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Introduction to the Case

On September 26, 1991, the Raleigh Police Department discovered the body of Jacquetta Thomas lying on the pavement in a cul-de-sac at the end of Blount Street. She had been brutally murdered with both blunt force trauma and cutting trauma injuries to her head and neck. A vehicle belonging to Gregory Flynt Taylor was located approximately 150 yards away and out of view, stuck in the mud on a gravel and dirt service road.

Gregory Taylor came to retrieve his vehicle while police were processing the crime scene. Gregory Taylor ultimately told police that the night before, he and Johnny Beck had been smoking crack in the cul-de-sac. They drove up the service road and their vehicle became stuck in the mud. He said that as they walked out they saw a body in the road. Gregory Taylor and Johnny Beck both maintained that they had not seen the body prior to waking out of the cul-de-sac and had not had any contact with the Victim that night.

The police used presumptive tests that reacted positively for small amounts of blood on the underside of Gregory Taylor's vehicle. What appeared to be tire impressions leading from the body to the vehicle also reacted positively for presumptive tests of blood. The police could not locate any evidence of blood, the Victim's fingerprints, or trace evidence of the Victim's hair or clothing fibers in the truck. They could not find any evidence of blood, fibers from the Victim's clothes, or hair on Gregory Taylor or Johnny Beck. A police dog indicated the Victim's scent was on the outside of Gregory Taylor's vehicle.

Jacquetta Thomas was known to trade sex for drugs and some witnesses claimed they had seen her get in the vehicle with Gregory Taylor and Johnny Beck. The witnesses were inconsistent in details about times, where they saw the vehicle, and what the Victim was wearing. A jailhouse informant, incarcerated with Gregory Taylor, contacted police and told them that Gregory Taylor had made admissions about the murder to him.

Gregory Taylor was convicted of first degree murder by a jury on April 19, 1993. Charges against Johnny Beck were ultimately dismissed for lack of admissible evidence.

Format for Brief and Hearing

On September 3 and 4, 2009, the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission (Commission) will conduct a hearing in this case. By statute and rule, hearings are presumed closed, but may be opened by the Commission Chairperson. N.C.G.S. § 15A-1468(a) and NCCIC Rules and Procedures Article 6(D). A court reporter will be present at the hearing and if the Commission decides to refer the case to a three-judge panel, all files considered by the Commission and the transcript of the proceedings shall become public record. N.C.G.S. § 15A-1468(e).

This brief is submitted to the Commissioners prior to the hearing with the request that they will carefully review and note any questions prior to the hearing. The brief covers information about the case that was available prior to the investigation by the Commission staff. The hearing will focus on presenting evidence that was uncovered during the Commission's investigation. Multiple fact and expert witnesses have been subpoenaed to the Commission hearing.

As always, the Commission will be asked to consider the following options:

1. Conclude that there is sufficient evidence of factual innocence to merit judicial review and refer the case to a three-judge panel pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 15A-1468(c).
2. Conclude that there is not sufficient evidence of factual innocence to merit judicial review and close the investigation pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 15A-1468(c). Evidence favorable to the convicted person would be disclosed to him and his attorney pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 15A-1468(d).
3. Direct the staff to conduct further investigation into this case and continue the hearing.

State v. Gregory Flynt Taylor
Chronology of Events

Date and Time	Event / Description
9-25-91 Throughout the Night	Gregory Taylor goes out after work to hang out with friends. He eventually meets up with Johnny Beck and they use cocaine and drive around in Greg Taylor's truck. They ultimately get the truck stuck in the mud at the cul-de-sac off Blount Street in Raleigh.
9-26-91 Early Morning	Jacquetta Thomas (Victim) is murdered in the cul-de-sac off Blount Street in Raleigh.
9-26-91 Early Morning	Gregory Taylor and Johnny Beck walk out of the cul-de-sac and flag down a passing car. They use more cocaine and go home around 6 a.m.
9-26-91 7:30-7:40 a.m.	The Victim's body is discovered by a Raleigh Police Officer.
9-26-91 8:30-9:30 a.m.	Gregory Taylor arrives at crime scene and tells officers he has come to get his truck. Gregory Taylor is taken to the police department for questioning.
9-26-91 All day	The crime scene is processed by the Raleigh Police Department and the City-County Bureau of Identification. Gregory Taylor's vehicle is tested for blood.
9-26-91 Time Unknown	The first interview of Gregory Taylor is conducted by police.
9-26-91 Time Unknown	Johnny Beck is interviewed by police.
9-26-91 Time Unknown	The second interview of Gregory Taylor is conducted by police.
9-26-91 8:30 p.m.	Luminol testing is conducted at the crime scene.

9-26-91 Time Unknown	Gregory Taylor and Johnny Beck are taken into custody and charged with first degree murder.
9-27-91 1:00 p.m.	The autopsy of the Victim is conducted.
9-27-91 Time Unknown	The police canvass the area and speak to Craig H. Taylor and Eva Kelly
7-6-91	Gregory Taylor is indicted for Accessory after the Fact for assisting Johnny Beck in murder.
10-14-91	Gregory Taylor and Johnny Beck are indicted for First Degree Murder.
12-19-91	Gregory Taylor posts bond and is released awaiting trial.
4-13-93	The trial of Gregory Taylor begins.
4-19-93	The trial concludes in a conviction for First Degree Murder.
8-18-93	The charges against Johnny Beck are dismissed and he is released from jail.
4-21-97	Gregory Taylor's attorneys file a Motion for Appropriate Relief claiming ineffective assistance of counsel.
12-10-98	The Motion for Appropriate Relief is denied after three nonconsecutive days of hearing evidence.
9-11-2000	The federal court denies *Habeas Corpus*.
3-2-03	Gregory Taylor's attorneys file a Motion for Appropriate Relief requesting DNA testing.
4-10-03	Motion for DNA testing is denied.
2-26-06	North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence reviews the case.
7-23-07	The North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence refers the case to the newly created North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission.

Evidence Presented at Trial

The following is a summary of the trial transcript focusing on the evidence presented. The entire trial transcript is 613 pages long. Two portions of the transcript are included in this document in their entirety. All of the evidence is summarized in detail with an attempt to retain as much of the witnesses' actual wording as possible. Portions of the transcript not related to the actual evidence have not been summarized. This includes: experts' qualifications, procedural discussions between the judge and the attorneys, and jury instructions. If the Commissioners wish to directly review any portions of the transcript, it will be provided to them.

The opening statements of the attorneys were not recorded in the transcripts and are not available by any other means.

State's Evidence

Officer D.L. Kennon[1] (Trial Transcript pp. 25-66)

Officer Kennon testified that was is employed by the Raleigh Police Department and he was working routine patrol on Thursday, September 26, 1991 and went to the cul-de-sac at the end of South Blount Street. The cul-de-sac is a typical place for officers to meet up during patrol. The area around the cul-de-sac is non-residential and is surrounded by warehouses and a trucking company. The area around the cul-de-sac is grassy with trees. There is a swampy area with a canal or creek between the cul-de-sac and the highway. The cul-de-sac itself is asphalt with a concrete curb and is mainly used by large trucks to turn around.

[1] The trial transcript spells the Officer's name as "Kenan," but police files indicate that Kennon is the correct spelling.

Officer Kennon drove into the cul-de-sac around 7:30 or 7:40 a.m. It had rained a little the night before and it was a "pretty sunny day." Another officer was meeting him at the cul-de-sac to go over warrants and drove in behind him.

As Officer Kennon was circling the cul-de-sac, he saw a body lying in the street. He stopped his car and radioed to the officer behind him to stop any vehicles from coming into the cul-de-sac. He walked up to the body and saw that it was a female with her pants pulled down and a puddle of blood running from her shoulders. He saw that she was not breathing and touched her leg with his foot. He felt that her leg "had started to harden" and he called in to the Raleigh Police Department and they dispatched additional units, a supervisor, and the City-County Bureau of Identification (CCBI). Officer Kennon then secured the crime scene.

The District Attorney asked Officer Kennon to describe what he observed about the Victim. Officer Kennon testified that she had short hair and wore tan knit pants and underwear that were pulled down around her brown leather boots. She had on a brown flowery button up shirt that had been pulled up to her neck and was "kinda torn open." Her red bra was pulled up to just above her breasts. She had holes in her head and a cut from the bottom of one ear to the bottom of the other ear. He said, "Basically her throat had been cut."[2] He testified that there were marks on the Victim's chest that looked like they had been made with a knife, but had not really bled. There was a lot of blood on the pavement and caked around her neck and blood coming from two big holes in her head.

Off to the side of the cul-de-sac was a gravel service road that led to a billboard. Officer Kennon noticed that the gravel on the service road had been disturbed. Down the road about 150

[2] Throughout the investigation, several people observed injuries that indicated the Victim's throat had been cut. The Medical Examiner later determined that the Victim's throat had not been cut, and the throat wounds were lacerations resulting from blunt force trauma. See Autopsy report ME-91-897, September 27, 1991.

feet from the body was a truck stuck in a gully that the rain had washed out.[3] The truck was a white Nissan Pathfinder with some water skis in the back. "To get to the truck from the body, you would have to drive up over the curb, go up a little hill, down a little hill. The crest of the hill blocks the view of the truck from the body."[4] Officer Kennon later testified that the only way for the truck to get to the gully was through the service road from the cul-de-sac.

Officer Kennon testified that another officer named Andy Currin arrived about an hour and a half after the body was discovered and brought a bloodhound named Sadie to the scene. Officer Currin laid gauze on the Victim's skin and let the dog smell it and then turned the dog loose. The dog went up over the crest of the hill to the truck and "jumped up" on the truck.

Officer Kennon was shown photographs of the crime scene and described them for the jury. The photographs are included in the next section of the brief labeled trial exhibits. Officer Kennon recalled that when he first saw the victim, there were two or three "little bitty" blue ziplock (sic) bags on the ground near the victim. Based on his past experience, these were the kind of bags used to package cocaine for drug deals.

Officer Kennon said that around 9:00 or 9:30 a.m., Gregory Taylor came up to the crime scene and told an officer that his truck was stuck in the mud behind the cul-de-sac. He was with a lady and another man. Gregory Taylor said he just needed to go get his truck and he would be out of the way.

On cross examination, Officer Kennon stated the truck was about 100 yards or 300 feet from the body. The truck was facing towards the water and away from the body. Officer Kennon testified that it looked to him like the rain did not fall on top of the Victim, and he felt that she probably bled after it had rained that night. The cul-de-sac is not lit by a street light, but

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[3] The transcript reads 150 feet, but later it is clarified that Officer Kennon meant yards.
[4] Based on the context of the questioning, it appears that Officer Kennon means the crest blocks the view of the truck from the body and vice versa.

the billboard and lights from the surrounding businesses provided light. People leave beer cans and trash in the cul-de-sac, but do not dump large scale itmes like appliances. The weeds around the service road were between knee and waist high.

On redirect, Officer Kennon stated that none of the officers touched the Victim's body and then walked up to the truck. He touched the Victim with his shoe and then walked up the crest of the hill and looked at the truck.

Trial Transcript of State v. Gregory Flynt Taylor, pp. 25-66.

Agent Donald. H. Pagani (Trial Transcript pp. 66-81 and 112-188)[5]

Agent Pagani testified that he works with the City County Bureau of Identification (CCBI) in Raleigh. His duties are to assist investigating agencies with collecting evidence, testing evidence, photographing, and documenting crime scenes.

On September 26, 1991, Agent Pagani was asked to go to this crime scene. He arrived at 7:57 a.m. Upon arrival, he was briefed and waited for the Raleigh Police Department Major Crimes Unit to respond. Approximately 40-45 minutes after Agent Pagani arrived, another officer named Andy Currin arrived with a bloodhound. Agent Pagani testified that he had not personally gone up to the truck, "until the scent dog had his opportunity to do the job that he was there for."

Agent Pagani was accompanied by his supervisor and several other personnel. They photographed and videotaped the scene without moving any items. They also took measurements of the scene and did a crime scene drawing. They then collected physical evidence.

[5] Agent Pagani's testimony was conducted over two days with a break in the middle in order to allow the Medical Examiner to testify due to scheduling purposes.

Agent Pagani described the cul-de-sac and used the photographs to illustrate his testimony. He noted that the Raleigh Police Department had done a good job securing the crime scene. He described the Victim as a black female with numerous "lacerations or cuts." She had a "cut" on her windpipe, a "laceration or cut" across her right breast, numerous superficial "lacerations or cuts" below her left breast. She had "lacerations or cuts" on her hands and the back of her right arm. She also had several "lacerations or deep cuts" on the right side of her head. The body had been "disrobed," her blouse was torn or pulled apart, she had on a red bra, and her pants and underwear were pulled down around her boots.

After they photographed the body, Agent Pagani removed the Victim's underwear, pants, belt, socks, and shoes so that trace evidence would not be lost when they transported the body. He conducted trace evidence collection by running special adhesive tape over the Victim's clothing and body to collect any hairs or fibers that could have been transferred from the person that committed the crime. He fingerprinted the Victim for identification purposes. The fingerprints were taken back to his office and compared with other prints on file with CCBI and the Victim was identified as Jacquetta Thomas.

Agent Pagani testified that based on the information about the nearby truck, "We had strong reason to believe that it was involved in the crime." They searched for tire impressions or evidence that the truck or any other vehicle had left in the area. They photographed and did a dental stone impression of two tire marks found in the sand. The dental stone impressions did not yield useful castings because the sand shifted.

They also observed tire impressions of what "appeared to be blood," that they believed showed the path of a vehicle going directly beside the body and heading North towards Blount

Street. They used phenolphthalein on the tire impressions and they did "react as if they were blood of some type."

Agent Pagani said they came back to the scene later that night when it was dark and sprayed luminol around the scene. The luminol showed tire marks in a "track of what appeared to be blood all the way in a circle going in a northerly direction turning to the west and then coming back and then it went into the driveway that goes out into the field, access road." The areas that reacted were marked with spray paint. Agent Pagani used photographs to illustrate his testimony showing the route the vehicle traveled. The photographs are included in the trial exhibits section of this brief.

The vehicle was removed from the scene and towed to a secured garage for further processing by CCBI. Agent Pagani described the vehicle and noted that the back cargo area had the seat up for passengers to ride in it, "But it did have a considerable amount of sport related gear in the back area." Agent Pagani testified that they first collected trace evidence from the vehicle. They used tape to lift fibers, hairs, and other trace evidence from the seating and carpeting of the vehicle. The tapings were submitted to the SBI for further testing and comparison.[6]

Agent Pagani then took latent print lifts from the entire interior and exterior of the truck as well as items inside the vehicle. Another agent compared the lifted latent prints with known fingerprints of Gregory Taylor, Johnny Beck and the Victim. Agent Pagani testified that a print from the driver side of the vehicle was matched to Gregory Taylor, a print from the passenger

[6] SBI report January 6, 1991, Lab number R910018525 states: "Examination of above listed evidence did not reveal a transfer of hairs between the suspect and the victim." And SBI report March 15, 1991 states: "Examination and comparison of items submitted failed to reveal a fiber association of apparent significance between the victim and the suspect's clothing."

side of the vehicle was matched to Johnny Beck, and no prints from the vehicle were able to be matched to the Victim.

CCBI also examined the exterior of the vehicle for blood. They checked the steering wheel, the door handles, under the vehicle, and the fenders. Agent Pagani testified that based on the tire impressions at the scene, they "had very good reason to believe at that point that a vehicle had passed through the blood of the victim." For that reason, they expected that blood could have been flung up under the passenger fender.

CCBI did phenolphthalein testing on the vehicle and got a positive reaction on the undercarriage of the A-frame, described as the "arm of the tire that would pivot where the shock absorber is." They tested several other areas that did not react. Several "suspicious stains" were also tested with phenolphthalein and it "showed they could possibly be human blood."

They then used gauze thread samples to collect the stains and sent them to the SBI for further analysis. They then removed the wheels and the fender liner from the car and Agent Hensley tested everything with luminol. The tires did not react with luminol.

Agent Pagani then refers to the SBI report and says that the thread sample from the A-frame did not "reveal the presence of blood," but a thread stain from the fender did reveal the presence of blood.[7] A stain from the inside of the Victim's pants "was insufficient to permit a complete blood stain pattern."

Agent Pagani testified that the Victim had on two pairs of panties. Agent Pagani noted a tissue found near the body, "Had the appearance of a tampon at the time that we actually saw it at the scene and we assumed that it might have been in the victim's clothing and had been

[7] Testing conducted on behalf of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission on these thread samples, the fender liner, and the paper overlay of tire impressions "failed to reveal chemical indications for the presence of blood." The analysts attempted to extract DNA from the thread sample and "no DNA profile was obtained." The SBI Analyst is subpoenaed to appear before the Commission. See SBI Laboratory Report number R200809577, dated February 19, 2009 and March 17, 2009.

thrown clear from the clothing at some point." That tissue did test positive for blood consistent with that of the Victim through blood grouping.

The SBI report states that a cutting from the Victim's panties revealed the presence of semen. The blood typing done on the semen was inconclusive and could not be matched to anyone.[8]

On cross examination, Agent Pagani testified that he could not see the vehicle from the cul-de-sac because it was hidden in a tree line and you had to walk up the service road to see it. Beyond the truck was a "damp area."

The officers walked through the area and collected bags of miscellaneous debris such as bottles, beer cans, and matchbook covers. He processed these items for prints and did obtain several latent prints. None of these prints matched the suspects or the victim.

Agent Pagani testified that the Medical Examiner collected "unknown hairs on the victim's face." He also saw an abrasion on the Victim's right shoulder that was in his report, but not on his diagram.

Agent Pagani said that Dwayne Deaver from the SBI also came to the crime scene and submitted a report noting dripping stains to the West of the body, but no stains of interest on the body. The mortuary service collected the Victim's body at 3:10 p.m. and transported it to the Wake County Morgue.

During cross examination, Agent Pagani noted that in addition to taping the car for trace evidence, they also used a laser and an ultraviolet light. They found no evidence using the laser

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[8] Testing conducted on behalf of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission on the sperm fraction from the vaginal swab and a sperm fraction obtained from a cutting of the Victim's panties revealed the same DNA profile. The profile was compared to Gregory Taylor, Johnny Beck, Craig Taylor, James Gist, and Andy Manuel and all were excluded as possible contributors of the semen. The profile was run through the DNA databank maintained by the SBI with no hits. See LabCorp report number F07-7446 dated January 14, 2008; SBI report number R200809577 June 10, 2008; LabCorp report number F07-7446 May 26, 2009; SBI report number R200809577 June 29, 2009

or light and the tapings were sent to the SBI lab. The results of analysis "did not reveal a transfer of hair between the suspect and the victim." The examination of the tapings of the Victim's clothing, the suspect's clothing, and the vehicle "failed to reveal a fiber association" between any of the three.

On redirect, Agent Pagani testified that there are many factors that contribute to the likelihood of getting trace fibers off material. Agent Pagani testified that he felt there was less chance of getting physical evidence from the pubic hair combings of the suspects because there was time between the murder and the collection when they could have showered. Agent Pagani testified that he felt the hairs collected from the Victim's face were fairly long human hairs and not canine hairs. The weather was fairly windy that day.

Agent Pagani stated that the blood on the body was still damp when he arrived. Agent Pagani noted that the photographs of the Victim's arm show an "arc" in the blood. He testified that it would indicate a possible movement of her arm. Agent Pagani testified that in his opinion, the Victim was likely alive while lying on the pavement.[9]

Trial Transcript of State v. Gregory Flynt Taylor, pp 66-81, 112-188.

Dr. Deborah L. Radisch (Trial Transcript pp. 82-110)

Dr. Radisch is a medical doctor and the Associate Chief Medical Examiner for the State of North Carolina. She was accepted by the court as an expert in the field of forensic pathology. On September 27, 1991 at 1:00 p.m., Dr. Radisch conducted the autopsy on the body of Jacquetta Thomas.

[9] Agent Pagani was not admitted to the court as an expert witness.

Dr. Radisch first noted that there were several traumatic injuries on the Victim's body of different kinds. "There were two large lacerations or tears in the scalp on the right side of her head." She described them in detail and noted that they were "lacerations or tears as opposed to a cut from a sharp edged instrument." There was a third laceration in front of the right ear that extended onto the back of the right earlobe.

The chin and neck had several injuries. There was a shallow, rough edged laceration or tear below the chin and above the neck. There were several smaller scratches or abrasions and then two large, deep lacerations on the front of the neck. There were abrasions and scrapes on the right posterior and back of the neck and on the right shoulder. There was also a "puncture wound or shallow stab wound" on the back of the right shoulder.

Dr. Radisch described multiple abrasions to the Victim's chest that ranged from 1½ inches to 2¾ inches that were "very shallow areas in the skin where the top layer had been scraped away." She said the three wounds below the breast "appeared to have been made by a cutting type of instrument, perhaps dragged across the skin, one edge of the longest injury actually had a puncture type wound or very shallow type stab wound at the end."

There was a puncture type or shallow stab wound over the right breast that was one inch deep with some bleeding and bruising around it. There was a tear that went all the way to the bone on the right lower arm. There was a shallow tear on the lower left arm. On the left hand, there was a large tear or cutting in the web space between the fourth and fifth fingers that measured 2¼ inches and curved from one side of the palm to the other.

Dr. Radisch used the autopsy photographs that she prepared to illustrate her testimony. These photographs are included in the section of the brief labeled Trial Exhibits. Dr. Radisch

testified that by the time these photographs had been taken, most of the blood had been cleaned off the body to show the wounds clearly.

All of the injuries appear to have been made roughly around the same time. The wounds on the chest are from a "cutting type" instrument and the large wounds on the head and the neck are blunt force injury. Dr. Radisch described blunt force injury as "some sort of blunt instrument such as a baseball bat or a brick or something like that coming in contact with the skin and this is in contrast to a sharp force injury or an injury made by an object with a sharp cutting edge like a knife."

The internal examination showed several associated injuries. The skull had a "very complex or very complicated depressed fracture over the bones of the right side of the skull in association with one or both of the lacerations of the right side of the scalp." Fragments of bone from the skull had been driven into the brain. There was a little bit of bleeding into the brain. There was a fracture in the skull where the bones joined at the back of the head. There was bleeding over the bottom of the brain as well.

The upper airway was crushed. The Adam's Apple had been crushed in at least four places with associated bleeding. The sixth cervical vertebra was fractured with bleeding over the spinal cord. The spinal cord was intact. There was bruising in the right breast tissue associated with the puncture wound. The left third through sixth ribs were fractured with bleeding over the sixth rib.

Dr. Radisch testified that it was her opinion that the cause of death was "due to blunt traumatic or blunt force injuries of the head and neck." There was no evidence that the Victim had been struck by a vehicle. Her opinion was that the lacerations and irregular jagged wounds were consistent with a "heavy blunt object which might have a sharp edge…more than likely to

be made of metal than say of wood or in that broad category." There could have been two different weapons or one weapon that was a heavy blunt object with a sharp cutting edge.

Dr. Radish testified that toxicology reports showed a "very high concentration of cocaine" in the Victim's system. The cocaine had been breaking down in her body, so it was impossible to tell how long before death it entered her system. She later testified that the level of cocaine in the Victim's system was potentially lethal.

The injuries could have been caused by a heavy blunt object with one or more sharp edges. In her opinion the wounds were inflicted while the Victim was still alive. Dr. Radisch said the wound under the Victim's chin is a blunt force injury and could have been inflicted after the Victim died. Some of the wounds have varying characteristics of blunt and sharp force, "it looks like the type of wound that could be made by a dull knife."

There were four broken ribs and only one had associated bleeding. They could have been broken at the time of death or after the death. The level of force required to break the ribs could be consistent with a "stomp" or a "broad surface being applied to the area."

A few short dark hairs were found on the Victim's cheek and retained as evidence.[10] The abrasions on the Victim's shoulder "have some characteristics of a "brush burn" or "road burn" type injury."

On redirect, Dr. Radisch noted that the shoulder abrasions could have been made by someone struggling to get off the pavement. The head wounds had to be made by a weapon that had some weight with some force applied to it. It is possible that more than one weapon was used. If there were two weapons, it would be a "dull, sharp edged instrument in addition to a heavy blunt object with no sharp edges."

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[10] Two of these hairs were tested at the request of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission and the Victim and her maternal relatives could not be excluded and the contributor of the hair. LabCorp report F07-7446, January 14, 2007.

The broken ribs are consistent with a wound that was inflicted after the life had gone from the Victim. The bleeding and bruising to the brain shows that the heart was beating when the injuries were made. These wounds were the cause of death. The wound on the chin has different characteristics that may mean they were inflicted after the Victim's heart stopped beating.

Dr. Radisch notes from the photographs that the bleeding at the scene was extensive. This is consistent with the Victim having been killed in that spot and not killed elsewhere and then moved to the cul-de-sac.

Trial Transcript of State v. Gregory Flynt Taylor, pp. 82-110.

Officer Andy Currin[11] (Trial Transcript pp. 189-242)

Before the jury heard Andy Currin's testimony, a *voir dire* was conducted outside of their presence. The Defense Attorney brought out that the dog was trained to track scent, but not scent from a dead body. The court made findings of fact and allowed the jury to hear the testimony.

Andy Currin testified that he was a police officer with the Raleigh Police Department and a trained dog handler. At the time, he was working with two dogs and brought one named Sadie to the crime scene. Sadie was trained to track scents at schools in Fayetteville and Connecticut. Sadie was trained to track a scent article from a person and follow the trail. Sadie had an over seventy percent success rate in finding people whose scent she was tracking.

At the scene, Andy Currin gathered the Victim's scent by laying sterile gauze on the Victim's leg. He put the gauze in a plastic bag. He took Sadie 25 feet Southeast of the body and

[11] By the time of trial, Andy Currin was no longer an officer with the Raleigh Police Department.

put the plastic bag over her nose giving her the command to find. She worked in a zigzag path, as is her usual way of following a trail. She went past the vehicle and down the embankment. She wandered in a circle at the bottom of the embankment about 20 or 30 feet past the vehicle and stopped, which indicated that she had lost the scent trail. Sadie came back and sat beside Andy Currin, which is how she indicates that the scent trail had disappeared.

Andy Currin took Sadie back up the ridge about 30 feet from the vehicle and stuck her nose back in the plastic bag and told her to find again. When she got about ten to fifteen feet from the vehicle, she acted like she picked up the scent again. Sadie "jumped up" on the driver's side door of the vehicle and went around the back and jumped up on the passenger side of the vehicle too. She then worked a circle around the vehicle and came back and sat down by Andy Currin. Andy Currin testified that this behavior indicated that the scent from the gauze was somewhere on the vehicle.

On cross examination, Andy Currin testified that he was told to get a scent from the body and see if the scent was anywhere out there. He said he could not remember if he knew that the police were trying to get a search warrant for the vehicle. Andy Currin remembered that one of the CCBI technicians had mentioned that a vehicle was out there, but he could not see it from where he was originally standing.

Andy Currin admitted that Sadie is not trained to track a scent from a dead body. Andy Currin said he has had some concerns about being asked to perform that kind of work in the past and did on that day too. On an earlier occasion, he advised his supervisor that Sadie was not trained for that purpose.

Andy Currin said he started Sadie on the scent track about 25-30 feet away from the body and 25-30 feet closer to the vehicle. She was keyed properly the first time and ran right by the

car and on to the bottom of the embankment. She was then rekeyed and told to "keep looking" before she went to the vehicle.

On redirect, Andy Currin testified he was satisfied that Sadie demonstrated finding the scent on the car. He testified that Sadie was "real reliable."

On recross, Andy Currin testified that the embankment was "real steep" at a 45 to 60 degree angle. There was nothing other than trees down there and no water where the dog stopped. The seventy percent of the time that Sadie did well was when she followed a trail, but that didn't necessarily mean he could "prove she was right."

On redirect, Andy Currin said he felt that the gauze he laid on the Victim's leg to gather her scent was "one of the best scent articles ever used."

Trial Transcript of State v. Gregory Flynt Taylor, pp. 189-242.

Agent William E. Hensley (Trial Transcript pp. 242-279)

Agent Hensley testified that he is a supervisor for the City-County Bureau of Identification (CCBI). The CCBI is a forensic crime scene investigative unit assigned to work with various Wake County agencies. Agent Hensley testified about his training and experience. He explained how phenolphthalein and luminol work. Phenolphthalein is more specific to the detection of blood, but luminol can identify blood that is not visible to the naked eye. Luminol can react to substances other than blood and result in a "false positive." Luminol will destroy the blood types and groupings, so you want to use phenolphthalein first.

Agent Hensley recalled that the crime scene was taped off when he arrived. He and Agent Pagani videotaped the crime scene and took still photographs. Agent Hensley authorized a

fire truck being brought to the scene so they could take aerial photographs. The vehicle was also videotaped back at the CCBI processing garage.

Vehicle tracks were noted in the sand or silt along the pavement curb. Latent examiners were requested to come evaluate the possibility that vehicle tracks drove through the blood. Agent Hensley used photographs of metal placards to illustrate the tire marks. The photographs are included in the next section of the brief called Trial Exhibits.

Agent Hensley stated that the wound between the Victim's fingers was also photographed because it might be a defensive wound.

They conducted a luminol test of the crime scene after dark and after the body had been removed. Luminol is sprayed in a fine mist and fluoresces when it comes into contact with blood. The fluoresces do not last long and do not photograph well, so drawing and interpretations have to be made as you go along. In this case, they marked the fluoresces with white paint. Agent Hensley said the luminol reacted to linear marks on the pavement that appeared to be tire tracks. The tracks "went by the body probably through the pool of blood by the head and left arm area and then it traveled in a northerly direction, turned sharply, went back to a southern direction and then went in a southeasterly direction up towards the path." The last track went up the curb to the service road. Agent Hensley testified using diagrams and overlays.

Agent Hensley testified that if the Victim's arm was in the same position they found it in when the vehicle drove by, the vehicle would have had to run over the arm and crush the hand. The medical report shows that the arm was not run over.

On the front passenger wheel well of the vehicle, there was a red substance that gave a positive reaction with phenolphthalein and they took a sample for further testing. They saw a "very faint," "very minute" stain on the fender lining that reacted with phenolphthalein and

submitted it for further testing. A luminol test on the wheel well showed fluoresces that might have been blood slung off the wheel. The luminol destroys the blood for further testing, so they did phenolphthalein for any spots they wanted to send to the lab.

There was no chemical reaction on the tires, but they were sunk down in the mud and spinning them in the ditch would "be almost like taking sandpaper and cleaning the wheel."

A video of the crime scene was played for the jury while Agent Hensley described the scene. He describes the dirt on the body and says that at one point, the Victim had to be lying on her left side because dirt is adhered to the skin. He notes there is some bleeding in the knee area and blood stains were found on the inside of the pants at the knee area. The hand has an arc of bloodstains around it.

The debris around the body was not wet. Agent Hensley felt that the matches found near the Victim were not rained on or they would have absorbed the water. The video shows the crime scene on the day of the murder, the vehicle at CCBI processing, and the crime scene the next day with the paint to mark the luminol reactions. Agent Hensley indicated that the area outside the cul-de-sac did not have any indication that it was regularly used for four-wheeling.

Trial Transcript of State v. Gregory Flynt Taylor, pp. 242-279

Detective Johnny Howard (Trial Transcript pp. 280-353)

Detective Howard testified that he was an Investigator with the Major Crimes Unit of the Raleigh Police Department and was called to the crime scene. The license plate number from the vehicle had already been run and came back registered to Gregory Taylor when Gregory Taylor arrived at the scene with his wife and co-worker around 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. Detective Howard

asked Gregory Taylor to accompany him to the Investigative Division for an interview "because of the locale of his vehicle to the body and he [Gregory Taylor] said he would be happy to."

Detective Howard and Detective Lyles spoke to Mr. Taylor. They interviewed him for about 45 minutes and Gregory Taylor told them he had visited a friend, gone to see another friend and watched part of the Braves game. Then he stopped by Johnny Beck's residence, had a few beers, and went four wheeling around 2:30 a.m. Detective Howard testified that he did not "believe that to be true."

Detective Howard further testified that Gregory Taylor said that his vehicle became stuck and he and Johnny Beck walked out and then Johnny Beck said there was a body. Gregory Taylor thought it was a roll of carpet or probably a body and they walked on. Johnny Beck said "don't look back there's someone standing over the body" and Gregory Taylor looked back and saw someone over the body. Detective Howard stated that Gregory Taylor said he saw no other vehicles at the scene.

Detective Howard said Gregory Taylor indicated he was about ten to fifteen feet from the body and could not tell if it was a body, but when Gregory Taylor later saw someone several hundred yards away, he could see the color of their clothing.

Eventually, Gregory Taylor told Detective Howard that he was smoking crack that night. Detective Howard testified that the interview was recorded and transcribed. The interview was played for the jury and a transcript provided to the jury is included in the next section of the brief labeled "Trial Exhibits."

Detective Howard testified that he spoke to Gregory Taylor's wife and he eventually searched Mr. Taylor's house. Investigator Howard also talked with Johnny Beck. After Gregory

Taylor permitted the police to search his residence and accompanied them there, Detective Howard again interviewed Gregory Taylor at the Investigative Division.

Detective Howard testified that Gregory Taylor told them he was driving his vehicle with his lights on and there was "no doubt" that there was no body lying in the cul-de-sac when he pulled in.

Detective Howard testified that Eva Marie Kelly is a white female prostitute who the police spoke to when they were "attempting to locate individual or individuals that may have seen the victim with the suspects." Detective Blackman later interviewed Ms. Kelly on October 1, 1991, when she came to the station to give a statement. Both statements are included in a later section of this brief.

They also spoke to a black prostitute named Shelia Crowder and a white prostitute named Parley Ann Pate, nicknamed "Tex."[12] When Detective Howard questioned Johnny Beck, he indicated that he did not see any other people around the body that night and denied seeing a person in white or red shorts.

On cross examination, Detective Howard testified that he arrived at the scene at 8:30 in the morning and Gregory Taylor came up a few minutes later. He spoke to Gregory Taylor about making a statement and he agreed to come to the police department. Detective Howard and Detective Lyles interviewed Gregory Taylor and the interview started in the morning and lasted until 11:20 a.m. Gregory Taylor gave them the contact information for Johnny Beck and they were able to interview him in the afternoon. Gregory Taylor also took them to his residence and let them go in and look around and take whatever they needed.

[12] The Trial Transcript says her nickname is "Tec," but police files indicated it is Tex and this is likely a typographical error.

The interview of Johnny Beck lasted until 7:10 p.m., the start time is not recorded. There were breaks during the interview when they talked to Gregory Taylor or had Johnny Beck show them things. After they interviewed Johnny Beck, they reinterviewed Gregory Taylor. That interview ended at 6:25 p.m.[13]

Detective Howard testified that at some point during the investigation, they also interviewed Barbara Avery-Ray. Ms. Avery-Ray was the person that Gregory Taylor said picked them up at 4:00 or 5:00 in the morning, after their truck was stuck.[14]

The defense attorney led Detective Howard though the tape of the first interrogation of Gregory Taylor and had him make corrections to the tape transcript. Detective Howard affirmed that during the entire interrogation, Gregory Taylor maintained that he knew nothing about the murder. Detective Howard agreed with the Defense Attorney that Gregory Taylor consistently maintained his innocence and said his fingerprints would not be on the Victim.

Detective Howard admitted that multiple times during the interview, he told inaccurate information to Gregory Taylor in "an attempt to obtain the truth." He told Gregory Taylor that luminol had detected blood at his vehicle, but at that time the luminol testing had not yet been conducted. He also told Gregory Taylor that the dog had tracked to his car, but the dog had not actually been brought to the scene yet.

Detective Howard told Gregory Taylor multiple times that a witness named Gerald Smith could identify Gregory Taylor and Johnny Beck, but in fact Gerald Smith had only said that he saw two black males out in that area about that time of night and did not give a description of Gregory Taylor (who is white) or Johnny Beck. During the interview, Detective Howard said to Gregory Taylor, "I have not told you anything that was not true."

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[13] It appears that after the police interviewed Johnny Beck they conducted the second interview of Gregory Taylor and then went back to Johnny Beck to collect hair samples. The interviews were not conducted simultaneously.
[14] Hearsay objections were sustained as to what Barbara Avery-Ray said.

Detective Howard said that he talked with Gregory Taylor about the death penalty and still, Gregory Taylor consistently maintained his innocence. When police asked him to show them where Johnny Beck lived, Gregory Taylor said, "anything you want me to do to help, I will." Gregory Taylor said he was willing to take a polygraph test, but was never offered the opportunity to take one.

After the first interview, Detective Howard spoke to Gregory Taylor's wife and then Gregory Taylor took them to his house. After that, they interviewed him again and Gregory Taylor told them about the cocaine and described where they got it. During the entire day, Gregory Taylor had no contact with Johnny Beck.

During the second interview of Gregory Taylor, Detective Howard continued to state things that were not true as an investigative technique. Detective Howard told Gregory Taylor that Johnny Beck had attributed things to him that were not true. He later told Gregory Taylor that Johnny Beck said Gregory Taylor did the murder, but in reality Johnny Beck never said that.

Detective Howard talked to Gregory Taylor about a life sentence and how his family would feel. Gregory Taylor steadfastly denied having anything to do with the murder. Detective Howard continued to tell Gregory Taylor that he could prove his involvement with the murder and cited evidence that he did not have.

At the end of the interview, Detective Howard told Gregory Taylor that he was left with "no choice," and Gregory Taylor became emotional and cried. Detective Howard testified that the entire time from when Gregory Taylor came to the crime scene until the end of the interviews at 7:30 or 8:00 that evening, Gregory Taylor was in the presence of the police. Gregory Taylor and Johnny Beck were arrested and charged with first degree murder at the end of the day.

On redirect, Detective Howard testified that the interview technique was designed to "obtain the truth." When he started using this "technique," Gregory Taylor admitted that he had been smoking crack cocaine.

During the interview, Gregory Taylor asked Detective Howard if someone had cut the woman's throat, but police had not told him how the Victim had been killed.[15] Detective Howard agreed with the prosecutor that after Gregory Taylor left the cul-de-sac and until he called his wife at 7:30 a.m., he was with Johnny Beck. By the time Detective Howard conducted the second interview of Gregory Taylor, the dog had been used and the phenolphthalein tests had been run.

On recross, Detective Howard testified that when he showed photos to Gregory Taylor, he said, "I want you to look at these photos. That woman died a horrible death. Somebody is going to pay one hell of a price." Gregory Taylor then said, "How did she die? Did someone cut her throat?"

On redirect, Detective Howard said the photo he showed Gregory Taylor was a Polaroid and he could not personally tell how the Victim died from the photo.

Trial Transcript of State v. Gregory Flynt Taylor, pp. 280-253.

Detective William A. Blackman (Trial Transcript pp. 356-363)

Detective Blackman testified that he was working in the homicide division of the Raleigh Police Department in September of 1991. The night after the Victim was discovered, he took a photograph of Gregory Taylor, a photo of Johnny Beck, and a photo of Gregory Taylor's vehicle and went out to talk to people who might have seen the Victim. One of the people he spoke with

[15] The autopsy was not conducted until after this interview. The Medical Examiner later determined that the Victim's throat had not been cut, and the throat wounds were lacerations resulting from blunt force trauma. See Autopsy report ME-91-897, September 27, 1991.

was a white female named Eva Marie Kelly. He knew Ms. Kelly from talking with her in the past and she was a known prostitute. She said that she had seen the people in the photographs the night before.[16]

A few days later, Ms. Kelly came down to the police department and spoke with Detective Howard and Detective Blackman. That interview was recorded. Ms. Kelly "was very cooperative." When he spoke to her the night after the murder, he did not make her any promises or threaten her in any way.

Trial Transcript of State v. Gregory Flynt Taylor, pp. 356-363.

Eva Marie Kelly (Trial Transcript pages 363-401)

Ms. Kelly testified that she lived in the back of a large rooming house that has since been torn down. She was a prostitute and was out in front of her residence in September of 1991 when Detective Blackman came up and talked to her. He asked about different people and then told her "that they had found a girl's body."

Detective Blackman showed her a photograph of the vehicle and asked if she had seen it. She told him she had seen the vehicle "cruising around" during the day and into the night. While she was sitting on the wall in front of the house "looking for dates," the truck stopped and the passenger called her over. The passenger was a black male and the driver was a white man. They asked her if she wanted to "party with them and get high and they showed me some money." Ms. Kelly testified that she did not go with them because "I just don't go with two men at one time." The black guy showed her money and cocaine in the form of rocks and powder. It

[16] At this point, an objection was sustained.

was the same vehicle in the picture Detective Blackman showed her. After the conversation, they drove away.

Ms. Kelly testified that other girls hung out in the vicinity too. One girl went by "Patrick" and another went by "Whoopi."[17] A girl named "Jackie" was with Whoopi. Ms. Kelly testified that she had seen Jackie a few times before and that she was a "black girl" a couple of inches shorter than Ms. Kelly and "kindly on the hippie side" with short hair.

Later that same evening, she saw the two men again. She came in the house with "a date" and they were sitting in the kitchen. It was the same two men that she saw in the vehicle and they were sitting with Jackie and Whoopi. The room was lit and she could see faces, but at the time she did not realize it was the same men she had seen earlier. They were doing drugs. Jackie was sitting on a stool smoking a stem pipe. The black man had his back to her and was looking around. The white man was sitting at the table using a syringe in his arm. She told them to leave because her "date" was getting scared away.

Ms. Kelly testified that she left to catch her "date" and came back about 45 or 50 minutes later and the two men and Jackie were leaving. Whoopi was no longer with them. Ms. Kelly's boyfriend came out and sat beside her on the wall and they walked off towards Cabarrus Street. Shortly after the truck came out of Cabarrus Street and went up the hill towards Bloodworth Street. She recognized it as the same truck she had seen earlier and then she recognized the men as the same people she had seen earlier. She did not know the exact time, but it had to be early morning.

Eva Kelly did not originally tell the officers about seeing the people in the kitchen because there were still people selling drugs in the house and she did not want to bring the police in there. The house has now been torn down.

[17] The Transcript spells the name "Whoppie."

Ms. Kelly said the police did not offer her anything to give her statement. Since her statements, she was convicted of cocaine possession and is on probation. At the time of trial, she was currently facing two probation violations and had a signed agreement with the District Attorney about her probation violations. She had two five year sentences and the District Attorney agreed that if she testified truthfully, he would not oppose running them concurrently instead of consecutively.

Ms. Kelly testified that the defendant was the man she saw driving the white truck and leaving the house with Jackie, but his hair appeared to be a bit lighter.

On cross examination, Ms. Kelly testified that it was routine for a number of people to come through her house and neighborhood and that there are drugs and prostitution in that area. She had no reason to look at or record the license plate on the truck.

The week before the trial, the District Attorney provided Ms. Kelly with a copy of the statement she gave to police and she had it in her jail cell. Ms. Kelly said she looked at the statement everyday laying in her room, but "it isn't mulled to death. I mean, I just didn't read anything." From the time she made that statement until the week before the trial, she had not had any contact with the police or the District Attorney. Mr. Ford and two other men came to see her in the jail and later came back with an agreement to testify.

When the police first came, they asked questions about a lot of people that hang out around the block. They asked about a man named Andy. They showed her a picture of the Pathfinder and a picture of a black man and a picture of a white man. They did not show her a photo array with multiple pictures in it.

Ms. Kelly testified that when she made the recorded statement on October 1st, the police showed her a picture of Jacquetta Thomas. She said she did not know her. Ms. Kelly said the

Jackie she testified about earlier was someone she knew from the street and that was who she thought the police were talking about. When the police showed her a picture of the dead body, she said she didn't know anyone that resembled that picture. She testified, "The girl Jackie that I saw with these two men, you know, when they came out of my house and that dead body still doesn't look like the same person."

At the time, she did not tell police about the things she saw in the kitchen because she did not want to bring the police into the house. She told the District Attorney about it before she signed the agreement to testify.

On redirect, Ms. Kelly testified that the first time she told the District Attorney about the kitchen was when he came to see her in jail before they made any agreement to testify. She was afraid of the people selling drugs in the house and "if I brought police up in there, you know, might have been bringing harm to myself." It was the prosecutor's idea to give her a reward for her testimony. Later, he came back with the police officers and gave her the original statement to review.

