in the
21 first time and that's the first time I go in myself.

22 Patrolman Pike went in with me. The second time we went in,
23 like I said, looking for any additional evidence. That's when
24 we had Detective Bell and possibly Detective Hotaling and
25 Patrolman Pike.

SERGEANT CLEMSON LEGETTE - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

1 Q: So on that first hour-long stint, you went through the
2 house twice; correct?

3 A: Yes, sir.

4 MR. BAILEY: Please answer any questions Solicitor
5 Clements may have for you.

6 THE COURT: Redirect?

7 MR. CLEMENTS: Just briefly.

8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

10 Q: These names and other things that Mr. Bailey was getting
11 on you about, were investigators privy to that same
12 information?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: Okay. And did they follow up on that?

15 A: Yes, sir.

16 Q: You don't as a patrol officer; right?

17 A: Right.

18 Q: Okay. That's not your particular job?

19 A: That's theirs, but I like to help, you know. If there's
20 anything I can help out, I would.

21 MR. CLEMENTS: Okay. No further questions. We'd like to
22 call the next witness.

23 THE COURT: You got any other questions of this witness?

24 MR. CLEMENTS: No, sir.

25 THE COURT: All right. Any recross?

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1 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 RE-CROSS EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. DEBERRY:

4 Q: Sergeant Legette, it is your job when you come on a crime
5 scene to start figuring out who is there, is it not?

6 A: Yes, sir.

7 Q: But you didn't do that, did you?

8 A: Well, I may not have checked it, but I'm not sure who
9 else might have. Like I say --

10 Q: Right.

11 A: -- we had other patrolmen there, like I said.

12 Q: So if you didn't do that, you couldn't have given the
13 names to any investigator, could you?

14 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I'm not sure this is new
15 matter that I brought up on redirect. I was not asking about
16 names of subjects. That wasn't what I even asked about.

17 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

18 MR. DEBERRY: No further -- nothing further.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, anything further?

20 MR. BAILEY: Nothing further, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Sir, you may step down. Thank you.

22 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

23 THE COURT: As he's stepping down, can I see the lawyers
24 at sidebar, please?

25 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of

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1 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury off the
2 record.)

3 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, we'd call Investigator
4 Samantha Jackson.

5 THE COURT: All right.

6 MR. CLEMENTS: Go up there and be sworn, please, ma'am.

7 THE CLERK: Place your left hand on the Bible and raise
8 your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm the evidence
9 you are about to give in this case shall be the truth, the
10 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

11 THE WITNESS: I do.

12 THE CLERK: Thank you.

13 INVESTIGATOR SAMANTHA JACKSON, being
14 first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

17 Q: Will you please state your name for the record and tell
18 us where you work?

19 A: Samantha Jackson. I work for Marion County Sheriff's
20 Office.

21 Q: And currently you're what?

22 A: I'm a detective.

23 Q: All right. Were you working for the Marion County
24 Sheriff's Office in April of 2012?

25 A: Yes, sir, I was.

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1 Q: Were you an investigator then?

2 A: No, sir, I was not.

3 Q: What was your job duties then?

4 A: I was a private. I worked -- helped out on -- helped to
5 answer calls on the road and I was the victim's advocate.

6 Q: Okay. Did you have occasion to go to MUSC in April of
7 2012?

8 A: Yes, sir, I did.

9 Q: And can you please tell this jury what caused you to go
10 to MUSC, the Medical University of South Carolina in
11 Charleston, and what exactly you did?

12 A: I escorted the body of Christian Drawhorn to MUSC to have
13 an autopsy performed.

14 Q: And were you present there while the autopsy was
15 performed?

16 A: Yes, sir, I was.

17 Q: All right. During and after the autopsy, was there any
18 items to give -- given to you to bring back for possible
19 evidence in a trial?

20 A: Yes, sir, there was.

21 Q: And what did -- how did you receive those items?

22 A: The doctor that performed the autopsy -- Dr. Ennis I'm
23 assuming is how you pronounce her name. She signed -- had me
24 sign a evidence sheet saying that I retrieved -- received the
25 items from her to complete the chain of custody.

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1 I received a brown paper bag with socks and boxer shorts
2 that the victim was wearing upon arrival at the autopsy. I
3 got a bag with three -- excuse me -- two -- two rubber
4 bracelets and a rubber ring, a package of fingernail clippings
5 from his right and left hand, some pulled hair -- scalp hair,
6 a spot of blood for -- to be tested at SLED to make sure
7 that's who it was, and a projectile bullet that was retrieved
8 from his body.

9 Q: Okay. And what did you do with those items?

10 A: Upon arrival back at the Sheriff's Office, I turned the
11 items over to our evidence custodian, Lieutenant Sawyer.

12 Q: All right. What does Lieutenant Sawyer do with them?

13 A: He signed them into our -- our evidence room, which is
14 uptown at the drug unit.

15 Q: All right. And when you retrieve evidence from an
16 autopsy like that, what is the ultimate purpose for that? To
17 submit it where?

18 A: To submit the evidence to SLED for testing.

19 Q: Okay. And to your knowledge, was that done in this case?

20 A: Yes, sir, it was.

21 Q: And particularly the projectile?

22 A: Yes, sir, it was.

23 Q: Okay. All right.

24 MR. CLEMENTS: Please answer any questions that Mr.
25 Deberry or Mr. Bailey -- oh, wait one moment.

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1 Q: Whose body was that you accompanied to MUSC?

2 A: Christian James Drawhorn.

3 Q: Okay.

4 MR. CLEMENTS: Please answer any questions Mr. Bailey or
5 Mr. Deberry have.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry, cross examination.

7 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor. I've got just one
8 question.

9 CROSS EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. DEBERRY:

11 Q: I'm going to show you what's marked -- marked as State's
12 Exhibit Number 38 and it's just a picture of a mobile home.

13 A: Yeah.

14 Q: Do you agree with that?

15 A: Yes, sir.

16 Q: Can you tell what's behind that mobile home?

17 A: No, sir, I don't.

18 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I'm not sure if she even went
19 to the scene at all.

20 THE COURT: It's cross. I'll allow that question.

21 Q: Can -- can you tell what's behind that mobile home?

22 A: The only thing I can see is behind the mobile home is
23 there's a vehicle to my left of the mobile home.

24 Q: But that -- that's not behind the mobile home. You can't
25 see what's behind that?

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1 A: I cannot see. The mobile home is blocking it.

2 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you. I don't have anything further.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

4 MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, just briefly.

5 CROSS EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. BAILEY:

7 Q: Ms. Jackson, when you went down to MÜSC, did you ever

8 speak with Dr. Cynthia Schandl?

9 A: Not to my knowledge, no, sir.

10 MR. BAILEY: No further questions.

11 THE COURT: Any redirect?

12 MR. CLEMENTS: All right. I'd like to approach the

13 witness.

14 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

16 Q: How many times have you been to an autopsy?

17 A: I'm going to say between seven and nine times.

18 Q: Is it true that they have a team there that performs the

19 autopsies or --

20 A: Yes, sir, it is.

21 Q: -- just one person?

22 A: It's a team of several people.

23 Q: Okay. All right. And the name you referred to was a

24 member of that team performing the autopsy?

25 A: Yes, sir, it was.

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1 Q: Okay.

2 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you. No further questions.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

4 MR. DEBERRY: Nothing further, Judge.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

6 MR. BAILEY: Judge, just one quick redirect question.

7 RECROSS EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. BAILEY:

9 Q: Out of that team that Solicitor Clements asked you about,
10 did you speak with any of them besides Dr. Ennis?

11 A: The only person I recall speaking to about any evidence
12 was Dr. Ennis, the person I got the evidence from.

13 Q: Okay.

14 MR. BAILEY: Thank you. No further questions, Your
15 Honor.

16 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down. All right.
17 Ladies and gentlemen, what we are going to do at this time is
18 we're going to stop for the day. All right? It's getting
19 close to five o'clock and I've been informed that the next
20 witness possibly is quite lengthy and I'm not going to keep
21 you here. I told you I wouldn't try to keep you past six.
22 I'm not going to keep you here at this time.

23 What I'm going to do is I'm going to excuse you for the
24 balance of today. Okay? My instructions remain the same. Do
25 not discuss the case. Do not discuss the case. Do not do any

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1 this morning. I told you we were going to start as promptly
2 at nine o'clock as possible and that's exactly what we're
3 doing. At this time, I'm going to recognize the State to call
4 your next witness, please, sir.

5 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you, Your Honor. If it please the
6 Court, we would call Charlie Watson.

7 THE CLERK: Put your left hand on the Bible and raise
8 your right hand, sir. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that
9 the evidence you shall give in the trial of this case shall be
10 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help
11 you God?

12 THE WITNESS: I do.

13 THE CLERK: Thank you.

14 CHARLIE WATSON, being first duly
15 sworn, testifies as follows:

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

18 Q: Can you fit in there all right?

19 A: Yeah.

20 Q: All right. Can you please state your name for the record
21 and tell this jury where you're working today?

22 A: My name is Charlie Watson. I work for Darlington Police
23 Department.

24 Q: What do you do for the Darlington Police Department?

25 A: I am a patrol officer assigned to Darlington High School

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1 as an SRO.

2 Q: Okay. And how long have you been employed by Darlington?

3 A: Not even a full week.

4 Q: Okay. And prior to working with Darlington PD, where did
5 you work?

6 A: I worked for the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

7 Q: In what capacity?

8 A: I was a criminal detective.

9 Q: Okay. And why did you move to Darlington?

10 A: Just personal reasons.

11 Q: All right. They got more money in Darlington County than
12 they do in Marion County?

13 A: You said it.

14 Q: Okay. Now, when you worked for Marion County Sheriff's
15 Office as an investigator, how long did you work there?

16 A: I worked for Marion County Sheriff's Office a total for
17 nine years.

18 Q: Prior to that, where did you work?

19 A: I worked for Mullins Police Department for eight and a
20 half years.

21 Q: So what's your total time in law enforcement?

22 A: Altogether, 17 and a half -- almost 18 years total.

23 Q: Okay. Were you working as an investigator on the night
24 of April 12th and early morning of April 13th, 2012?

25 A: I was.

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1 Q: Here in Marion County?

2 A: Yes.

3 Q: Okay. And did you have occasion to be called out in
4 regards to a shooting?

5 A: Yes.

6 Q: How did you get called out?

7 A: The night in question, I received a telephone call. With
8 an incident of this nature, the standard protocol is for the
9 whole criminal investigating unit to be activated, which means
10 all detectives come out.

11 Q: All right. And were you the on-call investigator?

12 A: No, sir, I was not.

13 Q: Who was?

14 A: Detective Martin Bell.

15 Q: Okay. So who takes over as the lead investigator on
16 these type of cases?

17 A: The on-call detective, which this night in question was
18 Detective Martin Bell.

19 Q: Okay. And -- and when you responded, where did you
20 respond to?

21 A: To the incident location, which was Highway 501 North.

22 Q: Okay. And when you responded, what other investigators
23 responded, if you can recall?

24 A: The whole division was activated. There was Detective
25 James Lee, Neil Rouse, Reggie Hotaling, Martin Bell, and

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1 myself responded.

2 Q: Okay. And do you know how many officers are on patrol
3 during a shift in Marion County?

4 A: On the average, three.

5 Q: Okay. And so that would have been eight of you to handle
6 that crime scene?

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: Okay. Now, when you got there, who did you find there at
9 the scene?

10 A: When I first initially responded, I touched bases with
11 Detective Bell. He was the lead detective and we started an
12 investigation right away.

13 Q: Okay. And how many civilians were there when you got
14 there?

15 A: Civilians -- there was four victims that were inside the
16 house.

17 Q: Okay. And that weren't shot?

18 A: They were not shot.

19 Q: Okay.

20 A: My understanding --

21 Q: How many shot?

22 A: One was shot and had been taken to the hospital to
23 receive treatment.

24 Q: Okay. So you got there after EMS?

25 A: Yes.

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1 Q: Okay. All right. Can you recall the four individuals'
2 names that were still there at the house that did not get
3 shot?

4 A: Derrick Wilson.

5 Q: Okay.

6 A: Gavin Graves. I can't remember right offhand the last
7 two guys.

8 Q: Was it Darrell and Kollock?

9 A: Yes. Christopher Kollock and -- unfortunately, we
10 learned a lot about nicknames of the -- the other guy was
11 named Goo.

12 Q: Okay. All right. And they were all still there when you
13 got there?

14 A: Yes.

15 Q: Okay. Now, when you got there, can you tell this jury
16 exactly what you did and who -- who you got up with and what
17 duties you performed?

18 A: Yes. Upon my arrival, I met with Detective Bell, who was
19 the lead detective. The first thing we done -- we went and
20 walked out to the highway to look at all the shell casings
21 that were on the highway. There was a good -- good bit.

22 Q: Okay. And what else did you do after you saw all the
23 shell cases?

24 A: Well, we noticed that some of the shell casings were
25 bent. We had gotten information that one of the patrol

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1 officers had moved some of the bent shell casings because they
2 were in the roadway and, at the time, he thought he was doing
3 what was right to preserve the shell casings, which if it had
4 been me as a patrol officer, I'd have just shut down the lane
5 of traffic which we ended up doing anyway because there were
6 still shell casings in the roadway getting run over.

7 Q: So he didn't move all of them?

8 A: No.

9 Q: Okay. But he was trying to keep them from getting run
10 over?

11 A: Yes.

12 Q: All right. Now, you went out there and the shell casings
13 were all around and in the highway and on the -- the side of
14 the highway out of the lane of traffic?

15 A: Yes.

16 Q: Were there any shell casings anywhere else other than
17 that general area that y'all found?

18 A: No.

19 Q: Okay. What else did you go and examine?

20 A: Detective Bell and myself walked toward the house. We
21 made entry into the back door. Once we went inside the back
22 door, there was a washing machine and dryer to the right and,
23 of course, almost an 18-year veteran police officer, the first
24 thing that stood out for me was there was a blood smudge that
25 was on the dryer. We later found out that whenever the

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1 shooting took place, the majority of the victims were in the
2 kitchen and the living room area, and the one, Mr. Christopher
3 Drawhorn, that was actually struck -- when all those bullets
4 started coming into the house, Gavin grabbed him and tried to
5 drag him out of the hallway to get out of the line of fire and
6 that's where they ended up.

7 Q: Okay. Was there a lot of blood or just that one blood
8 smear?

9 A: Just that one blood smidge that was on the dryer because
10 through the investigation I discovered that Gavin actually
11 held Mr. Drawhorn. So --

12 Q: Held him?

13 A: Yeah. Cradled him.

14 Q: Okay. All right. So there was no trail of blood --

15 A: No.

16 Q: -- leading anywhere?

17 A: No.

18 Q: Okay. Now, what else did you see in the trailer and what
19 else did you look for?

20 A: The next thing we did through the detective's division as
21 a whole -- we started looking for bullet fragments. There was
22 a lot of bullet holes in this mobile home. We started looking
23 for fragments, projectiles, anything that we would need to
24 analyze.

25 Q: Okay. Were the bullet holes just on the highway side of

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1 the trailer?

2 A: Yes.

3 Q: Were there any bullet holes on the back side of the
4 trailer?

5 A: Yes.

6 Q: Were those entrance wounds or exit wounds on the front
7 and the back side?

8 A: The bullet holes that were on the back side of the mobile
9 home would have been what we call through and through. Okay?
10 All of the -- all of the bullets that were fired into that
11 house were from the front part and there were actually holes
12 in the front wall of the home that went through. This is an
13 older model single mobile home, very thin; so these bullets
14 were able to come through the front wall, protrude right on
15 through the back wall, and would have kept on going until
16 something would have stopped them.

17 Q: Okay. All right. So there -- correct me if I'm
18 misstating it. So the wounds -- the wounds -- the holes on
19 the back side of the trailer were exit holes?

20 A: Yes.

21 Q: And the holes on the front side of the trailer were
22 entrance holes?

23 A: Yes.

24 Q: All right. Was anything -- did you discover anything hit
25 by bullets on the back side of the trailer?

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1 A: Yes. We noticed a white SUV that through our
2 investigation we found to be belonging to Mr. Derrick Wilson.
3 Q: Okay. And it was hit?
4 A: It was hit twice.
5 Q: Okay. And that was bullets coming through the trailer?
6 A: Yes. I'm not an expert, but where the vehicle was
7 placed, you can go right in front of the vehicle where the
8 back wall of the mobile home is and the holes would almost
9 line up identical.
10 Q: Okay.
11 A: And they were through and through shots. The shots
12 started at the highway, went through the front of the home,
13 through the back wall of the home into the vehicle. And after
14 we searched the vehicle with two bullet holes in the door, we
15 found a projectile --
16 Q: Okay.
17 A: -- inside.
18 Q: One of them? One projectile?
19 A: One.
20 Q: Okay. All right. And that projectile was where in that
21 vehicle?
22 A: It was in the floorboard, if my memory serves me
23 correctly.
24 Q: Okay. All right. What else did y'all do?
25 A: We started -- we started interviewing the four remaining

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1 victims that were in the house.

2 Q: Okay. And what did you do as far as documenting any of
3 the bullet holes and what you found there and what you saw in
4 the trailer? What did you do to document that?

5 A: When I first arrived on the scene, Detective Bell was the
6 lead detective. I partnered up with him. Two sets of eyes,
7 two sets of ears, and two brains. So he did the majority of
8 the documentation, handwritten notes, and stuff like that.

9 Q: How about as far as taking any pictures? Was anything
10 like that done?

11 A: Detective Bell, the lead detective, done all that.

12 Q: He was taking the pictures?

13 A: Yes.

14 Q: Were those pictures taken in your presence?

15 A: Yes.

16 Q: Okay. And you observed the pictures being taken and you
17 were there side by side with him?

18 A: Yes.

19 Q: Okay. I'm going to show you what's been marked for
20 identification as State's Exhibits 1 through 35. And right
21 now, I just want you to look through these pictures and just
22 let me know when you're done -- you're finished looking at
23 them. You can just look at them right down there. Don't show
24 them to anybody yet, but just look at them first.

25 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

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1 (Whereupon, counsel confer during the pause in the
2 proceedings.)

3 A: Okay.

4 Q: Do you recognize all of State's Exhibits 1 through 35?

5 A: I do.

6 Q: Are they accurate depictions of what you observed on the
7 scene that night?

8 A: Yes.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, at this time, I think Mr.
10 Deberry might have a point of law that we need to discuss with
11 you.

12 THE COURT: Come right here, please.

13 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
14 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury off the
15 record.)

16 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to have to
17 ask you to step to the jury room. Do not discuss the case.
18 Do not discuss the case. Listen to me before you move. Hold
19 on. Hold on.

20 While you're back there while we're taking up this matter
21 of law, I want you all to select a foreperson. I want you to
22 select a foreperson who will preside in the jury room during
23 deliberations. Ms. Williams nor Mr. Deering can serve as your
24 foreperson. Okay? Neither one of them can serve as your
25 foreperson. Please do that and write it on a piece of paper

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1 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

2 MR. BAILEY: Nothing, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Lewis, if you would, bring me
4 the jury back, please.

5 (Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom at 9:31 a.m.)

6 THE COURT: All right. Mr. James Michael Cullipher?

7 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: I'm going to ask that you and this young lady
9 down here switch seats, if you would. That will be your
10 assigned seat throughout the remainder of this trial.

11 (Whereupon, the jurors comply.)

12 (Whereupon, the jury note is marked as Court's Exhibit
13 Number 1.)

14 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Cullipher is foreman of our jury.
15 Thank you for doing that. All right. We're going to resume
16 the trial of this case. Mr. Clements, you're so recognized.

17 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you, Your Honor.

18 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

20 Q: Officer Watson, does State's Exhibits 1 through 22
21 accurately depict what you observed there on the scene that
22 night?

23 A: Yes, it does.

24 Q: Does State's Exhibits 24 through 35 accurately depict
25 what you saw on the scene that night?

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1 A: Yes, it does.

2 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, at this time, we would move
3 into evidence State's 1 through 22 and 24 through 35.

4 THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Deberry?

5 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

7 MR. BAILEY: Nothing on Mr. Smith's behalf.

8 THE COURT: Without objection, those exhibits are
9 admitted into evidence.

10 (Whereupon, State's Exhibits 1 through 22 and 24 through
11 35, all color photographs, are admitted into evidence.)

12 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I would ask permission to have
13 Mr. Watson step down, please.

14 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

15 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

16 THE COURT: The defense lawyers can move around if they
17 need to look and observe what is going on --

18 MR. CLEMENTS: You can stand right here.

19 THE COURT: -- and being testified to.

20 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

21 Q: State's Exhibit 1. Can you tell this jury what that
22 depicts and where that was located?

23 A: Okay. This is two separate pictures of shell casings
24 that were located in the roadway in front of the mobile home.

25 If you'll notice in some of the pictures some of the shell

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1 casings are bent and the only conclusion we come up to is that
2 was where vehicles had ran over the shell casings before law
3 enforcement was contacted and responded.

4 Q: All right.

5 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I would request permission to
6 publish this.

7 THE COURT: All right.

8 Q: State's Exhibit 2. Is that just pictures of more shell
9 casings?

10 A: Yes.

11 MR. CLEMENTS: Request to publish.

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 Q: And they were kind of spread out?

14 A: Yes.

15 Q: State's Exhibit 3?

16 A: Shell casings.

17 Q: Different location a little bit away?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: Now, when I say it was scattered out, were they scattered
20 out over a small area or just so you couldn't get them all in
21 the focus in one camera picture or were they spread way out in
22 a big area?

23 A: No. They were just spread out where you couldn't get one
24 particular picture of everything together.

25 Q: Because they're too small?

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- 1 A: Yes.
- 2 Q: State's Exhibit 4. What is that?
- 3 A: Those were projectiles.
- 4 Q: All right. Is that a projectile or is that a shell
5 casing on there?
- 6 A: Oh, that's a shell casing standing upright; so if you
7 look down, you see the whole side of the shell casing.
- 8 Q: State's 5?
- 9 A: More shell casings.
- 10 Q: State's 6?
- 11 A: More shell casings.
- 12 Q: State's 7?
- 13 A: More shell casings.
- 14 Q: State's 8?
- 15 A: More shell casings.
- 16 Q: State's 9?
- 17 A: More shell casings.
- 18 Q: State's 10?
- 19 A: More shell casings.
- 20 Q: State's 11?
- 21 A: More shell casings.
- 22 Q: State's 12?
- 23 A: More shell casings.
- 24 Q: And would this be where at?
- 25 A: On the side of the highway where the sidewalk is.

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1 Q: About the edge?

2 A: Yes.

3 Q: I guess that's why they got vegetation there.

4 A: Yeah.

5 Q: I guess you call it weeds. State's 13?

6 A: More shell casings.

7 Q: State's 14?

8 A: Shell casings.

9 Q: State's 15?

10 A: Shell casings.

11 Q: How many?

12 A: One.

13 Q: State's 16?

14 A: Shell casing.

15 Q: One?

16 A: Yes.

17 Q: State's 17?

18 A: One shell casing.

19 Q: State's 18? What are those two pictures?

20 A: 18 is a shell casing. The picture at the top that's kind

21 of dark is a poor picture that was taken of the front of the

22 mobile home.

23 Q: Is that -- that from the front of the mobile home from

24 the roadway?

25 A: Yes.

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1 Q: Okay. All right. State's Exhibit 19?

2 A: The top photo here is a state road sign, General Road,
3 just to let you know what was the intersection where the
4 mobile home was sitting. And this was another darkened photo
5 of the roadway from where the shooting -- where the shell
6 casings were located.

7 Q: Was that an attempt to try to get them all in one
8 picture?

9 A: Yes.

10 Q: Okay. Do you recall -- that's a lot of shell casings.
11 Do you recall the exact number or not? If you don't, that's
12 fine. It's been a while.

13 A: There was 20 plus.

14 Q: Okay.

15 A: If I remember.

16 Q: Okay. All right. State's Exhibit 20?

17 A: The top photo is the wall behind the kitchen sink, which
18 would have been facing the highway. The bottom photo is a
19 darkened photo of the white SUV that through our investigation
20 we found that belonging to one of the victims, Mr. Derrick
21 Wilson.

22 Q: All right. The flash didn't work on that one?

23 A: No.

24 Q: Okay. All right. Now, can you tell me -- does that look
25 like that's coming from the outside in or from the inside out

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1 and why?

2 A: If you'll -- if you'll notice in this photo that there's
3 like a mushroom effect where the force of the bullet was
4 coming from the outside. Okay? In layman's terms, if you
5 ever busted a window from the inside of your house, all of the
6 glass would be on the ground. If you're standing outside your
7 home and get locked out of your house, you bust your window to
8 get inside your house, where's all the glass? It's on the
9 inside. It's from the force that's generated. So if you'll
10 notice with these bullet holes, the plaster of the walls are
11 mushroomed inside, which means that the bullet was from the
12 outside coming in.

13 Q: Okay. Now, did you go back when you had better lighting
14 and take some more photos?

15 A: Yes.

16 Q: And who went back to take those photos? You and who?

17 A: Detective Bell, who was the lead detective.

18 Q: And you went with him?

19 A: Yes.

20 Q: Okay. State's Exhibit 21. Can you tell this jury what
21 that is?

22 A: This was a steel charcoal-type grill, like a smoker-type
23 grill. The top photo indicates two bullet holes, which was
24 the front of the grill. The bottom photo dictates two bullet
25 holes and stuff on the back. And if you'll notice on the

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1 bottom picture you can see the metal protruding outward. Just
2 like the plaster inside of the home, you can be able to tell
3 by the bullet holes that the bullet holes entered the front of
4 the grill and exited the rear of the grill.

5 Q: Is that grill in front of the --

6 A: Yes.

7 Q: -- trailer?

8 A: Yes. If you'll notice the way the grill was sitting, the
9 bullets went through the grill, out the grill, and into the
10 home.

11 Q: State's Exhibit 22?

12 A: The night in question when Detective Bell and myself made
13 entry into the mobile home, that's the first thing that I
14 noticed was a blood smudge. Through the investigation, that's
15 where we learned that whenever the bullets started flying into
16 the house, they were trying to get away. They were scared.
17 Christopher Drawhorn had been struck. He was the only one in
18 the house to be struck. And Gavin Graves grabbed him and drug
19 him down this hallway. This is the kitchen table in the
20 bottom photo where they were sitting and that's where they
21 ended up.

22 Q: So is this like a swipe? You say a smudge. Is that like
23 a swipe where you wipe up against something?

24 A: Yeah. Like you brush up against it.

25 Q: Okay. Can you tell us please what's depicted in State's

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1 Exhibit 24?

2 A: The top photo is a white SUV with rims where the two
3 bullet holes in the driver's side rear passenger door. The
4 bottom picture is the same picture except it's enlarged to
5 give better details to the bullet holes.

6 Q: Where -- whose vehicle was this? Did your investigation
7 reveal whose vehicle this was?

8 A: Yes, sir. It was Mr. Derrick Wilson's.

9 Q: And where was it parked at?

10 A: It was parked at the rear part of the mobile home.

11 Q: State's Exhibit 25?

12 A: Again, this is a photo that shows an entry to the mobile
13 home. You can see how the mushroom effect applies as the
14 bullet entered the mobile home.

15 Q: State's Exhibit 26?

16 A: The top photo is an outside photo. This photo was taken
17 of the rear of the home. You can see how the metal protrudes
18 out. And if you remember earlier when I was discussing a
19 through and through, this is one of the holes that we took a
20 picture of to show you that one of the bullets went through
21 the front of the mobile home straight through the mobile home
22 and out the rear of the mobile home. This is just another
23 picture of this steel grill that gives a better shot of the
24 two bullet holes that were inside.

25 Q: State's Exhibit 27. What is that?

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- 1 A: This is a picture that we took inside the mobile -- no.
2 This was inside of the vehicle, if I'm not mistaken.
- 3 Q: The white SUV?
- 4 A: The white SUV. The two bullet holes that was in the rear
5 passenger side door. We searched the vehicle and we found the
6 projectile.
- 7 Q: Just one of them?
- 8 A: Yes.
- 9 Q: And -- but one -- one went through the trailer and all
10 the way through the door?
- 11 A: Yes.
- 12 Q: And one went through the trailer and possibly into the
13 door?
- 14 A: Yes.
- 15 Q: All right. State's Exhibit 28. Can you tell us what
16 that depicts?
- 17 A: This is another two photos of bullet entry. If my memory
18 serves me correctly, I think it's going to be the living room
19 area, which the living room and the kitchen were in close
20 proximity. They were right beside each other like one big
21 open room.
- 22 Q: State's Exhibit 29?
- 23 A: More bullet holes into the wall of the mobile home.
- 24 Q: State's Exhibit 30?
- 25 A: This is a picture of a toothbrush. At the time of the

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1 investigation, we had no reason to believe that the toothbrush
2 was involved, but we could not -- we had to be as thorough as
3 possible; so we took a picture of it and we treated it as
4 potential evidence that later on we just excluded.

5 Q: Okay. And that's out there where the shell casings were
6 found?

7 A: Yes.

8 Q: Okay. How about the bottom picture?

9 A: Just another angle that shows the grill in connection to
10 the mobile home where the bullets went through the grill into
11 the mobile home.

12 Q: State's Exhibit 31?

13 A: More bullet holes into the vinyl siding and underpinning
14 of the mobile home.

15 Q: State's 32. Same thing, just different holes?

16 A: Yeah.

17 Q: Okay. State's 33?

18 A: More bullet holes into the side of the mobile home.

19 Q: State's Exhibit 34?

20 A: The picture down below is a picture of a bullet hole in
21 the living room area, which you can still see was actually
22 mushroomed inward; so the bullet come from the outside in.
23 And the top part was a projectile.

24 Q: And State's Exhibit 35?

25 A: Two more bullet holes.

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1 Q: Thank you. You can have a seat back there.

2 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

3 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, we would like to give the jury
4 just a few minutes to finish looking at the pictures.

5 (Whereupon, there is a pause in the proceedings.)

6 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

7 Q: Officer Watson, when you approach the trailer where this
8 event occurred from the north coming from Latta towards Marion
9 and you're coming down the road, what can you observe? What
10 can you see about that trailer as far as the yard on either
11 side of the trailer as you approach it from north to south?

12 A: The specific location of the mobile home on the lot that
13 it sits on -- if you're coming down 501 from Latta back toward
14 Marion, you'll notice that that specific area there's, like, a
15 curve, a rounded curve on 501. And the way the angle of the
16 mobile home is sitting, it's sort of kind of angled. You can
17 see clearly all the back yard.

18 Q: As you come from Latta?

19 A: As you're coming from Latta, yes.

20 Q: I'm going to show you State's Exhibit 37, which I believe
21 is already in evidence. Tell me what that depicts related to
22 what you just described for the jury?

23 A: Okay. This is going to be Highway 501. Back this way is
24 going to be back toward Marion. Back that way is going to be
25 back toward the Latta area. This is the mobile home that's in

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1 question where the incident took place. This is a dirt road,
2 which is General Road. If you'll notice what I'm talking
3 about, there's a slight curve here. If you'll notice the
4 angle of the mobile home which I had just explained to you, if
5 you're coming this way, you will be able to see everything in
6 the back yard.

7 THE COURT: Make sure everybody -- I don't know if they
8 can see on the end over here.

9 Q: So -- can you step down again? I'm sorry.

10 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

11 Q: And I'm going to stand on this side so the court reporter
12 can be sure to hear you. So this is Highway 501; right?

13 A: Yes.

14 Q: Is that north going this way?

15 A: Yes. Back to --

16 Q: South going this way?

17 A: Yeah.

18 Q: So as you go, the road goes up that way. As you're
19 approaching coming down, you can see what on that trailer?

20 A: You can see all of the -- if you'll notice the angle of
21 the mobile home, if you're right here, you can see directly
22 every bit of the back yard.

23 Q: Okay. As you go by?

24 A: Yes.

25 Q: Okay.

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, permission to publish?

2 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

3 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

4 Q: I'm going to show you what's been marked State's Exhibit
5 for ID Number 43. Can you identify that? Yes or no?

6 A: Yes.

7 Q: Okay. And what is that?

8 A: This is the mobile home in question where the incident
9 took place.

10 Q: Looking at it from which direction? From the north of it
11 or the south of it?

12 A: You would be southbound from the north from Latta going
13 back toward Marion. The mobile home would be on the right.

14 Q: Okay.

15 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, we'd move State's Exhibit 43
16 into evidence at this time.

17 THE COURT: Any objection?

18 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

20 MR. BAILEY: No, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Without objection, State's Exhibit 43
22 admitted into evidence.

23 (Whereupon, State's Exhibit Number 43, a color
24 photograph, is admitted into evidence.)

25 MR. CLEMENTS: All right.

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1 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

2 Q: Now, they just heard you identify this. Let's show them
3 and explain to them what you're saying. Which direction are
4 you coming from? The other picture we just had was a view
5 from where? Above?

6 A: Yes.

7 Q: All right. This is a view from where?

8 A: This is more eye level if you were standing in the
9 highway looking at the mobile home itself. This is -- if
10 you're facing this way, it's going to be back toward Marion.
11 If you're facing the other way, the opposite way, that would
12 be back toward Latta. So if you were standing in the highway
13 looking at the mobile home, to the right you'll notice the
14 angle of it and you can see clearly that you can see
15 everything in the back yard.

16 MR. CLEMENTS: Permission to publish?

17 THE COURT: Could y'all see that down here on this end?
18 Okay. So granted.

19 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

20 Q: Now, one more thing before I let you sit down. I'm going
21 to show you what's been marked as State's Exhibit 41. Can you
22 identify this?

23 A: Yes.

24 Q: What is this?

25 A: It's an aerial map of the general area, including the

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1 incident location mobile home.

2 Q: All right. Like an old-time road map?

3 A: Yes.

4 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, at this time, we'd move
5 State's Exhibit 41 into evidence.

6 THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Deberry?

7 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

9 MR. BAILEY: No, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Without objection, State's Exhibit 41
11 admitted into evidence.

12 (Whereupon, State's Exhibit Number 41, a large aerial map
13 on a poster board, is admitted into evidence. The
14 exhibit is then placed on an easel before the jury.)

15 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry and Mr. Bailey, if you all need
16 to get up -- if you want to get up to look and see what
17 they're testifying to, please feel free to do so.

18 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

19 Q: Investigator Watson, I'm going to ask you to stand right
20 there and this is a laser pointer. Are you familiar with
21 that? If you'll stand back a little bit so they can all see,
22 I'm going to hold this up and there is a blue dot. I'm going
23 to ask you to point out the blue dot for the jury and tell us
24 where that would be.

25 A: The blue dot indicates that that is the location of where

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1 the mobile home would be sitting where the shooting took
2 place.

3 Q: And which direction is 501 going towards Latta towards
4 the Old Ebenezer Road?

5 A: This is 501 right here that goes back toward Latta. This
6 is the Latta area. You'll see Latta. This is Old Ebenezer,
7 which ties into 501.

8 Q: All right. And you testified earlier there's a slight
9 curve in the road. Will you show us where that curve is?

10 A: If you'll notice right here with this map, there's a
11 slight curve right here.

12 Q: And is that the curve that you testified to that enables
13 you to see the whole back yard of that trailer?

14 A: Yes.

15 Q: Okay. Thank you. You can have a seat.

16 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

17 Q: Now, if I recall, I believe before I started asking you
18 about the pictures, you said that you and Investigator Bell
19 began to interview the victims that were there?

20 A: Yes.

21 Q: And began to talk with them?

22 A: Yes.

23 Q: What were some of the questions y'all were asking them?
24 What type of things?

25 A: Well, the most important thing we really wanted to know

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1 was did they have any problem with anybody. Did they have any
2 enemies? Was there somebody they were currently having
3 problems with? Was there people that had it out for them? Et
4 cetera, et cetera.

5 Q: Okay. As a result of that, were you able to develop any
6 suspects?

7 A: Yes, we were. We talked with Mr. Derrick Wilson and Mr.
8 Gavin Graves, and they brought to our attention that the only
9 people that they had problems with was a couple of guys from
10 Latta.

11 Q: Okay. All right. And who did you develop as suspects
12 and what did you do to pursue those leads?

13 A: The names that come up was a Blaton Smith, a Shaheed
14 Hayes, and an Adrian Smith from the Latta area.

15 Q: Okay. And what was the connection between Adrian Smith
16 and Blaton Smith, if any?

17 A: To my under --

18 MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, I'm going to object at this
19 time. That's based on hearsay.

20 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

21 MR. CLEMENTS: Okay. All right.

22 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

23 Q: Did your investigation reveal any type of connection
24 between Adrian Smith and Blaton Smith?

25 A: Yes. They're related.

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1 Q: Related?

2 A: Yes.

3 Q: All right. Does Adrian Smith go by another name?

4 A: His street name is Duke.

5 Q: Okay. All right. And did Blaton Smith have a name that
6 he went by other than Blaton, if you recall?

7 A: Nukie.

8 Q: Okay. All right. Now, to follow up on these particular
9 leads, what did y'all do? Who did y'all go to talk with?

10 A: We knew that -- through the investigation, we knew that
11 these guys were from the Latta area; so Detective Bell and
12 myself decided to go talk with Chief Kristal Moore, who was
13 the police chief in Latta.

14 Q: Okay. All right. And as you began to pursue that line
15 of information, did you pursue any other lines of information?
16 Did you interview any other people or did you just focus on
17 these people to the exclusion of all else and forget
18 everything else?

19 A: Yes.

20 Q: All right. You forgot everything else and you didn't
21 talk to anybody else? Interview any other people?

22 A: We -- Detective Bell got some information about a
23 gentleman that was in Dillon County.

24 Q: Okay.

25 A: And that he had some information about the shooting.

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1 Q: Okay. And did y'all follow up on those other sources of
2 information?

3 A: Yes.

4 Q: Did they lead you anywhere else ultimately other than to
5 the suspects that you named just a moment ago?

6 A: We went and interviewed a David Graves, whose street name
7 was Charlie B. He give us some conflicting stories. He give
8 us several statements. We -- we were able to get at least one
9 name, a Mr. Willie Bethea --

10 Q: Okay.

11 A: -- that might have been involved.

12 Q: Okay. All right. Any -- any other people get pointed to
13 at all at this point in the investigation?

14 A: No.

15 Q: Okay. Now -- so the only people you had from my
16 understanding -- and make sure it's correct -- the suspects
17 you had were Blaton Smith, based on a possible disagreement,
18 Adrian Smith, Shaheed Hayes, and then the name Willie Bethea
19 surfaced?

20 A: Right.

21 Q: Okay. No other names? No other information anywhere
22 else?

23 A: Not at the time, no.

24 Q: Were you able to determine whether or not there was any
25 connection whatsoever between Willie Bethea and Blaton Smith?

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- 1 A: We were able to find out that they were related as well.
- 2 Q: Okay. All right. Ultimately, did you ever try to talk
3 to Mr. Smith or find out where he was and who he was?
- 4 A: The next step that Detective Bell and myself took through
5 Chief Kristal Moore -- that was very cooperative and helped us
6 because she was very familiar with all the gentlemen involved
7 in this.
- 8 Q: Latta is a small town; right?
- 9 A: Yes.
- 10 Q: She pretty much knows everybody?
- 11 A: Yes. So Chief Moore reached out to Mr. Blaton Smith's
12 mother and explained to her that we really needed to talk to
13 him and see what -- see where he was at and see if he was
14 involved. His mother brought him to Marion County. We sat
15 down to interview him and Mr. Blaton Smith was uncooperative.
- 16 Q: Okay. And did you pursue talking with anyone else and,
17 if so, who?
- 18 A: Initially, we followed up with the name Willie Bethea
19 through Chief Moore from the Latta Police Department. We
20 discovered that he lived with his mother and father, which
21 lived behind the IGA in Latta. So we went to the residence.
22 We spoke with the family, who in return got Mr. Willie Bethea
23 to come and meet with Detective Bell and myself at the Marion
24 County Sheriff's Office.
- 25 Q: Was this immediately after the shooting or was this

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- 1 several days down the road?
- 2 A: If my memory serves me, it might have been a day or two
3 after.
- 4 Q: Okay. All right. Could it have been longer?
- 5 A: Yes.
- 6 Q: Okay. Mr. Bethea came and met with y'all here in Marion?
- 7 A: Yes.
- 8 Q: Came on his own?
- 9 A: Yes.
- 10 Q: Okay. And did y'all talk with him?
- 11 A: Yes.
- 12 Q: At that time, was he under arrest?
- 13 A: No, he was not.
- 14 Q: Okay. As a result of talking with him, did you get any
15 arrest warrants?
- 16 A: Yes, we did.
- 17 Q: Who did you get arrest warrants on?
- 18 A: We got an arrest warrant on him and several more
19 individuals.
- 20 Q: Okay. What individuals did you get arrest warrants on?
- 21 A: Blaton Smith, Shaheed Hayes, and we had a fourth suspect
22 by the nickname of Lil Boosie.
- 23 Q: Okay. At that point in time, did you know who Lil Boosie
24 was?
- 25 A: No, I did not.

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1 Q: Okay. All right. Did Investigator Bell follow up on who
2 Lil Boosie was?

3 A: He did.

4 Q: Okay. Were you involved in that particular aspect?

5 A: No, I was not.

6 Q: Okay. Did -- when you talked to Willie Bethea, did he
7 have a nickname, if you recall?

8 A: I can't recall the nickname.

9 Q: Okay. When you talked to Willie Bethea, can you describe
10 for us what was his demeanor and how did he act?

11 A: Mr. Willie Bethea was very cooperative. Out of all the
12 co-defendants involved in this, he was probably the only
13 person that I can give an honest opinion of 18 years of law
14 enforcement to be sincere and apologetic and remorseful for
15 what happened.

16 Q: Well, then why did you arrest him?

17 A: He admitted to being at the -- he was involved.

18 Q: Okay. All right. Now, ultimately, were others arrested?

19 A: Yes, they were.

20 Q: Who was arrested?

21 A: Shaheed Hayes, Blaton Smith, and after Detective Bell
22 properly identified this gentleman, Lil Boosie, then Jamie
23 Williams from the Riverdale area of Dillon County.

24 Q: Okay. Those were the people that were arrested?

25 A: Yes.

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1 Q: Okay. Now, the name Adrian Smith had come up. Why
2 didn't you arrest him?

3 A: Through the investigation, the part that he had in all of
4 this was out of my jurisdiction and I can't make an arrest out
5 of my jurisdiction.

6 Q: And out of your jurisdiction would be where?

7 A: Marion County.

8 Q: All right. So you can arrest somebody in Marion County,
9 but you can't arrest them in another county?

10 A: No.

11 Q: If they didn't do something in Marion County?

12 A: Right.

13 Q: If they did something in Marion County, you could arrest
14 them?

15 A: Yes. . .

16 Q: Okay. So then nothing in your investigation revealed
17 Adrian Smith doing anything in Marion County?

18 A: No.

19 Q: Okay. Now, all these shell casings that you've
20 identified and shown to the jury in the pictures had to come
21 from somewhere; is that correct?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: Can you please tell this jury what you and Officer Bell
24 did and the Marion County law enforcement did to search for
25 any weapons and did you find any weapons?

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- 1 A: The initial night in question, we were interviewing the
2 other four victims, and Mr. Derrick Wilson admitted that he
3 did own a handgun legally and we seized it.
- 4 Q: What kind of handgun was it?
- 5 A: It was a .40 caliber black in color --
- 6 Q: If you don't recall the brand, that's fine. It was a .40
7 caliber?
- 8 A: It was a .40 caliber, yes.
- 9 Q: Okay. All right. Is there a lot of .40 calibers? Is
10 that correct?
- 11 A: Yes.
- 12 Q: What did you do with that gun after you seized it?
- 13 A: We seized it and we placed it into evidence where we
14 would later send it to SLED for analysis.
- 15 Q: And what would you analyze that gun against to compare it
16 to?
- 17 A: The shell casings that were -- that were taken from the
18 roadway.
- 19 Q: Okay. And the projectiles?
- 20 A: Right.
- 21 Q: Okay. All right. And that was the only gun you had
22 seized at that time?
- 23 A: That was the first -- that was --
- 24 Q: That night?
- 25 A: Yes. That night.

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1 Q: Okay. Later on, did you get your hands on another
2 weapon?

3 A: Yes.

4 Q: And that was pursuant to what?

5 A: A search warrant that Detective Bell obtained and --

6 Q: For where?

7 A: A residence. I can't remember the specific street name.
8 There was a search warrant for a residence located in the area
9 behind the IGA in Latta.

10 Q: In Latta? Okay. And did you participate in the
11 execution of that search warrant?

12 A: I did.

13 Q: Okay. What was seized pursuant to that search warrant?

14 A: Another black and silver .40 caliber.

15 Q: Do you recall what model that was?

16 A: Not right offhand.

17 Q: Okay.

18 A: But the model that we got from the victim, Mr. Wilson,
19 was a Taurus. I believe.

20 Q: A Taurus?

21 A: Yeah.

22 Q: All right.

23 A: A lot of information to remember.

24 Q: All right. And you're sure now that Derrick's gun was a
25 .40 caliber Taurus?

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1 A: Yes.

2 Q: Was the other one that you seized in Latta -- was it a
3 Taurus or something else?

4 A: It was something else.

5 Q: Okay. All right. What did you ultimately do with that
6 .40 caliber weapon?

7 A: It was sent to SLED for analysis as well -- firearm
8 analysis.

9 Q: And you analyzed it against?

10 A: The shell casings that were located on the roadway.

11 Q: Okay. All right.

12 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence a moment.

13 All right.

14 Q: Investigator -- or I guess SRO Watson, you testified
15 about seizing these two guns and submitting them to SLED?

16 A: Yes.

17 Q: And you talked about taking photographs of the shell
18 casings and projectiles. What else did you do with the shell
19 casings and the projectiles?

20 A: They were placed into evidence and they were sent along
21 with the weapons so that they could do a firearms analysis of
22 the weapons versus the shell casings and the projectiles.

23 Q: Okay. And who -- who collected those shell casings and
24 projectiles?

25 A: The detectives division.

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1 Q: When y'all were out there that night taking pictures, you
2 also collected them at the same time?

3 A: Yes.

4 Q: Okay. Now, when y'all collected them, where do y'all
5 take them back to and who do y'all give them to to preserve
6 them?

7 A: To the evidence custodian.

8 Q: And who is that?

9 A: Eddie Sawyer.

10 Q: And how are they preserved? What does he do with them?
11 Does he lock them up? Set them on the shelf?

12 A: He locks them up in an evidence room that he and one
13 other person only has a key to.

14 Q: Okay. And does he log everything in that y'all give him?

15 A: Yes. Thoroughly.

16 Q: All right. And how do they get to SLED?

17 A: He transports them. He transports the firearms and the
18 shell casings.

19 Q: Okay. All right. Let me ask you this. You ever been to
20 an autopsy?

21 A: Too many.

22 Q: Have y'all -- do y'all collect -- also collect evidence
23 at an autopsy?

24 A: Yes.

25 Q: And what do you -- what's your protocol that you do when

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1 you leave the autopsy and come back to Marion County Sheriff's
2 Office? What do you do with the items you collected at the
3 autopsy?

4 A: We turn them immediately over to the evidence custodian.

5 Q: That would be Lieutenant Sawyer?

6 A: Yes.

7 Q: Okay. All right. Thank you. I've had you here for a
8 while. I appreciate it.

9 A: No problem.

10 Q: And in a moment, we'll let you go back to Darlington, but
11 first I'm going to ask you to please answer any questions that
12 Mr. Bailey or Mr. Deberry have.

13 A: Sure.

14 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, before we
15 do cross examination, I'm going to take a break. Step to the
16 jury room. Do not discuss the case. I'll get you back out
17 here as quickly as possible.

18 (Whereupon, the jury exits the courtroom at 10:10 a.m.)

19 THE COURT: Mr. Clements, can you get this photograph
20 over here?

21 MR. CLEMENTS: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.

22 THE COURT: And also Exhibit Number 23 pulled. I don't
23 know if it's still up here on the counter, but go ahead and
24 get that and take that back over to your table so it doesn't
25 get inadvertently mixed in.

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1 THE COURT: All right. Bring me the jury, please, sir.

2 (Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom at 10:25 a.m.)

3 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, we are now
4 going to resume the trial of the case. Mr. Deberry, you're
5 recognized for cross examination.

6 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 CROSS EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. DEBERRY:

9 Q: Mr. Watson, good morning.

10 A: Good morning.

11 Q: Thank you for being here. So you testified that you've
12 been gone now -- how long have you been gone from Marion
13 County Sheriff's Office?

14 A: A little over a week.

15 Q: A little over a week? So you -- so you were here for
16 most of the entire part of this investigation and almost all
17 the way up to trial; correct?

18 A: Yes.

19 Q: All right. And you -- did you -- would you say that your
20 role assisting Detective Bell was -- was great? I mean you
21 were there helping the whole time?

22 A: Pretty much, yes.

23 Q: Okay. Did you accompany him when you interviewed people

24 --

25 A: Yes.

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1 Q: -- or when he interviewed people?

2 A: Yes.

3 Q: All right. When you got to the -- to the scene of the
4 incident that night, was it that night you got there?

5 A: No. It was after midnight; so it would have been the
6 morning.

7 Q: Okay. But it was dark?

8 A: Yes.

9 Q: It was nighttime? It was nighttime?

10 A: Yes.

11 Q: And where did you -- when you first -- how long after the
12 incident took place did you -- would you say that you
13 responded?

14 A: I live right in the city limits; so initially it was
15 probably about ten or 15 minutes after receiving a phone call.
16 I don't have the specific time. I'm sorry.

17 Q: Right. So within 30 minutes you would say? I mean just
18 guessing or would you say it was an hour or --

19 A: Just a rough estimation, probably 20 to 30 minutes.
20 Maybe longer.

21 Q: Do you remember who was there when you arrived?

22 A: Upon my arrival, patrol officers were on the scene.

23 Detective Bell was on the scene. If my memory serves me

24 correctly, I think Detective James Lee and Neil Rouse were on
25 the scene.

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- 1 Q: James Lee and Neil Rouse are -- they are both detectives?
- 2 A: They were detectives at the time, yes.
- 3 Q: Okay. Where do they work now?
- 4 A: They're retired.
- 5 Q: They have both since left --
- 6 A: Yes.
- 7 Q: -- the Marion County Sheriff's Office?
- 8 A: Yes.
- 9 Q: What did they do there that night at the scene?
- 10 A: They were there just to assist the lead detective just
- 11 like I was.
- 12 Q: All right. Was there also any emergency personnel there?
- 13 A: There were -- there was no emergency personnel there upon
- 14 my arrival.
- 15 Q: All right.
- 16 A: Because once I arrived, they had already taken Mr.
- 17 Drawhorn to the emergency room.
- 18 Q: So at least an ambulance had come and gone to your
- 19 knowledge?
- 20 A: Yes.
- 21 Q: Was there any other vehicles there? The Coroner's
- 22 Office? Solicitor's Office? Sheriff? Anybody?
- 23 A: There were four -- four vehicles that were located in the
- 24 back yard.
- 25 Q: There was four non-law enforcement related?

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1 A: Right.

2 Q: There was four?

3 A: Yes.

4 Q: Okay. When you arrived on the scene, did -- did you sign
5 a log-in -- crime scene log-in sheet?

6 A: I don't remember signing a log-in.

7 Q: Did you know -- do you know if there was one?

8 A: I -- I'm not aware of one, no.

9 Q: So had someone left the scene before you got there, you
10 couldn't say who it was or how many people were there or
11 anything --

12 MR. CLEMENTS: Object to speculation, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Let him finish his question. Let me hear the
14 question and then if there's an objection --

15 Q: What is the first --

16 THE COURT: -- I'll entertain it.

17 Q: Okay. What is the purpose of a crime scene log?

18 A: A crime scene log -- the purpose for a crime scene log is
19 -- is a basic log of any and everybody that had went into the
20 potential crime scene.

