

1 WITNESS HAS IDENTIFIED THE DEFENDANT.

2 MR. BENDER: THANK YOU, OFFICER. NO FURTHER
3 QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

4 THE COURT: DEFENSE MAY INQUIRE.

5 MR. EIDE: THANK YOU.

6 CROSS-EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. EIDE:

8 Q HELLO, INVESTIGATOR.

9 A HI.

10 Q YOUR JOB IS YOUTH INVESTIGATION, CORRECT?

11 A YES, IT IS.

12 Q DO YOU LIKE YOUR JOB?

13 A YES, I DO.

14 Q ARE YOU GOOD AT YOUR JOB?

15 A WELL, I TRY TO BE.

16 Q MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT YOU GOT TO THE SCENE
17 THAT DAY ABOUT 2:20?

18 A APPROXIMATELY, YES.

19 Q ACCORDING TO WHAT I HAD, MY UNDERSTANDING WAS,
20 YOU BEGAN THE STATEMENT OF ANGELA [REDACTED] AT 3:37; IS THAT
21 CORRECT?

22 A AT WHAT TIME WAS IT?

23 Q THREE THIRTY-SEVEN.

24 A CAN I LOOK?

25 Q DO YOU HAVE THAT WRITTEN DOWN IN YOUR NOTES?

1 A YEAH. CAN I REFER TO IT, TO MAKE SURE?

2 MR. EIDE: YOUR HONOR, MAY HE REFER TO HIS NOTES?

3 THE COURT: SURE.

4 THE WITNESS: THAT'S CORRECT, 3:37.

5 BY MR. EIDE:

6 Q WHEN YOU TALKED TO MR. MERSON, LIKE MR. BENDER
7 SAID, YOU MIRANDIZED HIM, AND HE WAIVED THOSE RIGHTS TO
8 HAVE AN ATTORNEY?

9 A YES.

10 Q AND HE TOLD YOU AT THAT TIME THAT HE DIDN'T DO
11 IT? HE DENIED EVERYTHING?

12 A YES.

13 Q THE ROUTE THAT YOU TOOK YESTERDAY FROM THE TRAILER
14 PARK TO THE COLE'S HOUSE ON HARRISON AVENUE, DID YOU GO DOWN
15 441 TO LEE ROAD?

16 A YES, I DID.

17 Q LEFT AT LEE ROAD TO EDGEWATER?

18 A YES.

19 Q RIGHT AT EDGEWATER TO PARR?

20 A YES.

21 Q LEFT AT PARR TO HARRISON?

22 A YES.

23 Q HAVE YOU HAD YOUR SPEEDOMETER CHECKED RECENTLY?

24 A NO, I HAVEN'T.

25 Q WHEN YOU GOT TO THE SCENE ON HARRISON AVENUE, ON

1 THE 18TH, THERE WERE, WHAT, ABOUT EIGHT OTHER PEOPLE THERE?

2 A QUITE A FEW PEOPLE THERE, YES.

3 Q AT LEAST ONE OTHER OFFICER?

4 A YES.

5 Q WAS THERE A CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN THERE YET?

6 A YES.

7 Q AND THERE WAS OFFICER SCOTT?

8 A YES, THERE WAS OFFICER SCOTT. THERE WAS CRIME
9 SCENE TECHNICIAN WELCH. THERE WAS OFFICER SCOTT'S SUPERVISOR.
10 I THINK THAT WAS SERGEANT BELL, BUT I'M NOT SURE.

11 Q AND THEN THERE WERE ALL THE PEOPLE FROM THE FAMILY?

12 A YES.

13 Q WHEN YOU GOT THERE DID YOU LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE,
14 YOURSELF?

15 A YES, I DID.

16 Q YOU NOTICED, YOU SAID, PRY MARKS ON ONE OF THE
17 DOORS?

18 A YES. THERE'S A REAR DOOR, A BREEZEWAY DOOR THAT
19 HAS JALOUSIE WINDOWS IN IT. AND THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF
20 PRYING ON THAT DOOR.