Ms. Kelly had moved multiple times since the murder and knew the police were looking for her for probation violations. She agreed with the District Attorney's statement that she made herself "pretty scarce." She did not know they were looking for her as a witness in this case. She testified that what she told at trial and what she said to Detective Blackman was the truth.

Ernest Andrews (Trial Transcript pp. 401-432)

The entire testimony of Ernest Andrews is included directly from the Trial Transcript. Any markings on the transcript were not made by the staff of The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission.

1 discussed any agreement, was that the truth?
2 A Yes, sir.
3 Q Thank you, ma'am.
4 COURT: Further recross?
5 MR. DODD: Thank you, Your Honor. I don't
6 need to ask any further questions.
7 COURT: All right. You may step down.
8 [WITNESS EXCUSED.]-
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10 MR. ERNEST ANDREWS, being first duly sworn, testified as
11 follows during DIRECT EXAMINATION by Mr. Ford:
12 Q Would you state your name for the Court, please.
13 A Ernest Andrews.
14 Q Mr. Andrews, where do you live?
15 A New Bern, North Carolina.
16 Q And what do you do for a living?
17 A I install underground cable.
18 Q Are you self-employed or work for a company or
19 what?
20 A I work for a company out of Kinston or Dover,
21 North Carolina, H & H Construction.
22 Q And how long have you been working with them?
23 A Since September of '92.
24 Q Now, in September of 1991, did you have occasion
25 to be in the Wake County Jail?

1 A Yes, sir, I did.
2 Q For what purpose?
3 A Had just been given a five year sentence for
4 embezzlement.
5 Q And around the 26th of September and the 27th of
6 September, you had already been sentenced?
7 A Yes, sir.
8 Q What were you doing in the Wake County Jail at
9 that point?
10 A Waiting for transport to Troy, North Carolina,
11 Southern Correctional Center.
12 Q How were you housed in the jail at that time?
13 A Well, I think four or five blocks within one cell
14 block and then there was what they will call a bullpen
15 and everything was full to the max and I was sleeping on
16 the floor on a mattress, if that is what you mean by
17 housed.
18 Q Okay. At that point we were, were you still in
19 the old jail in this building, you weren't in the new
20 jail?
21 A No, sir. I was in the old jail.
22 Q All right. Were you the only person sleeping on
23 the floor?
24 A No, sir. There was, I would guess 12 or 15.
25 Q Now, sometime in late September did you have

1 occasion to be in jail and see the defendant seated
2 over here at the end of the table?
3 A Yes, sir. It was either Thursday night or Friday
4 morning they brought the defendant in for murder and
5 that was E-Block if I am not mistaken we were on E-Block
6 in the old Wake County Jail.
7 Q Well, would you tell us what happened and what
8 conversations you had, if any, with this defendant
9 during the course of his incarceration at the same place
10 you were.
11 A Well, I was there two days I think after they
12 brought the defendant in and when he first came in, it
13 is natural I guess for, you know, to be walking around.
14 Well, he was pacing the floor anyway and I guess after
15 an hour or so after he were in, we just started talking
16 and asked him what he was here for and that is when I
17 found out, he said he was charged with murder or had him
18 arrested for murder and there was several of us setting
19 around at that time. And one of them said well, how did
20 she die and he said with a smile on her face which there
21 are several ways that could go, you know, there's a
22 sexual content to a smile on the face but this is not
23 like that. One of the guys, a black guy asked well what
24 do you mean? He says, well, she was cut from ear to
25 ear, throat cut. And he did not say he did that now.

1 You know, I am just saying that is what was conversed.
2 I guess an hour, two hours, something like that,
3 it was in the early morning hours I am sure of that that
4 the detectives carried him out for interrogation or to
5 talk to him, detectives and possibly an attorney.
6 And he came back in and, you know, he was nervous
7 and at that time there was probably four people watching
8 television setting around talking and I was smoking a
9 cigarette. You are not suppose to smoke a cigarette up
10 there but you can buy anything you want, you know. So,
11 you know, anyway I was smoking a cigarette and I asked
12 him, started about the conversation what happened and
13 all, what is going on and all and he said well, just
14 interrogating me and all. Over the course of time we
15 kept talking. I mean, you know, just conversation
16 talking and he said things really got screwed up. Was
17 suppose, suppose to just have a party and things got out
18 of hand. The girl did not want to, I don't know, she
19 got upset anyway and made an attempt to run and the
20 statement was he hit her.
21 Now, I don't know if it was him or the this other
22 guy that was with him, which I don't know the other guy
23 that was with him. I never saw him. And said things
24 got out of the hand and they left. The police found his
25 vehicle there, arrested him him basically. He said that

1 he never told his wife about this girl. Just told her
2 his vehicle was stuck.
3 She made the statement well you should have had it
4 pulled--he said she made a statement you should have had
5 your vehicle pulled out. Not anything about the girl
6 that was killed at all was said in that statement.
7 Of course, when we first started talking, he was
8 saying that they didn't even know the girl was out there
9 until him and this other guy started walking out and
10 came across the body.
11 Q You mean when you were first talking to him--
12 A Yeah.
13 Q --he denied having known the girl or seen the
14 girl?
15 A Seen the girl until they were walking out. They
16 were walking out and he said he looked over, glanced
17 over his shoulder and saw a body laying there.
18 Q And subsequently did he tell you that wasn't true
19 or indicate that wasn't true?
20 A That was not immediately. That was later on. He
21 had just come back from interrogation which was in the
22 late morning or early morning however you want to speak
23 of it. It was after 12:00 o'clock. And that's when he
24 said things just got out of hand. And the guy never
25 said that he killed the girl or, you know. Just like I

1 say, he said things got out of hand. We were suppose to
2 go out and party, drink a little, and I think maybe
3 smoke a little. I don't know about that. You know, I
4 am not sure about the smoking part but I am sure about
5 the drinking and partying. Getting high was the word he
6 used. Now, some people get high by getting drunk.
7 Others get high by other ways.
8 Q So he used the term they were going out to get
9 high?
10 A Yes, and party.
11 Q All right. Do you recall whether or not he told
12 you there was another person with him, another man?
13 A Oh yes, there was another male with him, a black
14 male, he said.
15 Q All right. Did he tell you whether or not they
16 had, or where this woman had come from?
17 A No, sir.
18 Q Did he indicate whether it was a date or how she
19 got up with them?
20 A He said it was a prostitute. I mean, you know, I
21 don't know where she came from. He never said that they
22 picked her up, where they picked up. Just picked her
23 up. I mean, I don't know if it was downtown Raleigh or
24 out at the fairgrounds or what. He just said they
25 picked her up and they were going out to party and have

1 a good time and get high.
2 Q During the course of the conversation did he
3 explain to you whether the term partying had the
4 connotation of sexual activity?
5 A They was to have, going to have sex. Now I am not
6 going to say that it was going for sex or what. But
7 they were going out and party, have sex and get high.
8 Q And what did he tell you regards to the female and
9 her, did he tell you whether or not the girl was in his
10 vehicle at any time?
11 A Yes. In fact they were in the vehicle. This is
12 where the girl jumped out from.
13 Q I am sorry. Did what?
14 A This is where the girl jumped out and ran from.
15 Q All right. Well, what did he tell you about
16 jumping and running from the vehicle?
17 A They were partying, drinking and then he said
18 things, the girl got mad or upset, jump out, he hit her.
19 He hit her and she jumped out. I don't know if he means
20 he hit her with his, himself hit her or the other guy
21 hit her or just that he hit her. And she jumped out.
22 The other guy jumped out and ran after her and that's
23 the other guy with the defendant. Now, not the
24 defendant himself but the other guy jumped out of the
25 car, out of the truck and ran after her.

1 Q Did he tell you whether, did he say something to
2 you about what this other people had said to him when he
3 came back?
4 A I am not, I am not real sure but it was something,
5 I don't think she'll do anymore partying. Something
6 along those lines possibly.
7 Q Now, in--how long a period of time did this take?
8 How long a time were you in the presence of the
9 defendant during the course of your incarceration there?
10 A Total hours, I'd probably say, guessing 24 to 36
11 hours at the most.
12 Q And during the, over what period of time did he
13 give you this information?
14 A It was, I'd say within a four hour period, four to
15 six hours. Somewhere along in there. You know, I don't
16 know exactly what time they brought Greg in at all. But
17 I know it was after midnight or, you know, it was dark
18 hours when we were talking and most of the other people
19 were asleep or what not.
20 Q When you were talking to him?
21 A Yes, sir.
22 Q Okay.
23 A Well now, at one point there was a black guy named
24 Duck. I don't know his real name.
25 Q I am sorry. His name is what?

1 A Duck. They called him Duck. I assume he is
2 probably 35, somewhere along in there. He was in there
3 for drugs I believe and when we first started talking,
4 he was up. Now, as far as him ever hearing what went on
5 after he was taken out and interrogated in the morning
6 hours, I don't know.
7 Q All right. What made you think that he had been
8 out and interrogated?
9 A Mostly the expression that he had on his face when
10 he came back in and he also stated that he had been
11 interrogated. Now, which I don't know.
12 Q You don't know for what purpose he was taken out
13 of your own knowledge?
14 A No, sir. In fact, I did not even know the man's
15 name was Taylor, Gregory Taylor until the bailiff kept
16 or whatever you call him, the jailer kept coming and
17 calling him out. I knew his name was Greg but not
18 Gregory Taylor.
19 Q All right. What, what did you do with this
20 information and under the circumstances?
21 A Well, under the circumstances, I didn't do
22 anything probably for I'd say three days, something like
23 that. I was transferred from there over to the annex
24 where I could talk on a phone without having to worry
25 about whose looking over your shoulder. A little bit

1 more freedom over in the annex. At that time I called a
2 friend of mine, my girlfriend and told her to call the
3 Raleigh Police Department concerning--
4 Q Did you tell her why?
5 A Yes, sir.
6 Q And what did you tell her?
7 A That one of the defendants here in the jail, at
8 that time I knew his name was Gregory Taylor and had
9 told me about him being involved in this case and to
10 call the detective because I had already been sentenced
11 and to be honest with you, there was nothing you could
12 do for me. The term had already passed but yes, it
13 would look good on for parole purposes.
14 Q That was your --
15 A That was really my only intent.
16 Q Now--
17 A Because when I talked to the detective, I plainly
18 told him I am not asking you for nothing and you are not
19 promising me nothing. I am giving you this. You can do
20 what you want.
21 Q After you gave those instructions to your girl-
22 friend--
23 A Yes, sir.
24 Q --did, subsequently did a detective from the
25 Raleigh Police Department come to talk to you?

1 A Yes, sir, he did. He came and picked me up at the
2 annex, Detective Bissette setting the second in the
3 middle here and then brought me over to the Raleigh
4 Police Department.
5 Q All right. And at that time was your recollection
6 of what the defendant told you fresher or less fresher
7 in your mind than it is now?
8 A It was a whole lot fresher.
9 Q That was some year and a half ago?
10 A It was in, it was probably--well, I know it was a
11 year and a half ago because it was late September. It
12 was after the 26th when probably, it was close to
13 October first or second maybe when the detective came
14 and talked to me.
15 Q And at that time did you give the detective an
16 accurate statement of what you had heard in the jail?
17 A Yes, sir.
18 Q To your knowledge did the detective record that
19 statement while you were giving it to him?
20 A He did, sir. He had a recorder there. Yes, sir.
21 Q Now, you don't have any charges pending at this
22 time?
23 A Not to my knowledge.
24 Q You and I don't have any agreement for you to
25 testify?

1 A I don't have any agreement with anyone, you or the
2 Parole Commission. I am on patrol but I have no
3 agreement with you, the Parole Commission or anyone else
4 concerning this testimony.
5 Q Did you attempt to give the defendant, the
6 detective when you talked to him an accurate summation
7 of what you had heard and what had been told to you ?
8 A I gave him an accurate summation of what was told
9 to me, not what I had heard.
10 Q Okay. And was that--and you attempted to do that
11 when you talked to him?
12 A When I talked with the detective, yes, sir, I did.
13 MR. FORD: I don't have any further questions.
14 COURT: Cross-examination.
15 MR. DODD: Thank you, Judge Allen.
16 CROSS-EXAMINATION: [by Mr. Dodd]-
17 Q Mr. Andrews, my name is Mike Dodd. I need to ask
18 you some questions on behalf of Mr. Taylor.
19 A Yes, sir.
20 Q How long had you been in the Wake County Jail
21 before you talked to Mr. Taylor?
22 A Let's see, I believe I was sentenced the day
23 before or two days at the most. I was sentenced either
24 on a Tuesday or Wednesday.
25 Q You had been out and not in jail until the

1 sentence?
2 A Correct. I had been on bond almost two years.
3 Q And this conversation that you had with Mr. Taylor
4 was about how long after you had been in jail, just
5 roughly?
6 A A good day.
7 Q Do you remember whether it was in the middle of
8 the night or whether it was in the afternoon or roughly
9 when it was?
10 A Well, as I have told, just stated as far as after
11 him being interrogated, I feel like it was in the early
12 morning after midnight.
13 Now, the first time, it was, that we talked it was
14 probably, I would say whatever time your news comes on
15 here in the afternoons of that day now.
16 Q The place was crowded. Were y'all having to sleep
17 on the floors?
18 A Yes, sir.
19 Q Had pads or something for y'all to lay down on?
20 A I had a, I reckon you call it a plastic foam
21 rubber, foam rubber with plastic on it to sleep on and
22 Mr. Taylor slept, well, he took the position at my feet.
23 I mean, you just don't have but so much room.
24 Q All right. The nature of this initial
25 conversation with Mr. Taylor was he was complaining

1 about the fact that he had been charged and telling you
2 why they were charging him and what they told him, is
3 that a fair statement?
4 A Initially, yes, sir.
5 Q All right. Or the point I am getting at, he was
6 upset and he was telling you I've been charged with
7 murder and they say I did this and say that I did that.
8 They say the girl's throat was cut and this sort of
9 thing, is that a fair statement?
10 A Yes, sir.
11 Q Then you say that he went outside for
12 interrogation and when he came back you talked to him
13 again?
14 A Yes, sir.
15 Q And then he started talking, complaining again and
16 he started telling you what they were telling him and
17 started talking about being with the girl that evening,
18 is that right?
19 A With the girl, yes, sir. I don't know if you mean
20 that evening or what.
21 Q Well, when he came back in, if I am misunder-
22 standing you now, you tell me, because--
23 A Okay.
24 Q --you need to say what you need to say.
25 A Right.

1 Q But I understood you to say when he came back that
2 is when he started mentioning the fact that he and this
3 other fellow had been with the girl?
4 A Yes, sir, that was killed.
5 Q And that they had gone to get cocaine and that
6 sort of thing?
7 A I never mentioned they went to get cocaine. No,
8 sir. I said, they said they were going to get high
9 whether it was drugs or what, I don't know. I get high
10 on whiskey.
11 Q And he never told you where they picked the girl
12 up as you have testified, right?
13 A Just picked the girl up. As I said never said
14 anywhere or any place, in other words.
15 Q And he didn't tell you that he knew who the girl
16 was that was picked up?
17 A No, sir.
18 Q And he didn't describe for you what she had on or
19 anything like that or her size or hair color or whether
20 she was black or white or anything else?
21 A Black.
22 Q He said she was black?
23 A Black.
24 Q All right. Now, if he had said that, you would
25 have remembered that would you not?

1 A I just said that he said she was black and his
2 codefendant was black.
3 Q All right. So, let me make sure I understand that
4 now. You are saying now that Greg told you that the
5 girl he was with was black, is that right? Is that your
6 testimony?
7 A That the girl that was killed was black.
8 Q Not the girl that was killed but the girl he was
9 with that night?
10 A That they picked up-- Now, which point are you
11 talking about, the first conversation?
12 Q Let me rephrase--
13 A All right.
14 Q --my question. He was talking to you about a girl
15 they picked up that night according to you?
16 A Right.
17 Q And that's the girl that I am talking about.
18 A Uh-huh.
19 Q He didn't tell you anything about that girl, did
20 he?
21 A That the girl that they picked up was to go out
22 and party and have a good time and get high.
23 Q All right. But what I am trying to get at is the
24 description of the girl. He didn't say we picked up a
25 white girl--

1 A No, he didn't say she was a--
2 Q --that was five three--
3 A No, nothing like that. No, sir, he did not say
4 any description like that.
5 Q Because you didn't have any idea which girl it was
6 he picked up or where he picked her up or what she
7 looked like or whether she was blond, blue eyed or black
8 or what? He didn't say that, did he?
9 A He said that --
10 Q Wait a minute.
11 MR. FORD: Objection.
12 COURT: Well, go ahead and answer the
13 question.
14 Q Answer my question yes or no and then you can
15 explain it all you want to.
16 COURT: Go ahead and answer the question.
17 A Okay.
18 COURT: Then you can explain your answer.
19 A All right.
20 Q Did he say --
21 COURT: Wait a minute. Go ahead and answer
22 the question and explain your answer now.
23 A Okay, but let me have the question again.
24 Q All right. He never did tell you who he was with
25 partying that night, did he?

1 A Yes, he did. As far as him and a black guy and
2 they picked up a prostitute.
3 Q All right. Well, let me do it another way. What
4 else did he tell you about the prostitute? Did he
5 describe what she looked like?
6 A No, he did not.
7 Q Did he say she was black?
8 A Yes, they did.
9 Q He did?
10 A Yes, he did.
11 Q Now, if he had said that, was that something you
12 would have remembered, right?
13 A Well, I mean, what do you mean by would have
14 remembered?
15 Q Well, it's not in your statement.
16 MR. FORD: Objection.
17 COURT: Well, sustained as to what's in the
18 statement.
19 Q When you talked to the police, when you gave them
20 the written statement, you did not tell them that he
21 described any particular girl or any individual, did
22 you?
23 A Well, I don't have a copy of the statement, but I
24 don't know about that now. But if you have a copy of
25 the statement--

1 Q Okay. Do you recall telling the detectives in the
2 statement that they recorded and transcribed that Greg
3 Taylor told that he had been partying with a black
4 female that night? Do you remember telling them that?
5 A That, I don't remember. I don't know if I told
6 that in the statement or not. Like I said, I don't have
7 the statement.
8 Q All right. We will get to that in a minute.
9 A All right.
10 Q Mr. Andrews, when you were talking with Greg about
11 this incident in the jail, he told you that he had been
12 with somebody named Johnnie, is that a fair statement?
13 A I wouldn't say it is a fair statement.
14 Q Well, is that, is that what he told you or not?
15 A That he was with a black guy. I think, the guy's
16 name was Johnnie.
17 Q Have you read the statement that you gave to the
18 police?
19 A I have about a couple months ago.
20 Q You haven't read it in two months or so?
21 A No, sir. The reason -- well --
22 Q Now, as Mr. Ford said, when you gave this
23 statement to the police, it was much fresher in your
24 mind, the information that you heard?
25 A Correct.

1 Q Okay. And you haven't seen this statement in
2 several months according to your testimony?
3 A I saw the statement when this trial was scheduled
4 before the attorney was dismissed in the case. Ever how
5 long that has been, been a month or two months.
6 Mr. Ford's office contacted my home to see if I
7 was willing to testify or what and I said yes, I was and
8 he came down and talked with me at the Craven County
9 Sheriff's Department in New Bern, North Carolina.
10 Q When you, when you looked at that statement, do
11 you recall from that statement telling them that Greg
12 indicated to you that he and this person named Johnnie
13 had been working together for a year? Do you remember
14 anything like that?
15 A Yes, sir.
16 Q And in the course of that statement Greg never
17 admitted cutting her throat but he kept saying y'all
18 said that they had cut her throat, meaning the police,
19 is that true?
20 A The only thing he ever said about her throat being
21 cut was that she died with a smile on her face, that her
22 throat was cut from ear to ear. He never said that he
23 cut her throat and he never said the black guy cut her
24 throat.
25 Q Do you remember telling the police that Greg never

1 admitted cutting her throat but he said y'all said that
2 they had cut her throat?
3 A Yes, I remember him telling that, me telling the
4 police that.
5 Q Mr. Andrews, the reason I believe you said that
6 you were in the jail on this particular occasion was
7 because you had just been convicted and sentenced on
8 embezzlement, the felony of embezzlement, is that right?
9 A Yes, sir.
10 Q And that happened through August and November of
11 1989, is that correct?
12 A The embezzlement was from August to November of
13 '89, yes, sir.
14 Q And that was, you were found guilty or plead
15 guilty rather to having embezzled money from the
16 Thirty-one-W Installation Company, Inc., where you were
17 employed?
18 A Yes, sir, in the amount of 32 thousand 9 hundred
19 and some dollars.
20 Q All right. And what was the sentence you received
21 on that?
22 A I received a five year sentence.
23 Q Okay. Now, over what period of time did you take
24 that money?
25 A From maybe late July or August to November. Even

1 though your warrant would state from the time I started
2 working there.
3 Q Now, your complete name is Ernest Franklin
4 Andrews, is that correct?
5 A Yes, sir.
6 Q And your social security number is [redacted]--I am
7 sorry. That's your Veteran's Administration number,
8 right?
9 A I don't remember my Veteran's Administration
10 number. I have my card in my pocket. I can verify
11 that.
12 Q All right. Social security number is [redacted]
13 is that right?
14 A That's correct.
15 Q And at that time you were working you were working
16 for Thirty-One-W Installation Company, Inc., you were a
17 manager, is that correct?
18 A That's correct.
19 Q You live now in New Bern?
20 A Yes, sir.
21 Q You didn't live in New Bern then. That was a
22 Raleigh company, wasn't it?
23 A That is a Raleigh company located out by the
24 airport.
25 Q Okay. Were they able to get this 32 thousand

1 dollars back?
2 A I am paying restitution on it right now every
3 month.
4 Q That's not the only thing that you have been
5 convicted of?
6 A No, sir. I was convicted in '66 of forgery and
7 uttering, in 1968 of armed robbery and accessory to a
8 kidnapping, in 1976 to worthless checks, several counts.
9 Q Do you remember how many?
10 A No, I sure don't.
11 Q And you were convicted in '76 also of obtaining
12 property by--
13 A By false pretense.
14 Q --by false pretense.
15 A Again in 1988, yes, '88, and --
16 Q Three counts in '88?
17 A Yes, sir.
18 Q All right now 1990. Do you remember what you were
19 convicted of in 1990? Seven counts of false pretenses,
20 worthless checks?
21 A Right. Yes, sir.
22 Q Does that ring a bell?
23 A Worthless checks does.
24 Q All right. And several obtaining property by
25 false pretenses, three counts of that?

1 A If that is in Jacksonville.
2 Q Yes, sir. And you served a good bit of time for
3 each of those, did you not?
4 A For each of what, sir?
5 Q Well, each of those offenses, for example on the--
6 A On the armed robbery, I served--
7 Q --you were sentenced to 30 years, were you not?
8 A Yes, sir.
9 Q And on the kidnapping you were sentenced to ten
10 years?
11 A Concurrent.
12 Q And on the forgery and uttering, at least on one
13 of them you had six months and in any event on each of
14 those you received separate sentences. How long have
15 you actually served in the Department of Correction?
16 A I would say roughly 11 years out of my life.
17 Q I believe, you testified earlier that you are
18 currently on parole, is that right?
19 A Yes, sir.
20 Q Is there any probationary sentence attached to
21 your parole or will be attached at the end of anything
22 that you know of?
23 A Not to my knowledge.
24 Q So as far as you know you are not on probation.
25 You are just simply on parole?

1 A Corrrect.

2 MR. DODD: Thank you, Your Honor. I have no

3 further questions of Mr. Andrews.

4 COURT: Any redirect?

5 MR. FORD: Yes, Your Honor.

6 REDIRECT EXAMINATION: [by Mr. Ford]-

7 Q Mr. Andrews, is it, after Mr. Taylor told you what

8 he was in jail for--

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q --the first story that he told you about what

11 happened was what?

12 A Where he and this guy were walking out from where

13 they went out to party and at that time it was just he

14 and the guy partying and they were walking out--they got

15 stuck and they were walking out and he glanced over his

16 shoulder, he saw a body laying there. He looked closer

17 and it was a black female.

18 Q Subsequently did he change that story?

19 A After he had been interrogated, as I said,

20 anywhere from, I think maybe two times. I know it was--

21 Q At least he was taken out of your presence a

22 couple of times?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And he came back and he had a strange look on his

25 face or a worried look or what?

1 A He had a real worried look the second time that he
2 went out.
3 Q All right.
4 A I don't know if the first time was for a lawyer or
5 what.
6 Q Well, what, what did he tell you about this female
7 person?
8 A As--the only thing said about that is that they
9 picked up this prostitute with the intent of partying
10 getting high and making a little love. Didn't say that
11 it was going to be sex I don't believe no matter what.
12 Going to be some, you know, the girl got mad. Never
13 said why but they were fondling around in the truck or
14 station wagon, whatever you want to call it, and the
15 girl got mad, upset or something. She jumped out.
16 Well, he hit her. I don't know who he is. I don't know
17 if it is Greg or if the, the Johnnie dude. She jumped
18 out and this guy with him ran her down.
19 Q All right. Now, can you tell me as best you can
20 recollect the racial makeup of that cell block you were
21 in?
22 A It was probably, the standard norm of from six to
23 eight to one, six blacks to one white, eight blacks to
24 one white. You know, that's just the same throughout
25 the whole state.

1 Q And were you aware of that when the defendant was
2 making this statement to you?
3 A Aware of the ratio?
4 Q The fact that there where many more black people
5 in there than--
6 A Oh sure. In fact, I mean, you know they may not--
7 I don't know what happened. I know he got in a fight
8 there. I mean, I don't know why but --
9 Q Well, do you recall whether or not--I am not
10 asking you whether or not you told these detectives. I
11 am asking you what the defendant told you.
12 Do you recall whether or not he told you this
13 prostitute was black?
14 A Yes, he said that the prostitute was black. He
15 and a black guy that had worked with him went and picked
16 up a black prostitute.
17 Q Did you find it wise that he was announcing that
18 he had taken part in this thing with a --
19 A No, I did not find it wise to even talk about it.
20 You know, well, there wasn't that many people, like I
21 said, around at the time that was awake and they were
22 kindly off, like, they have a table along the bars.
23 There's a TV up in the through bars and they were
24 setting at this end, the furthest end and we were at the
25 other end.

1 Q Okay. Well, what concern, if any, did you have as
2 to what the defendant was saying out loud in that area?
3 A Well, it wasn't a concern so much for my own but I
4 was wondering what might happen to him.
5 Q And why was that?
6 A It is, well, that ratio is, well, a lot of things,
7 I don't know if these people has ever done time before
8 that was in there, but rape and murder is not an
9 excusable crime amongest the penal community. There was
10 a time when you didn't go to the penitentiary for rape,
11 didn't matter who it was. You didn't go for child
12 molesting or anything. You didn't make it if you went
13 and that was my concern because, as I said, I started
14 out in the old days.
15 Q All right. Did he express to you in a voice loud
16 enough --
17 A You couldn't never heard what was being said from
18 where you are at now. This gentleman here if he had
19 great hearing, he may. It was more of a, you know, just
20 sitting around the table, eating lunch at the time
21 conversation. Wasn't any raised voices.
22 Q I am asking you, do you recall whether or not you
23 were concerned for the fact that he was telling you
24 about what had happened to a black person with all of
25 these other blacks in there?

1 A Oh yes, that is what I was saying as far as the
2 racial content. Yeah, I was concerned not for my safety
3 so much, but for him.
4 Q And when did that thought cross your mind?
5 A When he first came in. I mean, when he first came
6 in and this hit the news and it hit the newspaper, you
7 know, that's when I was thinking about his safety.
8 Q All right. Do you know whether or not he ever
9 worked, you personally know whether he worked a day with
10 Johnnie?
11 A I don't know that the man ever worked a day in his
12 life. I don't know what he did. I don't know if either
13 one of them ever worked. I am just telling what he told
14 to me.
15 MR. FORD: I don't have any further questions.
16 COURT: Any further recross, Mr. Dodd?
17 MR. DODD: May I have one minute, Your Honor?
18 COURT: All right.
19 MR. DODD: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.
20 COURT: All right.
21 RECROSS EXAMINATION: [by Mr. Dodd]-
22 Q Mr. Andrews--
23 A Yes, sir.
24 MR. DODD: May I approach the witness, Your
25 Honor?

1 Q I am going to hand you a copy of this document and
2 ask you if you recognize what that is.
3 MR. FORD: I again request that be marked.
4 COURT: All right, if your are going to hand
5 him anything, I think for the record's sake, it needs to
6 be identified.
7 Q Mr. Andrews, I am going to hand you a copy of a
8 document that says "Raleigh Police Department
9 Supplementary Report". The following interview is with
10 Ernest Franklin Andrews and it has been marked as
11 Defendant's Exhibit 2 for identification. I'm handling
12 this to you only.
13 A Yes, sir.
14 Q I want to ask you if you recognize that?
15 A Yes, sir. This is the statement that I gave to
16 Detective Bissette.
17 Q Okay. Is that the statement that you have read
18 before? Did they give you a copy of that statement to
19 read?
20 A Well, I'll say it appears to be a copy of the same
21 statement. I mean, I don't know word for word.
22 Q All right. Would you read that statement now to
23 yourself, please.
24 A To myself?
25 A Yes, sir.

1 [WITNESS READING STATEMENT TO HIMSELF.]
2 MR. DODD: May I approach the witness, Your
3 Honor?
4 COURT: Yes, sir.
5 Q Thank you, Mr. Andrews. Mr. Andrews, having read
6 this statement, does that refresh your recollection as
7 to what happened in the jail that evening?
8 A Yes, sir.
9 Q Now, in this statement you just read there's
10 nothing at all about Greg Taylor either picking up a
11 black female or a prostitute, is there?
12 MR. FORD: Objection.
13 Q Do you recall now having read this statement--
14 MR. DODD: Rephrase the question, Your Honor.
15 Q Do you recall now having read the statement that
16 Greg told you anything about picking up a black female?
17 A That he told me about it?
18 Q Yes, sir.
19 A Yes, sir.
20 Q All right. So you are maintaining then that he
21 told that he picked up a black female even though it is
22 it not in the statement?
23 MR. FORD: Objection.
24 COURT: I understand that's what you
25 testified, is that correct?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 MR. DODD: All right, thank you. No further

3 questions.

4 MR. FORD: I don't have any further questions.

5 COURT: All right, you may step down.

6 [WITNESS EXCUSED.]

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8 MR. FORD: If Your Honor please, at this time

9 I am going to move to introduce into evidence State's

10 Exhibit 38, 39, 40 and --

11 COURT: Well, I already have 38 and 39

12 introduced into evidence without any objections of the

13 defendant.

14 MR. DODD: That's correct.

15 MR. FORD: I am moving to introduce State's

16 Exhibit 40 and State's Exhibit 41.

17 COURT: Any objection to 40 and 41, Mr. Dodd

18 and Mr. Adams? Any objection.

19 MR. DODD: No, sir.

20 COURT: State's Exhibit number 40 and State's

21 Exhibit number 41 is introduced into evidence without

22 any objections of the defendant.

23 MR. FORD: And at this time I would ask that

24 all the State's Exhibits introduced at this time which

25 are viewable be passed amongest the jury, those that can

1 be viewed by handling. I am not asking that the
2 videotape --
3 COURT: Well, I don't believe we have got time
4 before lunch. I think I will let the jury go to lunch.
5 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I'm going to let
6 you have your lunch recess now.
7 I am going to ask that you be back today at 2:30.
8 Keep in mind the instructions and the order of the court
9 and you may now go for your lunch. Everyone else remain
10 seated.
11 [JURY LEAVES COURTROOM.]
12 COURT: All right. Let the record show that
13 the jury has been sent to lunch and it has been brought
14 to my attention that in this lobby right outside, Mr.
15 Dodd and Mr. Adams, when the jury is out there that it
16 appears that some of the relatives or friends of the
17 defendant appear to be close with them. I've instructed
18 the jury that they are not to have any contact with
19 anyone connected with this case and I would asks that
20 y'all talk with your people and ask that they not, that
21 they avoid getting close to the jury and the lounge.
22 MR. DODD: Yes, sir, we will.
23 COURT: All right. Now, you are asking to
24 show the exhibits to the jury. I have in mind of
25 dividing them up into two groups and letting them go

1 down the back row and the front row and then switching
2 around, Mr. Ford.
3 MR. FORD: The State has no objection to that
4 method being used. The only, State's Exhibit 1 and 1-A
5 through E, of course, is going to be -- which ever group
6 you want to put that in, of course, is cumbersome.
7 COURT: Well, I am, 1-A and, 1 and 1-A, B, C,
8 and D I will allow the bailiff to stand before the jury
9 and show one and let all of them look at that and when
10 they indicate that they are ready to move on, then he
11 can make it 1-A, 1-B and 1-C.
12 MR. FORD: All right.
13 COURT: Do you understand what I have said?
14 MR. FORD: And also State's Exhibit 1-E, which
15 is the overlay, as it appears on there now with the
16 alleged luminal tracing on it, Your Honor, didn't
17 mention that but I assume that you allowed that.
18 COURT: Yes.
19 MR. FORD: Okay.
20 COURT: That's introduced. Anything that's
21 introduced into evidence.
22 So what I'll do, I'll let the bailiff, before any
23 of the other exhibits are passed, let the bailiff stand
24 before the jury, show you one and when they've indicated
25 they've all had an opportunity to see that, go to 1-A

1 and then when they all have indicated, go forward with
2 that. Once he does that, then I'll let him pass to the
3 jury two bundles, one on the back row and one on the
4 front. I'll let you put the bundles in any order you
5 would like to have them, Mr. Ford.
6 MR. FORD: All right.
7 COURT: Anything else before lunch, counsel?
8 MR. FORD: No, sir.
9 MR. DODD: No, sir.
10 COURT: Do you anticipate calling another live
11 witness?
12 MR. FORD: At this time I don't but I would
13 reserve until after lunch to make that final decision
14 and during the course of lunch--
15 COURT: All right.
16 MR. FORD: --I may ponder that.
17 COURT: All right. We'll take a recess until
18 2:30.
19 [COURT RECESSED FOR THE LUNCHEON RECESS.]
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1 P. M. SESSION.

2 COURT: Let the record show it is now 2:30 and

3 all the parties are present.

4 You desire to allow the jury to see the exhibits

5 at this time, Mr. Ford?

6 STPHAO: That's correct.

7 COURT: Bring the jury in, Mr. Bailiff.

8 [JURY RETURNS TO JURY BOX.]

9 COURT: All right, let the record show that

10 the jury is now back in the courtroom.

11 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, at this time the

12 Court is going to give you an opportunity to view the

13 exhibits that's been introduced into evidence.

14 The bailiff will first of all stand before you

15 with State's Exhibit number 1, which also reveals

16 State's Exhibit 1-A, 1-B, 1-C and 1-D. When all of you

17 have had an opportunity to view that as long as you

18 would like to view it, if you will indicate by raising

19 your hand, then we will move on to State's Exhibit 1-E

20 and then that exhibit will be removed and you will be

21 handed some exhibits.

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23 [EXHIBITS PASSED TO JURY.]

24 COURT: All right, it appears that everyone

25 has seen State's Exhibits 1-A, B, C, D and E.

1 Mr. Bailiff, I will hand to you two packages.
2 Present them to the two gentleman in the corner and let
3 them go down the row and then they will come back the
4 other side.
5 [EXHIBITS PASSED TO JURY.]
6 COURT: I would ask that you take as much time
7 as you like but as soon as you view one exhibit, if you
8 would, pass that on down to the next juror.
9 [JURY VIEWING EXHIBITS.]
10 COURT: Mr. Price, would you hand the exhibit
11 to the bailiff and it is time for y'all's recess. Let
12 me see that one exhibit. Just keep it right there.
13 The Court notes that it appears to the Court that
14 all members of the jury have seen all exhibits with the
15 exception of State's Exhibit number 39, which Mr. Price
16 was viewing. So I think I am going to let y'all have a
17 recess and then when you come back, I'll let all of you
18 see a copy of State's Exhibit number 39. It appears to
19 the Court that all members of the jury have reviewed all
20 the exhibits with the exception of State's Exhibit
21 number 39. I am going to give you a recess at this
22 time. Keep in mind the instructions of the court I have
23 already given you. I'll let you go for a fifteen minute
24 recess. Everyone else remain seated.
25 [COURT TAKES SHORT RECESS.]

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2 COURT: Bring the jury back in.

3 [JURY RETURNS TO JURY BOX.]

4 COURT: All right, let the record show all the

5 members of the jury is back in the courtroom.

6 Mr. Bailiff, first of all, I want you to hand to

7 Mr. Price State's Exhibit number 39, which I still have

8 his place here, and also I want you to hand to all

9 members of the jury copies of State's Exhibit number 39.

10 I realize the members of the jury on the front row have

11 already viewed this. If you don't want to look at that

12 anymore, that is fine. If you do, that is fine. But

13 this is for the purpose of the ones on the back row who

14 have not seen it. Pass that out but let Mr. Price have

15 the original of State's Exhibit number 39 and the other

16 members of the jury receive copies.

17 [EXHIBIT 39 PASSED TO THE JURY.]

18 COURT: I do not want to rush anybody.

19 Whenever you are through, just put it out front on the

20 ledge there and the bailiff will know who is still

21 looking at the exhibit.

22 All right, let the record show now that it

23 appears that all members of the jury have had an

24 opportunity to view the exhibits that was introduced

25 into evidence.

1 Further evidence for the State?
2 MR. FORD: If Your Honor please, that's the
3 evidence for the State.
4 COURT: State rests?
5 MR. FORD: Yes, sir.
6 COURT: State rests at 4:05.
7 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I am going to
8 let you go up to the jury lounge room up on the tenth
9 floor.
10 MR. FORD: Sixth floor.
11 COURT: Sixth floor. Y'all were up there
12 earlier this week. I am going to let you go up there
13 and ask that you stay there as a body and I'll bring you
14 back down just as soon as I can and certainly I'll bring
15 you down before 5:00 o'clock. I want you to keep in
16 mind, however, that you are not to talk about this case
17 among yourselves in anyway. You are not to allow anyone
18 to communicate with you about the case and you are to
19 still keep an open mind. You must not form any opinions
20 about the guilt or innocence of the defendant until you
21 have heard any closing arguments or all of the evidence
22 that has been presented and then the instructions on the
23 law.
24 I'll let you go at this time up to the 6th floor
25 in the lounge and we will call up or either send someone

Defense Evidence

The Defense did not present any evidence. They were permitted to argue last to the jury.

Closing Arguments

Assistant District Attorney Tom Ford's closing argument was recorded on motion of the defense. His entire closing argument from the Trial Transcript is included on the following pages. Any markings on the transcript were not made by the staff of the Commission.

The defense attorney's closing arguments were not recorded and cannot be included or summarized.

1 [NOTE: Mr. Ford's argument taken at the request of
2 Mr. Dodd.]
3 MR. FORD: Thank you, Your Honor.
4 Mr. Bailiff, I am going to need that lectern and also
5 those exhibits.
6 Good morning.
7 JURORS: Good morning.
8 MR. FORD: I appreciate and I want to express
9 to you my appreciation on behalf of the people of the
10 State of North Carolina for the manner in which I am
11 sure you have paid attention and the thought to what you
12 are going to give to what you have to do today.
13 When you leave here, I know you are going to
14 realize just how important and how solemn a duty you
15 had.
16 I think Mr. Dodd asked you when he was talking to
17 you in deciding who was going to be on this jury said
18 something to the effect, about the effect that you have
19 the courage to vote not guilty if the State hadn't
20 proven guilt, beyond a reasonable doubt, and y'all said
21 that you did and at some point some of you got a chance
22 to see the other side to that story, the solemn duty and
23 the courage it takes to look somebody in the face and
24 say you did this. You are responsible for this woman's
25 death. It takes an amount of courage and the process

1 that you have to go through in arriving at that decision
2 and having that decision be your decision, it takes
3 courage and there is no doubt about it.
4 First, let me apologize to you. I have been doing
5 this for fifteen years and I never stand up in front of
6 a group of people to argue a case that I am not as
7 nervous as I can be. I pace, things of that nature. I
8 apologize for that. That is just Tom Ford.
9 The first thing I want to do this morning is tell
10 you a little bit about the law. As, of course, we have
11 all said, the judge is going to give you the law in this
12 case. But in order for me to couch the terms of what I
13 think the evidence means or what the State contends
14 certain evidence means, you have to know where I am
15 going.
16 In the first case the judge is going to charge you
17 that there are three possible verdicts, guilty of first
18 degree murder and within that there's sort of a sub-
19 section called acting in concert which I will explain.
20 Guilty of second degree murder. Also acting in concert
21 or not guilty.
22 In the second case there's only two verdicts,
23 either guilty of accessory after the fact of murder or
24 not guilty.
25 Now, let me cover what we mean by acting in

1 concert. The judge is going to cover this but so you
2 will know as we go along, for a person to be guilty of a
3 crime it is not necessary that he himself do all the
4 acts necessary to constitute a crime. If two or more
5 persons act together with a common purpose to commit a
6 murder, each of them is held responsible for the other
7 person's acts in the commission of the crime. It is not
8 necessary that you decide which one of these two men
9 administered the fatal blow to this lady.
10 If you find that Johnny Beck and this defendant
11 acted together in the assault upon her and that her
12 death grew out of that assault, that's acting in
13 concert. And why is that theory developed in the law?
14 I don't know how many of you I asked this question. At
15 some point in jury voir dire I made a point that people
16 don't commit henious crimes with a bunch of witnesses or
17 seldom do they do that.
18 The State is seldom able to say well, this is what
19 happened. The first blow to the top of her head right
20 here and then she was cut right there and then there is
21 seldom an eyewitness to tell you that.
22 Generally in a homicide, there's two kinds of
23 parties there, the victim, who can' say anything, and
24 the perpetrator, who won't say anything. That's the
25 reason that the law allows the theory of acting in

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1 concert.

2 It is also obviously the reason that the law

3 allows the State to prove guilt beyond a reasonable

4 doubt on circumstantial evidence. Not eyewitness

5 testimony but circumstantial evidence.

6 The judge is going to tell you in regards to, in

7 regard to the first case in regards to the crime of

8 murder in the first degree, that the State must prove

9 five things to you beyond a reasonable doubt for you to

10 convict this defendant of murder in the first degree.

11 The first being that the defendant intentionally

12 and with malice killed the victim with a deadly weapon.

13 Now, the State is always the beneficiary in this

14 respect of what is an inference that you can draw. The

15 law allows, and the judge is going to tell you this, if

16 you find that Gregory Taylor, the defendant, in this

17 case participted in an assault upon this lady which was

18 the proximate cause of her death, and as the expert

19 witness from the medical examiner's office testified, an

20 outside instrument was used to apply the fatal blow,

21 that instrument would be a deadly weapon, not per se as

22 like a gun or a hunting knife or something like that but

23 it is a deadly weapon in the way that it was used,

24 obviously was capable of inflicting great bodily injury

25 and death because that's exactly what happened.

1 Based on that evidence you are allowed to infer
2 that the assault and the murder was committed with
3 malice.
4 Malice doesn't mean only hatred or ill will or
5 spite, as we ordinarily understand malice to mean, it
6 really means that condition of the mind which prompts
7 another person to take the life of somebody else without
8 justification. Again, the judge is going to go through
9 all of this with you.
10 I am just trying to let you have a little bit of
11 understanding of what he's going to tell you before we
12 go, before I go into the evidence.
13 The second condition is that the State must prove
14 that the defendant, the defendant's act was the
15 proximate cause of the death.
16 Again, under the theory of acting in concert, as
17 the judge will instruct you, it is not necessary that I
18 prove to you or that you decide for yourself which one
19 of these two assailants actually administered the blow
20 that killed this woman. It is not necessary. But you
21 have to find beyond a reasonable doubt that the blows
22 that were administered to her, as the medical examiner
23 said, resulted in her death.
24 The State contends there should be no difficulty
25 in that vain.