21 Q: Okay. But you don't remember one? You don't recall one?

22 A: No. I wasn't responsible for one.

23 Q: Okay. Did you ask if there was one?

24 A: No.

25 Q: Okay. When you got there, was there crime scene tape put

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1 up?

2 A: Yes.

3 Q: Whereabouts was it?

4 A: It was just to isolate the general area surrounding the
5 house and I don't remember specifically what it was tied off
6 to. It was just generally to isolate the home and the yard
7 that what we thought was potential --

8 Q: Okay. I'm going to show you what's marked as State's
9 Exhibit 37. If you will, show the jury where you remember the
10 crime scene tape to be?

11 A: I don't specifically remember where the crime scene --
12 the crime scene tape was.

13 Q: Okay. Do you remember it extending out to the highway
14 where the shell casings were?

15 A: No, I do not.

16 Q: So you're saying it wasn't out there?

17 A: It was -- it was just something I wasn't -- it was there,
18 but I had other things to focus on, more important things than
19 where the crime scene tape was. Normally, that's something
20 that a patrol officer would put up as protocol.

21 Q: Wouldn't you agree that the actual crime scene would
22 include places from where the shooters may have been?

23 A: Yes.

24 Q: And wouldn't you agree that that's pretty important?

25 A: Yes.

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1 Q: So what other things were more important than determining
2 -- trying to gather evidence that you could use to convict
3 people for this crime?

4 A: Pardon me?

5 Q: What was more important than determining where the crime
6 scene was?

7 A: The crime -- we already knew where the crime scene was.
8 My main focus when I first got there -- because I wasn't aware
9 of the shell casings out the highway. Detective Bell briefed
10 me on that and once he briefed me on that, we went out to the
11 highway to look at the shell casings. We immediately realized
12 what we had and that's when we shut down the lane of traffic
13 so we would keep vehicles from running over the shell casings.

14 Q: Okay. Can you tell me or show the jury on State's 37
15 where you parked?

16 A: When I responded, I parked right on the edge right here
17 on the dirt road, which would have been General Road.

18 Q: Were there other vehicles parked on General Road?

19 A: I remember other vehicles in a line right here because we
20 didn't want to drive into the yard.

21 Q: How many?

22 A: If my memory serves me correctly, there was one patrol
23 vehicle that was in the yard, and I think that was the very
24 first person that responded. And once he was made aware of
25 what we had, then everybody else that responded parked out

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1 here on the highway because we didn't want to potentially
2 contaminate anything.

3 Q: But wasn't the highway eventually part of the crime
4 scene?

5 A: Yes.

6 Q: So what did you do about that?

7 A: We blocked it.

8 Q: Sir?

9 A: We blocked down the lane of highway -- the highway and
10 then we went out there and collected the shell casings. Once
11 we collected the shell casings, we opened the lane of traffic
12 back.

13 Q: But the shell casings had been moved. Do you agree with
14 that?

15 A: That was my understanding upon my arrival that one of the
16 patrol officers saw some of the shell casings getting run
17 over, just as I had testified earlier, and he picked up some
18 of the shell casings and was moving them out of the way and
19 then he was stopped. By the time we were all responded,
20 that's when we shut down the lane of traffic to process the
21 crime scene. We had to deal with it speedily because of the
22 traffic. So we done what we needed to do and then we opened
23 up the line of traffic.

24 Q: All right. Would you agree that when the calls like this
25 come out -- I mean I think you testified earlier that the

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1 entire criminal unit responds. How did you say that?

2 A: The whole criminal investigations unit.

3 Q: The whole criminal investigations unit? And -- and
4 there's also probably duties of other individuals, maybe some
5 solicitors, coroner if that applies, or other agencies, maybe
6 SLED, will come? Is that likely during an investigation like
7 this?

8 A: Yes.

9 Q: Okay. Would you disagree that there may have been up to
10 a dozen cars or so there at any one point in time during that
11 night?

12 A: I couldn't give an honest answer to that. I have no
13 recollection of how many cars were there. I don't think there
14 were twelve.

15 Q: Would it be reasonable to believe seven? Eight? Nine?

16 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object. It's speculation.
17 He's already said he didn't know.

18 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

19 BY MR. DEBERRY:

20 Q: Would it be -- I mean there was more -- there was
21 multiple cars?

22 A: I'd say there was more than four.

23 Q: Okay. And -- all right. Any time during your
24 investigation did you learn about a white Cadillac?

25 A: A white Cadillac?

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- 1 Q: Mm-hmm.
- 2 A: Yes.
- 3 Q: Tell us about the white Cadillac?
- 4 A: Through the investigation, we learned that a white
5 Cadillac that may have been the potential vehicle used by the
6 shooters, and we found out through the investigation that Mr.
7 Blaton Smith was known to drive a white Cadillac.
- 8 Q: All right. At any point in the investigation did anybody
9 lead you to believe that a white Cadillac was parked on the
10 end of General Road?
- 11 A: I don't recall that.
- 12 Q: Okay. What -- let's switch back to when you went into
13 the -- into the house. Can you tell the jury what all you
14 found?
- 15 A: Inside the house?
- 16 Q: Mm-hmm.
- 17 A: What I found?
- 18 Q: Yeah.
- 19 A: Or what I assisted Detective Bell and found?
- 20 Q: What did y'all recover from in the house?
- 21 A: As I testified initially, from our first response when we
22 went inside, I saw the blood stain, the smear on the dryer,
23 and that's when we started doing interviews and we started
24 looking for bullet holes, projectiles, and fragments.
- 25 Q: Anything else you found inside the house? Maybe some

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1 crack cocaine?

2 A: Pardon me?

3 Q: Any crack cocaine?

4 A: I never discovered any cocaine.

5 Q: Any marijuana?

6 A: There was some marijuana that was found inside of the
7 home during the search in the bedroom that belongs to Mr.
8 Gavin Graves, whom immediately claimed it.

9 Q: Any scales?

10 A: I think there were some scales that were -- that were
11 found in the bedroom, yes.

12 Q: Are you testifying that there wasn't any crack cocaine or
13 you don't know about any crack cocaine or what?

14 A: I was not involved in discovering the crack cocaine; so I
15 don't know too much about it. I heard through the talk of the
16 other investigators. I was along with Detective Bell on our
17 hands and knees going through any and everything trying to
18 find bullet fragments and projectiles.

19 Q: All right. You testified that you also found a gun in
20 there?

21 A: No, I did not.

22 Q: Well, you testified that there was a gun on Mr. Derrick
23 Wilson?

24 A: No. There was no gun inside the house. I didn't testify
25 to that.

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1 Q: You testified earlier that one of the victims had a legal
2 gun.

3 A: I did.

4 Q: Well --

5 A: But I never once said that it was inside the house.

6 Q: Well, where was it?

7 A: He produced it. I'm not sure where it was at. Detective
8 Bell was the one who took that -- took charge of that, but it
9 was seized immediately.

10 Q: How do you know it was legal?

11 A: How do I know it was legal?

12 Q: Yeah.

13 A: That's what the victim claimed.

14 Q: Oh, that's just what the victim told you?

15 A: Mm-hmm.

16 THE COURT: Is that a yes?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 BY MR. DEBERRY:

20 A: I had no reason to dispute the victim. He's a victim,
21 not a potential suspect.

22 Q: Is it legal to have drugs and guns together?

23 A: Pardon me?

24 Q: Is it legal to have illegal drugs and guns together?

25 A: Not really.

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1 Q: Okay. Not --

2 A: My main focus was not the drugs. I'm not a narcotics
3 agent. My main and only concern was four attempted murders
4 and a murder that we later found out when Mr. Drawhorn passed
5 away.

6 MR. DEBERRY: Objection, Your Honor. I just asked the
7 question.

8 THE COURT: He answered the question.

9 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 BY MR. DEBERRY:

11 Q: Is it legal to have drugs and -- illegal drugs and guns
12 together?

13 A: Is it illegal --

14 Q: Yeah.

15 A: -- to have them together?

16 Q: Yes.

17 A: Only if you're a convicted felon, and I had no reason to
18 suspect him to be a convicted felon. He had done nothing
19 wrong. He was cooperative.

20 Q: Well, had he done something wrong that night, he wouldn't
21 have been convicted, would he?

22 A: Pardon me?

23 Q: He -- had he been implicated that night for anything, he
24 wouldn't have been already convicted of that, would he?

25 MR. CLEMENTS: Kind of calls for speculation, Your Honor.

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1 I object.

2 MR. DEBERRY: If I can ask him another --

3 THE COURT: I'll allow that on cross examination. If he
4 knows the answer to it, he can answer the question.

5 BY MR. DEBERRY:

6 A: Ask me the question again?

7 Q: Did you know their records?

8 A: No, I didn't. I never knew these guys and I never met
9 these gentlemen before that night.

10 Q: Okay. All right. So you don't know whether they were
11 felons or not?

12 A: No, I did not.

13 Q: Okay. You testified earlier that you learned through the
14 investigation of Charlie B that Boo Boo was there or -- do you
15 know who Boo Boo is?

16 A: No. What's his real name?

17 Q: Willie Bethea.

18 A: Yes.

19 Q: All right. And do you know through your investigation
20 that Willie Bethea is Boo Boo?

21 A: If my memory serves me correctly, yes.

22 Q: Okay. Did you -- I mean what kind of information did you
23 have that Boo Boo was there?

24 A: That he was involved.

25 Q: All right. Did you have information that he was inside

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1 of the car or that he was on the sidewalk?

2 A: That he was involved and he had information, which
3 Detective Bell and I followed -- quickly followed up on.

4 Q: Did you have information that he was -- just a second.
5 Did you have information that Boo Boo or Willie Bethea was
6 wearing dark blue jeans, burgundy and white Nike Air Force
7 Ones?

8 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, just I think it's a hearsay
9 question. I'd object to hearsay.

10 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

11 BY MR. DEBERRY:

12 Q: Did you ever learn that during your investigation?

13 MR. CLEMENTS: Object to hearsay, Your Honor.

14 MR. DEBERRY: Your Honor, I don't believe it's hearsay.

15 THE COURT: I'll allow that. Go ahead. Answer the
16 question if you know it.

17 BY MR. DEBERRY:

18 A: I do not.

19 Q: All right. Would you agree that that information is very
20 specific information?

21 A: Which information?

22 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object. I'm not sure --

23 THE COURT: Restate your question, please.

24 BY MR. DEBERRY:

25 Q: If you learned during your investigation that -- that you

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1 got evidence that shows that somebody was on the crime scene
2 that was involved in the crime that was wearing a -- and you
3 got a complete description of their clothes down to what kind
4 of shoes they had on, would you agree that's specific
5 information?

6 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, he's already -- I object.
7 He's already stated he didn't know that and that --

8 THE COURT: What's your grounds for your --

9 MR. CLEMENTS: -- calls for speculation.

10 THE COURT: Your grounds for your objection?

11 MR. CLEMENTS: It calls for speculation. He's already
12 answered he didn't have that information. So now he's asking
13 him to speculate on information he said he didn't have.

14 THE COURT: Come here for a minute, both of you, please.

15 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
16 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury off the
17 record.)

18 THE COURT: All right. Objection overruled. I'll allow
19 the question. Restate your question again for the witness,
20 please, Mr. Deberry.

21 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 BY MR. DEBERRY:

23 Q: Mr. Watson, my question was: If you had learned that
24 information during your investigation that somebody was
25 involved in the crime scene, that they were there at the crime

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1 scene, that they were out on the sidewalk, and that somebody
2 described to a T right down to what kind of shoes they were
3 wearing, that that would be specific information about a
4 crime?

5 A: Yes.

6 Q: All right. And is it your testimony that you didn't
7 learn that information or that you did know that information?

8 A: The only thing that I can think of that that might be one
9 of the statements that was given by David Graves taken by
10 Detective Bell and myself that we later found out to be just a
11 bunch of lies.

12 Q: Okay. So in other words, Mr. Graves later changed his
13 statement?

14 A: Right.

15 Q: Okay.

16 A: We followed up with the information that Mr. Graves gave
17 in his first initial statement and, after investigating, we
18 found out it was a bunch of lies. But if my memory serves me
19 correctly -- I'm trying to pull it out of up here now.

20 Q: Okay. How many times did you interview David Graves?

21 A: Two times.

22 Q: Two times?

23 A: Yes.

24 Q: All right. Well, I see a Miranda -- did you give him
25 Miranda warnings each time you interviewed him?

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1 A: Yes, we did.

2 Q: All right. And what -- what is that?

3 A: That's a list of his Miranda rights.

4 Q: And what are Miranda rights? If you -- I mean just in
5 general.

6 A: Just the right to remain silent. He didn't have to
7 cooperate. He could request counsel before any questioning if
8 he saw fit.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to this line of
10 questioning on the grounds of relevance and he's talking about
11 hearsay information. I'm not sure --

12 THE COURT: Hold on a minute. Can y'all step to the jury
13 room for just a minute? I'll get you right back out here. Do
14 not discuss the case.

15 (Whereupon, the jury exits the courtroom at 10:47 a.m.)

16 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Clements, I'd be happy to
17 hear from you.

18 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I'd --

19 THE COURT: I mean you objected on the grounds of
20 relevance. So --

21 MR. CLEMENTS: Relevance. It's confusing. It's a waste
22 of time. And he's talking about hearsay information. So I
23 object on the grounds of Rule 403. If it is relevant, it's
24 prejudicial, confusing or a waste of time, but also, I don't
25 believe it's relevant.

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1 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

2 MR. DEBERRY: Your Honor, it's talking about an
3 investigation where there's a witness out there, Charlie B,
4 who gives specific information as to an alternative theory
5 about what might have happened on the night in question. I
6 mean I can't understand how in the world it's not relevant.
7 They interviewed him several times. He's given inconsistent
8 statements and I haven't asked anything that calls for
9 hearsay.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Clements?

11 MR. CLEMENTS: Well, what he's talking about is hearsay
12 information.

13 THE COURT: I mean all he's asked him --

14 MR. CLEMENTS: And that's --

15 THE COURT: Go ahead.

16 MR. CLEMENTS: The line of questioning -- where is he
17 going to go with it except trying to elicit what Charlie B
18 said? If he wants to put Charlie B up as a witness, he can
19 call him if it supports his theory of the case. But he's
20 trying to piggyback onto that right now and that's why I
21 object to this line of questioning. He's trying to piggyback
22 hearsay information and what he's asking is nothing but
23 confusing. What if so and so? What if this? What if that?
24 It's a bunch of speculation. I just think, you know, that's
25 irrelevant. What -- what difference does it make if you

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1 interview somebody and he's already said he gave conflicting
2 statements and we moved on? He's trying to elicit --
3 ultimately, he's trying to elicit from this witness what
4 Charlie B said.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

6 MR. DEBERRY: My position is the same, Your Honor. It's
7 cross examination. It's a murder trial and there's
8 information that Mr. Watson has that's contrary to the way
9 they're trying to prosecute the case.

10 MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, can I be heard at the
11 appropriate time on this? Because it's going to come up
12 during my cross of Investigator Watson.

13 THE COURT: Well, when you cross examine him, if he wants
14 to object at that point, I'll address it at that point.

15 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 (Whereupon, there is a pause in the proceedings.)

18 THE COURT: Well, I understand the objection of relevancy
19 and I understand your concern about hearsay. Without getting
20 into the specifics of what Charlie B said, he can't do that.
21 He can't do that. And if he's trying to tie -- Mr. Deberry
22 and/or Mr. Bailey on his cross examination tries to tie the
23 examples of what he was wearing down to his shoes to Charlie
24 B, that is testimony from you as to what Charlie B may have
25 said to him and I'm not going to allow you to tie that.

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1 Now, I think you can give examples and you've established
2 that Charlie B, without going into hearsay, gave inconsistent
3 statements. He's testified to that. He's testified to that.

4 MR. DEBERRY: But, Your Honor, I mean I think that we
5 have the full ability to attack the credibility of their
6 investigation and --

7 THE COURT: And you can do that. You can do that. Now,
8 whether or not he followed up on what whoever told him, that's
9 going in a little bit different scenario. You can attack what
10 they did or what they didn't do in their investigation, but
11 I'm not going to allow you to testify in a sense as to what
12 Charlie B said to show this jury what those inconsistencies
13 were. Does that make sense?

14 MR. DEBERRY: Yes, sir. But I'm not -- but there's also
15 a theory -- I mean there's also a line of thought that says
16 that I need to get this information in as a third party guilt
17 situation because it's very reasonable to infer from what I
18 can get in Charlie B may have been there.

19 THE COURT: Well -- and he may have been and if you can
20 establish that, but I'm not going to allow you to establish or
21 bring out through this witness what Charlie B may have said.
22 I mean is that -- how can that not be hearsay?

23 MR. DEBERRY: Well, I'm not -- I'm not asking him what he
24 said.

25 THE COURT: I --

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1 MR. DEBERRY: I can ask him what he learned from the
2 investigation, can't I?

3 THE COURT: In essence, you can, but I'm not going to
4 allow you to testify through -- you learned through your
5 investigation that so and so said this or did --

6 MR. DEBERRY: I understand.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Clements?

8 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, he's already in a fashion
9 asked that question and it's been answered because I believe
10 Mr. Watson said yeah, we talked to him, he gave conflicting
11 statements, and it turned out to be a bunch of lies. They
12 were followed up on. So I think that's been asked and
13 answered. And I think third party guilt is -- now to be
14 admissible, it's got to prove the defendant's innocence and
15 this doesn't at all. This is just -- you know, they talked to
16 several other witnesses too, but they followed up on it and
17 didn't -- didn't reveal anything of any value.

18 THE COURT: Right. Well --

19 MR. CLEMENTS: He's going to have a chance to cross
20 examine Willie Bethea himself. So they followed up and they
21 talked with Willie Bethea.

22 THE COURT: Well, anything else? Anything else, Mr.
23 Deberry?

24 MR. DEBERRY: Your Honor, I just want to be clear on what
25 I can and can't do with what I -- I mean are you saying that I

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1 can't ask him what his follow-up led to?

2 THE COURT: Mr. Clements?

3 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I think he's asked and
4 answered that. He said there were conflicting statements. We
5 didn't believe them to be true and then they moved on.

6 THE COURT: Well, I mean I don't think there is -- to
7 answer your question -- I just wanted to hear whatever
8 argument Mr. Clements had on that. I mean I think you can ask
9 him what he did as a result of his investigation.

10 MR. CLEMENTS: And I don't have a problem with that
11 either. I mean I think he's already asked him. So --

12 THE COURT: Well, I mean -- and I'll allow him to ask
13 that. I mean he's certainly entitled to ask that question.
14 He's certainly entitled to ask that.

15 MR. CLEMENTS: And I don't object to that. I would
16 object to him saying what did you do to follow up
17 investigation about Charlie B saying so and so? That's what I
18 object to.

19 THE COURT: And that would be -- I agree about that would
20 be a problem because that would be testimony as to what
21 Charlie B may have said and which would be hearsay in this
22 case.

23 MR. DEBERRY: But --

24 THE COURT: Hearsay whether it be in this case or any
25 other case.

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1 MR. DEBERRY: And I'm not trying to be argumentative, but
2 if he says he learned something through the investigation,
3 then as a result of that I can ask him what happened.

4 THE COURT: I mean if he answers it in that fashion, not
5 subject to the way you ask the question, you know, he opens
6 that door.

7 MR. DEBERRY: I mean, Your Honor, I believe there's case
8 law on point that says that statements are not hearsay in the
9 admission of evidence when I'm attacking the -- an
10 investigation.

11 THE COURT: I mean you find me the case, I'll be happy to
12 look at it.

13 MR. DEBERRY: We got it right here.

14 THE COURT: So you're taking the position that he -- that
15 you can ask him what Charlie B told him and whatever Charlie B
16 says as long as you're, quote unquote, attacking the
17 credibility of their investigation he can say whatever Charlie
18 B told him? Is that your position?

19 MR. DEBERRY: And, Your Honor, I think that the case says
20 that an out-of-court statement is not hearsay if it is offered
21 for the limited purpose of explaining why a government
22 investigation was not effective.

23 THE COURT: I want to see the case. I mean --

24 MR. CLEMENTS: Have you got a copy for me?

25 (Whereupon, there is a pause in the proceedings as the

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1 case is provided and read by the Court and counsel.)

2 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Deberry, I'll be happy to
3 hear anything further.

4 MR. DEBERRY: Judge, I mean I believe that the case
5 states pretty clearly that you can get into the -- into the
6 meat of the statements just to explore the reason for
7 investigation. I mean that's what the case says. And that
8 it's not hearsay.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Clements?

10 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, the reason this investigation
11 was going on is because they had a dead body and a shot-up
12 trailer. This case talks about why they began surveillance
13 based on hearsay information. This investigation was not done
14 based on hearsay information given by Charlie B.. The
15 investigation was already ongoing. They talked to him, didn't
16 believe his statements to be credible, and moved on. His
17 statements did not cause them to do an investigation.

18 The investigation was because Christian Drawhorn was
19 killed and the trailer was shot up. It's completely
20 distinguishable from this case, which he says is not hearsay,
21 but to state why a government investigation began was under
22 taint. That's not the case here at all. He might be trying
23 to say why an investigation should have been done -- taken of
24 Charlie B, but they dismissed it because it was not credible
25 and it was conflicting statements, which Officer Watson has

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1 already testified to.

2 THE COURT: Anything else, Mr. Deberry?

3 MR. DEBERRY: I think that the very nature of a
4 conflicting statement is essential evidence in the -- in the
5 defense of a case.

6 THE COURT: Anything you want to add, Mr. Bailey?

7 MR. BAILEY: Well, Your Honor, in response to Mr.
8 Clements's statement that that case deals with the initial
9 beginning of the investigation for surveillance, well, Your
10 Honor, that case does not distinguish the start of what
11 investigation. They began their investigation -- or their
12 initial investigation based upon the shooting call. Through
13 the course of that investigation, they learned of facts that
14 led them down a different road on a different theory of what
15 happened at the shooting. That's a whole separate
16 investigation.

17 Mr. Deberry and I should be able to cross examine the
18 investigators as to what they heard as non-hearsay. Judge,
19 and this all stems from I guess asking about what Boo Boo was
20 wearing that night with the Virginia Tech colors. Judge,
21 that's not coming in to prove he was wearing that that night.
22 What did you do to investigate it? You learned this
23 information. What did you do to investigate it? It's not
24 hearsay. We're not offering it to prove what he -- what --
25 what he was wearing.

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1 Judge, the -- you know, the next thing is David Graves
2 says there were three guys standing on the sidewalk and one
3 guy runs around to the back of the trailer. Okay? We should
4 be able to ask him that as non-hearsay. What did you do to
5 investigate it?

6 You've heard all of our questions leading up. Where's
7 the crime scene? What did you do to investigate it? That's
8 where we're going with this, and the case clearly says it's
9 non-hearsay.

10 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I don't believe that case says
11 that that is not hearsay at all. If what Mr. Bailey propounds
12 is the truth, we would never have to bring in any witnesses
13 that gave statements ever. We could just say, well, they told
14 you so and so; right? What did you do? That's just rank
15 hearsay. It is -- it's as far-fetched as I've ever heard an
16 argument on hearsay to say that, you know, they can ask him
17 about everything a guy said and they are -- they are asking
18 him because they're trying to say what the guy said was the
19 truth.

20 And so they are presenting it. Their ultimate purpose is
21 to say what you concluded happened isn't what happened. It's
22 what this guy Charlie B told you in his first statement is
23 what happened. So they're offering every bit of that
24 information to be the truth. It's rank hearsay.

25 THE COURT: Well, I do believe that it's hearsay. I've

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1 read what you handed up here, State v. Brown, 451 S.E.2d 888,
2 which is a 1994 Supreme Court case. That I do believe that it
3 is hearsay. However, I'll allow you to proffer whatever you
4 want to from him for purposes of protecting the record.

5 MR. CLEMENTS: Also, Your Honor, I want to say one thing.
6 On June the 26th -- or was it 25th? Mr. Charlie B, David
7 Graves, was interviewed and he said that that first statement
8 he gave to Bell and the first statements he gave to Bell and
9 to Watson was a lie. He retracted it. If they want to call
10 him up and put that information in through Charlie B, it's not
11 hearsay then what he said and I can't object to it.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Anything you want to proffer from this
13 witness any further, please do so. Make sure your clients'
14 interests are protected in case I'm wrong.

15 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you.

16 PROFFERED CROSS EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. DEBERRY:

18 Q: Mr. Watson, did you learn through investigation that
19 David Graves testified that he saw three people standing on a
20 sidewalk and one person ran around the back of the house?

21 A: That was in his first statement that he gave Detective
22 Bell and myself that we ruled out. He later retracted it as a
23 lie.

24 Q: Okay. And I'm not introducing this as evidence, but I'd
25 like to --

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1 MR. DEBERRY: Can I show this to the witness?

2 THE COURT: Yes, sir, absolutely.

3 Q: I'll just hand you this and ask you did you -- did you
4 write that statement for Mr. Graves?

5 A: I did so.

6 Q: All right. And is --

7 A: Upon the request of Mr. Graves.

8 Q: Okay. And you signed it?

9 A: He signed it and I witnessed it, yes.

10 Q: You signed it as a witness?

11 A: I witnessed it.

12 Q: Okay. All right. And does that -- is that the statement
13 that contains information that Mr. Graves gave you a
14 description of what Mr. Willie Bethea was wearing and that
15 there was --

16 A: This is the information that he give in his first
17 statement that he later retracted as a lie.

18 Q: Okay.

19 A: He admitted that he lied about this.

20 Q: What investigation did you do other than he just said he
21 lied about it to follow up on that information?

22 A: We had started an investigation and he finally came
23 forward and retracted the statement; so that killed the
24 investigation right there, and he gave a second statement.

25 MR. DEBERRY: Just a second. All right. That's it,

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1 Judge. And if I could just for clarification purposes when
2 the jury comes back, if I could just -- I just want to be
3 clear on where I can go.

4 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Clements, do you have an objection
5 to what he just asked him?

6 MR. CLEMENTS: Judge, I just think it's all --

7 THE COURT: Well, I mean -- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to
8 cut you off. Go ahead.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: Let me confer one second with the other
10 officer.

11 THE COURT: Well, I mean before you confer, I mean in
12 essence what he asked him is he investigated based on that
13 statement. The second statement was a conflicting statement
14 which killed the investigation or killed that avenue. Is that
15 not what --

16 MR. CLEMENTS: What I objected to --

17 THE COURT: Hold on. Is that not what you just testified
18 to, Mr. Watson?

19 THE WITNESS: The -- the first statement, yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: Your testimony was that when he gave the
21 second statement, which was conflicting, that killed the
22 investigation as far as that goes -- as far as what he said;
23 right?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Now, go ahead.

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, what -- what I object to is
2 not him asking him didn't you take a statement from Charlie B.

3 THE COURT: Right.

4 MR. CLEMENTS: Yes, I did. And he retracted it and it
5 was false. What I object to is him saying didn't you take a
6 statement from Charlie B and he said so and so and so and so.

7 THE COURT: Right. And I agree with that, but what he
8 just asked I don't think there was any -- any objection --
9 anything objectionable to that.

10 MR. CLEMENTS: No. He did ask him about people running
11 around the back and three people standing on the road. That I
12 completely object to.

13 THE COURT: I agree with that.

14 MR. CLEMENTS: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: I agree with that.

16 MR. DEBERRY: I mean that's what I just asked. So is
17 that --

18 MR. CLEMENTS: That's what he just asked.

19 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Anything else you want to
20 ask him?

21 MR. DEBERRY: Not that I need to proffer. I just need to
22 be clear. I mean I don't want to have any problems, you know.
23 It's kind of confusing.

24 THE COURT: I'm not going to allow you to -- allow what
25 you just proffered with regards to three people and three

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1 people running around the house.

2 MR. DEBERRY: Can I ask him through his investigation
3 that he learned that there was three people outside and that
4 one ran behind the house?

5 THE COURT: Mr. Clements?

6 MR. CLEMENTS: If he asks him, he's already said no, he
7 didn't learn that in the investigation. He was told that and
8 found out it was a lie.

9 THE COURT: No, I'm not going to allow you to ask that
10 question. You've proffered it. I sustain the objection on
11 that.

12 MR. DEBERRY: So you're saying I can't ask what he
13 learned during his investigation --

14 THE COURT: I'm not going to allow --

15 MR. DEBERRY: -- if I get away from the statement I mean?

16 THE COURT: Sir?

17 MR. DEBERRY: If I get completely away from Charlie B's
18 statement?

19 THE COURT: It depends on what his answer is. I mean I'm
20 not -- if you ask that -- I mean that's a very open-ended
21 question and if he starts going down that road of, well, I was
22 told so and so and so and so and the State objects to it, I
23 mean I'm not going to allow him to give hearsay testimony from
24 this stand. I mean I think you can certainly ask him what he
25 did as a result of his investigation, but I mean that's a very

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1 broad and open-ended question and it will depend on what he
2 answers --

3 MR. DEBERRY: So I can't --

4 THE COURT: -- as to whether or not it's objectionable.

5 MR. DEBERRY: So I can -- so I can ask it? Is that what
6 -- did he learn --

7 THE COURT: You can -- you can ask the question of
8 whether or not -- it depends on what road he goes down. Mr.
9 Clements?

10 MR. CLEMENTS: Judge, he's -- he's trying to get it back
11 to what you already told him he can't get into further.

12 THE COURT: Do you want to ask him that question now and
13 let me hear what he's going to say?

14 MR. DEBERRY: Sure.

15 PROFFERED CROSS EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. DEBERRY:

17 Q: Detective Watson, through the course of your
18 investigation, did you have any knowledge or any evidence that
19 -- or did you learn in any way that three people may have been
20 on the sidewalk in front of the house and that one person ran
21 around behind the house?

22 A: That information was given in a statement by Mr. Graves,
23 Charlie B, that later retracted it as a lie as to his
24 statement, and he give a second statement.

25 THE COURT: Any objection to that, Mr. Clements?

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: Still, Your Honor, he's having to give a
2 hearsay response.

3 MR. DEBERRY: He can answer it as a yes or no.

4 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Clements, any objection to a
5 yes or no response?

6 MR. CLEMENTS: Yes, sir, because he's asking him hearsay
7 information.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: He's asking him did you hear this and he
10 learned it through hearsay.

11 THE COURT: I sustain the objection. I believe that
12 that's trying to elicit testimony or statements from a witness
13 that's not here to testify to that effect to give the State a
14 right to cross examine that witness on that issue. I sustain
15 the objection on that, but it's so proffered for the record.
16 If I'm wrong, it's in the record. Okay? Anything else? All
17 right. Let's bring the jury back in.

18 (Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom at 11:13 a.m.)

19 THE COURT: All right. Thank you for your patience,
20 ladies and gentlemen. We're going to continue the trial of
21 this case at this time. Mr. Deberry, you're recognized.

22 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you.

23 CONTINUED CROSS EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. DEBERRY:

25 Q: Mr. Watson, how -- how many times did you and Mr. Bell

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1 interview David Graves?

2 A: Two times.

3 Q: And is David Graves Charlie B?

4 A: Yes.

5 Q: And one of those times, did -- did you have an occasion
6 to actually transcribe or write his statement?

7 A: I did at his request.

8 Q: Okay. Can you testify -- I'm going to show you what's
9 marked as State's 37. To your recollection, do you know where
10 the shell casings were?

11 A: The shell casings were located right here on the edge of
12 the roadway and in the roadway.

13 Q: Can you point to it again?

14 A: Right here.

15 Q: Okay. They were right there? All right. Okay. Can you
16 testify -- you testified earlier when the solicitor was going
17 through the pictures that State's Exhibit Number 26 -- can you
18 testify again as to what that is?

19 A: The top picture or the bottom picture?

20 Q: The bottom picture is the grill?

21 A: Yes.

22 Q: Is that right? The top picture?

23 A: It's the side of the mobile home.

24 Q: It's the side?

25 A: Well, I mean it looks like the wall of it through the

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1 design of the --

2 Q: One of the ends? The back? Front?

3 A: No. It was -- it could be either/or -- either the front

4 of the mobile home, the long wall, or the rear long wall, but

5 I'm not really sure.

6 Q: You testified earlier that that was an exit hole in the

7 rear of the trailer. Do you remember?

8 A: I don't know if this was the specific picture I was

9 looking at or not. I don't recall. I may have.

10 Q: Well, I think the testimony was very clear. I wrote it

11 down when you were talking about State's Exhibit 26 that it

12 was the only picture that you said was of the rear of the

13 mobile home and the only picture of an exterior exit hole.

14 Still -- is that still your testimony?

15 A: Like I testified earlier, I'm not an expert, but looking

16 at the picture at the top, it looks like an exit hole.

17 Q: Can you tell us where on the trailer it was?

18 A: No, I cannot.

19 Q: So earlier it was on the back of the trailer, but now it

20 might be --

21 A: From my memory --

22 Q: -- on the front; is that right?

23 A: From my memory to the best of my memory, most of the

24 bullet holes that I observed with the metal protruding outward

25 were on the rear of the mobile home, which would validate me

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1 explaining to you the through and through.

2 Q: So you didn't take -- there's more than one that came
3 out?

4 A: I can't testify to that. I can't remember right offhand.

5 Q: How many were in the car? How many bullet holes?

6 A: In the car?

7 Q: Yeah.

8 A: I just seem to remember two that was in the rear
9 passenger door.

10 Q: Okay. But there was only one that you may have taken a
11 picture of coming out of the house?

12 A: I'm not saying to you and I'm not testifying that that's
13 the specific hole that matched up to the vehicle. I can't do
14 that.

15 Q: All right. Well, let me just ask you about this picture
16 and the way it looks and we showed it -- we showed it to the
17 jury earlier.

18 THE COURT: Make sure that -- I think you said it, but
19 State's Exhibit -- what is that, Mr. Deberry?

20 MR. DEBERRY: 26, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. I'm sorry.

22 BY MR. DEBERRY:

23 Q: Mr. Watson, if you look close, it looks like there's a
24 little piece of metal that's coming out. Do you agree with
25 that?

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- 1 A: Yeah. But it also looks like it's protruding outward to
2 me. That's my personal opinion. His personal opinion may be
3 different.
- 4 Q: What makes you believe that?
- 5 A: Because the way I'm looking at it, I look at that and I
6 see the metal folded outward. Do you look at it and see the
7 metal folded inward?
- 8 Q: Well, it looks like it's going across the hole from the
9 left side looking at it this way; right?
- 10 A: That's -- that's my opinion, just like that's your
11 opinion.
- 12 Q: Is that flat metal there?
- 13 A: Pardon me?
- 14 Q: Is that flat metal or is it corrugated metal?
- 15 A: I'm not a metal expert. You're asking the wrong one.
- 16 Q: I mean this surface is flat and a surface that would
17 have, like, humps in it every so often like you see on, like,
18 on tin roofs and such, that would be corrugated.
- 19 A: Okay.
- 20 Q: Does that look flat or corrugated? Hard to tell; right?
- 21 A: Yeah. It's hard to tell.
- 22 Q: It's really hard to tell because it's a picture. It's
23 also hard to tell which way that piece of metal is sticking
24 in. Would you agree with that?
- 25 A: Yes. But I normally testify to my opinion.

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1 Q: I understand. I understand. And you showed me this
2 stack of pictures that the solicitor put into evidence and
3 it's all -- and it's all pictures that are into evidence.
4 Could you show me any more of the pictures that contained the
5 back of the house?

6 A: You want me to go through them?

7 Q: I mean if you think there's some in there or however you
8 want to do it.

9 (Whereupon, there is a pause in the questioning for the
10 witness to review the photographs.)

11 A: If some of the -- if some of the pictures are bullet
12 holes from the back of the mobile home, then I can't decipher
13 which one it would be. As I testified earlier, it's still my
14 honest opinion. I distinctly remember seeing some of the
15 holes. I did not go and look at every single hole in the
16 mobile home. The ones that distinctly stood out in my mind in
17 the rear of the home were the ones that the metal was
18 protruding outward, which would have told me common sense that
19 a bullet went through that mobile home out and it potentially
20 could have struck another home in the back part of that area.

21 Q: Any other reports of mobile homes being shot that night?

22 A: No.

23 MR. DEBERRY: Your Honor, may I publish -- republish this
24 to the jury?

25 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

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1 BY MR. DEBERRY:

2 Q: And this is State's Exhibit 26 that shows what you
3 testified to with Solicitor Clements of that being an exit
4 hole in the back of the trailer. Mr. Watson, I'm going to
5 show you State's Exhibit Number 20. Can you re-familiarize
6 yourself with the bottom picture on that?

7 A: Yes.

8 Q: All right. Now, what is that?

9 A: It is a poor shot where I guess maybe the flash didn't go
10 off on the camera, but you can tell of the faint silhouette
11 that it's a white SUV and you can see some of the shine off
12 the rim, and there was only one vehicle out there that was a
13 white SUV with shiny rims and that was the vehicle belonging
14 to the victim, Mr. Derrick Wilson.

15 Q: And that was behind the house?

16 A: That was behind the house, yes.

17 Q: All right. And so there's -- and this took place at
18 night; right?

19 A: Yes.

20 Q: And that picture was obviously taken at night?

21 A: Yes.

22 Q: So without a flash, it would show you the lighting
23 conditions, would it not?

24 A: I'm not an expert on photography. Sorry.

25 Q: Well, I understand, but it just looks like a dark

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1 picture. You can just barely see that; right?

2 A: Right.

3 MR. DEBERRY: Can I show that -- publish that?

4 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

5 BY MR. DEBERRY:

6 Q: I'll also show you what's State's Exhibit 19. Can you
7 explain what that is again?

8 A: As I explained to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury
9 earlier, the first top picture is a state road sign
10 identifying General Road, which is the dirt road that turns
11 off of Highway 501 that goes past the mobile home. The bottom
12 picture is a large wide-scanned picture of the area where the
13 shell casings were taken. And again, it was not the best
14 equipment, but it's what we had to work with at the time.
15 Maybe the flash didn't go off good enough or -- I'm not an
16 expert in photography.

17 Q: But it looks like these pictures were probably taken with
18 a flash?

19 A: I know the top one was.

20 Q: Okay. There's a little lighted area.

21 A: Mm-hmm.

22 Q: So that may have been the flash on the bottom? I see
23 some blue lights up here is what it looks like. Would that be
24 --

25 A: The blue lights in the highway is whenever we blocked off

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1 traffic and we were collecting the shell casings, marking
2 them, and everything else.

3 Q: Can you tell what -- does this point towards the house?

4 A: No, it does not.

5 Q: So it doesn't include the house?

6 A: No. The house would be to the left of the photograph.

7 Q: It would be over here on this side?

8 A: If you're facing -- if you're facing the path of the
9 highway, the mobile home would have been to the left. And
10 there was some illumination because you've got street lights
11 all up and down Highway 501.

12 Q: But that shows the illumination of the area?

13 A: Yes.

14 MR. DEBERRY: Your Honor, I'd like to show this to the
15 jury.

16 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

17 BY MR. DEBERRY:

18 Q: Is -- let's talk about the shell casings that were moved.
19 Do you know how they were moved?

20 A: They were collected. I wasn't part of the collection of
21 those shell casings.

22 Q: With your experience in law enforcement and as a
23 detective, do fingerprints -- are they sometimes found on
24 shell casings?

25 A: Yes, they are.

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1 Q: All right.

2 A: Not always.

3 Q: But they can be?

4 A: Yes.

5 Q: All right. So do you know if -- do you know who moved
6 them?

7 A: I can't recall right offhand.

8 Q: It was a deputy?

9 A: I'm not sure.

10 Q: Okay. But you know they were moved?

11 A: They were. They were seized, yes, into evidence.

12 Q: During your investigation, did you question how they were
13 moved?

14 A: I had no reason to.

15 Q: All right. Did you ever think that maybe you should have
16 gotten a fingerprint analysis from the shell casings?

17 A: They were submitted to SLED. When you got a situation of
18 that magnitude, everybody has got a specific job, and the
19 shell casings were collected by somebody else, not me, and
20 they were submitted to SLED. I don't know anything about it.

21 Q: Okay. So you don't know if they were --

22 A: I know they were submitted for the firearm analysis.

23 Q: Do you know if they were submitted for fingerprints?

24 A: I can't testify to that.

25 Q: Is it against the law to tamper with evidence?

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1 A: Yes.

2 Q: Okay. The bullet holes that you testified to and with
3 your knowledge about how they come in and go out and all that
4 made great sense -- and I guess you know that from your
5 experience?

6 A: Yes.

7 Q: I mean from -- I mean it's common sense analysis,
8 wouldn't you agree?

9 A: Absolutely.

10 Q: So did you ever -- did you ever match up holes from the
11 outside to holes from the inside?

12 A: Pardon me?

13 Q: Did you ever -- you and Detective Bell -- did y'all ever
14 match up holes from the outside to holes from the inside?

15 A: No.

16 Q: So is it safe to say that we don't know which direction
17 they came from?

18 A: Well, if you have a hole in one wall and you walk
19 directly to the other side of the mobile home and there's
20 another hole, you know, chances are one bullet made that one
21 hole because bullets travel in a straight path unless they hit
22 something and then they ricocheted off something else.

23 Q: Okay. But I mean did you -- did you do any checking as
24 far as -- I mean if -- say there was multiple shooters from
25 multiple angles --

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: Objection. It's speculation. I don't
2 think he's an expert in this field.

3 THE WITNESS: I'm not.

4 THE COURT: I'm going to allow him to -- go -- finish
5 your question, please.

6 BY MR. DEBERRY:

7 Q: If there were multiple shots fired -- which there is
8 evidence that multiple shots were fired, you would agree?

9 A: Oh, yes, definitely.

10 Q: You had holes -- multiple holes in the house. Wouldn't
11 you agree that if a bullet comes from one direction, it may
12 hit a wall kind of further down in the trailer as opposed to
13 if it was shot straight through the house as opposed to if a
14 bullet came from another direction it may would end in the
15 wall further down?

16 A: Well, it all depends on where you aim your weapon.

17 Q: Is that where the weapon was fired from? Wouldn't you
18 agree?

19 A: Right.

20 Q: So did you do any checking at all as to which way these
21 holes were headed? Or you just -- or did you take for granted
22 that because there's a hole in the front and a hole in the
23 back it must have been the same bullet?

24 A: It's just my opinion.

25 Q: Have you ever seen or done any investigation where you

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1 would stick a dowel rod or some kind of object that's straight
2 in nature through those holes and that would give you an idea
3 of which way that bullet was going?

4 A: Yeah. Like the rods on television shows?

5 Q: Yes, sir.

6 A: Okay. We don't have those. We don't have the budget for
7 those.

8 Q: Mr. Watson, don't you think you could go to the hardware
9 store and buy a wooden rod for maybe a dollar?

10 A: It was my observation that night the majority of the
11 shell casings were in a specific area, and if you looked at
12 where all the bullet holes were going in, it was safe to say
13 my observation that those bullet -- those -- they were
14 standing in a specific place and they shot up the house. End
15 of story.

16 Q: They were standing --

17 A: As far as being an expert in doing what the counselor is
18 asking did I do, no, I did not do that.

19 Q: That's out of y'all's budget?

20 A: Yeah. I'm not trained on that. We didn't have that kind
21 of equipment. We used our common sense.

22 Q: Thank you. You testified earlier that Duke -- that you
23 had some evidence that led you to believe that Duke may be
24 implicated in this crime; is that true?

25 A: We had no evidence, just speculation.

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- 1 Q: Do you have any evidence now?
- 2 A: Do I have any evidence that Duke was involved?
- 3 Q: Yes, sir.
- 4 A: No.
- 5 Q: You don't have any evidence that Duke ordered the
6 shooting?
- 7 A: Do I have any evidence that he ordered the shooting?
- 8 Q: Or do you have any knowledge that that's the case?
- 9 A: Through -- let me see how I want to put this.
- 10 Q: I'll remind you that you testified earlier that you
11 didn't arrest him because he wasn't in Marion County.
- 12 A: He wasn't in Marion County.
- 13 Q: And that's the reason you didn't arrest him?
- 14 A: The information that we got that implicated him somewhat
15 is from what was given to us by other co-defendants.
- 16 Q: Okay. But you couldn't mess with him because he's in
17 Dillon?
- 18 A: No.
- 19 Q: But you did go to Dillon and execute a search warrant?
- 20 A: Yes.
- 21 Q: How did you get to do that?
- 22 A: We had the search warrant. It was signed by a judge in
23 Dillon County and we were in the presence of Latta police
24 officers.
- 25 Q: Okay. The judge in Dillon County can't sign a murder

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1 warrant?

2 A: Pardon me?

3 Q: The judge in -- in Dillon County can't sign a murder
4 warrant?

5 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to this line of
6 questioning on relevance.

7 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

8 BY MR. DEBERRY:

9 Q: Where was Charlie B or David Graves when you spoke to
10 him?

11 A: When I spoke with Mr. David Graves, Charlie B, it was at
12 the Dillon County Sheriff's Office, I think like a special
13 unit there.

14 Q: Was he in custody?

15 A: Pardon me?

16 Q: Was he in custody?

17 A: I think so..

18 Q: Do you know what he was in custody for?

19 A: I think he was connected to some charges in Latta.

20 Q: To some murder charges?

21 A: I know eventually he was connected to a murder. At the
22 time of the interviews, I don't know if we knew that yet or
23 not. I don't think he was formally charged at the time we
24 conducted our interviews with them, but I can't -- I can't
25 give you an answer to that.

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1 Q: But you later -- you later learned and you now know that
2 he's charged with murder?

3 A: Yes.

4 Q: Or that he was charged with murder in Latta?

5 A: Yes.

6 Q: Do you know any circumstances about that murder?

7 A: No. It was a crime in --

8 Q: Did you ever learn -- did you ever pull the incident
9 reports from Latta?

10 A: No. I had no reason to. That was -- that was a crime
11 committed outside of my jurisdiction.

12 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to this on relevance.

13 A: I'm trying to handle something else --

14 THE COURT: Hold on a minute. Can the lawyers approach a
15 minute, please?

16 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
17 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury off the
18 record.)

19 THE COURT: All right. Please continue, Mr. Deberry.

20 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 BY MR. DEBERRY:

22 Q: Mr. Watson, I just have I believe just one more question
23 for you. You testified that you knew or that you learned at
24 some point during your investigation that Charlie B, who was
25 David Graves who you interviewed a couple of times in the jail

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1 over --

2 A: No. I did not interview him at the jail. You're wrong.

3 Q: Okay. Well, he was in -- it was your testimony he was
4 incarcerated when you interviewed him.

5 A: He was in custody of Dillon County Sheriff's Office.

6 Q: Okay. And you later learned that -- or maybe you didn't
7 learn it -- or did you learn later that he was involved in a
8 murder?

9 A: I did, in fact, learn later, but I can't specifically say
10 at the date and time that we sat down and interviewed him on
11 two separate occasions had he been formally charged.

12 Q: All right. And during your investigation -- I know you
13 can't speak for Detective Bell, but you never -- you never
14 looked at the incident reports in Dillon on that?

15 A: I had no reason to. That's a different jurisdiction.

16 Q: And the final question is did you ever learn through your
17 investigation of the murder of Christian Drawhorn and the
18 involvement or your knowledge of David Graves that the murder
19 in Dillon involved a white Cadillac?

20 A: I can't recall that.

21 Q: All right.

22 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you very much.

23 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Bailey, cross examination.

24 CROSS EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. BAILEY:

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- 1 Q: Good morning, Detective Bell.
- 2 A: Watson.
- 3 Q: Watson. I apologize.
- 4 A: Good morning -- well, afternoon.
- 5 Q: Is it afternoon already?
- 6 A: It's close enough.
- 7 Q: Okay. You reached the rank of investigator with the
- 8 Marion County Sheriff's Department; correct?
- 9 A: Yes.
- 10 Q: Okay. And you don't start out as an investigator, do
- 11 you?
- 12 A: No, sir.
- 13 Q: Okay. You went to the criminal justice academy; correct?
- 14 A: Yes.
- 15 Q: Okay. And they teach you a number of things at the
- 16 academy; correct?
- 17 A: Yes.
- 18 Q: They teach you how to shoot a gun?
- 19 A: Yes.
- 20 Q: Is that correct? They teach you how to drive a car;
- 21 correct?
- 22 A: Yes.
- 23 Q: They teach you how to interview witnesses; correct?
- 24 A: Somewhat, yes.
- 25 Q: Okay.. They teach you how to investigate a crime to some

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- 1 extent?
- 2 A: Well, they provide you the basic skills for you to start.
- 3 Q: Okay. And a lot of your training is hands-on; correct?
- 4 A: Yes.
- 5 Q: Once you get back to your department; correct?
- 6 A: Yes.
- 7 Q: Okay. When you came back to Marion County Sheriff's
- 8 Office after being promoted to an investigation, who was your
- 9 trainer?
- 10 A: Who was my trainer?
- 11 Q: Mm-hmm. Who provided you with training? You rode with
- 12 somebody for investigations?
- 13 A: No.
- 14 Q: They just cut you loose out there on your own?
- 15 A: Yes.
- 16 Q: Have you investigated many homicide cases?
- 17 A: I've been involved with a few.
- 18 Q: Involved? What does -- what does involved mean?
- 19 A: Well, like I testified earlier, most of the time you're
- 20 going to have a lead detective and then they activate the
- 21 whole division; so all detectives handle it when it comes to a
- 22 homicide or a potential homicide.
- 23 Q: At some point, are you ever the lead detective? You
- 24 yourself?
- 25 A: In pending cases, yes.

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1 Q: You've been the lead detective in homicide cases?

2 A: Pardon me?

3 Q: Have you ever been the lead detective in a homicide case?

4 A: Yes.

5 Q: Okay. What is the Marion County Sheriff's Office policy
6 on their detectives taking notes during an investigation?

7 A: There is no policy about detectives taking notes. It's
8 just smart police work documenting times and dates. It's a
9 good reference tool.

10 Q: Okay. And you would document interviews; correct? Facts
11 that you obtained through interviews?

12 A: Yes.

13 Q: Okay. You testified earlier that you were aware or were
14 made aware that the shell casings were moved in the roadway;
15 correct?

16 A: Yes.

17 Q: And you were made aware of it that night or early morning
18 on April the 13th?

19 A: Yes.

20 Q: Okay. In your opinion, is that a significant fact in
21 this case?

22 A: No.

23 Q: Okay. Prior to you coming in here and testifying here
24 today, Detective Bell -- or Detective Watson, did you review
25 Detective Bell's report?

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- 1 A: No.
- 2 Q: Did you meet with Detective Bell?
- 3 A: Yes.
- 4 Q: Talk about this case?
- 5 A: Yes.
- 6 Q: Did you meet with the prosecutor's office?
- 7 A: Yes.
- 8 Q: Talk about this case?
- 9 A: Yes.
- 10 Q: Did you talk with any of the other detectives that
- 11 responded to the scene that night?
- 12 A: No, I did not.
- 13 Q: Okay. You were with Detective Bell throughout most of
- 14 his investigation in this case; correct?
- 15 A: Yes.
- 16 Q: And you had testified for Solicitor Clements that you
- 17 obtained arrest warrants for the four individuals in this case
- 18 towards the end of April; is that correct?
- 19 A: I did, but it was not me specifically because the lead
- 20 detective would have been the one that would have obtained the
- 21 official warrants. I was speaking in reference to Detective
- 22 Bell and myself as a team.
- 23 Q: As a team? Is that -- did I hear that correct?
- 24 A: Right.
- 25 Q: Okay. And you testified earlier that the sole basis for

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1 obtaining those warrants for those four individuals was the
2 statement of Willie Bethea; correct?

3 A: Yes.

4 Q: Detective Watson, when you went into the trailer, you
5 entered through the back door?

6 A: Yes.

7 Q: And you testified earlier that you immediately spotted
8 the blood that was on the dryer?

9 A: Yes.

10 Q: Readily apparent that it was there?

11 A: Yes.

12 Q: Anyone who walked into that house would have noticed that
13 blood on that dryer?

14 A: I can't testify to that. That's -- that's -- that's me
15 as a person. That would have been the first thing that would
16 have stood out for me. I can't -- I can't say what another
17 officer can do or should do or shouldn't do.

