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Testimony of Roma Muller  
Direct Examination by Mr. Wright  
February 4, 2014

1 ROMA MULLER,

2 Having Been First Duly Sworn,  
3 was Examined and Testified as Follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. WRIGHT:

6 Q. Ms. Muller, where do you live?

7 A. I live -- my mailing address is Post Office Box  
8 Fourteen One in Lexington and my physical address is 422  
9 Tom Draft Circle [phonetic], Gilbert.

10 Q. Okay. Do you own any property here in Hampton  
11 County?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 I'm part owner of 108 Plywood Street. That was  
14 my mother, Beatrice Deloach's, home and my father's, Aiken  
15 Deloach's. When he passed away in 1970, it was my mom's  
16 from then on.

17 And my brother, Charles Deloach, lived with my  
18 mother. And my mother passed away two years ago, January  
19 25th. My brother had cancer at the time and she had a  
20 massive heart attack. His son had lived with them. He  
21 finished raising his son, Chuck Deloach, who died with  
22 cancer this coming weekend will be five years ago. And  
23 then my brother was very sick there, and he stayed at 108  
24 Plywood Street.

25 And I retired, June a year ago, to come help my

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1 brother. I was executive secretary, bookkeeper, at the  
2 school and so I started helping him pay his bills and all.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And I didn't really answer your question. I'm  
5 sorry.

6 My mother left the home, in her will, to us  
7 three children, my brother, my sister and I. So we've not  
8 probated that because my brother had cancer and he was  
9 sick and we just didn't want him to have to deal with all  
10 that, because it was enough to deal with my mom's passing.

11 So that's still in probate. But I do own a  
12 third of that home.

13 Q. Was anybody using the house as a place to stay  
14 overnight at the time of this incident?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 My niece, my brother's only living child, has  
17 three children. And because of my brother's situation, us  
18 having to care for him, she had changed her children to  
19 home schooling before he passed away. She lives in  
20 Campobello and so he -- she couldn't just come at the drop  
21 of a hat or take the children out of school, so she  
22 changed them to home school. And so she would come and  
23 stay. And my sister and I would stay.

24 And when my brother passed away, he still had  
25 his business running and my niece stayed for several weeks

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1 after he passed away. And he passed away September 16th,  
2 2013. And she stayed two weeks straight. And then she  
3 went home to get some things and then she came back.

4 And she was back and forth because she was the  
5 one having to deal with running the business. It was  
6 still open and she had people helping her. But she was  
7 able to stay during the week or the weekend, or however  
8 long, because she was home-schooling her children. And  
9 she did that with them there. She would come with those  
10 three children.

11 Q. Okay. So as one of the owners of the property,  
12 was it your understanding that in November of 2013, most  
13 specifically on the 23rd, that the house was still being  
14 used as a dwelling by your niece? Was that your  
15 understanding?

16 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

17 It was hers off and on because she was  
18 responsible for my brother's everything because she's his  
19 only living child.

20 Q. Does she have electricity in the house?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 It's still there. The electricity is still on.

23 Q. Water?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Does she have furniture in the house?

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1 number that Jessica said to call and it was a police  
2 officer. And I explained to him where I was. And he said  
3 he would meet me at the house if I would call and let him  
4 know that I was within thirty minutes of the home, and  
5 that they would meet us. And they did. And they had the  
6 items in their vehicle.

7 Q. Do you remember some of the items that they had?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 One of my mom's broaches was in the items, and  
10 some knives that were my brother's, and belt buckles, and  
11 some Christmas ornaments.

12 I can't think right now what else but --

13 Q. I'm going to --

14 A. -- all of the items they had belonged in the  
15 home.

16 MR. WRIGHT: Permission to approach, Your Honor?

17 THE COURT: Sure.

18 A. And they had one paper that they had taken the  
19 papers out of the hospital bag that we took my brother to  
20 the hospital with. And the people that had made the  
21 robbery were trying to burn those papers. And they had a  
22 piece of it, which I recognized because I took my brother  
23 to the doctor at MUSC all the time for treatments.

24 Q. [Mr. Wright] Yes, ma'am.

25 A. And it was burnt, but it still had my brother's

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1 name on it.