1 Third, the defendant intended to kill the victim.
2 Now, this is just for first degree murder.
3 Let me tell you also there's two more elements of
4 first degree murder, premeditation and deliberation.
5 Now, these last three that I am mentioning, intent
6 to kill, premeditation and deliberation are all required
7 in first degree murder. They are not required in second
8 degree murder at all.
9 Second degree murder is the unlawful killing of
10 another person with malice and in this case was a deadly
11 weapon, where malice can be inferred but as to the
12 intent to kill, seldom is somebody's attitude about what
13 they intend to do provable by direct evidence. Seldom
14 does any murderer scream out at the point that he's
15 inflicting the fatal blow I am going to kill you. I
16 intend to kill you with this. That's--seldom does that
17 happen.
18 Circumstantial evidence is always allowed to prove
19 what somebody's intent is.
20 When you take a weapon capable of inflicting the
21 wound that you have seen and intentionally hit somebody
22 over and over again with it, your intent to kill them is
23 apparent from the circumstances.
24 The fact that more than one weapon is used, the
25 way it was used. All of that is circumstantial evidence

1 of an intent to kill.

2 Fourth, that the defendant acted with

3 premeditation and that is that he formed an intent to

4 kill the victim over some period of time, however short.

5 Firstly, we know that these people weren't walking

6 around downtown with weapons. They had to arm

7 themselves in order to assault this lady with a deadly

8 weapon. A period of time, however short. That's

9 premeditation.

10 Deliberation means that you did it in an act of

11 cool mind. That doesn't mean that you can't be mad

12 about something. That doesn't mean that you have to

13 have a total absence of passion or emotion and be like a

14 hit man for the mofia or something like that. That

15 doesn't necessarily mean that. Means intent to kill was

16 formed for a fixed purpose.

17 Again, Judge Allen is going to read you the law as

18 you are to apply it. You take that law as he gives it

19 to you and apply it to the facts as you find them. If

20 you find that he says something different than I say or

21 Mr. Dodd says, of course, the judge is the giver of the

22 law in this case.

23 Now, again, neither premeditation or deliberation

24 are susceptible or are seldom susceptible to direct

25 proof. Some of the circumstanes the judge is going to

1 tell you that allow you to infer those two elements are
2 lack of provocation from the victim. It isn't a case of
3 self-defense. This lady didn't do anything to get
4 herself killed.
5 The conduct of the defendant before and after the
6 killing.
7 Now, if you think you have justifibly killed
8 somebody, you don't create this myriad of lies to cover
9 it up.
10 Use of grossly excessive force in the killing.
11 Generally that's what, we talk about when we talk about
12 self-defense. No self-defense in this case.
13 Infliction of lethal wounds after the victim was
14 fell. That's something we will talk about later.
15 When was this lady beat? Was she running from the
16 car as the defendant said in his jail statement to the
17 other inmate or was she laying on the ground? Were her
18 pants already down around her ankles when she was killed
19 or when the fatal blows were administered.
20 The general circumstances and the manner in which
21 the person was killed are all conditions which you can
22 consider when you decide whether somebody has committed
23 a premeditated murder after deliberation.
24 Now, the judge is going to tell you that this is
25 how you go about this. You take that case, you go to

1 first degree murder. You determine whether the State
2 has offered you sufficient evidence to prove, beyond a
3 reasonable doubt, each and every element of that crime
4 and if so, you find the defendant guilty.
5 If I haven't proven to you to your satisfaction,
6 beyond a reasonable doubt, one or more of those
7 elements, then you go to the next verdict, which is
8 guilty of second degree murder by acting in concert.
9 Again, second degree murder differs from first
10 degree murder. I don't have to prove that these men
11 intended, specifically intended to kill this woman.
12 There's a matter of intent in second degree, but it is
13 just an intent to inflict the wound, or to do that which
14 causes the wound.
15 If I intend to hit you in the heard with a crowbar
16 or some deadly weapon, I don't have to be intending to
17 kill you but I am intending to hit you with it. That's
18 the only intent that is needed in second degree murder.
19 And that it was done with malice. And when you hit
20 somebody in the head with a deadly weapon, malice is
21 inferred.
22 The judge is going to tell you if you find the
23 defendant, that I have failed to carry the burden of
24 proof in either first degree murder or second degree
25 murder, then it is your duty to check not guilty or have

1 your foreman do that, come out and return that verdict.
2 Those are the possible verdicts and a little bit
3 about the law in a murder case.
4 There are going to be two cases submitted to you.
5 The second one is accessory after the fact of murder.
6 And basically what this is is if you believe this
7 defendant, the story that he gave in jail to the other
8 inmate. And I am not going to argue to you that there's
9 probably something to be said for the fact that the
10 defendant made this to somebody that he never thought it
11 would come back on him, he never thought Ernest Andrews
12 would tell about this. He made it at a time when his
13 conscience was probably bothering him when he realized
14 that he had been arrested for this murder and that
15 nobody believed the ridiculous stories that he was
16 telling. There may be some--I am not to, you know, I
17 consider myself a fair person and I am not going to
18 stand up here and argue to you that that doesn't lend a
19 little credence to what's he's telling in jail might be
20 the truth. That may be Johnny Beck committed this
21 murder and that thereafter he knew Johnny Beck had
22 committed this murder if you believe what he told
23 Mr. Andrews because he said she, he came back and told
24 me that she died with a smile on her face and that she
25 wouldn't be partying anymore.

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1 Thereafter, he attempted to drive the man from the
2 scene. That's aiding and assisting somebody to escape
3 detection and justice and punishment for what they had
4 done knowing that he had committed this murder. This
5 again, if you find that that statement is believable and
6 you believe that that's what the defendant's part in
7 this crime was, that's accessory after the fact.
8 The judge is going to tell you that to find the
9 defendant guilty of accessory after the fact of murder
10 first, that the murder was committed by Johnny Beck and
11 that after the crime was committed, the defendant
12 knowing that the crime was committed and that Johnny
13 Beck did it, assisted Johnny Beck in escaping or
14 attempting to escape detection, arrest and punishment.
15 Lying to the police, telling them that Johnny Beck
16 was with you and you know that he didn't do anything, is
17 attempting to assist Johnny Beck to escape the detection
18 and punishment for what he had done. Again--let me tell
19 you this though: I am going to go through a lot of this
20 evidence and a lot of this evidence I argue to you tells
21 you that that story, while getting toward the truth,
22 still wasn't the truth. That story that he told Ernest
23 Andrews was a lot closer than the first one I was going
24 four wheeling at 2:30 in the morning but still wasn't
25 the truth. There's plenty of physical evidence that

1 does not lie to let you know that.
2 Let's think about--before I get off of what the
3 judge may tell you, let me tell you a couple of other
4 things.
5 The judge is going to tell you about credibility
6 of witnesses, that you are allowed to decide and it is
7 your job to decide whether you believe everything
8 somebody tells you, or some of what they tell you or
9 nothing of what they tell you from this witness stand.
10 Before we started this, I told you that I was
11 going to put a prostitute on the stand and I did. Eva
12 Marie Kelly told you flat out that is what she was doing
13 for a living at the time and where she is living right
14 now. I hadn't told you that I had agreed to make some
15 concessions on your probation violation to get her to
16 testify and that judge is going to tell you that is
17 something you should consider when you decide whether to
18 believe her. I agree. I wouldn't argue any other way.
19 It is something that you can consider. But when you
20 consider that, consider also the fact that Ms. Kelly
21 started telling about this, picking out the car and
22 telling the officers what she saw on the 27th of
23 September, 1991, before she ever knew Tom Ford, before
24 she had any probation violation for me to help her with.
25 She was telling the truth back then and she was

1 telling the truth when she testified for you in court
2 last week.
3 If you, after considering both the fact that she's
4 a prostitute, was making a living illegally at the time,
5 is on probation and I have agreed to give her some
6 benefit of testifying. I don't know how many of y'all
7 read the agreement that was introduced into evidence. I
8 introduced that evidence. I am not trying to hide a
9 thing. And if you heard, if you heard Ms. Kelly from
10 the witness stand and this evidence is uncontradicted,
11 she didn't ask for that. I am the one that brought it
12 up. That's what the evidence was and why? Because Tom
13 Ford knows how people that have quote become snitches or
14 rats are treated in prison. And five years of prison
15 like that is a lot worse than ten unlike that.
16 The judge is also in regard to Mr. Andrews that
17 admitted to a long lengthy criminal record tell you that
18 you are to consider that when you decide whether to
19 believe him or not. And again, it is something that
20 should be considered. That's the law. You ought to but
21 after you consider that and consider the other aspects
22 of his testimony, was this reasonable, whether it was
23 consistent with the believable evidence in this case,
24 the physical evidence.
25 The fact that Mr. Andrews, although Tom Ford can

1 do nothing for him, continues to drive up here from New
2 Bern to tell what he heard in jail and what was told to
3 him in jail. That what he told Mallie Bissette right
4 after this murder, right after meeting this defendant is
5 still the truth and he's driving up here for no purpose
6 of reward to tell you that. It is a little bit about
7 how he talked about the old days in prison. Murders and
8 rapists just didn't want to come to prison because it
9 was unacceptable.
10 Murder is still unacceptable to Ernest Andrews.
11 He's got family. He had a mother. He had somebody.
12 He's the old school. Murder and rape are still
13 unacceptable to him and he's not going to let it slide
14 by even though he is a long time convict. He feels a
15 responsibility. That's it. I mean, there's no evidence
16 of any reason why he would come and tell this.
17 Let me get to, spend sometime telling you what the
18 physical evidence in this case is because the State
19 obviously is heavily depending on you to interpret the
20 physical evidence because physical evidence does not
21 lie. The rules of nature cannot be violated.
22 What did we learn from the scene itself?
23 Mr. Dodd wants you to believe that this woman was not
24 killed here. She was dumped at this scene.
25 Now, do we believe that? The medical examiner

1 didn't believe it and she says for good reason she
2 couldn't tell that at the very beginning because all she
3 got was a body shipped to her office in Chapel Hill in a
4 body bag or sheet wrapped up some way and she couldn't
5 tell whether that woman was killed at the scene. Those
6 wounds were consistent with being killed anywhere and
7 dumped anywhere.
8 Then she was asked to examine State's exhibits.
9 Okay? And she looked at State's Exhibit 2 or 3, which-
10 ever one it was, basically they were the same
11 photographs of the lady's body and it was important in
12 the aspect about whether this lady was killed somewhere
13 else and dumped at the scene as the defendant would have
14 you to believe to believe his story. For a good reason.
15 People don't bleed except by seepage and gravity I
16 believe is the terms she used after they are dead.
17 Their heart is not pumping. There's nothing to move the
18 blood. And she said yes, that's too much bleeding to be
19 merely seepage or gravity bleeding. Lord, if you recall
20 the picture, you can see this blood, huge amount of
21 blood here under the head and then there's blood that
22 had run all the way down the street by gravity. That
23 was gravity blood running but it wasn't gravity bleeding
24 from her head. This lady was killed at this scene.
25 Some other interesting aspects of this. Was she

1 killed at the scene? Well, I apologize for doing this.
2 For the last few days I have set down and I have written
3 things that I think are important on this. And I went
4 back through and I thought everything was important.
5 And this is something that I don't usually do. Tom Ford
6 usually paces and talks from the heart. I've written
7 down everything. I know I am going to miss a lot of
8 things but there's a lot of things I need to tell you
9 about right on this sheet and I am going to mark them
10 off and make sure I don't miss them.
11 This lady had what I, what has been termed by some
12 of the folks as a defensive type wound in the webbing
13 between some fingers. There was a photograph introduced
14 to you that showed this wound, shows the CCBI agents
15 pulling her fingers apart so you can se that this wound
16 goes almost from her webbing almost down to whatever
17 line this is, whether it is the life line or heart line,
18 I don't know but almost down to this line by this
19 photograph. And that it obviously bled indicating that
20 she was still alive. What is more important about that?
21 Folks, we had testimony about this unusual
22 dripping of blood to the west side of the body. And I
23 contend to you that you don't need to be an expert in
24 anything except common sense to look at this unusual
25 dripping to the west side of the body and determine how

1 that got there. It is a perfect arc in the length of
2 this lady's arm from her body. She's still moving her
3 hand as it bleeds. She's moving her hand along the
4 pavement, probably struggling. She's still alive at
5 this scene. There's no other excuse in the world under
6 the laws of nature for this arc of blood. We know that
7 the blood is flowing this way. It didn't flow out in a
8 nice arc like that. That's from her hand. She was
9 still alive and there's a wound that we didn't really
10 get to but the doctor talked about it. She had a wound
11 on her right arm. Not a super serious wound but she had
12 a wound on her right arm. Look at the other arm. Do
13 you see the arc of blood where she's moved her arm?
14 Here. Different places. She'd move her arm and it
15 would bleed. Move her arm again and it would bleed.
16 Is that somebody that was killed somewhere else,
17 dead as a doornail and dumped on this street? No. The
18 woman was still struggling and still bleeding there at
19 the scene. Doesn't take any expert to see that.
20 What can we learn from the luminal testing of the
21 blood at the scene? We learned something in addition to
22 this and that goes along with this. First of all, that
23 a vehicle went through the blood here and went in a
24 circle like this, or semicircle, almost circle and even
25 up onto this curbing and back into here. We also learn

1 from the officer--and this testimony is uncontradicted,
2 that when this vehicle went by there, if her arm had
3 been in the position where it was when she finally died
4 and expired and couldn't move anymore, this vehicle
5 would have crushed her arm, would have run over her arm
6 and would have been obvious to everybody, certainly this
7 medical examiner that the truck had gone over her arm.
8 He testified to you that the first mark is about
9 right here and it is inside the radius of her arm. Her
10 arm was still moving as this defendant moved his
11 vehicle. Moved after that. More evidence that she was
12 killed there. But what else is it evidence of?
13 I need to show you that this defendant had an
14 opportunity to kill this woman and basically what that
15 means in this case is that he was there when she was
16 killed.
17 Well, we know that this defendant was at the scene
18 before she was killed. His truck was found at the
19 scene. There's all kinds of evidence. The evidence of
20 Sadie the bloodhound that this girl had been in the
21 vehicle. Her scent was there. And the evidence of Eva
22 and Ernest Andrews. Eva tells you that they came to her
23 first on the street. She told you that most sincerely.
24 When pressed on--she didn't offer this until Mr. Dodd
25 pressed her and finally she said, look, I felt bad about

1 this. This could have been me if I had gotten in that
2 truck. These people came up and asked her first to go.
3 Why don't you come and go partying and partake in this
4 cocaine and crack. Lucky for her she had a rule against
5 going with two men in a vehicle. Unlucky for Jacquitta
6 Thomas, but it was lucky for Eva but that evidence is
7 completely believable.
8 The evidence of Ernest Andrews that the defendant
9 told him they took a black prostitute to the scene. The
10 defendant's truck and the defendant were there between
11 the time the fatal blows were administered and the time
12 that the woman died.
13 Again, it is uncontradicted evidence that the only
14 way a tire could have gone through this thing with her
15 arm there would be that she moved the arm later. That
16 evidence is uncontradicted.
17 Now, I agree or I don't argue that you don't have
18 to find that the blood on the defendant's vehicle in the
19 right passenger front fender well and on the outside of
20 that, just on the edge of that, the blood from this
21 victim.
22 Think about this, folks, making this arc which
23 wheel would come closest to the body. The right front.
24 Had to be. At an angle like that. Okay? That's
25 exactly where they expected to find it. And it wasn't a

1 miracle that they found it there. You can look at this
2 and tell that is where you have to go find it. And more
3 than that, it wasn't just up under the window well. I
4 mean, it is not like this ran over something out on the
5 road, driving down the road. Sure that would be in the
6 fender well. But it is on the outside fender edge.
7 Now, what does that tell you about what the tire was
8 doing? To sling that blood up there the tire had to be
9 making a hard left hand turn to throw stuff outside and
10 up on the fender, which is exactly what this evidence
11 tell you was happening.
12 I don't know if they will, kindly struck me when
13 Mr. Pagani said we didn't find any blood on the tire. I
14 don't know whether it was Mr. Pagani or maybe his
15 supervisor, Mr. Hensley, and then he said the man had
16 been out there trying to get his car, four wheel drive
17 car unstuck from the mud or wherever it was. He just
18 rubbed it off. It was obviously on there at sometime or
19 it wouldn't have thrown it up in the wheel well and on
20 the fender. Again, it is perfectly consistent with the
21 reason it is not there because he drove over this damp
22 ground and spun his tires.
23 We also know that the car was there after her
24 death. Now, what can we learn from that? What can we
25 learn from the fact that the car is sitting out here in

1 this field stuck? Well, you've all seen the evidence in
2 this case, pictures of the vehicle and it's, no doubt
3 there and it is stuck in this field. Any of you see any
4 evidence of any four wheeling going on? Look in the
5 background of these photographs. I don't know if any of
6 you have seen, after somebody has been four wheeling in
7 a four wheel drive vehicle over land that was damp what
8 it does do. It ain't hard to see what has been going on
9 there. Any of these photographs. You saw them all.
10 Look at these. Look at this one. This one shows more
11 of the surrounding area. Any of you see any evidence of
12 four wheeling going on? Now right in the immediate area
13 where the tires were being spun trying to extricate
14 themselves, fine, but not back there driving in or doing
15 something to have fun in a four wheel vehicle. It is
16 absurd.
17 This defendant wants you to believe, well,
18 actually he wanted the officers to believe in the
19 beginning that he had gone to this location at 2:30 in
20 the morning to go four wheeling.
21 Now, Johnny Howard didn't bite on that. And you
22 shouldn't. It is ridiculous. We know this car wasn't
23 back here so these two guys could smoke crack because he
24 had already told you and told the officers that they
25 were parked down this way and pulled down in here where

1 they could see out and nobody could see them and they
2 smoked their crack. What reason is there to go back
3 there? This is obvious. Throw in the fact that--this
4 is not even a street. It's obvious this is not a
5 street. It has got a curb. Doesn't even have a drive
6 going up to this access road. You have to drive over
7 the curb to get up there. This is somebody leaving the
8 scene of this murder in a manner so that they are not
9 seen by the folks in the businesses down here and in a
10 panic, you know, they have been drinking beer and
11 smoking crack cocaine or injecting it into their arms.
12 That's what this is. That's why that truck is back
13 there. They thought they could got away that way
14 without taking a chance on having anybody down here see
15 the vehicle leave. That's what we learn from the very
16 fact that the car is there and what it is doing back
17 there. No reason to go back there and smoke crack
18 cocaine. They've accomplished that already at Johnny
19 Beck's brother's house, at the crack house and at this
20 very location without any feeling of any sense of
21 necessity to move. The defendant has got to explain
22 something to you. But what he has explained is absurd.
23 He's already accomplished what he tells you is the
24 reason for him moving that vehicle back there.
25 Now, what did we learn from the victim as far as

1 whether she was performing the duties that she was
2 expected to do? I mean, let's get to it. Why is this
3 lady here in the first place? This defendant doesn't
4 need Jacquitta Thomas in his car with them down here at
5 this place to smoke crack cocaine. He certainly
6 accomplished that by himself. Johnny Beck doesn't need
7 it. The two of them together don't need her with them
8 to smoke crack cocaine. They've accomplished it all
9 over town by this statement.
10 Been to Johnny Beck's brother's house, some other
11 crack house. They don't need her for that. What do
12 they need her there for? Come on, folks. It is just
13 like Ernest Andrews said, they took this lady there for
14 sex. They are trading drugs for sex. She ends up with
15 a cocaine level near fatal. They have been, she had
16 been getting plenty of cocaine. But then as Ernest
17 Andrews said the defendant said the fondling started or
18 time came for her to fulfill her part of the bargain and
19 for some reason she didn't. Now, how do we know --
20 Ladies, what woman prostitute or otherwise would choose
21 to have sex on a rough asphalt pavement covered with
22 sand and debris when they could be in a vehicle. Right
23 there. You tell me. Prostitute or otherwise that would
24 choose to do that. It is absurd. This lady wasn't
25 taking part. She had balked. She had reneged.

1 Now, I don't know how to say this other than the
2 fact that--and I don't know where I learned this. But
3 did you guys wonder why I was asking about how many
4 pairs of panties this lady had on?
5 There's a reason for that. It is coupled with
6 another piece of evidence found at the scene. They
7 testified to you that they found a piece of tissue paper
8 rolled up like a Tampon that it had appeared to be what,
9 that it had on it what appeared to be blood.
10 In fact, it was sent to the lab, and if I can find
11 that piece of evidence-- Here it is. Piece of tissue
12 paper. One piece of tissue paper, item number 45. And
13 again I apologize. I know we inundatded you folks with
14 evidence, numbers, this and that, and that's the reason
15 I need to talk to you as long as I do to let you know
16 what the State contends is important and how it fits in.
17 One piece of tissue paper. It was tested and
18 compared to the known blood of this victim. The ABO
19 type, the first test, the same. Secretor test, there
20 was no decision on that because there's, I assume they
21 don't do that test. The next test, PGM. The victim's
22 type one. Tissue paper type one. PGM sub, one plus,
23 one plus. ESD, one and one. HP test, two and two. PC
24 test one F, one S. The PEP A test, which was incomplete
25 or inconlcusive for the tissue paper is the only tests

1 out of the seven tests that this serologist that
2 administered that didn't show that that blood on that
3 tissue paper was identical to the victim's blood and
4 that is just because it was inconclusive. She couldn't
5 tell or he couldn't tell. What does that tell us?
6 It tells me that Jacquitta Thomas either was or
7 was expecting to be menstruating. She wore two pairs of
8 panties and she had this tissue rolled up and was using
9 it as a make shift Tampon.
10 Is that the reason she balked at the request of
11 these gentleman? Is that why somebody got angry about
12 it when her time came to put up for the cocaine that she
13 had been smoking?
14 Now, something else tells me that this lady wasn't
15 participating in this voluntarily. And, therefore,
16 those people that had made that bargain with her would
17 be upset about it. The pictures that we showed you of
18 the body that Mr. Pagani told you were after he had
19 removed her shoes and pants but the videotape. Do any
20 of you remember the position of the body? I asked about
21 her pants, how they looked before. The videotape showed
22 that her pants were pulled down all the way to the top
23 of her boots and past her feet. It appears that it was
24 tucked in, her pants were actually tucked in her boots
25 or they could have been pulled off but no they were

1 tucked in her boots. They were pulled all the way down
2 past her feet but still stuck in her boots.
3 Now, is that some lady that is cooperating in
4 taking her pants off. I don't even know if you can do
5 that yourself. Maybe laying on your back and putting
6 your feet up in the air or something you could do it. I
7 don't know how you could do it any other way. It
8 certainly indicates, and should indicate to you, that
9 she didn't voluntarily take her pants off to commit
10 these acts or what was being expected of her.
11 Let's think about one other thing, too. The
12 evidence is uncontradicted in this case that the only
13 blood on this lady's clothing other than the obvious
14 blood on this part up here around her--and particularly
15 on her pants was on the inside of her pants. One pant's
16 leg on the inside.
17 Now, what does that tell you about when the fatal
18 blows were administered to this lady? She wasn't
19 running down the street with her pants on.
20 Her pants are already down around her ankles.
21 They were inside out when she was killed because she was
22 not cooperating. She was not fulfilling her part of
23 this bargain.
24 We also have the defendant's statement to Ernest
25 Andrews and I submit to you that this part is probably

1 reasonable. I don't--how it happened but the fact that
2 she balked, that she got scared and she balked and
3 wouldn't do what they expected of her and he wants you
4 to believe it just got Johnny Beck mad enough for Johnny
5 Beck to get out and chase her down and kill her but not
6 him. And while you are thinking about that, now, think
7 about his paying for all of this cocaine. Who do you
8 think is going to be mad about it? The person just
9 along for the ride, Johnny Beck? I mean, it is obvious
10 what Johnny Beck is in this case for. It is due to the
11 defendant's own words--I don't know how closely you read
12 his statement. You got a chance to read it very
13 closely. I met him in one of those neighborhoods and we
14 just kindly hit it off. They don't know each other at
15 work. Ernest Andrews was wrong about that. I don't
16 know whether the defendnant told him that or that he is
17 wrong about it. He met him in one of those
18 neighborhoods. What did he need Johnny Beck for at all?
19 Because when you, a white guy by himself drives down on
20 East Street trying to buy cocaine in what appears to be
21 a reasonably new vehicle, everybody down there thinks
22 you are the man. They think you are an undercover
23 police officer. Ain't nobody going to sell it to you.
24 You have got to have some credibility. You got to have
25 somebody that the people know. Johnny Beck. That is

1 the only reason he's along.

2 Now, whose going to be mad and whose going to be
3 angry about this woman not fulfilling her bargain? The
4 guy that is just along for the ride or the guy that's
5 paying for all of this cocaine? The defendant couldn't
6 even pay this girl three dollars for the ride to the
7 service station when this was all over cause in his
8 words spent all his money. And while we are at this,
9 let me make one other point. The State, although I
10 offered this defendant's statement into evidence, isn't
11 bound by it. I can by believable evidence can prove to
12 you that what he said isn't truth, parts of it isn't
13 true and they are not. The evidence is clear as a bell
14 on that. I am not bound by his statement. Why did I do
15 it? Accessory after the fact. I have got to prove that
16 he assisted this man in some way. Mr. Beck, if you
17 believe that story, lied to the police. A perfect way
18 to assist somebody to escape detection.

19 Now, what did we learned from the wounds on this
20 lady's body? Before I leave that statement, let me tell
21 you this: How many of you folks expected me to put the
22 officer on the stand and have him tell you this man
23 said, yelp, we did it. We murdered her and this is the
24 way we did it.

25 How often do you think the State is that lucky in

1 a murder case. I didn't offer that statement because I
2 expected to believe it. I offered that statement to
3 tell you other things. I offered that statement to tell
4 you that this man would lie about things that you find,
5 that you have to find from this evidence to be true.
6 Think about that. Why he is lying about this?
7 What did we learn about the wounds on this woman's
8 body? We know that there are two distinctively
9 different kinds of wounds. They are blunt force trauma
10 wounds that the doctor tells you are made not only with
11 a, with a instrument she says that is capable of being
12 swung or some way used to apply heavy crushing blows
13 with great force to somebody's head.
14 Now, that's the first kind of wounds.
15 Then strangely enough we have cuts, slices. This
16 doctor tried her best to sit up there for us and think
17 of a weapon that had both of those types of abilities
18 and she couldn't do it and there's a good reason for it.
19 There were two weapons.
20 Also, the fact that--when you think about this
21 now, the blunt force blows are obviously done with great
22 force, heavy crushing blows and yet the knife wounds or
23 the cutting wounds, which would obviously be a much
24 easier way of killing somebody or doing great bodily
25 injury to them especially chest area where these cuts

1 are all superficial wounds are not intended to kill
2 anybody.
3 What does that tell you? Tells me that the same
4 person isn't administering the blows. On the one hand
5 you have got somebody that really means business and
6 that person with that heavy weapon and the person with
7 the knife, or whatever it is that is used to make cuts,
8 isn't trying to kill somebody.
9 You got two type of weapons administering wounds
10 in two different type of ways.
11 Now, think about something else. The body will
12 tell you this. We know that because blood is on the
13 inside of this lady's pants, that she had her pants down
14 at least when some of these wounds were inflicted on
15 her. Okay? I am doubting, and I expect you are, that
16 she was running or doing anything with her pants pulled
17 down over and past her boots. She was either down on
18 her knees as you saw that one scuff or already down on
19 the ground. And, folks, why are her pants down, her
20 panties down, both pairs, and this Tampon like thing
21 taken out? Somebody is expecting to have sex with this
22 lady at some point.
23 Now, what's important about these wound is this:
24 The heavy blows with the instrument, the blunt force
25 instrument are applied from above and to the right side

1 of her head. Yet also the wounds with the knife, the
2 vast majority of them or the cutting instrument, I don't
3 know what it is--I do not even have to prove to you what
4 instrument was used against this lady. They had a
5 chance to take the instrument with them and dispose of
6 it. Not you and not I. This defendant and Johnny Beck.
7 They left the scene. They had a chance to dispose of
8 anything they wanted to. They went to this location out
9 in the woods where there's a swamp and canal all around
10 it.
11 The law doesn't require me to go in there and find
12 that weapon or go where they took it to. No. Doesn't
13 require that. But those wounds with the cutting edge
14 are applied from below and to the right. You tell me
15 how somebody up here bashing this lady in the head also
16 cut her down here.
17 There's a good reason for it. There were two
18 people with two different kinds of weapons.
19 You tell me how you have a weapon, heavy blunt
20 force weapon in one hand and knife in the other and you
21 jerk this lady's pants off. You tell me how you do
22 that. With your teeth? There was more than one
23 attacker, ladies and gentlemen.
24 This lady, the best evidence is, was being held by
25 somebody up here while somebody else took her pants off.

1 She struggled. Somebody down--I mean, she may have even
2 been pulled on the asphalt. You saw the wounds on her
3 back. She struggled. She made it up to one thigh,
4 trying to roll, I assume there's evidence that she had
5 at least contact with the ground with her thigh. Wounds
6 on her knees.
7 While I am talking about the blood--now, this
8 lady, you know, this murder victim was at the scene and
9 yet on her pants there's just that little bit of blood
10 on the inside of her pants.
11 Well, I know that you are going to hear from
12 Mr. Dodd. What about the blood that would have been on
13 these victims--I mean, these defendants. What about all
14 of that blood. Mr. Ford didn't introduce a bit of
15 evidence about that.
16 Well, think about this, folks. Has anybody said
17 that they had their shirts on when this was going on, or
18 their pants. Has anybody said they had their shirts on
19 when this was going on? You think they did? This man
20 in his own car or Mr. Beck for that matter expecting to
21 have sex with this woman had their T-shirts on. Plus
22 the fact that I don't know how you can strike somebody
23 with a weapon and hit it so that it comes back toward
24 you and you get the blood on you. You know, our arms
25 just don't work that way. When you are hitting

1 somebody, you hit them like that and the blood goes.
2 And both of these men left the scene of this crime for
3 hours, plenty of opportunity to take care of anything
4 they needed to, weapon wise, blood wise. We have only
5 got their word for what they were wearing that night.
6 What can we learn from the debris at the scene?
7 The defendant says he parked down in this way and, I
8 believe, it was Mr. Hensley, one of the agents with
9 CCBI, with absolutely no interest whatsoever to be
10 served in this case, tells you there was a bunch of
11 debris down here. Among that debris there were matches
12 that had been used but weren't wet, which to him was
13 important because there was dew on everything else that
14 had been there from the very early, early morning hours.
15 There were little plastic baggies, type, cellophane type
16 things described by Officer Kenan to you. Eva Kelly
17 described them to you. She saw the defendant, Mr. Beck,
18 held his hand out trying to talk her into the car to go
19 partying with them. She said they had cocaine. She
20 described it. That's found at the scene. Gives
21 credence to everybody.
22 Again, the defendant only knows Mr. Beck for one
23 thing, from one of those neighborhoods. He's there for
24 the purpose, Mr. Beck is there for the purpose of
25 helping the defendant secure cocaine.

1 And what does this tell you about this?
2 First of all, this car was parked down here originally
3 somewhere. The doors open that way. When this lady got
4 out, if and when she tried to get away, when she was
5 scared and she had balked, she couldn't go back this way
6 because that would put her running through the door.
7 The first thing would have been to go this way and low
8 and behold that's where the body is found.
9 Now, Mr. Ford, explain to me then with the car
10 parked down here, why we have got these tracks back
11 there. Folks, these folks made more than one turn in
12 this car. They were parked here or down here in this
13 area somewhere smoking this crack. The matches are
14 there, the containers that it came in are there.
15 After this assault, they drove around like this to
16 see if the lady was alive or dead and at that point got
17 close enough to her body when her arm wasn't in the
18 manner that it is now and then did this. I don't know
19 or do I need to prove to you whether they saw a car
20 coming, they saw lights down there from the businesses
21 or they just decided they would go out that way and not
22 take a chance on somebody seeing them. But they made
23 this turn and then out.
24 What do we know and what do we learn from the
25 fact, the untruths that this defendant has told you?

1 This defendant wanted you to believe that that body
2 wasn't there when he arrived. He wanted the officers to
3 believe that, too. But the officers knew though if the
4 body wasn't there when you arrived and you just parked
5 and pulled back up in here, how did you get the blood on
6 you.
7 Well, let's think past this. Actually the body
8 wasn't there when he arrived. It was sitting in the car
9 with him. That's the believable evidence from Eva Kelly
10 and everybody else. Why do you go to a dead end on
11 Blount Street, South Blount Street where he, he
12 obviously doesn't know this location because he drives
13 out in a place where you can't leave. Why do you go
14 there to smoke crack cocaine?
15 He had been at least one other place, Mr. Beck's
16 brother's house, which has got to be more comfortable
17 than sitting in your car. You live in Cary. Your
18 codefendant lives in west Raleigh. Why do you go here?
19 Folks, Jacquitta Thomas was with them. They
20 expected to have sex with her and then they expected to
21 drop her off. They didn't expect to take her to Cary
22 and have her walk back from Cary. They had to go
23 somewhere near where they picked her up. That is part
24 of the deal. We give you the cocaine. We party. You
25 give us the sex and we drop you off and we go home.

1 That's the only reason in this world that they need to
2 be in this place at all because they have this woman,
3 they've picked her up ten blocks away or so on East
4 Street, the 400 block of East Street, and when this is
5 over with, they can't have her in Cary.
6 Eva Kelly's testimony about whether this woman was
7 in the car with them when she went here. I again, you
8 know, I told you, I submit to you that Eva Kelly
9 regardless of what she is and what she has done is
10 believable. She I. D.'d the truck from the very
11 beginning from this photograph in September. She told
12 the officers, yes, I saw that truck. It came by here.
13 She described the people in it. Evidently identified
14 the people in it before anything happened.
15 She felt bad about this because Eva Kelly, no
16 matter what she is, she's not stupid and she realizes
17 that she came this close to being the person laying on
18 the pavement.
19 Now, she also did something else from the stand.
20 Mr. Dodd wanted you, this lady, Ms. Kelly looked at this
21 defendant and said that's the man that was in the truck
22 and in the house and that I saw leaving with Jackie.
23 Okay? And then she says but his hair was lighter and
24 she went like this. Did you notice her doing that?
25 Like fluffing hair back or something but she says it is

1 lighter. Now, how right she was.

2 We are trying this man at the end of the winter.

3 Some of us have red faces today but our hair hadn't

4 gotten lighter from the summer hues, from a summer of

5 water skiing, not yet. But in September of 1991, with

6 his water skis still in the truck, this defendant's hair

7 was sun bleached. It was lighter from the sun.

8 Now, either Eva Kelly is being as honest as she

9 can be with you, saw this defendant right where she saw

10 him, said he was, described his hair perfectly or she is

11 the most cunning woman that I've ever met. She has

12 realized, you know, she wasn't here for the testimony

13 about the water skis and that stuff. She has hit this

14 nail right on the head. The only thing that looks

15 different about him now his hair was lighter after a

16 summer of water skiing.

17 In fact, he must have still been going on. He was

18 keeping his water skis in the car.

19 Furthermore, the testimony she gave to you about

20 how she came in contact with these people and why she

21 was angry--I mean, you know, Eva Kelly is renting a room

22 off a kitchen of a crack house. That's the way she is

23 living. I mean, that is the way that she feeds herself

24 day-to-day. That's the only place she has of her own.

25 She takes customers as she called them, dates, I think

1 is the term she used but she is paying rent. That was
2 important to her. That was her place. She took this
3 date there and here's four people, Whoopie, Jackie, this
4 defendant and the black codefendant. She was mad and
5 she told you that. I was angry about it. I came in
6 here. My date left because he was afraid of all of
7 those people. All of that stuff makes her believable
8 and it is good reason why you feel -- Mr. Dodd said
9 something in voir dire to you about not making a
10 decision on your gut feeling. Sometimes, folks, that's
11 where the truth hits us first. You set there and listen
12 to Eva Kelly, you know, you got the feeling down deep
13 inside that as bad as this may be is, the kind of pitful
14 life that she has to live and leads, she was telling you
15 the truth about this. Don't deny that feeling just
16 because that is where it started. It is sincere. It is
17 just as jumping up in your heart. What other untruth--I
18 mean, and for that reason it is perfectly clear that
19 this defendant is not telling, didn't tell the officers
20 the truth about this woman ever being in his car. You
21 got Sadie. You got Ernest Andrews. You got Ms. Kelly.
22 You have got the physical facts at the scene. That he
23 was there to go four wheeling, that's what he started--
24 his first story to the police was, we saw this body
25 because we went down there to go to four wheeling. At

1 2:30 in the morning in a place you don't know. Come on.
2 It's absurd. It doesn't make a bit of sense and when
3 things don't make sense to you, there's generally a good
4 reason for it because it is not true. These officers
5 went, right. You know, tell me another one. He's
6 there at that location with a buddy that is good for one
7 thing and that is help him get cocaine. He's at a place
8 that he doesn't know. There's absolutely no evidence
9 that you have already seen that anybody went four
10 wheeling in that location.
11 Finally the defendant, I don't know whether he
12 acknowledges the fact that he didn't go there four
13 wheeling but he changes his story. No, then we are
14 there for cocaine use. Again, why did he need to go
15 there. It's not near his house. It is not on the way
16 to his house. It is not on the way to his codefendant's
17 house. That's not why he is there and even if you
18 believe that he went to this location to use cocaine
19 solely, I mean obviously they went there to use cocaine
20 because that was the deal. Jacquitta Thomas was going
21 to get some partying done before her part of the
22 partying came. Why is his truck back there? If he just
23 went there to use cocaine, why didn't he just drive on
24 out? We know that they accomplished the cocaine.
25 Smoking right here. No reason for him to be back there

1 if what he is telling you is the truth. Doesn't make
2 sense. There's a reason for it because he's not telling
3 you the truth. He didn't tell these officers the truth.
4 Again, the girl is not known to him. There's --
5 now, Eva Kelly says that she saw this woman leave with
6 these two men. And Mr. Dodd, and I am not going to tell
7 you that she didn't, hadn't told the officer that if
8 that was the person she knew, she couldn't tell it from
9 that photo, didn't look like her.
10 Then I asked her to describe Jackie to you.
11 Jackie is a five--I mean, a female about two inches
12 shorter than Eva Thomas is the way she described her.
13 That she's got, that she had real short hair and that
14 she was heavy in the hips or thick in the hips and that
15 her name was Jackie.
16 Well, what a coincidence. Look at this woman's
17 hair. If you can look past what has been done to her,
18 look at her hair. For a woman that is extremely short
19 hair and she is thick in the hips and her name is
20 Jackie.
21 Ernest Andrews again--and also the testimony of
22 Sadie. Why is that important? Sadie doesn't know
23 anything about this. A car means nothing more to Sadie,
24 the bloodhound, than a tree does. It means nothing more
25 to her than an outbuilding. She knows that she's

1 trained, I give you this scent and you follow it or go
2 find it. If you lose the scent, you look around until
3 you find it again. That's what Sadie does for a living.
4 And it is incredibly hard for us to grasp the concept
5 because we all have a sense of smell and we know what a
6 burning steak smells like or, you know, what a rose
7 smells like.
8 It is incredibly hard for us to grasp the concept
9 that Sadie can do so much more than that, that she walks
10 through a world where smells are as much to her as
11 eyesight is to us. That she can tell the difference
12 between you and you by that brief interlude with your
13 scent and every person clean, dirty, black, white,
14 Chinese has a scent and that scent is always there.
15 Now, you might wear an old polyester blouse that
16 just doesn't have any fabric to rub off on something or
17 pants and sit down somewhere and not leave a fiber but
18 you are going to leave your scent. There's nothing that
19 you can do about that. It is not just luck whether that
20 happens. You can get in the car and only get in by
21 touching things that won't carry fingerprints. You
22 climb in the back seat of a Nissan Pathfinder. That's a
23 two door car. You climb in the back seat. You got to
24 grab the back of the front seat to get in there. You
25 can't take fingerprints off that. You heard it. You

1 didn't leave your fingerprints in that car but you left
2 your scent. You didn't have any choice about that. It
3 is not a matter of luck. It is a constant giver and
4 Sadie can detect that and she did.
5 You know, that is something that always happens.
6 Transfers of fibers is haphazard plus you got to depend
7 on somebody being able to find it. You know, you may
8 leave something and even the most dedicated CCBI agent
9 might not locate it but your scent is going to be there
10 and Sadie is going to find it. She did.
11 While I am digressing about this kind of evidence
12 and the hair transfer, there's evidence that was placed
13 in without objection by me that there was no evidence of
14 any hair transfer in this case.
15 Now, and you know-- what does that mean? That
16 means either you expect to find hair transfers, well,
17 you don't expect it but you except that you might be
18 able to find hair transfers from people having
19 intercourse when they have sex.
20 You hope that you get a hair transfer if you are
21 in my business for evidence. No evidence that you
22 always get that. But we know here there was some hairs
23 on this lady's face and they went to the S.B.I. but the
24 S.B.I. agent didn't find anything inconsistent with
25 that. Why? How much of this lady's hair do you think

1 was dislodged when her head was split in the manner that
2 it was.
3 Now, this is not a pretty picture but it is
4 definitely explanatory of what I am talking to you
5 about. This wound administered to the top of this
6 lady's head, this is after it has been shaved so that
7 you can see it and the doctor could show it.
8 Do you think that this blood came out of this
9 wound off that weapon that only blood was left on the
10 weapon that made that wound with the force that was
11 applied to it? Hair on this body I argument to you
12 more than likely came right off this lady's head and
13 stuck in the other blood that was on her face.
14 Again, there's no evidence that there was transfer
15 of any kind. Just Jacquitta's scent.
16 What other evidence tells us that that girl was in
17 the car? First of all, she's got all of this cocaine in
18 her blood and the defendant tells you that's all that
19 they had been doing.
20 Another thing I found real interesting about this
21 was that this defendant was trying to cooperate so much,
22 was taking them around and showing them everything but
23 there was a couple of crack houses that he couldn't
24 remember where they were.
25 Now, if you picked Jacquitta Thomas up and went in

1 a crack house with her where you knew everybody has seen
2 you, where she obviously knew the people there or you
3 wouldn't have gotten in there, would you tell the police
4 that is where you got her so they would go prancing in
5 there and say did anybody see who this lady left with.
6 Would you tell them that's where you got your crack
7 cocaine? What are the police going to do at that point?
8 Well, have you seen this man and was he with anybody?
9 That's a convenient memory, folks. And there's a reason
10 for it. He didn't want to be associated with that house
11 because that's exactly where, although he was admitting
12 to the cocaine use. Yes, I was down there buying
13 cocaine. He's admitting that. Nothing to be hidden
14 there but I couldn't remember where that house was
15 because he knew what that meant in the long haul.
16 Now, this is the part that I found particularly
17 interesting. This man wants you to believe that he got
18 ten feet from this, ten to fifteen feet to be fair, from
19 this body and he couldn't tell whether it was a man or a
20 woman. He thought it was black. He thought it could be
21 rolled up carpet. Okay? Ten to fifteen feet away,
22 folks. Okay? Yet by his testimony fifty to a hundred
23 yards down the road and by the officer's testimony it is
24 two hundred yards to the first building. He said they
25 had made it to the first building on the right as you

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1 are walking out, where they put a beer in the trash can
2 or something of that nature but the codefendant says
3 don't look back. There's somebody back there. Grant
4 you, the first thing you are going to do, turn around
5 and look. Okay? Ten to fifteen away he can't tell
6 whether this is rolled up carpet or a dead woman but at
7 two hundred yards he can tell not only that it is a male
8 standing over her body, this mysterious male but he's
9 either got on a red shirt and white pants or a white
10 shirt and red pants. However, it was he could remember
11 those two colors. He just couldn't remember whether it
12 was the shirt that was red or the pants red. He could
13 see that from two hundred yards but for ten feet he
14 couldn't see if this lady was, you know, a body of a
15 woman. That's absurd.
16 And what is more important about that is this: You
17 are Johnny Beck. You know that you are about to get
18 charged with murder, too. You don't know what your
19 codefendant has said or when the police say, did you see
20 anybody else at the scene? Was anybody else there? You
21 don't even mention this man that you have seen standing
22 over the body just as you are leaving. That is -- man,
23 they had four and a half hours to get their story
24 straight but they must have missed, somebody missed that
25 part. Either this defendant got too creative or

1 Mr. Beck couldn't remember what he was suppose to say
2 but there isn't any reason in this world somebody
3 knowing that they are getting ready to be charged with
4 murder, wouldn't say, gosh, yeah, there was this guy
5 that was standing over the body. I told him about it.
6 You heard me ask the officer, did you ask him if
7 anybody else was there? Did you give him a chance?
8 Johnny Beck never mentioned the mystery man. It is a
9 figment of this defendant's imagination.
10 Maybe it was meant to explain if anybody was a
11 white guy down there. I don't know. But it is obvious
12 when you take into context of this evidence that it
13 isn't true. Well, we know that he lied to his wife. He
14 told her that he got the truck stuck and had been hitch-
15 hiking and walking and walking and hitchhiking all night
16 long.
17 Okay? It's easy enough for you to say. Okay, he
18 didn't want to tell his wife he was out spending his
19 money on crack cocaine. Yet, in his own words he said
20 that when his wife knew that he was Johnny Beck, that
21 that pretty much, she knew that what that meant in
22 regards to drugs. That if he was with Johnny Beck,
23 there wasn't but for one purpose for him to be with
24 Johnny Beck.
25 So he's telling you up front that he was with

1 Johnny Beck and that she knew that meant that he was
2 doing drugs. Well, why was he still lying to his wife?
3 Well, every wife up here can tell you that. Women are
4 going to put up with your shortcomings when they think
5 there's nothing that you can do about it or when it is
6 something that they don't have any part of. Your
7 husband can be an alcoholic. Your husband can be a drug
8 addict and you can do what you want to help him and hope
9 that he does that. That's one thing. But when your
10 husband starts taking prostitutes off with him, no woman
11 is going to put up with that. And that's why he
12 couldn't tell his wife what was going on. He could have
13 called his wife all along and asked for a ride home. He
14 could have had his truck towed, towed out of there. He
15 tells you the first thing he did was walk to a service
16 station before this lady picked him up. He didn't do
17 it. Didn't do it. Why not? Because he knew the body
18 was there and knew of his involvement with it.
19 Who wouldn't, if they had already admitted to the
20 fact that they were with Johnny Beck and knew their wife
21 meant -- wouldn' say, I am not, I am leaving this stuff
22 alone. We got down there and walking out and I saw what
23 appeared to be a dead body. I mean, if he saw a body.
24 I mean, this is straightening me out. I ain't going
25 back, going back down to that part of town whatever.