18 Q: Who did you go into the house with the first time?

19 A: Detective Bell.

20 Q: Just the two of you?

21 A: No. There was other people there, but he and I walked in
22 together.

23 Q: Okay. So there were already officers inside the house?

24 A: To the best of my knowledge, yes.

25 Q: Okay. Do you know who collected the blood off of that

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1 dryer?

2 A: No, I do not.

3 Q: Do you know if that was collected?

4 A: I have no idea if it was collected or not. I don't -- I
5 don't think that the blood was collected simply because of the
6 fact that we only had one person that was shot, one person
7 bleeding. So therefore, it's logic that that was that
8 person's blood. Besides, we had another witness that
9 testified that when the shooting happened --

10 MR. BAILEY: Objection.

11 MR. DEBERRY: Objection.

12 MR. BAILEY: He's --

13 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

14 BY MR. BAILEY:

15 Q: Detective Watson, you just testified for me that nothing
16 was collected off of that dryer; correct? You don't think it
17 was?

18 A: Not to my knowledge.

19 Q: Then you can't even come in here and tell this jury that
20 you know it was blood; correct?

21 A: No, I can't.

22 Q: Now, I know Mr. Deberry talked to you a little bit about
23 the dowel rods and you know what those are?

24 A: Yes.

25 Q: And he questioned you a little bit about the budget for

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1 Marion County; correct? Yes?

2 A: Yes.

3 Q: Okay. The dowel rods are not in y'all's budget for
4 investigation of crime scenes; correct?

5 A: We don't have them.

6 Q: Okay.

7 A: That's just my conclusion.

8 Q: Okay. Detective Watson, do y'all have some string out
9 there at the department?

10 A: I'm sure we do.

11 Q: Or you can access some string?

12 A: Probably so, yes.

13 Q: Okay. Did you take some string from the holes in the
14 house and match them up to the holes in the truck?

15 A: No, we did not.

16 Q: So when you testified earlier that it was just common
17 sense this hole matched up to this hole in the truck, what --
18 did you get down on your knees and just eyeball it for us?

19 A: No. I --

20 Q: Is that what you did?

21 A: No. I stood and I looked at it and that was my personal
22 observation. If someone shot a gun through those three pews
23 and there's a bullet hole in all three pews and if you stand
24 back and look, you would automatically come up with the
25 assumption that one bullet made all three holes.

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1 Q: Does the Marion County Sheriff's Office have a crime
2 scene investigator?

3 A: A crime -- specifically crime scene?

4 Q: Mm-hmm.

5 A: No.

6 Q: When a crime scene investigator is required for a scene,
7 who do y'all call?

8 A: Normally, if it -- if we feel that it is needed, our
9 command staff will make the decision and sometimes we will
10 call SLED crime scene unit.

11 Q: And whose decision was it to make about calling SLED in
12 this case? Would it have been Detective Bell's decision as
13 lead investigator?

14 A: I'm sure, yes.

15 Q: Okay. Are you aware of --

16 A: Let me -- let me -- let me correct that. It would have
17 been a decision that the lead detective, Martin Bell, would
18 have made with the command staff, and they are who would have
19 sit down and they'd have made the decision.

20 Q: Are you aware that SLED was contacted in this case?

21 A: I am not.

22 Q: You never had any conversations with SLED agent Stephen
23 Hough through the two years this case has been pending?

24 A: I never had one -- one conversation with Agent Hough.
25 That was primarily Detective Bell.

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1 Q: Okay. Were you ever present for any interviews with
2 Detective Bell and Agent Hough?

3 A: Yes.

4 Q: Okay. So SLED was contacted in this case?

5 A: I'm sure, yes.

6 Q: And that request would have had to have come from the
7 command staff at the Marion County Sheriff's Office?

8 A: I'm sure, yes.

9 Q: Okay. Was there ever any discussion to your knowledge
10 that a crime scene investigator was needed in this case?

11 A: I'm not aware of it, no.

12 Q: When you interviewed the four occupants of the trailer
13 that night, you had them all write statements for you;
14 correct?

15 A: Yes.

16 Q: Okay. And I know you testified earlier that Derrick
17 Wilson voluntarily handed over his .40 caliber gun; correct?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: Do you recall if any of the other individuals that night
20 volunteered information that they had guns?

21 A: I don't recall.

22 Q: When you got the call to come out to the scene, you were
23 at home, Detective Watson?

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: Were you sleeping?

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- 1 A: I was sleeping good.
- 2 Q: What time did you get off the day before?
- 3 A: I would have gotten off around five -- five o'clock --
- 4 five p.m. probably.
- 5 Q: Okay. Do you work a standard set hours?
- 6 A: Yes.
- 7 Q: And what are those?
- 8 A: Normally, eight -- 8:30 to five o'clock.
- 9 Q: How about the --
- 10 A: However I'm needed.
- 11 Q: Okay. How about for the days of the week?
- 12 A: Monday through Friday.
- 13 Q: Monday through Friday? Off on Saturdays and Sundays?
- 14 A: Well, yeah.
- 15 Q: Unless you get a call to come in?
- 16 A: (No verbal response.)
- 17 Q: Okay. Did you and Detective Bell work on this case every
- 18 single day after the initial call?
- 19 A: Pretty much. It consumed both of us.
- 20 Q: Okay. And you said -- or you testified earlier that
- 21 Blaton Smith -- he came in and he gave you a statement?
- 22 A: Pardon me?
- 23 Q: Blaton Smith came in and gave you a statement?
- 24 A: No. I testified earlier he came in for an interview and
- 25 he was uncooperative.

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1 Q: Were you present for that interview?

2 A: Yes.

3 Q: Did you have him write a statement?

4 A: He was uncooperative. He wasn't wanting to participate
5 whatsoever and answer any questions or anything. He was
6 uncooperative.

7 Q: Do you recall Blaton Smith being asked the question if he
8 had anything to do with this crime?

9 A: Yes.

10 Q: And do you recall Blaton Smith saying I did not have
11 anything to do with this crime?

12 A: Yes.

13 Q: That's cooperative, wouldn't you agree? I mean you asked
14 him a question and he answered the question. That's
15 cooperative; correct?

16 A: It's --

17 Q: It's a yes or no question, Detective Watson.

18 A: Yes.

19 Q: Okay. Did you put him on video for this interview?

20 A: We never got that far. I can't recall if a video was
21 done because it didn't last that long.

22 Q: Who makes the decision to interview witnesses on video?

23 A: We do.

24 Q: Okay. You would agree with me that an interview is more
25 reliable if it's on video; correct?

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- 1 A: Yes.
- 2 Q: Doesn't it make sense to place all your interviews on
3 video?
- 4 A: Yes.
- 5 Q: And you had the opportunity to have Blaton Smith sit on
6 video the day he voluntarily came to the Marion County
7 Sheriff's Office?
- 8 A: Yes. But it didn't last that long. It didn't last long
9 enough to start the video.
- 10 Q: Do you recall Blaton Smith telling you and Detective Bell
11 that he was at his aunt's house in Dillon the night of the
12 shooting?
- 13 A: I can't recall that, but I'm not disputing that he may
14 have told Detective Bell that.
- 15 Q: Okay. And that's a fact that you and Detective Bell
16 received in this case; correct?
- 17 A: I'm --
- 18 Q: I mean --
- 19 A: I don't recall that specific fact. I'm saying that he
20 may have made that statement to Detective Bell because
21 Detective Bell spoke with him more than I did.
- 22 Q: Now, there's no requirement under the law that Blaton
23 Smith come in and give y'all an interview, is there?
- 24 A: No, there's not.
- 25 Q: So he voluntarily came down to Marion from Latta to give

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1 y'all an interview?

2 A: He was persuaded by his mother.

3 Q: But he came in --

4 A: Voluntarily.

5 Q: -- voluntarily; correct?

6 A: Mm-hmm.

7 Q: You interviewed a number of people -- you and Detective

8 Bell interviewed a number of people in this case; correct?

9 A: Yes, we did.

10 Q: A number of inconsistent statements in this case;

11 correct?

12 A: Pardon me?

13 Q: A number of inconsistent statements in this case?

14 A: I can only recall two inconsistent statements.

15 Q: What two were those? Who gave those?

16 A: Inconsistent?

17 Q: Yeah. Who gave those two inconsistent statements?

18 A: Well, really it was one inconsistent and that was with

19 David Graves, who voluntarily admitted that he lied on his

20 first statement.

21 Q: At the time you issued the arrest warrants in this case,

22 had you already talked to Jamie Williams?

23 A: No. The arrest warrants were issued after we spoke with

24 Willie Bethea and he admitted to the whole thing and disclosed

25 to us everybody's involvement.

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1 Q: Did you collect the GSR kits in this case, Detective
2 Watson?

3 A: Pardon me?

4 Q: Did you collect the GSR kits in this case?

5 A: I collected a GSR kit from one of the victims in that
6 night. I can't remember specifically which one.

7 Q: Did you keep a log of collecting that GSR kit?

8 A: Did I keep a -- my own personal log?

9 Q: Yeah.

10 A: No, because I was partnered up with Detective Bell. Like
11 I testified earlier, I partnered up with him. He was the lead
12 detective. He was going to be responsible for keeping all the
13 notes.

14 Q: Do you know who collected the other GSR kits in this
15 case?

16 A: I do not.

17 Q: Do you know if any results have been returned from SLED
18 on these GSR kits?

19 A: No. I don't think they were submitted simply because of
20 the fact there was no indication of self-defense and we had no
21 reason to submit them to SLED. Plus, SLED is so back-logged
22 doing a lot of analysis and everything else. If it was really
23 not concrete evidence that we needed, then they wouldn't
24 process it.

25 Q: You testified earlier that you went to Latta and executed

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1 the search warrant with some other folks?

2 A: I accompanied Detective Bell, who executed the search
3 warrant.

4 Q: Was it just the two of you at that house executing the
5 search warrant?

6 A: I can't remember who all. There was -- there was a pile
7 of police officers, Latta police officers. I think some of
8 the Sheriff's Office responded. It was -- it was a joint
9 jurisdiction.

10 Q: Detective Watson, how did y'all know to go to that house
11 in Latta to -- to execute a search warrant?

12 A: That was information that was gathered by Detective Bell.
13 He would have to elaborate more on that.

14 Q: You weren't privy to that information, Detective Watson?

15 A: Pardon me?

16 Q: You were not privy to that information?

17 A: I don't know anything about that. I was not with him one
18 hundred percent of the time, as I've testified previously.

19 Q: But you testified earlier that y'all were a team;
20 correct?

21 A: Yes.

22 Q: Share information back and forth is how teams work;
23 correct?

24 A: Yes. Yes.

25 Q: But he didn't share this information with you?

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- 1 A: He may have, but I can't recall --
- 2 Q: Okay.
- 3 A: -- the specifics.
- 4 Q: And y'all recovered a gun in that house in Latta;
- 5 correct?
- 6 A: Yes.
- 7 Q: Y'all thought that was the smoking gun in this case;
- 8 correct?
- 9 A: We had -- we had suspicion and it was submitted to SLED
- 10 for a firearms analysis.
- 11 Q: Do you know what the ultimate result of that was?
- 12 A: That firearm along with the firearm that we got from the
- 13 victim, Derrick Wilson, come back with a negative analysis to
- 14 the shell casings and the projectile that we received from the
- 15 incident location.
- 16 Q: You testified earlier both on direct and with Mr. Deberry
- 17 about Adrian Smith, AKA Duke; correct?
- 18 A: Yes, sir.
- 19 Q: His name has come up in this case for you and Detective
- 20 Bell quite a bit; correct?
- 21 A: Yes.
- 22 Q: Isn't it your opinion, Detective Watson, that Adrian
- 23 Smith through the course of your investigation is the one who
- 24 ordered this shooting?
- 25 A: All I have is my own personal opinion and that doesn't --

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1 Q: And that's not based on any evidence --

2 A: That doesn't count.

3 Q: -- in this case?

4 THE COURT: Hold on a minute. Both of you can't talk at
5 the same time. Let him answer your question, please, sir.

6 A: That's my own personal opinion.

7 Q: Okay. When did you and Detective Bell go and interview
8 Adrian Smith?

9 A: We have not.

10 Q: He's a pretty valuable witness in this case, wouldn't you
11 agree?

12 A: From -- from the information we gathered from the other
13 -- two other co-defendants that were in the car, he was not
14 present at the time. He was in another county, which we had
15 no reason to go in.

16 Q: So you're not concerned with who ordered this hit?

17 A: I have a concern, yes, for --

18 Q: Okay.

19 A: -- the welfare of the public, but --

20 Q: Well, in -- and, Detective Watson, you were questioned at
21 length a little bit earlier that the only reason you haven't
22 arrested Adrian Smith is because he's in Latta and you have no
23 jurisdiction; correct?

24 A: Correct.

25 Q: So that means you do have some information that if he was

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1 in Marion County, you would have arrested him; correct?

2 A: Not necessarily.

3 Q: Well, if you only -- if you did not arrest him only
4 because he's in Latta, that would lead that you could arrest
5 him in Marion County if he was here; correct?

6 A: No, because there's not an arrest warrant.

7 Q: You could have obtained -- obtained an arrest warrant?

8 A: I couldn't.

9 Q: No?

10 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to that. It calls
11 for a legal conclusion.

12 THE COURT: Can the lawyers approach?

13 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
14 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

15 THE COURT: Just ask him if he could have obtained a
16 warrant. Do you have any objection to that?

17 MR. CLEMENTS: He couldn't have. Adrian Smith never did
18 anything in Marion County. What he did was in Dillon County.

19 THE COURT: I understand that. Okay? He's answered that
20 question about his jurisdictional issue, has he not?

21 MR. BAILEY: No, he has, but he refuses to answer the
22 question that he had evidence that, if he was in Marion
23 County, he could have gotten an arrest warrant and arrested
24 him.

25 MR. CLEMENTS: But he can't.

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1 THE COURT: He answered that question. Has he not
2 answered that question?

3 MR. CLEMENTS: He has, but he can't. If Adrian come in
4 Marion County, he can't arrest him over here. He didn't do
5 anything here. What he did was in Dillon County.

6 MR. DEBERRY: The murder happened here.

7 THE COURT: I know. I know. But he's got to obtain --
8 he would have to get assistance from the adjoining county
9 wherever he is to arrest him.

10 MR. BAILEY: Well, then let me ask him that, Judge.

11 THE COURT: He's not in this county and he can get the
12 assistance of the adjoining -- whatever county they go to and
13 they can have the prosecutor recognize it.

14 MR. CLEMENTS: That would have to prosecute that in
15 Dillon.

16 THE COURT: They wouldn't have to prosecute him, but they
17 would -- they could handle any assistance to arrest him and
18 extradite him back here.

19 MR. DEBERRY: If he came to Marion County, they could
20 arrest him.

21 THE COURT: I mean the question of relevance of it at
22 this point, but ask the question.

23 MR. CLEMENTS: What's the relevance?

24 MR. BAILEY: The relevance --

25 THE COURT: You don't have to explain it to me. Let's

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1 move on.

2 (Whereupon, the bench conference ends.)

3 THE COURT: Please proceed.

4 BY MR. BAILEY:

5 Q: Detective Watson, as a result of your investigation, do
6 you know how many guns were fired on the night of April the
7 13th?

8 A: Two.

9 Q: Do you know what caliber guns those were?

10 A: Both were .40 caliber weapons.

11 Q: And that is based on the casings that you found at the
12 scene; correct?

13 A: Yes.

14 Q: You testified on direct that a white Cadillac was
15 possibly used in the commission of this crime; correct?

16 A: Yes.

17 Q: Did you ever go seize the Cadillac as evidence?

18 A: No.

19 Q: Did you ever go try to find the Cadillac to seize it as
20 evidence?

21 A: No.

22 Q: Did you execute a search warrant at Adrian Smith's house?

23 A: No.

24 Q: Detective Watson, of the physical evidence that you
25 collected -- you and Detective Bell collected in this case;

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1 there is nothing that links Blaton Smith to this shooting;
2 correct?

3 A: No.

4 MR. BAILEY: Please answer any questions that Solicitor
5 Clements might have.

6 THE COURT: Any redirect?

7 MR. CLEMENTS: Yes, Your Honor.

8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

10 Q: You just said "no." Does that mean no, that's not
11 correct?

12 A: On the --

13 Q: The question that Mr. Bailey just asked you.

14 A: About any physical evidence linking Blaton Smith?

15 Q: I'm sorry. I thought he said any evidence linking Blaton
16 Smith. Did he say physical evidence?

17 A: That -- that was my impression, yes.

18 Q: Do you have any evidence linking Blaton Smith to this?

19 A: We have statements.

20 Q: Okay.

21 A: Yes.

22 Q: Now, are you aware or not that Dillon County executed a
23 search warrant on Adrian Smith's home in Latta?

24 A: I'm not aware of that.

25 Q: Okay. All right. And they were asking you about David

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1 Graves being involved in a murder in Dillon County. What
2 knowledge do you have about Adrian Smith being also involved
3 in that?

4 A: That Charlie B was actually hired along with another co-
5 defendant by Adrian Smith to go and rob that person who ended
6 up getting killed that night.

7 Q: And what kind of business was that fellow killed in?

8 A: The drug trade.

9 Q: Okay. And what kind of business is Adrian Smith in?

10 A: The drug trade.

11 Q: And to your knowledge, do you know who -- who has
12 ownership or control over that white Cadillac?

13 A: My impression is Adrian Smith may own it, but Blaton
14 Smith is the one who initially drives it the most.

15 Q: Okay. All right. Now, they were asking you --
16 particularly, Mr. Deberry was asking you about dowels and do
17 you have dowels. How wide is a single-wide trailer?

18 A: Fourteen, maybe sixteen feet wide.

19 Q: Okay. So if you got a hole on one side of the trailer,
20 say the front side, and you've got a hole on the back side of
21 the trailer, how big of dowels are you going to have to have?

22 A: You're going to have to have some pretty long ones.

23 Q: Okay. And Mr. Bailey asked you about string. Y'all
24 didn't try to trace the trajectory or anything like that?

25 A: No, we did not.

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1 Q: Are you actually trained in crime scene investigation?

2 A: No, I'm not.

3 Q: And you were asked about Agent Stephen Hough. Do you
4 know Stephen Hough?

5 A: I do.

6 Q: Who does he work for?

7 A: He works for SLED.

8 Q: Do you know Andrew Bethea?

9 A: Yes.

10 Q: Who does he work for?

11 A: SLED.

12 Q: And does SLED have investigators like you? Just plain
13 investigators?

14 A: Yes.

15 Q: Do they also have crime scene techs that are different
16 that come to crime scenes?

17 A: Yes.

18 Q: What kind of agent is Stephen Hough and Andy Bethea?

19 A: They are field investigators.

20 Q: They're field investigators, not crime scene
21 investigators?

22 A: No, they're not.

23 Q: Okay. And let me ask you about -- you went through the
24 house and Mr. Bailey was asking you about what was on the
25 dryer. What do you think it is?

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1 MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, I'm going to object. That -- I
2 mean what is his thought is irrelevant since it wasn't
3 collected.

4 THE COURT: Rephrase your question, please.

5 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

6 Q: What did it appear to you to be?

7 A: It appeared to me to be blood.

8 Q: What can you say about that conclusively?

9 A: That once I spoke with one of the victims, Gavin, who
10 told us that during the --

11 MR. BAILEY: Judge --

12 A: -- rapid fire --

13 THE COURT: Hold on.

14 MR. BAILEY: He's testifying on hearsay.

15 THE COURT: Can the lawyers approach, please?

16 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, if I rephrase my question, it
17 might answer this.

18 THE COURT: All right. Rephrase your question.

19 Objection sustained.

20 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

21 Q: Can you tell me conclusively whether or not that's blood
22 on that dryer?

23 A: No, I cannot.

24 Q: Okay. What did you observe about the floor, any
25 clothing, anything else that you saw that had blood on it in

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1 that trailer that night? Was there anything else?

2 A: Yes. I observed a white-colored t-shirt that had a round
3 circle or pattern of blood -- a big blood stain in the middle
4 of it.

5 Q: And did you determine whose shirt that was?

6 A: Through the investigation, it was reported that it
7 belonged to the deceased victim, Christopher [sic.] Drawhorn.

8 Q: Okay.

9 A: We also noticed that Gavin had on a pair of shorts that
10 night and he had blood in the crotch area, which he was
11 holding Mr. Drawhorn.

12 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence. Thank you.
13 That's all.

14 THE COURT: Any redirect [sic.], Mr. Deberry?

15 MR. DEBERRY: Your Honor, very briefly.

16 RE CROSS EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. DEBERRY:

18 Q: Detective Watson, are you -- are you aware that .40
19 caliber weapons were used in the murder in Dillon County?

20 A: No, I'm not.

21 Q: Okay. Solicitor Clements asked you just a minute ago
22 about 15-foot dowel rods and it seems like a couple of days
23 ago that you were testifying that -- I think it was just one,
24 but you said that -- that the walls in the single-wide trailer
25 are very thin. Did you -- didn't you testify to that earlier?

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- 1 A: That's just my personal opinion.
- 2 Q: I mean --
- 3 A: It's an older model mobile home and a lot of people have
4 knowledge about '70 to '80 models mobile homes are very thin.
5 The walls are very thin.
- 6 Q: And I'll agree with you on that. I mean we're just -- I
7 mean I'm just guessing, but would you say they were less than
8 maybe five to ten inches thick? Somewhere in that ball --
9 ball park?
- 10 A: Maybe, yeah. An estimate.
- 11 Q: So it probably wouldn't be practical to stick a dowel rod
12 through the entire trailer, but it wouldn't be impractical to
13 stick it through a six inch wall, would it?
- 14 A: If you're going to -- if you're going to have the rods
15 and you're going to -- when you're going to do what you're
16 saying we didn't do, you would have to go from the through and
17 through, which would have been from the front of the mobile
18 home all the way through the mobile home through the back of
19 the mobile home.
- 20 Q: Well, wouldn't it make sense though that if you're just
21 checking the bullet holes on one wall, you stick a rod in
22 there so it's pointing over there and there's a hole over
23 there; so let's go stick another rod through that hole and see
24 if they don't line up? That's -- that's a way to figure it
25 out, isn't it?

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1 A: (No verbal response.)

2 Q: Okay. So you don't need one that goes all the way
3 through?

4 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I would object to him being --
5 I don't know if he's an expert to answer that type of
6 question.

7 THE COURT: He's already answered the question. Move on,
8 please.

9 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you.

10 BY MR. DEBERRY:

11 Q: And you would agree that -- last question. But you would
12 agree or would you not agree that a bullet hole that would go
13 through three of those pews and we can stand over here and
14 look and make sure everything lines up, that's a little
15 different situation than a mobile home and a car and all the
16 other obstacles that were there?

17 A: It's just an example.

18 Q: Right. It's different; right?

19 A: It's just an example.

20 Q: Thank you.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, anything?

22 MR. BAILEY: One question, Your Honor.

23 RE-CROSS EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. BAILEY:

25 Q: Detective Watson, did you collect Gavin Graves's shorts

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1 that you claim had blood on them?

2 A: I did not. No, I did not.

3 Q: Do you know if they were collected in this case?

4 A: I don't know.

5 MR. BAILEY: Thank you. No further questions.

6 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You may step down.

7 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, we'd ask that Charlie Watson
8 be released from his subpoena.

9 THE COURT: Any objection?

10 MR. DEBERRY: No objection.

11 MR. BAILEY: No objection, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Sir, you are released from your subpoena.

13 You have no further responsibilities. You're free to go.

14 Thank you for being here.

15 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, we'd like to call Lieutenant
16 Eddie Sawyer.

17 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, while this
18 witness is coming in, I will tell you that lunch has been
19 ordered and they've gone to get the lunch. We'll finish this
20 witness and then I'll let y'all eat. Okay? Everybody okay?
21 I know we've been going for a while. Anybody need a bathroom
22 break? Why don't you stand you and stretch your legs for just
23 a minute if you want to -- if you want to.

24 THE CLERK: Stand right there, please. Place your left
25 hand on the Bible and raise your right hand, please. Do you

1 solemnly swear or --

2 THE COURT: Hold on now. Hold on. You need to go? You
3 need a bathroom break?

4 A JUROR: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to have to ask that all
6 of you step to the jury room. Do not discuss the case. Do
7 not discuss it. That's okay. Do not discuss the case at all.
8 I'll get you back out here as quickly as possible. Go ahead.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor?

10 THE COURT: Hold on. Yeah. Just hold on a minute.

11 (Whereupon, the jury exits the courtroom at 12:14 p.m.)

12 THE COURT: All right. We'll stand at ease for just a
13 minute. You can have a seat right over there, please, sir.

14 (Whereupon, there is a break in the proceedings from
15 12:14 p.m. until 12:26 p.m.)

16 THE COURT: All right. Anything from the State before I
17 bring the jury out?

18 MR. CLEMENTS: Nothing, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

20 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

22 MR. BAILEY: Nothing, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: All right. Bring me the jury, please, sir.

24 (Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom at 12:26 p.m.)

25 THE COURT: All right. We've got all the jurors back in

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1 here. Mr. Clements, call your witness, please.

2 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, we'd call Lieutenant Eddie
3 Sawyer.

4 THE CLERK: Place your left hand on the Bible and raise
5 your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm the evidence
6 you're about to give in the trial of this case shall be the
7 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you
8 God?

9 THE WITNESS: I do.

10 THE CLERK: Thank you.

11 LIEUTENANT EDDIE SAWYER, being first
12 duly sworn, testifies as follows:

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

15 Q: Good afternoon.

16 A: How are you doing, sir?

17 Q: Can you tell this jury who you are and what you do?

18 A: I'm Eddie Sawyer. I'm a lieutenant with the Marion
19 County Sheriff's Office over evidence control.

20 Q: All right. How long have you worked in law enforcement?

21 A: Since 1987.

22 Q: Have you been with the Marion County Sheriff's Office
23 that entire time?

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: How long have you been the evidence custodian?

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1 A: Since 2007.

2 Q: 2007?

3 A: Yes, sir.

4 Q: Can you please explain to this jury what an evidence
5 custodian does and why we have an evidence custodian and how
6 you do your job?

7 A: Well, it starts off when the detectives or the officers
8 go to a scene and they have physical evidence or whatnot.
9 They'll take it and they put it in the correct container it
10 needs to be in and label it and everything and bring it to me
11 and I keep up with it. I log it in and keep up with it so
12 nobody can bother it. Then I carry it to SLED and then I'm
13 usually the one that picks it back up. I keep it under lock
14 and key.

15 Q: And why do you send it to SLED?

16 A: To the lab to run tests on.

17 Q: Okay. Did you have occasion to catalog and log in and
18 maintain evidence on the shooting of Christian Drawhorn?

19 A: I did.

20 Q: Okay. What were some of the items that you collected --
21 that were collected and presented to you that you maintained?

22 A: Shell casings, a bullet fragment, things from the autopsy
23 and from the scene.

24 Q: Okay. And did you ever receive anything later and -- do
25 you receive things as a result of search warrants?

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- 1 A: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Whatever they get, if they need it
2 to go to SLED or they need it to be preserved, they bring it
3 to me and I keep it.
- 4 Q: Okay. And did you ever receive anything pursuant to a
5 search warrant in this case?
- 6 A: Right off, I couldn't tell you if it was on a search
7 warrant.
- 8 Q: Okay. You just get it from the investigator?
- 9 A: Sir?
- 10 Q: You get it from the investigators?
- 11 A: Right.
- 12 Q: Okay.
- 13 A: Yeah.
- 14 Q: If they don't tell you where it came from, you don't
15 write that down?
- 16 A: No, sir.
- 17 Q: Okay. Now, did you say that you received any weapons in
18 this case?
- 19 A: Yes, sir.
- 20 Q: How many?
- 21 A: Two.
- 22 Q: And do you know what kind they were?
- 23 A: The only thing I know is they were in sealed boxes and
24 what was wrote on the box.
- 25 Q: Okay. And that's the way you're supposed to receive

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1 them?

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 Q: And what were on the two boxes? Do you recall?

4 A: One was a Taurus PT140 and the other was a Smith & Wesson

5 .40 caliber.

6 Q: All right. And the Taurus -- was that a .40 caliber as

7 well?

8 A: Yes, sir.

9 Q: Okay. And what happened ultimately to those weapons?

10 A: I carried them to SLED.

11 Q: Okay. And you submitted them for testing there?

12 A: Sir?

13 Q: You submitted them for testing?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: Now, what else did you receive from the scene in regard

16 to anything with ballistics? What did you receive from the

17 scene?

18 A: Shell casings.

19 Q: Do you recall how many?

20 A: No, sir, not really.

21 Q: Okay. Were there any -- did you know how many or you

22 received them in a package?

23 A: I just received them in a package.

24 Q: All right. How are those packages maintained or marked

25 or labelled so you know what you got?

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- 1 A: They are -- they generally have what item number it is
2 and how many is in it.
- 3 Q: Okay.
- 4 A: Then when I submit it, I have to do each one of them a
5 separate item.
- 6 Q: And you keep a log on that?
- 7 A: Yes, sir.
- 8 Q: And you have that log with you?
- 9 A: Yes, sir.
- 10 Q: Okay. Do -- do you recall what you received from the
11 autopsy in regard to anything of a ballistic nature?
- 12 A: Blood spots, a bullet -- well, I mean a bullet.
- 13 Q: Okay.
- 14 A: From the victim.
- 15 Q: Okay. And what did you do with that victim -- with that
16 victim's bullet?
- 17 A: I sent it to SLED.
- 18 Q: And did it have an item number?
- 19 A: It was Item Number 45.
- 20 Q: Okay. And that was your number; it wasn't SLED's number
21 given to it?
- 22 A: No, sir. That was my number.
- 23 Q: That was your number? Did SLED have a number on it?
- 24 A: I think their number was 10.
- 25 Q: Number 10? Okay.

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- 1 A: I think, you know.
- 2 Q: Okay. All right. And I want to show you what's been
3 marked as State's Exhibit 39. Can you tell me what type of
4 packaging this is and whether it's familiar packaging to you?
- 5 A: That's the way SLED usually sends stuff back.
- 6 Q: Okay.
- 7 A: It has the case number and the lab number on the package.
- 8 Q: Okay. And does this got the right case number and lab
9 number --
- 10 A: Yes, sir.
- 11 Q: -- for this case?
- 12 A: Yes, sir.
- 13 Q: Okay. So without looking inside, can you tell us whether
14 -- whether or not you know what number 39 is?
- 15 A: Well, by my sheet it says a projectile.
- 16 Q: Item Number 10?
- 17 A: Yes.
- 18 Q: Okay. All right. And how about State's Exhibit 40? Can
19 you tell me anything about that one?
- 20 A: Only that it goes with this case.
- 21 Q: Okay. It goes to this case?
- 22 A: Shell casings.
- 23 Q: And that would be the shell casings?
- 24 A: Yes, sir.
- 25 Q: Okay. All right.

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: At this time, Your Honor, we'd move
2 State's Exhibit 39 and State's Exhibit 40 into evidence.

3 THE COURT: Any objection?

4 MR. DEBERRY: No objection, Your Honor.

5 MR. BAILEY: No objection.

6 THE COURT: Without objection, State's Exhibit 39 and 40
7 admitted into evidence.

8 (Whereupon, State's Exhibit Number 39, a projectile, and
9 State's Exhibit Number 40, shell casings, are admitted
10 into evidence.)

11 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

12 Q: Did -- do you have any other items that were collected?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: All right. What type of items?

15 A: Personal belongings, clothes, and stuff like that.

16 Q: Of Christian Drawhorn?

17 A: Yes, sir.

18 Q: Okay. All right. Do you know whether you submitted any
19 of that to SLED or not?

20 A: Maybe pieces.

21 Q: Okay. All right. And do you know whether you received
22 any other clothing from any other individuals or not?

23 A: No, sir.

24 Q: Okay. But whatever the investigators collected and
25 submitted it to you, you locked it into evidence?

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1 A: Yes, sir.

2 Q: Now, you're not the person that determines what type of
3 testing you ask for?

4 A: No, sir.

5 Q: Okay. That is already done and you just submit that
6 actual item; is that correct?

7 A: The investigators tell me what they want done and then
8 when I submit it, it's got a place there that I click on for
9 what analysis they want done.

10 Q: Okay. Now, the shell casings and the -- they were
11 submitted for ballistic --

12 A: Yes.

13 Q: -- testing; right?

14 A: Yes.

15 Q: Is that what -- and that was done first; correct?

16 A: Yes, sir.

17 Q: Did you resubmit those shell casings for any reason?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: For what purpose?

20 A: Latent prints.

21 Q: Okay. And do you -- you don't know what the outcome of
22 that was, do you?

23 A: No, I don't.

24 Q: Okay. All right.

25 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence.

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1 Q: Lieutenant Sawyer, you don't participate at all in the
2 collection of any evidence?

3 A: No, sir.

4 Q: You just merely preserved it --

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: -- until it could be tested and then preserved it after
7 it's tested for court?

8 A: Yes, sir.

9 Q: Is that correct?

10 A: That's correct.

11 MR. CLEMENTS: Please answer any questions Mr. Bailey and
12 Mr. Deberry may have.

13 CROSS EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. DEBERRY:

15 Q: Thank you, Mr. Sawyer. Do you know whether or not either
16 of the two guns that's in your custody -- do you know what
17 kind -- you testified what kind of guns they were. What
18 caliber are they?

19 A: .40.

20 Q: .40 caliber?

21 A: That's by what's wrote on it.

22 Q: Okay. Is there any notes on there or any knowledge that
23 you have that either one of them is black and silver in color?

24 A: On the box, it's wrote.

25 Q: One of them is black and silver?

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1 A: Yes, sir.

2 Q: Thank you. And you said that some -- the shells were
3 resubmitted for fingerprint analysis?

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 Q: When was that?

6 A: They were resubmitted 7/9/2014.

7 Q: Just last month?

8 A: Yes.

9 Q: Okay. And you said there's no outcome?

10 A: I don't know the outcome.

11 Q: You -- so do you know the results or you don't know that
12 there is any?

13 A: I don't know the results.

14 Q: Okay. Do you know if there are results?

15 A: No, sir. I couldn't tell you.

16 Q: Okay. Thank you.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

18 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 CROSS EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. BAILEY:

21 Q: Mr. Sawyer, evidence comes into your possession; correct?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: It remains in your possession throughout the duration of
24 this case?

25 A: Yes, sir.

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1 Q: Do you transport that evidence directly up to SLED
2 yourself?

3 A: Yes, sir.

4 Q: Do you pick it up when they're done testing it?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: And you only do that once you're notified by the lead
7 investigator to do something with that evidence by sending it
8 to SLED; correct?

9 A: What -- what do you mean? If I want to send it --

10 Q: If the -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

11 A: To send stuff to SLED?

12 Q: Yes.

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: You just hold it until they tell you to send it; correct?

15 A: If they want to send it, I send it.

16 Q: Okay. How many people have access to the evidence vaults
17 in your possession?

18 A: Just me.

19 Q: Okay. Thank you.

20 THE COURT: Any redirect?

21 MR. CLEMENTS: Nothing further. We ask that Lieutenant
22 Sawyer be released from his subpoena.

23 THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Deberry?

24 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

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1 Agent Michelle Eichenmiller.

2 THE CLERK: If you would, come around and please let me
3 swear you in. Place your left hand on the Bible and raise
4 your right hand. Do you solemnly -- excuse me. Do you
5 solemnly swear or affirm the evidence you are about to give in
6 the trial of this case shall be the truth, the whole truth,
7 and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

8 THE WITNESS: I do.

9 THE CLERK: Thank you.

10 MICHELLE EICHENMILLER, being first
11 duly sworn, testifies as follows:

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

14 Q: Good afternoon. Can you please state your name and spell
15 your name for the court reporter?

16 A: Michelle Eichenmiller, E-i-c-h-e-n-m-i-l-l-e-r.

17 Q: Ms. Eichenmiller, can you please tell this jury where you
18 work and what your job duties are?

19 A: I work for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division,
20 commonly known as SLED. I work in the forensic laboratory in
21 the firearms department. I'm a firearms examiner.

22 Q: Can you please explain to these jurors what a firearms
23 examiner is and what some of the tasks you do are?

24 A: As a firearms examiner, we examine any evidence that
25 comes from a crime that has to do with a -- with a firearm,

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1 whether it be the firearm itself, the bullets or the cartridge
2 cases. We also do a couple of other examinations related to
3 firearms, such as serial number restorations. If we don't
4 receive a firearm, we can give you a list of possible makes
5 and manufacturers of firearms.

6 Q: So you look at firearms, you look at shell casings, you
7 look at bullets, spent projectiles, that type of thing?

8 A: Correct.

9 Q: What type of training and experience do you have in being
10 a firearms expert for SLED?

11 A: Well, I have a Bachelor's Degree in biology, and in order
12 to be a firearms examiner, you have to go through an
13 apprenticeship program where I sat with several firearms
14 examiners that were already trained and learned what they do.
15 I did a lot of reading on my own. I did a lot of microscope
16 work on my own. So actual practices -- practicals. I took a
17 practical exam as a final and then once they decided I was --
18 I passed, I could do case work on my own. That's
19 approximately a three- to five-year program.

20 Q: And do you have any continuing legal education that you
21 avail yourself of? I mean continuing legal education, that's
22 for me. Continuing education in the field of ballistics and
23 firearms?

24 A: We do. We attend any training that we can. We have our
25 -- the association I belong to, the Association of Firearm

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1 Examiners, has a meeting once a year. We also go to different
2 armorer's courses and then any other training that we can get.

3 Q: And you say armorer's courses. Is that like gun
4 manufacturers that have different courses and stuff?

5 A: Yes. What I take would be how to take a gun apart and
6 put it back together, how to repair it if it were broken.

7 Q: Okay. And have you ever been qualified to testify as an
8 expert in the field of firearms and ballistics in state or
9 federal court?

10 A: In the state courts.

11 Q: The state of South Carolina?

12 A: Yes.

13 Q: Any other states?

14 A: No.

15 Q: Approximately how many times have you been qualified to
16 testify as an expert?

17 A: Approximately 20.

18 Q: Okay.

19 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, we would offer Agent
20 Eichenmiller as an expert in the field of ballistics and
21 firearms examination.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

23 MR. DEBERRY: No objection, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

25 MR. BAILEY: No objection, Your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: All right. Before you go any further, let me
2 give this instruction to the jury.

3 Ladies and gentlemen, normally a person cannot give
4 opinion testimony. Normally when a person testifies, they
5 must testify as to what they either saw, heard or sensed by
6 smell or something of that nature. However, there is an
7 exception when someone is qualified because of education or
8 experience. They are permitted to give their opinion in
9 certain areas if the Court qualifies them that way.

10 This witness will be qualified in the area of firearms
11 and ballistics to give opinion testimony in that area. That
12 does not mean that you must accept the opinion, but it is
13 evidence for you to use in any way you see fit and give it the
14 weight and credibility you believe is appropriate.

15 Mr. Clements?

16 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you, Your Honor. If it please the
17 Court.

18 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

19 Q: Agent Eichenmiller, did you have occasion to do any
20 examination on evidence presented on the case that involved
21 the murder of Christian Drawhorn?

22 A: I did.

23 Q: And can you please tell this jury what items were
24 submitted to you and what you did with them and what processes
25 you went through?

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1 A: May I refer to my notes?

2 Q: You may.

3 A: In this case, I received six fired bullets, then one
4 fired bullet and a small jacket fragment. I also received 21
5 fired cartridge cases, two different firearms, and then some
6 unfired ammunition.

7 Q: And can you please tell this jury what you did with the
8 particular items that were submitted to you?

9 A: Generally, when evidence comes into the lab, it comes to
10 the evidence log-in department. I go down there and pick up
11 the evidence for the cases that are assigned to me. I bring
12 it back upstairs, take pictures of the overall packaging to
13 make sure everything was sealed when I got it. Then I do
14 worksheets to take down, you know, visual examinations of how
15 big is the bullet, what the diameter was, how much it weighed.
16 The cartridge cases, I reviewed the head stamps to see what
17 caliber they were. The firearms, we have other worksheets
18 that we write down and check the safety. We check the
19 measurements of that to trigger pull and things like that.

20 Once that's all done, I look at the cartridge cases or
21 bullets by my microscope, which is a comparison microscope.
22 Basically, you have two different stages. I can put one
23 bullet on one side and one on the other and then by
24 manipulating the hands of the microscope, I can look through
25 my binocular eyepieces and see them both at the same time and

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1 try to match up the different microscopic marks that are on
2 there to determine if they were fired by the same firearm.

3 Q: How do you determine -- what exactly do you look for when
4 you're comparing one shell casing to another to determine if
5 they were fired by the same gun or not?

6 A: At first, I look at general characteristics. They're
7 called class characteristics. Is the firing pin shape the
8 same? They could be circular. They could be rectangular.

9 Then I look at the microscopic marks that are present.
10 During firing, the cartridge case would have impacted the
11 firearm at different points and so I look for those marks.
12 The marks that are made by the firearm are unique to that
13 firearm. So if I find marks that correspond, I call them
14 individual marks and I can say that those were fired by the
15 same firearm.

16 Q: Now, you talked about the firing pin mark. How is that
17 made on the shell casing?

18 A: When the gun is -- when you pull the trigger, the firing
19 pin is released. It will hit the primer area of the cartridge
20 case and that's -- it leaves an impression there. Some other
21 marks I look at are striations, which is caused by semi-
22 automatic operation of a firearm whereby the slide opens as
23 the gun cycles and so it will hit in a different spot.

24 Q: And that firing pin will always land on that same spot
25 and make that same shape mark?

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1 A: Yes.

2 Q: Okay. Now, what is -- what kind of marks, if any, are
3 caused by a bullet leaving the shell casing and traveling out
4 of the barrel after it's been fired?

5 A: Bullets pick up rifling from barrels. Gun manufacturers
6 put in different rifling just depending on what their
7 specifications are. They have a certain number and they have
8 a certain twist. As the bullet will travel out of the barrel,
9 it will pick up those marks; so when it comes out, it will
10 have, for example, six lands with a right-hand twist.

11 Q: That's an example that could happen?

12 A: An example, right.

13 Q: Any number of lands with a right-hand or left-hand twist?

14 A: Correct.

15 Q: And are those kind of marks kind of like a person having
16 a fingerprint?

17 A: Yes.

18 Q: Kind of similar?

19 A: They're unique to that firearm.

20 Q: All right. And how do you compare bullets to see if
21 they're fired by the same gun?

22 A: Those also I start off -- in general, I'll look at class
23 characteristics. Are the lands the same number? Is the
24 twists the same number? Then I'll put it under the microscope
25 and, if they are the same number, I compare the ones to each

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1 other to see if we can find marks that are individual.

2 Q: Are you ever unable to compare or analyze a bullet or
3 bullet fragment and, if so, why?

4 A: Sometimes due to damage, we can't get a good view of any
5 of the lands and grooves or they have been obliterated because
6 of the damage it sustained; so we call it an unsuitable item.

7 Q: Okay. On all of the shell casings that were submitted to
8 you in this particular case, were you able to analyze all
9 those shell casings?

10 A: Yes, I was.

11 Q: And how many shell casings were there?

12 A: I had 21 fired .40 S&W caliber cartridge cases.

13 Q: And were you able to compare those to each other?

14 A: Yes.

15 Q: And what were your conclusion as to whether all of those
16 shell casings were fired by the same weapon or different
17 weapons and, if different weapons, how many weapons?

18 A: There were at least two different firearms. Some of the
19 cartridge cases matched to each other and were all the same;
20 so that was one firearm. And then others matched to each
21 other and that was a second firearm.

22 Q: So two firearms?

23 A: Correct.

24 Q: And all these shell casings were what caliber?

25 A: .40 S&W caliber.

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1 Q: Okay. Now, the bullets that you compared, how many were
2 there?

3 A: I have a total of seven fired bullets and then one small
4 jacket fragment.

5 Q: And were you able to compare those to each other?

6 A: Yes.

7 Q: What could you determine regarding whether they were all
8 fired by the same weapon or multiple weapons?

9 A: They were also fired by two different firearms. In this
10 case, the general class characteristics matched two different
11 firearms.

12 Q: Both .40 caliber?

13 A: Correct.

14 Q: Okay. So is it fair to say that to a reasonable degree
15 of certainty in your field of expertise that the shell casings
16 revealed two weapons being used on all those shell casings?

17 A: Yes.

18 Q: And would it be fair to say that your opinion to a
19 reasonable degree of certainty in your field of expertise in
20 regards to the seven bullets including the bullet fragment
21 that you tested that they were all fired by two distinct
22 weapons?

23 A: Yes.

24 Q: Okay.

25 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence.

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- 1 Q: And you said all of the shell casings were what brand?
- 2 Or were they all the same brand?
- 3 A: They were two different brands.
- 4 Q: Two different brands? Okay. And as long as they're .40
- 5 caliber bullets, they could be fired by any .40 caliber gun
- 6 regardless of brand?
- 7 A: Any firearm chambered for .40 caliber, yes.
- 8 Q: Okay. And these were all fired by two separate guns; is
- 9 that correct?
- 10 A: Correct.
- 11 Q: Okay. Now, that was -- that concluded your testing on
- 12 the shell casings and the bullets?
- 13 A: Correct.
- 14 Q: All right. What else was it that you tested in this
- 15 case?
- 16 A: I received two firearms in this case.
- 17 Q: And what were they?
- 18 A: I had one Taurus Millennium Pro PT140 in .40 S&W caliber
- 19 and I had one Smith and Wesson model XW 40 VE also in .40 S&W
- 20 caliber.
- 21 Q: Okay. And did either one of these guns fire any of those
- 22 bullets or expel any of those shell casings that you tested?
- 23 A: No, they did not.
- 24 Q: Neither gun?
- 25 A: Neither one.

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1 Q: All right. Now, let me ask you a question. These guns
2 are called -- they're called semi-automatic guns; right?

3 A: Correct.

4 Q: Can you explain to this jury how they work when you pull
5 the trigger? How the shell casings are ejected?

6 A: Sure. With every pull of the trigger, the gun will
7 cycle. So what that means is it will load one cartridge from
8 the magazine into the chamber, pull the trigger, the firing
9 pin hits it, the bullet comes out the barrel, and as the
10 recoil of the firearm -- the explosion will help the gun
11 cycle. So the slide will open, the cartridge case gets kicked
12 out by an ejector, and goes to either side out of the gun and
13 the gun is ready then. It loads another one from the
14 magazine, you pull the trigger again, and it will fire again.

15 Q: So every time you fire, you pull the trigger, and a shell
16 casing is ejected?

17 A: Correct.

18 Q: Okay.

19 MR. CLEMENTS: I don't have any further questions.
20 Please answer any questions Mr. Bailey or Mr. Deberry may
21 have.

22 THE COURT: Cross examination.

23 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you.

24 CROSS EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. DEBERRY:

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1 Q: Thank you for being here. I've got just a few questions
2 for you. If you could, just clarify. When you talk about a
3 cartridge and a bullet, a bullet comes out of a cartridge; is
4 that correct?

5 A: Correct.

6 Q: All right. And I'm just going to -- for reference only,
7 State's Exhibit 9. Is that -- what is that?

8 A: Those are fired cartridge cases.

9 Q: So those are fired cartridge cases? And the bullets
10 would be before they're fired in those cartridges?

11 A: Correct.

12 Q: Okay.

13 MR. DEBERRY: Can I --

14 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

15 Q: So that's a cartridge or sometimes referred to as a
16 shell?

17 A: Correct.

18 Q: Okay. So when you testified for Mr. Clements earlier,
19 you said that when you -- when you examined the bullets or the
20 shells -- I think it's when you were talking about the shells
21 at first. You said that at least two weapons were fired?

22 A: Correct.

23 Q: Could there have been more weapons fired?

24 A: No.

25 Q: Just from the shells that you --

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1 A: Just from the cartridge cases, there were only two
2 firearms present.

3 Q: Okay. So all of the shells that they provided to you,
4 there was definitely only two weapons?

5 A: Correct.

6 Q: Okay. So when you testified that it was at least two,
7 you just misspoke?

8 A: Correct.

9 Q: Okay. All right. And you testified -- and I have the
10 same question about the bullets which were the fragments or
11 the bullets that they recovered that they gave you.

12 A: Right.

13 Q: Were those -- is that your same testimony that exactly
14 two guns fired that?

15 A: Yes. There was only two guns present.

16 Q: All right. Well, you testified that those were -- that
17 that was based on general characteristics?

18 A: In this case, their rifling was different -- different
19 numbers.

20 Q: Right.

21 A: But I also looked at them microscopically and one group
22 matched each other that all had the same number and the other
23 group matched each other with all the same number.

24 Q: And that's just basing it on lands and grooves?

25 A: Well, I did a microscopic examination underneath the

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1 microscope and found individual characteristics that would say
2 one firearm.

3 Q: Other than lands and grooves?

4 A: Correct.

5 Q: All right. So are lands and grooves -- they're specific
6 to individual firearms or are they specific to individual
7 kinds of firearms?

8 A: They're specific to manufacturers. Different
9 manufacturers have different lands and grooves.

10 Q: Okay. So if we had two .40 caliber pistols that came
11 straight from a manufacturer, they would have the same lands
12 and grooves?

13 A: Correct.

14 Q: Okay. So there could have been more than just the -- the
15 two pistols that you tested? There could have been other
16 pistols or other firearms out there that would leave the same
17 lands and grooves on those bullet fragments or those bullets?

18 A: Depending on the manufacturer, they put what number of
19 lands and grooves they would like to put in there. During the
20 manufacturing process, individual characteristics are imparted
21 to the barrel based on the manufacturing process itself, the
22 tools that they use. Also, due to the wear and tear on the
23 firearm, whether they cleaned it, threw it out in the rain.
24 Was it rusty? They get their own individual characteristics.
25 The corresponding individual characteristics that I use are

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1 those individual ones that match them to one particular
2 firearm.

3 Q: Okay. Isn't it true that during your investigation you
4 have to -- you have to get a firearm or a fired bullet from
5 the firearms you're testing to be able to determine what those
6 individual characteristics are?

7 A: Yes. We test fire the firearms when we get them in the
8 lab.

9 Q: Okay. So you said you -- you tested seven fired bullets.
10 Did that include what you've test fired?

11 A: Yes. I used the ones I test fired in order to compare it
12 to the ones I received from the -- in evidence.

13 Q: Where did the ones that you test fired come from?

14 A: We use lab-supplied ammunition to provide test fires and
15 then we keep them stored at the lab.

16 Q: So how many did you receive from Marion County?

17 A: In this case -- sometimes it's necessary to use submitted
18 unfired ammunition if it's -- we don't have it in the
19 laboratory. In this case, actually what happened -- I
20 received 13 unfired cartridges from the Sheriff's Office and
21 then I used two of them in one of the pistols that I received.

22 Q: All right. And that's what -- and that's how you did
23 your analysis?

24 A: I used the ones at the lab and the ones that I test fired
25 with the submitted ammo.

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1 Q: Okay. Is there any way -- with all of your ways that you
2 can experiment and do your testing and things, is there any
3 way to know if a -- if a particular bullet was fired from a
4 particular shell casing?

5 A: No. There's no scientific way to prove that they came
6 out of a certain cartridge case.

7 Q: So along that line, you cannot tell the jury that you're
8 certain or that you have an expert opinion that they were all
9 -- that all of the bullet fragments were fired out of the
10 shell casings that you were given?

11 A: No. We have no way of telling.

12 Q: Okay. Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

14 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 CROSS EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. BAILEY:

17 Q: Agent Eichenmiller, good afternoon. Do you have your
18 laboratory evidence release form with you today?

19 A: I'm not sure what form you're referring to.

20 Q: Where -- do you have a document showing when the evidence
21 was returned to the Marion County Sheriff's Office?

22 A: Oh, a chain of custody?

23 Q: Well, it would list out everything that was submitted to
24 SLED being returned to the Sheriff's Office.

25 A: I don't have a complete chain with me, no.

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1 Q: Do you know what day all the evidence was returned to the
2 Sheriff's Office?