2 Q. Yes, ma'am.

3 MR. WRIGHT: I'm going to put this bag here.  
4 And if you could, we need to identify the items that  
5 you pull out. So you'll have to bear with me. We're  
6 going to put some tags on them as you --

7 THE WITNESS: Okay.

8 MR. WRIGHT: -- identify them.

9 So, you know, if you could, look in the bag. If  
10 you don't -- if you don't recognize the item, please  
11 do not pull it out of the bag but only if you  
12 recognize the item as something that was shown to you  
13 after the incident and that belonged in the house.  
14 Okay?

15 THE WITNESS: Should I stand?

16 MR. WRIGHT: Yes, ma'am. If you don't mind.

17 A. This was my brother's watch and --

18 Q. [Mr. Wright] Slow down.

19 A. Sorry.

20 MR. WRIGHT: Would it be better, Your Honor, to  
21 identify the whole bag of items or each -- I don't  
22 think it's necessary to do every particular item. We  
23 can do the whole bag as one exhibit, if it's okay with  
24 everybody.

25 THE COURT: It depends on whether there's an

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1 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. WRIGHT:

3 Q. I think we were almost done. I had a couple  
4 other questions for you.

5 Specifically, you said you remembered the items  
6 that you looked at; correct?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. I'm going to bring to you what's been previously  
9 marked for identification purposes as Plaintiff's --  
10 State's Exhibit 1. I would like for you to look at these  
11 items. And, first, tell me if you recognize the items  
12 contained in here. Don't pull anything out. Just look in  
13 there and see. Do you recognize those items?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 MR. WRIGHT: All right. At this time, Your  
16 Honor, I would like to move these items into the  
17 record as Plaintiff's [sic] Exhibit 1.

18 It's previously been shown to defense counsels.

19 And this person, this witness, says that she  
20 recognizes those items as items that were taken out of  
21 -- were submitted to her from law enforcement as items  
22 taken out of the house.

23 THE COURT: Is that what she said?

24 MR. WRIGHT: Well, earlier we did before we --

25 THE COURT: All right.

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1 MS. SMART-GITTINGS: No objection from this  
2 defendant, Your Honor.

3 MR. PLEXICO: No objection.

4 THE COURT: All right. Defendant 1 [sic] is  
5 admitted without objection.

6 [Whereupon, State's Exhibit Number 1 is admitted  
7 into evidence by the Court]

8 MR. WRIGHT: Can she have permission to publish  
9 them to the jury and show them what they are and how  
10 she recognizes them?

11 THE COURT: Sure.

12 MR. WRIGHT: Please just --

13 THE WITNESS: Do I --

14 MR. WRIGHT: If you can put this on the floor  
15 and then show -- or put it here on -- stand here. Put  
16 them on the chair and just stand up here and show them  
17 to the jury.

18 THE WITNESS: Okay.

19 A. This was my brother's container.

20 And these were his keys.

21 And these are belt buckles that he had in his  
22 room. He had several, lot's of, the belt buckles. And he  
23 had -- this was one of his that he put on his belt.

24 This is -- this is some of his medicine. As I  
25 said, I retired and stayed with him a lot. He had cancer.

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1 And this was part of the medicine. There was a lot of  
2 medicine. There was a whole lot of medicine in his room  
3 that was taken. That's some of it. Because we -- he had  
4 just passed away and we hadn't gotten everything cleaned  
5 out.

6 And these are two of his watches.

7 This was from my mom's room.

8 And this had a little wallet thing that was his.

9 And we carried a bag to the doctor every time we  
10 went for his treatments or for his doctor appointments so  
11 that if I was taking him, or my niece and my sister, we  
12 knew what the last record was. And we kept it in like a  
13 Ziplock-bag thing with all of his records in there. And  
14 we kept -- because he threw up a lot, we kept the bags and  
15 a change of clothes and that kind of stuff.

16 And they had taken everything out of that bag,  
17 all of his medical papers. And the police showed me these  
18 that had burned. They had tried to burn the papers. But  
19 some of it had his name and his numbers on it. They  
20 showed us that.