1 The police asked him, did you tell your wife about
2 the body? No.
3 Why is it important, the physical evidence and the
4 believable evidence in this case shows the defendant has
5 told you or told the officers many things that aren't
6 true. And that's because they show his involvement in
7 this girl's death.
8 We don't lie about things that don't make a
9 difference to us. We don't lie about things that aren't
10 important to us. We certainly would lie about things
11 that make us guilty of murder. It's a circumstance, all
12 of these falsehoods that he has told and the reason for
13 them is a circumstance that you can use when you decide
14 whether this defendant acting in concert with Johnny
15 Beck took a part in this murder. He said it was
16 cocaine, that is the reason he couldn't tell about it.
17 We know that's not true because he told the officers all
18 about it. He kept telling the untruth about the body
19 though. The body wasn't there when I went in. I know
20 it wasn't there. I had my lights on. You know, I am
21 looking around. We have drove around and got in a
22 certain position so nobody could see us. Why is he
23 still lying about that body? Well, then the other
24 statement about to his wife, or to the officer about,
25 about the prostitute. Well, I am pretty faithful in

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1 marriage. I do tend to go wild on drugs and alcohol.
2 And Ernest Andrews' statement. It just kind'a got
3 out of hand. Things just got out of hand.
4 Now, Ernest Andrews was trying to remember exactly
5 what this defendant, he gave the defendant the benefit
6 of every doubt when he was sying what the defendant had
7 told him. I don't want to mislead you here or there.
8 He didn't say this guy that was with me went
9 berserk. He got out of hand. He went wild and killed
10 this woman. He said things just got out of hand.
11 Let me ask you this: If you had gone down there
12 with Johnny Beck and he had done what this defendant
13 claims to Ernest Andrews that he had done by himself,
14 out of your car, with you present and put you in the
15 position this defendant's in, would you be lying for
16 Johnny Beck? If that was the way it really happened,
17 would you be telling the officers he was with me all
18 night. I know he didn't do this. He wasn't with the
19 girl either. He was with me. If that's the way it was,
20 if somebody had done that to you, if somebody had come
21 that close to ruining your life, the first thing you
22 would have done was told the police exactly what
23 happened.
24 You know, his wife can get over the fact that he
25 was with a prostitute, you know. I mean, we have to

1 make some hard choices but if it is like he's trying to
2 tell you it is, he wouldn't be sticking by Johnny Beck
3 trying to save him. There's a reason that he's doing
4 that. He knows that if he tells the truth about Johnny
5 Beck's involvement, Johnny Beck is going to turn around
6 and tell the truth, too. Johnny Beck is going to say,
7 whoa. This ain't the way it happened. We both were
8 involved in this. The only reasonable -- I mean, no
9 other, no other reasonable explanation whatsoever for
10 this.
11 Now, the judge is also going to tell you, why I
12 get to this, the same reason that he had to lie to the
13 officers about the girl's death also involves motive for
14 her death. I mean, I don't have to prove motive to you.
15 And the fact that a prostitute who you spent some crack
16 cocaine money on and then balks or can't do what you
17 want her to do for one physical reason or another or
18 she's scared or you are being too rough or whatever,
19 does not seem reason enough for you folks to kill
20 anybody. But it was reason enough for somebody.
21 The defendant told Ernest Andrews that it was
22 reason enough for Johnny Beck to do it.
23 The judge is going to tell you again, I don't have
24 to prove motive to you but I will submit to you that I
25 have. The motive is exactly what I say. She couldn't

1 come across with her part of the deal and it made them
2 angry. And you got to take this in the concept of
3 somebody whose been drinking beer and smoking crack. It
4 is not exactly sitting there, you know, giving this the
5 best thought that he's ever had. He really isn't in the
6 greatest position to reason and say, you know, this just
7 is not worth it. Let her go and forget it. Uh-uh.
8 This is somebody by their own explanation has been
9 drinking beer and smoking crack. And by Eva's
10 explanation been shooting crack cocaine in his arm or
11 shooting cocaine in his arm.
12 Again, sex for cocaine. Eva was asked first.
13 Wouldn't go. She knew what partying meant, Lord. Just
14 like she knows what a customer or a date is to her. You
15 and I both now know that Eva Kelly's date isn't somebody
16 that comes over on Saturday night and takes you to the
17 prom. Okay?
18 Partying didn't mean just go down there and smoke
19 up this cocaine. We can do this by ourselves. They
20 didn't need Jackie Thomas for that. They needed Jackie
21 Thomas for sex.
22 Again, who is buying all of this cocaine. I have
23 been through this before. The person spending all of
24 the money and having the expectation is just as likely,
25 and I say more so, than the person Johnny Beck whose

1 just along for the ride.

2 And the motivation of a sexual attack in this

3 case is just plain as the nose on my face, big as it is.

4 Her pants are down around her ankles or past. Come on

5 folks no need for that unless that was exactly what was

6 going on.

7 It is not a motive that you and I would consider

8 reasonable. You and I who had not been drinking beer

9 all night and smoking crack cocaine.

10 What's the only reasonable--you take all of this

11 stuff that we know to be the truth that we feel not only

12 down here but in our heads and our hearts that are the

13 truth in this case and what does it mean.

14 Now throw in this man's, we know this man's car is

15 at the scene of this murder, that it has been within

16 inches of this lady's body while she was still alive but

17 while she is lying there dying. We know his car is

18 stuck back here in a location where it appears that he's

19 trying to leave in that manner that he can't leave.

20 There's blood on the car, that the tracks go--I mean,

21 these tracks go and I mean right even up on the curb so

22 that we know the vehicle that made them was going up

23 that road. The cocaine paraphernalia at the scene used.

24 The toxicology report saying yes, this woman was

25 filled with cocaine.

1 The different types of wounds. The different
2 weapons. The different use of the weapons. The way the
3 body was found. The blood on the inside of her pants,
4 et cetera. The dog's reaction to the scent of this
5 woman. Barking. I mean, he goes, climbs up on the car
6 trying to sniff around the edge of this window. Goes
7 down around the back and then to the passenger side
8 doing the same thing. That's, you know, that's not a
9 Nissan Pathfinder truck to Sadie. It is a vault for
10 scents. She smells this victim out of that, out of
11 those places where the air could transfer. That's how
12 she could get the scent.
13 All the defendant's falsehoods and the stories he
14 has told. The fact that he didn't tell his wife right
15 off the bat and trying to get his truck pulled out. All
16 of that. The fact that he didn't do anything -- I
17 understand that sometimes you might, you might-- I
18 mean, here's the situation. Now, you believe this
19 defendant if you want to. He's walking out of a place,
20 all the cocaine has been smoked up; his car is stuck and
21 he needs to get it out of there and go to work the next
22 morning. He walks out and sees this body.
23 Now, and he's not by himself. Now, this is a full
24 grown man and he's not by himself. He's with another
25 full grown man and neither one of them got within ten

1 feet of this body to see if the lady was still alive.
2 It doesn't take the greatest courage in the world,
3 especially when you are not alone. You are going to do
4 that. Okay? And you, also, if you didn't have anything
5 to do with it, you are going to report it. You are
6 certainly going to tell your wife or somebody else like
7 that. I mean, your wife already knows it means cocaine.
8 That you were out all night. You are going to tell your
9 wife about it if you are not involved.
10 Eva Kelly's statements. Ernest Andrews'
11 statements. What do these things tell you? Things just
12 got out of hand. The only reasonable explanation for
13 all of these facts, as I have described to you this
14 morning, one thing, these two men picked up this lady,
15 they had expectations that their partying was going to
16 culminate in a sex act with her and it didn't come
17 about. Points unerringly to the fact that this
18 defendant participated in this murder. The different
19 weapons. The different manners of use. The fact that
20 he continues to tell falsehoods about it and also tries
21 to cover for Johnny Beck.
22 I submit to you that because of all of this
23 believable evidence nobody can abuse and nobody can
24 change.
25 The State has proven to you beyond a reasonable

1 doubt that this defendant participated with Johnny Beck
2 in the murder of this woman.
3 And I realize that what I have told you about
4 things just got out of hand may have you ushering me
5 right out of the door as far as premeditation and
6 deliberation or, you know, first degree murder. I don't
7 know.
8 There's plenty of evidence in this case, and the
9 judge will explain it to you, that shows you that
10 somebody did deliberate and this was a premeditated
11 murder with intent to kill the way the wounds were
12 inflicted, the number of the wounds, the manner, the
13 force applied. Plenty there.
14 I also realize and I know you are going to
15 consider the fact that things just got out of hand means
16 that they were doing these things and, you know, things
17 just got out of hand. Too much force was applied in
18 trying to make her acquiesce and the woman got killed.
19 If that's the facts as you find them to be, this is a
20 second degree murder. If you find them to be the
21 defendant armed himself with a weapon as well as his
22 codefendant, et cetera, and then intentionally killing
23 this woman in the manner of these wounds would certainly
24 indicate to you, the excess and the brutality of the
25 murder constitutes first degree murder, then it is your

1 duty to come back in here and look this man in the face
2 and say you are guilty as Johnny Beck. You are guilty
3 of murdering this woman in the first degree.
4 If you find the facts as you find them applied to
5 the law as the judge gives it to you, makes this
6 defendant guilty of second degree murder but proven that
7 to you, beyond a reasonable doubt, don't hesitate to do
8 that. Come back and look him in the face and tell him.
9 Now, as to the second charge of accessory after
10 the fact, I mean, this defendant can't be guilty of both
11 of these charges. I mean, you can't be a principal to a
12 murder and an accessory after the fact.
13 I submit to you the believable evidence in this
14 case is that this defendant, too, he participated in
15 this murder. That's the only explanation for all the
16 lying that he has done and the physical evidence of the
17 wounds on this woman and, et cetera. But if you believe
18 the story that he told Ernest Andrews that it was Johnny
19 Beck that got out of hand and chased this woman down and
20 killed her while he sat in the car, then it's your duty
21 to come back here and find him guilty of accessory after
22 the fact of murder and look him in the face and tell him
23 that.
24 Again, you know, you didn't know what a hard job
25 you had when you came down here. It is staring you in

1 the face now and it is your duty to complete it and I
2 know that you will.
3 Again, there's different ways that he could have
4 been an accessory. I mean, I, he obviously tried to
5 drive Johnny Beck from the scene but was the woman dead
6 at that time? You know, I say she wasn't dead at that
7 time. You might believe that she was dead when they
8 finally tried to leave. But lying to the police
9 officers about his involvement as well Johnny Beck's
10 assistance enough for accessory after the fact.
11 I am leaving this job up to you folks. The facts
12 are there. It is said that the highest aim of every
13 legal contest is the ascertainment of the truth. That
14 somewhere within the facts of every case the truth
15 abides. And where truth is, justice steps in and tips
16 the scales. You folks don't have any friends in this
17 case. You don't have any enemies in there case. I
18 understand that. But you have a duty without anger or
19 hope of promise to find the truth in this case and
20 announce it.
21 Mr. Dodd has got a job to do and I know he is
22 going to do it well. He is a good lawyer. He's going
23 to tell you about a lot of things that could have been
24 different, been done differently in this case. He's not
25 going to change these physical facts, folks, as you

1 remember them to be.

2 And before you hear about the rights of this

3 defendant, I want you to remember this: The whole time

4 you listen to him, I want you to remember these three

5 things. Jacquitta Thomas, prostitute or not, has as

6 much right to live and be left to her well-being as

7 anybody in the world, anybody. That was her right as a

8 human and as an American just as, just as important as

9 any right that this defendant has.

10 Her memory has a right for you to demand that the

11 person responsible for her death, her son or her sons,

12 be held accountable. And lastly, in your making a

13 decision about whether this defendant is held

14 accountable, she has a right for to you apply the same

15 tests to him in her death as you would apply to somebody

16 that had killed the mayor, or somebody that killed John

17 F. Kennedy, or someone that killed one of your family or

18 friends.

19 The fact that she was a prostitute, you know,

20 making a living like that being and being high on

21 cocaine and going off with folks like this doesn't

22 change the circumstances or the manner in which you find

23 the facts in this case. It is all the same.

24 I ask you to consider those three things when you

25 are considering evidence in this case and the arguments

1 of Mr. Dodd.

2 What lawyers hate to have is the first argument
3 because we all like to have the last word. And I know
4 there's probably, there's 14 of you at this point and
5 you've all heard the evidence a little different and
6 things that have meant something to you that I haven't
7 touched on. I know it. I mean, I lay awake at night
8 thinking about that and I'll be sitting there in the
9 entirety of Mr. Dodd's argument going, why didn't I, you
10 know, the other side of that argument is this. Why
11 didn't you ever reflect on that.

12 It's your duty to remember the other side of the
13 arguments. It's your duty to speak for the people of
14 the State of North Carolina when there's another side to
15 what Mr. Dodd says and I know y'all will do that even
16 though I can't do it because obviously I'll be sitting
17 there with my turn having come and gone but don't think
18 that I'm not wishing that I had, that I'm not wishing
19 that I had spoken about something that he mentioned when
20 there's another side. And to keep the integrity of this
21 process, you yourself have to remember the other side of
22 those things.

23 Again, I thank you for the attention that you have
24 given me today talking to you and during the course of
25 this trial and I thank each and everyone of you not only

1 for that but for coming and participating in the
2 criminal justice system. It obviously mean a lot to me.
3 And I know it will mean a lot more to you, each and
4 everyone one of you, after having fulfilled your
5 responsibility in this case. I thank you.
6 COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Ford.
7 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, before Mr. Dodd has
8 his closing argument, I am going to give you your
9 morning recess of fifteen minutes.
10 Now, you must still keep in mind that you are not
11 to discuss this case among yourselves in anyway, nor
12 allow anyone to say anything to you about this case.
13 You are still to keep an open mind. You still should
14 not form any opinions about this case. You must wait
15 until you hear all the closing arguments and I give you
16 the closing instructions on the law.
17 I'll ask everybody else to have a seat out in the
18 audience and do not get up until this jury leaves.
19 I am going to give you a fifteen minute recess.
20 Please be back in your seats in fifteen minutes. You
21 may go for a recess.
22 [JURY LEAVES COURTROOM.]
23 COURT: Let the record show that the jury has
24 been excused for their recess and the Court makes note
25 that Mr. Ford commenced his argument at 9:32 a. m.,

Verdict

The jury deliberated for one hour and 36 minutes. On April 19, 1993, they returned a verdict of guilty to first degree murder and not guilty to accessory after the fact to murder. Gregory Taylor was sentenced to the North Carolina Department of Correction for his natural life.

On August 18, 1993, charges against Johnny Beck were dismissed. The dismissal form states: "At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant prosecution for the following: unlike the co-defendant (already convicted) this defendant made no inculpatory statements which would in conjunction with the physical evidence, allow the state to survive nonsuit." Voluntary Dismissal form for 91CRS71722, August 18, 1993.

Trial Exhibits

The trial exhibits no longer exist in the court file and the Commission staff has been unable to obtain them. The Commission obtained court orders for disclosure of files from CCBI and the Wake County Clerk of Court. Diligent efforts have been made to locate the missing files and they cannot be found. For more information, see Affidavit from CCBI Deputy Director, May 30, 2008 and NCIIC Reports regarding searches of the Wake County Clerk of Courts Office, dated April 29, 2008, May 28, 2008, and May 23, 2008.

The photographs that were used as exhibits were able to be reproduced from duplicates or negatives. The staff of the Commission has made every attempt to match the photographs that were available at trial to descriptions in the trial transcripts. The following photographs are believed to be those introduced at trial. Other photographs are available to the Commission and may be produced at the hearing.

The exhibits used at trial were not introduced in numerical order. The photographs are included on the following pages in the order they were introduced. The exhibits that are not photographs are included after the photographs.

State's Exhibit 2

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the Victim. CCBI had removed her pants and shoes and pulled her brassiere up.

State's Exhibit 1

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the cul-de-sac that depicts the general scene around the body. Police had already pulled the Victim's pants and boots off when this picture was taken.

State's Exhibit 3

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the Victim. Depicts cuts around her breasts.

State's Exhibit 4

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the Victim. Shows wounds to her head and throat.

State's Exhibit 5

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the Victim. Depicts wounds on her torso.

State's Exhibit 6

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the Victim. Reveals wounds on the right side of her head.

State's Exhibit 7

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the Victim. Close up of her throat injuries.

State's Exhibit 8

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the Victim from her "belly button up."

State's Exhibit 9

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the entrance to the service road off the cul-de-sac. Officer Kennon testified that marks in the gravel indicated a vehicle had gone up the road since it rained.

State's Exhibit 10

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the vehicle stuck in a "gully."

State's Exhibit 11

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the vehicle stuck in a "gully" taken from a different angle.

State's Exhibit 12

Introduced with Officer Kennon. Photograph of the vehicle stuck in a "gully" taken from the front.

State's Exhibit 1-A

Introduced with Agent Pagani. A photograph of a scene that had a positive reaction with phenolphthalein.

State's Exhibit 1-B

Introduced with Agent Pagani. A photograph of a tire impression in the sand.

State's Exhibit 1-C

Introduced with Agent Pagani. A photograph of a second tire impression in the sand.

State's Exhibit 1-D

Introduced with Agent Pagani. A photograph of what appeared to be vehicle tracks.

State's Exhibit 19

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Photograph of the Victim's head and shoulders.

State's Exhibit 20

Introduced with Medical Examiner, Dr. Radisch. Close up of the right side of the Victim's head. The patch of white skin is "skin slippage" from the removal of tape applied at the crime scene and was not inflicted by the killer.

State's Exhibit 21

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Right side of the Victim's head and neck. The patch of white skin is "skin slippage" from the removal of tape applied at the crime scene and was not inflicted by the killer.

State's Exhibit 22

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Wounds on the Victim's head.

State's Exhibit 23

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Wound under the Victim's ear. The patch of white skin is "skin slippage" from the removal of tape applied at the crime scene and was not inflicted by the killer.

State's Exhibit 24

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Photograph of the wounds underneath the Victim's chin.

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State's Exhibit 25

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Photograph of the back of the Victim's neck. The white patch of skin is due to "skin slippage" from the removal of tape applied at the crime scene and was not inflicted by the killer.

State's Exhibit 26

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Photograph of the back of the Victim's neck and shoulder. The white patch of skin is due to "skin slippage" from the removal of tape applied at the crime scene and was not inflicted by the killer.

State's Exhibit 27

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Close up of the injuries to the Victim's shoulder.

State's Exhibit 28

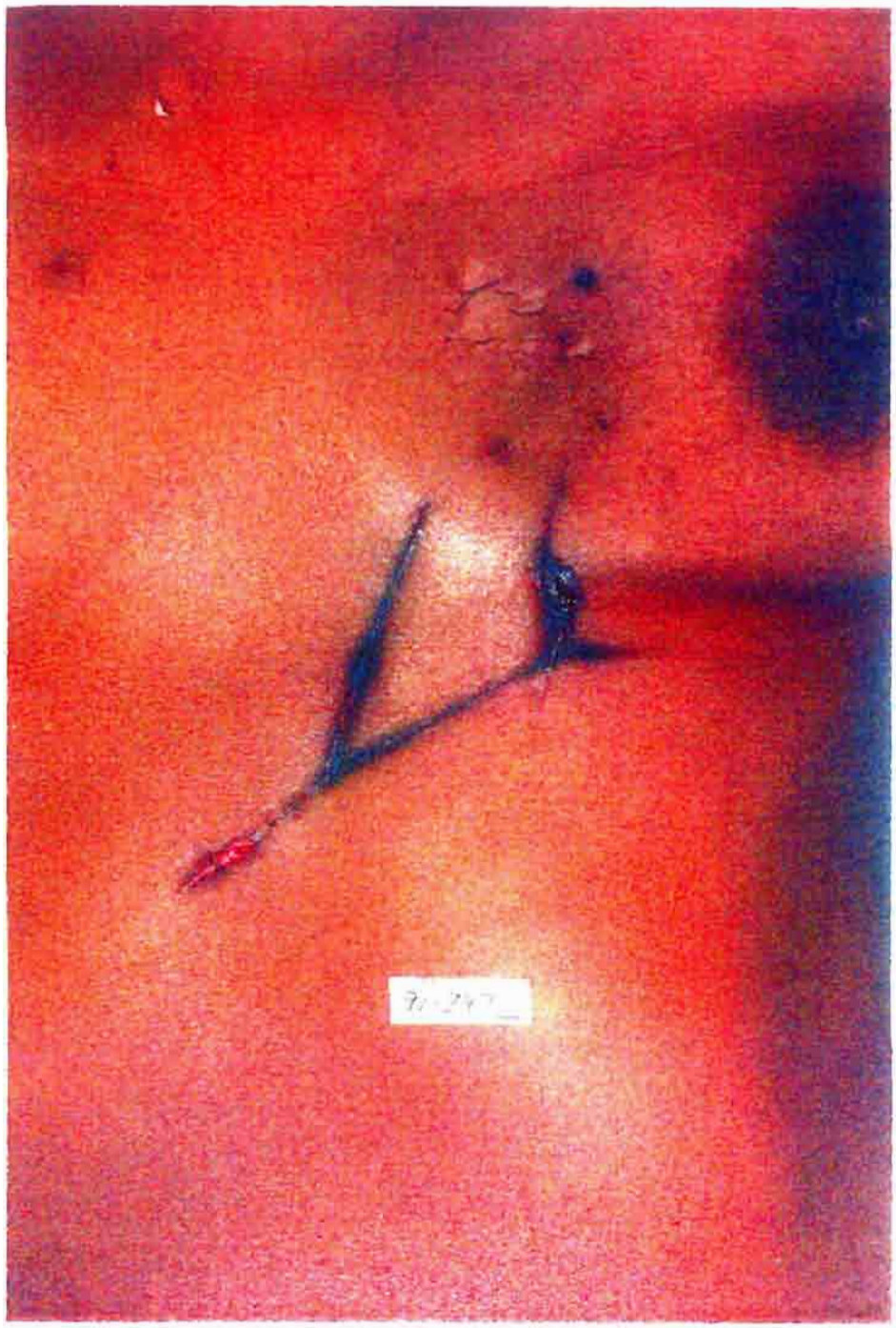
Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Photograph of the Victim's torso. The white patch of skin is due to "skin slippage" from the removal of tape applied at the crime scene and was not inflicted by the killer.

State's Exhibit 29

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. A photograph of Victim's hand showing a possible defensive wound.

State's Exhibit 30

Introduced with Medical Examiner. Dr. Radisch. Photograph of injuries below the Victim's breasts.



State's Exhibit 13

Introduced with Agent Hensley. Photograph of the cul-de-sac showing placards marking what appear to be tire impressions.

State's Exhibit 14

Introduced with Agent Hensley. Photograph of the Victim's chest.

State's Exhibit 15

Introduced with Agent Hensley. Photograph of the Victim's hand.

State's Exhibit 16

Introduced with Agent Hensley. Photograph of the Victim's hand when held open.

State's Exhibit 17

Introduced with Agent Hensley. Photograph of the Victim's hand held open to reveal possible defensive wound.

State's Exhibit 18

Introduced with Agent Hensley. Photograph of the Victim's breast with brassiere pulled up to show injury.

State's Exhibit 40

Introduced with Detective Blackman. A Polaroid photograph of Gregory Taylor's vehicle that was used when canvassing the area and speaking with witnesses.

Missing Exhibits

Exhibits and originals cannot be located or are not included.

State's Exhibit 1-E

Introduced with Agent Hensley. This was an overlay made of the crime scene during luminol testing. As the luminol reacted, an officer made markings on a piece of paper held over a photograph of the crime scene. This exhibit is no longer in the court file and could not be located.

State's Exhibit 37

Introduced with Agent Hensley. This was a videotape of the crime scene made by CCBI. The tape was introduced at trial and is no longer in the court file or at CCBI.

State's Exhibit 38

Introduced with Detective Howard. This was the audio recording of the first police interview of Gregory Taylor. The tape was introduced at trial and is no longer in the court file or at CCBI. A transcript of the interview was made by police and is preserved.

State's Exhibit 31

Introduced with Agent Pagani. This was a diagram made by Agent Pagani of the location in which latent prints were lifted from the vehicle. Some of the latent prints were matched to Gregory Taylor and some were matched to Johnny Beck. This exhibit is no longer in the court file and could not be located by CCBI.

State's Exhibit 32

Introduced with Agent Pagani. The first set of latent prints lifted from the vehicle. The latent prints are physical evidence currently at Laboratory Corporation of America, Inc. and will not be brought into the Commission hearing. This particular latent print was matched to Gregory Taylor.

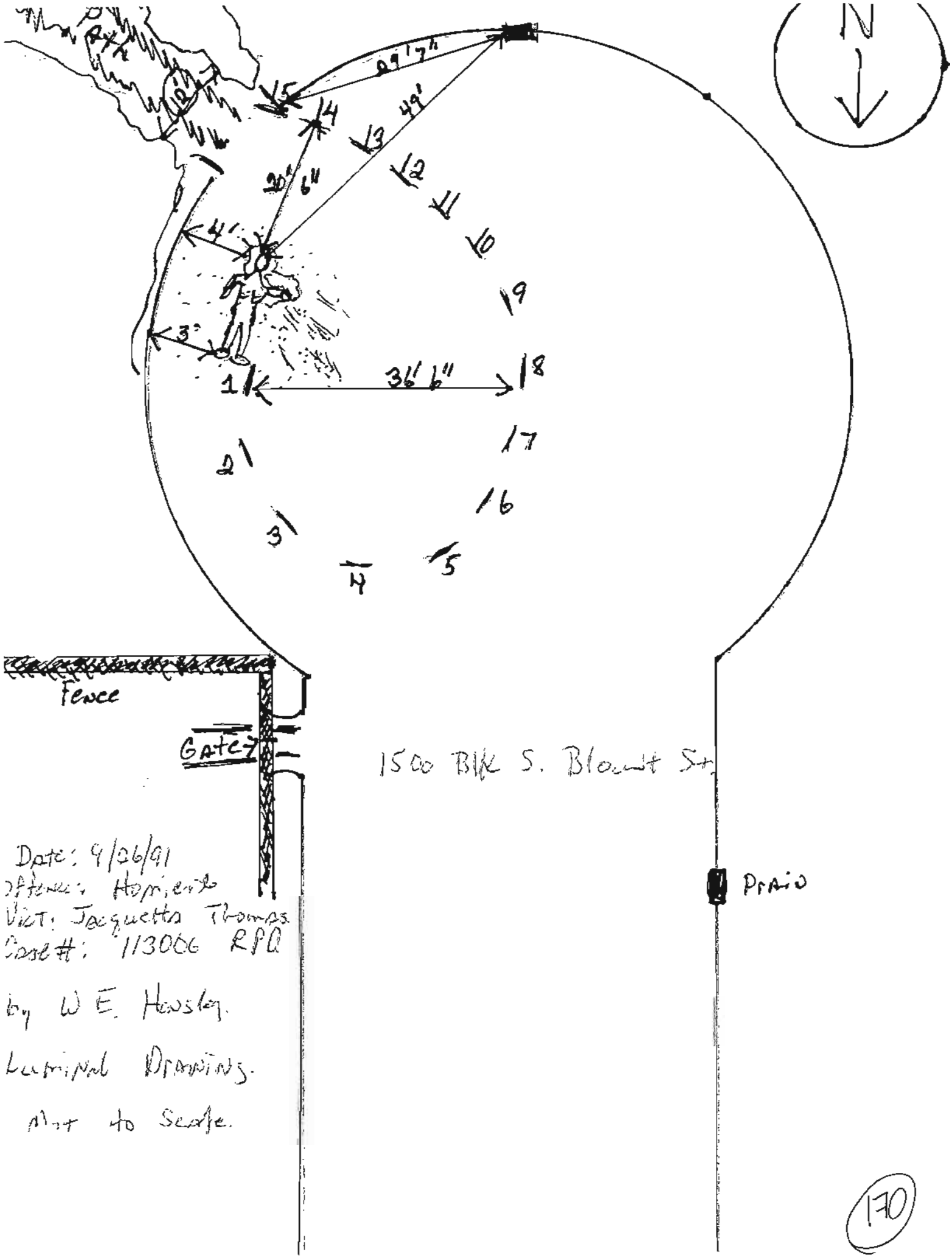
State's Exhibit 33

Introduced with Agent Pagani. The second set of latent prints lifted from the vehicle. The latent prints are physical evidence currently at Laboratory Corporation of America, Inc. and will not be brought into the Commission hearing. This particular latent print was matched to Johnny Beck.

State's Exhibit 36

Introduced with Agent Hensley. Sketch of the luminol reactions at the crime scene.

Agent Hensley testified that as the luminol was sprayed on the scene, he sketched a diagram of the reactions. The diagram is included on the following page and depicts what Agent Hensley believed were tire tracks. The diagram is not to scale.



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by W E. Hensley.

Luminal Drawing.

Not to Scale.

State's Exhibit 34

Introduced with Agent Pagani. SBI Report.

A State Bureau of Investigation report that shows positive chemical indication for the presence of blood on the thread sample from the fender. There was no indication of the presence of blood from the A-frame. The entire report is included on the next pages.

Department of Justice
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LABORATORY REPORT

TO: Agent Don Pagani
City-County Bureau of Identification
316 Fayetteville Street Mall
Raleigh, N.C. 27602

DATE: November 7, 1991

SBI LAB NO.: R910018525

SBI FILE NO.:

TYPE OF CASE: Homicide

AGENCY FILE NO.: Raleigh PD #113006

LOCATION: Wake County

EXAMINED BY: P. D. Deaver/J. S. Taub

SUBJECT: JACQUETTE LASHAWN THOMAS (VICTIM)
GREGORY F. TAYLOR (SUSPECT)
JOHNNY BECK (SUSPECT)

MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY: Addressee

DATE OF OFFENSE: September 26, 1991

DATE SUBMITTED: October 1, 1991

ITEMS SUBMITTED:

Item #16: One automobile fender liner.
Item #17: Stained thread sample.
Item #18: Stained thread sample.
Item #21: One "Merit" cigarette butt.
Item #37: An SBI Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit containing the following articles of evidence identified as collected and/or prepared from the victim, Jacquetta Thomas:
a. Two liquid blood samples.
b. Two vaginal smears.
c. Four vaginal swabs.
d. Panties.
e. Two rectal smears.
f. Four rectal swabs.
g. Two oral smears.
h. Four oral swabs.
i. Pubic hair combings.
j. Known head hair sample.
k. Known head hair sample.
Item #40: One dried blood sample identified as collected from Jaquetta Thomas.
Item #45: One piece of tissue paper.

I, Lacy H. Thornburg, Attorney General of the State of North Carolina, hereby certify that the form identified as: North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Laboratory Report is a form approved by me for the purpose stated in G.S. 90-95(g) and approved by me in compliance with the said statute.

COPIES TO:

Mr. Colon Willoughby, D.A.

THIS REPORT IS TO BE USED ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH AN OFFICIAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

Charles Dunn, Director

This report represents a true and accurate result of my analysis on the item(s) described.

P. D. Deaver/J. S. Taub

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ITEMS SUBMITTED (CONTINUED):

Item #46: One pair of pants with belt.
Item #51: An SBI Suspect Evidence Collection Kit composed of the following articles of evidence collected and/or prepared from the suspect, Gregory Taylor:
a. Two liquid blood samples.
b. Two saliva swabs.
c. Known pubic hair sample.
d. Known head hair sample.
e. Pubic hair combing.
Item #52: An SBI Suspect Evidence Collection Kit composed of the following articles of evidence collected and/or prepared from the suspect, Johnny Beck:
a. Two liquid blood samples.
b. Two saliva swabs.
c. Known pubic hair sample.
d. Known head hair sample.
e. Pubic hair combing.

TYPE ANALYSIS REQUESTED:

Blood analysis, semen analysis, and bloodspatter pattern interpretation.

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Examination of Item #45 revealed the presence of human blood. Analysis of a cutting from the panties (Item #37d) revealed the presence of semen. Items #37d and #45 and the liquid blood samples gave the following blood group reactions:

Items	ABO	Secretor	PGM	PGMsub	EsD	Hp	Gc	PepA	Hb
#37a (victim's blood)	O	Nonsecretor	1	1+	1	2	1F1S	1	A
#51a (Taylor's blood)	AB	Secretor	1	1+	5-1	INC	21S	1	A
#52a (Beck's blood)	B	Secretor	1	1+	1	1	1F1S	1	A
#37d (panties)	INC		NR	NT	NT	NT	NT	NR	NT
#45 (tissue paper)	O		1	1+	1	2	1F1S	INC	A

INC = inconclusive NR = no reaction NT = not tested

Examination of the cigarette butt (Item #21) gave chemical indications for the presence of saliva and gave reactions for ABO group AB.

Examination of Items #16, #18, and #46 gave chemical indications for the presence of blood. Examination of Item #17 failed to reveal the presence of blood.

A bloodstain examination of the pants (Item #46) failed to reveal any stains on the outside of the pants and several small stains on the inside of the left leg.

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RESULTS OF ANALYSIS (CONTINUED):

The amount of stain present on the inside of the left leg was insufficient to permit a complete bloodstain pattern determination.

Conclusions:

The blood detected on Item #45 is consistent with that of the victim to the extent of blood grouping attempted. The ABO blood group reactions determined on the cigarette butt (Item #21) are consistent with Gregory Taylor's ABO blood type.

DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE:

Items #37i, #37j, #37k, #46, #51c, #51d, #51e, #52c, #52d, and #52e were submitted to S/A J. D. Reavis on October 16, 1991. The remaining evidence is being returned via United Parcel Service in the attached package.

PDD/JST:kh
Attachment

State's Exhibit 39

Introduced with Detective Howard. A transcript of first police interview with Gregory Taylor.

A transcript of the first police interview with Gregory Taylor was provided to the jury as they listened to the tape. This transcript was introduced with Detective Howard and on cross examination, the Defense Attorney asked him to make corrections to the transcript. The tape was not replayed for Detective Howard and he could not recall the errors in the transcript. One of the changes the Defense Attorney asked Detective Howard to make was changing the word "memorize" to "remember all." Any markings on this transcript were not made by the staff of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission.

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INVESTIGATIVE NOTES:

As a result of being called to an apparently homicide scene. This investigator and Det. Liles were assigned to interview Mr. Gregory Flint Taylor.

SYNOPSIS:

The following is an interview with Mr. Taylor in reference to any knowledge and/or possible participation that he may have in reference to the above listed homicide.

STATEMENT OF:

Gregory Flint Taylor
1525 Aridith Ct.
Cary, NC 27511
White Male
DOB: 4/11/62
SSN: [redacted]
Hm. Ph. 467-5678
Wife Mrs. Rebecca Taylor
One daughter
Employed with Business Telecom, Inc.
120 1/2 W. Hargett St.
Raleigh, NC, 829-4906
Mother: Mrs. Martina Strickland
5604 North hills Dr.
Raleigh, N.C.
Ph: 787-1000

Q: Greg, first of all I want to tell you I appreciate you coming down here and you did come down on your own?

A: Yes sir.

Q: No one forced you to come down. I think your bossman and your wife came down with you, is that right?

A: Yes, I had to make sure I get a ride at work.

I felt like it was pretty important.

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Q: Sure, I understand that. Greg, tell me where you were last night, how your truck come about being where it's at, who you were with, lets start yesterday afternoon when you got off work, what time did you get off work?

A: I got off at 5:15.

Q: Okay, what happened?

A: I went to a buddy of mines house for a while.

Q: Who is he?

A: His name is Jimmy Stanford.

Q: And where does Jimmy live?

A: In Carpenter I guess off of 55.

Q: Does he work with you?

A: No, he is just a friend.

Q: Okay, does he have a phone number?

A: 380-9381.

Q: Okay.

A: I left about 9:30 and went over to another friend of mine's house name Chris. I sat there and watched the Brave's game for a little while and I left and I was on my way home, I decided to stop by a buddy of mine's John's house. So I stopped by there, I had a few beers, I decided we wanted to go get in the mud so we went out four wheeling and lets see, I guess it was about 2:30 when we got to the circle there. Out there in the circle, you know, we went up that road again and fiddled around out there for a few minutes, I say it was probably about an hour, somewhere around there we got stuck, we left the truck there. On the way down the driveway into the circle on the right there was a body there. We look first and John said, is that a body and I turned around and looked, and said it sure is, we better get out of

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here, you know, and that's what we did, we started walking up the street there. I didn't even look close enough to tell whether it was a boy or a girl. It was laying on the back with the hands down by the side like that and by the discoloration of it, I figured they were asleep and I said maybe they were dead or something. So we went up the street, it was probably, I'm really bad at guessing distances but I would have to say fifty to a hundred yards or whatever and John turned around and looked and there was a person standing in a circle and turned his head back around and he said don't look, don't look, but I had to turn around and look and we saw a person standing in the circle back there. He kept on getting himself up a little bit faster and we got to lets see, the end of the road and took a right and then took a left and we walked a little ways and then we got a ride. Lets see, we messed around for a little while and I went home and that's about it.

Q: What time did you get home?

A: It was about 7:00 this morning.

Q: 7:00 this morning.

Q: John, where does John lives?

A: He lives off of Western Blvd.

Q: Do you know the address?

A: No sir, I sure don't.

Q: You can show me.

A: Yes sir.

Q: Do you know where John works?

A: No sir, I sure don't.

Q: Is he white or black?

A: He is black, I believe he is a landscaper but I'm not positive.

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Q: How old is he?

A: Thirty one or thirty-two.

Q: And I believe you said you got there about 2:30?

A: Yes sir.

Q: And left at what time?

A: It was probably around 3:30 or 4:00 or maybe 4:30.

Q: Okay.

A: It could've been no more than an hour and a half. It was probably around 4:00. One thing you might want to check, I'm basing that on my clock in my truck, if that clock is right, that's what time it was.

Q: Okay.

Q: Who picked you up?

A: Some girl name Barbara. I didn't know her and he didn't know her, basically were were just looking for a ride.

Q: You mean did you thumb or?

A: Basically, yea.

Q: What kind of car was she driving?

A: A Honda Civic.

Q: Where were you at when she picked you up?

A: Probably two blocks away from that gas station off of the road going into town, was it Wilmington Street about two blocks away from that gas station going towards town.

Q: And did she know either one of you?

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A: No sir.

Q: A white girl or black girl?

A: A black girl.

Q: And she just stopped and picked y'all up?

A: Yes sir. I told her that we were stranded and I'd give her some money for gas if she would give us a ride?

Q: And did you give her some money?

A: Yes sir.

Q: And where did she take you?

A: She took us to a friend of hers house for a little while.

Q: And where is that at?

A: Somewhere downtown sir, I really don't know. We went there and then she took us to drop John off at his house and then she carried me as far as the Crown Station on Buck Jones Road up there where that Western Blvd., Hillsborough Street intersection and from there I called my wife and that was about 7:00 or ten after 7:00.

Q: Where were you at when you said John told you not to look back?

A: I've been trying so hard to memorize this.

Q: If I understand correctly, tell me again, you went in here four wheeling, stuck your vehicle?

A: Right.

Q: You came back?

A: Okay, here is the body right here laying off towards the curb.

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Q: Okay, was this body here when y'all pulled in at 2:30? You came by walking?

A: Walking.

Q: You saw the body?

A: Right.

Q: Did y'all turn the body over?

A: No sir, we didn't get anywhere probably within ten or fifteen feet of it.

Q: Okay.

A: And actually in the dark it looked like maybe a roll of carpet or something until I saw it.

Q: But you're reasonably sure it won't there when you went in there?

A: I'm just about positive. I think I would've seen it with my lights and everything.

Q: Show me how you went in there, did you just go straight in, did you pull around this way?

A: We pulled around this way.

Q: You come this way?

A: Yes sir, and then we said well, go back here this is a good place so we went on back there.

Q: You pulled around like so.

A: And then backed in to here.

Q: Did you back in or pull straight?

A: I went right straight in over the curb.

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Q: Okay. How far up here did you walk before John told you not to turn around?

A: There were buildings on the right, I'm trying to remember what all was there. There was a okay, there was a trash can with a Michelob bottle in it on the right-hand side of the road because I remember putting about a half bottle beer in that trash can.

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Q: Okay.

A: And it was right is probably only a few feet before that.

Q: Up in here somewhere?

A: Yes sir.

Q: A Michelob bottle?

A: Yes sir. As a matter of fact I think he dropped his because he was getting ready to light a cigarette and he handed me the bottle and I handed it back to him and I believe he dropped it and broke it so it should be one broke Michelob bottle right near there, he was pretty nervous.

Q: You say you get home around 7:00?

A: Yes sir.

A: Well, I got to that gas station, the Crown Station about then, I got home probably closer to 7:30.

Q: How do you know John?

A: I've known him for probably about a year, he's is just an acquaintance, you know, I might stop by his house or something to drink a beer or get up with him or something.

Q: What did you have on last night?

A: I had on a white T shirt, blue jeans and flip flops.

Q: What did John have on?

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A: He had on a white T-shirt and white shorts if I'm not mistaken.

Q: Has this woman right here, and I'm showing you a photograph of a woman, has she ever been in your vehicle?

A: No sir.

Q: And her fingerprints shouldn't be in it should it?

A: Not at all sir.

Q: No hair?

A: No sir, nothing at all from that girl should be in my vehicle.

Q: Were you or John by any chance bleeding?

A: No sir.

Q: So there should be no bloody footprints or any blood of any kind in your vehicle should there?

A: No, there shouldn't be not that I can remember. Now, I've cut my foot before on glass or something but I don't think there were any blood.

Q: Her blood type shouldn't be in there should it?

A: No sir, he blood shouldn't be in there.

Q: Greg?

A: Yes sir.

(1) Q: You've got a choice, you can be a witness or you can be a defendant, and I don't think you want to be a defendant?

A: No sir, I'm not guilty of anything except for making a mistake or probably leaving the scene, do you know what I'm saying.

Q: I know.

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A: I mean we had beers in us and I said should we call and we decided no, lets just forget about it and go, do you know what I'm saying?

(2) Q: Tell me what happened, you haven't told me what happened and I can prove different. You didn't see the man that was up there at the warehouse working in the loading dock, the one y'all walked by?

A: On the left, yes sir.

Q: No, on the right.

A: On the right, no sir.

Q: Now, if you want to tell me what happened, I want to listen to you and we'll go find John and this thing will be much easier and much better.

A: That is what happened sir.

(3) Q: Now, I've got to much evidence there to disprove exactly what you told me, okay.