3 A: No. I can check what day mine was returned.

4 Q: Okay. Yeah. What day did yours -- yours return to the
5 Sheriff's Office?

6 A: I had a couple different containers. The container that
7 contained Items 2 and -- I think the container that contained
8 the bullets was returned in 2013 on 3/20.

9 Q: I'm sorry. Was that March 20th, 2013?

10 A: Yes.

11 Q: Okay. Did you receive the casings and the bullets back
12 from the Marion County Sheriff's Office after you returned
13 them?

14 A: No.

15 Q: So there was no submission made to you in July of 2014?

16 A: No.

17 Q: Okay.

18 MR. BAILEY: Thank you. I have no further questions.

19 THE COURT: Any redirect?

20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

22 Q: Agent Eichenmiller, things -- when things are submitted
23 to you, it's submitted for what?

24 A: Firearms comparisons.

25 Q: Okay. And you don't get anything submitted to you asking

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1 for fingerprint analysis, do you?

2 A: No.

3 Q: If something were going to be tested for fingerprint
4 analysis and for ballistics, what has to be done first and
5 why?

6 A: When the contributing agency brings the evidence in, they
7 have to make a request to have latent prints or DNA or
8 firearms done. So there's a little column that they check
9 what they would like done. Firearms generally gets it last
10 because we don't want to -- latent prints would have to get it
11 first before we can get it.

12 Q: Okay. And correct me if I'm wrong. You said latent
13 prints has to get it first before y'all do?

14 A: Correct.

15 Q: Is that because what y'all do makes -- makes any evidence
16 related to prints destroyed?

17 A: Well, I would be touching the evidence myself. I don't
18 generally wear gloves; so if I touched it, my DNA and/or
19 fingerprints would be on it.

20 Q: And you have to put it through a solution too, don't you?
21 Don't you put some of them through a washer solution?

22 A: If it seems to be bio-hazardous, I'll generally
23 decontaminate it because I put it on my microscope where other
24 evidence goes and I don't want to cross-contaminate things.
25 So we generally clean them.

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1 Q: Does that make fingerprint analysis futile at that point?

2 A: Correct.

3 Q: I'm going to show you State's Exhibit 39. Do you know

4 what this is?

5 A: This is SLED Item 10, which -- if it still was in there,

6 it's a fired bullet.

7 Q: A fired bullet? Now, is that your markings on there?

8 A: Yeah. It still has my seal on it and my initials are on

9 there too.

10 Q: And is that your lab number?

11 A: Correct.

12 Q: Okay. And that was just a fired bullet and do you know

13 if that came from the autopsy or not?

14 A: I believe it did.

15 Q: Okay. And it was not fired by either of the two weapons

16 submitted to you?

17 A: Correct.

18 Q: I'm going to show you State's Exhibit Number 40. Can you

19 identify that and tell us what that is?

20 A: This is another container I received in this case and it

21 has -- actually, this isn't my container.

22 Q: That's not yours?

23 A: I didn't receive this.

24 Q: Okay. All right.

25 MR. CLEMENTS: Please answer any questions that defense

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1 counsel may have.

2 THE COURT: Anything else?

3 MR. DEBERRY: Your Honor, I'm sorry. I think I have one
4 or two in follow-up.

5 RECROSS EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. DEBERRY:

7 Q: You testified that you definitely did this analysis
8 before July 2014?

9 A: Yes.

10 Q: Back in March of -- or when did you say it was?

11 A: My report is dated February of 2013.

12 Q: 2013? Okay. Were you aware that in -- is your testimony
13 that what you did would destroy any latent fingerprints on the
14 evidence?

15 A: Correct.

16 Q: Are you aware that the evidence was resubmitted to SLED
17 in July of 2014 for fingerprint analysis?

18 A: I was aware.

19 Q: Okay. And did you have anything to do with that?

20 A: No.

21 Q: All right. And -- but your testimony is is that any
22 fingerprint evidence would be -- would have been destroyed way
23 before then?

24 A: Correct. Because I examined it, I had someone micro-
25 verify it, and we entered it into IBIS; so possibly three

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1 people touched it.

2 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you.

3 MR. BAILEY: I have no further questions.

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

5 MR. CLEMENTS: We would ask that Agent Eichenmiller be
6 released from her subpoena.

7 THE COURT: Any objection?

8 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

9 MR. BAILEY: No, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Without objection, you may -- ma'am, you're
11 excused. You have no further responsibilities under your
12 subpoena. Thank you for being here. Call your next witness,
13 please.

14 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, if I can check downstairs and
15 see if my pathologist is here? If not, I have another witness
16 I can call.

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 MR. CLEMENTS: Let me check real quick.

19 (Whereupon, there is a pause in the proceedings.)

20 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, we'd like to call Dr. Cynthia
21 Schandl.

22 THE COURT: All right. Come on around.

23 THE CLERK: Ma'am, if you'll come around and let me swear
24 you in, please? Place your left hand on the Bible and raise
25 your right hand, please, ma'am. Do you solemnly swear or

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1 affirm to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
2 truth in the evidence in this case?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

4 THE CLERK: Thank you.

5 DR. CYNTHIA SCHANDL, being first duly
6 sworn, testifies as follows:

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

9 Q: Can you please state your name for the record and spell
10 your name for the court reporter, please?

11 A: Cynthia Anna Schandl, S-c-h-a-n-d-l.

12 Q: Dr. Schandl, can you please tell this jury where you
13 work?

14 A: I work at the Medical University of South Carolina in
15 Charleston, South Carolina, within the department of pathology
16 and laboratory medicine in the medical and forensic autopsy
17 section.

18 Q: Now, Dr. Schandl, can you please tell this jury about
19 your educational background?

20 A: Yes, sir. So I am a forensic pathologist. That is my
21 sub-specialty in the field of medicine. In order to become a
22 doctor, you have to first go through college; so I have my
23 Bachelor's Degree from the California State University system.
24 After college, then you go to medical school, which is four
25 years. During my medical school years, I also went through

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1 graduate school; so I graduated in 1999 with both an M.D.
2 degree and a Ph.D. degree.

3 After medical school, most physicians will choose to
4 specialize. I chose to specialize in the field of pathology,
5 and in order to do that, they have additional training called
6 residency. Pathology residency training is four years, and
7 then I chose to sub-specialize in the field of forensic
8 pathology, which is another year of training in what they call
9 a fellowship. Following the training, there are national
10 board certifications, and I am board-certified in the three
11 areas in which I trained, which are anatomic pathology,
12 clinical pathology, and forensic pathology.

13 Q: Do you have to keep up with the current trends in your
14 field by taking continuing medical training?

15 A: Yes. So in order to maintain just a medical license,
16 they require you to have continuing medical education. In
17 every state you have a medical license and might also take
18 additional on top of what is required, yes.

19 Q: Have you ever been qualified to testify as an expert in
20 the field of forensic pathology in state or federal court?

21 A: Yes. Both state and federal.

22 Q: Approximately how many times?

23 A: Some point over 50.

24 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, at this time I would submit
25 Dr. Schandl as an expert in the field of forensic pathology.

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1 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

2 MR. DEBERRY: No objection, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

4 MR. BAILEY: No objection, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, this individual has
6 been qualified as an expert in the field of forensic
7 pathology. My previous charge to you with regards to expert
8 testimony is the same. Mr. Clements, you may continue.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you.

10 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

11 Q: Dr. Schandl, can you please explain to this jury what the
12 field of pathology is and then the subspecialty of forensic
13 pathology? If you will, define that and explain that for us.

14 A: Yes. So pathology, if you break down the word, is pathos
15 and ology. It's the study of disease. So the field of
16 pathology is obviously quite broad. It encompasses from
17 cancer diagnoses to skin rashes and everything.

18 Well, forensic pathology is more concerned with disease
19 processes and with any injuries that might lead to death and
20 also may have a legal component. So, for example, if two
21 individuals are in a car crash, they may choose to do a
22 forensic autopsy, which is an examination of the body after
23 the person dies in order to determine the cause and the manner
24 of death so that if legal proceedings are -- will become
25 underway, we will have those facts in order. Other cases that

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1 we would see might be those where one person kills another
2 person, again where medicine or disease processes or injuries
3 are intercepting with legal proceedings.

4 Q: Now, how do you determine cause of death if you are asked
5 to answer that question in the medical/legal field? How do
6 you go about determining that answer?

7 A: The most common way that a forensic pathologist will go
8 about determination of the cause of death is by performing an
9 autopsy examination.

10 Q: And did you have occasion to perform an autopsy on the
11 remains of a Christian Drawhorn coming from Marion County in
12 2012?

13 A: Yes, sir, I did.

14 Q: Can you tell us what day you performed that autopsy?

15 A: The autopsy was performed on the 13th of April in 2012.

16 Q: Now, when you perform an autopsy, do you do that strictly
17 by yourself or do you have a team that does that with you?

18 A: We have a team. So there is the pathologist or the
19 attending pathologist, who was me in this case. If we have
20 trainees -- since we're at the Medical University and we are a
21 training program, we'll have trainees assisting us who are
22 doctors who are training to be subspecialists in pathology.
23 And we also have technical staff and a pathologist assistant
24 to help us.

25 Q: Do you know who was assisting you and attending this

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1 autopsy with you?

2 A: Yes. What I keep referring to is the report that I
3 generated regarding this autopsy and it has all that
4 information. It's better than my cranium. So our pathologist
5 assistant was a Ms. Awin Corpwin [phonetic], our technician
6 was Raymond Edwards, and we did have a trainee, a Dr. Ashton
7 Ennis, who is now a practicing forensic pathologist in
8 Kentucky.

9 Q: Okay. And when you perform the autopsy, is there usually
10 law enforcement presence there?

11 A: It very much depends upon the case, and in the case where
12 we have evidence for law enforcement, they're much more likely
13 to attend the autopsy in order to take that evidence, such as
14 in this case.

15 Q: And did you submit evidence to law enforcement in this
16 case?

17 A: Yes, sir.

18 Q: Did Dr. Ennis give that to a Marion County officer?

19 A: I can double-check who signed it. We're -- since we work
20 as a team, we're pretty much all in the same room; so it could
21 have been any one of us under my supervision. Yes, that is
22 correct. Dr. Ennis.

23 Q: All right. And can you tell us, when you examined Mr.
24 Drawhorn, what type of wounds did he have and where were they
25 located on his body?

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1 A: He had gunshot wounds. One was to the left upper arm and
2 it went through and through; so there was an entrance -- what
3 we call an entrance wound and an exit wound. So no bullet.
4 We didn't find a bullet with that one because it went out.
5 And then he had another gunshot wound that was to the right
6 side of his back up by the shoulder and during the process of
7 the examination, which includes x-rays and then followed that
8 by examination of the inside of the body to look for which --
9 where the -- where the bullet went through, we came to find a
10 great deal of blood in his right chest cavity, more than a
11 liter of blood in his chest, and that the bullet had gone in
12 two very large vessels in his chest before lodging in the bone
13 of his left upper arm.

14 Q: So he pretty much bled out on the inside internally?

15 A: That's correct. There was some medical intervention. So
16 somebody had placed a chest tube; so it is likely that there
17 was more blood that he bled than what I found at the time of
18 my examination.

19 Q: But that would have been internally mostly?

20 A: Yes.

21 Q: Okay. Do you have an opinion to a reasonable degree of
22 medical certainty what the cause of death of Mr. Christian
23 Drawhorn was?

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: And what is that opinion?

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1 A: Penetrating gunshot wound to the thorax at the right
2 upper back.

3 Q: Do you have an opinion to a reasonable degree of medical
4 certainty as to the manner of death?

5 A: Yes, sir. The manner of death in this case is homicide,
6 which means that one person died because of another person's
7 actions or inactions.

8 Q: So that was one person taking another person's life?

9 A: That is correct.

10 Q: Okay.

11 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence a moment.

12 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

13 Q: Dr. Schandl, do you have an opinion as to how long
14 someone could stay alive if they sustained the type of wound
15 that Mr. Drawhorn suffered?

16 A: Well, the -- the bullet hit two very large arteries. So
17 arteries are blood vessels that are under pressure; so you're
18 actively pumping blood out of the system. But I can't really
19 tell you how long he would live. There are a lot of other
20 factors that would go into that estimation that -- that I
21 don't know.

22 Q: Now, if he had had a crack team of surgeons right there
23 on site with him when he was injured, what would be the
24 likelihood that he could have survived it?

25 A: Again, I don't know the answer to that, but the injuries

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1 that I saw would have required a specialist surgeon who was --
2 who was able to repair arteries. It's just -- I just don't
3 know the answer.

4 Q: But it wouldn't be very likely, would it?

5 A: It is not likely that he would have lived.

6 Q: Okay. Did he have any type of substances in his body
7 such as alcohol or any other kind of substances of that
8 nature?

9 A: Let me check. As part of the routine forensic pathology
10 autopsy, we do toxicologic examination. And yes, he does have
11 -- he has delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol. That's THC; so a
12 cannabis product, marijuana, at a level of 6.2 nanograms per
13 milliliter. He has cocaine at a level of 395 nanograms per
14 milliliter. And then he has breakdown products of both
15 marijuana and cocaine.

16 Q: Okay. Thank you. Please answer any questions that Mr.
17 Bailey and Mr. Deberry may have.

18 A: Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

20 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor. I don't have any
21 questions.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

23 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor. I have no questions
24 either.

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

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1 testifies as follows:

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

4 Q: Good afternoon.

5 A: Good afternoon.

6 Q: And you are a soft-spoken young man; so, Mr. Graves, I'm
7 going to ask you to get that microphone close to you and keep
8 your head up and speak up loudly for me. Okay?

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: And if you don't understand one of my questions, if
11 you'll ask me, I'll answer it -- I'll ask it again. Okay?

12 A: Yes, sir.

13 Q: Can you please state your name for the record and tell
14 this jury where you live? And if you don't mind, spell your
15 name for the court reporter.

16 A: My name is Gavin Graves. I stay in Marion County. I
17 stay at [REDACTED].

18 Q: All right. And how long have you lived in Marion County?

19 A: My whole life.

20 Q: Your whole life?

21 A: Yes, sir.

22 Q: Where do you work?

23 A: I work. I'm a delivery driver for Coca-Cola.

24 Q: You work for Coca-Cola?

25 A: Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q: Okay. Now, you live on [REDACTED]?
- 2 A: Yes, sir.
- 3 Q: Do you live at the same place as what we've been talking
4 about?
- 5 A: Yes, sir.
- 6 Q: That's the same place?
- 7 A: Yes, sir.
- 8 Q: You still live there?
- 9 A: Yes, sir.
- 10 Q: All right. I'm going to show you State's Exhibit 38.
11 What is that?
- 12 A: That's my trailer.
- 13 Q: That's your trailer right there? All right. Do you
14 recall the night of April the 20 -- April the 12th, 2012?
- 15 A: Yes, sir.
- 16 Q: And the morning of April 13th?
- 17 A: Yes, sir. I still remember it. It was a nightmare.
- 18 Q: You were where that evening?
- 19 A: I was inside the trailer.
- 20 Q: Inside the trailer?
- 21 A: Yes, sir.
- 22 Q: And who was inside of that trailer with you?
- 23 A: It was me, Mr. Christian Drawhorn, Derrick Wilson,
24 Christopher Kollock, and Darrell Davis.
- 25 Q: All right. And what do you call Darrell Davis?

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- 1 A: Goo.
- 2 Q: Goo? And what do you call Derrick?
- 3 A: Eyebrows.
- 4 Q: Eyebrows? Now, what do you call Chris Kollock?
- 5 A: Juice Man.
- 6 Q: Juice Man? All right. Were they all there with you?
- 7 A: Yes, sir.
- 8 Q: Who else was with you?
- 9 A: Christian Drawhorn.
- 10 Q: All right. And did any other -- any people people come
11 and go that evening? Did you have any other visitors in and
12 out?
- 13 A: Yes, sir.
- 14 Q: Okay. Now, in 2012 in April, were you working for Coca-
15 Cola at that time?
- 16 A: No, sir.
- 17 Q: Okay. What were you doing to get -- to earn any money
18 during that time?
- 19 A: I was running poker games from my house and I was selling
20 marijuana.
- 21 Q: Okay. And who lived with you?
- 22 A: Darrell Davis and Derrick Wilson.
- 23 Q: Derrick Wilson?
- 24 A: Yes, sir.
- 25 Q: How long had Derrick Wilson lived with you?

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1 A: Derrick had really just -- at first in November or
2 December he just was coming there, like, off and on nights,
3 but that's when he moved his clothes in was probably about,
4 like, January or February. So he didn't been there that long.
5 He wasn't there no more than three months.

6 Q: But he was living there with you?

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: Okay. Now, recall back to you -- you were there with
9 those guys and the other people coming and going?

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: Okay. And what were all of y'all doing? What had y'all
12 settled in to do that evening?

13 A: First, we had started playing a little bit of cards.
14 That was when we stopped and that's when we got on the
15 computer. I had got the computer hooked up to my television
16 and we was on Facebook pointing out -- watching Black Biker
17 weekend old videos and we were watching -- pulling up girls
18 that we used to talk to and stuff like that.

19 Q: Okay. On Facebook?

20 A: Yes, sir, on Facebook.

21 Q: Okay. Now, do you recall where everybody was at that
22 evening?

23 A: Yes, sir.

24 Q: Where they were situated?

25 A: Yes, sir.

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence for a minute.

2 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

3 MR. CLEMENTS: I realize now that we have a tripod. Your
4 Honor, may I have permission to have the witness step down?

5 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

6 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

7 MR. CLEMENTS: Can all of y'all see?

8 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

9 Q: Gavin, I'm going to ask you to stand over here.

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: And this is a laser pointer and you can point and I'm
12 going to ask you to keep your voice up so the court reporter
13 can take down everything you say. Okay?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: All right. Now, if you would, this is a not-to-scale
16 diagram, which is State's Exhibit 42. Do you recognize what
17 that is a depiction of?

18 A: Yes, sir. That's a picture of the inside -- inside of my
19 trailer.

20 Q: All right.

21 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I think I might have moved it
22 in, but, if not, I'd move State's Exhibit 42 into evidence at
23 this time.

24 THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Deberry?

25 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

2 MR. BAILEY: No objection, Judge.

3 THE COURT: Without objection, 42 admitted into evidence.

4 (Whereupon, State's Exhibit Number 42, a large diagram of
5 the floor plan of the trailer, is admitted into
6 evidence.)

7 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

8 Q: Gavin, if you would, just kind of explain to us how your
9 trailer is set up and what everything is there?

10 A: Okay. This right here is the front room. This right
11 here is where the TV is in the corner kind of catty-corner.
12 That was the table, the end table that we had in the middle of
13 the floor. This was the love seat. This right here was the
14 long chair -- the three-seater chair. This right here was the
15 love seat. This right here was the kitchen table. This was
16 -- this right here -- the hallway started right here. This is
17 the hallway. That right there was Derrick Wilson's room and
18 the back room just was an empty room we kept clothes in.

19 Q: All right. Where was the front door and the back door
20 at?

21 A: The front door was right here and the back door was right
22 here where the -- we had a cement -- it led right here to a
23 big pad of concrete where we used to park. Sometimes we
24 parked our cars there, but not all the time.

25 Q: Okay. And whose cars were parked out back that night, if

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1 you remember?

2 A: If I can recall correctly, it was -- it was Mr. Derrick
3 Wilson's truck. His truck was -- do I need to show you where
4 it was parked at?

5 Q: If you can remember.

6 A: All right. His truck was parked right up in this area
7 right here and --

8 Q: What type of truck was it?

9 A: It's a white -- it was a white Yukon Denali.

10 Q: Okay.

11 A: The long kind.

12 Q: Did it have any rims?

13 A: Yes, sir. It had rims on it.

14 Q: All right. What kind of vehicle did you have?

15 A: I had a Jimmy Blazer.

16 Q: All right. Where were you parked at?

17 A: I was -- my truck was on the other side probably about
18 four -- four or five -- about four or five -- probably about
19 this wide from Mr. Wilson's truck.

20 Q: Okay.

21 A: And Christopher Kollock -- his -- his truck was parked on
22 the side of the trailer.

23 Q: Okay. All right. Was anybody else there that you
24 remember? Other vehicles?

25 A: That's -- that's about all I can recall. I couldn't --

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1 if I'm not mistaken, there probably was one more car there,
2 but I can't recall.

3 Q: Okay. Can you tell us -- do you recall where you were
4 sitting when everything broke loose?

5 A: Yes, sir. I was sitting in this chair right here. It's
6 one of the -- it's a toddler chair. It was my son's chair.

7 Q: Yes, sir.

8 A: And I was sitting in that in front of the TV and I was
9 working the -- I was working the mouse because we had a
10 wireless mouse and I was working the mouse controlling the TV.
11 So as they -- as they called the names for me to pull up, I
12 was pulling them up on Facebook.

13 Q: Okay. Now, where was Derrick at?

14 A: Mr. Wilson was laying in this long chair -- three-seater
15 chair. He was laying there with his feet up --

16 Q: Okay.

17 A: -- in that chair.

18 Q: Where was Goo? Darrell -- where was he at?

19 A: Mr. Darrell -- he was at the -- at the chair on the end
20 of the table closest to the door.

21 Q: Okay. And how about Juice Man? Kollock?

22 A: He was set directly in front of Mr. Davis in this chair
23 right here.

24 Q: And where was Christian Drawhorn?

25 A: Mr. Christian Drawhorn -- he was in this chair right

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1 here. He had his back towards, like, the kitchen area.

2 Q: Okay. Now, where is the kitchen area at?

3 A: This is -- this whole part right here is the kitchen.

4 Q: Right here?

5 A: Yes, sir. All that right there.

6 Q: Where is Highway 501?

7 A: Where is Highway 501?

8 Q: This way or this way?

9 A: Highway 501 is right here.

10 Q: Okay.

11 A: This is Highway 501.

12 Q: All right. Now, were they playing cards or just sitting

13 there?

14 A: We -- we had just got -- well, we -- we done been

15 finished playing cards almost probably about 30 minutes to an

16 hour. So we -- really we was -- we was sitting around smoking

17 weed.

18 Q: Okay.

19 A: And drinking Bud Lights.

20 Q: Now, at some point in time something radically changed.

21 What happened and about what time was it?

22 A: About -- if I can recall, it -- about 12:10, we heard a

23 knock at the door. We thought we heard a knock at the door, a

24 soft knock.

25 Q: Yeah.

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1 A: So Mr. Darrell Davis that was sitting right here -- he
2 got up and walked down the hallway to the back door. He
3 looked out the door. So we was like, "Man, who is it?" He
4 was like, "Man, I don't see nobody." We was like, "Man, sit
5 your rump down." So that's when he came back and sat down.
6 So that's about three more -- three more minutes went by and
7 we heard something. Pow. So everybody looked around like
8 this and the next thing you know, you could hear the tin --
9 you could hear tin tearing up like ding, ding, ding, ding,
10 ding, ding.

11 So I was like this. I was stood up. I stood up out the
12 little chair. Mr. Wilson grabbed me by the back of my shirt.
13 He done got up off the chair and grabbed me by the back of my
14 shirt and threw me down. Somehow, the chair and everything
15 fell over. We was -- like, you could hear the tin -- the tin
16 off the trailer like ding, ding. You could see the smoke and
17 the -- the smoke coming off the wall. What is it called? The
18 sheetrock.

19 Q: Yeah.

20 A: The sheetrock busting up. It was smoky. The cabinets
21 opening up. Glass that was sitting out that the bullet must
22 have went through. You could hear the glasses breaking. So
23 we was on the ground crawling.

24 Q: Which direction were all the bullets coming from?

25 A: From -- from this direction. Highway 501.

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1 Q: From the highway?

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 Q: Did any bullets come from the back?

4 A: No, sir.

5 Q: Okay.

6 A: No, sir.

7 Q: All right. So you were covered up on the floor; right?

8 A: Yes, sir.

9 Q: All right. What happened? How many shots did you hear,
10 if you know?

11 A: It was a rain of bullets, like ping, ping, ping, ping,
12 ping, ping, ping, ping, ping, ping, ping, ping, ping, ping,
13 ping. Like -- it was like it wouldn't never stop.

14 Q: How did you feel?

15 A: I was scared. I was scared for my life.

16 Q: All right. What happened when all of the pinging
17 stopped?

18 A: When the pinging stopped, I remember I cussed and said s-
19 h-i-t. I hit the floor. I got up. That's when Juice Man run
20 around running towards the door. We was like, "No, don't go
21 out the door, man. Forget that." He ran out the door and ran
22 around the house and then that's when -- that's when Derrick
23 had -- Derrick -- Derrick had said, "Everybody all right?"
24 Then that's when Goo said, "No, man." He said, "Chris hit."
25 Chris was laying right here. He was laying up in here.

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1 So that's when he was like (heavy breathing sound) on the
2 floor (heavy breathing sound) gasping for air. So that's when
3 we grabbed him -- grabbed him. So he -- Chris -- Darrell was
4 with Chris at first. So then that's when I had some marijuana
5 sitting right here in front of my chair. So I ran and just
6 threw it in my room and I ran back out and I was on the phone
7 with 9-1-1.

8 So that's when Goo -- Goo had got up so I sat down on the
9 floor with Chris Drawhorn between my legs and I'm holding him
10 like, "Man, you ain't going to die on me now. Shhh. Breathe.
11 Breathe. Breathe." He's like (heavy breathing sound). So he
12 was digging his hands in my -- in my arm and I'm like, "Shhh,
13 just breathe." I'm like, "Take it easy. Take it easy."

14 And so this whole time, he's -- he keeps squirming. He's
15 squirming. He's like (heavy breathing sound) on the floor
16 with me. So as he's squirming, we're moving down the hallway.
17 We're moving down the hallway and so that's when he steps
18 forward and so I'm standing back and I'm like, "Shhh." Still
19 (heavy breathing sound). And he's squeezing.

20 So that's when he was like, "Hot." But he couldn't
21 hardly say it because he kind of breathing like, "Hot," like
22 that. So I was like -- so I went like, "Open the back door."
23 So they opened the back door. So when they opened the back
24 door, then that's when I was on the phone with 9-1-1 the whole
25 time and I'm telling 9-1-1, "Look, just send somebody."

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1 So, you know, we're panicking and all that. So I'm kind
2 of frustrated with 9-1-1 because they're asking me how tall he
3 is, how old he is. Basically, they're just doing what they're
4 trying to do, but I couldn't -- I didn't know that. So I'm
5 cussing at them and stuff like, "Man, just send somebody." So
6 we hung up on them. So they're like, "We're sending somebody
7 over." So --

8 Q: Did you ever take his shirt off?

9 A: Who? No. He took his own -- he took his own shirt off.
10 He was like, "Hot," but the whole time he's sitting between my
11 legs so he -- but he's squirming. He's like, "Hot." So he
12 took -- he took his shirt off. So now he's bare-backed. He's
13 bare-backed laying -- laying right here in my -- on me.

14 So I'm holding him. "Shhh. Shhh. You're going to be
15 okay. You ain't going to die on me today. You ain't going to
16 die on me today. Just shhh. It'll be all right. We're about
17 to get you some help. We're about to get you some help."

18 So then that's when he -- he grabbed the side of the --
19 of the -- of the dryer and stood up and when he stood up, he
20 grabbed the side of the dryer and stood up. Then that's when
21 I -- I had slid back some. So I was still on the floor as
22 he's getting up so I got up too. So I grabbed him from the
23 back. So he was trying to make it outside.

24 So we made it outside. He was trying to make it down the
25 steps and he kind of, like, fell, but I didn't let him hit the

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1 ground. You know what I'm saying? I helped. So that's when
2 he was (heavy breathing sound). So he -- that's when he laid
3 across the ground on the -- on the -- on the asphalt -- the
4 little concrete part right here. He laid down. He laid down.
5 So then (heavy breathing sound).

6 So then that's when I was like, "Man." So I was like --
7 I said, "F 9-1-1. Let's put him in the car and we'll go take
8 him to -- we'll go take him to the emergency room." So as we
9 were attempting to put him in the truck, the officer pulled up
10 and said -- he didn't never walk close to us or nothing. He
11 just said, "Hey. You know that's against the law. Y'all need
12 to let him stay here where he at because y'all might be
13 messing up something worser by moving him."

14 So that's when we laid him back across the -- we laid him
15 right across the asphalt. We was like, "Man, where 9-1-1 at?
16 Where the ambulance at? Hurry up. Hurry up." And that's
17 when the ambulance pulled up.

18 Q: Okay. And they took him off?

19 A: Yes, sir.

20 Q: All right. And what happened to the furniture and stuff
21 in there when everything was going crazy?

22 A: This chair right here ended up over here. This chair was
23 basically over here. That table ended up over here in the --
24 in the -- in the kitchen. The kitchen table right there broke
25 in half when somebody -- somebody fell in it. Two chairs --

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1 the legs were messed up.

2 Q: What about the refrigerator?

3 A: A bullet came through the -- through the top door of the
4 refrigerator and went through it and busted out the side.

5 Q: Busted out the side of the refrigerator?

6 A: Yes, sir.

7 Q: All right. After EMS took -- well, let's let you sit
8 down.

9 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

10 Q: After EMS took Christian off, that left the four of y'all
11 there --

12 A: Yes.

13 Q: --- with the officer; right?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: All right. What happened next to the best you can
16 remember?

17 A: If I can recall right, we was outside and I --

18 Q: On the back or the front?

19 A: We was on the back -- the back -- the back part. And my
20 shorts had a -- had a -- had a spot of blood and I was like,
21 "I need to change my shorts." They said, "No. Ain't nobody
22 else going." That's when the -- the black officer that was
23 setting on the stand the other day, he said nobody going in
24 there. He said nobody going back in the house. I said, "I
25 want to change my shorts." He said, "No."

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1 So that's when I didn't -- I couldn't -- nobody could go
2 back in the house. I think that's when Detective Bell and
3 them came. And Bell -- he had -- he said, "Whose house is
4 this?" I said, "This my house." He said, "I need you in the
5 house." Me, you -- that's when me, Bell, and the big dude
6 that set up here today --

7 Q: Charlie Watson?

8 A: Yeah. They took me back in the house and they set --
9 they set me down because I was trying -- I was attempting to
10 try to go get some shorts. Bell grabbed me and said, "No.
11 You can't. No. We need you to sit right there."

12 Q: All right.

13 A: He said, "You can't change your shorts."

14 Q: You're getting excited now. I want you to talk a little
15 bit slower. How excited or how upset or what was your
16 demeanor that night during that -- during that time when you
17 were there with Bell and Charlie Watson?

18 A: I mean just from the grace of God I was -- I was happy to
19 be alive and plus, like, before that -- before that time my
20 son had just stopped by to get some money to go to Wendy's and
21 he -- but he wanted to stay the night with me. But because I
22 had the marijuana there, I said no. I said no. I said, "No.
23 I'll come get you tomorrow." And he was like, "Well, let me
24 get some money to go to Wendy's." So I gave -- I gave him
25 \$20. That's when they had left and that was just, like, 30 to

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1 45 minutes before this happened:

2 Q: All right. So you -- you were pretty excited?

3 A: Yeah. I was. By the grace of God, I was happy to be
4 alive.

5 Q: So you went in the house with Martin and Charlie?

6 A: Yes, sir.

7 Q: All right. What did y'all do and what happened next?

8 A: All right. That's when he asked me -- they asked me --
9 they said, "You're sure you didn't shoot no guns?" I said,
10 "No. Nobody shoot no gun." So they got something and wiped
11 my hand. I think he wiped my neck and he made me pull my
12 shirt up and wiped my stomach, if I ain't mistaken.

13 And that's when that sat me there and he said -- that's
14 when he came with a form. He said, "Is it all right for us to
15 search this house?" I said, "Yeah." I said, "Of course." So
16 I signed the form. So that's when he said, "We're going to
17 start at the end of this house and work our way all the way
18 back."

19 So that's when they went in my room. So that's when
20 Detective Bell came out. He said, "I'm going to ask you
21 this." He said, "Is there anything in this house?" I said,
22 "Man, there ain't nothing in this house." He said -- he said,
23 "Listen. I just found something. There's some marijuana in
24 the back. Why you lying to me?" I put my head down. He
25 said, "Listen. We're going to talk and we're going to be

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1 upfront."

2 I told him. That's when I was upfront with him. I told
3 him I sell marijuana. That's when they went on. That's when
4 they started taking pictures everywhere. There were gunshots,
5 bullet holes. There's -- they started taking pictures of the
6 house. Then they wouldn't -- they wouldn't let me -- they
7 just had -- they had me in there about three hours.

8 Q: All right. And do you know -- do you have any knowledge
9 about any cocaine and crack being in the house?

10 A: No, sir. Well, he showed me. He said, "I asked you was
11 anything else in the house." So he held the crack. I said,
12 "Man." So I -- I explained to Detective Bell that my house is
13 like -- was like the man cave. Anybody came there, eat -- eat
14 good, sleep good. If they got kicked out their house or
15 whatever, they just came and they slept on the floor. Like I
16 explained to Detective Bell, I said plenty of people was in
17 and out this cave. I can't point the finger and say whose it
18 was, but I will confess up to the marijuana because the
19 marijuana was mine.

20 Q: All right.

21 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence.

22 Q: You said you talked to 9-1-1 on the phone?

23 A: Yes, sir.

24 Q: Did you talk to anybody else before law enforcement got
25 there on the phone?

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- 1 A: No, sir.
- 2 Q: Was anyone else on the phone while you were on the phone?
- 3 A: Mr. Wilson.
- 4 Q: Okay. Now, did anybody else come and go after the
5 shooting before law enforcement came?
- 6 A: No, sir.
- 7 Q: Okay. All right. And you don't have any -- you didn't
8 have any weapons, did you?
- 9 A: No, sir.
- 10 Q: Did they talk to you ever off your -- off away from your
11 premises? Did they take you anywhere and talk to you some
12 more?
- 13 A: Yes, sir.
- 14 Q: Where at?
- 15 A: About five o'clock that morning, Bell told all of us get
16 in -- get in Mr. Wilson's truck. Two officers got in the
17 front, two officers -- I think two officers got in the back
18 and they followed us all the way up to the -- the police
19 station. We went to -- we went to the police station and they
20 put us in separate rooms and interrogated us for another about
21 -- all of us about an hour and a half -- two hours a piece.
- 22 Q: Okay. All right. Now, let me ask you this. Back there
23 in April 2012, did you have any enemies yourself that you knew
24 of?
- 25 A: No, sir. I'm a good dude. I ain't never had no enemies.

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1 Q: Anybody have a beef with you about anything?

2 A: No, sir.

3 Q: Okay.

4 MR. CLEMENTS: Please answer any questions Mr. Bailey or
5 Mr. Deberry may have.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry, cross examination.

7 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 CROSS EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. DEBERRY:

10 Q: Mr. Graves, I just give you my sympathies for what
11 happened. I'm sorry that you had to go through that.

12 A: I appreciate it.

13 Q: You testified that y'all were inside watching some --
14 watching a television. Was there any sound coming from the
15 television?

16 A: No sound don't come from Facebook.

17 Q: Right. So you had the television hooked to the computer?

18 A: Yeah.

19 Q: And there's no sound?

20 A: No sound come from Facebook.

21 Q: All right. Can you hear cars going by on Highway 501
22 North?

23 A: Yeah.

24 Q: Okay.

25 A: You can.

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1 Q: Do you remember hearing any cars come by that night?

2 A: No, sir. To be honest with you, we was just laughing and
3 playing, having a good time.

4 Q: Right.

5 A: We was just having a good time.

6 Q: Did you ever get arrested for the drugs that were in the
7 house?

8 A: Well, they got a warrant for me right now.

9 Q: For those drugs?

10 A: Yes.

11 Q: You're being prosecuted by Mr. Clements?

12 A: They're -- we're going to take care of that after this
13 trial.

14 Q: Tell me about that?

15 A: What you mean?

16 Q: You got a deal with Mr. Clements?

17 A: No. I ain't got no deal with Mr. Clements.

18 Q: Well, what do you mean you're going to take care of it
19 after the trial?

20 A: Because he said that I'm trying for pre-trial -- pre-
21 trial intervention because I explained to Mr. Clements --
22 because they really wanted to give me the warrant, but I
23 explained to him if they give me the warrant, I'm going to
24 lose my job for having that on my record. So being that I
25 ain't never got in trouble before, he told me I might could

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1 get pre-trial intervention.

2 Q: So did he tell you that he would give you pre-trial
3 intervention if you came here and testified for him?

4 A: No. He didn't tell me that. I wanted to testify on my
5 own.

6 Q: What is your opinion of pre-trial intervention? What
7 does that do?

8 A: From -- from what? For -- I mean it's something that --
9 it's something that you take if you ain't want the charge to
10 hit your record.

11 Q: So it keeps charges off your record forever?

12 A: No. No. It don't. Not forever, but from -- from my
13 understanding -- I mean I ain't -- I don't study that.

14 Q: Mm-hmm.

15 A: You know what I'm saying? I don't -- I don't study pre-
16 trial intervention, but from my understanding when you take
17 pre-trial intervention, you take a -- you take a course.
18 Basically, you plead guilty to the charge. Just like I'm
19 telling you all, it was my marijuana.

20 Q: Right.

21 A: But you know --

22 Q: But it doesn't affect you? It's a get out of -- it's a
23 get out of trouble free card; right?

24 A: I mean if you want to call it that.

25 Q: That's in effect what it is; right?

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- 1 A: No. I mean I'm not saying that because that -- that
2 ain't what it is.
- 3 Q: All right.
- 4 A: Because I'm pleading. I'm pleading guilty to it.
- 5 Q: Right. But that was two -- two years ago; right?
- 6 A: Yeah.
- 7 Q: Almost getting close to two and a half years ago?
- 8 A: Yeah.
- 9 Q: And your charges are still pending?
- 10 A: But see, I'm keeping it -- I'm keeping it honest with
11 you. I'm going to keep it honest with the Court. I ran for a
12 long time. They done came to my mama's house to try to give
13 the warrant and stuff like that, but I mean I'm never around.
- 14 Q: All right. You said that Christopher Kollock ran out the
15 door?
- 16 A: Yeah.
- 17 Q: Where did he go?
- 18 A: He ran around the house to make sure nobody wasn't --
19 nobody wasn't outside. He was mad. Somebody was trying to --
20 I mean the house had just got shot up.
- 21 Q: Yeah. Did he have a gun?
- 22 A: No. He ain't had no gun.
- 23 Q: So he just ran outside to confront people with guns?
- 24 A: Real men don't need guns.
- 25 Q: What's that?

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1 A: Real men don't need guns.

2 Q: Okay. Did you know about the gun in your house?

3 A: What gun? What gun that was in the house?

4 Q: A .40 caliber.

5 A: It wasn't in the house.

6 Q: Where was it?

7 A: That -- you'd have to ask Mr. Wilson where his gun was
8 at, but I'm like -- from my -- from my -- from my -- as I can
9 recall, no gun was in the house.

10 Q: Okay. And let me just ask you one more question. This
11 is State's Exhibit 42. You testified earlier that this is not
12 where Derrick's truck was; right?

13 A: I testified and said that that's where his truck was at.
14 That's what I testified. Plain as day it say Derrick's truck
15 right there, but a Yukon -- a Yukon Denali is not no small
16 car.

17 Q: Mm-hmm.

18 A: It's a long car.

19 Q: Right. Did -- you pointed with the -- with the laser
20 pointer that it was over here?

21 A: No, no, no, no. I pointed in that area.

22 Q: Okay. Did you draw this?

23 A: Did I draw -- did I draw that outline right there?

24 Q: Mm-hmm.

25 A: Yeah. Well, I didn't draw that exact same one. I drew

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- 1 one that was identical to it.
- 2 Q: Okay. Kollock's truck was over here?
- 3 A: No. Kollock's truck was -- I'm going to have to show it
- 4 to you. I'm going to have to point to it.
- 5 Q: Okay. That would be fine.
- 6 (Whereupon, the witness exits the stand.)
- 7 A: Kollock's truck was over here.
- 8 Q: Okay. Show us where -- where your car was?
- 9 A: Mr. Wilson's was up in this area.
- 10 Q: Mm-hmm.
- 11 A: It's a long truck.
- 12 Q: Mm-hmm.
- 13 A: I had a little, short truck. My truck was right there.
- 14 Q: All right. You can't remember what other cars were
- 15 there?
- 16 A: Not that I can recall.
- 17 Q: Had anybody come by to buy some marijuana that night?
- 18 A: Yeah. Yeah.
- 19 Q: Lots of people?
- 20 A: About -- it wasn't nothing like about -- if I can recall,
- 21 about two or three people that night.
- 22 Q: Who were they?
- 23 A: I can't -- I can't recall names. I can't recall, but I
- 24 know for sure that I sold marijuana to a couple people.
- 25 Q: You testified that over here this is a baby chair? A

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1 toddler chair?

2 A: It was a little, teeny -- it was a little, teeny chair
3 that I had bought for my son. That's where I was sitting.

4 Q: Is that the son that came by at a quarter to midnight to
5 get food at McDonald's -- Wendy's?

6 A: He came with his mama. He came with his mama to get some
7 money to go to Wendy's.

8 Q: How old is he?

9 A: He was -- at the time, he was six.

10 Q: All right. Did all this furniture get strewn about by
11 the bullets or how did that happen?

12 A: It got -- it got strewn about by us in there squirming
13 for our life.

14 Q: All right. In the statement that you gave law
15 enforcement, you just said that everybody hit the floor.

16 A: Yeah. Everybody hit the floor, but at the same time you
17 ain't just staying still. You didn't know where no bullet was
18 coming from. We was jumping around. When you -- when we hit
19 the floor, we just twisting and turning, covering up, buckling
20 up.

21 Q: Bullets were coming from everywhere?

22 A: Yeah. And then to be honest with you, that -- that's a
23 small house. When you -- when I hit -- matter of fact, when I
24 hit the floor, the table -- the table right here flipped over.

25 Q: Where were you again?

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- 1 A: When -- when you say where was I --
- 2 Q: Yes.
- 3 A: -- where was I before or after the shooting or during the
4 shooting?
- 5 Q: During the shooting.
- 6 A: During the shooting, I was in this chair right here. Mr.
7 Wilson jumped off this chair and grabbed me by the back of my
8 shirt and threw me down up in this area. While I was -- when
9 I -- when I went down, I hit the edge of this -- this glass
10 table and the table flipped over.
- 11 Q: All right. Mr. Kollock -- he was outside after
12 everything was over with?
- 13 A: Mr. Kollock ran outside and run around the house because
14 he was that upset, but then he ran back in the house. He ran
15 around the house and then ran back in the house.
- 16 Q: Do you know what he did outside?
- 17 A: He was checking to see was anybody outside.
- 18 Q: You don't know if he took anything outside with him?
- 19 A: No. He's a felon. He don't -- he don't carry a gun.
- 20 Q: Do you know where he is right now?
- 21 A: Huh?
- 22 Q: Do you know where Mr. Kollock is right now?
- 23 A: I can't recall.
- 24 MR. CLEMENTS: Objection as to relevance, Your Honor.
- 25 A: I can't recall where he is at.

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1 THE COURT: Hold on. I'll overrule the objection. He
2 answered the question.

3 MR. DEBERRY: Can we approach just a second, Your Honor?

4 THE COURT: Yeah.

5 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
6 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

7 MR. CLEMENTS: Christopher Kollock is in jail.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 MR. DEBERRY: Mr. Kollock is in jail for shooting -- for
10 shooting at --

11 THE COURT: Huh?

12 MR. CLEMENTS: He's in federal prison for shooting at
13 Blaton Smith after this.

14 THE COURT: Shooting at who?

15 MR. CLEMENTS: At Blaton Smith. After this, he went and
16 shot at Blaton Smith.

17 MR. DEBERRY: And -- and I think he opened the door to me
18 asking that question because he just said he don't know
19 anything about guns.

20 THE COURT: What?

21 MR. DEBERRY: I think I should be able to ask him the
22 question if he knows that Blaton -- that Kollock is in prison
23 for shooting at Blaton Smith or for shooting guns.

24 MR. CLEMENTS: How would he know except for hearsay?

25 THE COURT: I mean he's already told you that he didn't

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1 know where he was. That was your question.

2 MR. DEBERRY: I can't ask him if he knows he's got any
3 gun charges?

4 MR. CLEMENTS: I object to that.

5 THE COURT: What's your objection? Relevance?

6 MR. CLEMENTS: Relevance. It's got nothing to do with
7 this. He says to his knowledge that he didn't have a gun.
8 He's already answered that.

9 MR. DEBERRY: He also said that he doesn't hang around
10 guns.

11 MR. CLEMENTS: No. He said real men don't have guns.

12 MR. DEBERRY: No, he did.

13 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the objection. I don't
14 know what the relevance of it is at this point.

15 (Whereupon, the bench conference ends.)

16 BY MR. DEBERRY:

17 Q: When people come to your -- or came to your house to buy
18 or to sell drugs -- do you still sell -- still sell drugs?

19 A: I'm a delivery driver for Coca-Cola and I'm a part-time
20 volunteer coach at the Marion County Recreation Center.

21 Q: I just need to know if you still sell drugs.

22 A: I work for Coca-Cola.

23 Q: Okay. So you switched jobs; is that right?

24 A: No. I just got a new way of feeding my face.

25 Q: Okay. All right. When people came to your house to buy

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1 drugs, where would they come to or what would they do? Was
2 there a specific procedure?

3 A: All my clients came to the back door and knocked on the
4 back door. They walked in. Right there in the hallway, I
5 gave them what I gave them and they walked out.

6 Q: All right. Similar to the knock you heard that night
7 right before the shooting started?

8 A: Say that again?

9 Q: Is that similar to the knock you heard right before the
10 shooting started that night?

11 A: I mean a knock is a knock.

12 Q: Right. Thank you. I appreciate it.

13 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

14 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 CROSS EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. BAILEY:

17 Q: Mr. Graves, good afternoon.

18 A: How you doing?

19 Q: When Mr. Clements began questioning you a little bit ago,
20 he went through the list of the occupants of the house with
21 you; correct?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: And he asked you all the nicknames; correct?

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: You didn't give us the nickname for Christian Drawhorn,

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- 1 did you?
- 2 A: That's -- no, I didn't.
- 3 Q: Okay. How about you tell the jury what Christian
- 4 Drawhorn's nickname was?
- 5 A: His nickname was Murder.
- 6 Q: That's his street name?
- 7 A: Yeah.
- 8 Q: Why did y'all call him Murder?
- 9 A: I just had met him real good. I probably knew him about
- 10 two months. I don't know why they called him Murder or
- 11 whatever. We just called him Murder.
- 12 Q: You never asked him when you met him why people call you
- 13 Murder?
- 14 A: No. That's like -- I mean that's like me asking him why
- 15 you got named what you was named.
- 16 Q: Well, Murder is a very serious street name, wouldn't you
- 17 agree?
- 18 A: You got some people named -- nicknamed Booger. It's just
- 19 a nickname is a nickname.
- 20 Q: Mr. Graves, my question -- Murder is a very serious
- 21 nickname. Would you agree with that?
- 22 A: If you look at it like that.
- 23 Q: I'm going to ask you again, Mr. Graves. The street name
- 24 of Murder is a very serious street name. Would you agree with
- 25 that?

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1 A: Not to me. Maybe to you, but not to me.

2 Q: Okay. You would agree with me that it could imply
3 multiple interpretations; correct?

4 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, that calls for speculation. I
5 don't see where that's --

6 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

7 BY MR. BAILEY:

8 Q: You said that the Marion County Sheriff's Office has a
9 warrant for your arrest right now?

10 A: Correct.

11 Q: You've never been arrested on that warrant; correct?

12 A: I've been running for three years.

13 Q: You've been running for three years?

14 A: I mean I've been out of the way for three years.

15 Q: Okay.

16 A: They been came. They came to my -- they came to my
17 mama's house about two times -- a couple times trying to serve
18 the warrant.

19 Q: So, Mr. Graves, you're aware that we've had previous
20 court hearings in connection with this case; correct?

21 A: Yeah.

22 Q: Did you come to those court hearings?

23 A: It's -- no. Oh, to -- I went to a bail -- to a --

24 Q: Okay. So you've come to court in relation to this case
25 over the past two-and-a-half years?

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- 1 A: Yeah.
- 2 Q: Okay. So you haven't been running completely, have you?
- 3 A: No.
- 4 Q: And you've been in contact with the Solicitor's Office;
- 5 correct?
- 6 A: Ed Clements just got in contact with us. It was in July.
- 7 Q: Okay.
- 8 A: I think that's correct.
- 9 Q: Back when you came to a previous court hearing, how would
- 10 you hear about us coming to court?
- 11 A: I think, if I ain't mistaken, Ms. Vicky -- Ms. Vicky
- 12 would call.
- 13 Q: Okay. And she's with Solicitor Clements's office?
- 14 A: Mm-hmm.
- 15 Q: And she would tell you, Mr. Graves, we have court on this
- 16 day?
- 17 A: Yes. Correct.
- 18 Q: And you would come to court?
- 19 A: To -- not court, but bail.
- 20 Q: You'd come to a hearing in court?
- 21 A: A bail hearing.
- 22 Q: Any kind of hearing that we've had in this case in the --
- 23 in the history?
- 24 A: Yeah. I always came to the hearings.
- 25 Q: Okay. And when you come to court for those hearings,

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1 Solicitor Clements knew you were here?

2 A: Correct.

3 Q: You never got arrested?

4 A: (No verbal response.)

5 Q: Was that a no, Mr. Graves?

6 A: I said no. No, sir.

7 Q: Okay. Now, you testified earlier that at about five

8 o'clock in the morning you were taken down to the Marion

9 County Sheriff's Office for an interview; correct?

10 A: Correct.

11 Q: And the Marion County Sheriff's Office followed you in

12 Derrick Wilson's truck?

13 A: Correct.

14 Q: And that is the truck that was shot two times that night?

15 A: Correct.

16 Q: Okay. Now, when you got down there for that interview,

17 Mr. Graves, who interviewed you?

18 A: I can't recall at this time. I can't recall, but I know

19 it wasn't -- it wasn't Bell. It was a -- it was a -- it was a

20 big guy.

21 Q: And it wasn't Detective Watson who you saw here earlier

22 today?

23 A: No. It was -- it was the -- if I ain't mistaken, I want

24 to say he said captain or -- I can't recall.

25 Q: Okay.

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- 1 A: But I know the guy ain't here.
- 2 Q: Okay. Did they tell you that that interview was being
3 video recorded?
- 4 A: I can't recall.
- 5 Q: Okay. Did they tell you that it was being audio
6 recorded?
- 7 A: I can't recall.
- 8 Q: Okay. Now, your first statement in this case -- you
9 wrote one for law enforcement; correct?
- 10 A: Correct.
- 11 Q: And you recall writing that statement at about 2:30 in
12 the morning? Do you recall that?
- 13 A: Yes.
- 14 Q: Okay. And it was a very short and brief statement. You
15 would agree with me on that; correct?
- 16 A: Yes, sir. Because if I ain't mistaken, I think I wrote
17 another one. I think I wrote two that night, one while I was
18 at the trailer and I wrote another, if I can recall correctly,
19 at the police department.
- 20 MR. BAILEY: Court's indulgence for a moment, Your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: Yes, sir.
- 22 BY MR. BAILEY:
- 23 Q: When you wrote one at the police department, was that
24 when you were taken in at five o'clock in the morning?
- 25 A: Say that again?

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1 Q: When you went to the police department at five o'clock in
2 the morning, is that when you wrote that second statement?

3 A: Yeah. Either -- either -- no. If I can recall
4 correctly, either they -- they took a statement -- either he
5 was writing out as I was talking or I wrote a statement. I
6 can't remember, but I do remember handwriting one myself at
7 the trailer.

8 Q: Okay. If you did write a statement at the police
9 department with the detectives who interviewed you, they would
10 have kept that statement? They didn't send you home with it;
11 correct?