21 And this is one of my mom's broaches that they  
22 had taken. They had dumped all this stuff out of her top  
23 drawer and threw her Bible on the floor. And the Bible  
24 was open --

25 MR. PLEXICO: Objection, Your Honor. That would

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1 be inadmissible -- to emotion, Judge.

2 THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead.

3 A. And they took some of his mail. This was his  
4 envelope that was in part of that. Hopewell Baptist  
5 Church sent him a get-well card just about every week from  
6 their Wednesday night group, and that was in that.

7 This is one of his medical records that they  
8 took. It has his name from the hospital.

9 And this little picture is a picture of my  
10 nephew, my sister's baby. He's the baby grandchild. My  
11 brother dearly loved him. He's twenty-one now, plays the  
12 guitar. And my brother thought that was just wonderful.

13 Q. [Mr. Wright] That's the bulk of those items?

14 A. Sir?

15 Q. And that's everything that's in there?

16 A. Yes, sir, that's everything that's in here.

17 Q. All right. I'm going to show you another  
18 exhibit in a second, but let me ask you a couple of  
19 questions while you're putting that -- when you get done.  
20 You can go ahead and put it back in there.

21 A. [Witness complies]

22 Q. And when you answer this next question, please  
23 don't give me any type of description or character. I  
24 just want you to answer the question the way I ask it. Is  
25 that okay?

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1 MR. WRIGHT: All right. Put them back.

2 THE WITNESS: [Witness complies]

3 MR. WRIGHT: Madam Court Reporter, I'm going to  
4 put them over here, just to be out of your way.

5 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

6 Q. [Mr. Wright] I believe you said that you knew  
7 Travis Hair and Tonya McAlhaney. Did you give them  
8 permission, as one of the owners of the house, to go to  
9 your house?

10 A. No, sir.

11 MR. WRIGHT: Court's indulgence.

12 Please answer any questions that defense  
13 attorneys have for you.

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Testimony of Amanda Deloach Brown  
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1 AMANDA DELOACH BROWN,

2 Having Been First Duly Sworn,  
3 was Examined and Testified as Follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. WRIGHT:

6 Q. 108 Plywood Street, Hampton County, South  
7 Carolina. Did you stay there on a regular basis?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Please explain to the jury what you mean by  
10 that.

11 A. My father had been fighting cancer for several  
12 years. Originally, that was the home my father, my  
13 grandmother and my brother and I lived in.

14 When my brother passed away, my grandmother and  
15 father were still there. And then my grandmother passed  
16 away while my dad was battling cancer. So I was the only  
17 one left to take care of him, so I pretty much moved in  
18 with him.

19 Once his cancer took a turn for the worse and we  
20 got back from clinical trials, I took my kids out of  
21 school and started home-schooling so I could stay down  
22 here full time and only went home one or two days to see  
23 my husband.

24 So I was living in the house with my children so  
25 that I could run the business, once daddy passed away, so

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1 that I could keep the station open --

2 Q. In close proximity to November 23rd, 2013, were  
3 you still staying in the place --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- on a regular basis?

6 A. I lived there that week, with the children,  
7 spending the night.

8 And I left I believe it was Tuesday, the 19th.  
9 And I was going to be gone for a few days. And that was  
10 known to the business that I was running. The employees  
11 knew that I would be gone for a few days, and I guess that  
12 information was used.

13 Q. Explain what you mean information was used,  
14 employees.

15 A. Mr. Larry Crosby and Mr. Travis Hair both --  
16 now, Mr. Larry Crosby did not work for me. But he did  
17 come up to the store and he knew a lot of people in  
18 Hampton and hung out at the store, at the business, during  
19 the day. And they heard -- they were there when I -- I'm  
20 sorry.

21 Q. Let's stay away from character -- I don't want  
22 to stumble across anything --

23 A. What was the --

24 Q. -- that may be objectionable.

25 Just you said that Travis Hair and Larry

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1 Crosby --

2 A. Knew.

3 Q. -- may -- knew. Explain --

4 A. They knew.

5 Q. -- that part.

6 A. They knew. They -- I told my other associate in  
7 front of them that I had to be out of town for a few days,  
8 consistently, because my son had a dental appointment, he  
9 had to have some teeth removed, so I believed I would be  
10 gone for that time frame.