A: I don't understand that.

Q: What I'm telling you is you or John or both of you are involved in this.

A: No sir.

(4) Q: And I can prove it.

A: I don't understand, we can't be involved in that.

Q: But you are.

A: All I did was drive in the circle and drove up the dirt road, get stuck, and come back and see that body and kept on walking.

Q: I got people that were in this warehouse right here, people that we have just in fact talked to, what's his name?

PORTING OFFICER: H. Howard NO. 5[illegible] DIV. MOTF
PERVISOR APPROVING

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A: Gerald Smith.

5) Q: That works at Raleigh Bonded Warehouse, he saw it, he give me your description, he give me John's description, the whole nine yards. Now, if you want to go down with John and take part of this blame that's fine. If you want to tell me what John done and what happened, I'm willing to listen.

A: We never got out of the truck until we got stuck.

Q: So you're trying to tell me you or John didn't have nothing to do with this woman's death.

A: Yes sir.

6) Q: I can prove that, I can prove differently.

A: We didn't I promise.

7) Q: Well, why would this witness tell me differently? Not True

A: I have no idea.

Q: Well, unfortunately he has put you right in the middle of something and unfortunately you going...

A: I didn't have anything to do with her.

Q: Maybe you don't want to remember. I don't know how much you had to drink, I don't know. I know you're in a position where a lot of people are not in and that's a position to decide what's going happen to Greg in the next thirty or forty-five minutes.

8) A: Yes sir.

Q: And that's a decision you need to make whether you want to be a witness or you want to be a defendant?

A: Yes sir.

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(10) Q: Whether you want to be truthful with me or whether you want to stick with this story that I can prove is wrong and then you be charged with something that maybe John done.

A: Sir, I've been truthful with you.

Q: No, you've not.

A: Yes, I have sir.

Q: Well, if that's the case, why is this unbiased witness telling me different.

A: I have no idea sir.

(11) Q: Why does physical evidence at this scene tell me different. Have you ever heard of luminal?

A: No sir.

Q: Luminal detects blood.

A: Right.

Q: Why is this blood type being detected at your vehicle right now?

A: That blood can't be on my vehicle?

Q: Why is it that the dog that we have that have been certified in court as an expert witness, why did that dog put her to your vehicle right now?

A: She was not in my car, I never saw her until...

Q: I'm not saying she was, maybe she won't but don't you know her scent off of you or off of John will be in your her car?

A: She was not in my car.

Q: She don't have to be but the scent off of you from being with her or off of John from being in contact with her will be in that

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vehicle and the dog keys on your vehicle. Why do you think we want you keys.

A: We never got within about probably ten or fifteen feet of that body, I promise.

Q: That body supposedly to you was already down here before you pulled your vehicle in there?

A: Nothing was down there when we pulled in.

Q: Exactly, so the sent from her body shouldn't be at your vehicle if in fact she was not here when you pulled in there, if in fact you and John didn't have anything to do with it, okay. Logically you would've called the police, John would've called the police. Listen to me, I take the evidence that I've got right now a witness, the dog, the blood, there is no telling what fibers we going find off her after we get through processing her and send it to the lab. We certainly are going be drawing a search warrant to go search your house, get your clothes, you going show me John, I'm going get his clothes, I'm going talk to John and when I get through from here what's going happen?

pressure

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A: You will find out I was telling the truth, I promise she was not in my car, she was not there when we got there, she was there when we left.

Q: Do you think anybody is going believe that?

A: It's the truth sure, I don't see why not, it's the truth.

Q: Why not when I've got a witness that saw you, when I've got a dog.

A: We were there. yes you were there

Q: You were there when she got killed?

A: No sir.

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Q: Now, what you need to decide is if you going be charged with that murder or you going be a witness to that murder?

to be charged either way

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A: I did not see the murder sir.

Q: What that tells me is you're the person that done it.

A: No sir, I didn't see anybody getting killed. I saw a body laying there it was dead.

Q: Greg, I wish I could believe that but unfortunately physical evidence, you can't distort witnesses, you can't distort physical evidence, I mean, you know, you can't change that.

A: I'm just telling you the truth, that's exactly what happened the best I can recall.

Q: Have you ever heard of fingerprints being lifted off bodies, you know they can do that today.

A: Okay, my fingerprints aren't going be on her.

Q: Then that tells me John.

A: No, his won't either, he was with me the whole time.

Q: Her footprints?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Footprints and blood is all around that body.

A: Not mine.

Q: Well, then they're John's.

A: They're not John's either. All we did was walk straight by it probably no more than ten or fifteen feet.

Q: Well, I wish I could believe that.

A: That's the truth sir.

Q: But that's not going work.

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A: We kept on going and that was it, we right by it, I kept on going. I only looked a the thing for about three seconds just a glance.

Q: And the person you looked back and saw that was standing in the circle, was he white or black?

A: I just remember like a red shirt, and white shorts, or a white shirt and red shorts and I believe I couldn't tell you if it was a man or woman but I believe he was white.

Q: He was white?

A: Uh huh, (Yes) He was white.

Q: And no vehicle?

A: No sir.

Q: Have you ever been 4-wheeling back in there before?

A: No sir.

Q: And why did you decide to go back there this time?

A: We were just, we saw the road there and decided to just take it.

Q: Just take to go 4-wheels?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: So you've never been there, has John ever been in there?

A: I don't think so.

Q: How did you decide to go right there, I mean where were you at before you went in there?

A: We were trying to get over to Saunders Street or something and we were turning into a circle so we turned around and we said lets just checked out this trail here.

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Q: Where had you and John been just before y'all got here?

A: We rode with John brother.

Q: And where does he live?

A: Off of Oakwood somewhere, Oakwood Street.

Q: But you don't know where or who John's brother is. How long did you stay over there?

A: We were probably there for a couple of hours.

Q: A couple of hours?

A: Yes sir.

Q: So you left Louis' house and then you went up there?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Where did you pick the girl up at?

A: We didn't pick the girl up sir.

Q: Greg, you know I'm going check all of this stuff out.

A: That's fine, I swear I didn't have anything to do with it and neither did John, I'm telling you everything I know.

Q: No, you're not and I can disprove that from this witness number one and You may not believe me, I don't know. I'll let you go down there and talk to him and he will identify you. He had already given me the physical description.

A: I was there, walking up the road there. I saw the body, the body wasn't there when we went in, it was there when we went out.

Q: And that's the story you want to stick to?

A: That is the story sir.

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Q: And that's what you want to stick to?

A: It's the truth.

Q: Do you know the difference between First Degree Murder and possible a lesser charge.

A: No sir.

Q: First Degree Murder, I just got a man sentence to death for something like this, okay. And you know the reason why he got the death sentence?

A: No sir.

Q: Because he told a lie.

A: I'm not lying.

Q: Because he didn't show any remorse because he contend to something that was not true.

Q: I want you to look at these photos, that woman died a horrible death. Somebody is going pay one hell of a price.

A: How did she die, did someone cut her throat.

Q: You can sit there and if that's what you want then I will pull in all my witnesses, okay.

A: Okay.

Q: And I will pull in my experts and I will bring in my dog and I will convict you in court. pressure

A: I did not do it, I'm telling you the truth.

Q: Well, then there will be an innocent man convicted of murder, and I'm sorry, I'm sorry first of all that it happened, okay?

A: Uh huh, (Yes). pressure

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Q: And I'm sorry second of all that you can't understand that you got a way out of this spot, that you've got a way to help yourself, I can't help you unless you help yourself.

A: My truck got stuck. I know I'm doing the right thing by coming down here and talking to you guys, okay?

Q: That's true.

A: I'm telling you everything I know, okay?

Q: Okay.

A: What more I can do, you know.

Q: Okay, let me ask you then if you would, would you go with us and show us where John lives?

A: Uh huh. (Yes) Anything you want me to do to help I will.

Q: Okay, and if we could, I'd like to go to your home and get your clothes that you were wearing?

A: Okay, we can do that.

Q: At this point I guess that's about all I need. If you will wait outside and let me talk with your wife just briefly and let her know what we're fixing to do, and we will go over to your house or you can ride with us and we'll go to John and then to your house.

A: Okay, yes sir.

This will conclude the interview, the time is 11:35.

The time will be 11:05 a.m., this will be a continuation of the interview with Gregory Taylor.

Q: Gregory, we spoke with your wife and she has agreed for us to go to your residence and obtain some clothing articles that you were wearing last night, okay. If you would, I'm just a little

OK. No problem

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confused on your sequence of events last night where you were, can we go over that one more time?

A: Yes sir.

Q: You left work at what time?

A: About 5:00 or shortly after.

Q: Okay, and did you go home?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Okay, what time did you get home?

A: 5:30 or 5:25 something like that.

Q: What time did you leave home?

A: About 6:00.

Q: Was this a planned outing, I mean had you told your wife you were going out for the evening or had you just decided to go out for a while?

A: Yea, I called her about 10:00, I hadn't told her anything about it during the day, I had decided to go out, you know, while I was at work.

Q: Okay, so she didn't know when she left that morning that you were going be out late tonight?

A: That's right.

Q: Okay. When you left out from home, where did you to?

A: I went to Jimmy Staney's house.

Q: And Jimmy Staney lives?

A: I guess it's Carpenter is the closest thing to it.

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Q: Do you know his phone number?

A: Yes sir, 380-9381.

Q: And where does Mr. Staney, where does he work at?

A: I don't know, he use to work with a good friend of mine that's how, I know him. He is use to taking a couple of months off.

Q: And you stayed there until when?

A: Until about 9:30.

Q: And then what did you do?

A: I went over to my buddy Chris' house.

Q: Chris who?

A: Chris Bunn.

Q: And where does Chris live?

A: Eastgate, no it's Montecito Apartments.

Q: Do you know his phone number?

A: Yes sir.

Q: What is that?

A: It's 878-9052.

Q: 878.

A: 9052.

Q: Where does he work?

A: He lays carpet for a guy name Doug Matthews.

Q: Okay, is he white or black?

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A: He is white.

Q: How about Stan?

A: He is white.

Q: How late did you stay there with him?

A: I stayed there until the Brave's game went into overtime or extra Inns so I guess it was probably about 11:00 or something like that.

Q: I'm assuming you were probably drinking?

A: Yes sir.

Q: And getting pretty intoxicated, getting a buzz on?

A: Yea, I was feeling pretty good I guess you'd say.

Q: What were you drinking?

A: Budwiser.

Q: Budwiser.

Q: You left there around 11:30 or so?

A: Right.

Q: And you went over to?

A: I went over to John's.

Q: And John lives?

A: Off Western Blvd., Method Road area.

Q: Okay, and he is a black male?

A: Yes sir.

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Q: Okay, and his phone number?

A: 859-5437.

Q: 859-5437. Do you know where he works?

A: No sir. exchange

Q: Does he live by himself or with his family?

A: He lives with his wife and a couple of kids.

Q: How old is he?

A: He is like 31 or 32.

Q: Okay. How late did you stay over there?

A: Until, it wasn't that long because I went over to his brother's basically I just went and got him I guess you could say he just went over to his brother so that was probably I didn't keep track of the time but I just remember it was 2:30 when we left his brother and I guess we were there probably about an hour a half something like that.

Q: What's his brother's name?

A: I think it's Lewis.

Q: Do you know his phone number?

A: No sir.

Q: Do you know his address?

A: No sir, I've never me the guy before.

Q: Do you know anyone that lives on Carver Street?

A: Not anymore.

Q: Okay, you stay with him then you and John leave about 2:30?

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A: Yea.

Q: Where did y'all go?

A: We went to, to be honest with you I don't know exactly where it was, I mean I don't want to incriminate myself but we did go buy some cocaine.

Q: Did you smoke it?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Okay, where did you smoke it at? all over

A: We got some to begin with and went to his brothers, and we went and got some more.

Q: You went back to his brother or you got some and went to his brother and stayed there until about 2:30?

A: Right, exactly. Then we left and decided to go get a little bit more and I headed on back towards Western Blvd.

Q: Okay, where did you go to pick it up at and I'm not a drug investigator but I was just trying to determine where you went.

A: You know all those roads downtown.

Q: Okay.

A: The best I can tell you it was off of the road that goes up towards that Texaco and Old Garner Road somewhere right around there.

Q: Okay.

A: And I guess it's the place where they call the Block or whatever or a little bit further South.

Q: Bragg Street?

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A: That sounds good. It seems like I remember seeing Bragg Street this morning, I know this morning when we were tracing back.

Q: Okay, you coped some dope some more dope? YB SM

A: Smoking.

Q: Where at?

A: We went to that circle and we just kind of ended up there.

Q: Okay, did you in fact smoke it there in the circle?

A: We smoked some there in the circle and then we decided to go up that road there.

Q: Okay. Then when you pulled in the circle, to smoke your dope. If you would show me again?

A: We parks right there.

Q: Did you pull in here or did you circle around?

A: We circled around because I know my front end was facing, you know, so we could see any lights or whatever.

Q: You circled around and parked your vehicle?

A: Right there.

Q: How close to the intersection?

A: Close enough, you know, I wasn't sticking out in the road or nothing, I was back here this way a little so couldn't nobody really see me. I tried a couple of times and John got out and stood on the rear bumper, you know, maybe try to weight that down a little bit to help that didn't help at all. We sat around, we took like another hit or something and then I believe I got out to see if we could jack up the front somehow, you know, and that was pretty useless too so I went as far I guess as to, I had a bunch of ski crap back there, I moved all the ski's to the other seat so I could pull up and get the tire tool stuff out of the

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bottom of the seat but that was a waste of time and then when I got back out there it wasn't any way that we could jack that thing up in all that mud.

Q: So y'all leave and you walk and....

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Where again and I was a little confused on, you go and this lady that you said her name was?

A: Barbara.

Q: Barbara, where did she pick you up at?

A: It was probably about a block from, there was a gas station. See this road ends and you take a right and a quick left, there is a gas station right there?

Q: Uh huh, (Yes).

A: We were probably, I don't know a couple of about fifty yards on the other side of a gas station because she like turned around in that gas station. It's like we're stranded.

Q: Did y'all ever go to that gas station?

A: No, not to get gas or nothing if that's what you mean.

Q: Did y'all ever go to that gas station?

A: No, not to get gas or nothing if thats what you mean. We turned around and walked yea, we turned around and walked across the road into the gas station.

Q: Which gas station now, is it a Texaco Station? You went out the street?

A: Right.

Q: Did you turn right or left?

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A: Left.

Q: You turned left.

A: This is that big road right?

Q: Yea, one little road that comes here.

A: Show me the end of the circle.

Q: This is the circle.

A: Okay.

Q: You come up here, there is a street that goes left.

A: No, we didn't do that, we went all the way to the end of the road and took a right.

Q: You turned right?

A: Yea, and then took that left right there at that stoplight. There is a gas station right there.

Q: Okay.

A: And we got a little bit past that and we kind of flagged that girl down and she stopped.

Q: Do you know where he is talking about Liles?

Q: (Det. Liles) Yea.

Q: Okay, what's the name of that street?

A: Is it Wilmington?

Q: (Det. Liles) The street that cuts all the way over to Garner Road where the towing service use to be?

A: I don't remember the name of it.

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Q: But you did turn right when you got there?

A: Yea.

Q: Okay.

A: Yea, right out there in the road.

Q: (Det. Liles) Hoke and Blount I think.

Q: Near Garner Road is where you were at?

A: Right.

Q: Okay, you flagged this girl down or whatever, she stops and so if you left there around 3:30 what's this 3:45 or 4:00?

A: However long it takes to walk that distance I couldn't tell you I wasn't looking at my watch.

Q: Did you tell her about this body?

A: No.

Q: What did y'all tell her?

A: That my truck got stuck and we were stranded and that I'd offered to buy her gas, you know, whatever, you know, if she'd help us out and she did, you know. So we went over to one of her friends, I guess a rock house or something like that and stayed there for just a short time.

Q: Did you buy her some dope, well you had some dope left then?

A: No, we smoked all that up, up there in that street.

Q: Okay, where did y'all go do you know how to get to that rock house?

A: To be honest with you I don't sir. Was in the front seat

Q: Okay, do you know any of the people that were there?

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A: No.

Q: You just gave her the money and she went in or did John go in?

A: We all three went in and stayed there for probably about an hour or something like that.

Q: Okay, so now we're talking about 3:45, 4:45, 5:00?

A: Yea, we probably left about 5:30 or 6:00 or something.

Q: Y'all smoked dope in there?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Barbara then took, where did y'all go?

A: We went to, back to John's neighborhood and went to some girl's house over there for some stupid reason. About that time I was ready to get home, you know.

Q: And John knows the girl y'all went to see?

A: Yea, I guess he did, I don't know.

Q: Well, somebody had to.

A: That girl knew him.,

Q: The girl knew him?

A: Yea.

Q: Okay.

A: It was her stinking idea, I was trying to get a ride home about that time so I don't know we were there about fifteen minutes I guess and John went home and she took me, she was talking about getting gas, I didn't have no more money right, I told her she was about $3.00 early but I didn't and we talked about? The fact is that I just didn't have any more money to give her any gas so

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she dropped me off at the Crown Station up there on Buck Jones Road.

Q: And what time was that?

A: It was probably about ten after 7:00.

Q: Then you called your wife?

A: Uh huh, (Yes) please come and get me.

Q: Did you tell her that you had seen a body?

A: No, I sure didn't.

Q: What did you tell her?

A: My truck got stuck in the mud and I spent all night trying to get it out and I'd been walking and hitchhiking and hitchhiking and walking, you know.

Q: So she don't know about Barbara?

A: None of that stuff.

Q: Or going to these crack houses.

A: I told her that John was with me when we got stuck and she knows that got us pretty much into that stuff and she figured, you know, to be two men. She doesn't really know all the details.

Q: Do you own a knife?

A: Several.

Q: Do you keep one with you in your vehicle?

A: No sir, there might be a knife in the tackle box now I think about it, it's in the back of the truck. I don't, you know, I don't normally keep one.

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Q: You don't ever keep one in there for the purpose of cutting the seatbelt or anything like that?

A: No sir, I don't even keep one in it.

Q: Have you ever had one in any vehicle you ever had for that purpose?

A: No.

Q: Okay, if you don't mind I'd like to go and let you show me where John lives, I want to try to get up with him. Also I'd like to go to your home, get your clothing. Of course you know we have been in the process of processing your car. Like I've told you and I have not told you anything that was not true. You're in a bad situation by being there. You know, I do have witness that tells me a little different story than what you have told me

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A: That's the best I can recall that is the truth. I mean the timings might not be exact but I can pretty much trace down exactly what we did and..

Q: What kind of car did Barbara have?

A: It was a Silver Honda Civic I believe it was.

Q: Had you ever seen her before?

A: No sir.

Q: You don't know was she a student or employed?

A: I think she was a little bit older to be a student. I don't know if she is employed or not.

Q: Anything about her vehicle that stands out?

A: No, just, you know, I wasn't paying much attention to it.

Q: Okay. Is there anything else you can add?

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A: I've been trying to think of anything that I could add no, I really can't. I just wish I knew for sure whether that person had on a white shirt, red shorts, or red shirt and white shorts but I'm just about positive it was a white shirt and red shorts.

Q: Have you ever had a memory elapse? [lapse]

A: Not really.

Q: How long have you been having about with rock, cocaine?

A: Six months or something like that.

Q: How did you meet John?

A: It was probably, you know, last winter sometime, I just met him like in one of those neighborhoods, you know, and we just kind of hit it off.

Q: Have you and your wife got a good marriage?

A: I think so.

Q: You know, if I were to stay out all night my wife would give me hell. Is this unusual?

A: I'm kind of rambunctious I guess you could say, you know, kind of ancy, or something I don't know I just don't sit at home very well. She might go off shopping or whatever and I get bored go out.

Q: I'm not asking this to be embarrassing or anything but how is y'all's sex life?

A: Pretty good.

Q: When is the last time y'all made love?

A: Sunday.

Q: Have you ever been out with a black lady?

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A: No sir. I am pretty faithful in my marriage it's just that I do ten to go wild on the drugs and alcohol at times.

Q: And this lady that I'm showing you a picture of has never been in your vehicle?

A: No sir.

Q: You have never seen her before?

A: No sir.

Q: If it becomes necessary would you take a polygraph test to that effect?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Okay. Do you have anything that we can cover before we end this thing?

Q: (Det. Liles) I think everything has been pretty well covered.

This will conclude the interview, the time is 11:20 a.m.

Det. J. W. Howard
Det. W. T. Liles
Investigative Division
Raleigh Police Department

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State's Exhibit 41

Introduced with Eva Kelly. Her agreement to testify.

Eva Kelly testified about the agreement she made with ADA Tom Ford in exchange for her testimony. The agreement was introduced and is on the following pages.

They contacted for Above
This Agreement.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
)
v.) AGREEMENT FOR TRUTHFUL
) TESTIMONY
EVA MARIE KELLY)

Whereas the defendant herein Eva Marie Kelly, ~~herein~~ was a witness to certain acts which constitute evidence against the perpetrators of a brutal homicide; and

Whereas she gave truthful statements to the police with no promise of reward in September 1991 immediately following said homicide and while her observations were still fresh in her mind; and

Whereas the State is in need of her truthful testimony versus the alleged murderers; and

Whereas the defendant, Eva Marie Kelly is charged with violating probation for two counts of possession of cocaine, crimes of which, she was the only victim;

Whereas the State is aware that inmates who have cooperated and aided the State in prosecutions of other serious offenders are often abused or harassed by fellow inmates making prison even more difficult;

For these reasons the State through Assistant District Attorney, R. Thomas Ford, and the defendant, Eva Marie Kelly, with advice of counsel, James Cline, hereby agree that:

1) The defendant, Eva Marie Kelly, will testify truthfully on behalf of the State in the murder trial of Gregory Flint Taylor, and

2) The State through Assistant District Attorney will inform the Judge of Superior Court who hears defendant's probation violation of her cooperation in the homicide prosecution and will not oppose the defendant's sentences running concurrently if activated.

Eva Marie Kelly
Eva Marie Kelly
Defendant

R. Ford
R. Thomas Ford
Assistant District Attorney

James Cline
James Cline
Defendant's Attorney

4.12.93
Date

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State's Exhibit 35

Introduced with Agent Pagani. Portion of the autopsy report.

A portion of the autopsy report was introduced with Agent Pagani when he testified about his recollection that the Victim was wearing two pairs of underwear. The entire autopsy report is included on the following pages. The Medical Examiner, Dr. Deborah Radisch has been subpoenaed to testify at the Commission hearing.

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REPORT OF AUTOPSY

DECEDENT: Jacquetta Lashawn Thomas

AUTOPSY #: ME-91-897
DATE OF AUTOPSY: 9-27-91
TIME OF AUTOPSY: 1:00 p.m.
AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY:
Cheryl Szpak, M.D.
M.E., Wake County

RIGOR: 2+
LIVOR: None detected
BODY HEAT: Cold
BODY IDENTIFIED BY: Agent Pagani
PERSONS PRESENT AT AUTOPSY: Mr. Ron Boone and Agent Don Pagani of the CCBI
AGE: 26 **RACE:** Black **SEX:** Female **LENGTH:** 66" **WEIGHT:** 150# **EYES:** Brown, cloudy-no petechiae **PUPILS:** Each 3mm **HAIR:** Black and bleached, short **BEARD:** No **MUSTACHE:** No **CIRCUMCISED:** N/A

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION (scars, tattooing, clothing, property, jewelry, etc.)
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PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSES

Blunt traumatic injury of right side of head (2 lacerations).
- Depressed skull fracture, right parietal bone.
  - Lacerations and hemorrhage, right temporal-parietal lobe of brain.

Complex (blunt and sharp) traumatic injuries of neck.
- Crush injury of thyroid cartilage of upper neck.
- Fracture, body of 6th cervical vertebra.
  - Epidural hemorrhage, lower cervical spinal cord.

Lacerations, puncture wounds, contusions, and abrasions of skin of upper chest and shoulders, right posterior neck, right back/shoulder, and anterior neck.
Lacerations with focal sharp force component, right lower arm, left lower arm and palm of left hand.
Fracture with hemorrhage, left 3rd through 6th anterior ribs.
Contusions, right breast.
Enlarged firm hilar lymph nodes, consistent with sarcoidosis.

TOXICOLOGY:	Blood ethanol (alcohol):	Negative
	Cocaine:	0.072 mg/dl
	Benzoylecgonine:	0.33 mg/dl
	Morphine (RIA):	Negative

CAUSE OF DEATH: Blunt traumatic injuries of head and neck

The facts stated herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Deborah L. Radisch 12-5-91
Deborah L. Radisch, M.D., Pathologist Date

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EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION
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The body is that of a well developed well nourished young black woman received in zippered white plastic body bag. The body is partially surrounded by one cloth sheet an one disposable paper sheet. The hands are bagged in paper bags. Clothing consists of red spandex stretch bra-top which has been pulled above the breasts, a multicolor shir with long sleeves which is unbuttoned and widely open in the front, a pair of pale blu socks, and two pairs of panties, both pulled partially inside out, above the ankles. Th inner pair is a pair of light blue panties, and the outer pair is a pair of off-whit spandex panties. Both ears are pierced three times. No earrings are present in the righ ear. In the left ear, one stud with a yellow metal leaf pattern is present in one of th holes, and another one of the holes shows tearing to the edge of the earlobe with healin (old lesion). The right nostril is pierced and a yellow metal heart stud earring i present in this hole. The toenails show chipped bright red polish. There are two wel healed old scars over the left knee. There are two to three very small scabbed punctat lesions in the left antecubital fossa. The teeth are natural and in good repair. Th tongue is clamped between the upper and lower teeth. Multiple blunt traumatic injurie are present on the body and these will be described in greater detail elsewhere in thi report.

The hands are bagged in large paper bags. The bags are removed to show extremel short bitten fingernails with no evidence of foreign material around or beneath them Each of the fingers and the thumb on the right hand has been contaminated with fingerprin ink. Examination of the body shows some very short dark black hairs present on the righ cheek, and these are collected and submitted as evidence.

The clothing and earring from the left earlobe are also collected and submitted a evidence, and the disposable sheet in which the body has been wrapped has been submitte as evidence. An external genital examination is done in conjunction with collection o evidence for a rape kit. No lacerations or contusions or other traumatic injuries of th perineum, including the anus, or the inside of the vagina are present. However, a smal amount of blood is present within the vagina with no apparent traumatic source. Additional evidence for the rape kit is obtained, including known samples of head an pubic hair, pubic hair combings, and smears and swabs from the mouth, rectum, and vagina.

The body has undergone focal areas of early decomposition, including skin slippag especially prominent over the right side of the body, including the face, chest, and righ arm. Adhesive scale stickers, used to previously photograph the body, are present o various areas of the skin.

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DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES

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EXTERNAL: Two linear lacerations with fairly sharp skin edges are present on the right side of the scalp. These lacerations are present in an oblique plane with respect to the right ear, and are both present in the same plane, separated by a bridge of scalp tissue which measures 1-1/2" in length. The scalp edges of these lacerations show abrasions. The upper more posterior placed abrasion measures 1-1/2" in length. The more anteriorly located abrasion is present 2-1/2" down from the top of the head and measures 2-1/4" in length. It gapes to a width of 1/4". The underlying skull is both observed and palpated through this laceration. A third laceration is present on the right side of the face, below the right ear and extending from the right lateral cheek onto the back of the ear. This is a shallow laceration which measures 2" in length and gapes to a width of 3/8". A linear contusion continues from the medial aspect of this wound onto the right lower cheek. A small shallow puncture wound is present in the right upper neck which measures 3/8" in length by 1/8" in width.

The anterior neck shows many complex primarily blunt traumatic injuries. On the left side of the lower chin is a laceration which measures 2-1/2" in length and which gapes to a width of 1/4". This is a very shallow laceration which only extends into the subcutaneous tissue. Multiple very fine almost linear abrasions are present inferior to this leading to a second laceration which measures 1" in length and gapes to a width of 1/4". Inferior to this is a much larger laceration which measures 2" in length and gapes to a width of 1". Probing this wound exposes the organs of the upper neck. The abrasions on the anterior neck are consistent with extremely shallow incised wounds, causing these to be basically linear abrasions. Fine linear and in some areas parallelly oriented abrasions are present over the right posterior neck.

Abrasions are also present over the right posterior upper shoulder. There is also a puncture with associated abrasion on the skin inferior and posterior to this puncture. The entire wound measures 2-1/2" in length. This is present in the right upper back.

Fine linear abrasions are also present over the left anterior upper shoulder. A complex abrasion with a small associated puncture wound is present in the middle of the anterior chest. This consists of a horizontal abrasion which measures 4-1/2" in length, with a shallow puncture wound located to the right of the midline incorporated within this abrasion. Two essentially parallel abrasions extend obliquely upwards from this horizontal abrasion, with the most medial one measuring 2-3/4" in length and the more lateral one measuring 1-1/2" in length. There is a short (5/16") puncture wound immediately superior and slightly lateral to the right nipple, on the right breast, which is surrounded by an area of contusion of the breast tissue. There is a shallow laceration with associated contusion which measures 3/8" in length over the right upper shoulder.

The right lower arm shows a laceration with sharp but abraded edges which measure 2-3/4" in length and gapes to a width of 3/4". The muscle within this laceration is partially avulsed, and when this large muscle tag is lifted, the underlying bone is easily palpated and observed. No fractures are present of the right lower arm. The left lower arm shows a shallow laceration over its outer aspect which measures 3/4" in length by 1/4" in width. There is a large jagged laceration which may have some component of an incised wound present in the web space between the left 4th and 5th fingers. This injury has a total length of 2-1/4", and extends on the dorsal and palmar aspect of the left hand. It extends 3/4" into the hand, starting at the web space. No fractures are palpated of the left upper or lower arm.

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DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
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INTERNAL: Internally, the laceration of the right side of the head is associatex with a complex depressed fracture of the right temporal and parietal bones of the skull. Multiple small bone fragments have resulted from this complex fracture, and some of thesx are loosened and pulled away as the brain is removed. Some of these bone fragments havx been driven into the brain, causing lacerations of the right temporal lobe of the brai with surrounding subarachnoid hemorrhage. Sections of the brain in this area also shox several small gray matter contusions. There is suture separation of the posterio occipital bones of the skull. There is subarachnoid hemorrhage over the inferior righ cerebellar hemisphere and over the right inferior temporal lobe of the brain. The larg contusion in the right temporal lobe of the brain measures 2" in length and is oriented i a horizontal fashion.

The complex wounds of the anterior neck are associated with severe crushing injurie of the upper airway structures, particularly of the thyroid cartilage which is present i multiple (greater than 4) pieces as the neck organs are removed. The hyoid bone is no fractured. There is a large amount of hemorrhage surrounding the neck organs, and th thyroid gland is practically avulsed from the underlying cartilaginous structures in th neck. There is a large amount of hemorrhage associated with these crushing injuries o the upper neck. The anterior aspect (body) of the 6th cervical vertebra shows a partiall displaced fracture. This is in proximity to the upper neck organs. The underlying lowe cervical spinal cord shows a moderate amount of epidural hemorrhage, but there is n subdural hemorrhage, and no lacerations or contusions of the cord in this area.

There is an area of contusion within the tissue of the right breast, but this is no associated with any obvious overlying injury of the breast. The left 3rd through 6th rib are fractured along the anterior aspect on the sternum, but only a small amount o hemorrhage is surrounding the fracture of the left 6th rib.

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BODY CAVITIES: There are no unusual fluid accumulations or adhesions in the pleural, pericardial, or peritoneal cavities.

CARDIOVASCULAR: Heart: 220gms. The epicardial aspect is unremarkable. The valves are normally formed with delicate leaflets. The chambers are not dilated and the walls are not hypertrophied. There are no myocardial scars or other focal lesions. There is a right dominant coronary artery system with no atherosclerosis of the main branches of the coronary arteries. The aorta and its major branches are intact and unremarkable. Significantly, the carotid arteries show no disruption.

NECK ORGANS: The hyoid bone is intact. The thyroid gland is bilobed and non-nodular. However, it is damaged as described. Other damages to these organs have been previously described as well.

LUNGS: Right 410gms, left 320gms. The pleural surfaces are smooth and glistening. The parenchyma of both lungs shows multiple tiny nodules which are firm and gray-tan and in the distribution of the very small airway branches. There is no evidence of consolidation and the parenchyma is moderately congested. The tracheobronchial tree contains a slight to moderate amount of bright red bloody fluid with some areas of bloody froth. The hilar lymph nodes are enlarged, firm, and gray.

LIVER: 1880gms. The capsule is intact and the parenchyma is grossly unremarkable. The gallbladder contains a moderate amount of viscous dark green-yellow bile and the extrahepatic biliary tree is patent.

PANCREAS: Normal anatomic location and configuration.

G. I. TRACT: Intact throughout its length. The appendix is present. The esophagus is unremarkable and the stomach contains 1/4 cup of clear brown-tan liquid and intact corn. The small intestine is unremarkable and the colon contains a large amount of soft dark green-brown stool.

SPLEEN: 150gms. The capsule is intact and the parenchyma is unremarkable.

ADRENAL GLANDS: Both are grossly unremarkable.

KIDNEYS: Right 90gms, left 80gms. Both kidneys are similar. The cortical surfaces show scattered scars, left greater than right. The capsules strip with ease. The renal architecture is intact without focal lesions. The ureters are patent and not dilated. The renal arteries and veins are unremarkable.

BLADDER: Contains a very small amount of clear yellow urine. The wall and mucosa are grossly unremarkable.

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INTERNAL GENITALIA: Normal adult female. Both fallopian tubes have been cauterized proximally. The ovaries show scattered corpora albicans. The endometrium is unremarkable. The cervix shows scattered firm nodular lesions. No lacerations or contusions are present in the upper vagina.

BRAIN AND MENINGES: 1220gms. The meninges are interrupted due to the blunt trauma of the right side of the head. Blood is present as previously described. Otherwise, the cerebral gyral pattern is fully developed. There is evidence of moderate cerebral edema with no herniation. The vessels at the base of the brain are thin and delicate. Multiple coronal sections reveal no gross abnormalities other than the injuries which have been described.

SCALP: Lacerations and contusions as described.

SKULL: Fractures as described.

VERTEBRAE: Injuries as described.

RIBS: Fractures as described.

PELVIS: No fractures.

LONG BONES: No fractures.

LABORATORY PROCEDURES: Toxicology

DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE: Socks, earring from left earlobe, hairs from face, sheet body wrapped in, rape kit, bra/top, and shirt received by Agent Donald H. Pagani of the CCBI on September 27, 1991.

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BODY DIAGRAM

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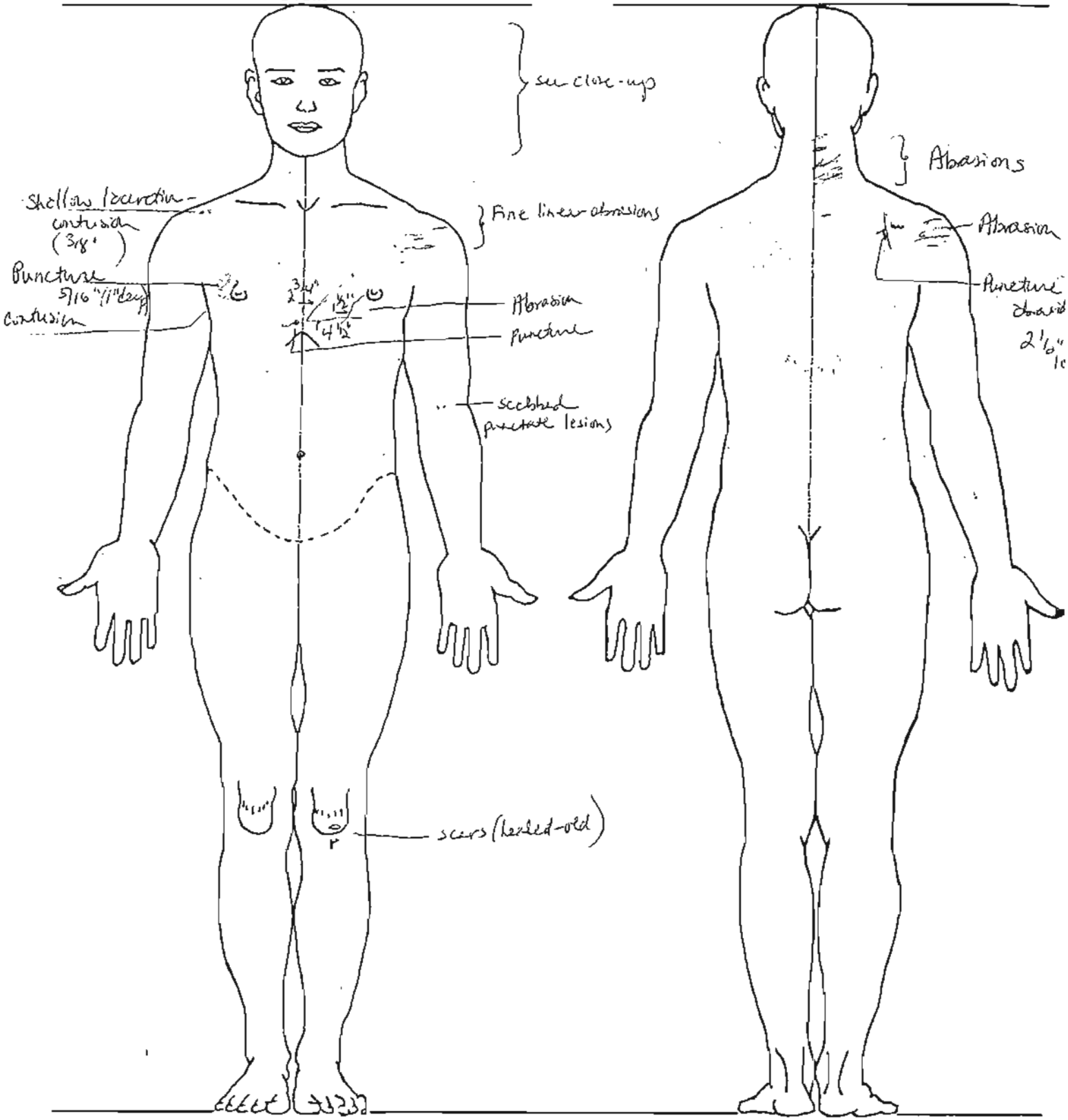

Decedent's Height 66 inches

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BODY DIAGRAM—HEAD

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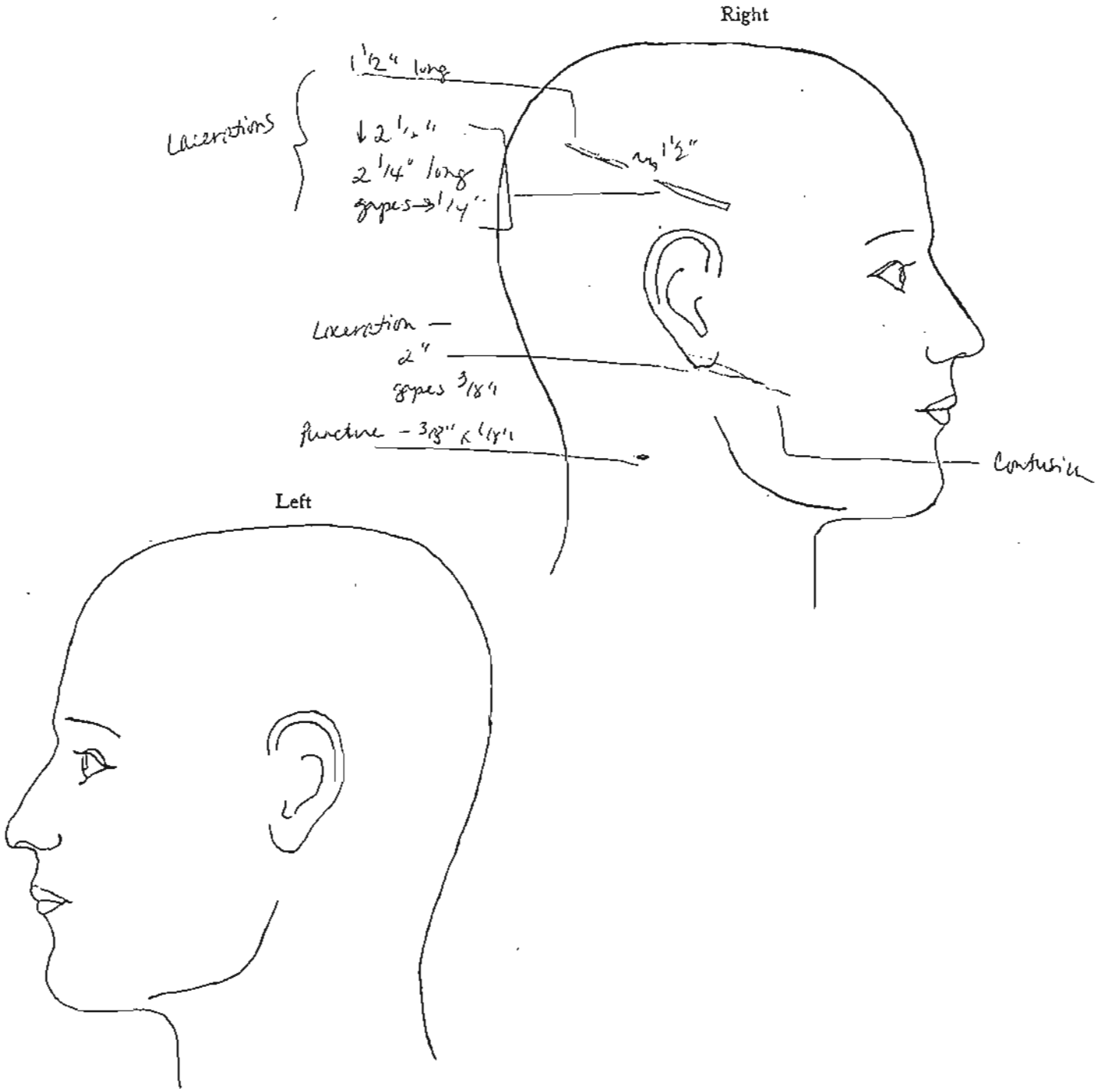