12 A: No. They didn't send me home with it.

13 Q: Okay. Derrick Wilson lived with you in this trailer?

14 A: That's correct.

15 Q: I'm sorry?

16 A: That's correct.

17 Q: Okay. Did you ever see him sell drugs?

18 A: A couple times marijuana, but that was it.

19 Q: You never saw him sell any crack?

20 A: Never.

21 Q: You never saw him sell any cocaine?

22 A: Never.

23 Q: Anybody come that night to buy drugs from Derrick Wilson?

24 A: Leon -- Leon Bethea came to buy some marijuana from him,
25 but he told Leon Bethea -- he told me to sell it to Leon

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- 1 Bethea; so I sold it to Leon Bethea.
- 2 Q: Okay. Do you recall seeing a gentleman by the name of
3 Gino Upton come buy drugs?
- 4 A: Gino? Gino Upton? I can't recall.
- 5 Q: Okay. How about a gentleman by the name of Fred Frye?
6 You ever see him come buy drugs that night?
- 7 A: Fred Frye came there that night and he bought -- he
8 bought -- as a matter of fact, he bought -- because I had four
9 ounces of marijuana until Fred Frye came and bought an ounce
10 of marijuana.
- 11 Q: Okay. How about David Graves? Did he come that night
12 and buy some drugs?
- 13 A: David Graves? No.
- 14 Q: Street name Charlie B?
- 15 A: Charlie B?
- 16 Q: Yeah.
- 17 A: No. Charlie B -- I remember -- I can recall Charlie B
18 coming there selling us some socks and drawers.
- 19 Q: He -- he came that night and sold you all some socks and
20 underwear?
- 21 A: Well, earlier. It was about nine o'clock. He's a thief.
22 That's what he do. He steals some clothes and come sell it to
23 you. I needed some drawers; I bought some.
- 24 Q: Did you tell law enforcement that?
- 25 A: That happened -- that happened around nine o'clock.

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- 1 Q: I know, but in any of your interviews did you tell them
2 that David Graves came and sold y'all some underwear?
- 3 A: I mean to get locked up for receiving stolen goods, uh-
4 uh, no.
- 5 Q: Okay. But you were willing to admit that the marijuana
6 was yours?
- 7 A: Yeah.
- 8 Q: And risk going to jail for that?
- 9 A: Yeah. Because -- because I mean that -- that was my
10 marijuana.
- 11 Q: Okay. But it wasn't your underwear?
- 12 A: Yeah, it was my underwear, but --
- 13 Q: But you didn't want to go to jail for the underwear?
- 14 A: No. I mean that's a fine. That's a \$252 fine I think.
- 15 Q: Okay. At no time that night did you see any person shoot
16 a gun; correct?
- 17 A: Correct.
- 18 Q: After the shooting happened, it was pretty chaotic in the
19 house; correct?
- 20 A: Sir?
- 21 Q: It was chaotic in the house, yes?
- 22 A: Yes.
- 23 Q: Okay. And before you did anything, your first reaction
24 was to throw your marijuana in your bedroom; correct?
- 25 A: Correct. It was -- because it was sitting -- well, by

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1 the time I got up off the ground and then that's when the
2 first thing I thought about was my marijuana.

3 Q: Okay.

4 A: So I went over and I grabbed it because I knew the police
5 was coming.

6 Q: Okay. Detectives told you that night that they found
7 crack in the house?

8 A: Correct.

9 Q: Did you get arrested for that crack?

10 A: I owned up to the marijuana.

11 Q: My question, Mr. Graves, is did you get arrested for the
12 crack?

13 A: No, sir.

14 Q: Do you know if Mr. Kollock got arrested for the crack?

15 A: No, sir.

16 Q: Do you know if Mr. Wilson got arrested for the crack?

17 A: No, sir.

18 Q: How about Mr. Davis? Did he get arrested for the crack?

19 A: No, sir.

20 Q: Okay.

21 A: Because they -- they was looking for a murderer. I mean
22 it ain't like they came in there and they bust my house for
23 crack. They came there for a murder -- for a shooting.

24 Q: Okay. How long have you been selling drugs, Mr. Gavin
25 Graves?

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1 A: Well, to be honest with you, I had just started back. I
2 had just started selling marijuana because my mama had a
3 couple seizures and I had to pay her bills. So I just had
4 started back. And any real man ain't going to watch his mama
5 struggle.

6 Q: Okay. Now, you said you just started back. So when was
7 the first time you sold drugs?

8 A: When I was 16 years old, but when I noticed it wasn't for
9 me, I started working and I've been working ever since until I
10 couldn't find no job. So that's when I started back selling
11 marijuana.

12 Q: And how old are you today?

13 A: I'm 28. I'll be -- I'm 27. I'll be 28 this year.

14 Q: Okay. And when you were 16, you sold drugs for how long
15 before you stopped the first time?

16 A: I mean I bought a little half a bag up. I was in the
17 way. I wasn't really doing nothing big. I just was -- it
18 just was an experience I gained. I didn't like it; so I
19 stopped and --

20 Q: Okay.

21 A: -- went to work.

22 Q: And then you started back again; correct?

23 A: When my mama needed help.

24 Q: Okay. You would agree with me that selling drugs is a
25 dangerous activity; correct?

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- 1 A: Correct. Especially after an event like this.
- 2 Q: And you don't carry a gun?
- 3 A: I have a gun.
- 4 Q: You have a gun?
- 5 A: I don't -- I don't carry a gun.
- 6 Q: Okay. Did you have a gun back on April the 13th, 2012?
- 7 A: No, sir. But after it happened, I went and got me a gun.
- 8 Q: Okay. Did you see Juice Man have a gun that night?
- 9 A: No, sir.
- 10 Q: Okay. How close of friends are you with Derrick Wilson?
- 11 A: Derrick Wilson? That's my boy.
- 12 Q: Yeah.
- 13 A: That's my -- that's my old lady's brother.
- 14 Q: Okay. So you guys are very close?
- 15 A: Correct.
- 16 Q: Know a lot about one another?
- 17 A: He got his business and I got mine, but you know.
- 18 Q: Okay.
- 19 A: He hangs around.
- 20 Q: How about Mr. Davis? How well do you know Mr. Davis?
- 21 A: I met -- I met every last one of them off of Mr. Wilson.
- 22 Q: Okay. How well do you know Mr. Kollock?
- 23 A: I met every last one of them off of Mr. Wilson.
- 24 Q: How well do you know Mr. Kollock?
- 25 A: So-so.

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1 Q: Okay.

2 A: I mean I got -- I got cool with all of them during the
3 time.

4 Q: Okay. When's the last time you talked to Mr. Kollock?

5 A: Being I was with -- after the shooting, we barely seen
6 Mr. Kollock.

7 Q: Okay. And it's your understanding that after court this
8 week you're going to plead guilty to a marijuana charge?

9 A: Correct. I'm going to -- I'm going to take pre-trial
10 intervention. Well, I'm going to try to take pre-trial
11 intervention so I can keep my job so I won't have to sell
12 marijuana again.

13 Q: Okay. So your picture has never been published in any of
14 these arrestee magazines that we see in convenience stores?

15 A: I don't read them magazines.

16 Q: Okay. That's a good job with Coca-Cola you would agree?

17 A: That's why I'm trying to keep it.

18 Q: Yeah. Good benefits?

19 A: I mean to be honest with you, that's kind of my personal
20 business.

21 Q: I'm sorry?

22 A: That's kind of my personal business, benefits and stuff.
23 That's my business.

24 Q: Okay. But you have good benefits through Coca-Cola?

25 A: No.

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1 your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm the evidence
2 you're about to give in the case in this trial shall be the
3 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you
4 God?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

6 THE CLERK: You may have a seat in the witness box.

7 DERRICK WILSON, being first duly
8 sworn, testifies as follows:

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

11 Q: Good afternoon. Can you please tell this jury what your
12 name is and where you live?

13 A: My name is Derrick Wilson. I'm from Latta, South
14 Carolina. I live in Latta, but I was residing on Highway 501
15 North.

16 Q: All right. So in April of 2012, where were you living?

17 A: On Highway 501 North in the trailer that got shot up.

18 Q: And you're kind of soft-spoken. I'm going to ask you to
19 speak up as loud as you can.

20 A: I was living on Highway 501 North at the trailer that had
21 got shot up.

22 Q: That's better. Thank you. Now, where were you raised?

23 A: I was raised in Latta, South Carolina.

24 Q: Where did you go to school?

25 A: Latta, South Carolina.

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1 Q: Okay. And I want to go ahead and get this out of the
2 way. Do you have any criminal convictions?

3 A: I don't have no criminal record, but I do have charges
4 pending. But it's not related to this case.

5 Q: And when are they from? What's the date on that
6 incident? In August?

7 A: August the 15th, 2013.

8 Q: 2013?

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: So more than a year after this incident?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: Okay. All right. And those are pending here in Marion
13 County?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: In my office?

16 A: Yes, sir.

17 MR. DEBERRY: May I approach, Your Honor, just very
18 briefly if we can approach?

19 THE COURT: All right.

20 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
21 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

22 MR. DEBERRY: He's testifying about the charges not being
23 related.

24 THE COURT: What?

25 MR. DEBERRY: He's testified about the charges not being

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1 related to this case.

2 THE COURT: And you contend they are related to this
3 case?

4 MR. DEBERRY: No. I didn't think we could get into that.

5 THE COURT: You can't get into the facts about the
6 charges that you -- confessed or gave a statement and
7 confessed to it. That's what I meant.

8 MR. DEBERRY: Okay. The facts being -- that's part of
9 the facts.

10 (Whereupon, the bench conference ends.)

11 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

12 Q: Derrick, do you know Darrell Antonio Davis?

13 A: Yes, sir, I do.

14 Q: What do you call him?

15 A: Goo Baby.

16 Q: Do you know Gavin Graves?

17 A: Yes, sir.

18 Q: Does he have a nickname?

19 A: Bullet or G.

20 Q: Okay. Do you know a Christopher Kollock?

21 A: Yes, sir, I do.

22 Q: What do you call him?

23 A: O.J. the Juice Man.

24 Q: Okay. All right. Do you know or did you know Christian
25 Drawhorn?

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- 1 A: Yes, sir.
- 2 Q: And did you call him anything?
- 3 A: Yeah. We called him C-Murder because his favorite rapper
- 4 was C-Murder Master P.
- 5 Q: That's a -- that's a singer -- a rapper?
- 6 A: Yes, sir.
- 7 Q: Okay. And do you have a nickname?
- 8 A: Eyebrows.
- 9 Q: Eyebrows? Okay. Is that what everybody pretty much
- 10 calls you?
- 11 A: That's how my homeboys call me.
- 12 Q: Okay.
- 13 A: All my friends.
- 14 Q: All right. Now, Derrick, you were -- where were you
- 15 living April of 2012?
- 16 A: I was living on Highway 501 North.
- 17 Q: And who were you living with?
- 18 A: Gavin Graves.
- 19 Q: How long had you lived there?
- 20 A: Probably three months -- not no longer than three months,
- 21 if three months.
- 22 Q: Okay. And prior to that, where were you living or
- 23 staying at?
- 24 A: At [REDACTED]. That's in Latta, South Carolina.
- 25 Q: All right. Did you stay there all the time?

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- 1 A: Yes, sir.
- 2 Q: All right. Did you ever go anywhere else prior to moving
3 to Gavin's on occasion?
- 4 A: No. Just bouncing around from a couple of girlfriends,
5 but that's it.
- 6 Q: Bouncing around there?
- 7 A: Yes, sir.
- 8 Q: So you wouldn't stay in Latta all the time?
- 9 A: No.
- 10 Q: Okay. Now, do you recall what y'all were doing that
11 evening on the 12th of April?
- 12 A: Yes, sir.
- 13 Q: What were you doing?
- 14 A: I was actually laying on the couch and Gavin had the
15 Facebook and Black Bikers' Week on the big screen TV through
16 his computer.
- 17 Q: Okay.
- 18 A: So we were just sitting just -- we had just got finished
19 playing cards and drinking Bud Lights, you know, and smoking
20 weed, but I wasn't smoking. And we were just out because we
21 don't go to the club so we decided we'd start our weekend
22 there so we wouldn't have to go out to the club so we could
23 sit home thinking it was safe.
- 24 Q: Thinking it was safe?
- 25 A: Yeah.

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1 Q: Did you used to go to the clubs?

2 A: Yeah. I used to go to the clubs.

3 Q: Okay. All right. Now, do you recall where everybody was
4 sitting or not?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: Okay. I'm going to ask the judge if he could give you
7 permission to step down.

8 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: And I'm going to have you stand over here.

10 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

11 Q: I'm going to show you State's Exhibit 42. Is that how it
12 looked? I know it's kind of roughly drawn, but does that look
13 anything familiar to you?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: All right. What does that look like to you?

16 A: The inside of the trailer.

17 Q: The inside of the trailer?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: Whose trailer?

20 A: Gavin's trailer.

21 Q: Gavin's trailer?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: Now, if you would, take that laser pointer. Do you see
24 how that works?

25 A: Yeah.

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- 1 Q: Show us where you were sitting?
- 2 A: Basically, I was laying on this couch right here with my
3 feet up.
- 4 Q: All right. Where was the TV?
- 5 A: The TV was right there in the corner like in-between --
6 it was, like, at an angle.
- 7 Q: A big screen?
- 8 A: Yeah.
- 9 Q: Pushed back in the corner?
- 10 A: Yeah.
- 11 Q: And where was Gavin?
- 12 A: Gavin was at this little chair right here.
- 13 Q: Okay. Where were the other three guys?
- 14 A: They was at the kitchen table.
- 15 Q: Where's that at?
- 16 A: The kitchen table is right there.
- 17 Q: And do you know who was sitting in what seats?
- 18 A: Yes, sir.
- 19 Q: Tell me who was sitting where?
- 20 A: Christopher Kollock was sitting right here, Christian
21 Drawhorn was sitting right here, and Darrell Davis was sitting
22 right here.
- 23 Q: Okay. All right. And were y'all having a good time?
- 24 A: Yes, sir, we was. We was sitting around drinking a few
25 Bud Lights. That's why I was laid out. I'd almost had my

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1 limit.

2 Q: Okay. And had anybody been back and forth from the
3 trailer? Did anybody come up there?

4 A: Yes, sir. A few people came.

5 Q: And what -- what did they come to do -- some of them?

6 A: They came to get some weed from Gavin to smoke. They'd
7 sit down and they smoked and drank a couple beers with us
8 also.

9 Q: Okay. Now, do you know anything or did you have any
10 knowledge at all about any cocaine or crack being there in the
11 --

12 A: I never seen no cocaine. I never seen no cocaine or
13 crack.

14 Q: Okay.

15 A: Nobody never presented it to me, but I heard through what
16 they were saying.

17 Q: Okay.

18 A: So actually I don't know who had it or where it came from
19 or whose all it was.

20 Q: But somebody there had some?

21 A: Yeah.

22 Q: Okay.

23 A: They said they found some.

24 Q: And you don't know who?

25 A: I don't know who had it.

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1 Q: Okay.

2 A: It might have been -- I'd say like -- as far as I can
3 say, Christian Drawhorn and Christopher Kollock kept going
4 back and forth in that area. So I don't know which one of
5 them it was. So I don't know. I can't say.

6 Q: But you didn't do any?

7 A: No.

8 Q: Okay. At some point in time, for lack of any other
9 terminology I guess -- excuse me for saying this -- but would
10 it be fair to say that all hell broke loose?

11 A: Yeah. All hell broke loose.

12 Q: Can you please tell the jury what happened from your
13 perspective and what you did and where you went?

14 A: Okay. Well, I was sitting on this couch -- laying on
15 this couch right here with my feet up and we was looking at
16 something on the TV screen and Gavin was right here and --

17 Q: Was the TV having any noise? Did it have any audio to
18 it?

19 A: No. We had the noise. We had our own noise. The TV was
20 cut down because Facebook don't have none -- no noise to it.

21 Q: But y'all were making noise?

22 A: Yeah. We was like, "Pull up this girl. Pull up that
23 girl." We were laughing and joking like that right there.

24 Q: Okay. And then what happened?

25 A: Then all of a sudden, we heard two shots. So we heard

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1 two shots and I sat up on the couch where I was right there
2 and I was like, "Y'all heard that?" and everybody was like,
3 "Yeah." And then it just -- after two shots, it went pop,
4 pop, and then went pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop. So
5 everybody's getting down. I had to snatch Gavin down because
6 he was standing up --

7 Q: Yeah.

8 A: -- and I done turned this chair that I was in and I
9 turned it over and Gavin went up under the table that fell and
10 this chair right here was turned up and those guys, like Boo
11 -- Darrell, ran into the back.

12 Christian -- I guess when Christian turned around to go
13 to the back, that's when the bullet hit him because they was
14 coming from everywhere.

15 Q: They were coming from every direction or from --

16 A: It was coming from the front side of the trailer --

17 Q: Okay.

18 A: -- but the cabinets was moving back and forth. You could
19 see the -- the smoke off the sheetrock and all that, and the
20 cabinets just kept going, and then it was a bullet that came
21 through the cabinet that came through the cabinet, through the
22 refrigerator and out the refrigerator, and it was a -- and it
23 was a hole in the wall going out the back of the trailer.

24 Q: You saw that?

25 A: Yeah. And there was also it came through the

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1 refrigerator and went out this window. It went out of the
2 side of it. It was a wall right there.

3 Q: All right. Where is the front and where is the back?

4 A: What? The front?

5 Q: Yeah. Which is the front?

6 A: This is the front.

7 Q: All right. So did a bullet go this way or go this way?

8 A: It came from the front --

9 Q: Okay.

10 A: -- towards the back side.

11 Q: And went through the refrigerator?

12 A: Yeah.

13 Q: And then where did it go?

14 A: It went -- it was a hole through the wall and it was also
15 a hole through a windowpane.

16 Q: Okay. Do you know how many bullets were shot?

17 A: It sounded like -- man, it sounded like at least 20 --
18 25. It sounded like that to me. It might have been more.

19 Q: Okay. You weren't -- did you have time to count them?

20 A: No. I wasn't trying to count them. I was trying to make
21 sure everybody was getting down and make sure everybody was
22 safe.

23 Q: Okay. Is that trailer -- is it up high or is it down low
24 to the road?

25 A: It sit down low from the road. It's like sloped.

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1 Q: Okay. What did you do and what happened from your
2 perspective when the bullets stopped flying?

3 A: If I remember, when the bullets stopped flying, everybody
4 got up and I asked everybody was they okay. Christopher
5 Kollock went out the door crying trying to see --

6 Q: Crying?

7 A: Yeah. He was, like, emotional.

8 Q: Oh.

9 A: Because of what happened, you know. A lot of people get
10 emotional.

11 Q: Yeah.

12 A: And he went outside and walked around the house, came
13 back in. That's when he discovered that we had Christian
14 Drawhorn. Darrell had Christian Drawhorn on the floor and he
15 was like, "Christian hit." We asked if anybody was hit.
16 Everybody safe. So actually we thought that he had just got
17 hit in the arm. We didn't know it was as serious as it was.
18 We thought he got hit in the arm so we was trying --

19 Q: Why did you think he had got hit in the arm?

20 A: Because that's what he was holding.

21 Q: Okay.

22 A: Like you know what I'm saying?

23 Q: Yeah.

24 A: So we was like, "Oh, he got hit in the arm. He okay."
25 You know? We never knew that it was as bad as it was because

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1 there wasn't a lot of blood.

2 Q: Yeah.

3 A: It was, like, two spots on his shirt. So, you know, we
4 didn't think it was -- on the TV -- I ain't saying this is TV,
5 but from what I seen somebody get shot on TV, it seemed like
6 there'd be a lot of blood. So I didn't see a lot of blood so
7 I didn't know that he was shot as bad as he was.

8 Q: Okay.

9 A: So we're nursing on him and I'm on the phone with 9-1-1.

10 Q: Okay.

11 A: At the same time, Gavin was on the phone with 9-1-1 also.

12 Q: Okay.

13 A: So Darrell had got up. Gavin had got up Chris and he --
14 Gavin was talking to him and I'm steady on the phone with
15 9-1-1 telling them what happened and what road we was located
16 at and all that stuff -- the information that they need.

17 Q: All right. And did -- did you get any other phone calls?

18 A: Yeah. I got a phone call from Leon Bethea and I also got
19 a phone call from David Graves, AKA Charlie B.

20 Q: Okay. All right. And did Leon Bethea -- does he have a
21 nickname?

22 A: Rush.

23 Q: Rush? Okay. Now, you called 9-1-1 and y'all said you
24 were trying to nurse Christian?

25 A: Yes, sir.

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1 Q: How were you trying to nurse him?

2 A: Well, we weren't trying to nurse him. We just was -- he
3 our friend and we don't want to see nobody hurt. So what we
4 were doing was trying to keep him calm --

5 Q: Yeah.

6 A: -- so he wouldn't panic or nothing because we was already
7 all upset. Our hearts was beating fast. We ain't never been
8 in a situation like that. We got in a fight for our lives.
9 It was like it was a no-win situation with him being shot. So
10 we was lucky that nobody else got hit but him.

11 Q: Okay.

12 A: But we was holding on him because he our friend.

13 Q: Well, what did he do, if anything?

14 A: He was gasping for air like (heavy breathing). He
15 couldn't hardly breathe and he kept saying -- you know, he was
16 like, "Hot. Hot." You know -- and so he was, like, hot, and
17 he was, like, trying to come out his shirt. So he came out of
18 his shirt.

19 Q: Where did y'all take him, if anywhere?

20 A: We went down the hall and then opened the back door and
21 walked him down the steps and sat him on this walkway right
22 here.

23 Q: Okay. Was that where EMS got him?

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: Okay. Did y'all stay around him until EMS came?

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1 A: Yes, sir. When I was -- I was standing -- actually, I
2 sat beside him and I was, like, you know, holding him up --

3 Q: Yeah.

4 A: -- trying to make sure he's still stable and everything,
5 just let him know, and Gavin was, like, talking to him. And
6 he had my hand --

7 Q: Yeah.

8 A: -- and we was holding hands, you know, and my hand was
9 sort of getting tighter and I was just rubbing his hand like,
10 "Please just hold on. Just hold on. Just hold on." And by
11 that time, that's when the officer arrived and he was, like,
12 y'all got to just -- you know, we was going to take him in my
13 truck, but I was like, man, it might be something worser than
14 what we think it is --

15 Q: Yeah.

16 A: -- and it could really hurt him. So we just left him
17 right there and EMS came and got him.

18 Q: Okay. Was that Officer Pike that came up?

19 A: Yes, sir.

20 Q: Okay. All right. Where about was your truck? Was it
21 exactly right there or was it in this area? Where exactly was
22 it?

23 A: It wasn't exactly right there. It was, like, parallel to
24 this -- to this --

25 Q: Walkway?

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1 A: Yeah. Walkway. Because there was a hole through this
2 window right there.

3 Q: Okay.

4 A: And there was a hole also through this wall right here.

5 Q: Yeah.

6 A: So I was -- I might be wrong, but I assume one of those
7 bullets that either came through the window or came off this
8 wall went into my truck.

9 Q: How many times was your truck hit?

10 A: Twice.

11 Q: Okay. And one bullet was found in it?

12 A: Yes, sir.

13 Q: Okay. All right. You can have a seat back.

14 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

15 Q: Eyebrows, when -- when you're coming down Highway 501
16 North from Latta headed towards Marion, as you approach the
17 trailer --

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: -- how much can you see about the trailer and the yard?

20 A: You can see the whole back yard of the trailer and
21 there's another trailer and you also can see -- it's a big
22 block wall that's in front of the other trailer and a tree.
23 You can see basically everything that's in the yard.

24 Q: As you approach from --

25 A: Yeah.

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1 Q: All right. How about from the south? Can you see -- see
2 in the back from the south or not?

3 A: Not too really good because it's a lot of weeds that's
4 grown up, but you can -- you can see most of the back, but not
5 too much of it. You can see the other trailer that's back at
6 an angle from our trailer more than you can see in the back
7 yard of our trailer.

8 Q: Okay. All right. When -- when EMS took your friend to
9 the hospital, how were you feeling?

10 A: I was down because I didn't know what -- how -- like I
11 said, I didn't know how serious it was until I think the
12 detectives had got a call and I overheard them say that they
13 lost him and I just -- I just lost it. Like, I broke down
14 because I never seen nobody, you know, leave here like that in
15 a situation like that and somebody that didn't bother nobody
16 and was an innocent person.

17 Q: Did -- did you ever go back in the house?

18 A: Not that I recall.

19 Q: Okay. Do you remember who you talked to as far as law
20 enforcement? They came up and they -- I'm sure they wanted to
21 talk to you, didn't they?

22 A: Yeah. I talked to Detective Bell and Officer Watson I
23 think.

24 Q: Okay. Do you remember talking to James Lee and Neil
25 Rouse?

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1 A: Yes, sir.

2 Q: Do you remember talking to them?

3 A: I talked to them down at the -- at the Marion County
4 Sheriff's Department.

5 Q: Okay. And what did you do in regards to writing anything
6 for them?

7 A: I wrote a statement at the house that night about what
8 happened. It was a brief statement because I -- really I
9 tried to basically sum it all up in one -- in one sentence,
10 like, in one paragraph to sum it up, you know. The when I got
11 down to the station, I wrote a report.

12 Q: What -- what did you tell them? By either speaking to
13 them or writing, what did you tell law enforcement about
14 anything regarding Christian Drawhorn and the Smith boys?

15 A: I told them that Christian Drawhorn never --

16 MR. BAILEY: Judge, I'm going to object to this.

17 THE COURT: Hold on. State your question again.

18 Q: What, if anything, did you tell or write for law
19 enforcement regarding Christian Drawhorn and the Smith Boys?

20 A: I told them Christian --

21 THE COURT: Hold on a minute.

22 MR. BAILEY: Judge --

23 THE COURT: Can the lawyers approach a minute?

24 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
25 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: The answer to the question is he wrote
2 that Christian never had any problems with the Smith boys.

3 THE COURT: Okay. You got any problem with that?

4 MR. BAILEY: I don't have a problem with that. Judge, I
5 was just afraid he was going to --

6 THE COURT: I understand. I understand. I mean I didn't
7 want him to blurt out that the Smith boys or somebody said
8 something to him. Now, with regard to -- and this might fly
9 with regards to your case to go about the facts of that issue.
10 Here's why I allowed it -- to allow the jury to infer --
11 intentionally infer that it's -- that these current charges
12 aren't in any way related to this event for the very reason
13 that he didn't want them to infer that that that incident that
14 happened 13 months beforehand resulted in what brings us here
15 today. So I mean I didn't want to allow the jury to infer
16 something that just was absolutely not so.

17 MR. CLEMENTS: That's fine.

18 (Whereupon, the bench conference ends.)

19 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Clements, I apologize.
20 Please state your question again.

21 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

23 Q: Eyebrows, what, if anything, did you say or write to law
24 enforcement regarding Christian Drawhorn and the Smith boys?

25 A: I told law enforcement that Christian Drawhorn never had

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1 a problem with the Smith boys. He never --

2 Q: Thank you.

3 A: -- did have a problem with nobody that I know of.

4 Q: Thank you. Christian never had a problem with anybody
5 that you knew of?

6 A: That I knew of.

7 Q: Okay. All right. Had you had any longstanding beef with
8 anyone?

9 A: Yeah. I had problems with Adrian Smith, which is Blaton
10 Smith's cousin. I had problems with Blaton Smith and Shaheed
11 Hayes.

12 Q: Okay. All right. Did law enforcement ask you about that
13 same -- basically the same question I just asked you? Did
14 they ask you something of that same nature?

15 A: Yes, sir.

16 Q: All right. Did you tell them anything different than
17 what you just told --

18 MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, this is been asked and answered.
19 I'll object to it at this time.

20 THE COURT: Overruled. Please restate your -- when you
21 object, let the question finish being answered so that I can
22 hear the question and then if you want to object, object and
23 state your grounds for your objection. Mr. Wilson and any
24 other witness, if an objection is made, let me rule upon it
25 before you answer. Okay? Again, please state your question.

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1 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

2 Q: Did you tell law enforcement anything differently than
3 what you just told us?

4 A: No, sir, I didn't.

5 Q: Okay. Did you tell them the same thing?

6 A: Yes, sir, I did.

7 Q: All right. Now, I asked you about your car and where it
8 was parked and you said it got hit twice. Can you describe
9 your vehicle for this jury?

10 A: I had a white 2001 GMC Yukon Denali XL. It was long-
11 bodied.

12 Q: And did it have anything after-market on it?

13 A: It had some chrome 22-inch rims on it.

14 Q: Okay. I'm going to ask you if you can identify State's
15 Exhibit 24 that is in evidence?

16 A: Yes, sir. That's it.

17 Q: That's your vehicle?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: And are those the two bullet holes?

20 A: Yes, sir.

21 Q: Are those the rims you're talking about on it?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: All right. Would you -- let me ask you this. How would
24 you describe your vehicle? Commonplace? Kind of unique?
25 Like every other vehicle? Or how would you describe it as far

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1 as it being different or set apart?

2 A: I think it was just like every other vehicle.

3 Q: All of them got big Yukons with rims like that?

4 A: Oh, no. Well, actually, I bought mine like that.

5 Q: Okay.

6 A: Yes, sir.

7 Q: All right. But that's not normal though, is it?

8 A: No, sir.

9 Q: Okay. Now, did you have a weapon at this time? Did you
10 own a weapon at this time?

11 A: Yes, sir. I had a weapon that I owned that's in my name
12 legally. It was a Taurus .40.

13 Q: A Taurus .40 caliber?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: Did you shoot that gun at all that night?

16 A: That gun hadn't been shot since -- I might have shot it
17 one time when I bought it, but it hadn't been shot since.

18 Q: All right. And did law enforcement ask you about a gun?

19 A: No. I brought it to them and told them that I had a
20 weapon in my name.

21 Q: All right. What did you do with that weapon?

22 A: Passed it to law enforcement.

23 Q: Passed it to law enforcement?

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: Did they explain to you why they needed it?

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- 1 A: Yes, sir, they did.
- 2 Q: Now, did -- did anyone else to your knowledge in that
3 trailer have a weapon?
- 4 A: No, sir. Nobody else had a weapon.
- 5 Q: Okay. That you knew of?
- 6 A: That I know of.
- 7 Q: Okay. What direction were the bullets coming from?
- 8 A: The bullets was coming from off of 501 at the front side
9 of the trailer.
- 10 Q: Did any bullet come from any different direction?
- 11 A: No. All of them came from the front side of the trailer.
- 12 Q: Okay. Did you know about marijuana being in the trailer?
- 13 A: I didn't know how much marijuana was in the trailer, but
14 I knew there was probably some marijuana in the trailer. Like
15 I said, we was -- instead of going out to the club, we were
16 hanging around at the house to sit around and smoke and drink
17 and have a good time.
- 18 Q: Did you ever sell any bit of marijuana yourself?
- 19 A: Actually, like, if somebody came for Gavin and he wasn't
20 there, I might sell \$5 worth or something like that.
- 21 Q: All right. Eyebrows, I appreciate it. If you would,
22 please answer any questions Mr. Deberry or Mr. Bailey may have
23 for you.
- 24 A: All right. Yes, sir.
- 25 THE COURT: Cross examination.

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CROSS EXAMINATION

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BY MR. DEBERRY:

Q: How are you doing, Mr. Wilson?

A: All right. How are you?

Q: I'm good. You testified earlier that you have pending charges in this circuit?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Mr. Clements is prosecuting those charges?

A: No, he isn't.

Q: He's not?

A: He isn't.

Q: Who's prosecuting them?

A: I don't know the solicitor's name.

Q: Somebody with Mr. Clements's office is prosecuting them?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: So they're being prosecuted here?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: Do you have -- do you know if they carry jail time?

A: I --

MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to that.

THE COURT: Objection overruled. Go ahead.

Q: Do you know if you're looking at some time on the charges that are pending here in this circuit?

A: I mean they're pending. You're innocent until proven guilty.

DERRICK WILSON - CROSS BY MR. DEBERRY

- 1 Q: I understand that, but you have the potential to go to
2 prison for those charges?
- 3 A: I guess.
- 4 Q: Do you know what those charges are?
- 5 A: Yes.
- 6 Q: What are they?
- 7 A: Possession.
- 8 Q: Possession of what?
- 9 A: Cocaine, possession of a firearm -- stolen firearm,
10 possession of marijuana.
- 11 Q: Okay. Is it -- is there a possession with intent to
12 distribute?
- 13 A: I think it is.
- 14 Q: Okay. Do you have any deal with the solicitor for your
15 testimony here today?
- 16 A: I don't have a deal with nobody.
- 17 Q: Okay. But they're pending for you?
- 18 A: Huh? The charges?
- 19 Q: Those charges are still pending?
- 20 A: Yes.
- 21 Q: All right.
- 22 A: They ain't got nothing to do with this case though.
- 23 Q: I understand. Did Mr. Clements ask you to come here and
24 testify?
- 25 A: No, he didn't.

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1 Q: That was your decision?

2 A: Yeah.

3 Q: You testified earlier that you were -- at the time that
4 everything kind of started up happening that you were laid
5 out, that you had almost had your limit. What do you mean by
6 that?

7 A: I mean it don't take much for me. I don't -- I ain't no
8 heavy drinker like that; so a couple beers has me buzzed.

9 Q: So you were drunk?

10 A: No. I said buzzed.

11 Q: Okay. But you were at your limit?

12 A: I said almost.

13 Q: Okay.

14 A: I'm not a heavy drinker.

15 Q: So you were under the influence of alcohol; is that fair?

16 A: I drank a couple beers.

17 Q: Okay.

18 A: Bud Lights.

19 Q: When you talked to -- when you gave your statements to
20 the -- to the investigators and also when you testified here
21 earlier today, you testified that it was pretty quiet other
22 than y'all asking to see different pictures and things; is
23 that right?

24 A: Yes.

25 Q: So there was no noise? There was no music playing?

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- 1 A: No.
- 2 Q: No noise from the TV?
- 3 A: No noise from the TV.
- 4 Q: All right. Did you hear a car outside?
- 5 A: Actually, we stay off of -- on 501 so we hear cars all
- 6 day.
- 7 Q: Yeah. Well, did you hear a car that night?
- 8 A: Not at the -- not as I can remember. Like I said, we was
- 9 in there laughing and joking.
- 10 Q: Right.
- 11 A: I mean clowning around.
- 12 Q: Did you tell the -- didn't you tell the detectives in the
- 13 case that you didn't hear any cars?
- 14 A: No, I never said that. I never -- I didn't hear this car
- 15 that you're asking me about. I said there's cars that pass by
- 16 all day long.
- 17 Q: Mm-hmm. You wouldn't agree that in one of the statements
- 18 that you wrote that you -- that you wrote that I didn't hear
- 19 any car outside?
- 20 A: Yes. I didn't hear a car outside.
- 21 Q: You --
- 22 A: I didn't hear a car outside. I hear cars passing through
- 23 all day long. It's on 501. It's a highway.
- 24 Q: I understand, but you gave these statements to law
- 25 enforcement in connection with this case and the shooting;

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1 right?

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 Q: And so when you said I didn't hear a car outside, you
4 would have meant you didn't hear a car outside at the time of
5 the shooting; right?

6 A: Yes.

7 Q: Okay. So that's -- that is your testimony that you
8 didn't hear a car outside --

9 A: Yeah.

10 Q: -- at the time of the shooting? All right. What color
11 was your gun?

12 A: Black, all black.

13 Q: It was all black?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: Okay.

16 MR. DEBERRY: I beg the Court's indulgence just one
17 second.

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

19 BY MR. DEBERRY:

20 Q: Your gun wasn't black and chrome?

21 A: I mean the inside of it might be chrome at the top where
22 you cock it back, but the rest of it was black as I can
23 remember. I don't remember it being black and chrome.

24 Q: All right. But it was your gun and it may have been
25 black and chrome?

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1 A: I mean probably at the top where you cock it back. You
2 know, the top when it's up it might be chrome right there at
3 that part, but I don't remember. I don't recall no other
4 parts chrome.

5 Q: How long has it been since you've had that gun?

6 A: Since I had that gun?

7 Q: Yeah. Since the night of the -- of the shooting?

8 A: I had it way before then.

9 Q: No. I mean since you've last had it in your possession.

10 A: Oh, yes, since that night.

11 Q: It's been over two years now?

12 A: Yeah.

13 Q: All right.

14 MR. DEBERRY: Hang on just a second.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 BY MR. DEBERRY:

17 Q: Does the Sheriff's Office still have your gun in their
18 possession?

19 A: As far as I know.

20 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you. That's all I've got.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

22 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 CROSS EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. BAILEY:

25 Q: On the night of April the 12th into the early morning of

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1 the 13th before this shooting occurred, did you sell any drugs
2 to Gino Upton?

3 A: No, sir, I didn't.

4 Q: Did you sell any drugs to Fred Frye?

5 A: No, sir, I didn't.

6 Q: Did you sell any drugs to Charlie B or otherwise known as
7 David Graves?

8 A: No, sir. Charlie B came there with some boxers and socks
9 and he wanted cash because he had a woman with him and he said
10 he was going to a hotel.

11 Q: Okay. How about Leon Bethea, known as Rush? Did you
12 sell any drugs to him that night?

13 A: Gavin Graves did. I referred him to Gavin Graves.

14 Q: You testified earlier that a couple people stopped by and
15 maybe smoked some weed and had some drinks. Do you recall
16 that?

17 A: Yes.

18 Q: Who were those people?

19 A: If I can recall, I know for one it was Leon Bethea. I
20 can't recall who was the other two.

21 Q: Do you recall a big guy coming over to the house that
22 night?

23 A: A big guy? Yeah, I do.

24 Q: Did he come over maybe twice that night?

25 A: A possibility.

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1 Q: Did you ever see Mr. Kollock sell drugs?

2 A: No, sir, I didn't.

3 Q: Do you know where Mr. Kollock is today?

4 A: Yes, sir, I do.

5 Q: Where is Mr. Kollock?

6 A: He's incarcerated.

7 Q: He's incarcerated?

8 A: Yeah.

9 Q: Do you know what he's incarcerated for?

10 A: That's not my business.

11 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to this --

12 THE COURT: He's already --

13 MR. CLEMENTS: -- on relevance.

14 THE COURT: I understand. He's already answered the

15 question. Go ahead.

16 BY MR. BAILEY:

17 Q: Now, you wrote a statement for the detectives at about

18 two -- 2:30 in the morning; correct?

19 A: Yes. Probably.

20 Q: That was your first statement that you had given?

21 A: Yes.

22 Q: Okay. In that statement, do you recall identifying any

23 shooter?

24 A: Did I recall?

25 Q: Mm-hmm. Do you recall writing down any name of the

DERRICK WILSON - CROSS BY MR. BAILEY

1 person who shot at that house?

2 A: I can't recall that.

3 Q: Would you like to look at your statement?

4 A: Yeah.

5 Q: Mr. Wilson, I'm going to ask you to read this statement,
6 please, and read it to yourself and just let me know when
7 you're finished.

8 (Whereupon, there is a pause in the proceedings.)

9 Q: Are you finished reading it?

10 A: Yeah.

11 Q: At the time you wrote this statement, Mr. Wilson, the
12 events were pretty fresh in your mind?

13 A: What you mean?

14 Q: The events that took place that night -- they were fresh
15 in your mind?

16 A: Yes, sir.

17 Q: Okay. Nowhere in your statement did you identify any
18 shooter in this case?

19 A: Say that again?

20 Q: You did not write any name in here as a shooter?

21 A: No. I never wrote a name down.

22 Q: Were you also taken or asked to go down to the Marion
23 County Sheriff's Office later that morning?

24 A: Yes, sir. I was the driver.

25 Q: You were the driver?

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- 1 A: Yes, sir.
- 2 Q: And you drove your truck down there?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: The same truck that's got two bullet holes in it?
- 5 A: Yes, sir.
- 6 Q: The Marion County Sheriff's Office didn't take that into
7 custody as evidence in a crime?
- 8 A: No. They got evidence out the truck at the scene.
- 9 Q: Okay. And you were interviewed again that morning?
- 10 A: Yes, I was.
- 11 Q: Okay. Was that interview on video?
- 12 A: Not as I can recall.
- 13 Q: Okay. That you don't recall them telling you that we're
14 videotaping this interview?
- 15 A: No, not that I recall.
- 16 Q: Do you recall them saying we're going to audio record
17 this interview?
- 18 A: Not as I can recall.
- 19 Q: Okay. You were present in the courtroom at the time that
20 Gavin Graves testified just a few minutes ago; correct?
- 21 A: Yes, sir, I was.
- 22 Q: Did you hear a knock at the back door?
- 23 A: I didn't. Like I said, I was laying on the couch. I
24 didn't.
- 25 Q: You did not hear a knock at the back door?

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1 A: I didn't, but I heard when they said that they think
2 somebody -- that they heard a knock.

3 Q: Okay.

4 A: But me, personally, I didn't hear no knock.

5 Q: Back when you were selling drugs, the little bit that you
6 claim you were selling, did you have your own clientele?

7 A: I never told you I was selling drugs. I said if Gavin
8 Graves was not home and somebody came for \$5, I would get that
9 for him.

10 Q: Did you have people who would contact you back then and
11 say I want some drugs?

12 A: People that when I was smoking weed that might want to
13 get high might call me asking me do I got some weed to smoke
14 or something like that, but not for nothing to sell.

15 Q: Do you smoke marijuana, Mr. Wilson?

16 A: I used to.

17 Q: Used to? When's the last time you smoked marijuana?

18 A: I don't recall that. I work.

19 Q: Where do you work at?

20 A: Tradesman International. I'm an electrician.

21 Q: And what was the name of that company?

22 A: Tradesman Industrial.

23 Q: Okay. Do you work full-time?

24 A: It's on and off work.

25 Q: Off and on?

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1 A: And I've got my own pressure washing business too, sir.

2 Q: Okay.

3 MR. BAILEY: I have no further questions, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Any redirect?

5 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence for one
6 moment.

7 THE COURT: All right.

8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

10 Q: Derrick, with all that shooting, ping-pong, banging, and
11 sheet rock flying everywhere and cabinets shaking, would you
12 have heard a car drive off or not?

13 A: No, we wouldn't. There was too much racket.

14 Q: All right. And after it all was -- all the shots
15 stopped, would you have focused on hearing a car drive off or
16 not?

17 A: I was focused on was everybody in the house safe.

18 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

20 MR. DEBERRY: Nothing further.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

22 MR. BAILEY: Nothing further, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Sir, you may step down. Thank you.

24 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I'm going downstairs to get my
25 next witness and bring him right on up.

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1 Sir, if you'll -- one of the bailiffs has brought to my
2 attention that one of the jurors needs to call -- all right.
3 One of the jurors has advised a bailiff that they need to call
4 home and they need to call home before six o'clock. It is
5 five o'clock now. We're going to go ahead and proceed with
6 this witness and we'll see where we get. It may be a
7 situation that we stop after the end of direct and let them
8 call and finish with cross. All right? All right.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: Ready, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: All right. Bring me the jury, please.

11 (Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom at 4:58 p.m.)

12 THE COURT: All right. All the jurors are present. Mr.
13 Clements, you're recognized.

14 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the
15 Court.

16 JAMIE WILLIAMS, being first duly
17 sworn, testifies as follows:

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

20 Q: Jamie, can you please state your name for the record and
21 tell us how old you are?

22 A: Jamie Christopher Williams and I'm 19.

23 Q: And, Jamie, do you have a nickname you went by?

24 A: Yeah.

25 Q: What -- what's that nickname?

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1 A: Lil Boosie.

2 Q: Lil Boosie? All right. Where -- where did you grow up,
3 Jamie?

4 A: I stayed in Marion until I turned about seven or eight
5 and moved to Dillon, South Carolina.

6 Q: And you lived there up until you got arrested on these
7 charges?

8 A: Yes, sir.

9 Q: And you're charged along with three other individuals;
10 right?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: Who are those individuals?

13 A: Blaton Smith, Shaheed Hayes, and Willie Bethea.

14 Q: All right. Do you see Blaton Smith in the courtroom?

15 A: Yeah.

16 Q: Can you point him out for us?

17 A: Right there.

18 Q: In the blue shirt?

19 A: Yes, sir.

20 MR. CLEMENTS: Let the record reflect that he's
21 identified the defendant Smith.

22 THE COURT: So noted.

23 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

24 Q: Can you point out to us if Shaheed Hayes is in the
25 courtroom?

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1 A: Yeah.

2 Q: Where is he?

3 A: Right there.

4 Q: In the black shirt?

5 A: Yeah.

6 Q: Or is that a navy blue shirt? Can you tell?

7 A: Yeah.

8 MR. CLEMENTS: Let the record reflect that he identified
9 the defendant Hayes.

10 MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, I'm having a terrible time
11 hearing Mr. Williams.

12 THE COURT: I need you to speak up. Okay, Mr. Williams?

13 THE WITNESS: I'll do that.

14 THE COURT: Make sure you speak up, please, sir.

15 THE WITNESS: All right.

16 THE COURT: If you need to, pull that microphone a little
17 closer to you. Is it on? Tap that microphone, Mr. Williams,
18 please.

19 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)

20 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

21 Q: Jamie, where are you presently living and sleeping?

22 A: Talking about a street; right?

23 Q: No, sir. I'm talking about where you slept last night.

24 A: Over in a cell in the Marion County Detention Center.

25 Q: Okay. And you're incarcerated in the county detention

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- 1 center pending these charges; is that correct?
- 2 A: Yeah.
- 3 Q: All right. Your mama or your people bring you some
4 clothes today?
- 5 A: Brought them last week.
- 6 Q: Last week? Okay. In case you were going to trial?
- 7 A: Yeah.
- 8 Q: Okay. Now, you know why we're here; is that correct?
- 9 A: Yeah.
- 10 Q: Do you recall what you were doing on April the 12th, 2012?
- 11 A: Yeah.
- 12 Q: Okay. First, let me ask you this. Do you know Adrian
13 Smith?
- 14 A: Yeah.
- 15 Q: How long have you known him?
- 16 A: A couple years now.
- 17 Q: Okay. Since you were what age?
- 18 A: Fifteen.
- 19 Q: About 15? And when this event happened in April 2012,
20 how old were you?
- 21 A: Seventeen.
- 22 Q: Seventeen? Okay. And how do you know Blaton Smith?
- 23 A: Through Adrian.
- 24 Q: Through Adrian? How do you know Shaheed Hayes?
- 25 A: Through Blaton.

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1 Q: Through Blaton? Okay. Now, did they hang out a lot
2 together a pretty good bit?

3 A: So-so.

4 Q: So-so? Okay. And did you hang out with them a pretty
5 good bit?

6 A: So-so.

7 Q: All right. How did you come to be with them on April the
8 12th, 2012?

9 A: Called my phone.

10 Q: You called them or they called you?

11 A: They called me.

12 Q: They called you? And where did you meet them at?

13 A: End of my stop sign.

14 Q: Stop sign down from your house?

15 A: Yeah.

16 Q: They picked you up?

17 A: Yeah.

18 Q: What were they driving?

19 A: A white Cadillac.

20 Q: A white Cadillac? And who was driving the Cadillac?

21 A: Blaton.

22 Q: Who -- who owned that Cadillac?

23 A: That Adrian's car.

24 Q: That's Adrian's car?

25 (Whereupon, the witness nods his head.)

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- 1 Q: Now, can Adrian drive?
- 2 A: No.
- 3 Q: Why not?
- 4 A: He's paralyzed.
- 5 Q: He's paralyzed?
- 6 (Whereupon, the witness nods his head.)
- 7 Q: Okay. When he picked you up, was there anybody else in
- 8 the car with him?
- 9 A: Yeah.
- 10 Q: Who?
- 11 A: Willie.
- 12 Q: Willie Bethea?
- 13 A: Yeah.
- 14 Q: And how do you know Willie Bethea?
- 15 A: Because he was in the car.
- 16 Q: You didn't really know him that well?
- 17 A: Not really, but so-so.
- 18 Q: Okay. Did you know Blaton and Shaheed better than you
- 19 knew Willie?
- 20 A: Not Shaheed really.
- 21 Q: But you knew Blaton better?
- 22 A: Yeah.
- 23 Q: Now, Willie was in that car. Where was he sitting?
- 24 A: Passenger side.
- 25 Q: Passenger side? Front seat or back seat?

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- 1 A: Front.
- 2 Q: Was anybody else in the car?
- 3 A: Yeah.
- 4 Q: Who?
- 5 A: Me, Blaton, Shaheed, and Willie.
- 6 Q: All right. Where was Shaheed sitting?
- 7 A: Back behind the passenger side.
- 8 Q: Back seat passenger side?
- 9 A: Yeah.
- 10 Q: So where were you sitting?
- 11 A: Behind the driver.
- 12 Q: All right. Back seat?
- 13 A: Yes, sir.
- 14 Q: Did you know what y'all were going to go do or not?
- 15 A: Not at the time.
- 16 Q: Not at the time?
- 17 A: No.
- 18 Q: Do you know -- what road were y'all on? Do you know?
- 19 A: Now I know. I didn't know then.
- 20 Q: Now you know, but you didn't know the name of the road
- 21 then?
- 22 A: No.
- 23 Q: What was the name of the road?
- 24 A: It was 501.
- 25 Q: 501?

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- 1 A: It was Highway 501.
- 2 Q: Okay. And y'all were riding in the car; right?
- 3 A: Yeah.
- 4 Q: Were there any weapons in the car that you could see at
- 5 that time?
- 6 A: Not really. One.
- 7 Q: One? Where was it?
- 8 A: In the back seat.
- 9 Q: On the seat or in the floor?
- 10 A: Floor.
- 11 Q: In the floor? All right. What kind of gun was it?
- 12 A: It was an AK or SK.
- 13 Q: Okay. Was it covered up?
- 14 A: Yeah.
- 15 Q: Or uncovered?
- 16 A: Covered.
- 17 Q: With?
- 18 A: A sheet or something. I don't know.
- 19 Q: A sheet or blanket? Something like that? Okay. Now,
- 20 you were going down 501 heading which direction? Do you know
- 21 where you were going?
- 22 A: No.
- 23 Q: All right. Well, what happened? As y'all were riding in
- 24 that car, what happened?
- 25 A: Shaheed saw Eyebrows' truck.

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1 Q: Saw Eyebrows' truck? Do you know what kind of truck it
2 is?

3 A: White. A white truck.

4 Q: White? What kind of car? A white car?

5 A: A truck.

6 Q: A truck or SUV?

7 A: SUV.

8 Q: All right. Did it have anything on it --

9 A: I mean I seen it from the back. I ain't really --

10 Q: Okay. So you don't know if it had any after-market
11 things to dress it up or anything like that?

12 A: No.

13 Q: Okay. All right. But you're not -- you just know it's a
14 white SUV?

15 A: Yeah.

16 Q: Okay. I'm going to show you State's Exhibit 24. I don't
17 know if you recognize that or not. Can you?

18 A: Yeah, I see it.

19 Q: Do you know what that is?

20 A: Yeah.

21 Q: What is that?

22 A: Bullet holes.

23 Q: Okay. All right. Do you recognize the vehicle?

24 A: Yeah.

25 Q: Whose vehicle is that?

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1 A: Eyebrows.

2 Q: Eyebrows' vehicle? Okay. All right. Y'all were riding
3 down 501 you said and y'all saw Eyebrows' truck -- his
4 vehicle. Then what happened and what was said?

5 A: Turned back around.

6 Q: You turned around?

7 A: Yeah.

8 Q: All right. Where did you pull up to?

9 A: I mean, like, when we turned around, I don't know how it
10 happened. Like, I don't know the roads or nothing like that.
11 We turned back around and slowed down.