11 Q. So this defendant, Travis Hair, over -- was  
12 there when you told someone else that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. All right. The other big question. Were you  
15 moving out of the house?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Explain what was being moved, because I think it  
18 was alleged today something was being moved. What was  
19 going on?

20 A. Yeah. My grandmother passed away while my dad  
21 was still sick, so my -- we never divided my grandmother's  
22 things up from her room. And we weren't using her room,  
23 we were using the back bedroom my brother and I used, and  
24 my father's room, the other room. So there was a china  
25 cabinet that my grandmother had left me, you know, and I

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1 was taking that out because my grandmother's things had  
2 been divided but my -- the whole rest of the home was left  
3 in place. All -- my kids had a bedroom and I had a  
4 bedroom. All the beds and everything else was left. So  
5 it was just a couple of pieces of antique furniture that I  
6 was taking.

7 Q. Okay. Who helped you move that?

8 A. Mr. Travis Hair and Mr. Larry Crosby.

9 Q. So they were inside the home?

10 A. Yes. They were both inside the home.

11 Q. Did you give them consent to go in the house  
12 whenever they wanted to?

13 A. Absolutely not.

14 Q. On November 23rd, 2013, did they have consent  
15 from you to go into the home?

16 A. No, they did not.

17 Q. Where exactly is this home? I said 108 Plywood  
18 Street. But tell the jury exactly where it's at. Which  
19 county and things of that nature?

20 A. It's Hampton County.

21 It's down the road from my dad's service  
22 station, Deloach Service Station. It's just right across  
23 from Malamar [phonetic].

24 Q. So 108 Plywood Street, Hampton, South Carolina,  
25 is in Hampton County?

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1 A. Oh, yes.

2 Q. Okay. So what you're telling the jury, as  
3 pertains to the residence at 108 Plywood Street, that it  
4 was still being occupied? You just happened to not be  
5 there that day; correct?

6 A. Yeah.

7 My children's bikes were on the front porch. We  
8 had been riding our bikes. The beds were all made.

9 Q. Was there food in the refrigerator?

10 A. Food in the fridge. I mean, TV with DVDs for  
11 the kids.

12 Q. Electricity?

13 A. Fully occupied. You know, home-school stuff.  
14 Everything was in there.

15 Q. Running water? Electricity?

16 A. Running water, electricity. And I always  
17 secured the locks, so --

18 Q. So did you leave the back door open for them to  
19 come in?

20 A. No, I did not.

21 MR. WRIGHT: Please answer any question -- I  
22 apologize. Beg the Court's indulgence.

23 THE COURT: All right, sir.

24 MR. WRIGHT: Please answer any questions that  
25 defendants' attorneys have for you.

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1 dental appointment at?

2 A. Pardon me?

3 Q. Where did your child have a dental appointment  
4 at?

5 A. In Greenville.

6 Q. All right. And is this the dentist for your  
7 other two children?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay. Who's the dentist for your other two  
10 children?

11 A. The local doctor here. Doctor --

12 Q. All right. Now, so you -- what is the name of  
13 the town that you have a home in? Compobello?

14 A. Campobello.

15 Q. All right. And that is in what county?

16 A. That's in Spartanburg County.

17 Q. Okay. And your husband is there?

18 A. Yes, he is.

19 Q. And your regular place of abode is there?

20 A. I'm sorry?

21 Q. Your regular place of abode, where you dwell, is  
22 normally there; is that correct?

23 A. Well, actually, this past year it was more here.

24 I was -- if you count the days, I was here more  
25 this year than I was at home because of my father's

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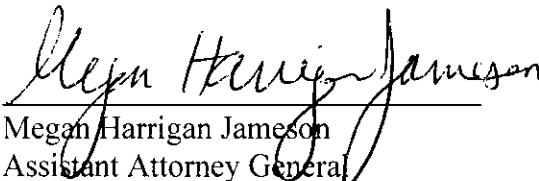
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