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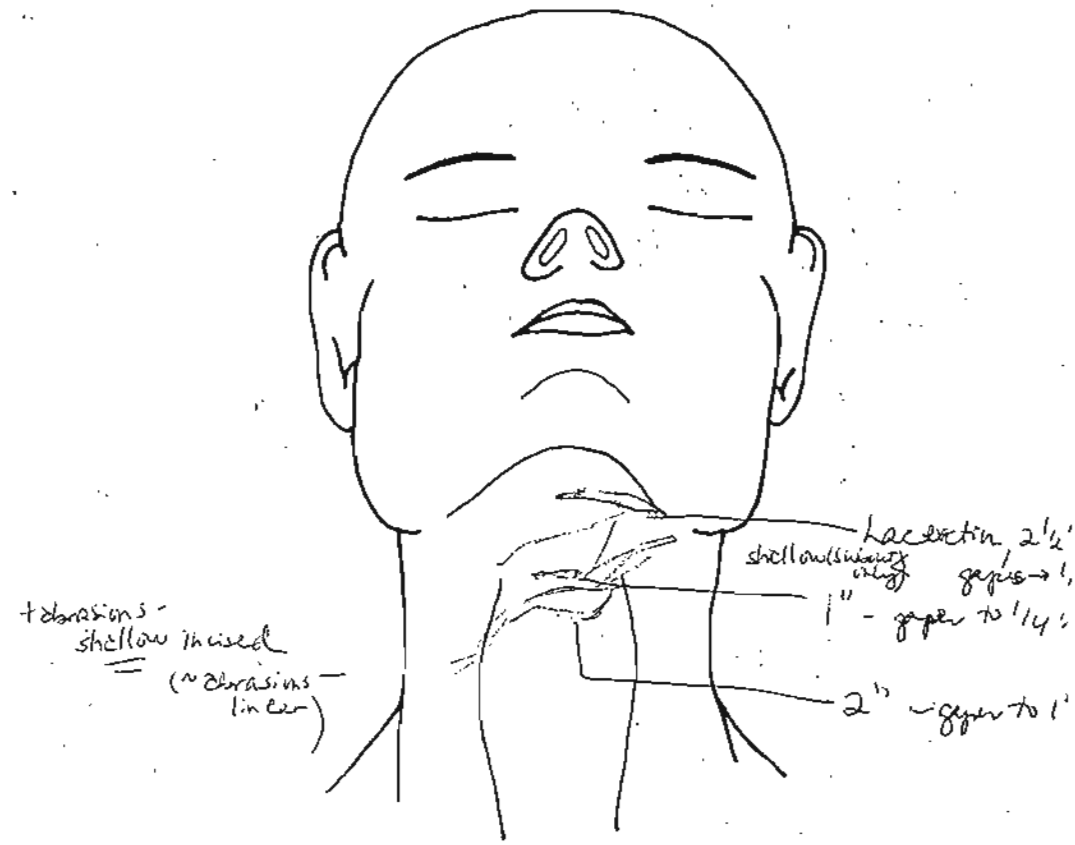
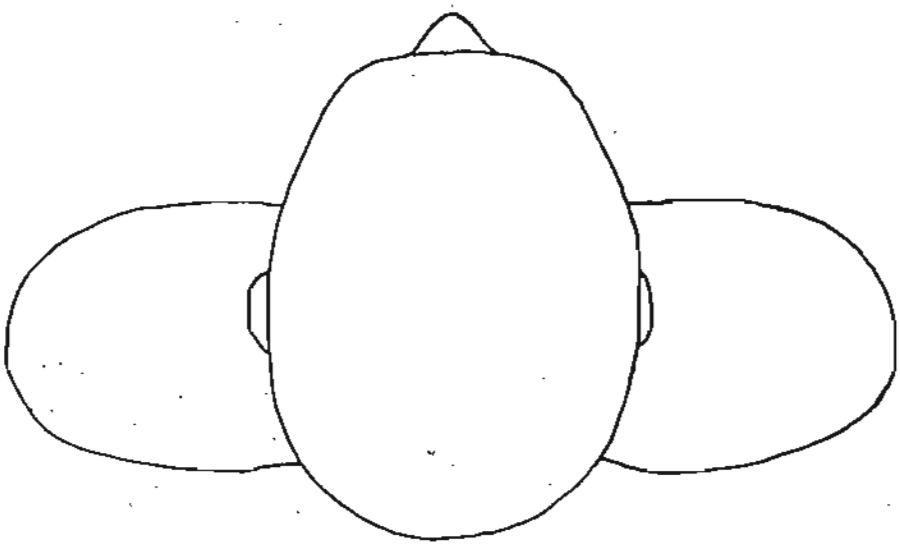
BODY DIAGRAM - NECK AND SHOULDERS ME91-897





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BODY DIAGRAM— ARM

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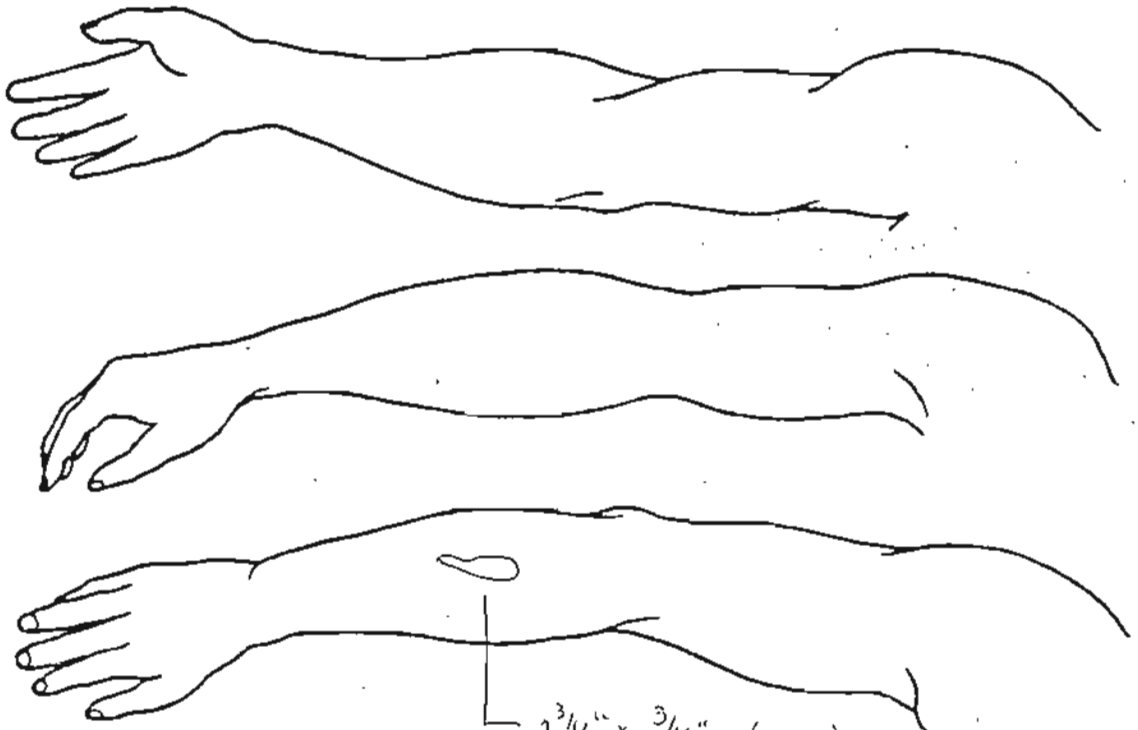

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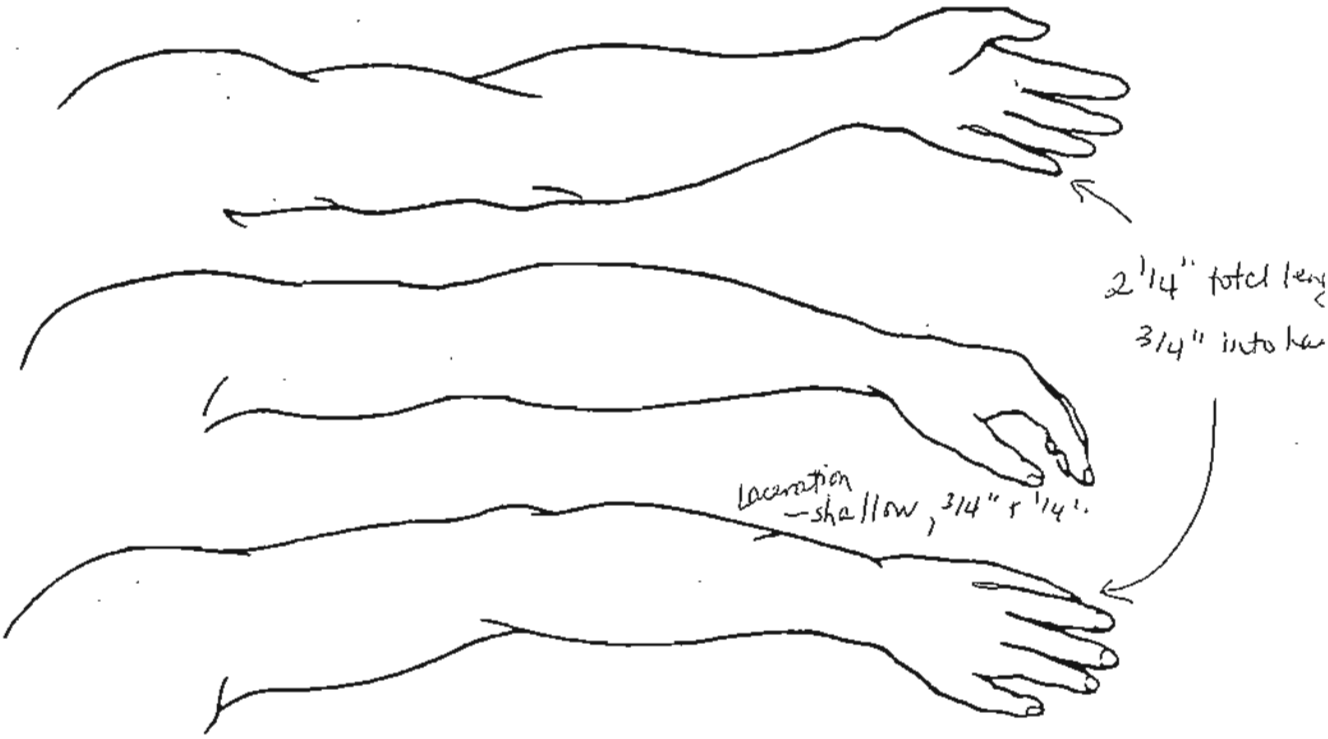

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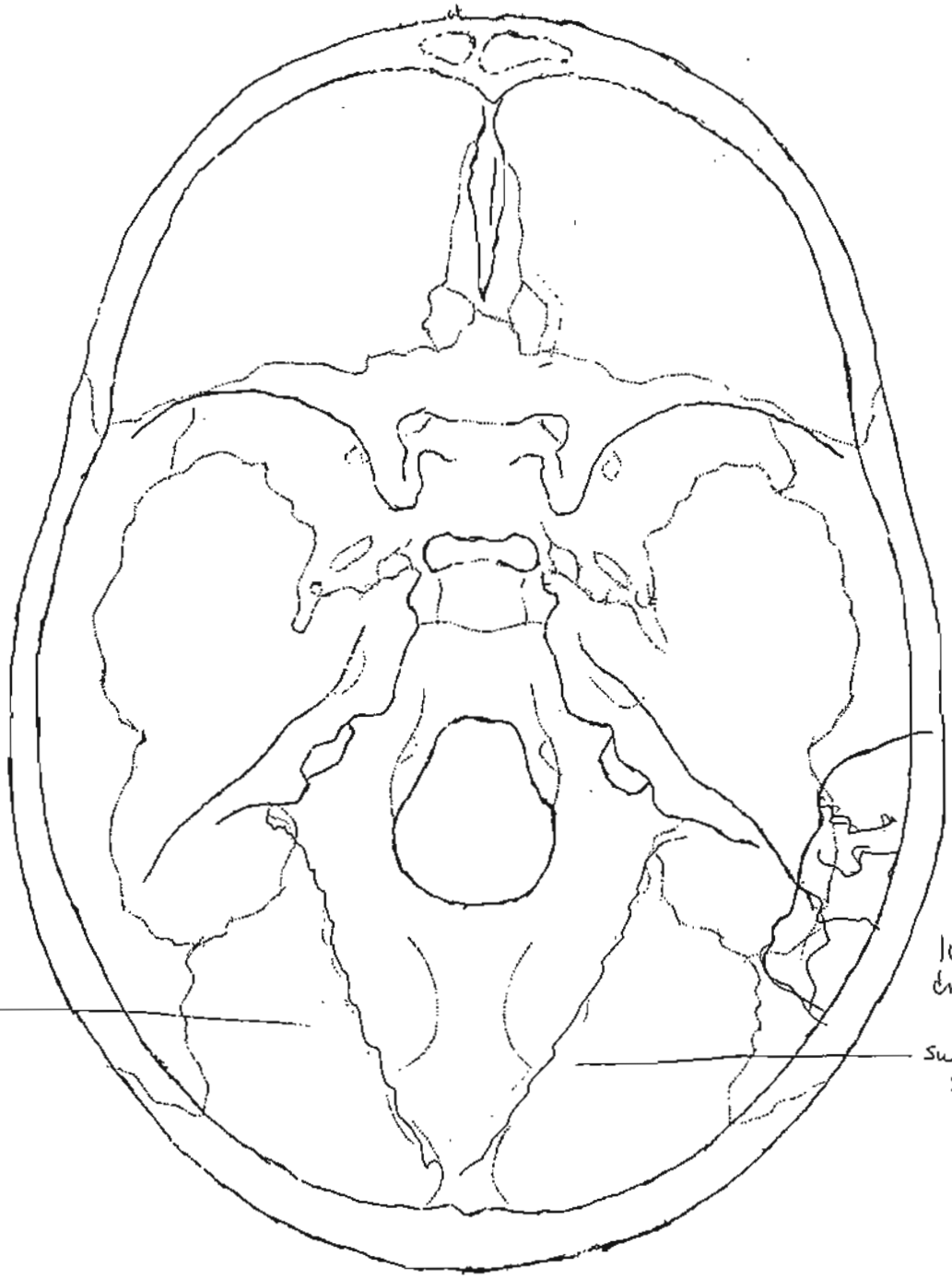

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MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

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HEART: There is no fibrosis or inflammation.

LUNGS: There is moderate intra-alveolar hemorrhage. There are numerous "loose" fibrous granulomas containing giant cells surrounded by chronic inflammation. No necrosis is present in these. Scattered asteroid bodies are seen in many granulomas. A section of hilar lymph node also shows similar granulomas accompanied by dense fibrous scarring.

LIVER: There is slight fatty change of the hepatocytes. The portal tracts are unremarkable and no granulomas are present.

KIDNEYS: There are scattered sclerotic glomeruli. One section shows a cortical scar which is wedge shaped.

BRAIN: A section of hippocampus is unremarkable. A section of cortex shows multiple intraparenchymal hemorrhages which are fresh. There is also subarachnoid hemorrhage overlying the folia of the cerebellum.

SMEARS: Smears from the mouth, vagina, and rectum are of poor technical quality with few distorted cells. There is one probable sperm head noted on the smear from the vagina.

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SUMMARY AND COMMENT

DECEDENT: Jacquetta Lashawn Thomas AUTOPSY #: ME-91-897

The decedent was a 26-year old black woman who was found partially nude lying face up at the end of a cul-de-sac in downtown Raleigh. She had multiple injuries of her body. Due to the violent and suspicious nature of death, Dr. Cheryl Szpak, Wake County Medical Examiner, assumed jurisdiction of the body and authorized autopsy.

Autopsy examination showed a partially nude body. Examination of the external genitalia showed a small amount of bloody fluid within the vagina but no obvious injuries were identified. One possible sperm head was identified on the technically poor smears from the vagina. Multiple complex primarily blunt traumatic injuries were present on the body, especially of the right side of the head and of the anterior neck. The head injuries consisted of lacerations with a sharp force injury component which had caused underlying skull fractures and brain lacerations and hemorrhage as well as contusions and swelling. The anterior neck injuries were quite severe and caused a crushing injury of the thyroid cartilage of the neck and fracture of the body of the adjacent cervical spine. This was also associated with hemorrhage over the underlying spinal cord. Other injuries present on the body included several abrasions and shallow puncture wounds of the chest, abrasions of the right posterior neck and right upper back, and lacerations of the right and left lower arms and a large laceration with a sharp force component to it in the web space between the left 4th and 5th fingers. There was no obvious external or internal evidence that the decedent had been run over by a motor vehicle. The injuries could have all been caused by a very heavy blunt object with at least one sharp edge to it. Incidental findings at autopsy included changes consistent with pulmonary sarcoidosis and small scars of both kidneys. A blood ethanol (alcohol) concentration of blood obtained at the time of autopsy was negative. No morphine was detected in the same blood sample; however, cocaine was present in a concentration of 0.072 mg/dl, and its metabolite benzoylecgonine was present in a concentration of 0.33 mg/dl. In my opinion, the cause of death in this case was due to blunt traumatic injuries of the head and neck.

Other evidence available at time of trial

Criminal Records

Gregory Taylor

Convicted Offense	County of Conviction	Date of Offense	Date of Conviction
Damage to Real Property	Wake	02/18/1981	04/08/1981
Misd. Driving While Impaired	Wake	08/04/1989	11/06/1989
Misd. Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia Misd. Resist Delay and Obstruct	Wake	01/20/1991	02/07/1991
Speeding Misd. Driving While Impaired	Wake	08/04/1991	02/06/1992

Johnny Beck

Convicted Offense	County of Conviction	Date of Offense	Date of Conviction
Misd. Breaking and Entering	Wake	Unknown	02/24/1978
Worthless Check	Wake	04/06/1991	02/27/1992
Worthless Check	Wake	04/27/1991	09/29/1992
Worthless Check	Wake	05/27/1991	09/29/1992
Expired Registration Misd. Resist Delay and Obstruct Driving while License Revoked License not in Possession	Wake	09/14/1992	11/05/1992
Fel. Larceny	Orange	10/18/1994	11/09/1995
Misd. Resist Delay and Obstruct	Wake	02/12/1995	10/05/2001
No Operators License	Wake	04/14/1995	06/06/1995
Misd. Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia	Wake	06/13/1995	05/20/1996
Credit Card Fraud	Wake Federal	08/11/1995	06/17/1996
Misd. Resist Delay and Obstruct	Wake	08/29/1998	09/29/1998
Credit Card Fraud	Granville Federal	02/09/1999	02/22/1999
Misd. Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia Misd. Carry Concealed Gun	Wake	09/02/2000	09/18/2000
Misd. Second Degree Trespass	Wake	09/21/2000	11/02/2000
Misd. Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia	Wake	11/22/2000	12/08/2000
Misd. Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia	Wake	05/18/2001	01/18/2002
Fel. Poss. w/ Intent to Sell or Deliver Cocaine Fel. Sell Cocaine	Wake	08/09/2006	11/29/2006

Police Investigation

The following evidence was not presented to the jury, but was a part of the Raleigh Police Department Investigation. The police recorded and transcribed many interviews. The original recordings are now lost, but the transcripts are still available.

Johnny Beck Police Interview, Date and Time not recorded (Raleigh Police Department Supplementary Report pp. 174-202)

Johnny Beck was interviewed by police the day that the body was discovered and in-between the two interviews of Gregory Taylor. Johnny Beck's interview was not introduced at trial and was not available to the jury. The transcript of the interview, as prepared by police, is included below.

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1. COMPLAINT NO. 113006

2. OFFENSE: Homicide

3. CLASSIFICATION: Murder

4. DATE/TIME OF THIS REPORT: Time?

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5. VICTIM (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): Thomas Jacquetta Lashawn

6. ADDRESS:

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7. SOLVABILITY FACTORS FOR INVESTIGATION FROM CRIME INVESTIGATION REPORT: No opportunity to talk w/Greg before this statement

8. ELIMINATED BY INVESTIGATION

9. DEVELOPED BY INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS:

The following will be an interview conducted by Det. Howard and Det. Liles with Johnny Beck. This interview is in reference to a stuck vehicle at the end of Blount Street that was discovered, when a body of a female was discovered from an apparent murder this morning.

STATEMENT OF:
Mr. Johnny Beck
4032 Neeley Street
Raleigh, NC
Ph: 859-5437
DOB: 10/9/59
SSN: [redacted]
Resides at this residence with his wife:
Mrs. Shelia Beck and four children
Nearest Relative other than his wife
Mother: Mrs. Hamma Beck
Resides on Lipscomb Ct.
Address: Unknown
Ph: 781-0608
Employed: Allied Moving and Storage Co
Hoke Street
Ph: 872-1220

Q: Johnny, first of all, I want to tell you I appreciate you coming in and talking with me, okay.

A: I want to clear this up.

Q: You believe you said on your way up here you wanted to come together this cleared up, is that right?

A: That's right.

Q: You realize you're not under arrest?

A: Right.

Q: And of course you can come and go as you please.

A: Okay.

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Q: And again, we appreciate you taking time to talk to us.

A: Okay.

Q: As I told you, we found a vehicle that belongs to Gregory a friend of yours that was near the scene of where a body was found. Can you tell me and if you would start back early evening last night or when you met up with Greg, when did you get up with Greg?

A: Okay, I'm going start from the beginning?

Q: Yea. 1st mtg. where?

A: Okay, Greg usually comes through Clanton Street. I met Greg out one night, we were out just hanging out and he comes to Clanton Street and I happen to be on Clanton Street last night about what time was it 9:30 or something like that maybe. Okay, so I got in the truck with him an ah..

Q: When you say we got in the truck you mean you or just...

A: Just me.

Q: Okay.

A: I got in the truck with Greg and he was, can you turn that off for a minute.

Q: He was trying to cop dope.

A: Okay, he was trying to cop right, so we got something on Clanton Street so we really didn't want to impose on nobody so we hit a little bit in the truck and so then we went to get some more so we rode over to Sawyer Road, Sawyer Lane and got something else and went to my brother's house who lives on Fisher Street, we went there.

Q: What is your brother's name? why

A: Edward. prior contact w/ GT

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2. OFFENSE: Homicide

3. CLASSIFICATION: Murder

4. DATE/TIME OF THIS REPORT:

5. VICTIM (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): Thomas Jacquetta Lashawn

6. ADDRESS:

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Q: Edward?

A: Edward "Louis" Beck, he lives I know it's on Fisher Street, I don't visit him that much but..

Q: Was anybody there?

A: He was there.

Q: Was he the only person?

A: He was the only person, I can get his address for you.

Q: Okay, do you know his phone number?

A: He don't have a phone.

Q: Okay, where does he work?

A: He works for State College, he is cook.

Q: Okay.

Q: How long do you think you stayed there?

A: About an hour and half or maybe 90 minutes or maybe more, I'm not sure because well I was kind of high, you know, drinking beer.

Q: What kind of beer were you drinking?

A: Was it Michelob, I think it was Michelob.

Q: Were both of you drinking the same kind was your brother drinking Michelob as well?

A: Well, when we came in, he I had already been drinking some E & J and he took a beer and then he was like, so me and Greg we were sitting there doing what we came to do, drinking beer and he said, what time it is and I looked at my brother's watch and I said 1:10, it was 1:10 then alright, so we left and then we went back to Sawyer and that's when we went to the woods over there on Blount Street up in the woods up there and so it had to be, you

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2. OFFENSE: Homicide

3. CLASSIFICATION: Murder

4. DATE/TIME OF THIS REPORT:

5. VICTIM (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): Thomas Jacquetta Lashawn

6. ADDRESS:

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7. SOLVABILITY FACTORS FOR INVESTIGATION FROM CRIME INVESTIGATION REPORT:

8. ELIMINATED BY INVESTIGATION:

9. DEVELOPED BY INVESTIGATION: hide in the woods

know, it had to be after 1:00 or something, you know, maybe 2:00 so we went up there and we were sitting there first, we were parked one way and then he wanted to turn the truck around and park another way and that's when he got stuck so we got out and tried to un-stick it. He told me to stand on the back, I was on the back like this and it wouldn't work so he wanted to put the jack down but it was all muddy so the jack wouldn't hold up. So we sat there and we did what we had and we got out and we left.

Q: Do you know about what time that was that you left?

A: I don't know, 2:30 3:00 maybe or something like that.

Q: Okay, y'all leave, where do you go?

A: We go, we're walking down, you know where the Texaco, there is a Texaco over on, do you know where the Raleigh Housing Authority is, you don't know where it is around by the, what's that motel there?

Q: Kings Motel.

A: Yea, it's a Texaco around the corner.

Q: Okay.

A: We were walking and near the Texaco we see this girl in a car in a little gray car name Barbara, and she was out there doing the same thing we were only she didn't have no money so she said, we said yo, we need a ride because we were going walk to the cab station to catch a cab so then when we got to her car she said are you guys looking, you looking, so she is trying to, you know, get a free be. And so Greg says yea, we're looking so she took us over to Bloodworth or something like that I think it's Bloodworth Street and got something and then she took us to this funky ass house and we set up in there and did some more and then, you know, after the funds were gone, they dropped me off at the A&P. No, first we went down Clanton Street where we were sitting in the parking lot and then, you know, and nobody else didn't have any more money so I guess she thought he had money so she was trying to get rid of me so I was right home anyway so she drove to A&P and I got out and I went home. It was about, I

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guess it was about five something when I got out of her car then and that's about it.

Q: Do you know this girl, Barbara?

A: I never met her, I never seen her, I never met her.

Q: How old do you think she might be?

A: I don't know maybe 32 or 33, and she was pregnant.

Q: Was she white or black?

A: Black.

Q: Black?

A: Yea, and she was pregnant and she was still getting high.

Q: What kind of car was it that she was driving?

A: If I'm not mistaken it was a Honda Civic but like I said, you know, I've been drinking beer and I really don't know, I'm not sure, it was a small car.

Q: Okay.

A: I think it had a hatchback, it had those kind of windows in the back that little thing right here that goes like that, you know, just enough if you want to open that window, it was a small car.

Q: If I may Johnny, let me draw you a, if I remember that Cul-de-sac, you correct me if I'm wrong.

A: Okay.

Q: You come in the Cul-de-sac and I believe over to the left there is a fence here I think.

A: What's this saying?

Q: This is just a street.

draw it.

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7. SOLVABILITY FACTORS FOR INVESTIGATION FROM CRIME INVESTIGATION REPORT

8. ELIMINATED BY INVESTIGATION

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A: What's this?

A: Ain't that the Cul-de-sac where y'all pulled into, the deadend of Blount Street?

Q: Okay, yea. Okay, you come in here, how did y'all get through here, I mean you just show me. Did you circle around, did you pull straight through?

A: Okay, that's what we did, yea. We went in and there is some bushes here, right. There is a bunch of bushes here, we went in like this and at first we were sitting here at the bushes, we were sitting right here at the bushes and then he said, I know, I said man this ain't cool, this ain't cool because over here you can see lights coming right and I said this ain't cool right, here he said, I know what, I what four-wheel drive and that's when he went up in there like that.

Q: And this is the, this is going be the path that goes up in there, and then your car was found back here.

A: The path is over here. When we came in, we came all the way around to this side and there were some bushes there blocking us from the street that's why we sat there at first because we were behind the bushes.

Q: (Det. Liles) That's the bushes down here.

A: Oh, okay, well wherever the bushes were that's where we were, that's where we were at first because we went around the circle and we stopped in the bushed because it was cool, you know, we were hid.

Q: So you think maybe you stopped here?

A: Yea, and then, you know..

Q: Then you decided to four-wheel drive and you went back around?

A: Yea, he went back around and went in.

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Q: And went in, okay, all right. When you come out, you came out walking?

A: Walking.

Q: Which way did you walk up the street?

A: We walked up the street, up this way.

Q: Okay. Did you see anything out of the ordinary, did you see a car, another car parked in here?

A: We saw a jeep in a parking lot. Jeep in parking lot.

Q: I'm talking about in this Cul-de-sac?

A: No, there was nothing there. Across the street in the trucking company there was a jeep out there, I said is someone sitting in that car because, you know, they're out that late, you know, and the police see it especially a black guy and white guy, they want to mess with, ask you what you're doing. So I said there is a jeep over there and I cut my eyes at it like that but I couldn't really tell but it looked like two people were sitting in it so I wasn't sure. But that's all, I didn't see anything. There was no cars here, there was none there when we got there and there wasn't any there when we left.

TWO people

Q: You didn't see a body or anybody laying out, if you would you'd called the police I would think.

A: If I saw a body, I'm going tell you the truth sir, I wouldn't have called the police.

Q: You would have or wouldn't have?

A: I wouldn't have because I would've been afraid.

Q: Did you see a body laying there?

A: If I told you I saw a body laying there and then, what would you say to me?

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2. OFFENSE: Homicide

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5. VICTIM (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): Thomas Jacquetta Lashawn

6. ADDRESS:

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Q: Nothing, I'm just trying to figure what time you may have been there?

A: Okay, when we came out these bushes, when we came out the woods, I'm going be honest with you, I'm going tell you the truth, when I came out those woods I said look, and I thought it was a dummy, you know, I thought it was a fucking rag doll but I still wasn't sure when I went home if it was a body or not, you know. And then when I went home this morning, I told my wife, I said you know something, I said last night I believe I saw a body, right. And so she goes, where? and I told her where and then when I got to work in Durham I called her from work and I ask her did she hear anything about it on the news and she said, yea and it was a body. And this morning when I was going to work, I saw a bunch of police cars down there but I'm going tell you, the only reason I didn't call the police because I was afraid, I didn't want nothing to do with, you know what I'm saying.

Q: Could you tell if it was a male or female?

A: That's what I couldn't tell because I ask her this morning, I said was it a man or a woman and she said they didn't say that, they didn't release it so I didn't know.

Q: How long did y'all spend back here?

A: I don't know, a couple of hours maybe. 2 hours in field

Q: Okay, you were trying to get the car out?

A: We didn't try because we didn't have no way to get it out. You saw how deep it was in the mud, this is how much of the front tire you could see.

Q: Did you hear any commotion down in there?

A: Didn't hear nothing, didn't see nothing, didn't her no cars even though I was like this the whole while looking out the back because, you know, I'm always scared of the dam woods.

Q: Did you ever see anybody down there?

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A: No.

Q: At any point and time?

A: No, now that's my first time ever being over there too.

Q: Who decided to go here to do your drugs to do your dope you or Greg or?

A: No, we were just riding really.

Q: You just found that place?

A: Yea, because when we left from where we got it from, you know, it wasn't far so we were just riding and we just rode. First he made a wrong turn and went down there and then we sort of circled so we saw the bushes, I said yea, sit there sit there so we sit there and that time there was nothing there when we got there now because I would've seen it, you know, because we made a complete circle right here. Now, if it had been a body there then we would've saw it so it had to be after we went up in the woods and came out somebody must've dropped it there. Now, that's the truth, that's the honest to God's truth, I just want to be frank with you I've done told you about the drugs.

Q: That's what I want you to and that's the only way we can..

A: If I knew something about killing somebody I'd said something but I wasn't even sure it was a body. First, I thought it was paper, you know, and then because I couldn't really see it, it looked like it was wet. First, I thought it was a big doll and I said look Greg look what is that and I kept telling him to look behind, look behind him because I never say nothing like that, you know, in the street. It kind of blew my mind really.

Q: Did y'all tell anybody during the night these other places that y'all may have seen a body?

A: I didn't say shit, I didn;t say nothing. He wanted to one time, I was like...

Q: Who did he want to tell, Barbara?

GREG WANTED to tell SOMEONE

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7. SOLVABILITY FACTORS FOR INVESTIGATION FROM CRIME INVESTIGATION REPORT

8. ELIMINATED BY INVESTIGATION

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A: He was just talking and there was a bunch of us and he said John, he said you ought to see what we saw tonight huh John, I was like, don't start talking about it because it ain't no telling how it could end up, you know.

Q: If you would I was just a little confused about the time because you could see how it's important to us because that way we can determine when maybe the body was put out there by ever who it was, okay?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Did he pick you up at your house or Clanton Street?

A: No, on Clanton.

Q: Where on Clanton?

A: No, not at the house.

Q: Just on the street?

A: No, not at the house.

Q: Just on the street?

A: Yea, because I was up there, you know shooting the shit with the guys and he came through.

Q: What time as best you can remember?

A: I'm going say about 9:30 give an hour, 9:00 to 10:30.

Q: Now, where did y'all go from there, y'all smoked a little dope there?

A: No, not right there.

Q: Okay, you copped some dope there and then you goes somewhere else?

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A: Yea, we went up to the center the Method Center then we sat in the parking lot right out there in front of method.

Q: Okay.

A: And we left there that's when we went to cop to Sawyer.

Q: You went to Saywer Road?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Now, how much dope did you get there?

A: About $40.00 worth.

Q: See, I'm just trying to determine how much y'all done so I know if you can remember everything, right. Okay, you went to Sawyer Road?

A: Yea, then went to my brother's house on Fisher.

Q: Okay, now what time do you think you got to your brother's?

A: Okay, maybe..

Q: Were you watching the ball game?

A: No, we won't watching nothing on TV we got there I'd say about 11:30 or 11:40 or something to 12:00.

Q: And you stayed there until?

A: Until about maybe 1:30, I think it was yea, about 1:30 or something like that.

Q: Okay, you leave there at 1:30 or so.

A: We went back over to Sawyer.

Q: And how much more did you cop?

A: I don't know I think he said $60.00.

2ND trip Friday SAWYER Rd.

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2. OFFENSE: Homicide

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5. VICTIM (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): Thomas Jacquetta Lashawn

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7. SOLVABILITY FACTORS FOR INVESTIGATION FROM CRIME INVESTIGATION REPORT:

8. ELIMINATED BY INVESTIGATION:

8. DEVELOPED BY INVESTIGATION:

Q: Okay, sixty bucks.

A: Then we went to the woods.

Q: What time do you think you got to Blount Street?

A: We left my brother's house about 1:30 right and I know it took us...

Q: And went to Sawyer Road, 2:00 or 2:30?

A: About 2:00 or 2:30 there okay, and we must've sit up in there about a good hour or twenty minutes or something maybe more.

Q: So we're talking about 3:30 to 3:40 or something like that?

A: Yea, maybe something like that.

Q: When you left walking down the street, did you see anybody pulling out of Raleigh Bonded Warehouse or out into the street?

SAW CAR

A: Oh yea, I did. It was a beige Continental, it was a beige Lincoln Continental pulling out of Raleigh Bonded.

Q: We've had some other people that has seen that car.

A: That's what it was, I'm telling you it was a beige Lincoln.

Q: Do you know which way he went?

A: He went the other way. Okay, we're going up Blount from where we left our things, he came out and went that way and I think he turned.

Q: So he didn't go down there?

A: I didn't even look, honest I didn't even look but I don't think so.

Q: Had you ever seen that car before?

A: I don't know, I may have seen the car but..

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Q: Did he act suspicious or anything?

A: No, because I didn't really look at him because I don't look at people that time of night man, people will say what in the hell you're looking at and want to shoot at you or something.

Q: Right.

A: Okay, you just reminded me of that now see that just came back to me, you know.

Q: As you're walking on, I guess you go down to the end of the street, did you ever see anybody down there around Person, the body?

A: I didn't see nobody. It was nobody but me and Greg and like you said when I saw that car.

Q: Okay, you go up around I believe you say up near the Texaco and turn and...

A: Well, we were right near the Texaco, the Texaco is right here there was another little store and the railroad tricks is right here, this girl hollers at us she goes, give me a cigarette, we go give us a ride, she says where to, I said Western Blvd., she goes come on, you know, she ain't got gas money she said yea, then when we got to the car, she said you guys are looking and then one thing lead to another.

Q: Her name was Barbara?

A: Yea, she told me her name was Barbara.

Q: Do you know Barbara who?

A: No, just Barbara.

Q: Have you ever met Barbara?

A: She said she lived in Garner.

Q: Garner?

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STATUS: UNFOUNDED; ARREST-ADULT; ARREST-JUV.

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7. SOLVABILITY FACTORS FOR INVESTIGATION FROM CRIME INVESTIGATION REPORT

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A: Yea.

Q: Have you ever seen her before?

A: I have never seen her before.

Q: Where did she take you?

A: Okay, Barbara took us to cop on Bloodworth. Okay, because first we went over to the mini park on Bragg Street?

Q: Uh huh, (Yes).

A: But there was nothing over there she said come on, I'll take you so she took us up to Bloodworth.

Q: Okay.

A: And We got out of the car all three of us and got something from this guy and then we sat in Barbara's car. She drove what's that street where Earp's Seafood is what's that other street right there?

Q: Saunders.

A: Yea, she drove up there and she went in one of the back streets and we sat there and did some and then we left and went back over to Bloodworth Street and then she took us to this house and we sat up in there for an hour or so.

Q: Do you know which house and this was on Bloodworth Street again. do you know which house on Bloodworth?

A: I mean I probably could see the house but...

Q: Could you show me if you needed to sometime?

A: Yea.

Q: Who was there was it a group of people there, is it a regular crack house?

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A: People I ain't never seen and I didn't want to go man but I'm trying to tell them, I mean you got a white guy in a black neighborhood with some money and, you know, and I can't I'm trying to tell them, I was saying Greg, lets go and he was like wait a minute John, wait a minute.

Q: Okay, and then where did you go?

A: Then we left and she gave us a ride. She gave us a ride back over to Western Blvd., I think Greg had maybe a little something a little piece with him and he sat in the parking lot and did that and he was just floating around man, and we were going to do something else but we said we needed just one more, one more and I was like, you know, take me up to the A & P, you know. I told her to go to Western Blvd. and let me out up there because it was late and I didn't want to walk through the neighborhood because I've got nosy neighbors and...

Q: Did she put you out at the A & P?

A: Uh huh. (Yes).
She put me out at the A & P and I went home.

Q: What time did you get home John?

A: Five something maybe or maybe six yea, it was close to 6:00 because my wife was getting ready to get up with the kids already.

Q: Okay. Do you know where Greg went?

A: He told her that he lived in Cary and I heard her say, I'll give you a ride, come on. I don't know where but I know he didn't have nothing to do with that body.

Q: Have you seen him since then?

A: No.

Q: Have you talked with him?

A: No.

NO opportunity to get stories together

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6. ADDRESS:

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Q: This drawing, is this pretty accurate, you say you come in, y'all went around and parked here?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Okay, when y'all decided to go four wheeling, did you go all the way around or did you just turn and go down or what?

A: He turned, I don't know if he went all the way around or not but I know he turned and just went back, you know. But they couldn't have put it there while we was there.

Q: Right, it won't there when you come in there was it?

A: It won't there when we came in.

Q: Are you sure?

A: To the best of my knowledge.

Q: I mean you should know shouldn't you, you had your lights on didn't you?

A: Yea, he had his lights on.

Q: Okay.

A: It wasn't there then.

Q: You know, the point I'm getting at the body had to get there between the time y'all were there and the time you left. See we're trying to pinpoint as much as we can that's the reason I want you to be sure.

A: Well, I'm going tell you it was not there, it was not there when we pulled in. Because he was like this, you know, he was like this and I would've seen it because I'm sitting over here, you know, and the lights were on.

Q: Right.

Q: Or were the lights on?

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7. SOLVABILITY FACTORS FOR INVESTIGATION FROM CRIME INVESTIGATION REPORT

8. ELIMINATED BY INVESTIGATION | 8. DEVELOPED BY INVESTIGATION

A: Yea, they were on

Q: Did he cut them on when he pulled back in here to go four-wheel?

A: Yea, because he had to see.

Q: Sure, you wouldn't want nobody to, if you were doing dope you wouldn't want to cause suspicion and let the police see a car driving around without any lights on, right?

A: Yea. But then again you don't want no policeman to see you pulling up in the dam woods no 3:00 in the morning. But they were on because he had to see, you know, and then he still had drove up in the dam woods.

Q: Did you ever drive the car?

A: No.

Q: Did anyone else while you were with him ever drive the car?

A: What he said someone drove the car?

Q: No, no, no.

A: No one drove the car, no one was in that car but me and him.

Q: No one else ever got in the car but you two?

A: No.

Q: Did you see anything out of the ordinary except when you come by you saw what you thought was a body right?

A: I'm telling you, the good Lord is my witness when I came out, when we came in, I saw nothing and when I came out that's when me, I said Greg look and you know he turned around...

Q: How close did you get to it?

A: Maybe about from here to on the other side of that wall.

REPORTING OFFICER: W. Howard | NO. 577 | DIV. MATF
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2. OFFENSE: Homicide

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8. ELIMINATED BY INVESTIGATION

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Q: So what seven or eight feet?

A: Yea.

Q: How close did Greg get to it were you closest to it or was you closest to it?

A: He was like here and we were coming out like this.

Q: So you would've been the closest?

A: And I did like this and I was like...

Q: So you would've been the closest.

A: And I did like this and I was like....

Q: So if you were seven or eight feet he would've been nine or ten?

A: Yea, because he was on this side and I was on this one and we walked out like this.

Q: Show me about where you saw it at if this is the path going in.

A: Let me get a picture of it first.

Q: Okay.

A: I saw it like this and it was like this is the circle right?

Q: Uh huh, (Yes).

A: I saw it right there.

Q: Okay, now where is the path that y'all went down to go four-wheel?

A: Okay, the path is ah, it's about, the path is like this.

Q: Okay.

A: Because when we came out we walked by it like this.

REPORTING OFFICER: W. Howard NO. 577 DIV. MCTF

SUPERVISOR APPROVING

STATUS: UNFOUNDED, PENDING

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Q: Do you know which way the head was laying or anything like that, did you see it that way?

A: I think it was like the head was up here I think, I don't know, I'm not sure. Well, I know it was close up here on the curb, I know it was close to the curb, dam that's a good question how in the hell was it laying, was it laying like this or was it on it's face?

Q: I don't know,

A: I can't remember which way it was.

Q: Okay.

A: I knew it was black because it was kind of dark and it was kind of hard to see and it looked like it was wet or muddy or something but it didn't look real at one point, you know, it didn't look like it had any clothes on.

Q: It didn't

A: It didn't look like it had clothes on or it was muddy or something or wet, you know, because I turned and, you know, it was like I didn't really look at it because I was scared, it scared the shit out of me. You wouldn't believe how bad it scared me, all the way down the street man it was like I had this eery feeling. Even today at work, you know, I had this feeling and I thought about calling the police and saying something but then again I was like..

Q: Did y'all drink any beer or do anything other than smoke dope?

A: We had a beer a piece.

Q: What kind of beer?

A: Michelob, we had two with us.

Q: Both of you?

A: No, we had one a piece.

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Q: Both of you were drinking Michelob light?

A: No, it wasn't light.

Q: Just Michelob?

A: Yea.

Q: Where did you drink them at back in here or up in here or...how long did y'all stay parked here, you said you pulled in here for a few minutes?

A: Um, I don't know maybe twenty-five or thirty minutes at the most.

Q: Did you drink the beer here or back here or?

A: I didn't even open mine. I open mine when we got up the street then I dropped it, and you might have seen it out there, I dropped it right on the dam street.

Q: So you were drinking yours as you were walking out?

A: Yes, because I remember saying to Greg, here were are, I said you out here drinking a dam beer at 3:00 in the morning, I said mine ain't even open and I had a little reefer bowl with me that I had smoked, I said I hope I don't get stopped and get caught with this in my dam pocket and I'm going to jail.

Q: Did he have a knife at all that you know of, have you ever see him with a knife?

A: No, not that I can say of.

Q: Do you carry a knife?

A: I carry a little one like this that's on my key ring that's the only one.

Q: Did y'all engage, did y'all pick up a girl last night?

A: No sir.

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9. DEVELOPED BY INVESTIGATION

Q: Did either one of you have sex last night while you were together with anybody?

A: No, ah man you get aids out there having sex.

Q: Huh?

A: You can get aids having sex.

Q: That's true.

A: That's right, I'm careful you can believe that.

Q: What kind of cigarettes do you smoke?

A: Newport.

Q: What kind does Greg smoke?

A: It thinks he smokes Merits.

Q: Let me show you a photograph, have you ever seen this girl before?

A: Come on man, I can't look at this picture.

Q: Just look at that one then have you ever seen her before?

A: No, man, not this one man, I don't want to see that one a better shot. No, I've never seen her before. Was her throat cut right there?

Q: I don't know yet.

Q: Is there anything else you can add as far as where y'all went, what y'all done, and how the car got stuck?

A: That's it, the car got stuck in the mud and he was like oh, don't worry about it, put it in the 4-wheel drive. He put it in the 4-wheel drive, get out and look at it that's all you can see is the front right tire.

REPORTING OFFICER: J. Edward Sgt NO. 537 DIV. MCTF
SUPERVISOR APPROVING

STATUS: UNFOUNDED, PENDING, ARREST-ADULT, ARREST-JUV., EXCEPT CLEAR

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Q: From the time y'all got together on Clanton Street, did y'all stay together the whole night until after you left the A & P this morning at 6:00?

A: That's it, I'm going tell you it's true. See, I didn't have any money, Greg was spending money and I was getting high and Greg was paying and so we were together. I was trying to get him to go where we went and, you know, we wouldn't have never been in this dam predicament but he don't listen, you know.

Q: Okay. Can you give me just a few minutes and I will get back and get you home, let me just finish up, okay?

A: All right.

Q: Again, I appreciate it.

A: Okay.

This will conclude the interview, the time is 5:00.

The time now is 6:40 p.m., John Beck is in the vehicle with us and has agreed to go with us and show us where Barbara took y'all to sit and talk with a guy by the name of Jesse.

Q: So when you guys got in Barbara's car, this is where she wanted to go, had you ever been to this place before?

A: No, and I didn't want to go because when we rode by, we were right there in front of it, you can see up in there how it looks and how, you know, how more people up in there.

Q: Right.

A: And I'm trying to tell Greg, don't go in here.

Q: Okay, so this is where y'all went after you left from the dead end after you got the truck stuck, okay? He indicated it was a green house on East Street as being the house that Barbara took them to this early morning after leaving Blount Street where some

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dope was coped and they stayed there for a while. He also indicated that a white female, blond hair dressed in black was out there as well or was in there as well. A yellow house with a green porch is the house beside the building.

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We are now on Peterson Street, John says we turn left on Sawyer. Okay, and we continued riding. He is indicating near 1409 Sawyer's where he purchased crack from a person name Lamont.

Q: It was the 1400 block and you say it's Lamont and you don't know his last name, do you know where Lamont lives?