12 Q: Slowed down in front of the trailer?

13 A: Yeah.

14 Q: Then can you please tell us what happened and who did
15 what?

16 A: Shots fired.

17 Q: All right. Who said anything?

18 A: Blaton.

19 Q: Blaton? What did he say?

20 A: Oh, he was like -- they was like there they go right
21 there.

22 Q: There they go right there?

23 A: Yeah.

24 Q: All right. And who was driving?

25 A: Blaton.

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1 Q: Who was in control in the car?

2 A: Blaton.

3 Q: Who was in charge in the car?

4 A: Blaton.

5 Q: All right. So you pulled up and did you see any -- at

6 that point in time, did you see any more weapons?

7 A: Yeah.

8 Q: What kind of weapons?

9 A: Three .40s.

10 Q: Three .40s?

11 A: Yeah.

12 Q: Do you know what kind of .40s they were?

13 A: Smith & Wesson Hi-Point.

14 Q: Smith & Wesson Hi-Point?

15 A: Yeah.

16 Q: Okay. And where did those guns come from?

17 A: Front seat.

18 Q: From the front seat? All right. And did you get a gun?

19 A: Yeah.

20 Q: Who else got a gun?

21 A: Shaheed.

22 Q: All right. And then what happened?

23 A: Shots fired.

24 Q: Shots were fired?

25 A: Yeah.

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- 1 Q: Now, who fired shots first?
- 2 A: Shaheed.
- 3 Q: Shaheed? And how was he firing?
- 4 A: Bang, bang.
- 5 Q: Did he have the windows down or up?
- 6 A: Yeah.
- 7 Q: Door shut and the window down?
- 8 A: Yeah.
- 9 Q: Did he stick the gun out of the car or kept it in the
10 car?
- 11 A: Out.
- 12 Q: He stuck it out the car?
- 13 A: Yeah.
- 14 Q: And he started shooting?
- 15 A: Yeah.
- 16 Q: Did you shoot?
- 17 A: Yeah.
- 18 Q: How did you put yourself in a position to shoot?
- 19 A: Hung out over top of the car.
- 20 Q: Hung out over the top of the car and shot over the top of
21 the car?
- 22 A: Yeah.
- 23 Q: All right. How many shots do you -- did you fire, if you
24 know?
- 25 A: I shoot about three to five.

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1 Q: About three to five?

2 A: Yeah.

3 Q: You ain't sure?

4 A: I ain't sure, but I ain't shoot too many because I kind
5 of like froze up, you know.

6 Q: You froze up?

7 A: Yeah.

8 Q: How many did Shaheed shoot?

9 A: A clip empty.

10 Q: Emptied a clip?

11 A: Yeah.

12 Q: And what's his nickname?

13 A: Yoko.

14 Q: Yoko?

15 A: Yeah.

16 Q: Did anybody tell you to shoot?

17 A: Yeah.

18 Q: Who?

19 A: Blaton.

20 Q: Blaton?

21 A: Yeah.

22 Q: All right. After you stopped shooting and after Shaheed
23 emptied his clip, what happened next?

24 A: We drove back. Everything kind of, like, just quiet
25 like.

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- 1 Q: What did Willie do?
- 2 A: Nothing.
- 3 Q: Nothing?
- 4 A: Uh-uh.
- 5 Q: He didn't do anything?
- 6 A: No. He didn't do nothing.
- 7 Q: When you say y'all went back, where did y'all go exactly?
- 8 A: We went to Latta. Latta.
- 9 Q: Latta?
- 10 A: Yeah.
- 11 Q: Did you go to anybody's house in particular?
- 12 A: I don't know whose house it was.
- 13 Q: You don't know whose house it was?
- 14 A: No.
- 15 Q: Do you know where it was?
- 16 A: Yeah. I mean, like, I don't know where it was, but I --
- 17 probably, like, if I see it, I'd know what house it is.
- 18 Q: But you don't know the address?
- 19 A: No.
- 20 Q: But you'd know it by sight?
- 21 A: Yeah.
- 22 Q: What -- when you went to that house, what happened? Who
- 23 did what?
- 24 A: Dropped the guns off. Dropped the guns off at the house.
- 25 Q: Who dropped the guns off?

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1 A: Blaton.

2 Q: Blaton?

3 A: Yeah.

4 Q: And he dropped all the guns off?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: Okay. Did he go in the house by himself?

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: What did the rest of y'all do?

9 A: Nothing. Just sit in the car.

10 Q: Anybody say anything?

11 A: No, not as I remember, sir.

12 Q: How were you feeling right then?

13 A: Kind of paranoid.

14 Q: Paranoid? Why?

15 A: Nervous, man.

16 Q: Okay. And was somebody in the car making you nervous or

17 just the situation?

18 A: Everything, man.

19 Q: All right. When Blaton came back to the car after taking

20 the guns in the house, what happened next?

21 A: He took me home, man. He took me home.

22 Q: He took you home?

23 A: He dropped me off.

24 Q: He dropped you off where?

25 A: At the end of the stop sign.

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- 1 Q: Did they say anything to you when they dropped you off?
- 2 A: Not that -- not at that moment, no.
- 3 Q: Not at that moment?
- 4 A: No.
- 5 Q: When was the next time you saw or talked to Blaton?
- 6 A: Not that day after, but that day after that.
- 7 Q: Two days after the shooting?
- 8 A: Yeah.
- 9 Q: And what did he say?
- 10 A: Somebody's dead. Somebody's dead. Somebody died.
- 11 Q: And what else did he tell you?
- 12 A: You know what I'm saying? You better not say nothing.
- 13 Q: You better not say nothing?
- 14 (Whereupon, the witness nods his head.)
- 15 THE COURT: Is that a yes?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 17 THE COURT: All right.
- 18 BY MR. CLEMENTS:
- 19 Q: Sir?
- 20 A: Yes.
- 21 Q: Okay. When did you go next to Adrian's house?
- 22 A: That same day, I got a phone call.
- 23 Q: The same day?
- 24 A: Yeah.
- 25 Q: And what happened there at Adrian's?

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1 A: Man, they were kind of mad that they hit the wrong person
2 -- they were kind of mad that the wrong person got hit.
3 Q: The wrong person got hit?
4 A: Yeah.
5 Q: Who was supposed to be the right person?
6 A: Eyebrows.
7 Q: Eyebrows?
8 (Whereupon, the witness nods his head.)
9 Q: Did you say anything to anybody at that time?
10 A: Nope.
11 Q: Why not?
12 A: Nervous, man.
13 Q: Nervous? Are there any of these people that you're
14 scared of?
15 A: I mean I'll put it like this. I ain't scared of nobody,
16 but, like, it's their factor out there. You know what I'm
17 saying?
18 Q: Their factor out there?
19 A: Yeah.
20 Q: Okay. All right. I'm not trying to ask you about your
21 courage or anything. I'm not talking about that, but any of
22 them -- any particular person worry you?
23 A: So-so.
24 Q: Who?
25 A: I mean Adrian.

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1 Q: Well, Adrian is a paraplegic. How can he do anything to
2 you?

3 A: Shoot, man. He got people too.

4 Q: He got people too?

5 A: Yeah.

6 Q: Okay. Anyone else kind of makes you nervous at all?

7 A: No.

8 Q: No? All right. Well, what about Blaton?

9 MR. BAILEY: Judge, he's already asked and answered the
10 question. I'd object.

11 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

12 MR. CLEMENTS: All right.

13 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

14 Q: So nobody else bothers you?

15 A: Not really.

16 Q: Not really?

17 A: No.

18 Q: Okay.

19 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence a moment.

20 Q: Now, when you first talked to law enforcement, when was
21 that?

22 A: I can't remember.

23 Q: You can't remember when it was?

24 A: No, sir.

25 Q: Do you remember who it was?

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1 A: Yeah.

2 Q: Who was it? Investigator Bell?

3 A: Yeah.

4 Q: Anybody else?

5 A: I can't -- Watson.

6 Q: Watson?

7 A: Yeah.

8 Q: Big guy with big arms?

9 A: Yeah.

10 Q: What did you tell them at that time about who was
11 shooting?

12 A: You know what I'm saying? Who I told them was shooting
13 at that time?

14 Q: Yeah. Who did you say was shooting at that time when you
15 talked to them?

16 A: I said Blaton and Shaheed the first time.

17 Q: Blaton and Shaheed the first time?

18 A: Yeah.

19 Q: And was that not true?

20 A: One was true and one wasn't.

21 Q: So Blaton wasn't shooting?

22 A: No.

23 Q: Shaheed was shooting?

24 A: Yeah.

25 Q: Why did -- why did you not want to tell them then that

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- 1 you were shooting?
- 2 A: Because, man, like, I got nervous.
- 3 Q: Nervous? Okay. And when did you finally decide to tell
- 4 the truth and why?
- 5 A: Because, like, I feel like -- you know what I'm saying?
- 6 Like, I feel that I'm kind of holding it on my chest. You
- 7 know what I'm saying? Fear not. Right is right and wrong is
- 8 wrong.
- 9 Q: Okay. Right is right and wrong is wrong?
- 10 A: Yeah.
- 11 Q: It was on your chest? So tell me about Willie. What
- 12 about him? What about his part in it?
- 13 A: He was just there.
- 14 Q: He was just there in the car? Didn't do anything?
- 15 A: Uh-uh.
- 16 Q: And you shot? You freely admit that today?
- 17 A: Yeah.
- 18 Q: Shaheed shot?
- 19 A: Yeah.
- 20 Q: And Blaton was driving and Blaton was in control?
- 21 A: Yeah.
- 22 Q: Now, you have several charges pending. Has anybody made
- 23 any deal with you or your lawyer to testify?
- 24 A: No.
- 25 Q: Why are you testifying then?

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1 A: Because --

2 MR. BAILEY: Judge, asked and answered. Objection.

3 THE COURT: Objection overruled. Go ahead.

4 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

5 Q: Why did you testify?

6 A: Because, like, one of -- one of the victims is, like, my
7 uncle, you know, because -- you know what I mean? Like, my
8 uncle growing up, you know.

9 Q: And who was that?

10 A: Gavin Graves.

11 Q: Did you know that was his trailer when you were shooting
12 at it?

13 A: No. No, sir.

14 Q: You didn't?

15 A: No, sir.

16 Q: If you'd have known that was his trailer, what would you
17 have done?

18 A: Like, the way we was in it -- like, the way I was put in
19 it, I probably would -- like, would have had to.

20 Q: The way it went down you probably had to?

21 A: Yeah.

22 Q: All right.

23 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence.

24 (Whereupon, there is a pause in the proceedings.)

25 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

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1 Q: Did you and other people sometimes do what Adrian asked
2 to be done?

3 A: Yeah.

4 Q: Why was that?

5 A: Because man, like, if we didn't do it, you know, he got
6 people out there, like, to tell you the truth.

7 Q: Now, how did you know that was Eyebrows' truck?

8 A: Because I mean they wanted him dead.

9 Q: What?

10 A: They wanted him dead. Like, I guess an incident happened
11 before, something about a pool stick or something.

12 MR. BAILEY: Judge, I'm going to object at this time.

13 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

14 MR. BAILEY: I move to strike.

15 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

16 Q: I'm not asking you about anything --

17 THE COURT: Hold on a minute.

18 Q: -- other than --

19 THE COURT: Hold on a minute. Restate what you just
20 said.

21 MR. BAILEY: Judge, I just asked the Court -- I move to
22 strike that.

23 THE COURT: All right. Anything, Mr. Clements?

24 MR. CLEMENTS: No, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, based upon

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1 what this witness just said I am going to -- defense counsel
2 has moved to strike that response. The Court hereby orders
3 that such response be stricken and not be considered by you in
4 any way in your deliberations in considering the guilt or the
5 innocence of the defendants charged in this case. You may
6 continue.

7 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you. Let me rephrase my question.

8 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

9 Q: Did you recognize Eyebrows' truck on your own because you
10 knew what it looked like?

11 A: No. I ain't knew what none of them vehicles looked like.

12 Q: All right. Did anyone tell you that was Eyebrows' truck?

13 A: Yeah.

14 Q: Who?

15 A: Blaton.

16 Q: Thank you.

17 A: To tell you the truth, I ain't -- I ain't knew him.

18 Q: You didn't? You didn't know Eyebrows?

19 A: No.

20 Q: Okay. All right. Please answer any questions Mr.
21 Deberry or Mr. Bailey may have.

22 THE COURT: Cross examination. Mr. Deberry.

23 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you.

24 CROSS EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. DEBERRY:

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- 1 Q: Mr. Williams, when you pointed -- when Mr. Solicitor
2 asked you earlier and he showed you that picture of that
3 truck, I believe this was the picture, State's Exhibit 24. Is
4 that what he showed you?
- 5 A: Yeah. That's what he showed me.
- 6 Q: Were you told recently that that was Eyebrows' truck?
- 7 A: No.
- 8 Q: But you didn't know at the time either?
- 9 A: I ain't know until they pointed it out.
- 10 Q: Who pointed it out?
- 11 A: They was like, "There's Eyebrows' truck right there."
- 12 Q: Who said that?
- 13 A: Blaton.
- 14 Q: Okay. But you were in the back seat and you couldn't see
15 very well; right?
- 16 A: I mean from the angle of the house, yeah, you could see,
17 like, the truck from the angle we come from. Yeah.
- 18 Q: It was nighttime outside, wasn't it?
- 19 A: Yeah, but they got a porch light.
- 20 Q: Oh, they got a porch light?
- 21 A: Yeah.
- 22 Q: You sure about that?
- 23 A: I'm positive. I know I seen the truck with the back
24 porch light on.
- 25 Q: How many -- what other cars did you see back there?

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1 A: All I know is I seen that truck.

2 Q: You didn't see any other cars?

3 A: I wasn't focused on it. Like, I ain't seen no other
4 cars. I seen that truck because that was where -- that was
5 the specific vehicle they pointed out was that truck.

6 Q: And -- but at the time, you testified you didn't know
7 Eyebrows and you didn't know what kind of truck he drives;
8 right?

9 A: Right. Until it was pointed to me that was what kind of
10 truck he drives.

11 Q: All right. And the -- isn't it true when you first told
12 detectives that you were involved in this, you didn't tell
13 them that you were a shooter; right?

14 A: Right.

15 Q: And then later when they came and asked you about it
16 again, isn't it true that you told them you didn't do
17 anything? You didn't have anything to do with it?

18 A: What you mean later? Can you repeat that question?

19 Q: When they later asked you about it again, didn't you tell
20 them -- you recanted your story altogether? You weren't
21 there. You didn't know anything about it?

22 A: At one point in time?

23 Q: Yeah.

24 A: Yeah.

25 Q: After you told them that you were there the first time?

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- 1 A: At one point in time, yeah.
- 2 Q: Y'all came from Latta that night?
- 3 A: Yeah.
- 4 Q: All right. And so if you're coming from Latta, the house
5 is going to be on your right or your left?
- 6 A: It was on our right.
- 7 Q: It was on your right?
- 8 A: Yeah.
- 9 Q: All right. I'm going to show you what's marked as
10 State's Exhibit 42. I'll tell you that Latta would be this
11 way and this is a picture of the house. That's the front
12 door. This is the back door. Okay?
- 13 A: Yeah.
- 14 Q: Where did you see Mr. -- Eyebrows' truck?
- 15 A: It was on the back side of the house. Like, I don't
16 know. If that's the front, it was on the back side of where
17 we was coming from. Like, if I'm coming from the right, it
18 was in the back. Like, you could see the back of his truck.
- 19 Q: Okay. But you couldn't see any other cars?
- 20 A: I wasn't focused on other cars.
- 21 Q: Okay. But you didn't even know what you were looking
22 for?
- 23 A: No.
- 24 Q: All right. That makes sense. So after you changed your
25 story the first time, you sit around in the detention center.

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1 Have you ever -- have you been arrested and incarcerated since
2 -- since this -- since you were arrested to begin with?

3 A: What do you mean?

4 Q: Have you been in jail the entire time?

5 A: Yeah.

6 Q: Almost two years or more than two years now?

7 A: Two years, three months.

8 Q: You've been in -- you've been in jail? Where have you
9 been?

10 A: Marión County Detention Center and Horry County Detention
11 Center.

12 Q: So you've been back and forth between the two?

13 A: Yeah.

14 Q: All right. And are you charged with four counts of
15 attempted murder?

16 A: Yeah.

17 Q: Are you charged with one count of murder?

18 A: Yeah.

19 Q: Are you charged with shooting into a dwelling?

20 A: Yeah.

21 Q: And you're charged with possession of a firearm?

22 A: Yeah.

23 Q: All right. Do you understand that you can go to prison
24 for a long time for that?

25 A: Yeah.

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- 1 Q: And why are you here testifying today?
- 2 A: Because the truth is the truth, man.
- 3 Q: Just because you want to tell the truth?
- 4 A: I mean you know what I'm saying? Like, I feel better on
5 my conscience telling the truth and not a lie.
- 6 Q: Are you here today hoping for a deal from the solicitor?
- 7 A: No.
- 8 Q: So you don't want a deal?
- 9 A: No. I'm telling the truth like -- like it is.
- 10 Q: You're not looking for anything in return for your
11 testimony?
- 12 A: No.
- 13 Q: Have you talked to the solicitor at all about a deal?
- 14 A: No.
- 15 Q: Do you plan to go to trial in this case?
- 16 A: If I got to.
- 17 Q: Are you -- you're admitting to your guilt now, aren't
18 you?
- 19 A: Yeah.
- 20 Q: When you -- when you first gave your statement to the
21 police, where did you say the individuals were in the car?
- 22 A: I said Willie was driving.
- 23 Q: Who?
- 24 A: Willie. That's what I said. Willie was driving and --
- 25 Q: Willie was driving?

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- 1 A: Yeah. That's what I said.
- 2 Q: What else did you say?
- 3 A: Blaton was in the back and Shaheed was in the back, but
- 4 that -- I lied about it.
- 5 Q: That was a lie?
- 6 A: Yeah. That's why I tell the truth now.
- 7 Q: So Willie wasn't driving?
- 8 A: No.
- 9 Q: Well, why did you put Willie as the driver to start with?
- 10 A: I don't know, man. I mean I was nervous, man.
- 11 Q: You were nervous?
- 12 A: Yeah.
- 13 Q: And then later you testified that you weren't even there,
- 14 that you just made all that up?
- 15 A: Yeah.
- 16 Q: Okay. And then later, like as in last week, you come up
- 17 with another story; right?
- 18 A: Yeah. I'm telling the truth.
- 19 Q: Is that because -- did you think you were going to have
- 20 to go to trial?
- 21 A: Yeah.
- 22 Q: The trial was coming up then?
- 23 A: Yeah. And I want to tell the truth about it.
- 24 Q: So it was time for you to now tell the truth?
- 25 A: Been going to tell the truth. I was just nervous about

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- 1 it.
- 2 Q: Did you think that if you went to trial and you got
3 convicted then all deals are off the table; right?
- 4 A: What deal?
- 5 Q: Okay. Is that why you're testifying today?
- 6 A: I'm testifying for no deal.
- 7 Q: You're not testifying for a deal?
- 8 A: No.
- 9 Q: So when you -- when you come up with your new story, all
10 the people in the car start switching places; is that right?
- 11 A: Man, you see I put myself in the back seat, man. I'm
12 telling the truth.
- 13 Q: You put yourself in the back seat?
- 14 A: Yeah.
- 15 Q: You put yourself behind the driver's seat now?
- 16 A: Yeah. Behind the driver's seat.
- 17 Q: Okay. But you testified you're coming from Latta; right?
- 18 A: Yeah.
- 19 Q: All right. So on State's Exhibit 42, you're coming from
20 Latta. Okay? Latta is this way and Marion is this way.
- 21 A: Yeah.
- 22 Q: And that's Highway 501?
- 23 A: Yeah.
- 24 Q: Okay. So you testified earlier that you rode -- that
25 y'all rode by the house, everybody saw Eyebrows' truck?

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- 1 A: Yeah.
- 2 Q: And you turned around?
- 3 A: Yeah.
- 4 Q: And when you turned around and came back, you slowed
5 down?
- 6 A: Yeah.
- 7 Q: Or Blaton slowed down?
- 8 A: Yeah.
- 9 Q: And you started shooting?
- 10 A: I ain't started shooting first.
- 11 Q: All right. If you were behind the driver's seat, you
12 would have been on the side that the house was on; so why are
13 you shooting over the top of the car?
- 14 A: Man, look, man, I was shooting over the top of the car.
- 15 Q: Which way were you headed?
- 16 A: Man, we came -- I don't know highways that good. I ain't
17 going to lie to you, but I know what I did and I'm admitting
18 to what I did.
- 19 Q: You're testifying that y'all were heading back towards
20 Latta and that you were behind the driver's seat?
- 21 A: Yeah.
- 22 Q: You also told me last week that you were scared that
23 somebody else was going to shoot you, didn't you?
- 24 A: Yeah.
- 25 Q: Why was that?

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1 A: Man, like I said, it's a factor, man.

2 Q: A factor?

3 A: Yeah.

4 Q: You testified that -- or you didn't testify, but you gave
5 a statement to the Solicitor's Office just last week after
6 two-and-a-half years that you were scared that Shaheed was
7 going to shoot you, didn't you? Because he was going crazy?
8 Isn't that what you told them?

9 A: Well, I don't recall saying that he was going to shoot
10 me, but I was kind of nervous of the fact he was going to
11 shoot me.

12 Q: But your testimony puts him across the car shooting the
13 other way from you, doesn't it?

14 A: He was out the window. I was on top of the car.

15 Q: And y'all were shooting in the same direction?

16 A: I was just shooting to tell you the truth. I mean you
17 don't understand, man. I'm going to put it like this towards
18 you since you're asking me these questions. Because I just
19 told you --

20 Q: I just --

21 THE COURT: Hold on. Let him finish.

22 Q: That's not the way it works. I've got to ask you
23 questions.

24 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry, let him finish his answer. All
25 right.

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1 A: I'll put it like this towards you. When you get in
2 something at a young age, you don't know what to do. You just
3 -- and then you're scared. You don't know what to do.

4 Q: I understand. You were in a bad position and I
5 understand that and I honestly do and I hate it, but we need
6 to know the truth.

7 A: This is the truth.

8 Q: Well, your story just doesn't add up because --

9 THE COURT: Hold on a minute. You ask questions and you
10 answer the questions. Okay? Ask the questions and answer.
11 That's how it works.

12 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you.

13 BY MR. DEBERRY:

14 Q: The cars -- okay. We've been over that. Did you tell
15 the Solicitor's Office last week that there was a black and
16 silver .40 caliber handgun?

17 A: Yeah.

18 Q: Black and silver?

19 A: Yeah.

20 Q: Okay. You testified for Solicitor Clements just a few
21 minutes ago that when you first got in the car and they picked
22 you up that it was just Willie and Blaton?

23 A: Yeah.

24 Q: And then you testified later that it -- that Shaheed was
25 there?

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- 1 A: Yeah.
- 2 Q: How did Shaheed get there?
- 3 A: They picked him up.
- 4 Q: Y'all picked him up after they picked you up?
- 5 A: Yeah.
- 6 Q: Where did y'all pick him up?
- 7 A: Somewhere around Latta. I don't know no address or
- 8 nothing like that, man. I ain't good with roads.
- 9 Q: What kind of car were y'all in?
- 10 A: A Cadillac.
- 11 Q: Was it a white one?
- 12 A: Yeah.
- 13 Q: All right. Do you remember when you started shooting at
- 14 the house about where you were?
- 15 A: I don't recall shooting at the house, man, but I know
- 16 where I was in the car.
- 17 Q: So now you're saying you didn't shoot?
- 18 A: I did shoot, but I ain't aimed at no house.
- 19 Q: What did you shoot at?
- 20 A: I was nervous, man. I just shoot.
- 21 Q: This is State's Exhibit 37. You didn't shoot at the
- 22 house?
- 23 A: This house right there?
- 24 Q: Yeah.
- 25 A: No, I was just shooting.

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1 Q: All right. And your testimony is that y'all came from
2 Latta, turned around, and were heading back to Latta when you
3 started shooting?

4 A: Man, all I know is I was over the window and he was
5 hanging out the window.

6 Q: All right. Thank you very much.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey, cross examination.

8 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor. The Court's
9 indulgence for one second.

10 CROSS EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. BAILEY:

12 Q: Good afternoon, Mr. Williams.

13 A: How are you doing?

14 Q: You're dressed very nice today.

15 A: Thank you.

16 Q: You got those clothes last week?

17 A: Yeah.

18 Q: You were ready to go to trial last week, weren't you?

19 A: If that's what it took, yeah.

20 Q: You were -- last week -- as of last week, you were ready
21 to sit here at this table, weren't you?

22 A: If that's what it took, yeah.

23 Q: Okay. Did you get brought over from the jail today
24 wearing shackles?

25 A: Yeah.

26

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1 Q: They took the shackles off of you when you got here
2 today?

3 A: Yeah.

4 Q: Okay. You wore -- do you wear a jumpsuit in the jail?

5 A: Yeah.

6 Q: You don't get to dress like that over at the jail, do
7 you?

8 A: No.

9 Q: Okay. Did you review any of your statements prior to you
10 coming into court here today?

11 A: No.

12 Q: Over the last two-and-a-half years, have you reviewed any
13 of your statements?

14 A: No.

15 Q: Since meeting with law enforcement last week, have you
16 met with them prior to today?

17 A: Prior to today? No.

18 Q: You were born in April 1995?

19 A: Yeah.

20 Q: Does that make you about 19 years old today?

21 A: Yeah.

22 Q: Are you married?

23 A: No.

24 Q: Got a girlfriend?

25 A: Yeah.

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- 1 Q: You do?
- 2 A: Yeah.
- 3 Q: How long y'all been together?
- 4 A: About two -- three years.
- 5 Q: Two or three years?
- 6 A: Yeah.
- 7 Q: Before you got locked up in this case?
- 8 A: So-so. Yeah.
- 9 Q: Okay. Are y'all engaged to get married?
- 10 A: No. I don't know about that.
- 11 Q: Okay. Y'all got any children?
- 12 A: No, but I mean I consider him mine though.
- 13 Q: Okay. She has children of her own?
- 14 A: Yeah.
- 15 Q: Okay. How many children does she have?
- 16 A: One.
- 17 Q: One child?
- 18 A: Yeah.
- 19 Q: And you have no biological children of your own?
- 20 A: No.
- 21 Q: Prior to you getting arrested, who were you living with?
- 22 A: My mama.
- 23 Q: It was just you and your mama?
- 24 A: And my dad.
- 25 Q: Your mama and your daddy and that's it? Nobody else I

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1 the house?

2 A: Uh-uh.

3 Q: Okay.

4 THE COURT: Is that a no? We need a verbal yes or no for
5 the record. Okay, Mr. Williams?

6 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Yes, sir.

7 Q: Do you have any brothers?

8 A: Yes. I got an older brother.

9 Q: You have one older brother?

10 A: Yeah.

11 Q: Where's he stay at?

12 A: Well, I don't know where he located right now.

13 Q: Okay. You got any sisters?

14 A: Yeah.

15 Q: Older? Younger?

16 A: Two younger and one older.

17 Q: Okay. They didn't live with you?

18 A: No.

19 Q: Who does -- who do your two younger sisters live with?

20 A: Their mama.

21 Q: Okay.

22 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I'm curious as to the
23 relevance of this line of questioning.

24 THE COURT: I understand it's cross, but get to your
25 point, please, sir.

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1 MR. BAILEY: Well, Your Honor, I'm attacking his -- his
2 bias. I mean that -- that's the purpose --
3 THE COURT: Go ahead.
4 MR. BAILEY: -- of the questions.
5 THE COURT: Go ahead.
6 BY MR. BAILEY:
7 Q: You got other relatives in Dillon County?
8 A: Yes, sir.
9 Q: Okay. There's people on the outside of jail who love
10 you, don't they?
11 A: Yeah.
12 Q: They don't want to see you go to prison, do they?
13 A: No.
14 Q: Was that a no?
15 A: That was a no.
16 Q: Okay. And you love those people on the outside. You
17 mama and your daddy, you love those people?
18 A: Pretty much, yeah.
19 Q: You don't want to go to prison and be away from them, do
20 you?
21 A: I mean no, but --
22 Q: But?
23 A: I mean I don't know what's going to happen, man.
24 Q: Okay. Now, you've been in jail since you got arrested;
25 correct?

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- 1 A: Correct.
- 2 Q: And that was about April the 30th, 2012?
- 3 A: I got locked up May 1st, 2012.
- 4 Q: May 1st?
- 5 A: Yeah.
- 6 Q: Okay. How do you like living out at the jail for the
7 last two-and-a-half years?
- 8 A: I mean it's jail.
- 9 Q: Yeah. Well, let's -- let's talk about what life is like
10 in the jail. Okay? What is your standard issue of clothing
11 in jail?
- 12 A: An orange jumpsuit, man, and some little patio shoes.
- 13 Q: Okay. Limited number of jumpsuits you get?
- 14 A: About three a week.
- 15 Q: Three a week? How about boxers? Do you get a limited
16 amount of those too?
- 17 A: Three.
- 18 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I'll object on the grounds of
19 relevance on this. I don't see how that even goes to bias.
- 20 THE COURT: Objection sustained. Go ahead.
- 21 BY MR. BAILEY:
- 22 Q: How many people live in a cell with you out at the jail?
- 23 A: One person.
- 24 Q: Okay.
- 25 MR. CLEMENTS: Objection on relevance.

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1 Bailey, you may continue with your cross examination.

2 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the
3 Court.

4 BY MR. BAILEY:

5 Q: Mr. Williams, prior to us taking a brief recess, we were
6 talking about -- a little bit about life in jail. You're
7 limited in the amount of meals that you receive in jail,
8 aren't you?

9 A: Yeah.

10 Q: It's not the best food in the world, is it?

11 A: No.

12 Q: You don't get to go to a restaurant and choose off of a
13 menu?

14 A: No.

15 Q: Has it been a good experience for you for the last two-
16 and-a-half years to be sitting in jail?

17 A: No.

18 Q: Now, I know you answered a little bit of the questions
19 about this earlier, but you are charged for -- with murder in
20 this case; correct?

21 A: Yeah.

22 Q: And you've been explained that murder carries 30 to life;
23 is that correct?

24 A: Yeah.

25 Q: You understand that you can't be paroled on that offense

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1 if you're found guilty of it?

2 A: Yeah.

3 Q: If you receive a life sentence, you're going to die in
4 prison. Do you understand that?

5 A: Yeah.

6 Q: Okay. Now, on the four attempted murders, you understand
7 that that carries zero to 30 years on each count?

8 A: Yeah.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to even going into
10 this. He's got pending charges, but I don't think he can --
11 it's improper for him to go into each sentence and possible --
12 because he's not sure --

13 THE COURT: Objection overruled. Continue the line of
14 questioning, please.

15 BY MR. BAILEY:

16 Q: And you understand that each of those 30-year sentences
17 on the attempted murder can be run consecutive; is that
18 correct?

19 A: Yeah.

20 Q: That means a total of 120 years is a possibility on those
21 four charges; correct?

22 A: Yeah, that's correct.

23 Q: All right. Now, you also have a discharging a weapon
24 into a dwelling charge; correct?

25 A: Yeah, I got that.

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1 Q: Okay. And that carries up to ten years; correct?

2 A: Correct.

3 Q: And that can be ran consecutive to any other sentence you
4 receive in this case; correct?

5 A: Correct.

6 Q: And you also have a possession of a weapon during a
7 violent crime charge; correct?

8 A: That's correct.

9 Q: And you understand that that carries up to five years in
10 prison; correct?

11 A: That's correct.

12 Q: And that's in addition to all of your other sentences you
13 could receive; correct?

14 A: That's correct.

15 Q: So you understand that coming into this case today you
16 are facing a possibility of life in prison plus 135 years,
17 don't you?

18 A: Mm-hmm.

19 Q: And last week you decided you didn't want to face those,
20 did you?

21 A: No. I was going to tell the truth regardless. I mean --
22 I mean ain't nothing going to change that.

23 Q: Now, you don't want to go to prison, do you?

24 A: No.

25 Q: You don't want to die in prison, do you?

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- 1 A: No.
- 2 Q: Was that a no?
- 3 A: That's a no.
- 4 Q: Okay. You'd be willing to do anything you could to avoid
5 having to go to prison on these charges, don't you?
- 6 A: I mean the truth is the truth, like I said before.
- 7 Q: Okay. Now, you testified earlier you have no deal put in
8 place on these charges for your testimony; correct?
- 9 A: I mean yeah, I did say that, but I'm coming out to tell
10 the truth today.
- 11 Q: So you do have a deal?
- 12 A: Hold up. Oh, no, I ain't got no deal. I thought you --
13 I ain't heard what you said. My bad. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
- 14 Q: Okay. So there's no deal in place?
- 15 A: No. Ain't no deal in place.
- 16 Q: So after this trial concludes this week, you're going to
17 plead guilty to murder?
- 18 A: I mean -- no. I ain't going to try -- I ain't trying to
19 plead guilty to murder.
- 20 Q: Okay. But you don't have a deal put in place, do you?
- 21 A: No.
- 22 Q: So what do you think you're going to plead guilty to?
- 23 A: I don't know, man.
- 24 Q: You testified earlier that you don't remember the first
25 time you spoke with detectives in this case, do you?

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- 1 A: No.
- 2 Q: Did you go talk with them voluntarily?
- 3 A: I mean yeah.
- 4 Q: You did?
- 5 A: Yeah.
- 6 Q: Your first statement was voluntarily given to Detective
- 7 Bell?
- 8 A: Yeah.
- 9 Q: Okay. And you testified earlier that your first
- 10 statement was a complete lie, wasn't it?
- 11 A: Yeah.
- 12 Q: Okay.. In your first statement, do you recall telling
- 13 them where you took the guns?
- 14 A: I can't remember. I know I lied. I can't remember.
- 15 Q: Okay. When you were making your first statement to
- 16 Detective Bell, did you tell him you were lying to him?
- 17 A: No.
- 18 Q: You were just trying to avoid having to go to jail,
- 19 weren't you?
- 20 A: I was already in jail. Why am I going to avoid going to
- 21 jail for that?
- 22 Q: Oh. So your first statement was given after you got
- 23 arrested in this case?
- 24 A: Yeah.
- 25 Q: Okay. So the shooting happened on April the 13th;

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- 1 correct?
- 2 A: I'm not sure what exact day it was, but whatever y'all
3 say.
- 4 Q: Okay. And you got arrested on May the 1st?
- 5 A: Yes.
- 6 Q: That's about 19 days later; correct?
- 7 A: Yeah.
- 8 Q: At any point during that 19 days, did you walk or did you
9 go down to the Marion County Sheriff's Office and say I shot
10 somebody?
- 11 A: No.
- 12 Q: Okay. During that 19-day period, did you go talk to the
13 Dillon Police Department or the Latta Police Department and
14 say I shot somebody?
- 15 A: No.
- 16 Q: Okay. Did you go to any law enforcement agency during
17 that 19-year [sic.] period and say Blaton Smith made me shoot
18 somebody?
- 19 A: No.
- 20 Q: In fact, for 19 days you remained free out on the street;
21 right?
- 22 A: Pretty much.
- 23 Q: You only started talking because you got arrested; right?
- 24 A: No. I started talking because I wanted to start talking.
- 25 Q: Okay. And that first talking was a lie; correct?

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1 A: Correct.

2 Q: All right. If you would have never got arrested on May
3 the 1st, would you have ever come forward with any information
4 about this case?

5 A: No.

6 Q: Okay. Now, you testified for Solicitor Clements about
7 the night riding around in the car and you attributed some
8 statements that Blaton Smith made that night?

9 A: Pretty much.

10 Q: Okay. He's the one who told you to shoot; correct?

11 A: Correct.

12 Q: And you didn't tell that to the investigators the first
13 time you talked to them, did you?

14 A: No.

15 Q: Okay. He handed you a gun to shoot out of the window.
16 That's what you testified to a little bit earlier; right?

17 A: Correct.

18 Q: You didn't tell that to the law enforcement officers
19 earlier, did you?

20 A: No.

21 Q: You've had two-and-a-half years to get your story correct
22 to come into the court today, didn't you?

23 A: No. I mean, like, I know the truth, but I just wanted to
24 say it. I'm telling you the truth. I'm telling the truth.

25 Okay?

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- 1 Q: But --
- 2 A: Let me ask you a question.
- 3 THE COURT: No, sir.
- 4 Q: Sir, you cannot.
- 5 A: All right. Okay.
- 6 Q: Do you remember when Detective Bell and Detective Watson
- 7 picked you up from the jail to take you up to Florence to give
- 8 another interview after you got arrested?
- 9 A: No, I don't.
- 10 Q: You don't recall that?
- 11 A: I don't remember.
- 12 Q: Do you recall meeting with Detective Bell and Detective
- 13 Watson after your first statement and tell them I wasn't even
- 14 there?
- 15 A: Yeah, I remember that.
- 16 Q: You remember that?
- 17 A: Yeah.
- 18 Q: Okay. And -- and your story here today is that that was
- 19 another lie?
- 20 A: That was a lie.
- 21 Q: Okay. Because you're telling the truth today for us?
- 22 A: I'm telling you the truth.
- 23 Q: You were there that night; correct?
- 24 A: Yeah.
- 25 Q: Okay. Do you remember getting picked up from the

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1 detention center and being transported up here to the Florence
2 City-County Complex up there? Do you recall that?

3 A: I can't recall right now because my mind -- not at the
4 moment, no.

5 Q: Do you recall having the opportunity to meet with an
6 officer in Florence by the name of Julie Duff?

7 A: I can't recall that.

8 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor?

9 A: I don't remember.

10 THE COURT: Hold on a minute.

11 MR. CLEMENTS: I think we may have a matter of law we
12 need to discuss.

13 THE COURT: All right. Can y'all come up here?

14 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
15 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

16 THE COURT: Yes, sir?

17 MR. CLEMENTS: The reason I interrupted was because you
18 can't unring a bell, but Julie Duff took him there for
19 polygraph purposes and the polygraph was inconclusive and I
20 don't -- I don't think -- it's inadmissible and I don't think
21 he should be allowed to pursue that line of questioning.

22 THE COURT: I don't want you to open that door.

23 MR. BAILEY: Judge, I'm not asking him anything specific,
24 but there -- on the polygraph questionnaire, there were two
25 questions. One of the questions was, like, did you lie about

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1 seeing Blaton Smith shoot a gun. He said no. And then the
2 other --

3 THE COURT: How are you trying to get into that?

4 MR. CLEMENTS: He -- it's just inappropriate all the way
5 around.

6 MR. BAILEY: I can ask him if he was asked those
7 questions. Do you recall being asked --

8 MR. CLEMENTS: But he's laying -- he's liable to --

9 THE COURT: Y'all come over here.

10 (Whereupon, the bench conference on the record ends and a
11 bench conference is held off the record.)

12 THE COURT: Objection overruled on that issue. Go ahead.

13 MR. BAILEY: Are you ready to proceed, Your Honor?

14 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

15 BY MR. BAILEY:

16 Q: Mr. Williams, do you recall telling Julie Duff that you
17 did not shoot into the trailer on April the 13th?

18 A: Yeah, I recall that.

19 Q: And that was a lie then too; correct?

20 A: Correct.

21 Q: Okay. And do you recall telling her that you saw Blaton
22 Smith shoot into the trailer that night?

23 A: I probably said that. I don't know. I mean probably so,
24 yeah.

25 Q: Okay. And that would have been a lie as well; correct?

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1 A: It was a lie, yeah.

2 Q: Now, since you've been in jail, Mr. Williams, have you
3 picked up any new charges?

4 A: I mean -- yeah.

5 Q: Do you have a pending charge right now?

6 A: Yeah.

7 Q: What county is your charge pending in?

8 A: Horry County.

9 Q: And what is that charge pending for?

10 A: Assault and battery second degree.

11 Q: Okay. Earlier you testified that you were scared and you
12 didn't know what to do when Mr. Deberry was questioning you
13 about your statement last week. Do you remember that?

14 A: Yeah, I remember that.

15 Q: Okay. You figured out real quick what you were going to
16 do last week, didn't you?

17 A: Yeah. I mean --

18 Q: How many people last week told you that you were looking
19 at life in prison?

20 A: Ain't nobody tell me that last week.

21 Q: Okay. Now, you would agree with me that this fourth
22 statement that you gave last week, all the details that you
23 testified for Solicitor Clements, they match perfectly to his
24 theory in court today; right?

25 A: I mean I don't remember nothing about no statement. I

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1 know my statement though.

2 Q: Okay. Let me ask you a question, Mr. Williams, before I
3 wrap up. In your opinion, do you deserve to go to prison for
4 what you did in this case?

5 MR. CLEMENTS: Objection, Your Honor. First, it's an
6 opinion question. I think it's improper.

7 THE COURT: I'll allow him to answer the question.
8 Answer the question.

9 A: I mean if I do, I do, man, because at the end of the day
10 wrong is wrong and right is right.

11 Q: Okay.

12 MR. BAILEY: I have no further questions.

13 THE COURT: Any redirect?

14 MR. CLEMENTS: Briefly, Your Honor.

15 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

17 Q: Mr. Bailey was asking you about your different statements
18 in his questions about what you said back then and what you're
19 saying now. Did you ever put yourself as a shooter in this
20 back then?

21 A: No.

22 Q: And you were how old then?

23 A: Seventeen.

24 Q: How old are you now?

25 A: Nineteen.

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1 Q: Are you the same man now at 19 as you were at 17?

2 A: No, sir.

3 Q: Why in the world would you put yourself as being the
4 shooter if it wasn't the truth?

5 A: I mean honestly I understand. You know what I'm saying?
6 If there's somebody that didn't do something, didn't really do
7 it, they should have their life. You know what I'm saying? I
8 mean the truth is the truth, man, and I feel like I'll become
9 better and I'll be forgiven for whatever I did as a man. Now
10 that I'm a man, I feel like I'm a better person today than
11 what I used to be as a boy.

12 Q: Are you owning up to what you've done?

13 A: Yeah.

14 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you.

15 THE COURT: Any recross, Mr. Deberry?

16 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

18 MR. BAILEY: Nothing further.

19 THE COURT: All right. Sir, you may step down. Thank
20 you. As he's exiting, can the lawyers come up here a minute,
21 please?

22 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
23 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury off the
24 record regarding scheduling.)

25 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, it is after

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1 jury, I hope you all had a nice restful evening last night and
2 are ready to proceed this morning. At this time, I'm going to
3 recognize Mr. Clements. Call your next witness, please, sir.

4 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you, Your Honor. If it please the
5 Court, we would call Willie Bethea. Willie O'Brian Bethea.

6 THE CLERK: Sir, if you would, come around and let me
7 swear you in, please, sir. Place your left hand on the Bible
8 and raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm
9 the evidence you give in the trial of this case shall be the
10 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you
11 God?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

13 THE CLERK: Thank you. You can have a seat in the
14 witness box.

15 WILLIE BETHEA, being first duly
16 sworn, testifies as follows:

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

19 Q: Good morning.

20 A: Good morning.

21 Q: You're a little bit soft-spoken. I'm going to tell you
22 to try to speak into this microphone as best you can.

23 A: Yes, sir.

24 Q: And if you don't understand one of my questions, you ask
25 me to ask you again. And I want -- first, I want to ask you

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1 if you would please tell this jury who you are and where
2 you're from?

3 A: I'm Willie O'Brian Bethea. I'm from Latta, South
4 Carolina.

5 Q: All right. And how long have you lived in Latta, Willie?

6 A: Probably about 17 years.

7 Q: All right. How old are you today?

8 A: Twenty-seven.

9 Q: Twenty-seven?

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: Now, on -- do you go by a nickname?

12 A: Yes, sir.

13 Q: What's your nickname?

14 A: Boo Boo.

15 Q: Boo Boo? Do you know Blaton Smith?

16 A: Yes, sir. That's my cousin.

17 Q: That's your cousin? Do you see him here in the
18 courtroom?

19 A: Yes, sir.

20 Q: Can you point him out? What's he got on?

21 A: (Indicating) Buttoned-up shirt.

22 Q: All right.

23 MR. CLEMENTS: Let the record reflect he's identified Mr.
24 Blaton Smith.

25 THE COURT: So noted.

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- 1 Q: Do you know Shaheed Hayes?
- 2 A: Yes, sir.
- 3 Q: How do you know Shaheed Hayes?
- 4 A: One of my people from Latta.
- 5 Q: Okay.
- 6 A: Around the Latta area.
- 7 Q: Do you see him in the courtroom?
- 8 A: Yes, sir.
- 9 Q: What's he got on?
- 10 A: (Indicating) A buttoned-up shirt.
- 11 Q: All right.
- 12 MR. CLEMENTS: Let the record reflect he's identified
- 13 Shaheed Hayes.
- 14 Q: Now, let me ask you a few other questions about yourself
- 15 and about your history. Willie, do you have a conviction for
- 16 grand larceny and burglary and accessory after the fact of a
- 17 felony from 2008?
- 18 A: Yes, sir.
- 19 Q: All right. Do you have a malicious injury to personal
- 20 property conviction from 2010?
- 21 A: Yes, sir.
- 22 Q: Do you have a conviction from the state of Georgia for
- 23 giving a false name or address or birthdate?
- 24 A: Yes, sir.
- 25 Q: And right now, do you have pending charges for forgery in

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1 Marion County?

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 Q: And do you have pending charges from this event here for
4 murder, four counts of attempted murder, discharging a firearm
5 into a dwelling, and possession of a weapon during the
6 commission of a violent crime?

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: Are you currently in jail?

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: Now, you're dressed nice today. Did your family bring
11 you that to wear?

12 A: Yes, sir. My dad.

13 Q: Okay. But you're currently in jail without a bond; is
14 that correct?

15 A: Yes, sir.

16 Q: Now, how long have you known Blaton Smith?

17 A: All my life.

18 Q: How long have you known Shaheed Hayes?

19 A: A long time too.

20 Q: A long time too?

21 A: Yes, sir.

22 Q: Where is he from?

23 A: Latta.

24 Q: Latta? Okay. Do you know Adrian Smith?

25 A: Yes, sir.

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1 Q: Is Adrian Smith related to Blaton Smith?

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 MR. BAILEY: Objection. Relevancy, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: I'll allow it. Go ahead.

5 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

6 Q: Answer the question.

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: How is he related?

9 A: On his -- on his side of the family. We came through him

10 through my dad.

11 Q: Okay. So you're kin to Blaton, but you're not kin to

12 Adrian? Is that what you're telling us?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: Does Adrian have a nickname?

15 A: Duke.

16 Q: Duke?

17 A: Yes, sir.

18 Q: Does Blaton have a nickname?

19 A: Blaton.

20 Q: Blaton?

21 A: Nukie.

22 Q: Nukie?

23 A: Yes, sir.

24 Q: Okay. Now, did you know Jamie Christopher Williams?

25 A: No, sir. I met him through my cousin, Nukie.

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- 1 Q: All right. How long had you known him?
- 2 A: It was, like, three or four days before this event
- 3 happened.
- 4 Q: Okay. Now, what kind of car does Blaton usually drive?
- 5 A: He had a Cadillac Deville.
- 6 Q: And who owned that car?
- 7 A: I think Duke.
- 8 Q: Okay. And who usually drove it?
- 9 A: My cousin, Blaton.
- 10 Q: Your cousin, Blaton? Okay. Do you remember what you
- 11 were doing the day of April 12th, 2012?
- 12 A: What I was doing?
- 13 Q: What were you doing that day and who were you with?
- 14 A: I was with my cousin. I was -- I was dealing with one of
- 15 Duke's sisters named Annette.
- 16 Q: Okay.
- 17 A: When we woke up that morning, we went to Dillon to get
- 18 some -- some spark plugs and stuff from AutoZone to fix the --
- 19 his Cadillac they he bought and we went to J&J on 301.
- 20 Q: Okay. Who -- who went there to J&J? You said we.
- 21 A: Me and my cousin, Blaton.
- 22 Q: Okay. And you went there to get spark plugs?
- 23 A: No. I went to AutoZone. We went to AutoZone and he
- 24 purchased some spark plugs.
- 25 Q: Okay. And did y'all go work on that car then or not?

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1 A: We took it to J&J.

2 Q: You took it to J&J?

3 A: But we -- we had to wait for a minute of time, but it
4 wasn't the right one. We had got the super sports one. We
5 had got the wrong ones.

6 Q: Okay. And did you end up getting the right ones and
7 fixing the car that day or not?

8 A: No, sir. We ended up leaving.

9 Q: Okay. All right. And what did you do later that --
10 later that day and later that evening?

11 A: We went back to the trailer at Oakie Point.

12 Q: Okay. At Oakie Point?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: And that's located where?

15 A: In Latta.

16 Q: All right. Later on, you stayed with Blaton? Did you
17 hang out with him the rest of the day and on into the night?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: All right. Later on, who did you get to be with other
20 than just Blaton?

21 A: Me, Jamie, and Shaheed.

22 Q: All right. How did y'all get Shaheed? Do you remember?

23 A: From the hilltop.

24 Q: You picked him up?

25 A: Yes, sir.

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1 Q: ... And where is the hilltop?

2 A: It's in Latta. You go up, like, past the church and you
3 get to the left and you make a left and you go on a slight
4 curve. That's where he stay at.

5 Q: Okay. And y'all picked him up where he stayed?

6 A: Yes, sir.

7 Q: All right. And what about Jamie?

8 A: Jamie lived in Riverdale and that's in Dillon.

9 Q: Okay. Did y'all get up with him that day?

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: How did you get up with him?

12 A: Me and Blaton went to go pick him up.

13 Q: Where did y'all pick him up at?

14 A: By his house. He stay in a doublewide trailer in
15 Riverdale.

16 Q: Okay.

17 A: We picked him up. He ran to the car and we went back to
18 Latta.

19 Q: All right. And did you pick Jamie up first or Shaheed up
20 first?

21 A: Jamie.

22 Q: Jamie?

23 A: Yes, sir.

24 Q: Okay. What were y'all doing that -- that day? And what
25 time -- when y'all picked up Jamie and Shaheed, what time of

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- 1 day was that?
- 2 A: By the time we picked up Jamie, it was probably about
3 6:30 or something in the afternoon.
- 4 Q: Okay.
- 5 A: Around getting about pitch dark. It was getting dark
6 later on that day.
- 7 Q: Okay. And about what time did you pick up Shaheed?
- 8 A: Later on that night.
- 9 Q: Later on in that night?
- 10 A: Yes, sir.
- 11 Q: All right. In your mind, what -- what were y'all
12 planning on doing or what did you have in mind that you were
13 going to do?
- 14 A: Going to go to the club.
- 15 Q: Which club?
- 16 A: In Latta on Old Ebony Road.
- 17 Q: On Old Ebenezer Road?
- 18 A: Yes, sir.
- 19 Q: Whose club is that?
- 20 A: One of Adrian's people, Mike Mike.
- 21 Q: Mike Mike?
- 22 A: Yes, sir.
- 23 Q: All right. And where did you say Mike Mike's club was?
- 24 A: On Old Ebony Road.
- 25 Q: Old Ebenezer Road? I'm going to show you State's Exhibit

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1 36. Can you identify that?

2 A: Yes, sir. That's the club.

3 Q: That's Mike Mike's club?

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, at this time, I'd move State's
6 Exhibit 36 into evidence.

7 THE COURT: Any objection?

8 MR. DEBERRY: No, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Bailey?

10 MR. BAILEY: No objection.

11 THE COURT: Without objection, State's Exhibit 36
12 admitted into evidence.

13 MR. CLEMENTS: All right.

14 (Whereupon, State's Exhibit Number 36, a color
15 photograph, is admitted into evidence.)