21 Q DID YOU SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF ANY PRYING IN ANY
22 OF THE OTHER DOORS?

23 A NO, I DIDN'T.

24 Q OUTSIDE THAT BREEZEWAY DOOR THERE WERE SOME
25 FOOTPRINTS IN SOME SAND?

1 A YES, THERE WAS.

2 Q DID YOU SEE THOSE?

3 A YES, I DID.

4 Q DID YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO DETERMINE WHO THEY
5 BELONGED TO AT ALL?

6 A YES. THEY ALL APPEARED TO BELONG TO SHOES OF
7 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.

8 Q YOU WERE THERE WHEN C.S.T. WELCH -- AND "C.S.T."
9 MEANS CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN, CORRECT?

10 A YES.

11 Q YOU WERE THERE WHEN C.S.T. WELCH COLLECTED SOME
12 PANTIES AND A NIGHTGOWN AND A DOLL DRESS?

13 A YES.

14 Q YOU WERE THERE WHEN -- WAS THE DOLL DRESS IN A
15 PAPER BAG?

16 A YES.

17 Q AND WHEN YOU TALKED TO ANGELA AND MICHELLE,
18 NEITHER ONE OF THEM WAS CRYING, CORRECT?

19 A NO.

20 Q THAT IS, WERE THEY CRYING?

21 A THEY WERE NOT CRYING.

22 Q NOW, THERE WERE WITNESSES, OR PEOPLE THAT YOU
23 THOUGHT WERE INVOLVED, THAT YOU DIDN'T GET STATEMENTS
24 FROM; ISN'T THAT TRUE?

25 A WHO DO YOU MEAN?

1 Q DID YOU GET A STATEMENT FROM MICHAEL HYLAND?

2 A NO, I DIDN'T.

3 Q JUDY WILLEY?

4 A I NEVER MET JUDY WILLEY.

5 Q TAMMY WILLEY?

6 A I HAVE NEVER MET HER.

7 Q YOU DID GO OUT TO THE WILLEY'S TRAILER, THOUGH?

8 A YES, I DID.

9 Q AND WHEN YOU WERE OUT THERE YOU SAID YOU SAW SOME
10 VEHICLES THERE?

11 A YES, THERE WERE AT LEAST THREE VEHICLES PARKED
12 IN THE DRIVEWAY AROUND THE HOUSE.

13 Q YOU DIDN'T INVESTIGATE THE VEHICLES, DID YOU?

14 A NO, I DIDN'T.

15 Q YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF ANY OF THOSE VEHICLES WERE
16 OPERABLE?

17 A WELL, I ASKED THE PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE THAT WERE
18 IN THERE THAT NIGHT, I ASKED THEM, I SAID, "IS IT POSSIBLE
19 THAT THE SUSPECT COULD HAVE TAKEN ONE OF THOSE VEHICLES OUT
20 THERE?"

21 AND THEY ALL AGREED, YEAH, IT'S POSSIBLE.

22 Q AND YOU DIDN'T CHECK THE VEHICLES YOURSELF FOR
23 OPERATIVE ABILITY?

24 A NO, I DIDN'T.

25 Q YOU DON'T KNOW IF MR. MERSON HAD ANY KEYS TO THEM,

1 HIMSELF, OF ANY OF THESE VEHICLES?

2 A I DON'T KNOW.

3 Q NOW, IN YOUR INVESTIGATION DID YOU EVER UNCOVER
4 ANY WITNESS AT ALL THAT SAW MR. MERSON DRIVING EARLY ON THE
5 MORNING HOURS OF THE 18TH?

6 A NO, I DIDN'T.

7 Q AND IN YOUR INVESTIGATION YOU DIDN'T FIND ANYONE
8 THAT HEARD A VEHICLE NEAR THE STOCKWELL'S HOME?

9 A NO, I DIDN'T.

10 Q AND AS PART OF YOUR INVESTIGATION YOU DID CANVASS
11 THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHECK WITH SOME OF THE NEIGHBORS?

12 A NO, I DID NOT. I SPOKE WITH EVERYONE THAT WAS IN
13 THE TRAILER. NONE OF THEM HEARD ANYTHING, AND THEY WERE ALL
14 ASLEEP.

15 Q DID YOU CANVASS AROUND THE STOCKWELL'S HOUSE AS
16 PART OF YOUR INVESTIGATION?

17 A YES, THAT WAS CANVASSED ON THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT.

18 Q AND NO ONE HAD HEARD ANYTHING OR SEEN ANYTHING AT
19 THAT POINT?

20 A NO.

21 MR. EIDE: I HAVE NO OTHER QUESTIONS, YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: REDIRECT?

23 MR. BENDER: YES, SIR.

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