A: I don't know.

Q: And I assume he lives back around Sawyer where we come through?

A: Somewhere or he could be just over here doing what he got to do.

Q: Doing his business?

A: Yea, you know, because we work together in Raleigh North Apartments.

Q: Do you know his mom, his dad, or any of his family?

A: All I know is Lamont and that's it and I'm telling you the truth, I told you the truth about everything else and this is the truth.

Q: The car that pulled from security bonded warehouse?

A: Yea, the beige car I was telling you about.

Q: Okay.

A: It was a Lincoln.

Q: Now, what's down here?

A: That's where we were at first.

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Q: Okay, and you're indicating looking and you're on the left?

A: Yea, we came in like this right here.

Q: Okay, you went around to the right and went around and parked by the bushes?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay, then what did you do when you, did you go back around to go up that path there or did you come and just make a quick turn?

A: Well, see the path, he just did like that.

Q: Okay.

A: And he went back in the path.

Q: How far up did y'all come with the vehicle when you parked?

A: You mean the first time?

Q: Uh huh, (Yes).

A: We were right behind, you couldn't see the vehicle at night from where the bushes at so the head wasn't sticking out.

Q: Okay.

A: Now, when we came out, the body was over there somewhere yea, it was over there somewhere.

Q: While y'all were parked there, did either one of you get out to piss or anything at all?

A: Hell no, I had my door locked, I told him to lock his too and roll his window up.

Q: Y'all never got out of the vehicle here?

A: No, we got out up there, he tried to get it out of the what's the name but not right here, we did not get out the vehicle at all.

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W. Harrell	379	MTF	UNFOUNDED	ARREST-ADULT	(248)
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Q: Okay.

A: So that's what I'm saying, you know, if we came around the circle like this we would've seen it if it was there.

Q: Sure.

A: See, what I'm saying when we went up there that's when it must've came.

Q: Was it pretty light down here?

A: No.

Q: Was it real dark, was the light on?

A: It was lights right here, I think it was two bright lights over there somewhere right there.

Q: Uh huh, (Yes).

A: Right there, see that yellow thing?

Q: Yea.

A: There was lights there and I think that...

Q: Obviously it was dark, don't you wouldn't have been trying to hide behind the weeds.

A: And see that's why, I'll show you when we go back where the 4-wheeler was parked over there too.

Q: Okay. You saw a 4-wheel vehicle parked inside there?

A: I don't know if the gates were locked or not so maybe, you know, it could've been security or something but I'm pretty sure someone was sitting in it though because Greg and I both said ah, I said is anybody sitting there and he goes, it looks like it, it looks like it.

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REPORTING OFFICER: J.W. Holland NO. 577 DIV. Neff
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STATUS: UNFOUNDED, PENDING, ARREST-ADULT, ARREST-JUV., EXCEPT CLEAR
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Q: Did you ever see anybody down there around that circle we just come from?

A: No, I didn't see nobody. All of sudden that car pulled out over there and I didn't remember that until you mentioned it, you know, and ask me did I see a car.

Q: Okay.

A: And that's it and that's the truth.

Q: Okay.

This will conclude this interview, the time is five minutes to 7:00 p.m.

Q: John we've got back to the police station now it's five minutes after 7:00 p.m. and I ask you about giving me some hair samples and you said you'd be glad to.

A: No problem.

Q: Okay, if you'd sit down to start with I have to read this form to you and let you sign it, okay. I'm going mark through City County Identification and put Raleigh Police Department. I'm going mark through blood, I don't want to get your blood, I don't want the saliva, I want pubic hair and head hair, okay?

A: Okay. Now there is no chance right that my pubic hair can get mixed up with somebody else's is it?

Q: No sir.

A: All right. If I get blamed for something...

Q: Let me read it to you. I hereby give members of the Raleigh Police Department consent to gather pubic hair and head hair. I realize these samples may be used as evidence against me in a prosecution for a criminal offense. I do not desire to have a lawyer present during the gathering of these samples. You understand what it said

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A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Do you have any problems with that?

A: No problems.

Q: If you will just sign that indicating ..... Okay, I want you to see I'm putting today's date which is 9/26/91, the time is 7:05 p.m. and the place is 110 S. McDowell, the Police Department. I'm going to sign as a witness.

A: Who is going be getting these hairs?

Q: You are, you don't think I'm going run my hand in your britches do you?

A: Do you want me to get them now?

Q: Yea, if you would take your hat off. I'm going need some from back here just all round, just maybe pull a few out at the time and that way it won't hurt, just drop them in this. Is this for the head hair?

A: Yea, this is dry and brittle it comes out easy. This man got me pulling my hair out, I don't believe this. Is this good?

Q: I need some more. I need a few more. Get some from the back, different places.

A: Isn't all of it the same?

Q: No, believe it or not it's not.

A: Really. Man, I can't get none from the back this is to short.

Q: Just don't lose it, it's to hard to get out.

A: It sticks to my hand, okay.

Q: Did that hurt?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

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Q: Good, that ought to be enough don't you think. Now, if you'll just pull your pants down I'll show you a easy way to get this. Just take your hand and just rake it up, you know, just like you're scratching hard, just rake it up and it will come out. Kind of hold them in your hand now. Lets see what we got now?

A: There is some crab in them.

Q: I hope there ain't no dam crab in them. Give me just a few more, okay. No, it don't hurt that bad, you go home with your mess balled, what will your wife going think you've done.

A: For the record this shit hurts.

Q: All right, do you have any questions now John?

A: No.

Q: If you don't mind waiting a few minutes and let me go put all this stuff and we'll be right back.

A: You told me last time.

Q: I know but we're finished.

A: You going put that up, put it in the evidence and come right back.

Q: Give me fifteen minutes.

A: Okay, you want me to sit outside.

This will conclude the interview the time is 7:10.

REPORTING OFFICER: W. Hauser NO: 577 DIV: MCTF
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Investigative Division
Raleigh Police Department

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Second Gregory Taylor Police Interview, Date and time unmarked (Raleigh Police Department Supplementary Report pages 255-275)

The first police interview of Gregory Taylor was introduced at trial and was previously included in this brief. Later that same day, the police conducted a second interview of Gregory Taylor. The second interview was not introduced at trial and was not available to the jury. A transcript of the interview prepared by police is included below. The original recording of this interview is no longer available.

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TAPE II.

Q: Greg, I know you've been waiting patiently and I appreciate it, okay?

A: Yes sir.

Q: We went and had lunch and did some other things.

A: Yes sir.

Q: As you know, you're still not under arrest?

A: Yes sir.

Q: In fact you've got up and walked around about as you please I think.

A: Yes sir.

Q: You've been to the bathroom or anywhere else you want to go.

A: Yes sir.

Q: The time now is ten minutes after 5, and there was just a few questions I wanted to ask you.

A: Okay.

Q: I have talked with John, in fact I've talked with him quite extensively since I've left you and he in fact has gone out with us and showed us some things and some other stuff. This is your drawing right?

A: Uh huh. (Yes)

Q: Indicating where you saw the body after y'all come out.

A: Right.

Q: When you come in here, there was no body there?

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~~A: Right.~~

~~Q: Did you have your lights on when you come in?~~

~~A: Yes.~~

~~Q: Did you have your lights on when you pulled back there to 4-wheel?~~

~~A: Yes.~~

~~Q: How long did y'all stay parked here?~~

~~A: About fifteen minutes.~~

Q: Okay, and they you come back out?

A: Right.

Q: When you come out, did you see anybody around here at that time?

A: Not at the time, no sir.

Q: Okay, who saw the body first?

A: John.

Q: What did he say?

A: He said, what is that, it looks almost like a body or something and I looked, and I said it is, he said lets get out of here, I said what do we do, he said lets just forget about it, I said well, I tend to agree with you.

Q: Why did you not call the police?

A: Well, I guess with the little buzz on and everything it was easier we thought at the time just to forget about it. You know, I realize this morning that was a mistake but.

Q: Yea.

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A: It was pretty scary believe me that was the last thing I had planned on walking up on last night.

Q: And you have never seen this girl before?

A: No sir, I didn't even see the head, I saw like the arms and legs.

Q: Greg, have I been honest and straight with you, have I caused you an grief today or?

A: In the beginning, yea.

Q: How?

A: I felt like I was being put on the spot as someone who committed the crime when honest to God I did not have anything to do with it.

Q: But have I mistreated you in any way?

A: I don't think so.

Q: Has Liles?

A: I don't think so. I think you've been very understanding considering what y'all got to do.

Q: Okay, you remember earlier I told you had a choice?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: And I've tried being as honest and straight with you as I can. I gave John that same opportunity and he has taken advantage of it.

A: Okay.

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Q: He has told me that you're the person that killed this girl.

A: That is not true.

Q: Well, I don't know. I'm just telling you what he told me, okay.

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A: That is not true.

Q: And as I said, I gave you an option as well and you didn't take advantage of that.

A: I understand. I did not kill this girl.

Q: We have completed or in the process of completing your vehicle. You are a very intelligent individual, you know what ballistics shows, you know what physical evidence shows.

A: It shows there is things that you can't see with the human eye.

Q: There is evidence from your vehicle, there is blood underneath your vehicle, there is blood on the tires, there is blood in other places that proves that your vehicle you from John was involved, in this murder, I'm sorry.

A: I don't see how?

Q: Well, I'm sorry, I wish I knew myself. Now, what you have done is you have sat here and didn't tell me the truth this morning, and you are fixing to take the rap for maybe something somebody else done.

A: I did not do it.

Q: Well, you should've told me before John did.

A: I didn't, I did not do it and he did not do it either.

Q: With the physical evidence I've got, listen to me, with the physical evidence I got off or your truck that you told me you drove.

A: I did.

17 Q: And with John's statement, I have no choice Greg and I gave you every opportunity this morning that I possibly could and all you had to do was to tell me the truth and you could've been out of this mess.

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A: I did tell you the truth sir.

(18) Q: Well, why does John tell me different?

A: I don't understand.

Q: Why does he tell me different. You know the witness I told you about?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Why does that witness now tell me different as well, huh?

A: There is no way I killed this girl.

Q: You may not remember, if you don't remember it, tell me you don't remember it.

A: I would, I would, I remember everything.

Q: I would certainly think you would.

A: Yes sir, I swear I am not lying.

(19) Q: Do you know what a life sentence minimum in prison is, what is your little girl going say?

A: I didn't do it, I did not do it.

Q: What is your wife going say?

A: I did not do it.

Q: Well unfortunately these people say you did.

A: How can they say that?

Q: Because they were there when you did it.

A: I did not do it, I don't understand.

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Q: Well, dispute this evidence for me. If you can dispute this evidence, maybe John is telling a lie, I don't think so. I think John is smart enough to see a way out, okay. John was smart enough to take the same thing I offered you and you wouldn't take advantage of it. John is not lying, physical evidence don't lie, this witness that I told you earlier is not lying, I know that now. There is no doubt that he could be mistaken. With John statement, with the physical evidence, with my witness it all works why, I don't why you done it.

A: I did not kill her.

Q: Why would you kill her, I don't know.

A: I didn't.

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Q: You know, it would help if you would show some remorse, it would help if you would say what happened, tell your side of the story.

A: I told you.

Q: No you didn't.

A: I did so.

Q: Now, you may think we're playing games, I ain't lying.

A: I know you're not, I did not, I was up front, honest, I told you everything I done, I did not kill her.

Q: Did John kill her?

A: No.

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Q: Well, why does he say you did?

A: I have no idea.

Q: Well, I have no choice but to go with what has been said and what the physical evidence says, okay. Now I don't know what you wife is going say, she seems to be a very nice person. I know what

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23 your wife going do, when you're in prison for the rest of your life.

A: I did not do, maybe somebody put the shit on my truck, I don't know.

Q: Somebody went down there and put shit on your stuck truck, now do you believe anybody is going believe that?

A: Well, I don't know, I did not know sir but I do know I did not kill anybody, I do not kill people.

Q: Listen to me, just listen to me. You will be charged with murder one, okay. You'd go to court, I bring a witness number one, number 2 I have a co-defendant, John, do you know what a co-defendant is?

A: No.

Q: Okay, John testifies to the fact that what happened that you did this, I got the witness up there, I got physical evidence from your vehicle, blood, I've got a dog that has been certified in court as an expert witness that tells me, okay. I've got all this evidence and then you sat there on the witness stand and said, I didn't, I didn't.

A: I do not kill people.

24 Q: Do you think a judge is going believe that?

A: I did not kill that girl.

Q: Well believe this when we present this evidence do you think a judge is going believe you?

A: I didn't do it. I do not understand.

25 Q: Well, why does John tell me you did?

A: I have no idea.

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Q: Well, maybe you need to find out because you're in deep water son and I've been just as honest and straight with you as I could possibly be.

A: I guess I need a lawyer now.

Q: I've told you the truth from the beginning to this point.

A: And I have told you too exactly what happened.

Q: Explain to me away this physical evidence, explain it away, make it go away.

A: I have no idea.

36 Q: Would John tell a lie on you?

A: I have no idea, apparently if he said that because I did not do it.

Q: Well, who did?

A: I have no idea, all I did was just walked by it.

Q: How is the blood in your vehicle?

A: It's not no blood in my vehicle, I have no idea.

Q: It's not blood on your vehicle?

A: I have no idea why blood is on or in my vehicle or whatever because I did not kill anybody.

Q: You didn't?

A: No sir.

Q: Do you think a judge is going believe that? Look at this woman right here, look at her, look at the way she has died.

A: Her throat cut?

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Q: What do you think?

A: That's what it looks like.

Q: What's your daughter going say when she sees a picture like this and knows her father is in jail for murdering a woman.

A: I did not do it.

Q: Do you know what's just as bad, her pants ~~was~~ were pulled down and one of you tried to rape her.

A: I did not do it.

Q: Jesus Christ.

A: I didn't try to rape anybody, I did not do it.

Q: You didn't try to rape her then why was her pants pulled down?

A: I don't know, I just walked by her.

Q: You didn't just walk by her, I wish I could believe that.

A: Well, you have to because it is the truth, it is the honest to God's truth.

Q: No, it's not true.

A: I am not lying, I swear to God what happened is what I told you no sir, I did not, I did not.

27 Q: You cut her throat, you stabbed her.

A: I did not.

Q: John give me the whole deal.

A: I did not that's all there is to it.

Q: You going be convicted of it.

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A: I didn't do it.

Q: Well, you will be an innocent man in prison.

A: I ain't raped nobody, I ain't cut nobody sir, I don't do that.

Q: Well, I'm afraid you will be charged for it.

A: Can I please call a lawyer because I did not do it. I need a lawyer if you gonna, huh uh, (No) I didn't do it. You can't send me to jail for something like this.

Q: You watch me. I don't have any choice Greg, I don't have a bit of choice. I gave you a choice this morning.

A: Well, I told you the honest to God's truth. I knew if I come here and told you the truth that it would just be all right, that's all I can do is just tell you the truth. I didn't kill anybody, I didn't try to rape anybody, I did not do it.

(28) Q: Well, why does John say you did it?

A: I don't know, ask him but I did not do it.

Q: The physical evidence at the crime scene say you did.

A: I did not do it.

Q: Well, explain away your evidence?

A: Look, I'm telling you what happened all right, that's it. I did not kill this girl, I do not know anything about how she died, all I know is we walked out the driveway and we saw her laying there and we kept on walking and that's it.

Q: She won't there when you pulled in?

A: She was not there when we pulled in, no sir. Please God Almighty I didn't do it.

Q: You had your lights on the whole stuff.

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A: I did not do it.

Q: You had your lights on when you pulled in?

A: Yes.

Q: You remember, no doubt in your mind?

A: I remember, no doubt in my mind.

Q: Okay. Well, why does John tell me different.

A: I don't know, he was all pumped up.

Q: You won't were you?

A: I was but I remember everything that freaking happened, I know good well, huh uh, (No) that ain't me sir, I'm sorry, I did not do it.

Q: Do you have mental elapses?

A: No.

Q: So obviously you remember then?

A: I know I did not kill anybody, okay. I don't know what else to tell you, I did not do it.

Q: So you're not even going say you're sorry?

A: I did not do it, that's the bottom line.

Q: And that's the end of your statement that you did not do it?

A: Yes sir, that's it, I ain't killed nobody, I don't do that.

Q: Regardless of what the evidence said, regardless of what John says?

A: I did not do it, I know I did not do it.

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Q: You had nothing to do with it?

A: Nothing to do with it at all sir, I did not do it. I promise if the Lord strikes me dead right now I had nothing to do with anything like that ever, ever.

29 Q: Do you know what a life sentence in prison is?

A: I'm scared, okay. You got me scared.

Q: You need to be because what I'm telling you is true.

A: I did not do it, I promise.

Q: Well, there is no need for me to keep talking with you then is it?

A: I did not do it.

Q: Is there any need for me to keep talking to you is it?

A: I did not do it.

Q: Is there need for me to keep talking to you, are you going change your story?

A: No, I'm not changing, I came here and told you the truth and that's it, okay.

Q: And so you rather let things go as they are, you rather take the punishment and let somebody else be the person and you going be the escape goat?

A: Well, he didn't do it and I didn't do it.

30 Q: Well, why does he say you did it?

A: I have no idea none at all.

Q: Why is the physical evidence is on you truck?

A: I did not do it, okay.

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Q: Well, why is the physical evidence on your truck?

A: I don't now, but I did not do it, God bless.

Q: Did you lock your truck up when you left?

A: Yes, I sure did. I locked the doors.

Q: Unfortunately you're in deep trouble.

A: I did not do it.

Q: And I wish I could help you, I really do.

A: Look, I came here and told you the truth.

Q: Evidentially not.

A: Yes sir, I did.

31 Q: I can prove differently.

A: I did not do it.

Q: Well, I can prove differently.

A: Well, I don't see how when I didn't do it.

Q: I just told you how.

A: Are you talking about this blood on my truck or something?

Q: Uh huh, (Yes). There is evidence in the truck, there is blood on the truck.

A: There is no evidence in that truck.

Q: Oh, there is not?

A: No, none that I put there, there is no way. I guarantee it. I did not do it.

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Q: Okay, I mean if that's what you say, I can prove it.

A: Okay, that's the truth, that is the truth, okay.

Q: Well, I can prove differently is what I'm telling you and what I'm telling you is when you go to court, you sat there and you say I did not do it all you want to and when I present the evidence just the evidence I have told you along with John testifying because he don't want to go to jail you can believe that.

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A: Well, he knows dam well I didn't do it.

Q: And then you sat there and say I did not do it and you see what a jury is going do for you, you see what it's going do for you?

A: Well, if this is what it's going come down to, I need a lawyer, I did not do it. I don't know any other way to tell you the fact that it's the truth, I did not do it, God bless.

Q: Do away with all this and I will believe you.

A: Do away with all what?

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Q: Statements from John, physical evidence, statements from a impartial witness?

A: I'm sorry sir, there is no way.

Q: I know there is no way you can do away with it.

A: No, there is no way, I know that for a fact I did not kill anybody.

Q: Who did?

A: I have no idea.

Q: You just don't know?

A: I just don't know.

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Q: You won't even down there were you?

A: We saw the body as we were walking out and that was it.

Q: Greg, I wish I could believe that.

A: It is the truth.

Q: I wish I could believe that.

A: It is the truth.

Q: And you know I don't understand why a person when he is caught don't take the easiest way out he possibly can.

A: I'm telling you the truth, okay, I've told my story.

Q: It comes a time why you've got to accept what's going happen. There comes a time when you've got to look after yourself.

A: Well, I'll tell it to you right now if this judicial system is going to work for me it's got to because I did not do it.

Q: The judicial system is great and it will work.

A: Okay, then if it works then I'll be innocent.

34 Q: The judicial system don't have anything to do with you being innocent because you're not innocent.

A: I am innocent.

Q: The judicial system will find you guilty.

A: I'm innocent. I know I am. I ain't tried to rape nobody. I ain't tried to slice nobody or whatever.

Q: Let me tell you what you do, you sat here and you think a minute, you think about what I said.

A: I did not do it, I'm not doing anymore thinking.

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Q: You're not going to do anymore thinking?

A: No sir, I didn't do it, I'm sorry.

Q: Well, I'm sorry but you did.

A: I did not and I know I didn't.

Q: And I can prove.

A: You cannot prove I did it because I didn't do it.

Q: The only thing I can tell you then is we'll wait until court time comes.

A: I didn't do it.

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Q: You leave me with no other alternative.

A: Oh please, I did not do it.

Q: Well, I don't have any choice.

A: I did not do it sir.

Q: I wish I could believe you.

A: It's the truth.

Q: I really wish I could believe you, and if you will explain away these things maybe I could but you can't explain it away.

A: I did not do it. How do you want me to explain these things away?

Q: I don't know, you tell me how you got blood on your vehicle?

A: I didn't put blood on my vehicle I can tell you that.

Q: Well, how is it there, did somebody come up there and just splash it on there?

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A: That's the only thing I can figure, it there is blood on my vehicle that's the only way it could've got there somebody else put it there besides me, I can tell you that.

36 Q: Okay, well why does John tells me what he tells me?

A: I don't have no idea.

Q: Why is this witness down here at Raleigh Bonding telling me what they're telling me?

A: I have no idea, I didn't do it, that's the bottom line.

Q: You didn't pull her pants off did you?

A: I didn't get out of the dam truck until I was stuck in the mud. I got out and walked out the dam road and kept on going when we saw the body and that was it.

Q: Well, like I said, I wish I could believe it but the physical evidence don't lie. Maybe I would think John is trying to set you up to cover him but you said he...

A: I have no idea what the hell is going on with John if he said that, okay. I have no idea if that's what John said is why he said it because it's not the truth of what happened last night, it's not. I can tell you because I know, I did not do it.

Q: You know, you and I can sit here all afternoon and we can keep repeating this and we're not accomplishing anything, okay. If you could tell me how I could help you, if you could dispute some of this stuff then I would work my butt off trying to help you dispute but just you saying I did not do it don't help me any.

A: Well, I told you exactly what happened last night, shall we go out there or what?

Q: We may before we leave. Give me just a few minutes and I will come back.

A: I'll trace the whole stinking route that we did, you know, I mean I'll go out there, I'll show you, we pulled around the circle,

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stopped about fifteen minutes, went up in the trail, backed into the bushes, went forward, got stuck in the mud, got out, walked, went by the body and kept on walking.

Q: And the body won't there when you come in?

A: The body won't there when we come in, no sir.

Q: Well, give me a few minutes, okay.

A: Should I call a lawyer or something?

This concludes the interview, the time now is 5:30 p.m.

The time now is 6:16 p.m. This will be a continuation of the interview with Gregory.

Q: Greg, you told me a few minutes ago that you had no sexual contact or had not been in any physical contact with this woman that I'm showing you a picture of?

A: It's the truth.

Q: Is that correct.

A: Yes.

Q: Will you submit to a rape kit?

A: I will submit to anything, I didn't have any contact with her whatsoever, please believe me.

Q: Let me explain to you what a rape kit consist of, a rape kit at this point will consist of some head hair, I'll just have you pluck some out and some pubic hair?

A: Okay, fine anything.

Q: If I find it necessary, today, tomorrow, Saturday, will you consent to a polygraph test?

A: Yes sir.

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Q: Okay, so at this time I'm going ask you and the time again is 6:19 now. I'm going read to you a consent form for me to obtain this hair, okay?

A: Okay.

Q: And it reads I hereby give members of the City County Identification Bureau and I'm going strike through that and put the Raleigh Police Department consent to gather and I'm going strike through blood and saliva sample and have pubic and include head hair. I realize these samples may be used as evidence again me in a prosecution for a criminal offense?

A: Yes sir.

Q: I do not desire to have a lawyer present during the gathering of these samples? Now, do you understand what this is?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Do you agree or consent to giving me some head hair and some pubic hair to prove that you have not had any sexual contact with this individual?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Okay, if you would, I need you to sign that and as you can see I'm dating it and the date is 9/26/91, the time now is 6:20 p.m., the place is 110 S. McDowell, this is the Raleigh Police Station. I'm going sign it as a witness and so will Det. Liles.

Q: Greg, if you would I'm going ask you if you will take your hand and pull four or five strands of hair and drop it in this bag. You don't have to get but just three or four, don't get a lot just two or three at a time and just snatch it, just snatch it hard. I'll give to you and drop it in there, okay. Now I need you to get some from this side. Now, if you can just get a few in front?

A: That's going be a few.

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Q: If you will wipe your hands on your pants so you won't have no additional hair. Now, if you would I need you to stand up of course you need to undo your pants.

A: Okay.

Q: And pull your shorts down.

A: Okay.

Q: The best way is just kind of rake your hand through, okay? I need some more, just a few more. Now I know you've been quite patience and I appreciate your patience and if you will bear with me just a little while longer.

A: Okay, I'll try.

This will conclude this interview, the time is 6:25 p.m.

Det. J. W. Howard
Investigative Division
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Other Witnesses Interviewed by Police

The Raleigh Police Department spoke to people at the businesses around the crime scene and people that knew the Victim and suspects. They also canvassed areas the Victim was known to frequent with photographs of the Victim, Gregory Taylor, Johnny Beck, and Gregory Taylor's vehicle.

The interviews that revealed information relevant to the Commission's investigation are included below in chronological order. The original recordings are no longer preserved. Any markings on the transcripts were not made by the staff of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission.

Craig H. Taylor Police Interview, September 27, 1991 time not recorded (Raleigh Police Department Supplementary Report pp. 315-319)

The day after the police discovered the body, they canvassed the areas the Victim had been known to frequent. One of the individuals they spoke to was Craig Taylor. Craig Taylor, an African-American man born in Jamaica, is no relation to Gregory Taylor, a Caucasian man.

The Commission staff has conducted four interviews with Craig Taylor that will be included later in this brief and presented in detail at the Commission hearing. Craig Taylor was not called as a witness at trial. The transcript of the police interview of Craig Taylor follows.

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This will be an interview with Craig Hurice Taylor. This interview will be in reference to a homicide which occurred at the dead end of Blount Street on Wednesday night or early Thursday morning and what Craig knows about individuals that were involved in this and what he saw.

Craig Hurice Taylor
995 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, NC
Home Phone: 829-0198
D.O.B.: 02/09/69
Age: 22 years
Soc. Sec. No. 241-23-911
Resides with mother: Laura Mae Yancy (Same address)
Employed with Temporary Service

Q. Craig, I just want you to just tell me in your own words, when you saw Jackie come up, what time she came up to you Wednesday night which would have have been early Thursday morning and I'll show you some pictures after you get through and ask you do you know these people. Just tell me what you saw and what you observed.

A. Okay, about 12:30 Wednesday night, I had talked with Jackie on the steps in front of an abandoned house and then no sooner, like about five or ten minutes later...

Q. Was that in the 500 Block of South Bloodworth?

A. Yes, and no sooner, like five or ten minutes later, this white guy come up with a red tank top on and he had some, like some jam like colorful shorts, and he wanted three rocks for $50.00 and I asked Jackie, I said who was this guy. She didn't never say that he was cool or nothing. She just said that she knows him. I said don't send him over here. So he goes to a friend of mine and he purchased the dope and when he leaves, Jackie leaves and they walks down by Po Boys, down by East Street and that's the last time I seen her.

Q. How do you equate what time it was? How do you know what time it was?

A. Because the Neighborhood Grocery Store on the corner of Bloodworth and Lenoir had closed at 12:30.

Q. When this guy came up... I'm going to show you a picture. Was it this gentleman here?

A. Yes.

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Q. Are you definite?

A. Most definite.

Q. You'd be willing to swear in Court that this is the guy you saw down there?

A. Most definitely, because that's the only white guy that came down to Bloodworth that night.

Q. Who did he purchase his drugs from?

A. From a guy name Jay.

Q. And how much did he purchase?

A. Three rocks.

Q. How much did he pay for it?

A. He paid $50.00 for it.

Q. Do you know who else that was out there at that time that might of seen him?

A. There were some more other guys out there. If I knew their name, I could tell you, but I don't know it, because I don't socialize with too many people down there.

Q. What time did Jackie get down there, about 15 minutes before this guy came up or about the same time?

A. Jackie got down there about 5 or 10 minutes earlier.

Q. And then he came around there?

A. He came around.

Q. And then she walked off behind him?

A. Walked off right behind him.

Q. Why do you think she walked off behind him? Did she do cocaine?

A. Yes she does.

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Q. And did she watch for people like that and go talk to them after they leave?

A. Mostly definitely. She does that before.

Q. Did she have any money on her that night?

A. I did not see her pull no money out, but from what I was told from down on the other end of the corner, that she had $50.00 and the guy comes and purchase the dope.

Q. So you're thinking he might purchased it for her or you don't know.

A. I really can't say, because I don't really know what happened down at the other end of the corner.

Q. Have you ever seen this black gentleman before?

A. No.

Q. You have not?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever seen this white Pathfinder before?

A. No I haven't.

Q. So the gentleman you saw was walking and walked back down towards?

A. Walked back down towards East Street.

Q. Off of Lenoir?

A. Off of Lenoir.

Q. How was this guy dressed, this white guy you saw?

A. He had a red tank top on. He was dressed sort of kind of hippie like with his hair tied up in the back and he had like some jam shorts and the color of the shorts was blue, had a little blue and yellow in it, and some other color.

Q. And what time do you think that he and Jackie left the block?

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A. It had to be about 12:45 or 12:50.

Q. And you didn't see either one of them anymore that night?

A. I didn't see neither one that night.

Q. Did Jackie prostitute?

A. Most definitely and she goes both ways, too.

Q. Will you try to see if you can help me find out people down there that saw her get in that truck or talk to some people down there and give me a call?

A. Yes I will.

Q. Thank you. One more question that I forgot to ask you. Do you know where Jackie takes most of her tricks? Have you all talked about it before while you all were sitting there talking?

A. Some house on East Street across... right across the street from that... the little car shop, the auto shop.

Q. Detail Shop?

A. Yeah, right across the street from the Detail Shop.

Q. She takes her tricks over there?

A. It's a boarding house.

Q. Is it white people live there, two white girls?

A. One with blonde hair, yeah.

Q. And she takes her tricks in there, so those people should know her very well over there, is that correct?

A. Yeah, they know her real well.

Q. Alright, thank you.

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Det. W. A. Blackman
Investigative Division
Raleigh Police Department

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Eva Marie Kelly First and Second Police Interview, September 27, 1991 time not recorded (Raleigh Police Department Supplementary Report pp. 305-309) and October 1, 1991 at 11:50 p.m. (Raleigh Police Department Supplementary Report pp. 138-143)

The police spoke to Eva Marie Kelly in front of her home on the day after they discovered the body. A few days later, Ms. Kelly came to the police department to give a second statement. Ms. Kelly also testified at trial. The transcript of both police interviews are included below in chronological order.

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This is Det. Blackman. I am in front of 419 South East Street. Th time is 3:30 on 09/27/91.

Q. Who am I speaking with?

A. Eva Marie Kelly

Q. And where do you live, Eva Marie?

A. 419 South East Street.

Q. And which room do you live in here?

A. The room off the kitchen.

Q. Do you know a black guy that drives a black car by the name of Andy Emmanuel? The one that we talked about earlier? You said you thought worked at Roses?

A. Yes, it was the same man, yes.

Q. Does he wear glasses?

A. Yes he does.

Q. Does he pick up about everybody down here?

A. Yeah. He helps the girls out or, you know, he gives them cigarettes.

Q. Which Roses does he work at?

A. I'm not sure.

Q. You don't know which Roses?

A. No, he bought me some shoes from there once.

Q. Which one was that at?

A. I'm not sure.

Q. But it was a Roses Store?

A. Yeah.

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Q. He said he worked there?

A. He told me he worked at Roses.

Q. You know what kind of car that is he drives?

A. I'm not sure. It's a black... it looks like a Granprix with a sunroof.

Q. The night before last, which today is Friday, it would have been Wednesday night?

A. Yes.

Q. I'm showing you a picture of a white Pathfinder.

A. Yes.

Q. Did you see that truck?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was it at?

A. In front of my house on East Street.

Q. What happened when it pulled up there?

A. I was sitting on the wall in front of the house waiting for my boy-friend to come back from the store. Two guys pull up in the car. A white guy was driving, it was a black guy, the passenger.

Q. Okay, what time was this?

A. No, I don't even remember.

Q. Can you give me a good qestimate? Give me the closest time... you don't have to give me a... just the closest time you can think. Was it 10 o'clock, 11 o'clock, 12 o'clock?

A. Around eleven, I'd say.

Q. What time is the last time you seen this truck?

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A. When I talked to the... no, I saw it driving around a few times after that, but I don't know the times or anything.

Q. Do you know which way it was circling when it went, Eva?

A. Between Lenoir Street and Davie Street on East and Bloodworth.

Q. Was this gentleman here, the passenger in that truck?

A. Yes he was.

Q. And you're definite about that?

A. Yes.

Q. What about this gentleman, this white gentleman here, was he the driver?

A. Yes.

Q. What did they ask you when they pulled up in front of the house? This is no record, trying to get you in trouble for prostitution. Did they ask you to trick?

A. No, they asked me if I wanted to go party and get high.

Q. Did they tell you they had some coke?

A. Yes.

Q. What else did they tell you or what did they... you tell me in your own words what they said.

A. I told them no, I don't get into that.

Q. Uh-huh and?

A. They drove off.

Q. Is that your daughter was out here?

A. No, just a friend.

Q. Was she tricking that night?

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A. No.

Q. She was not?

A. No. She doesn't do that.

Q. Did you see anybody else they stopped and talked to.

A. No I didn't. I hung around pretty close to the house.

Q. Is there a phone at your house?

A. No.

Q. If I have anymore questions, I might come back down here and talk to you. Can you think of anything else that might help me about somebody that could tell me who they saw... saw Jackie get in the truck with these guys.

A. No, but if it's the Jackie, which I can't tell by her picture, she hung out mostly across from the Texaco and across from Po Boys.

Q. You talking about up here on this block, go up Cabarrus and turn left on Bloodworth?

A. Cabarrus and Bloodworth, that was her corner.

Q. So you're saying, if I turn left up here and go down, somebody might of recognized these guys down there?

A. Well, I think they know her better up on that corner, you know, maybe has seen more. There's an old man... if it was that early in the morning, there's an old man that works the City Taxi early in the mornings, that may have seen her get in that truck.

Q. Okay. You know his name?

A. No. I believe he does cleaning there in the morning. It's just a little old man, he sits out front a lot and he watches. He's there early in the mornings.

Q. I appreciate it, Eva, and my name's Det. Blackman. If I'm able to do anything for you, you let me know, okay.

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End of Interview.

Det. W. A. Blackman
Investigative Division
Raleigh Police Department

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November 5, 1991
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REPORTING OFFICER: WAB NO. 331 DIV. INVT

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SYNOPSIS:

The following will be an interview conducted by Det. Howard and Det. Blackman. This interview is with Ms. Eva Marie Kelly. This interview is in reference to her seeing perpetrators of the above listed homicide on Wednesday night, early Thursday, a.m. hours of 09/25/91 and 09/26/91.

Q. May I call you Eva?

A. Yes.

Q. Eva, first of all I appreciate your coming down, okay. I know this may put you in a somewhat at an inconvenience with where you live and some of the people around there may think your narcking or whatever, but I appreciate your talking to me.

A. They will.

Q. I know they will. Last Wednesday night, Thursday morning, okay.

A. Yes.

Q. I'll show you a photograph of a black guy by the name of Johnnie Beck. Did you have occasion to see him?

A. Yes I did.

Q. And I'm going to show you a picture of a white guy by the name of Gregory Taylor. Did you see him?

A. Yes I did.

Q. Were they together?

A. Yes they were.

Q. And where did you see them at?

A. At 419 East Street.

Q. Were they walking, riding?

A. They were riding.

Q. And were they riding in this vehicle I'm showing you a photograph of?

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A. Yes they were.

Q. Who was driving?

A. The white man.

Q. And where was the black guy?

A. On the passenger side.

Q. Of this vehicle here?

A. Yes.

Q. Approximately what time was that, if you know? Was it 12 o'clock, 1 o'clock?

A. Between eleven and twelve.

Q. Between eleven and twelve, the best you can remember?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell me what happened. What did you see?

A. They pulled up to me and the black guy called me over to the vehicle and asked me if I wanted to go with them and get high. They had cocaine, powder or rock, anything I wanted to get high with and I should go with them and I told him no. I don't ride with two men in a vehicle and I don't mess with drugs, I wanted money. I walked away.

Q. I show you a picture of Sheila. Was Sheila around at that time?

A. It's possible.

Q. You know Sheila?

A. Yeah.

Q. Does Sheila hang around there?

A. Yes she does, quite often.

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Q. Do you remember seeing her that night at all?

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A. Yes.

Q. So she was in and out like a lot of the other people?

A. Yes.

Q. So she could have been there right then, but you don't know?

A. Right.

Q. Who else was there at that time?

A. Texas.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. Whoopie.

Q. Okay.

A. There were a couple of guys, you know, that hang around there a lot.

Q. Anyone else you know, you can think of?

A. No.

Q. And possibly Sheila?

A. Probably.

Q. You tell them, you don't do that, you do yours for money or whatever?

A. Right.

Q. Do you know if anyone gets in the vehicle with them?

A. I didn't pay attention, because you know, there was somebody else circling the block and I was more interested in going to talk to him.

Q. So somebody could have gotten in there, you don't know?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you see them anytime after that?

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REPORTING OFFICER: L.W. Howard NO. 577 DIV. MCIF
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A. No, not that I paid any attention to.

Q. How many times or do you know if they circled the block more than one time, before they stopped or do you know?

A. I believe they had been riding earlier up on Lenoir Street and down Bloodworth. Yeah, they had rode around a couple of times.

Q. Do you know what... I'm assuming you went up to their car, to their truck?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know what they had on? Clothing?

A. No, I didn't pay attention.

Q. But you do know it was these people?

A. Yes I do.

Q. And you recognized the car.

A. Uh-huh.

Q. Had you been doing drugs that day?

A. No. I had been drinking beer, though. I do that everyday.

Q. Were you to such a point that you didn't know what was going on?

A. No.

Q. You remember this, no doubt, that these were the people? (*)

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know Jacquetta and I'll show you a photograph of her?

A. No. I may have known her, but this photograph doesn't look like anybody I know.

Q. But she could have been standing down there?

A. Yes. There were other people.

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Q. Was Tex drinking or would she remember these people coming up?

A. Tex doesn't drink.

Q. So she should remember these guys, too?

A. Yeah.

B. You know a girl that walks the street down there that probably prostitutes by the name of Jackie?

A. Yeah, there is a Jackie that hangs up on Bloodworth Street, but I saw her the other day.

B. So it's not the same Jackie we're talking about?

A. No. That's the one I thought it was. You remember I told you it didn't look like her.

Q. What did you say the black girl's name... Whoopie?

A. Whoopie.

Q. Where is she at now?

A. I guess down on the street. I see her... I saw her a few times tonight.

Q. Where would she be hanging at?

A. Right down around where I hang.

Q. What has she got on tonight, do you know?

A. She changed. She had on a pair of jeans, I believe, faded jeans and a white shirt.

Q. She still got her hair in braids?

A. Yeah.

Q. Is it long hair?

A. Yeah, it's the artificial. It's kind of like in a bun type thing with braids on the side.

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REPORTING OFFICER: W. Harrell NO. 577 DIV. MOT
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ARREST-JUV.
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B. Is she a male or female?

A. Female.

Q. Anything else you can think of?

A. Nothing.

Q. You can't remember what they had on, but say that you are sure it was them two?

A. Yeah, I'm positive, because the white boy kept saying, come on, you know, come on, come on.

Q. So they already had drugs and they were looking someone to party with, they were after sex?

A. Yes, that was the proposition. I like my money.

Q. For your body... you give them sex, they give you drugs, okay.

This will conclude the interview. The time is 12:05 a.m.

Det. J. W. Howard
Investigative Division
Raleigh Police Department

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Parley Pate Police Interview, October 2, 1991 at 12:15 a.m. (Raleigh Police Department Supplementary Report pp. 167-173)

The police interviewed Parley Pate a.k.a. "Tex" after speaking with Eva Kelly a second time. The location of this interview is not recorded. The transcript of the interview follows. Ms. Pate did not testify at the trial and the Commission staff has been unable to locate her. Any notations on the police transcript were not made by the Commission staff.

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SYNOPSIS:

The following will be an interview conducted by Det. Howard and Det. Blackman with Ms. Parley Ann Lemley Pate. This interview is in reference to any knowledge or information she may have in reference to the victim of above listing homicide getting into the vehicle driven by perpetrators.

STATEMENT OF:

Parley Ann Lemley Pate
419 S. East Street
Raleigh, NC
DOB: 6/16/59
SSN: 429-90-2257
Nearest Relative:
Mrs. Doris E. Smith, Mother
Lives in Texarcanna, Tx. 90383-25665

Q: I believe they call you Tex?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Okay, and may I call you Tex?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay. Tex, first of all I appreciate you coming down and talking with me, okay?

A: You're welcome.

Q: I know you don't have to but I know you know the importance of it. And we've talk briefly about a young lady that was killed last Thursday morning, early Thursday morning, 9/26/91 and I was asking you if you had seen these two gentlemen and I'm showing you a picture of Johnny Beck and of Gregory Taylor. Do you recall seeing them last Wednesday night or early Thursday morning?

A: Yes.

Q: Where did you see them at?

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A: When I first seen them they come up on East Street where we were sitting at and Eva was talking to them.

Q: What were they on or what vehicle were they in?

A: That Blazer right there.

Q: This same vehicle that I'm showing you a picture of, this white vehicle?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay, and they were talking to whom?

A: Eva.

Q: Okay, do you know about the time that was?

A: I'm going say it was between right around 12:00.

Q: Okay, right around 12:00 the best you can remember?

A: Yea.

Q: Okay, I'm going show you a picture of Shella, do you know Shella?

A: Yea, I know Shella.

Q: Was Shella there?

A: Shella was sitting there talking with me.

Q: Shella was talking with you as well?

A: Yea.

Q: Okay. I showed you a picture of the victim, Jacquatta Thomas, do you know her?

A: Not personally, no.

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Q: Okay, do you remember ever seeing her and this is not a very good picture but have you ever seen her to your knowledge?

A: I've seen her once or twice.

Q: Okay, where have you see her at, down there around the house?

A: Well, around the area not really at the house.

Q: This particular night these two gentlemen was talking to who?

A: Eva.

Q: Okay, do you know what they were after, were they after sex or after drugs or?

A: I don't know really, I mean Eva just said they were full of shit the most I can remember.

Q: All right. Did you see them leave?

A: Yea.

Q: Which way did they drive off, do you know?

A: If I'm not mistaken they went East Street up to Davie Street and turned right on Davie and went like behind the barn up there and come back up Cabarrus Street. They might've went further down I'm not for sure.

Q: Okay. Did you see them stop anywhere?

A: I seen them when they pulled up to Cabarrus Street and East Street.

Q: All right, when they pulled up to Cabarrus Street?

(*) A: I seen the door open and somebody got in the truck, I don't know who it was.

Q: Okay, was it a female or male?

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A: From what I seen it looked like a female.

Q: Okay. At that point did they turn up East Street?

A: No, they went straight up Cabarrus.

Q: They went straight up Cabarrus, are you sure about that or?

A: As far as I can remember they went straight up Cabarrus Street.

Q: All right, was Shella still there at that time?

A: Shella was with me because me and Shella were talking.

Q: Okay, and Shella never walked up the street or come back that you can remember?

A: No, because I walked up the street after that and Shella stayed at the house that I remember.

Q: Okay, all right. But there is no doubt in your mind it was these two guys?

A: Yea, because I remember seeing them faces because they had the windows down.

Q: Which one was driving the vehicle, the white guy?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Are you sure of that?

A: I'm positive. He was was in the passenger seat.

Q: On the front or back?

A: The front.

Q: Okay, do you know if he was wearing a hat or not?

A: I'm not for sure.

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Q: How about the white guy?

A: He wasn't not to my knowledge.

Q: Okay, do you know what kind of shirt they may have had on or could you see them well enough to tell?

A: No, all I seen really was their faces.

Q: Okay. Did you ever hear them talk, did you ever hear them say anything?

A: No, because me and Shella were talking and I won't paying no attention to the conversation that was carried on.

Q: But you are sure it was these two people?