16 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

17 Q: Are you pretty familiar with that area on Old Ebenezer
18 Road?

19 A: Yes, sir. My baby mama's grandma stay right in that
20 area.

21 Q: All right. Now, Mike Mike's club -- how far is that on
22 Old Ebenezer Road from Highway 501?

23 A: Not far.

24 Q: Not far?

25 A: No, sir.

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- 1 Q: Okay. So how did y'all go? Y'all were on Old Ebenezer
2 Road. What vehicle were you in?
- 3 A: We was in the Cadillac Deville.
- 4 Q: And you -- you got up to Mike Mike's club. Did you stop
5 at Mike Mike's club?
- 6 A: We passed the club.
- 7 Q: You passed the club?
- 8 A: Yes, sir. And went to -- we turned to the left and we
9 went towards where Eyebrows live at.
- 10 Q: All right. And when you passed Mike Mike's club, what
11 did you think, if anything?
- 12 A: Probably thought we were going to Fusion or something,
13 but we stopped in front of the house.
- 14 Q: You thought maybe you were going to Fusion?
- 15 A: Yes, sir.
- 16 Q: Where is Fusion?
- 17 A: Marion.
- 18 Q: In Marion? Okay. And so you say you turned on 501.
19 Which way were you going? Towards Marion?
- 20 A: To the left.
- 21 Q: To the left?
- 22 A: Yes, sir.
- 23 Q: And that -- that's going where?
- 24 A: Towards Marion.
- 25 Q: Okay. All right. As you were riding down that road,

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- 1 tell us what happened?
- 2 A: We were riding down the road and we stopped in front of
- 3 the trailer.
- 4 Q: All right. You stopped in front of what trailer?
- 5 A: Eyebrows' trailer.
- 6 Q: Now, did anybody say anything or did anything happen
- 7 prior to you stopping the car?
- 8 A: Yes, sir. My cousin stopped..
- 9 Q: He stopped the car? Did he say anything before he
- 10 stopped?
- 11 A: When he stopped, he was like, "This is the house right
- 12 here. That's the car in the back."
- 13 Q: He said that's the house right here?
- 14 A: Yes, sir.
- 15 Q: Okay. There were cars in the back? You could see the
- 16 cars as you were approaching?
- 17 A: You could see the trucks and the cars in the back.
- 18 Q: Okay. Now, who was driving the car?
- 19 A: My cousin, Blaton.
- 20 Q: Where were you seated?
- 21 A: The passenger seat.
- 22 Q: The passenger seat in the front or back?
- 23 A: Front.
- 24 Q: And who was in the back seat, if anyone?
- 25 A: Shaheed and Jamie.

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- 1 Q: Where was Shaheed sitting in the back seat?
- 2 A: In the back of me.
- 3 Q: Back of you?
- 4 A: Yes, sir.
- 5 Q: And where was Jamie sitting?
- 6 A: In the back of my cousin.
- 7 Q: Back of your cousin? Behind Blaton?
- 8 A: Yes, sir.
- 9 Q: I want to show you what's been marked as State's Exhibit
- 10 43. Do you recognize that at all?
- 11 A: Yes, sir.
- 12 Q: What is that?
- 13 A: The residence where they were living at.
- 14 Q: And when you say the residence where they was living at,
- 15 who are you talking about?
- 16 A: Eyebrows. Derrick.
- 17 Q: Eyebrows? Derrick?
- 18 A: Yes, sir.
- 19 Q: Okay. How long have you known Eyebrows?
- 20 A: A long time. He got a cousin by my cousin, Demetrius.
- 21 Q: And he grew up -- you knew him from Latta?
- 22 A: Yes, sir. He used to play ball. I always knew all of
- 23 them.
- 24 Q: You knew all of them?
- 25 A: I'm talking about Demetrius. That's my -- that's my

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1 daddy's niece.

2 Q: All right. And you say Demetrius and Derrick got a

3 child?

4 A: Yeah.

5 Q: Okay. Now, when you pulled up and you stopped in front

6 of the trailer, which direction was the car headed in?

7 A: Going towards Marion.

8 Q: Going towards Marion?

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: Did you ever turn around or anything prior to that?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: All right. So it was going towards Marion?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: So if you were sitting in the passenger side and you

15 looked out the window --

16 A: I could see the house.

17 Q: You could see the house?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: All right. Now, what was said, if anything, at that

20 time?

21 A: Shaheed had started shooting, him and Jamie.

22 Q: All right. He started -- well, let me ask you this

23 backing up. Where did the guns come from?

24 A: The guns?

25 Q: Yes.

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- 1 A: They was in the car.
- 2 Q: They were in the car?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: Did you know they were in the car prior to this when you
5 were riding by Mike Mike's?
- 6 A: No, sir.
- 7 Q: All right. When did you first know the guns were in the
8 car?
- 9 A: When we got close by the house.
- 10 Q: All right. How did you find out the guns were in the car
11 then?
- 12 A: Because they started cocking the guns. Shaheed say it
13 and he started shooting.
- 14 Q: All right. Now, Shaheed was shooting and he was shooting
15 in what direction?
- 16 A: He was behind me shooting.
- 17 Q: He was behind you shooting?
- 18 A: Yes, sir.
- 19 Q: Did he have his arm or the gun in the car or outside of
20 the car?
- 21 A: Outside of the car.
- 22 Q: Outside?
- 23 A: Yes, sir.
- 24 Q: Did he get out or just put it out the window?
- 25 A: He just put his hand out of the window and start

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- 1 shooting.
- 2 Q: He started shooting? All right. Was there anybody else
- 3 shooting other than Shaheed?
- 4 A: Jamie.
- 5 Q: Jamie? How -- how did Jamie shoot?
- 6 A: Over the top of the hood of the car -- over the top of
- 7 the car.
- 8 Q: Over the top of the car?
- 9 A: Yes, sir.
- 10 Q: How did he get up over the top of the car?
- 11 A: He got hisself out of the car and started shooting.
- 12 Q: Did he get out of the car --
- 13 A: No.
- 14 Q: -- or did he get out --
- 15 A: He sort of leaned over the top of the hood of the car.
- 16 Q: Okay. So he got out the window?
- 17 A: With his ass sitting on top -- on the window.
- 18 Q: Okay. And shooting over the top of the car?
- 19 A: Yes, sir.
- 20 Q: Did you have a gun?
- 21 A: No, sir.
- 22 Q: Did you do any shooting?
- 23 A: No, sir.
- 24 Q: Did Blaton do any shooting?
- 25 A: No, sir.

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1 Q: Did you ever see Blaton handle the guns?

2 A: He had some. He passed one.

3 Q: He passed them?

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 Q: Okay. Now, how many shots were fired, if you know?

6 A: A lot. He fired a lot of shots.

7 Q: You say he fired a lot of shots --

8 A: Shaheed.

9 Q: Shaheed?

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: Did Jamie fire?

12 A: He fired some shots.

13 Q: Some shots?

14 A: A couple shots.

15 Q: A couple shots? About -- are you sure how many?

16 A: A couple. About seven or eight shots.

17 Q: All right. Now, did they shoot quickly or that there was

18 a drawn-out process shooting?

19 A: We probably stayed there about a little minute while they

20 were shooting.

21 Q: All right. Did it go bang, bang or bang, bang, bang,

22 bang, bang?

23 A: They shot a lot of times?

24 Q: Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang?

25 (Whereupon, there is no verbal response.)

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1 THE COURT: Is that a yes?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Thank you.

4 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

5 Q: Now, once the shooting stopped, did anybody say anything?

6 A: He said he hoped somebody hit in the house.

7 Q: Who said that they hoped somebody was hit in the house?

8 A: Shaheed.

9 Q: Shaheed?

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: All right. After the shooting stopped and that was said,
12 what -- what did y'all do with the car then?

13 A: We went straight up and branched off to the left and went
14 the back way going towards Latta. We went to Latta.

15 Q: All right. So you went straight. Does that mean you
16 went headed towards Marion?

17 A: Yes, sir. And we branched off to the left.

18 Q: Is there a road that turns to the left?

19 A: Yes, sir.

20 Q: What's -- what's on that road?

21 A: It's like when you make a left, you go to the end of the
22 road and there's, like, a church on the left side of the road.

23 Q: Okay. And then you turned which way after that?

24 A: We went left like going back towards Latta.

25 Q: Okay. Is that --

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- 1 A: The back way.
- 2 Q: -- the back way?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: Okay. Do you know the name of that road?
- 5 A: I don't know. I don't know the name of it.
- 6 Q: Where did that road empty out onto?
- 7 A: It takes us, like, going back, like, the Old Ebony way
- 8 and we can go, like, the back way a lot.
- 9 Q: Okay. So you get back to Old Ebenezer and turn to the
- 10 right, which way does that go?
- 11 A: Going back to Latta.
- 12 Q: Going back to Latta? Is that the direction you went?
- 13 A: Yes, sir.
- 14 Q: Where did you go or where did you first stop at?
- 15 A: We went and dropped the guns off.
- 16 Q: Where did you drop the guns off?
- 17 A: Karen house.
- 18 Q: And what street was that on?
- 19 A: Around the road from my mom and dad's house behind IGA.
- 20 Q: All right. And do you know the name of the street?
- 21 A: No. I used to, but I don't know it. My nerves kind of
- 22 messed up. I think it's --
- 23 Q: Your nerves?
- 24 A: Yeah.
- 25 Q: All right. Tell me yes or no. Was it Session Street?

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1 Or do you remember?

2 A: Yes, sir. That should be the street from around there.

3 Q: That should be the street?

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 Q: Okay. Now, you pulled up there in what car?

6 A: The Cadillac we were driving.

7 Q: All right. And who got out of the car?

8 A: My cousin.

9 Q: Blaton?

10 A: Yes, sir.

11 Q: What did he do when he got out of the car?

12 A: He took the guns in the house.

13 Q: How did he take them in the house?

14 A: Blanket.

15 Q: He had them in a blanket?

16 A: Yes, sir.

17 Q: Did anyone go in the house with him?

18 A: No, sir.

19 Q: What were y'all doing or saying in the car, if anything,
20 while Blaton went in the house?

21 A: Nothing.

22 Q: Nothing was being said?

23 A: No, sir.

24 Q: How did you feel?

25 A: Nervous.

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- 1 Q: All right. How long was Blaton in the house?
- 2 A: Not long.
- 3 Q: He came back out and what happened? What was said and
- 4 what was done?
- 5 A: We went to Dillon and we were not going to say nothing
- 6 about it.
- 7 Q: All right. Went to Dillon for what reason?
- 8 A: We dropped Jamie off at the stop sign.
- 9 Q: You dropped Jamie off at the stop sign?
- 10 A: Yes, sir.
- 11 Q: In Riverdale?
- 12 A: Yes, sir.
- 13 Q: And then what did you do next?
- 14 A: We went to my -- my aunt's house on Quarters.
- 15 Q: On Quarters?
- 16 A: Yes, sir.
- 17 Q: Was anybody --
- 18 A: That's in Dillon.
- 19 Q: -- in that house at that time?
- 20 A: It's an abandoned house then.
- 21 Q: It was -- it was empty?
- 22 A: Yes, sir.
- 23 Q: Did y'all go inside the house?
- 24 A: Yes, sir. We didn't stay long.
- 25 Q: Okay. And what, if anything, was said there or done

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1 there?

2 A: Nothing. We just said don't say nothing about it and
3 just keep your mouth closed.

4 Q: And the -- the house y'all were in there -- that belongs
5 to your aunt, but nobody's living in it; is that right?

6 A: Yes, sir. My sister stay there now.

7 Q: Your sister stays there now?

8 A: My sister and her mama.

9 Q: Okay. And after you left your aunt's house there, where
10 did you go next?

11 A: We went back to Latta.

12 Q: And then in Latta what did you do?

13 A: I got dropped off in Latta.

14 Q: You got dropped off in Latta? Where were you dropped off
15 at?

16 A: Home.

17 Q: Home?

18 A: My daddy's house.

19 Q: All right. When was the next time you saw Shaheed or
20 Blaton --

21 A: I didn't see Shaheed --

22 Q: -- or talked to them?

23 A: I didn't see him no more. I seen my cousin.

24 Q: You've seen Blaton?

25 A: Yes, sir.

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1 Q: But you didn't see Shaheed anymore?

2 A: No, sir.

3 Q: Where would you see Blaton at after this?

4 A: We were having a cookout. He came by a couple times.

5 Q: He came by your house a couple times?

6 A: Yes, sir.

7 Q: All right. Did he say anything to you?

8 A: He was like, "Keep your cool." He brought -- he brought

9 my -- my shoes to the house. He brought my shoes to my mama

10 house.

11 Q: All right. How did he have your shoes?

12 A: He brought them to the house in the car.

13 Q: I mean why did he have your shoes?

14 A: I had -- I had some shoes at that trailer.

15 Q: Okay. At Adrian's trailer?

16 A: Yes, sir.

17 Q: All right. And Blaton stays there with Adrian?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: What kind of physical condition is Adrian in?

20 A: He's paralyzed.

21 Q: He's paralyzed? Okay. And your shoes that were -- you

22 got those back?

23 A: Yes, sir.

24 Q: Had you asked him to bring them to you or he just brought

25 them to you?

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1 A: He just brought them to me and said don't say nothing
2 about what happened.

3 Q: I'm sorry?

4 A: He brought them to me like don't say nothing about what
5 happened.

6 Q: Okay. All right. And had you said anything to anybody
7 and tell?

8 A: No, sir.

9 Q: When did you first find out that somebody got killed in
10 that shooting?

11 A: It started coming around -- it started going around to
12 people that somebody got shot.

13 Q: It started going around people? Just the news --

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: -- got in the street?

16 A: Yes, sir.

17 Q: Did you know who got shot?

18 A: Yes, sir. I didn't know --

19 Q: Who?

20 A: It was Christian.

21 Q: Did you know him?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: Did -- did you know if he had any problems with anybody
24 in that car?

25 A: No, sir.

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- 1 Q: Did you have a -- was there a particular target in this
2 shooting?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: Who?
- 5 A: Eyebrows.
- 6 Q: And who was -- who was mad with Eyebrows?
- 7 A: Adrian.
- 8 Q: Adrian? How about Blaton?
- 9 MR. BAILEY: Objection, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Restate your question.
- 11 BY MR. CLEMENTS:
- 12 Q: Did Blaton and Derrick get along?
- 13 A: No, sir.
- 14 Q: Did they have bad blood?
- 15 A: Yes, sir.
- 16 Q: Okay. All right. Did you ever go back to Adrian's house
17 after this occurred?
- 18 A: No, sir.
- 19 Q: Where did you go and what did you do and why?
- 20 A: I went to Clio to my cousin's, my other paralyzed --
21 well, my paralyzed cousin on my mom's side named Don.
- 22 Q: And he lived in Clio?
- 23 A: Yes, sir.
- 24 Q: Why did you go to Clio?
- 25 A: Because I was nervous and scared and I ain't -- and I

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1 knew there was consequences behind it.

2 Q: You were nervous and scared?

3 A: Yes, sir.

4 Q: Scared of the police finding out?

5 A: No. Just --

6 Q: What were you scared of?

7 A: -- worried something crazy was going to happen. That
8 somebody was going to get shot or something.

9 Q: You were scared somebody --

10 A: And I ain't wanted --

11 Q: -- was going to get shot?

12 A: I ain't wanted nothing to happen to my mom and them.

13 Q: You didn't want nothing to happen to your mom? Were you
14 worried about something happening to you?

15 A: Yes.

16 Q: Why?

17 A: Because they'd do something to me or something or they
18 want revenge about what happened to them.

19 Q: Okay. All right. So you kind of laid low?

20 A: Yes, sir.

21 Q: All right. Were you worried about Blaton or Shaheed or
22 any of them?

23 A: They just told me -- they kept calling me, like, don't
24 say nothing or we're going to do something to you. And then
25 we had a shooting uptown so I was like I ain't wanting nothing

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1 to happen to my mom and daddy.

2 MR. BAILEY: Judge, I'm going to object to that.

3 THE COURT: Can the lawyers approach?

4 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
5 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

6 THE COURT: What's the objection?

7 MR. BAILEY: Judge, he's talking about the shooting
8 uptown. We have -- we're getting into it through the
9 detectives -- I mean if that's going to let us get into that
10 shooting.

11 MR. CLEMENTS: I wasn't going to ask him about it. I
12 didn't intend for him to ask it, but I think he told me Blaton
13 got shot at by Kollock.

14 THE COURT: Is that what had happened?

15 MR. DEBERRY: I don't know.

16 MR. BAILEY: I mean --

17 MR. CLEMENTS: That happened after this.

18 MR. BAILEY: No, no. I'm talking about the shooting with
19 Ren Ren Waldo.

20 MR. CLEMENTS: Oh, no, no. I don't know. I don't know
21 what he's talking about, but I wasn't going to get into any of
22 that.

23 MR. BAILEY: Well, I mean -- but the problem is now is
24 we've got him talking about a shooting that happened uptown.

25 THE COURT: Well, he didn't name anybody involved in the

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1 shooting.

2 MR. BAILEY: Well --

3 THE COURT: Let me finish talking.

4 MR. BAILEY: Sorry.

5 THE COURT: He didn't name anybody as relating in any way
6 to what we're here for today. Now --

7 MR. BAILEY: Well, Judge, the questions preceding this
8 talked about the shooting.

9 THE COURT: He said he was scared.

10 MR. BAILEY: And he said he was scared of Blaton and he
11 was scared of him and then he starts talking about a shooting
12 that happened uptown. Judge, that's so far prejudicial.

13 MR. CLEMENTS: I don't think it is because he isn't --

14 THE COURT: Do what?

15 MR. CLEMENTS: I'm thinking it was very nebulous what he
16 said. I don't think it points out anything. He was just
17 nervous.

18 THE COURT: All right. Your objection is noted for the
19 record.

20 (Whereupon, the bench conference ends.)

21 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

22 Q: All right. Boo Boo, listen. Listen closely to the
23 question.

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: Were you worried about possible revenge from the people

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- 1 that got shot at from the trailer?
- 2 A: No, sir.
- 3 Q: Does that have -- were you nervous about that?
- 4 A: No, sir, not really about that. It was just, you know,
5 like, don't say nothing.
- 6 Q: All right.
- 7 A: Or we'll do something.
- 8 Q: Okay. Now, you went to Clio?
- 9 A: Yes, sir.
- 10 Q: How long did you stay there?
- 11 A: About a day with my cousin.
- 12 Q: Okay. And who came to get you?
- 13 A: My dad.
- 14 Q: And where did y'all go?
- 15 A: He took me to my baby mama house in Lakeview.
- 16 Q: All right. And how long did you stay there?
- 17 A: I put my little girl on the bus and then -- I stayed the
18 night, I put my little girl on the bus, and then my mama came
19 and said the police kept coming to her house and she wasn't
20 going to have it; so I let her take me over here and I turned
21 myself in.
- 22 Q: So you went and turned yourself in?
- 23 A: (No verbal response.)
- 24 THE COURT: Is that a yes?
- 25 Q: Is that a yes?

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1 THE COURT: I mean I see you nodding your head, but I
2 want a verbal response for the record, please, sir.

3 Q: Say yes or no. She's got to --

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 Q: -- take down what your words are.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

7 THE WITNESS: All right.

8 Q: And you turned yourself in?

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: At that time right when you turned yourself in, did they
11 arrest you then?

12 A: Yes, sir.

13 Q: Or did they talk to you first?

14 A: They talked to me first, but I got arrested that day.

15 Q: You got arrested after you talked to them? Did you tell
16 them -- did you give them full cooperation?

17 A: Yes, sir.

18 Q: Did you tell them everything that happened?

19 A: Yes, sir.

20 Q: Did you tell them the same thing then that you're telling
21 us today?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 MR. CLEMENTS: I beg the Court's indulgence.

24 Q: Did you tell them who all was in the car with you?

25 A: Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q: Who did you tell them was in the car?
- 2 A: Me, Willie Bethea, my cousin Blaton Smith, Shaheed, and
3 Jamie Williams.
- 4 Q: Did you tell them Jamie Williams at that time? Did you
5 know that name?
- 6 A: No. It was Lil Boosie then.
- 7 Q: That's his nickname?
- 8 A: Yes, sir.
- 9 Q: And you knew his nickname was Lil Boosie?
- 10 A: Yes, sir.
- 11 Q: You didn't know his real name?
- 12 A: No, sir.
- 13 Q: Well, how were you -- how could you identify him just by
14 nickname to the law enforcement officers?
- 15 A: I met him through my cousin.
- 16 Q: Okay. Did they ever show you any photographs?
- 17 A: Yes, sir.
- 18 Q: Did they show you --
- 19 A: A line-up.
- 20 Q: A line-up?
- 21 A: With pictures on it.
- 22 Q: With pictures on it?
- 23 A: Yes, sir.
- 24 Q: And was Lil Boosie on that line-up?
- 25 A: Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q: And you picked him out?
- 2 A: Yes, sir.
- 3 Q: And you found out then what his real name was?
- 4 A: Yes, sir.
- 5 Q: That's how you know his real name?
- 6 A: After he got incarcerated.
- 7 Q: Okay. All right. And have you been incarcerated ever
- 8 since?
- 9 A: Twenty-seven months.
- 10 Q: Okay. And the story you told them that day -- is that
- 11 the same thing you're telling here today?
- 12 A: Yes, sir.
- 13 Q: All right. Please answer any questions Mr. Bailey or Mr.
- 14 Deberry may have.
- 15 A: Yes, sir.
- 16 THE COURT: Cross examination, Mr. Deberry.
- 17 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 18 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. DEBERRY:
- 20 Q: Good morning, Mr. Bethea.
- 21 A: Good morning.
- 22 Q: How are you doing?
- 23 A: All right.
- 24 Q: Good. You've been in -- been in jail for how long?
- 25 A: Twenty-seven months.

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1 Q: Twenty-seven months? That's more than two years?

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 Q: Did you do any time on the crimes that you've been
4 convicted of?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: You've been to the South Carolina Department of
7 Corrections?

8 A: Yes, sir.

9 Q: How long have you been up there?

10 A: I went to -- I went to prison when I was -- I think I was
11 19.

12 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to this on relevance
13 about what he did on prior charges.

14 THE COURT: Can y'all approach, please?

15 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
16 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

17 THE COURT: It's cross examination. I'll allow him to
18 ask what sentence he received as a result of what happened,
19 but no more. All right?

20 MR. DEBERRY: I can ask him if he don't want to go back
21 though.

22 THE COURT: Huh?

23 MR. DEBERRY: I can ask him if he doesn't -- he doesn't
24 want to go back; right?

25 THE COURT: Yeah. Yeah. I mean I understand. I'm not

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1 going to let him -- the rules don't permit you to go into all
2 the facts about what those prior convictions were, but I'll
3 certainly allow you to ask him you were charged with such and
4 such and you received a sentence of such and such and you went
5 to the Department of Corrections for how long. Okay? You can
6 ask him.

7 (Whereupon, the bench conference ends.)

8 BY MR. DEBERRY:

9 Q: So you -- so you spent some time in the Department of
10 Corrections in South Carolina?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: That's different than just Marion County time; right?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: Okay. Do you know -- do you know how much time you're
15 facing as a result of the charges that you're -- that you're
16 charged with now?

17 A: No, sir.

18 Q: You don't know that you've got the possibility to spend
19 the rest of your life in prison?

20 A: Yes, sir.

21 Q: You do know that?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: Are you planning on getting a deal from Solicitor
24 Clements for being here testifying for him today?

25 A: No, sir.

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1 Q: So you're planning on going to prison?

2 A: I don't know. Whatever.

3 Q: You're not sure --

4 A: I'm just coming here to tell the truth.

5 Q: You're trying to help yourself; is that right?

6 A: No, sir.

7 Q: All right.

8 A: I'm just telling what happened.

9 Q: Tell me about the shoes that Blaton brought you sometime
10 after the crime?

11 A: Tell you about them?

12 Q: Yeah. They were shoes.

13 Q: What did they look like?

14 A: What did they look like?

15 Q: Yeah.

16 A: They were red, white, and blue Barkley's -- Charles
17 Barkley's.

18 Q: Were they burgundy could you say?

19 A: Red, white, and blue.

20 Q: It had some red on it?

21 A: Red, white, and blue.

22 Q: Okay. Tell me what Blaton Smith was wearing that night?

23 A: What night?

24 Q: That you -- that you claim that y'all rode over there and
25 shot the house up.

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- 1 A: He had on black on.
- 2 Q: He had on what?
- 3 A: It was dark and he had on black. He had on black jeans.
- 4 Q: You had on jeans?
- 5 A: He had on jeans -- Blaton, my cousin.
- 6 Q: Okay.
- 7 A: They were black.
- 8 Q: What kind of shoes did he have on?
- 9 A: Black Uptowns.
- 10 Q: He had black Uptowns on?
- 11 A: Yes, sir.
- 12 Q: Are those boots or shoes or what were they?
- 13 A: Shoes.
- 14 Q: All right. Are they laced up?
- 15 A: I don't know. It was dark.
- 16 Q: It was dark?
- 17 A: Yes, sir.
- 18 Q: But you'd been with him all day, hadn't you?
- 19 A: I told you it was black Uptown shoes. It was dark that
- 20 night. It was black Uptowns.
- 21 Q: But you testified earlier you got up with him -- I mean
- 22 that you picked up Lil Boosie around 6:30?
- 23 A: Yes, sir.
- 24 Q: That would have been in the daylight, wouldn't it?
- 25 A: Yeah. About 6:30, yeah.

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- 1 Q: So what -- what was Lil Boosie wearing?
- 2 A: He had on black and burgundy with some Tims.
- 3 Q: He had on burgundy?
- 4 A: Burgundy and black, upper shirt with some Tims and some
- 5 jeans on.
- 6 Q: All right. How about Shaheed Hayes? What was he
- 7 wearing?
- 8 A: Black on.
- 9 Q: Huh?
- 10 A: He had on black too.
- 11 Q: Everybody was dressed in black?
- 12 A: Well, by the time we got him, it was dark.
- 13 Q: So you don't know what he was wearing?
- 14 A: He had on black and I think some shoes. He was in the
- 15 back of me.
- 16 Q: Shorts?
- 17 A: Pants.
- 18 Q: He had pants on? What kind of pants?
- 19 A: I don't know.
- 20 Q: Well, how about you? What were you wearing?
- 21 A: I had on some -- some Adidas and a hoodie jacket, an Army
- 22 fatigue jacket, and some 501 Levi jeans.
- 23 Q: You had a jacket with a hood on it?
- 24 A: Yes, sir. We were going to the club.
- 25 Q: Why do you need a hood to go to the club?

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1 A: It was cold out at the time. I said -- I said an Army
2 fatigue coat what I got from Walmart.

3 Q: With a hood on it?

4 A: Yes. It's -- they come with the hood. The hunting --
5 like, when you go to Walmart and get hunting gear.

6 Q: Yeah.

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: All right. What did you have in your pockets?

9 A: Money.

10 Q: Where did you get -- I mean what kind of money? How much
11 money?

12 A: I don't know. I was going out to the club.

13 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, the relevance of this escapes
14 me.

15 THE COURT: Well, it's cross examination. I'll allow it
16 right now. Go -- get to your point, please, Mr. Deberry.

17 BY MR. DEBERRY:

18 Q: Just describe what you -- what you had on other than your
19 clothes -- than the -- the hooded shirt?

20 A: Just describe it?

21 Q: Yeah. What -- what kind of pants were you wearing?

22 A: I had on my 501 Levis.

23 Q: Some blue jeans?

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: All right. Did you ever tell the detectives that y'all

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1 rode back and forth in front of the house any?

2 A: No, sir.

3 Q: Okay. So it's your testimony you just pulled up there

4 and then every -- everybody started shooting?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: All right. But you were in the front?

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: So when they started shooting, did you turn around?

9 A: Did I turn around?

10 Q: Yeah.

11 A: After they stopped shooting, we took off.

12 Q: I mean when they -- when they started shooting. Did you

13 turn around and look at them?

14 A: Can you repeat that again?

15 Q: Did you turn around and look at the shooters when they

16 started shooting?

17 A: I was nervous. I was just like, "Let's go."

18 Q: How do you know they had a hand out the window?

19 A: Sir?

20 Q: How do you know they had their hand out of the window?

21 A: How I know? Can you repeat that again? How I know --

22 Q: How do you know --

23 A: -- they had their hand out --

24 THE COURT: Hold on a minute. Hold on a minute. When

25 he's talking, let him finish answering the --

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

2 THE COURT: -- asking his question. Okay? When he's
3 talking, please let him finish his response.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: The court reporter can't take down when both
6 of you are talking. Okay? Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Deberry.

7 BY MR. DEBERRY:

8 Q: How do you know the particulars of how they were
9 shooting?

10 A: All that loud noise from the guns, I'm going to turn
11 around would have been off of my reflection -- my reaction.

12 Q: Did you ever hear Blaton Smith say or anybody say,
13 "There's Eyebrows' truck?"

14 A: We seen the truck in the back yard.

15 Q: Y'all saw a truck in the back yard?

16 A: Yes, sir.

17 Q: Which -- whose truck was it?

18 A: Eyebrows. Derrick.

19 Q: How did you -- how did you know what Eyebrows was
20 driving?

21 A: I told you earlier he got a cousin by my cousin,
22 Demetrius. He got a baby by my cousin, Demetrius.

23 Q: All right. I'm going to show you what's marked as
24 State's Exhibit 42. Which way were y'all coming from? This
25 way or this way? This is -- this is the house. Down on the

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- 1 bottom is the front.
- 2 A: We were going that way towards Marion.
- 3 Q: All right. So if you're going towards Marion, where was
- 4 Eyebrows' truck?
- 5 A: In the back yard.
- 6 Q: If you could, just step down and point to it.
- 7 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)
- 8 A: You said where was it backed up?
- 9 Q: Mm-hmm.
- 10 A: (Indicating)
- 11 Q: Eyebrows' truck is over here?
- 12 A: Yes, sir.
- 13 Q: Okay. Have a seat.
- 14 (Whereupon, the witness complies.)
- 15 MR. DEBERRY: Just a second, Your Honor.
- 16 BY MR. DEBERRY:
- 17 Q: I'm going to show you what's marked as State's Exhibit
- 18 20. Do you see anything in that bottom picture?
- 19 A: Yes, sir..
- 20 Q: What do you see?
- 21 A: A hole.
- 22 Q: A hole?
- 23 A: Where's -- where's you talking about?
- 24 Q: What do you mean?
- 25 A: I can see the truck. It's kind of blurry at the bottom.

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1 Q: Can you tell much about it?

2 A: Yes, sir.

3 Q: What can you tell about it?

4 A: It's a truck.

5 Q: That's what you saw that night?

6 A: Yes, sir. I seen the truck. I told you I already know
7 the truck anyway because we all from Latta.

8 Q: Mm-hmm.

9 MR. DEBERRY: I'd like to publish this to the jury.

10 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

11 BY MR. DEBERRY:

12 Q: So your testimony is that it was on the side that y'all
13 were coming up on?

14 A: Sir?

15 Q: It was on the side that y'all were coming up on?

16 A: That it was on the side --

17 Q: That the truck was -- all right. I'm sorry.

18 A: You can go.

19 Q: Is it your testimony that the truck was parked behind the
20 house but kind of on the side that y'all were coming up from
21 Latta where you could see it?

22 A: We was going toward Marion. The truck was parked in the
23 back where the concrete in the back yard is.

24 Q: Right. All right. If you're coming from Latta towards
25 the house the way y'all were, don't you come to some woods

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1 before you get there?

2 A: Sir?

3 Q: Are some woods on your -- on your left before you get

4 there? Or on your right?

5 A: Some woods?

6 Q: Yes.

7 A: I don't really know what you're talking about.

8 Q: Okay.

9 A: What do you mean by woods? There's a lot of woods.

10 Q: Like a wooded area?

11 A: Sir?

12 Q: A wooded area?

13 A: A wooded area?

14 Q: Yeah.

15 A: It's a trailer park.

16 Q: Okay. All right. Are you familiar with General Road?

17 A: Sir?

18 Q: General Road?

19 A: No, sir. I'm not from around that area.

20 Q: Okay. Did you know there was a dirt road right there?

21 A: Yes, sir. There's a lot of dirt roads.

22 Q: Okay. Did you walk on those dirt roads?

23 A: No, sir. I'm not from around that area.

24 Q: Did you run on those dirt roads?

25 A: No, sir.

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- 1 Q: Did you get out of the car?
- 2 A: No, sir.
- 3 Q: You didn't get out of the car?
- 4 A: No, sir.
- 5 Q: Did anybody get out of the car?
- 6 A: No, sir.
- 7 Q: Let me ask you this. Who knocked on the back door right
- 8 before they started shooting?
- 9 A: Nobody never get out of the car to knock on no back door.
- 10 Q: If somebody knocked on the back door, you're saying you
- 11 don't know who it was?
- 12 A: No. I said -- I said nobody never get out of the car
- 13 because nobody never knocked on no back door.
- 14 Q: But you had on your red shoes?
- 15 A: No. I had on red, white, and blue Charles Barkley's.
- 16 Q: Let me ask you this. How did you know Christian Drawhorn
- 17 got shot?
- 18 A: Like I said earlier, it was around the neighborhood that
- 19 somebody got killed in the house.
- 20 Q: All right. Do you know Charlie B?
- 21 A: Yes, sir.
- 22 Q: Was he with y'all that night?
- 23 A: No, sir.
- 24 Q: Did you see him that day at all?
- 25 A: No, sir.

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- 1 Q: Did you talk to him that day at all?
- 2 A: I probably seen him walking around the neighborhood or
3 something. I ain't talked to him.
- 4 Q: You ever seen Charlie B over at Duke's house?
- 5 A: No, sir.
- 6 Q: Do you know if Charlie B and Duke know each other?
- 7 A: Everybody know each other from Latta.
- 8 Q: All right. How about Christopher Kollock? Do you know
9 him?
- 10 A: No, sir.
- 11 Q: Did you see anybody outside?
- 12 A: No, sir.
- 13 Q: Did you see anybody outside before the shooting?
- 14 A: No, sir.
- 15 Q: Did you see any outside -- anybody outside after the
16 shooting?
- 17 A: No, sir.
- 18 Q: Which way did y'all leave to go to leave from there?
- 19 A: We went straight like going towards Marion and we
20 branched off.
- 21 Q: You had to wait on people to run back to the car?
- 22 A: Like I told you earlier, nobody never get out the car.
- 23 Q: Did you ever hear that this thing was going to go down as
24 a robbery?
- 25 A: No, sir.

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- 1 Q: Did y'all steal anything?
- 2 A: Nobody never get out the car to take anything, sir.
- 3 Q: Is that why you had your hoodie on?
- 4 A: I never had a hoodie on. I said I had on my hoodie
- 5 jacket. It came with a hoodie. You want to know where I
- 6 bought it from?
- 7 Q: Yeah.
- 8 A: Walmart.
- 9 Q: From Walmart?
- 10 A: Yes, sir.
- 11 Q: That's good. How long had you had it?
- 12 A: I just went and when I went shopping, I bought it.
- 13 Q: You bought it that day?
- 14 A: No. I had it for about two -- three weeks.
- 15 Q: Okay. Are you a football fan?
- 16 A: Yes, sir.
- 17 Q: Who's your team?
- 18 A: Cowboys.
- 19 Q: How about college?
- 20 A: Gamecocks.
- 21 Q: Are you a Michael Vick fan?
- 22 A: Yeah.
- 23 Q: You know he played for Virginia Tech?
- 24 A: He probably did.
- 25 Q: Thank you.

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I --

2 MR. DEBERRY: I don't have anything further.

3 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Mr. Bailey, cross
4 examination.

5 CROSS EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. BAILEY:

7 Q: Mr. Bethea?

8 A: Yes, sir.

9 Q: Good morning. You've been in jail for the last 27 months
10 you say?

11 A: Mm-hmm.

12 THE COURT: Is that a yes?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: Thank you.

15 BY MR. BAILEY:

16 Q: How many times have you met with law enforcement?

17 A: How many times have I met with them?

18 Q: Mm-hmm. About this case.

19 A: I don't know.

20 Q: More than two?

21 A: Yes, sir.

22 Q: More than five?

23 A: No, sir.

24 Q: So somewhere between two and five times over two -- 27
25 months?

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- 1 A: I can't recall. They should have it on record.
- 2 Q: They should have it on record?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: Okay. Were you transported to court yesterday?
- 5 A: Sir?
- 6 Q: Were you transported here yesterday?
- 7 A: Yes, sir.
- 8 Q: Did you meet with law enforcement yesterday?
- 9 A: I was -- met with my lawyer.
- 10 Q: But did you meet with law enforcement yesterday?
- 11 A: I was appointed to my -- Mr. Brooker. Yeah, law
12 enforcement was up there.
- 13 Q: Okay.
- 14 A: Yes, sir.
- 15 Q: Did you talk with law enforcement yesterday?
- 16 A: No. I was with my lawyer.
- 17 Q: Okay. Did you talk with Mr. Clements yesterday?
- 18 A: Mr. Ed Clements?
- 19 Q: Mm-hmm.
- 20 A: No, sir. I spoke to him one time.
- 21 Q: One time?
- 22 A: Yes, sir.
- 23 Q: When was that?
- 24 A: I don't --
- 25 Q: When did you talk to Mr. Clements?

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- 1 A: Yesterday afternoon.
- 2 Q: Yesterday afternoon?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: Okay. What did y'all talk about?
- 5 A: He had told me about my lawyer, Mr. Brooker. They was
6 talking to me, asked me a few questions, like, was I nervous
7 or something, and I told them no. Let's get on and get this
8 over with.
- 9 Q: Okay.
- 10 A: Do we -- do we supposed to have something to talk about?
- 11 THE COURT: Let him ask the questions. Okay, Mr. Bethea?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 13 BY MR. BAILEY:
- 14 Q: So -- so when you met with Mr. Clements yesterday, y'all
15 just talked about your lawyer, Mr. Brooker, sitting over
16 there.
- 17 A: I need to know directly what you want to -- want me to
18 answer you what were we talking about.
- 19 Q: Okay. Here's my question.
- 20 A: Yes, sir.
- 21 Q: What did you and Mr. Clements talk about yesterday
22 afternoon? Tell me everything y'all talked about.
- 23 A: I need to know what you want to know. We ain't talked
24 about --
- 25 Q: Mr. Bethea --

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1 A: I mean --

2 Q: I'm going to ask you --

3 THE COURT: Hold on a minute. He wants to know
4 everything that y'all talked about.

5 THE WITNESS: I want to know what you want me to know
6 what he told me to talk about. The only thing I told him that
7 we talked about was them appointing me to my lawyer, Mr.
8 Brooker.

9 THE COURT: Was there anything else you talked about
10 yesterday?

11 THE WITNESS: He just told me to stay calm and -- and --
12 and speak the truth.

13 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Bailey.

15 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 BY MR. BAILEY:

17 Q: You testified earlier that you have a child?

18 A: Yes, sir.

19 Q: How old is your child?

20 A: Six years old. **Rihanna R.**

21 Q: Any other children?

22 A: No, sir.

23 Q: Are you married?

24 A: No, sir.

25 Q: Live in Latta?

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- 1 A: Yes, sir.
- 2 Q: Pretty much grew up in Latta; correct?
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: Okay. And you testified a little bit ago that everybody
- 5 in -- everybody knows everybody in Latta?
- 6 A: Yes, sir.
- 7 Q: Small community?
- 8 A: Yes, sir.
- 9 Q: You never knew Jamie Williams before?
- 10 A: No, sir.
- 11 Q: Never knew he grew up in Latta?
- 12 A: I know he ain't grow up in Latta.
- 13 Q: Okay. Where did he grow up at?
- 14 A: I think he grewed up from Marion or something.
- 15 Q: Okay. Did you ever see him come into Latta?
- 16 A: I met him through my cousin.
- 17 Q: Okay. How many times have you guys met?
- 18 A: Not a lot.
- 19 Q: Two?
- 20 A: Probably two or three before we got in this.
- 21 Q: Okay. Who did you live with in Latta?
- 22 A: I live with my dad, Willie B. McKirk [phonetic].
- 23 Q: Where's your mama stay?
- 24 A: With my dad.
- 25 Q: Okay. You testified for Mr. Clements and Mr. Deberry

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1 earlier that you have some convictions; right?

2 A: Sir?

3 Q: You have some prior convictions; correct?

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 Q: You went to prison on some of those prior convictions;
6 correct?

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: How long did you have to go to prison for?

9 A: What is you talking about going to prison for? Which?

10 Q: Well, you pled guilty to accessory after the fact, grand
11 larceny, and burglary second degree all together. Do you
12 remember that?

13 A: It's on file.

14 Q: Did you go to prison for those charges?

15 A: Yes, sir. It's on the paper. Yes, sir.

16 Q: How long did you go to prison for?

17 A: Six months.

18 Q: Okay. After you got out of prison, did you return to
19 Latta?

20 A: Yes, sir.

21 Q: Excited to see your mama and daddy after six months?

22 A: Like everybody would.

23 Q: Yeah. Did y'all have a party?

24 A: No.

25 Q: No? Just excited to see mama and daddy?

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- 1 A: Mm-hmm.
- 2 Q: Okay. Have you had any conversations with anyone about
3 what you're going to do with these pending charges today?
- 4 A: No, sir.
- 5 Q: None? You understand that you could get life in prison
6 for murder?
- 7 A: Yes, sir.
- 8 Q: And you have no deal regarding that murder charge?
- 9 A: No, sir.
- 10 Q: When are you scheduled to plead guilty to murder?
- 11 A: Sir?
- 12 Q: When are you scheduled to plead guilty to murder?
- 13 A: I don't know about that, sir. I just come in here to
14 tell the truth.
- 15 Q: How about the attempted murder? Do you understand you
16 could get up to 30 years on each one of those?
- 17 A: Yes, sir.
- 18 Q: And do you understand that that could be a total of 120
19 years?
- 20 A: If you add them up, yeah, that should be correct.
- 21 Q: Okay. When are you going to plead guilty to those four
22 counts of attempted murder?
- 23 A: I just told you. I don't know, sir.
- 24 Q: Okay. The discharging of a weapon into a dwelling -- you
25 have one of those charges?

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1 A: Still have a charge with it, yes, sir.

2 Q: Okay. Don't know what's going to happen to that one
3 after today?

4 A: Sent all my -- sent all my charges home.

5 Q: Okay. Your lawyer hasn't had any talks with you about
6 what's going to happen after trial this week?

7 MR. CLEMENTS: I'll object to that, Your Honor. That's
8 attorney/client privilege.

9 MR. BAILEY: I didn't ask any specifics, Judge. I just
10 want to know if they talked about it.

11 THE COURT: Come here.

12 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
13 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

14 THE COURT: I mean I understand you're not asking
15 specifics, but you're walking a fine line there.

16 MR. BAILEY: That's the only question I'm going to ask.

17 THE COURT: Okay. You've asked him whether or not he's
18 got a deal. He's testified he doesn't. Whether he does or
19 not, he's testified he doesn't. Okay? I'm not going to allow
20 you to get into something or even open the door for a
21 possibility of him blurting out something that may be
22 protected by attorney/client privilege. Now, you understand?
23 I mean just be careful in walking that line.

24 MR. BAILEY: That was the only question I was going to
25 ask, if they've talked about any deals.

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: And if he says --

2 THE COURT: Sure. I mean that's not anything that's
3 protected. He can ask that question, but --

4 MR. BAILEY: And I just want a yes or no.

5 THE COURT: If you get into that next --

6 MR. BAILEY: No.

7 THE COURT: -- or any more of those discussions, now
8 you've got a problem.

9 MR. BAILEY: Just a yes or no is all I'm looking for.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Well, I mean it goes to -- it
11 certainly goes to his bias or prejudice.

12 MR. CLEMENTS: But I don't know what his attorney might
13 have told him.

14 THE COURT: He didn't ask him what they said, but I'll
15 ask him -- I'll allow him to ask him if he talked to him about
16 it, but be careful. It's just a yes or no question.

17 (Whereupon, the bench conference ends.)

18 MR. BAILEY: Are you ready to proceed, Your Honor?

19 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

20 BY MR. BAILEY:

21 Q: Mr. Bethea, my question was have you and any of your
22 lawyers had any discussions about resolving these charges?

23 A: I've only got one lawyer. That's Mr. Brooker. He told
24 me --

25 Q: I don't want to know what he talked about. Just a yes or

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1 no question. Have you guys had any talks about resolving
2 these charges?

3 A: Resolving is saying what?

4 Q: Any deals on the table -- have you guys talked about
5 that?

6 A: No, sir.

7 Q: Okay. Now, Mr. Bethea --

8 A: Yes, sir.

9 Q: When -- when -- when you're in prison, the guards control
10 everything you do; correct?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: They can tell you where to go; right?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: Tell you where not to go?

15 A: Yes, sir.

16 Q: How many people are in a cell with you in prison?

17 A: It isn't a cell. It's a pod.

18 Q: It's a pod?

19 A: Three to a cell.

20 Q: Okay. So you have a cell in a pod?

21 A: Yes, sir.

22 Q: Okay. And there's three individuals in there with you?

23 Not a lot of privacy in prison, is there?

24 A: No, sir.

25 Q: A lot of bad people in prison?

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- 1 A: Pretty much.
- 2 Q: People do bad things in prison?
- 3 A: Pretty much.
- 4 Q: Are you subject to being searched at all times?
- 5 A: Routine.. Yeah. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q: Routine searches for you?
- 7 A: Every day.
- 8 Q: It's not a very pleasant experience to be in prison, is
- 9 it?
- 10 A: No, sir.
- 11 Q: You don't want to go back to prison, do you?
- 12 A: Nobody want to go to prison.
- 13 Q: Yeah. Okay. Now, Mr. Bethea, let me ask you have you
- 14 ever received any type of mental health treatment?
- 15 A: Yes, sir.
- 16 Q: Okay. Have you been diagnosed as a schizophrenic?
- 17 A: Yes, sir.
- 18 Q: Have you been diagnosed as having any type of psychosis
- 19 disorders?
- 20 A: What you mean by that?
- 21 Q: Have you been diagnosed -- are you aware of any diagnosis
- 22 for psychosis?
- 23 A: I don't know what psychosis is.
- 24 Q: Okay. Do you know what schizophrenia means?
- 25 A: I was diagnosed with it, but I don't really, really,

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1 really know what it means.

2 Q: Okay. As a result of your mental health, you've been
3 institutionalized; correct?

4 A: What you mean by institutionalized?

5 Q: You've had to go up to Columbia to a mental health
6 hospital; correct?

7 A: A holding facility?

8 Q: Yeah.

9 A: Yes, sir.

10 Q: Okay. That's not a pleasant experience, is it, either?

11 A: No, sir.

12 Q: Did you get any mental health treatment while you were in
13 prison?

14 A: Yes, sir.

15 Q: Not the best treatment up there, is it?

16 A: No, sir.

17 Q: You can get better treatment out here on the street if
18 you need it?

19 A: Sir?

20 Q: You can get better mental health treatment if you're not
21 in prison; correct?

22 A: I don't know about all that.

23 Q: Okay. Do you recall telling any doctors that people were
24 jealous of your lifestyle?

25 A: I don't know what was going on during that time.

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1 Q: Okay.

2 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to the relevance of
3 that.

4 THE COURT: Can the lawyers approach?

5 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
6 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

7 THE COURT: First of all, his mental health treatment is
8 absolutely objectionable. I mean there's case law out there.
9 Unless you can tie -- tie that together with his inability to
10 tell the truth, it's not admissible.

11 MR. BAILEY: But, Judge, what I'm doing is I'm tying it
12 to him not getting the treatment in prison. He don't want to
13 go to prison because he can't get the treatment.

14 THE COURT: That's not relevant to this case.

15 MR. BAILEY: Him going to prison is not relevant in this
16 case?

17 THE COURT: That's not what you said.

18 MR. BAILEY: But the aspects of prison -- I mean I'm goig
19 to ask him --

20 (Whereupon, the bench conference ends.)

21 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to ask you to
22 step to your jury room for just a minute. Do not discuss the
23 case. I'll get you back out here in just a second.

24 (Whereupon, the jury exits the courtroom at 9:55 a.m.)

25 THE COURT: All right. Yes, sir, Mr. Bailey?

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1 MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, I believe Mr. Clements had the
2 objection.

3 THE COURT: Well, he objected on the grounds of
4 relevancy. I want to hear your argument on the other side of
5 it.

6 MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, this -- his treatment for mental
7 health goes to his credibility as a witness first. Number
8 two, it goes towards his bias and his motive to testify
9 because he's already testified without objection that he
10 didn't get good mental health treatment in prison. He's
11 already testified he doesn't want to go back to prison. So I
12 should be allowed to cross examine those issues in front of
13 the jury.

14 THE COURT: When was the mental health treatment? What
15 does it have anything to do with his ability to get on this
16 witness stand and tell the truth or not tell the truth? Do
17 you have any case law that you can provide to me that would
18 say that the cross examination of a witness concerning their
19 mental health is admissible when it's not -- when you can't
20 tie it at least -- and I haven't heard it yet -- tie it to his
21 ability to tell the truth or not tell the truth.

22 MR. BAILEY: I'm not -- I do not have a case, Judge.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. BAILEY: I just --

25 THE COURT: Well, I've researched that issue before

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1 because I had it in a case not too long ago over in Florence
2 County wherein a witness had been diagnosed with schizophrenia
3 or some issues relating to it, and the case law that I recall
4 did not allow you to go into that because it's not relevant to
5 their ability to tell the truth. All right?

6 Now, I understand what you're saying that it is your
7 intention to put out there that he doesn't want to go to
8 prison because he can't get the mental health treatment that
9 he needs. I've heard nothing that would indicate -- and maybe
10 you have it. I just want to hear it and I'll allow you to
11 proffer it, but nothing that he had ongoing mental health
12 treatment and that there is a need for ongoing mental health
13 treatment that would tie it in.

14 You've established through your cross examination that
15 jail ain't a good place. I've allowed you to do that and that
16 certainly goes to bias or whatever you want to call it as to
17 his testimony for that jury to make a decision on, but as far
18 as this mental health stuff, I mean it's just -- it's not
19 relevant at this point unless you can give me some more
20 information as to its relevancy.

21 MR. BAILEY: Judge, I would just note my exception to
22 that.

23 THE COURT: Well -- and I want you to proffer whatever
24 you want. If you want to proffer something --

25 MR. BAILEY: I just have one question for him.

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1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. BAILEY: He has made statements in his past to two
3 doctors about visual hallucinations when he smokes marijuana.

4 THE COURT: Well, I --

5 MR. BAILEY: And number two, Judge, if you just let me
6 put this on the record.

7 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

8 MR. BAILEY: And number two, Judge, when he went for his
9 psychiatric evaluation in connection with this case, he told
10 that physician that he smoked marijuana 30 minutes before he
11 got arrested.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. BAILEY: Am I allowed to bring those up?

14 THE COURT: Mr. Clements?

15 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, he hadn't smoked marijuana 30
16 minutes prior to taking this witness stand. I can tell you
17 that and that's what he's testified to. Any statement he made
18 back then if he was delusional, that statement's not before
19 the -- the Court. There's a video of it that if Mr. Bailey
20 wants to put into evidence, then the jury can watch it and see
21 if they thought he was delusional at that time, but I think
22 he's gone far afield and what he's attempting to do is not
23 admissible at all.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Well, you've brought out what you
25 wanted to get out outside the presence of the jury, but

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1 there's no evidence that every time he smoked marijuana that
2 he was delusional, is it? Or is it?

3 MR. BAILEY: Judge, it's just he gets delusional. He has
4 visual hallucinations when he smokes marijuana is what he told
5 the doctor.

6 THE COURT: Well, is there evidence within that report
7 that he was delusional or hallucinating that night that he
8 conveyed to his doctor?

9 MR. BAILEY: Well, Judge, the --

10 THE COURT: I mean first go back to my first question.
11 Is there evidence in there that he was delusional every time
12 he smokes marijuana? And if so -- do you understand what I'm
13 getting at?

14 MR. BAILEY: Well, I understand, Judge, and -- and no.
15 His statement to the doctor does not say specifically every
16 time I smoke marijuana it's visual hallucinations. It's just
17 I see visual hallucinations when I smoke marijuana.

18 THE COURT: Okay. I understand. Your objection is so
19 noted for the record, but I'm not going to allow you to go
20 there. I don't think the case law allows it. It doesn't go
21 to his ability to tell the truth. So I'm not going to allow
22 it. Anything else?

23 MR. DEBERRY: Your Honor, just for the record, I'd like
24 to join in that objection.

25 THE COURT: So noted for the record. All right. We're

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1 going to stand down for just a minute before I bring the jury
2 back out. Sir, you can step down and have a seat right over
3 there, but you can't -- listen to me. Okay? You can't
4 discuss your testimony. Okay? You can't discuss your
5 testimony with anybody.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

7 (Whereupon, there is a break in the proceedings from
8 10:02 a.m. until 10:17 a.m.)

9 THE COURT: Mr. Bethea, if you would, come back up and
10 take the stand, please, sir. All right. Let me ask this
11 question before we go any further. Mr. Bailey has questioned
12 this witness about mental -- some mental health issues and we
13 discussed this back in chambers, but I want to ask these
14 questions on the record. Has this witness been declared
15 incompetent?

16 MR. CLEMENTS: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: All right. Has through his evaluation it
18 indicated that he has an inability to know right from wrong?

19 MR. CLEMENTS: No, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Has it been declared in his evaluation that
21 he does not know the difference between a truth and a lie?

22 MR. CLEMENTS: No, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: All right. Again, that is the basis of my
24 ruling here and I've heard nothing to the contrary. And while
25 Mr. Clements has responded to my questions, the questions were

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1 directed at Mr. Bailey because it was his effort to try -- I
2 mean whoever answered the questions, whether it Mr. Bailey or
3 Mr. Clements, I needed to know those answers to determine to
4 what extent where we go from here. All right? Anything else?

5 MR. BAILEY: Nothing from me, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: All right. Anything else? And it's noted
7 that Mr. Deberry has joined in that objection. All right.
8 Bring me the jury, please, sir.

9 (Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom at 10:19 a.m.)

10 THE COURT: Thank you for your patience. Please note
11 that all jurors are back in the courtroom. Mr. Bailey, you
12 may continue.

13 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the
14 Court.

15 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

16 BY MR. BAILEY:

17 Q: Mr. Bethea, you had testified earlier that you
18 voluntarily submitted yourself to the Marion County Sheriff's
19 Office on April the 30th; is that correct?

20 A: Yes, sir.

21 Q: Okay. And this incident happened on April the 13th;
22 correct?

23 A: I don't know. It been a minute ago.

24 Q: Okay. Would you disagree with me that it was April the
25 13th?

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- 1 A: Sir?
- 2 Q: Would you disagree with me that it was April the 13th was
3 the night this --
- 4 A: I don't disagree. I would like for you to tell me what's
5 on the paper because it's been a minute -- a minute ago.
- 6 Q: You testified earlier that for one day you spent out in
7 Clio; correct?
- 8 A: Yes, sir.
- 9 Q: One day you spent out in Lakeview, maybe two days out in
10 Lakeview?
- 11 A: No. I said I put my little girl on a bus.
- 12 Q: And did you stay the night in Lakeview?
- 13 A: I came and stayed one night, yeah.
- 14 Q: Okay.
- 15 A: And I put her on the bus that morning.
- 16 Q: So that's two nights you stayed away from Latta?
- 17 A: Yes, sir.
- 18 Q: Were you in Latta for the other 17 nights?
- 19 A: Sir?
- 20 Q: Were you in Latta --
- 21 A: Yes, sir.
- 22 Q: -- for the other 17 nights?
- 23 A: Yes, sir.
- 24 Q: Did you tell your daddy about what happened that night?
- 25 A: Did I tell him? No, sir.

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- 1 Q: Did you tell your mama?
- 2 A: No, sir.
- 3 Q: Did you go to the Latta Police Department and tell them
4 what happened that night?
- 5 A: To the police department?
- 6 Q: Yeah. In Latta. Did you go there and tell them what
7 took place on April the 13th? Did you tell them about this
8 shooting?
- 9 A: I was in Dillon.
- 10 Q: Okay.
- 11 A: I was in Dillon.
- 12 Q: Did you go to the Dillon Police Department and tell them
13 what happened on the --
- 14 A: No, sir.
- 15 Q: -- night of the shooting? So you told nobody until you
16 showed up in Marion County at the Sheriff's Department?
- 17 A: Yes, sir.
- 18 Q: Okay. Now, they interviewed you that day; correct?
- 19 A: Yes, sir.
- 20 Q: They told you that that interview was going to be video
21 recorded; correct?
- 22 A: Yes, sir.
- 23 Q: You had an opportunity to talk to them before they put
24 you on video; correct?
- 25 A: I turned my -- my mama brought me up.

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1 Q: Okay. Did Detective Bell and Detective Watson interview
2 you prior to them placing you on a video recording?
3 A: Did they interview me?
4 Q: Yes.
5 A: That's saying as what?
6 Q: Did they ask you any questions before they told you we're
7 going to video record your statement?
8 A: Questions like what?
9 Q: My question --
10 A: Pertains to the case?
11 Q: In regards to this case before you went on video, did
12 they ask you any questions?
13 A: They asked me what I want -- what -- my mama had told me
14 the police was coming -- kept coming to our house. That's how
15 I came up.
16 Q: Okay. And when you went there, did you sit down in a
17 room and talk with them?
18 A: Me and my mama went in the waiting -- in the waiting area
19 at the Marion County Detention Center.
20 Q: Okay. Where did you go after that?
21 A: Where I go?
22 Q: Mm-hmm.
23 A: In a room.
24 Q: Okay. And who was in that room with you?
25 A: Mr. Martin Bell.

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- 1 Q: Okay. Was Detective Watson there with you? He's a real
2 big detective.
- 3 A: Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: Real muscular guy?
- 5 A: Yes, sir.
- 6 Q: Okay. Did they immediately tell you that you were going
7 to be on video?
- 8 A: No. I told them what happened.
- 9 Q: Okay. And then they said, well, let's video record this?
10 Is that what happened?
- 11 A: Sir?
- 12 Q: After you told them what happened, did they want your
13 story on video?
- 14 A: Did they want it on video?
- 15 Q: Yes.
- 16 A: I wanted -- I could have wrote it, but I -- I demanded
17 video.
- 18 Q: How many times did you drive by the trailer that night?
- 19 A: I told you we went only one time, sir.
- 20 Q: Okay. Do you recall telling the detectives that you
21 passed in front of that trailer a number of times?
- 22 A: Did I recall telling them that?
- 23 Q: Yeah. Do you recall telling them that?
- 24 A: No, sir. If I did, I was kind of nervous.
- 25 Q: Okay. So it's possible that you told them that?

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1 A: Is it --

2 Q: Do you recall telling the detectives that there were a
3 lot of cars outside the trailer that night?

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 Q: Okay. Were there a lot of cars outside the trailer that
6 night?

7 A: Yes, sir.

8 Q: There was? A lot of people coming and going at that
9 trailer?

10 A: I told you we just stopped.

11 Q: Okay. But did you see people coming and going to the
12 trailer?

13 A: Yes, sir.

14 Q: You did?

15 A: I ain't see it. We just stopped. There was cars in the
16 back yard like I told them.

17 Q: Okay. Do you recall telling the police that you saw no
18 guns that night?

19 A: I seen some guns that night when they got -- when the
20 shooting started.

21 Q: When Mr. Clements asked you a question earlier, you first
22 testified that Blaton Smith handed no one a gun that night.
23 Do you remember that?

24 A: Yes, sir.

25 Q: Okay. Then he asked you another question and you changed

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- 1 your story and said yes, Blaton Smith handed somebody one gun.
- 2 Do you remember that?
- 3 A: I said that. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q: Okay. So what is it, Mr. Bethea? Did he hand a gun to
- 5 somebody or did he not?
- 6 A: Yes, sir. The guns was in the car, yes.
- 7 Q: The guns were in the car?
- 8 A: Yes, sir.
- 9 Q: Were they in the front seat or the back seat?
- 10 A: It was on the floor.
- 11 Q: On the floor of the front seat or the back?
- 12 A: I just know they was on the floor in the car.
- 13 Q: Okay. But were they in the front of the car or were they
- 14 in the back of the car with where you say Shaheed and Jamie
- 15 were sitting?
- 16 A: There was guns in the car, sir.
- 17 Q: Okay. Do you recall telling the detectives that there
- 18 were no guns in the car when you picked up Shaheed Hayes?
- 19 A: No, sir.
- 20 Q: You don't recall that? If I showed you your statement,
- 21 do you think it would help refresh your memory as to what you
- 22 told them about that?
- 23 A: Yes, sir.
- 24 Q: Okay. Mr. Bethea, here's a copy --
- 25 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, may we approach?

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1 THE COURT: Yes.

2 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of
3 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

4 THE COURT: Yes?

5 MR. CLEMENTS: We got a video. I don't know what that is
6 he's got right there. I assume it's something somebody typed
7 up, but I haven't seen it and I don't know if it's accurate or
8 not. Do you want to play the video? If he wants to play the
9 video, we can put the video into evidence. I mean I don't
10 know what he's getting ready to show him. I haven't seen it.

11 MR. BAILEY: Here. Do you want to look at it?

12 MR. CLEMENTS: I mean I don't know if it's accurate.

13 MR. BAILEY: It was transcribed by Q&A Court Reporting
14 from the disk that you gave me.

15 MR. CLEMENTS: But that is not the best evidence.

16 THE COURT: You've got to look at the video and look at
17 this to insure that it's accurate.

18 MR. CLEMENTS: The best evidence is the video.

19 MR. BAILEY: Well, I'm --

20 THE COURT: Do you want to take a break and let's play
21 the video?

22 MR. BAILEY: Judge, because here's the problem. I mean
23 he made -- he's made a ton of inconsistent statements between
24 his testimony today and what he said at this interview. I
25 mean he's already --

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1 THE COURT: I understand. I understand, but for you to
2 pull out a transcript that they haven't -- the State hasn't
3 even had an opportunity to review it and compare it to what
4 the video is.

5 MR. BAILEY: Well, he -- I mean he's had the disk. He
6 could have had it transcribed himself.

7 MR. CLEMENTS: The best evidence rule is the disk.

8 THE COURT: How long is the video?

9 MR. BAILEY: Probably an hour.

10 MR. CLEMENTS: An hour and 30 minutes or so.

11 MR. BAILEY: No. It's like an hour.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Well, do you want to stop and let me
13 listen to it and watch it?

14 MR. CLEMENTS: I object to that because it's not the best
15 evidence. I mean however you choose to deal with it.

16 THE COURT: I mean it's not --

17 MR. BAILEY: I mean I'm not introducing it. I just want
18 to refresh his recollection. I can use any document to
19 refresh his recollection.

20 MR. CLEMENTS: If it's accurate. What are you talking
21 about? Where do you say there's an inconsistency?

22 MR. BAILEY: Here he's talking about -- so you went and
23 picked up Shaheed. Yeah, I picked him up and the other little
24 dude. No guns or nothing in the car? No. So he had to have
25 the guns.

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1 THE COURT: Well --

2 MR. CLEMENTS: He didn't say that. He said there was no
3 guns in the car.

4 MR. BAILEY: I can -- I need to clarify that. I mean at
5 the time he picked him up --

6 THE COURT: Here's the way you do it. All right? You
7 can pull out his statement and you can cross examine -- you
8 can use this in questioning. Do you recall saying this? You
9 told them this? Then do you -- are you saying this now?
10 What's the -- what's the truth in this? I mean --

11 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

12 THE COURT: -- you can cross examine him on that just
13 like you're holding a copy of this statement. You were
14 talking to the police on such and such a day.

15 MR. BAILEY: Okay. I'll do it that way.

16 THE COURT: Yes, sir. Do you remember telling them such
17 and such? Do you understand what I'm saying?

18 MR. BAILEY: Yeah. I'll do it that way.

19 THE COURT: Hey. Can y'all come back here a minute? One
20 of the best cross examinations I saw one time was by Judge
21 Nicholson when he was prosecuting a rape case down in
22 Kingstree. Audiotape recording of the defendant's statement
23 wherein he made statements concerning what happened and they
24 played it back to that jury and every time he would give an
25 inconsistency, he'd stop the tape. Do you remember saying

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1 that?

2 But anyway, I'm not going to allow -- I'm not going to
3 allow you to put that -- and you're assuming he can read.

4 MR. BAILEY: Well, I was going to ask him if can read it.

5 THE COURT: Well, anyway, I believe the best avenue is to
6 --

7 MR. BAILEY: Well, I'll just question him.

8 THE COURT: Question him the way I told you to.

9 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

10 (Whereupon, the bench conference ends.)

11 MR. BAILEY: Ready to proceed, Your Honor?

12 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

13 BY MR. BAILEY:

14 Q: Mr. Bethea --

15 A: Yes, sir.

16 Q: You testified earlier that the -- that you believe the
17 white Cadillac was owned by Adrian Smith; correct?

18 A: I don't know who owned it.

19 Q: Okay. So you don't know who owns that Cadillac?

20 A: No. My cousin was driving it.

21 Q: Okay. Have you ever driven that Cadillac?

22 A: Yes, sir.

23 Q: You have? On how many occasions have you driven that
24 Cadillac?

25 A: Not a lot.

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- 1 Q: No? Have you ever driven that Cadillac down to Georgia?
- 2 A: No, sir.
- 3 Q: No? You testified earlier that you were hanging out with
- 4 Blaton Smith pretty much all day on the 13th? Or on the 12th I
- 5 guess it is?
- 6 A: I guess.
- 7 Q: Okay. The day before the shooting, you and Blaton Smith
- 8 were hanging together?
- 9 A: You say the day before?
- 10 Q: Yeah.
- 11 A: I told you I was dealing with one of his -- I was dealing
- 12 with Adrian's sister.
- 13 Q: Okay. And you guys went into Dillon and went to an
- 14 AutoZone?
- 15 A: Yes, sir.
- 16 Q: And got some spark plugs? Did you tell that to Detective
- 17 Bell?
- 18 A: Sir?
- 19 Q: Did you tell that to Detective Bell?
- 20 A: I just told him I went to J&J to fix the car.
- 21 Q: Okay. Do you remember telling Detective Bell during your
- 22 interview that you also got the windows tinted on the car?
- 23 A: I never said I got the windows tinted. I said we got
- 24 tint for the windows.
- 25 Q: Oh, so you got -- so you got tint for the windows, but

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- 1 you didn't put it on the windows?
- 2 A: That ain't my car.
- 3 Q: Okay. Do you remember telling Detective Bell that Blaton
- 4 Smith dropped you off at home and you went to sleep that
- 5 afternoon?
- 6 A: Sir?
- 7 Q: Do you remember telling Detective Bell in your statement
- 8 that Blaton Smith dropped you off at home that afternoon and
- 9 you went to sleep?
- 10 A: No, sir.
- 11 Q: You don't remember telling him that?
- 12 A: No, sir.
- 13 Q: Did you go home that day and go to sleep?
- 14 A: That day of what?
- 15 Q: The day before the shooting.
- 16 A: The day before the shooting?
- 17 Q: Mm-hmm. Yes, sir. The day before the shooting, did you
- 18 go home and go to sleep?
- 19 A: I can't really recall 27 months ago.
- 20 Q: Okay.
- 21 A: Unless you got it down.
- 22 Q: Okay. Did Detective Bell tell you he could help you out
- 23 in these charges if you cooperate?
- 24 A: No, sir. I told you that earlier.
- 25 Q: He never told you that?

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- 1 A: No, sir.
- 2 Q: What time did you pick up Shaheed that night?
- 3 A: It was around getting dark. I don't know the exact time.
- 4 Q: Okay. Did you see Shaheed get in the car with a gun?
- 5 A: I don't know what he had on him then.
- 6 Q: Okay. Then y'all went and picked up Jamie?
- 7 A: No. I told you --
- 8 Q: You picked up Jamie first?
- 9 A: -- we picked up Jamie first.
- 10 Q: Okay. Did you see him get in the car with a gun?
- 11 A: It was dark. He got in. He came and ran to the car.
- 12 Q: Okay. Did he take out a gun when he got in the car?
- 13 A: No, sir.
- 14 Q: Did Shaheed take out a gun when he got in the car?
- 15 A: Later on.
- 16 Q: You saw him take out the gun?
- 17 A: Yes, sir.
- 18 Q: You were sitting in front of Shaheed; correct?
- 19 A: Yes, sir.
- 20 Q: When Martin Bell asked you what kind of guns were used
- 21 that night, you told him that you thought they were .40
- 22 calibers; correct?
- 23 A: Yes, sir.
- 24 Q: You didn't know for sure; correct?
- 25 A: No, sir.

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- 1 Q: He also asked you if they were black or chrome. Do you
2 remember that?
- 3 A: Sir, I said -- like I told you, it was dark.
- 4 Q: Okay. Do you recall telling the detectives that you
5 thought they were black .40s?
- 6 A: It was real dark, sir.
- 7 Q: Do you recall making that statement?
- 8 A: No. No, sir.
- 9 Q: Did you see any other guns in the car besides a .40
10 caliber?
- 11 A: An automatic weapon.
- 12 Q: You saw an automatic weapon?
- 13 A: It was something in the blanket.
- 14 Q: Okay. And where was that?
- 15 A: In the back.
- 16 Q: In the back? Did you tell Detective Bell when he
17 interviewed you that there was an assault rifle in the back
18 seat of that car?
- 19 A: I said there was guns in the car.
- 20 Q: Okay. How did you get to court today?
- 21 A: Sir?
- 22 Q: How did you get to court today?
- 23 A: How did I get to court today?
- 24 Q: Mm-hmm. Yes, sir.
- 25 A: I'm not trying to be funny, but how -- how do you -- by

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1 assistance from Marion County Detention Center.

2 Q: Okay. So they drove you over here?

3 A: Yes, sir.

4 Q: Were you shackled?

5 A: Yes, sir.

6 Q: They took the shackles off before you came up here in the
7 courtroom?

8 A: Sir?

9 Q: They took the shackles off of you right before you came
10 into the courtroom?

11 A: Yes, sir.

12 Q: Do you recall telling Detective Bell that you got dropped
13 off in Dillon after the shooting?

14 A: Sir?

15 Q: Do you recall telling Detective Bell that you got dropped
16 off in Dillon after the shooting?

17 A: Sir, like I told you in the past, if it's on the
18 statement, that's what I said, sir.

19 Q: Okay. Did you tell Detective Bell about this abandoned
20 house that y'all ended up at that night?

21 A: I stated my aunt from Alabama owned that house.

22 Q: Okay. And you told that to Detective Bell that night?

23 A: Anything that's on the paper I said.

24 Q: When you pulled up and you stopped in front of the house
25 for the shooting, you were sitting closest to the house;

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- 1 correct?
- 2 A: Yes, sir.
- 3 Q: Okay. It would have made a lot of sense for you to shoot
4 out your window; right?
- 5 A: It would have, but like I told you, I didn't have no gun.
- 6 Q: Everybody else in the back seat had guns shooting; right?
- 7 A: Sir?
- 8 Q: Everybody else had a gun in the back seat and they were
9 shooting?
- 10 A: Everybody else? What you mean by everybody else?
- 11 Q: Well, your testimony was Shaheed and Jamie were in the
12 back seat shooting?
- 13 A: Yes, sir.
- 14 Q: And it would have been easier for you to shoot out of the
15 car than Jamie. You would agree with that; right?
- 16 A: Well, it probably would have been easier, but I told you
17 I ain't had nothing to do with it.
- 18 Q: You could have just rolled down your window and shot
19 right out of the car; correct?
- 20 A: I just told you I ain't had no business shooting so I
21 ain't -- why would I roll down my window and shoot a gun?
- 22 Q: My question is -- is it would have been easier for you to
23 roll down your window and shoot directly out of --
- 24 A: It would have been easier for me to do.--
- 25 THE COURT: Hold on a minute. Hold on a minute. Mr.

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1 Bethea, let him finish asking his question. Okay? And then
2 you answer. Okay?

3 Q: It's just a yes or no question, Mr. Bethea. Okay? Would
4 you agree with me that it would have been easier for you to
5 roll down your window and shoot than it would be for Jamie to
6 shoot over the top of the car?

7 A: Why would I shoot? Shoot --

8 MR. BAILEY: Judge, he won't answer --

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: Answer the question, Mr. Bethea.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Okay?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

14 BY MR. BAILEY:

15 Q: Do you know Fred Frye?

16 A: Yes, sir.

17 Q: Do you hang out with Fred Frye?

18 A: I told you everybody from Latta know each other. I don't
19 hang out with nobody, just my associate.

20 Q: He's your associate?

21 A: I know him from the Latta area.

22 Q: Do you do drugs with Fred Frye?

23 A: No. I don't do drugs with Fred Frye.

24 Q: Okay. I know you testified earlier that you know Charlie

25 B. Are you friends with Charlie B?

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- 1 A: I told you everybody from Latta.
- 2 Q: Okay. My question is is are you friends with Charlie B?
- 3 A: I said he's -- he's just a person that's around the Latta
4 area.
- 5 Q: Mr. Bethea, my question is just a simple yes or no.
- 6 A: I just told you. You said -- asked me is he my friend
7 and I said he just be in Latta.
- 8 Q: Is that yes, he's your friend or no, he's not your
9 friend?
- 10 A: I consider that as a friend, yes.
- 11 Q: Okay. Do you know Gino Upton?
- 12 A: No, sir.
- 13 Q: Okay. You ever buy drugs from Derrick Wilson?
- 14 A: No, sir.
- 15 Q: How about Gavin Graves? You ever buy drugs from him?
- 16 A: I don't even know him.
- 17 Q: Okay. Do you smoke marijuana, Mr. Bethea?
- 18 A: Yes, sir.
- 19 Q: And do you recall telling Detective Bell that you snort
20 cocaine?
- 21 A: I did a couple times.
- 22 Q: Okay.
- 23 MR. BAILEY: The Court's indulgence for one moment, Your
24 Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

CLOSING ARGUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE

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2 MR. CLEMENTS: Good afternoon. I want to thank you for
3 your attention and your patience and your consideration on
4 behalf of the State of South Carolina and on behalf of
5 Christian Drawhorn and on behalf of the other four young men
6 that were with him that night and also on behalf of the
7 defendants.

8 My job is to represent the State of South Carolina and my
9 job is to present this matter to you beyond a reasonable doubt
10 and to do it in a fashion where the rights of the accused are
11 always protected and that they get a fair trial. We have a
12 wonderful, wonderful system of justice. I think Mr. Deberry
13 rightly so -- and I agree with him on this matter
14 wholeheartedly is he said it was the greatest nation that has
15 ever been on the face of this earth. Part of that reason is
16 because of our judicial system.

17 And the reason why this judicial system is so good --
18 it's not perfect because it's made out of people, but it's so
19 good because it's made out of people like you, citizens that
20 come in and listen and weigh the facts and weigh the evidence
21 and listen to the law as the judge gives it to them and apply
22 that law to the facts to bring about a verdict as I told you
23 earlier in our opening, veredicto, a verdict that speaks the
24 truth.

25 Now, remember -- it seems like many, many days ago, but

1 it was just a couple days ago. Remember when I stood before
2 you and these gentlemen stood before you and we made our
3 opening statements and there were promises made to you. We
4 made promises to you and I want to tell you at the end of this
5 I think and believe firmly that you will see that my promises
6 were kept.

7 So I asked you to hold my feet to the fire and make sure
8 the promises that were made to you on opening statements were
9 kept. And that is to present a case against these two
10 defendants, Shaheed Hayes and Blaton Smith, and find them
11 guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

12 Now, the judge is going to tell you that the only
13 evidence is what came from this witness stand, sworn
14 testimony, and the exhibits that have been presented into
15 evidence, and every bit of that is right here. These pictures
16 -- and y'all probably got tired of looking at so many pictures
17 of holes in the wall, but, you know, there was a lot of holes.
18 That trailer was like Swiss cheese. So trying to document,
19 there was a lot of pictures taken and we chose these to
20 present to you. So you saw a lot and if you thought it was
21 redundant, we're just trying to be thorough.

22 We had a projectile here that was testified to by Agent
23 Eichenmiller and we had shell casings that were presented to
24 her. She tested them and came back to Marion County and, as
25 Lieutenant Sawyer said, took them back to attempt to have

1 fingerprints done. Maybe that should have been done first,
2 but it wasn't done first. The ballistics test was done first.
3 And so when it was submitted for fingerprint analysis, it was
4 futile because of what had already been done, but they came
5 back to you and that was why it was in packaging and she said
6 it wasn't her packaging because it had gone that second time,
7 as Lieutenant Sawyer testified to.

8 So this is all the evidence right here: these two charts,
9 the trailer, a very rough not-to-scale drawing, and then this
10 map that shows you the area, these items of ballistic nature,
11 and these pictures, and then this testimony. Nothing else.

12 You probably heard all kind of things referred to. We
13 talked about statements and that were recorded. Well, you got
14 people that testified so you don't need those. They're not in
15 evidence. You've got incident reports that the officers wrote
16 up. Well, they testified so that's not -- those incident
17 reports aren't in evidence. But what you heard and what you
18 saw right here and right here and I'm going to ask you to
19 weigh every bit of it and to bring your common sense and your
20 wisdom to it.

21 And the judge is going to tell you when he charges you on
22 the law that the credibility of the witnesses and the facts,
23 that's what you're the judge of. He's the judge of the law.

24 So you've heard from witnesses up here. Look at their
25 demeanor. Look at how they presented themselves. Look at

1 whether they had some reason to try to protect theirself or
2 not and what gave them motivation to testify as you weigh out
3 what they had to say.

4 And I'm going to tell you the first day started a little
5 rough for us. We called up patrol officers that came up and
6 they got barraged with a lot of questions about all these
7 things they didn't do which were things that the investigators
8 did that came on later, but you remember Officer Pike did a
9 good job. He was the first one there. He didn't see anybody
10 else on the scene, but the victims.

11 Then we had Marion Richardson come up and I guess he just
12 flat forgot he went up there and moved those shell casings out
13 of the highway so they wouldn't get run over, but they were
14 still all there. They were still close to the scene, but he
15 moved them. He said he didn't. He said he didn't remember
16 going out there. He didn't remember a lot of things. Mr.
17 Deberry and Mr. Bailey kept asking him if he had notes I guess
18 you'd remember better. Well, I guess that's now why he's in
19 codes enforcement instead of the Sheriff's Office.

20 But he came up and he testified. Clemson Legette came up
21 and he explained to y'all what happened when he came on scene
22 and how he called the investigators and the investigators came
23 and they began to go over that trailer and go over that
24 landscaping there with a fine-toothed comb.

25 And, you know, this isn't one of these cases where it's

1 heavy with forensic evidence like you see on TV with CSI and
2 all these -- all these different kinds of TV shows. Well, I
3 want to tell you that's Hollywood. In every case you don't
4 have a lot of forensic evidence. You don't have a lot of
5 forensic evidence here because the perpetrators of this crime
6 drove by, slowed up, came to a stop, fired a bunch of bullets
7 into this trailer, and then they were gone.

8 So there's not a lot of forensic evidence. So don't be
9 confused by that. And don't let that worry you about whether
10 -- well, you don't have fingerprints, you don't have this.
11 You got testimony and you got what we have.

12 Now, Charlie Watson came to start off the next day. He
13 testified about the investigation and what it led to and how
14 they followed it up, what they found, and who they talked to
15 and what charges were made. He and Martin Bell.

16 And then we brought in Dr. Schandl who told you what
17 killed Christian Drawhorn, what kind of wound he had. You
18 heard from two of the young men that were in the trailer and I
19 don't know if I'll ever forget Gavin Graves explaining what
20 happened and how scared he was. He stood about right here
21 before you and he said they heard two shots and said what is
22 that and then it just went ping, ping, ping, ping, ping, ping,
23 and it all chaos broke loose and he hit the ground.

24 As a matter of fact, Derrick grabbed him and pulled him
25 down to the ground and how he -- I think he's the one who used

1 the term about they squirmed around for their life when all
2 these bullets came flying through. And they were consistent
3 the entire time. They talked about all these bullets came
4 through the front and they came from the highway in the front.

5 And Mr. Bailey and Mr. Deberry did a good job, a real
6 good job, of trying their best to confuse them and talk about
7 things in the back yard and all this like there was some kind
8 of shooting or something going on in the back yard. Nothing
9 went on there. You heard the testimony. Every one of those
10 came through the front wall and some went out the back wall.
11 Some stopped inside the trailer, but how all of them fell and
12 cowered there for their lives as bullets were flying over
13 their heads.

14 And then they realized Christian was hit and they took
15 him out and had him outside here when EMS came and when law
16 enforcement came. And don't be confused about, you know, if
17 there was a knock on the door or not or whatever. All that
18 wasn't relevant. Nobody was there at the door, you know.
19 Bullets didn't come from the back. Nobody was shot in the
20 back.

21 And there was a lot made by Mr. Deberry particularly and
22 Mr. Bailey about, well, it was all in the back. You couldn't
23 see anything. Well, we had all the testimony from the
24 different people and we got the map right here. As it curves
25 -- and you saw the pictures and the picture is in there. When

1 you are approaching that trailer of Gavin Graves where he and
2 Derrick were living and you're approaching it from the north,
3 you can see clean into that back yard, everything that's back
4 there, and then you curve and there you are right in front of
5 it. There it is down the slope right where that white
6 Cadillac stopped that Blaton Smith drove it and they riddled
7 that trailer with bullets.

8 So don't be confused by any of that. You know, I'm
9 reminded of when I was in law school way back in the day and
10 my third year when I took a course called Trial Advocacy, and
11 it was taught by not just law professors but guys that were
12 practicing attorneys that were in court all the time trying
13 cases and they also worked with the university as an adjunct
14 law professor.

15 And one of them told me -- he said, "Ed, when you get to
16 court and you become a lawyer and you're trying a case, if
17 you've got the facts, argue the facts. And if you have the
18 law, you argue the law."

19 And I said, "Professor, what do I do if I don't have
20 either one of them?" He says, "Well, in that case you just
21 blow smoke."

22 Well, there's been a lot of smoke blown here today and
23 yesterday and the day before, but clear that smoke out the way
24 and look at the facts and apply the law Judge Brown is going
25 to give you, and the facts boil down to something that's not

1 complex at all. Basically, that's Jamie Christopher Williams
2 and Willie O'Brian "Boo Boo" Bethea.

3 What did they do? What did they testify to? What did
4 they say they did? Were they consistent? Were they
5 inconsistent? What was their demeanor on the stand? Those
6 are the things you've got to judge. And does what they say
7 get supported by all the other evidence that we know about?

8 But it boils down to those two young men and I'll admit
9 to you right now if you don't believe them, the State doesn't
10 have that much of a case, but I'm going to tell you they're
11 believable. They're credible. Just as I know that y'all know
12 they were credible. You heard it on the stand. They could
13 not be shaken from what they said.

14 Jamie Williams -- when he came he was -- he said he was
15 17 years old. He was following after these older fellows,
16 following after Duke -- Adrian Smith. And he got -- well, he
17 got picked up by Blaton and they went and he said there they
18 are, there's the trailer, there they are, that's his truck,
19 shoot, shoot. What did he tell y'all? He felt like if he
20 didn't shoot that there was going to be some trouble.

21 So he shot. He said he shot a few times and he kind of
22 froze up. He said he shot three to five times the best he can
23 remember. Willie said he thought he shot seven -- eight
24 times. He wasn't sure, but both of them were consistent in
25 one thing and that is that Shaheed Hayes emptied his clip.

1 Well, can you believe what Jamie was saying? The defense
2 attorneys asked him about his inconsistent statements. They
3 asked him when you first talked to law enforcement, what did
4 you tell him? He told them he wasn't doing anything, that
5 Willie was driving and that Blaton was shooting and Shaheed
6 was shooting. He put himself out of it. He wasn't shooting.
7 He wasn't doing it. He was just there, you know, and he said,
8 yeah, that was a lie. That was a lie.

9 And then later he told law enforcement, man, I wasn't
10 even there. I wasn't even there. And that was a lie. He was
11 trying to protect himself. But he gets up here under oath and
12 he says he decided he wanted to get it off his chest and he
13 had to tell the truth regardless and hopefully it's going to
14 help him out, but he's just got to go with what the truth is
15 because what's right is right and what's wrong is wrong.
16 Remember him saying that several times when they questioned
17 him? I just got to tell the truth.

18 He told me I'm a different man now. I'm 19. He was 17
19 years old when this happened. I imagine he's had a lot of
20 time to think this over and think, man, how can I live with
21 myself? I imagine every day he's got to look in the mirror
22 and go, you know, what have I been a part of?

23 Well, I asked him on this stand right here and I said why
24 in the world would you put yourself as being a shooter in a
25 murder case if it wasn't the truth? And I submit that same

1 question to y'all, ladies and gentlemen of the jury. Why in
2 the world would he say, yeah, I'm the shooter? I shot over
3 the top of the car. I'm a shooter. Under oath, why would you
4 claim that action if he didn't do it? The reason he claimed
5 that action, ladies and gentlemen, is because he's telling the
6 truth. He did it. He shot.

7 And was -- his statement about what he did, what is
8 corroborated by anything else? Well, he said he shot three to
9 five times and Shaheed emptied his clip. I think a clip on a
10 .40 is sixteen -- fifteen and one in the chamber. You got 16.
11 If he shot five times, how many is that? Twenty-one. How
12 many shell cases were found out there? Twenty-one.

13 Well, maybe they missed a few shell casings might be
14 argued by Mr. Deberry and Mr. Bailey. We don't know if that
15 was the number of shots. We don't know. We know there's 21
16 shell casings found. And if there was a few more, Willie said
17 he thought he might have shot seven to eight times. Well,
18 what did Jamie say? He said I kind of froze up. I kind of
19 froze up.

20 And Mr. Deberry kept trying to trick him and get him to
21 say they were driving back towards Latta and he kept saying,
22 man, I ain't good on roads. He's 17 years old. He's sitting
23 in the back seat. He don't -- he ain't going to know where
24 they're going. He's not familiar with that area.

25 He kept saying -- he kept coming back to Mr. Deberry and

1 Mr. Deberry was trying to put those words in his mouth that he
2 was driving back towards Latta and he says all I can tell you
3 is I was shooting over the top of the car. If he's shooting
4 over the top of the car, the car is going towards Marion, just
5 like Willie "Boo Boo" Bethea told you it was. He's shooting
6 over the top of the car and Shaheed is shooting out of the
7 window.

8 They're parked right out here on this Highway 501,
9 stopped right there. You heard both of them testify when they
10 saw Derrick's car, the white Yukon with rims -- you've seen
11 the picture of it where it got shot where the bullets passed
12 through and hit it. Derrick told you about it. It was parked
13 there -- parked around here in the back. I don't know if it
14 was here, here, somewhere in this area around this concrete
15 pad, and this is not to scale, but it was back here in the
16 back and when they were coming down 501 headed towards Marion,
17 they could see it and Blaton got excited. There it is. There
18 it is. That's the truck. That's him. And then stopped the
19 car and bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang.

20 I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, Jamie was telling
21 the truth. He told about how they got rid of the guns. He
22 told you that Blaton was in charge. Blaton was driving the
23 car. You know, whoever is driving the car is going to
24 determine where they go; right? Whoever is driving the car is
25 going to determine whether that car stops in front of that

1 trailer or keeps going. Am I not right?

2 So whoever is driving that car, he's in control of that
3 situation, and I'm telling you Blaton was in control. He was
4 Adrian's number two man. Blaton was the number one man in
5 that car. He was in control. He was calling the shots and he
6 gave them the guns so he made sure the shots were fired. And
7 Blaton was in control.

8 And you might say, well, you know, Blaton didn't pull the
9 trigger. He didn't. He didn't. There's no evidence Blaton
10 pulled a trigger except in that first statement that Jamie
11 gave law enforcement which he says he lied. Blaton didn't
12 shoot. He was shooting.

13 So Blaton is in control of the situation and the judge is
14 going to tell you about the law and he's going to tell you
15 that the hand of one is the hand of all. So Blaton is just as
16 responsible for those shots being fired as Shaheed is and
17 Jamie is. He was in control and he gave them the guns. The
18 hand of one is the hand of all.

19 So if you've got any questions about murder or attempted
20 murder or even shooting a firearm into a dwelling, you look at
21 it under the hand of one is the hand of all. What were they
22 planning to do? What did they have in their minds? Blaton
23 had in his mind as soon as he saw Derrick's car, he stopped
24 and said there it is, y'all shoot. So that's what he intended
25 to happen.

1 The only thing that didn't happen the way they wanted to
2 happen -- you heard about that. Jamie said we went back to
3 Adrian and he was mad that the wrong fellow got hit. You
4 know, poor Christian Drawhorn. We heard from what Derrick
5 said when they started interviewing him -- he said, hey, who
6 you got problems with? Who are your enemies? Who you got a
7 beef with? He told them about the Smiths, but he put them
8 straight when he was asked about it. Didn't you write this
9 down for law enforcement? That Christian Drawhorn didn't have
10 any problems with the Smiths. He didn't have a problem with
11 anybody. He was there. He catches a bullet just because of
12 where he is.

13 Well, the judge is going to tell you about transferred
14 intent. They might not have intended to kill Christian. They
15 might have intended to kill Derrick. Well, that intent got
16 transferred to Christian and Christian is dead. So that means
17 murder. That's what happened.

18 Now, Jamie -- I think he told the truth absolutely clear,
19 you know, getting it off his conscience and putting himself
20 there and putting himself in and owning up to what he did.
21 And Boo Boo -- Willie -- nobody ever said Willie fired
22 anything and Willie told you that when this happened, he was
23 scared and he was like let's go, let's go. He thought they
24 were going to Mike Mike's club, which is right there on Old
25 Ebenezer Road right before you hit 501, and they drove by it.

1 And then he went, oh, where we going? Are we going to Fusion
2 in Marion? Fusion's Club here in Marion?

3 But then they stopped because they saw Derrick's truck
4 and Willie said guns came out. Shaheed was shooting out the
5 window. Jamie was shooting over the top of the car. Did they
6 ever turn around? No, they never turned around. They came
7 up, they saw it as they approached, and then they stopped.
8 And when they left, what did Willie say? They left going back
9 towards Marion and then they took that first left by the old
10 church and went the back way back to Latta.

11 And when they went to Latta, they went to someone's house
12 there on Session Street and they dropped off the guns.
13 Shaheed got -- Shaheed stayed in the car. Blaton had them
14 wrapped up in a blanket with some weapons that weren't used.
15 They said an assault rifle was in there. They didn't use
16 that. He took it in that house on Session Street and that's
17 the house law enforcement testified to. They executed a
18 search warrant and they got a gun there and they thought maybe
19 this was the gun and they submitted it, but it was tested and
20 it wasn't the gun that was used in these -- with these shell
21 casings and these projectiles.

22 And they took Derrick's gun and they tested it. It was
23 not used to shoot anything on that scene that night where
24 these shells were found and these bullets were collected.
25 Neither one of those guns matched.

1 But what did Agent Eichenmiller tell us that makes
2 everything consistent with what Boo Boo said and what Jamie
3 said? She said there were two guns. All these that were
4 fired comes back to two guns. What was testified to by Boo
5 Boo and what was testified to by Jamie? Two guns. Two .40
6 calibers, one shot by Shaheed and one by shot by Jamie across
7 the top of the car.

8 And the numbers of the shots that they think they fired
9 emptying a clip and the number that Jamie shot very close to
10 the number of shell casings that were found. All that's what
11 you call circumstantial evidence. Well, it backs up and it
12 matches. It does not contradict what Boo Boo said. It does
13 not contradict what Jamie said.

14 And then Boo Boo said he went back when he got home and
15 he was real nervous. He was staying away from it. And Blaton
16 kept coming by. Don't say nothing. Don't say nothing. Don't
17 say nothing. And he was scared and he went out of town and
18 went to Clio and stayed with a relative, went to Lakeview, and
19 then his daddy said, man, come on, and his mom and he came and
20 he turned himself in to be interviewed by law enforcement.

21 And they didn't have an arrest warrant for him yet. They
22 were investigating. Once they talked to him and they found
23 out, they arrested him right then and they arrested Blaton,
24 who he knew all his life, his cousin. They arrested Shaheed,
25 who he knew for years. And all he knew about Jamie was that

1 he's Lil Boosie. So what did he say? They showed him a photo
2 line-up and he picked him out and who was Lil Boosie? That
3 was Jamie Williams.

4 Does Willie's statement contradict Jamie's? No. Does
5 Jamie's statement contradict Willie's when he finally said I'm
6 telling the truth and I'm putting myself where I was and what
7 I did and being a man? His statement backs up everything
8 Willie said.

9 And all the circumstantial evidence -- and I don't need
10 to go over all of it because y'all have heard it. Y'all
11 listened very carefully. Every bit of the circumstantial
12 evidence matches up and corroborates what they tell you
13 happened. It corroborates what Derrick told you happened,
14 what Gavin told you happened, what law enforcement told you
15 happened. It all matches up.

16 And, you know, we could sit here and we could say there's
17 a million other things you could have done. You could have
18 gone to the lumber company and got twenty-foot dowels and run
19 them through the holes in the trailer and seen where the
20 bullets went. I mean use your common sense. That's not
21 necessary.

22 You know, you could use a string and run through to see.
23 You know, it doesn't matter to me and I don't think it matters
24 to you which -- which hole in the wall on the front wall did
25 the bullet go through that went through the back wall and hit

1 Derrick's car. Is that critical to who did this? Absolutely
2 not.

3 You know, what is critical is where did all the bullets
4 come from and they were testified to by the people that were
5 there when the bullets were being fired that all of them came
6 from the front, and they were testified to by Charlie Watson
7 when he followed my man right here. My mind's gone blank.
8 When he followed him around as he helped them as he took
9 pictures, all the bullet holes were in the front.

10 So don't get caught up on all this trivial stuff about
11 whether you use dowels or ran string or anything else and
12 whether you tested the blood. You know, they want to make a
13 big deal out of the blood. Well, the pathologist told you
14 that he bled and he had a tremendous amount of blood on the
15 inside and some of it had already been drawn off from the
16 resuscitation efforts.

17 So he bled out on the inside, not on the outside, and so
18 what Gavin told you and what Derrick told you about how much
19 blood was on him, that's corroborated. The fact that there's
20 not blood all up and down on the floor and on the steps and
21 the walkway, that's corroborated. He bled out on the inside.
22 The bullet went in his back shoulder -- right shoulder, went
23 through a couple of arteries, and they're constantly under
24 pressure Dr. Schandl said and that blood would have been
25 pumped out on the inside and he died.

1 A little bit of blood on the dryer. No need to test
2 that. We know only one person was shot and one person was
3 bleeding. Use your common sense. Why bog down SLED's lab
4 even more so for stuff like that?

5 So don't get caught up in that smoke. Weigh it. Compare
6 it. All these pieces of the puzzle fit together and you can
7 believe Jamie and you can believe Boo Boo. I'm sure they're
8 hoping -- you know, we've all been told all our lives the
9 truth will set you free. The truth is your friend. You've
10 got to be truthful. And if you're truthful, good things can
11 happen to you. You know, no deals have been made. They
12 testified to that. Nothing has been offered, but they know.
13 They're not stupid. They know the best thing they can do is
14 tell the truth and hope for the best, and they told the truth.
15 They told the truth.

16 And there was no evidence of anybody else being there.
17 There was no evidence of anybody else being the shooter.
18 There's no evidence of anybody else out there with a gun.
19 Perhaps there maybe was a knock on the door, but nobody was
20 there. There -- there's other things that were -- people that
21 were talked to. Charlie said he followed up on those. We
22 followed all those leads and we talked to Charlie B. He gave
23 us a statement and later recanted. It was a bunch of lies.

24 The evidence is what you heard from that witness stand.
25 The evidence is what's in these exhibits and in these

1 pictures. The evidence is not what I say. It's not what
2 Deberry says. It's not what Bailey says. Take the evidence,
3 weigh it, apply the law the judge is going to give to you.
4 The hand of one is the hand of all. That's the law in South
5 Carolina. And return a verdict that tells the truth.

6 Now, I'm going to sit down and I don't get to get back
7 up. I'm the last person that gets to speak for Christian
8 Drawhorn and he needs justice. His family needs justice.
9 These other young men -- you know, beat them up if you want to
10 for selling some pot. Beat them up if you want to for that.
11 Well, law enforcement was out there. That wasn't the drug
12 unit. The drug unit is going to take care of the others.
13 They were there to investigate a murder. It doesn't matter,
14 you know, if they had marijuana there. It doesn't make them
15 not be a victim. They were victims and they're lucky to be
16 alive. And I'm the last person that gets to speak for them
17 too, you know.

18 There's always what we have to answer to that we do and
19 it might be another time or another place, but that is not
20 this time and that is not this place about the marijuana and
21 the cocaine that was found there that all we know is Christian
22 Drawhorn had that in his system. Maybe it was his. I don't
23 know.

24 But that's for another time and another place. Today is
25 the day that is Shaheed Hayes' day in court and Blaton Smith's

1 day in court. So hold them accountable.

2 Murder -- this is the last thing I'm going to tell you.
3 Murder is when you kill somebody with malice aforethought.
4 How much more malice, which is an evil intent of the heart --
5 how much more malice can there be than to pull up in front of
6 a trailer not caring who's in there, who's behind there,
7 whether there's somebody's child in there -- and Gavin's six-
8 year-old son was there 30 minutes earlier -- and just blow
9 that trailer up with bullets not caring who you're going to
10 hit? If that's not malice, nothing is, and that's murder and
11 that's attempted murder, and these two young men are guilty.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Deberry?

13 MR. DEBERRY: Thank you, Your Honor. Mr. Bailey. Mr.
14 Clements.

15 CLOSING ARGUMENT ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANT HAYES

16 MR. DEBERRY: One nation, under God, with liberty and
17 justice for all. That's why we're here is for justice. Mr.
18 Clements just forgot to mention that everybody that's a
19 citizen of this country deserves justice.

20 Did the crime happen? Absolutely. Did somebody get
21 murdered? Absolutely. Were there four counts of attempted
22 murder? Absolutely. Is somebody guilty of those crimes?
23 Absolutely. Has the State proved beyond a reasonable doubt
24 that Shaheed Hayes is guilty of those crimes? Absolutely not.
25 Absolutely not.

1 And that's where the word justice comes into this
2 equation. Do the victims deserve justice? Absolutely. Does
3 my client deserve justice? Absolutely. And the reason we
4 live in the greatest nation there ever was is because the
5 twelve of you are going to decide what justice is.

6 Mr. Clements -- he told you, you know, he believes that
7 you believe. Well, let me tell you something. We selected
8 you -- or at least I did. We went through a jury selection a
9 couple days ago and I contemplated every person that stood
10 before us and my main objective, my only objective, during
11 that entire process was to find twelve people who I believed
12 would give us a fair trial. And I appreciate that because you
13 paid attention. I watched you the whole time.

14 Mr. Clements says that we're blowing smoke. He's hanging
15 his hat on Hollywood and TV. We live in the real world. It's
16 not that hard to do your job. Do some investigation. For the
17 love of God, you're trying to put people in prison for the
18 rest of their life plus 135 years, but they want you to
19 believe just because you watched TV for the past ten or 15
20 years and you've seen some unbelievable crime scene stuff
21 going on that Marion County Sheriff's Office doesn't have to
22 do their job anymore.

23 When I was back in law school, I graduated and just like
24 you see the judge's clerk up there, I did a clerkship for a
25 judge down in Manning, South Carolina, and I learned more

1. during that year than I probably ever have in my entire life.
2 The man that I did that clerkship with, the Honorable -- his
3 name is Judge Ferrell Cothran and he's still on the bench.
4 He's a great person. He was a prosecutor for 35 years. He
5 went on the bench the same day that I graduated law school or
6 we started the job the same day together. He hadn't been a
7 judge for long, but he had been a minister of justice as a
8 prosecutor for 35 years.

9 And I'll be honest with you. I figured when I sat and
10 watched him take guilty pleas day after day and preside over
11 trials, I figured that, he being a prosecutor, he would
12 probably limit himself to being kind of hard on crime, you
13 know, to being sided with the prosecution. And the greatest
14 thing I learned from that man was that we can have belief in
15 our individuals and our citizens that people can be fair.

16 And he would tell people -- and I don't know how many
17 times I heard him tell this story, but it makes so much sense
18 and I think about it all the time and I've been thinking about
19 it ever since we learned that they just kicked these shells
20 out of the roadway. He would say there's two types of people
21 in this world that break the law. There's criminals and
22 there's police officers. There's a major difference in those
23 two types of people.

24 I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that the way you
25 become a criminal is that you get charged and you go through

1 the justice system. You either plead guilty or you go to
2 trial and you're found by a jury of your peers that you're
3 guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and then you're a criminal.
4 The judge has told you and he'll tell you again Shaheed Hayes
5 and Blaton Smith are innocent until the State proves them
6 guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. So they're not criminals.

7 The difference is they're on trial for their lives and
8 the police officers get to go home after they break the law.
9 Charlie Watson told you it's against the law to tamper with
10 evidence. I don't know if it's against the law or not to do
11 an investigation or not, but it sure seems like that would be
12 a fair thing to do.

13 You heard that there was more than a dozen cars parked
14 out there on General Road that night. And you also heard that
15 Charlie Watson had information to believe that there was a
16 Cadillac -- a white Cadillac that parked on the end of General
17 Road that night. And he also said all those shell casings --
18 they were kind of found a little ways down from General Road,
19 but we don't know where they were found and, if we had, then
20 we might could determine that there were shooters from
21 different places. And if there were shooters from different
22 places, then the two individuals that came in here trying to
23 save their life aren't telling the truth.

24 And if so far anything I've said has raised a reasonable
25 doubt in your mind, you can't convict these guys. You cannot

1 convict Shaheed Hayes. They haven't been proven guilty beyond
2 a reasonable doubt.

3 If we knew where those shell casings were -- but we don't
4 because Marion Richardson -- he lied about even moving them.
5 What if they were from here to the other wall over there
6 apart? How are they coming out of the same car? And the
7 reason I asked so many questions about trajectory or the way
8 bullets are traveling is because it makes a big difference.
9 They just want you to believe I'm blowing smoke and that they
10 don't have CSI technology like you see on TV and that you
11 can't find a 14-foot dowel rod.

12 I'm not talking about a 14-foot dowel rod. I'm talking
13 about a six-inch wall. All I want to know is if this is a
14 wall and it's riddled with bullet holes, which way did they
15 come through the wall? That's all I want to know because it
16 supports the theory that maybe they weren't in the car. It
17 supports the theory that Gavin Graves hears the knock on the
18 door.. It supports the theory that maybe there was a robbery.

19 And by the way, Gavin Graves knew what kind of shoes
20 Willie Bethea had on. Think about it. What else does he
21 know?

22 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I object to that. I think
23 he's arguing facts not in evidence.

24 THE COURT: Can y'all approach?

25 (Whereupon, a bench conference is held in the presence of

1 the jury but out of the hearing of the jury as follows.)

2 MR. CLEMENTS: I don't think Gavin Graves even knew
3 Willie Bethea.

4 MR. DEBERRY: I meant Charlie B -- Graves.

5 THE COURT: All right.

6 MR. CLEMENTS: And Charlie B wasn't here testifying.
7 That's not in evidence.

8 MR. DEBERRY: It is in evidence.

9 THE COURT: What's in evidence?

10 MR. DEBERRY: That Charlie Watson had information that
11 Boo Boo was there standing on the sidewalk with red shoes on.

12 MR. CLEMENTS: I don't recall that coming into evidence.
13 I can recall them asking about that outside the presence of
14 the jury.

15 MR. DEBERRY: No.

16 MR. CLEMENTS: And it was hearsay.

17 MR. DEBERRY: I can recall that coming in.

18 MR. CLEMENTS: And it wasn't -- it wasn't red. He said
19 it was orange and burgundy or something, Virginia Tech colors,
20 is what the statement said that I read that Charlie B gave to
21 them. And he also said Charlie B came back later and said
22 that was all a lie.

23 MR. DEBERRY: That doesn't mean I can't argue it.

24 THE COURT: The facts as I recall them is that there were
25 inconsistent statements given by Charlie B, which turned out