A: I seen them in this truck.

Q: Okay, that night?

A: That night.

Q: Okay. When did you hear about her being killed?

A: I heard it was a girl by then name of Jackie. From what I have been told they had found her on Bloodworth Street or somewhere, I mean this is what I heard off of the street. And everybody kept trying to me who she was and I still couldn't place who she was and lets see, when did I hear about it, Thursday afternoon, Thursday evening, it was Thursday evening when I heard about it.

Q: Okay, and do you remember talking to these guys that night before you heard about it?

A: I didn't talk to them.

Q: I mean seeing these guys the night before you heard about it the next afternoon, that same afternoon?

A: Yea, but like I said I didn't know who it was that got into the truck or anything.

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Q: Okay, let me show you a better picture of Jackie, do you recognize those pictures by any chance and again they're not good photos but there's the best we've got.

A: Like I said, I have seen her around but we never talked or anything like that.

Q: Okay, she could've been around the house there and when you say around up and down that side of town or street?

A: She was around in the area I think.

Q: Okay.

A: She might've down there on the dark side of Cabarrus Street down there.

Q: Do you know a woman by the name of Whoppie?

A: Yea.

Q: Was she out there that night?

A: Oh, let me think, let me think. It was me, Shella, Eva, was Whoppie out there that night, I think she, she might have been.

Q: Okay, were you drinking?

A: No, I just had surgery.

Q: Okay, were you doing drugs or anything?

A: No.

Q: So you remember seeing these guys and remember what went on?

A: Yea.

Q: Okay. Is there anything else you can add?

A: Not to my knowledge.

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Q: Okay.

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Det. J. W. Howard
Investigative Division
Raleigh Police Department

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Phyllis Edwards Police Interview, October 2, 1991 at 1:00 a.m. (Raleigh Police Department Supplementary Report pp. 159-166)

The police interviewed Phyllis Edwards a.k.a. "Whoopi" at her home with her boyfriend present. A transcript of that interview is below. Ms. Edwards did not testify at trial and the Commission staff has not been able to locate her.

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SYNOPSIS:

The following will be an interview conducted by this investigator with Ms. Phyllis Edwards also known as Whoppie.

Phyllis Edwards, also known as Whoppie
Res: 514 Alston Street
Raleigh, NC
DOB: 6/25/58
SSN: Unknown
Res. at that address:
With her boyfriend/father of her child:
Robert Reed
Employed: Unknown
Paint and body shop worker
She is: A private duty nurse
Working with: Joann Wisley
From Washington Terrace
Address Unknown
Nearest Relative:
Mother: Foye Marshall
Res. 2329 Lizzard Lick Rd.
Wendell, NC
Ph: 365-5129

Q: Do you want to me to you call ~~me~~ youu Whoppie, okay Whoppie. First of all, I appreciate you taking time to come talk to me okay, I know it's an inconvenience but it is necessary. As I told you're we're investigation a murder that occurred last Thursday morning early that morning of September 26, 1991.

A: In the morning?

Q: Uh huh, (Yes) the early morning hours?

A: Thursday morning, I didn't see her Thursday.

Q: When I say early Thursday morning, I'm talking about 2:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m. I think you may have saw her Wednesday night right?

A: Yea.

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Q: Or early Thursday morning which would've been 1:00 a.m., you know, it's considered morning.

A: Okay.

Q: You got me now?

A: Yea.

Q: Do you know a girl by the name of Jackie or Jacquatta Thomas?

A: I know Jackie.

Q: The girl that got killed?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Okay. I want to show you a photograph and if you would just glance at it, okay.

A: Okay.

Q: Is that the Jackie that you know a kind of a read-headed girl, short hair, a nice looking girl, Jacquatta Thomas.

A: Uh huh, (Yes) I didn't see her in these clothing.

Q: Okay. But you do know her right?

A: I want to see a better picture.

Q: Okay, you know her?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: Okay. Last Wednesday night which would've been the 25th or early morning hours of Thursday the 26, okay. Do you recall seeing this vehicle?

A: No, everybody is talking about this vehicle but I did not see it.

Q: Do you recall seeing these two gentlemen?

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A: Driving this?

Q: Uh huh, (Yes) Let me see if I can refresh your memory? Do you recall being out in front of the house there on East Street, 416 East Street or whatever it is, the yellow house with the green porch, do you recall being out there with Eva, Tex, and possibly Shella, talking? Do you recall being out there and these two people pull up on this car and Eva goes out there and talks to them?

A: I think I talked to somebody but I didn't pay attention to these two.

Q: Okay. Who did you see her talking to, do you know?

A: Huh, she was just standing there, I don't, you know, get in people business so I'm like when I'm walking near the house and it's dark on that side, my mind is mostly on that side but I don't knwon.

Q: If you think about it now do you remember if somebody was on this car she was talking to, can you recall, probably you were not in a position to see them, I don't know but maybe you did but I would think you might could remember the car? And I'm sure you understand the importance of us trying to find out,

A: I know you are and I appreciate it.

Q: Do you remember out there talking with Eva and Tex?

A: When I was talking to them, it was no vehicle as I recall it and maybe it was.

Q: I mean you just don't know?

A: No.

Q: Okay.

A: Because I don't, you know, when they're talking to people I just and it's a strange vehicle I just keep on walking.

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Q: Right.

A: And, you know, I don't remember the license tag number or something like that.

Q: But that could've been and you don't remember?

A: Maybe, I don't know, I can't think. I'm trying to think, he got my mind blocked.

Q: Johnny Beck is his name.

A: Did he have a relationship with Jackie?

Q: Not that I know of.

A: And this is the only thing they were on?

Q: Yes, that's correct.

Q: (Det. Blackman) Maybe you have seen him or this gentleman out of the truck walking down the street near there somewhere or something would that be?

A: Uh huh, (Yes).

Q: (Det. Blackman) All right, well talk about that too if you did?

A: Okay.

Q: Now, do you think you saw either one of them walking down the street?

A: They looked like one day I was walking it wasn't during that night, I'm trying to think, when I see these two they were on a smaller car and they was like hollering at me.

Q: (Det. Blackman) Was it a Honda car, a small car?

A: Uh huh (Yes).

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Q: (Det. Blackman) Right, that was later on in the morning probably like 2:00 or 3:00, they might've been on a smaller car like that or 4:00 a.m., do you stay out that late?

A: Sometimes but I remember seeing these two because this one said something about, you know, he was like licking his tongue out if I can recall this one and he was in the car and it was a small car.

Q: Was somebody driving that car?

A: He was driving it.

Q: Okay.

A: Because he was like hollering at me you know "lets get busy or do something," you know, if it's these two, I don't know because it's also another black guy and white guy ride around so I don't want to get them confused. Do you know who I'm talking about, have you seen them?

Q: Huh huh, (No).

Q: When was it you think you saw them?

A: Last week.

Q: Do you remember what day or night?

A: It was on a weekday and it was in the evening, I seen them early that evening just before dark and then as they were coming down Cabarrus Street I seen them again on a Honda if it's them, I don't know but he look like him in the shirt. But I couldn't see him the only thing I could see was this much like, you know, blind like this.

Q: Uh huh (Yes) But you don't recall seeing them pull up in this vehicle in front of the house on East Street?

A: They have so many vehicles in front of that house. Okay, earlier it was another type vehicle but this was a woman and an man and

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when this vehicle pulled up, I don't know, I just can't recall this kind of.

Q: That's fair enough. Do you remember seeing Jackie that night?

A: We were talking earlier in Staten, then we walked, I think we went to Bloodworth and she was talking to some guy and I said "come on, come on," and she took her time so I walked on and she caught up with me.

Q: What time was that?

A: I don't know, I don't keep up with time.

Q: Was it before midnight or after midnight?

A: This was before midnight, you know, this is the early part of the night.

Q: Okay, and when she caught up with you where did y'all go?

A: We went to Staten, first she said near Staten, I said come and walk with me, she always walked with me and we walked around the block Bloodworth then where did she go, she was talking to some guys, that's what made me ill, when I ask you to go somewhere don't stop and talk and then I don't see her no more.

Q: Okay. Do you recall what she had on?

A: I think she had on a white sweater when I seen her, someone else said she had changed clothes, I think she had on a white sweater when I seen her, someone else said she had changed clothes. When I seen her she had on a white sweater and bikers, black bikers and that's when I seen her and the red, I don't know where she got that red on at that's when she must've changed.

Q: Okay.

A: But when I left, you know, she had on white and black.

Q: Okay.

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A: That's, you know.

Q: Is there anything else you can add?

A: Huh uh, (No). But I just don't remember seeing this, but you know everybody says she was on a different vehicle someone else said she got on a dark vehicle.

Q: Who said that?

A: You know, people talk, you know, guys they be talking so, you know, so I really don't know. I don't remember seeing this pickup.

Q: No, it's a 4-wheel drive type.

A: And Eva said she talked to them?

Q: Uh huh, (Yes).

A: And did I come by at the time?

Q: Uh huh, (Yes) You were sitting out there you and Tex were sitting out there on the walk, you know, and this girl was out there, she come up.

A: She is never out at night. She is never out at night.

Q: Do you remember seeing her?

A: I don't.

Q: I mean, you know.

A: I seen her earlier in the day, she is a day person.

Q: (Det. Blackman) She was out there tonight, I talked to her.

A: Tonight she was, I haven't seen her.

Q: Okay.

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A: But she was not out the night me and Jackie was hanging around.

Q: Well, maybe we are talking about two different nights.

A: And if she was, you know, I can't remember.

Q: Okay.

A: Because, you know, I don't deal with her.

Q: Okay, that's fine.

This will conclude the interview. The time is 1:15.

Det. J. W. Howard
Det. W. A. Blackman
Major Crime Task Force
Raleigh Police Department

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Ernest Andrews Police Interview, October 2, 1991 at 9:45 a.m. (Raleigh Police Department Supplementary Report pp. 78-81)

Ernest Andrews contacted the police to reveal information he gained while incarcerated in the Wake County Jail at the same time as Gregory Taylor. He testified at trial and his entire testimony was included earlier in this brief. The following is the transcription of his interview with police.

The Wake County Jail has since been relocated and there is no way to confirm if Ernest Andrews was housed in the same cell block as Gregory Taylor. Jail records do confirm that he was in the Wake County Jail at the time that Gregory Taylor was arrested. The police files do not indicate that Gregory Taylor was removed from the cell block for police interrogation at any time after his arrest. The Raleigh Police Department file includes an unsigned order allowing the police to interrogate Gregory Taylor after his arrest, but there is no signed order in the court file and no record in the police file of any attempt to interview Gregory Taylor after his arrest.

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The following interview is with Ernest Franklin Andrews.

Ernest Franklin Andrews
302 Madam Moore's Ln.
New Bern, NC 28562
White Male
DOB: 9/30/48
SSN: [redacted]
Hm. Ph. 637-5883
Wk. Ph: 633-0558

44 years old - 11 actual yrs in prison

Q: Mr. Andrews, you are currently in the Wake County Jail awaiting transportation to a prison unit. I think you told me you had been sentenced by the court for Embezzlement, is that correct?

A: Yes sir.

Q: You were in the Wake County Jail Thursday, 26 of September, you had some conversation with some other people, would you go ahead and strart this just tell me what happened?

A: Thursday night, or Friday morning early a young man his last name is Taylor came in, I think his first name is Garland or something like that, he came in for a murder indictment. He was sitting around and all and he looked like he needed someone to talk with so I walked up and started talking with him. Also I was sleeping on the floor and he was sleeping on the floor at the end of my feet. We started talking and he told me that they had charged him with murder and he was kind of nervous acting flinchy and he kept talking and one thing led on to another thing and then he came after one of his interrogations or interviews with the police department, he came back in and we were sitting down talking. He first told me that he and this black guy Johnny went out to party and drink and have a good time and that the police department was trying to say he killed a girl and he was saying her throat was cut and that she was dead when they got there and they just stumbled over the body by accident, and the vehicle got stuck and they couldn't get out so they left the vehicle there. Well, after the interrogation and all, he came back in and we started talking again, you know, this wasn't just as soon as it happened, I mean a few minutes later or thirty minutes or so or whatever, but as we talked on and on, he was telling me that the

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police department was saying that the girl was run over and that they had run over her and he said that was possible because they didn't see her body at all until on the way out which we kept talking and then one thing led to another thing and he was talking about his wife of course, I don't even know if he is married and he wasn't wearing a ring, I didn't notice a ring.

Q: What was he saying about his wife?

A: That she had said they should've called someone to come and pulled the vehicle out, and nothing whatsoever that he'd had this girl out there with him or that, was a _____ as far as the wife deal was going and then later on we kept talking as time went on, I had a cigarette and I was smoking it and he was telling me that they they went out to have fun him and this black dude and said they worked together, they had been working together for a year, his name is Johnny that they took the girl out there with them, they all were going have a good time and they started fondling around with the girl and the girl got scared and jumped out and ran and he said he hit her, the girl ran and his partner jumped out of the vehicle and ran her down. Now, I'm not talking about ran her down with the vehicle, he just ran her down and basically I can't say that he hit her with the vehicle when she ran or he said that he did it or his partner jumped out. So I mean I don't know which way you would, you know, interpret that.

Q: So they were messing around in the vehicle, did he mention sex or?

A: Oh, he said they were gonna have sex.

Q: Did he say why?

A: He did say it was going be forced or no sir.

Q: He didn't say what went wrong?

A: He did not. He said the girl got scared and jumped.

Q: But Taylor says he hit her?

A: He hit her, now I can't say with his fist or what now.

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Q: Did he say he hit her and she jumped out or she jumped out and he hit her?

A: Well, it's like she jumped out and then he does his hands "and I her, my partner jumps out and runs around there." So I mean I don't know you can take that two or three ways. Well, you can take it two ways, it means he could've hit her with his vehicle, his partner jumped out and run around there, he could've her, she jumped out and his partner run around there so I mean, you know, these little, it's hard to get in and out of one of these little vehicles like he drives or like they are on television anyway.

Q: Yea.

Q: Did he say they tried to get his vehicle out when it was stuck?

A: No sir, I mean he said he tried to drive it out, he said he couldn't drive it out. He did not say he had called anybody to pull it out.

Q: Did he mention anything about a weapon that was used to injury the girl?

A: He just said that her throat was cut. He did not say they cut her throat or anything, he said her throat was cut. And as far as a weapon no, he didn't mention anything about no weapon.

Q: Uh huh, (Yes).

A: But I could assume a whole lot of things but as far as facts, you know, he never mentioned the weapon.

Q: When he said that her throat was cut was that during the conversation before he admitted the girl staying with him?

A: Yes sir, he did. To start with he said when they were coming out and I'm under the assumption they were walking they were walking out and that they saw, you know, they glanced over and saw the body. This is the first time we were talking right after y'all had arrested him.

Q: Right.

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A: And he had said that y'all had, and they went over and looked at the body, he said I couldn't tell you if the girl was black or white which anybody could do that I mean, you know, he said her throat, well he said she died with a smile and one of the other guys said well, what do you mean a smile, he says you know her throat cut which I've never heard of the expression either but I mean, so he said that y'all were trying to that his vehicle was stuck and he went home and all and went back to get his vehicle, y'all arrested him but he never mention trying to get that out and he never mentioned the weapon, you know, I'm kind of under the assumption that the throat cut happened, I'm just assuming.

Q: Uh huh. (Yes).

A: When his buddy jumped out, that I don't know.

Q: Okay.

A: Because, you know, he never admitted cutting her throat, but he said y'all said that they had cut the throat.

Q: He said we said that.

A: Yea, he said y'all said that.

Q: Okay.

End of interview.

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Appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court

The case was appealed to the North Carolina Supreme Court with the conclusion that Gregory Taylor received a "fair trial free of prejudicial error." State v. Taylor, 337 N.C. 597 (1994).

The issues on appeal were whether: 1) the trial court erred in denying the defense motion to dismiss; 2) there was insufficient evidence of premeditation and deliberation; 3) the trial court erroneously instructed the jury on the theory of acting in concert; 4) the trial court erroneously admitted the testimony about the bloodhound; 5) the trial court should have intervened during the prosecutor's closing arguments; and finally 6) the defendant's conviction and the simultaneous dismissal of codefendant Johnny Beck's charges violate the law of the land and due process. Id.

The North Carolina Supreme Court concluded that, "Taken as a whole and in the light most favorable to the state, [there] was sufficient evidence to permit a rational trier of fact to find beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant killed Jacquetta Thomas." Id., at 607.

The Court determined that the jury could have inferred premeditation and deliberation from the "wounds and the brutal manner in which they were inflicted, as well as from the defendant's attempt to cover up his actions in his statement to police." Id. at 607-608.

The Court found that there was "sufficient evidence to support the trial court's instructions on acting in concert" and overruled the third assignment of error. Id. at 609.

The Court ruled that the testimony about the bloodhound was properly admitted. The training and pedigree were enough to show that the dog was able to connect a scent from one object to another. Id. at 609-610. Evidence showed that the dog's behavior indicated "that she

was following a broken trail of the victim's scent." Id. at 610. There was substantial assurance of identification and the dog was properly keyed to the Victim's scent. Id. at 610-611.

The Court noted that during closing arguments, the prosecutor twice commented about the defendant in a way that could have alluded to his decision not to testify. At the time the defendant made no objection and the argument of the lawyer is not grossly improper and the comments did not amount to an impermissible comment on the defendant's failure to testify. Id. at 611-614.

In the last assignment of error, the Court found that more than three months after the Defendant's conviction, the charges against Johnny Beck were dismissed. The Court found no merit to the argument that defendant's conviction should be vacated out of due process or equal protection. Id. at 614.

First Motion for Appropriate Relief

In 1997, Gregory Taylor's attorney filed a post-conviction Motion for Appropriate Relief (MAR) requesting a new trial based on the claim that Gregory Taylor had ineffective assistance of counsel at his trial. The Court held a hearing in 1998 and evidence was presented.

At the hearing, Gregory Taylor's attorney Mike Dodd testified about his representation and trial preparation. MAR I Transcript Volume I April 3, 1998, pages 3-90. Gregory Taylor testified about other people that were in jail with him and could have refuted Ernest Andrew's testimony. Id. at 92-103.

Andy Currin testified that he was the Raleigh Police Department dog handler called to the scene.[18] His testimony differed somewhat from his trial testimony. At the MAR hearing, Andy Currin testified that when he was called to the scene he was told where the vehicle was and to "see if the body had been around that vehicle or in it." MAR I Transcript Volume II May 15, 1998, pages 10 and 14. At trial, Mr. Currin said, "I didn't know where it was because you couldn't see it from where I was standing." Trial Transcript, page 234.

Mr. Currin also testified, "I told the supervisor that the dog was not trained to do what they wanted it to do." MAR I Transcript Volume II May, pages 10 and 15. At trial, Mr. Currin testified that he said that to his supervisor on previous occasions, but not this particular time. Trial Transcript, page 235. Mr. Currin testified that he told the officers he could not tell if the body had been inside the vehicle, "Because that dog was not trained to do that." MAR I Transcript Volume II, page 19.

Mr. Currin testified about another time that he worked with Sadie when he had taken a scent article from the car that a suspect was believed to have driven Sadie and followed it through four or five different parking lots at the Wake Medical Center and she keyed on a car that belonged to a person who subsequently confessed. MAR I Transcript Volume II, page 25-26. At the time Mr. Currin did not think the dog was capable of doing that. Id.

Officer Jonni Rose Joyce from the Zebulon Police Department's canine unit and a private canine trainer testified that she reviewed the trial transcripts.[19] Officer Joyce testified, "I don't believe that the conclusion that the dog connected the victim's scent to the car is accurate." Id. at 44. Officer Joyce based this conclusion on the weather conditions. She stated that the rain

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[18] By the time of the MAR hearing, Mr. Currin was no longer working with the Raleigh Police Department. He testified at the MAR that he had already left the police force by the time of the trial. MAR I Transcript Volume II May 15, 1998, page 23.

[19] Officer Joyce testified as an expert and gave her opinion, but she was not formally submitted to the court as an expert.

would have kept the scent from the dead body down, but once the sun came out and heated up the asphalt, the scent would rise and the wind would have blown it towards the gully. Id. at 42-45. The dog was started on the path that led to the vehicle and away from the body. Id. at 46.

Officer Joyce pointed out that the contention is not that the Victim walked from the stuck vehicle and into the cul-de-sac, which would leave a scent trail. Id. at 47. The contention is that the Victim was killed in the cul-de-sac and then the vehicle drove up the path and got stuck, which would not leave a scent trail for the dog to follow. Id. Officer Joyce felt that the dog was realerted to the vehicle after it lost the scent and had a conditioned reward-based response to the vehicle. Id. at 47-49.

Officer Joyce says it is possible the dog alerted to the blood on the wheel well, but discounts it as unlikely because the dog jumped up on the car and not the wheel well. Id. at 50-51. If that was the case, it would not indicate the Victim was ever inside the vehicle. Id. at 51-52. The dog had no indication that the Victim was ever actually inside the vehicle. Id. at 52.

Officer Joyce said, the testimony about the dog at Wake Med is a different type of procedure. That would have been a trailing procedure and is a completely different type of procedure. Id. at 53-55.

On cross examination Officer Joyce said she estimated wind speed based on testimony and that the estimate could be higher or lower. Id. at 63-76. The direction of the wind came from a NC State Weather Service report of that day. Id. at 76. The dog alerting on the vehicle has the indicators of a false positive in order to get a reward because the dog went by the vehicle the first time and on down the ravine and then was rekeyed before going to the vehicle. Id. at 84. It is possible that the dog decided the scent was coming from the vehicle. Id. at 88.

Andy Currin was recalled and the testimony about wind direction was brought back up with no firm conclusions. Id. at 108-111. Mr. Currin and Officer Joyce testified that it was possible, although not likely, that the dog followed the scent from the officer's shoe after he touched the Victim with his foot and then walked up the path. Id. at 117-123.

Two NC Department of Corrections inmates named Shane Allen Todd and Paul Anthony Eastridge testified that they were in the same cell block as Gregory Taylor at the Wake County Jail. MAR I Transcript Volume III August 21, 1998, pp. 3-5, 36. They testified that they never heard Gregory Taylor make any statements about witnessing a murder, helping someone commit a murder, or committing a murder. Id. at 7, 38. They did not recall Ernest Andrews being in the same cell block as them. Id. at 10, 26. The District Attorney led both men through their lengthy criminal record. Id. at 21-25, 38-48.

Two private investigators testified about the work they did and did not do on this case. Id. at 48-79. Gregory Taylor was recalled and testified about his trial attorney's representation. Id. at 27-118. Gregory Taylor's ex-wife was called to testify about the trial attorney's representation. Id. at 119-157.

The judge denied the Motion for Appropriate Relief and ruled that trial counsel was effective and did not deprive Gregory Taylor of a fair trial. Order denying Motion for Appropriate Relief, December 10, 1998. Petition for Writ of *Certiorari* to the North Carolina Supreme Court was denied.

Habeas Corpus

In 1999, Gregory Taylor's attorneys petitioned for a Writ of *Habeas Corpus* on the ineffective assistance of counsel claim. The federal judge found no violations of federal or constitutional laws and dismissed the claim on summary judgment.

Second Motion for Appropriate Relief

In 2003, Gregory Taylor's attorneys filed a request for DNA testing of the semen found in the Victim's panties. The Prosecutor objected to this motion on the basis that the weight of the evidence showed that the murderer did not have sex with or rape the Victim. The judge denied the motion for DNA testing, stating "The absence of defendant's DNA in the dried semen stains found on the victim, a prostitute, would not be exculpatory. To the contrary, such absence would further support the State's contention that the defendant became upset with the victim while smoking cocaine together after the victim refused to have sex with him, causing the defendant to beat and stab her." April 10, 2003, Denial of Motion for DNA Testing (emphasis in original). The Defendant's petition for Writ of *Certiorari* to the North Carolina Court of Appeal was denied on October 3, 2003.

In preparation for the MAR, Gregory Taylor's attorney had both Gregory Taylor and Johnny Beck submit to polygraph tests. The report from the polygraph examiner states, "Mr. Taylor convincingly passed his polygraph examination for being responsible or causing the death of Ms. Thomas." The report for Johnny Beck states, "The examinee's responses are consistent

with and evaluated as no deception indicated." For more information, see Report of polygraph examiner Charles Lynch, dated June 16, 2004.[20]

Investigation by the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence

In August, 2005, Gregory Taylor's family was attending sessions at the General Assembly to monitor the progress of a bill proposing the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission. Staff from the Academy of Trial Lawyers suggested that they contact the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence (Center), a non-profit group working with the law school. On February 26, 2006, the Center accepted the case for initial review.

The Center conducted multiple interviews and had the case reviewed by a blood spatter expert. The blood spatter expert did not complete a report, but opined that there was "no indication that the Victim was killed elsewhere and dumped in the circle." For more information, see Center's notes from phone call with Bart Epstein, March 5, 2007.

The Center spoke with Gregory Taylor, his wife, the Victim's sister, CCBI Agent Hensley, Detective Mallie Bissette, Jesse Walker (the owner of the home Eva Kelly was living in), and Jacqueline Rogers (possible paternal grandmother of the Victim's child), and Private Investigator Phil Braswell. The interviews were not recorded and notes do not reveal any significant factual information.

The Center was able to locate and interview Ernest Andrews. The interview was not recorded, but a law student summary of the interview is included on the following pages.

[20] The Commission has made the decision not to conduct polygraph examinations based on their inaccuracy. This information is only included as a comprehensive summary of all investigation done prior to the Commission receiving this case.

March 17, 2007
Taylor, Greg
Interview of Ernest Andrews
(Filename: Taylor, Greg- Interview of Ernest Andrews)
Prepared by Mandy Hitchcock

Chris Mumma, Sharon Stellato, and I met in New Bern this morning at 9:30AM to attempt to interview Ernest Andrews for a second time. This time, he was at home, along with his wife Sheila. Sheila did not participate in the conversation, but seemed taken aback that we were there and wanted to know what was going on. She first asked whether she was about to be taken to jail. We assured her that was not the case and Ernest told her that we were there to see him about "a case up in Raleigh." Ernest indicated that Sheila doesn't know anything about the case.

We all sat down in the living room (Sheila left the room to get ready to visit her sister-in-law in the hospital) and Chris explained to Ernest who we were and why we were there. He was very interested in where we came from and how we found his current address. We explained to him that it was the address currently on his driver's license. Chris candidly explained to Ernest that basically his testimony is the reason that Greg Taylor is in jail for life. Ernest said he had no idea that Johnny Beck's charges had been dismissed. When we explained that we were there to determine if Ernest had perhaps reconsidered his testimony since the time of the trial, he made it clear from the beginning that we would not get a different story out of him than what he said at trial. He said that Greg had been in the holding block with him for about an hour and told Ernest that he was in for murder. When Ernest asked how the victim died, Greg said, "With a smile on his face." About an hour or two later, Greg then told him that they had planned to party with the victim but that things got out of hand and the girl ended up dead. He says he saw it on the news and in the newspaper the next morning.

He said he's never given his testimony a second thought because his statement and his trial testimony was simply what was told to him. He said he did not know that the victim's throat had not been cut, and he wondered why the defense attorney had not brought that up at trial. He said there were about 20 people in the cellblock (but we know that there were many more than that). Today he said that Greg actually told him that he cut her throat. When we confronted him with the difference between that statement and his previous statements, he claimed that it was a long time ago and he couldn't really remember, but that whatever he said then was what was told to him. Once he said he believed Greg was guilty, but later amended that assertion to say that he believed that what Greg *told* him would indicate that Greg was guilty. We asked him if he remembered who the girlfriend was that he contacted to contact the RPD detectives for him, and he said he did, but he refused to tell us her name.

When we asked him why he testified at the trial, he said he did so because he doesn't think anyone should get away with murder. Several times, without our asking if he was given anything in exchange for his testimony, he said that he was given nothing in exchange for his testimony. He vehemently denied having told Greg's investigator

Randy Montague in 1991 that he wouldn't talk to him or to the state because no one could offer him anything. He says that he simply told Montague that he had nothing to say to him at all and then asked the guard to take him back to his cell. He was already on parole for the embezzlement charges when an assistant DA from Raleigh came to see him in New Bern about testifying. He said he was served a subpoena to testify the same day. When we asked him if he remembered how many other people he may have testified against, he paused for a long time as if trying to remember how many. He finally said he thought Greg's was the only one, except for a trespass case in Craven County. But he followed that up with the statement, "But I'm getting old."

He made it clear that he has no intention of changing his story and that does not see how he can help us. We left a letter explaining why we had come, along with the Center's contact information. Chris also left a copy of the letter with Ernest's wife, Sheila.

Cases

Date Filed	Charge	Case Number	Verdict Date	Restitution Ordered
02/28/1990	Embezzlement (felony)	1990CRS006693	09/23/1991; Trial by judge/guilty plea 9/25/1991	$32,943.54

A Lexis search for Ernest Andrews's name in NC cases only turned up the North Carolina Supreme Court opinion in Greg's case.

Investigation by the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

The investigation by Commission staff was a lengthy and detailed investigation that lasted for over two years. The investigation will be presented to the Commissioners at a hearing on September 3 and 4, 2009.

A critical part of the Commission's investigation involves four interviews with an inmate named Craig H. Taylor. Craig Taylor was interviewed by police shortly after the murder, but not called as a witness at the trial. His police interview is included earlier in this brief.

The following interviews were conducted by the Commission's Staff Investigator Sharon Stellato with the assistance of Case Manager/Office Manager Grace Wallace. All four interviews were audio recorded in their entirety. The interviews were conducted at Lumberton Correctional Institute.

Information about these interviews will be presented at the upcoming hearing. In order to keep the hearing limited to two days, the transcripts of all four interviews are included on the following pages. Please read the transcripts before the hearing and note any questions that you have for Ms. Stellato and Ms. Wallace or places in which you want to hear the audio recording.

Craig Taylor Interview 1 on May 14, 2009 (CT)

- **Sharon Stellato, Staff Investigator (SS)**
- **Grace Wallace, Case Manager (GW)**

SS	**Do you remember a girl named Jacquetta Thomas?**
CT	Jacquetta?
SS	Jacquetta Thomas? Do you remember her being murdered in 1991?
CT	Mm hm
SS	And do you remember the police coming to interview you about that murder?
CT	Mm hm
SS	I'm gonna show you a couple of pictures. I believe at that time the police showed you a picture. Well first, let's go over, do you remember what you told them? Do you remember what you saw that night?
CT	About the white pickup? The white Pathfinder? They…that morning…when I last seen her since she came and ask for 3…3 for 50, which is three twenties for a 50. And that's what I did, sold it to her. She…she…had a, she had a black dude, along with a white guy, with her.
SS	So she bought the crack from you and she was with a black man and a white man?
CT	Black dude was out with her, white dude was already inside, was a white…a white Pathfinder.
SS	And was he in the white Pathfinder?
CT	He was in the white Pathfinder around the corner
SS	Do you remember what time of day that was?
CT	That was exactly between 3 and 4…3 or 4 o'clock in the morning
SS	And were you offered a deal for your testimony?
CT	nn mm [no]
SS	You were not? Did you know her well?

CT	Yeah, because she grew up in Halifax Court
SS	Was she a prostitute?
CT	I wouldn't say she was a prostitute. She tricked for drugs. And, it got to the point where we said, she got…she got, she had kids and I guess that's what led her I'm saying, saying, Social Services took the kids from her, I guess that when it went all out the window. And that's when she started tricking.
SS	And you were selling crack in that area at that time right?
CT	I was selling.
SS	Did you sell to her a lot?
CT	Every now and then…every time I see her
SS	And how did she get the money, do you know how she would get the money to pay for it?
CT	Tricks
SS	But in this instance, did um one of the people with her give you the money or did she give you the money?
CT	She handed me the money
SS	And there was a black man with her and a white man in a white Pathfinder. And how sure are you, how sure are you of what you're telling me right now?
CT	I'm pretty sure cuz I remember, it was exactly like I said
SS	You remember exactly?
	Yeah
SS	Do you need to go ahead and let those people in? (to guard)
	[Other Man's voice]
SS	Do you remember being shown some photos at that time?
CT	I was shown some photos of her of her….of her crime scene and that was….that was when they came back. Later on, before 6 o'clock and showed me the pictures…right after, right after it happened.

SS	Was that the next day?
CT	No, that was the same day, because it was in the morning time. I pull….I pull late shifts. I wouldn't just leave there from Bragg over there on Bloodworth Street, that's where I was at, the corner of Bloodworth and Lenoir.
SS	So you don't know that's she dead until the police come and talk to you, right?
CT	Exactly.
SS	And did they come up and just say, you know, have you seen her? And you say, yeah, I did.
CT	I told them exactly the same. They asked me when I see her and I told them I sold drugs to her….and they said we know you sell stuff, we're not here to arrest you or charge you, nothing so I told 'em I sold her drugs and then they asked me if I knew George….Greg…..George Taylor….George Taylor…Greg Taylor…said he had a name like mine….it's a Taylor. That's the white dude. Which I had never, I told them I did not seen him good. Black dude, I knew.
SS	Did you know those two guys prior to that day?
CT	No….that black dude, he was from out of Kentwood.
SS	And so what did you hear after the police talked to you? What did you hear about how she was murdered?
CT	They didn't say whether she was strangled, stabbed, I mean they just said inside the Pathfinder there was a lot of blood plus the blood and the tire tracks and that was, that was what they had told me. That's what I….they didn't give us a whole lot of detail.
SS	So talking to me here today you're sure that you told the police that you saw her that night between 3 and 4 am?
CT	No later than, no less than 2, no less than 2, because because I come out exactly around about 11. 11am, 11pm. And I stay to round about 8. 7:30 to 8p, 8, 8, 8am. So yes, between 2, 2 something, yeah that's about right .
SS	And 4?
CT	Between 2 and 4.

SS	And you're sure that you told them that you saw her that night, with a black man, that she bought $50 worth of crack from you and that you saw a white man standing next to a white Pathfinder at that time.
CT	He wasn't standing next to it, he was inside of it.
SS	Ok, he inside of it. And after they bought the crack, did they go in the Pathfinder?
CT	After they bought, after they purchased, after I give it to her, they walked on, Pathfinder moves on, go. I know know....what transpired after that time, to lead to her death, that still remains a mystery to me.
SS	So you don't have any idea who killed her?
CT	I can't, I can't, I can't say I can't say who, because saying, from what I've been going on, th- th- th- they they had both of them.
SS	Let me just go back over your interview with you at that time. You actually never said that you saw a black man. I believe that this is Johnny Beck.
CT	Yeah.
SS	Does he look familiar to you?
CT	Yeah.
SS	Is that the man that you saw her with?
CT	That's the one.
SS	Ok. You actually did not saw that in your interview with police. Um, at least not that was documented. Let me tell you what you said. You said it was between 12:30 and 1 am. You said that a white guy came up to you, and that he wanted to buy drugs from you and you refused to sell them to him and that he actually ended up buying them from another guy there named Jay.
CT	Hm. I'm quite sure I knew who I sold to.
SS	You said that Jackie got there 15 minutes before Greg Taylor did, and that she was standing in the area, and that you saw a white man come up and buy the drugs. That you wouldn't sell him the drugs but he got the drugs from Jay. Is this the white man you saw that night?
CT	That's the one that was in truck.

SS	This was the person that was in the truck?
	Yes.
SS	You actually don't say that there's a white Pathfinder. They actually ask you that and you say you didn't see a car that night. Um, you say that the white man that you saw, yeah, I'm going to pause this just for a minute. Well I don't know how to pause it so we're just going to leave it on.
CT	[Other voices] – Guards move us to another room to continue interview.
SS	So just to go back to where we were, you actually didn't say that you saw a man in a white Pathfinder that night, in fact they asked you that and you say you didn't see that. What you said that you saw was a man wearing a red tank top and what you describe as jam type of shorts. You said that they were blue yellow and red. I believe you say quote 'he was dressed some kind of hippy like with his hair tied up in the back and he had on some jam shorts. The color of the shorts was blue, had a little red and yellow in it and some other color.' When they show you a picture of Johnny Beck you actually state that he was not there that night. Um when the police ask you where they went, you said that the white man left and the last you saw Jackie she was following him out of the park, which was common for her. When people bought crack from you guys she would follow them.
CT	I don't recall saying all that. I don't remember that.
SS	You don't recall saying what's in the interview?
CT	No…no..no..no…There was no interview when they did not take me downtown and write down what I said. [Inaudible] They came back and asked me. So therefore, I don't know [inaudible] I did not say nothing like that [12:20-12:40 is unclear].
SS	Were you interviewed by police?
CT	They just came because the last time they heard where she was at and I had been out there and asked me do I do I do I know her. They showed me the picture and said look. And that was it and I told them yeah. I said I just sold I just sold her 3 for 50. And they said [inaudible]. And they didn't write down no nothing and that was it.
SS	They weren't writing down, when they spoke to you they weren't writing things down?
CT	No and the conversation didn't last no more than no longer than not

	even about 3 to 5 minutes.
SS	So today, when you talked to me, did you see these 2 people in a white Pathfinder with her, on the night she was murdered? And I need you to be really sure about that, not what you've heard, not what people have told you later, but did you see her with Johnny Beck and Greg Taylor on the night she was murdered?
CT	I know she was with Johnny.
SS	You know she was with Johnny Beck?
CT	Definitely. As far as saying from where the white Pathfinder was at, now I know it was a white dude. Now as far as saying I knew as far as names cuz I'm saying I was told the name. So I kind of put the name with that with that. As far as this one here, this one I know, actually.
SS	Did you know two Jackies that worked in that area?
CT	I knew a short Jackie
SS	Ok. I'm going to unfortunately have to show you this picture of the victim, ok? I need you to identify if this is the Jackie that we're talking about, Jacquetta Thomas, this is who you saw that night, right?
CT	That's it.
SS	Ok, so the other Jackie who as I understand it, there was another Jackie who was a prostitute.
CT	She a prostitute.
SS	…In that area?
CT	She…she…she real short.
SS	So there's no confusion in your mind which one you saw that night? What are you in prison right now for?
CT	Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
SS	And how long are you here for?
CT	I get out 2012. Been here since 2003.
SS	And this information, read this information for me right here, is this you? This date of birth, this interview?

CT	They have my middle name wrong
SS	That's not your middle name? Is it anything like your middle name?
CT	It's H-O-R-L-I-C-E.
SS	Ok. Well so they just spelled it incorrectly. I'm just trying to confirm that this is you that they interviewed. Because what I'm not understanding right now is just exactly how different what you told me when I came in and what is in this interview, they're very very different
CT	Every question's different
SS	Do you have any thoughts on why that might be?
CT	I can't tell you. It's been almost….
SS	20 years.
CT	Close to it 19 years, 18.
SS	17 years.
CT	17, 18 years.
SS	Who told you that the truck was covered in blood?
CT	Those was in, those was in the picture. The detective showed it to me. The detective who talked to me. I don't know I don't know who the detective was
SS	The detective showed you a picture with blood in the Pathfinder?
CT	Blood in the Pathfinder. They were sitting there standing, as a matter of fact it was right by the sign, right by, right off of uh Person Street
SS	Right here?
CT	That's right.
SS	There's a difference. What I'm asking is did they ever show you the blood on the inside of the car? Did they ever show you blood in the Pathfinder? You remember?
CT	I seen pictures with the blood, I'm saying that's that's that's not the only pictures that they got.

SS	So you saw different pictures of the Pathfinder with blood in it?
CT	The tracks, I'm saying, the tracks the tire tracks
SS	And they show you all of those on the same day she's murdered?
CT	They had saying just…just, more than one picture
SS	No, there's hundreds of pictures
CT	I'm saying
SS	Do you know who killed her?
CT	Nope, not actually
SS	So if I told you right now that 2 people who, that the 2 people they believed killed her did not kill her, would your story to me change?
CT	Not so far as who I've seen…that night.
SS	I can't understand right now why you're not being honest with me about something that happened, 17, 18 years ago.
CT	Why's that?
SS	I mean, we know you were there, we know you were selling drugs, and the police knew that at the time, so there's no harm that can come to you from telling me what you really saw that night
CT	Well I mean what else can I say…I'm saying. I don't say about what they wrote down and you asking me I best told you the same as them. You hear that, I know what happened [inaudible] who I saw that night, who I saw her leave with. As far as saying all this other stuff you all got me lost. About this so called statement that you said was wrote down, made, by the detectives or whoever it is, that don't fit I'm saying because everything I don't said
SS	So whatever is in this interview right here, you did not say?
CT	All that stuff no no no no no
SS	You didn't say a guy in a red tank top came up to you and wanted to buy 3 rocks for $50?
CT	Nope.

SS	You didn't ask Jackie who the guy was?
CT	Nope
SS	When they, when the police showed you pictures, did they show you pictures of Johnny Beck? Or just Greg Taylor?
CT	They didn't show pictures of neither....of neither one
SS	Ok
CT	See, I'm saying I know Johnny Beck.
SS	You know him?
CT	I know him from around Kentwood. Like what I said, that's not gonna change, who I know.
SS	So did, when the police came and talked to you, did they show you any pictures of any suspects?
CT	No, they showed me, the body, I'm saying different pictures of Jacquetta.
SS	So if it says in this interview that they show you a picture of Greg Taylor and asked you if that's the man you've seen and you say yes, most definitely and they ask you would you be willing to swear to that in court and you say most definitely, because that's the only white guy that came down to Bloodsworth that night, that's not you?
CT	Nope. There wasn't only one white dude that came down there. I sold to about 7 different white guys that came through there. So I know that got to be wrong, that got to be a lie, that's not what I said. It's getting twisted saying I know what happened
SS	Things get twisted but right now I have a 4 hour time frame that just changed when I walked in here. Ok, I have a police report that tells me that you saw the victim that night only with a white guy, not Johnny Beck, but only with a white guy that tried to buy drugs from you between 12:30 and 1 o'clock. And now you're telling me that it was actually between 2 and 4 o'clock and that she was with Johnny Beck and that Greg Taylor was in a car.
CT	I'm not suppose to be saying, every time I sell to somebody am I suppose to look at my watch and say ok I sold it to you at this particular time. I don't keep up with the exact time. All I know is that it was late

SS	Ok. And that's fine. If you're saying you could be mistaken, could you be mistaken about the time by three hours?
	I mean, I don't know, I don't know, which is it. See people saying it's…
SS	Well I'll tell you, since I walked in here, how did you remember Greg Taylor's name?
CT	[15 sec Pause]
SS	Are you willing to take a DNA test?
CT	[10 sec pause] A DNA test to prove what?
SS	That you had nothing to do with her murder
CT	[20 sec pause] What choice do I have?
SS	Did you have anything to do with her murder?
CT	No
SS	Do you know anyone who did?
	Uh uh.
SS	So all of this right now is just a big misunderstanding, it's not you being dishonest?
CT	See, I'm saying, you're making me saying I'm being dishonest because what you're talking about, the police statement did was saying was 18 years ago saying because of the time frame that I be saying was getting confused
SS	It's not just the timeframe though, Mr. Taylor, that we're talking about. I'm talking about you telling me now that she was with Johnny Beck that night and you saying in a statement that there was nobody else there but Greg Taylor. I'm talking about what Greg Taylor was actually wearing that night and what you say he was identified in. And most importantly, I'm talking about you're the last person that we know of, on this earth, other than the person who killed her, who saw her alive. So if you're not being dishonest, I would not wish to accuse you of it, but I want to know what happened to her and I want to know where she went, who she was with, and you're the only one who knows that.
	[30 sec pause]

SS	What if I told you the DNA collected from the victim doesn't match the 2 guys that were charged with her murder?
CT	So that's why you want to do DNA tests on me?
SS	I came in here not wanting any DNA from you. Actually, just wanting to talk to you about the victim and the last time that you saw her. I had no reason, in any of this interview to think you had ever been dishonest in any way. However, since I've been talking to you, your, your story's completely different than what I have in this interview so I'm just trying to figure out, 1, if you really saw her that night with these people, if you did, that's great, that's what I need to know. 2, if you saw her with someone else or 3, if there is a reason why you're lying to me.
CT	I'll take a polygram exam, ask me questions about what I've seen, you'll see it for yourself.
SS	I'm sorry, I didn't hear you
CT	a polygram exam
SS	the polygraph exam?
CT	Yeah
SS	Those actually aren't admissible and I'm not, I need you to understand, I'm not saying that you're lying to me right now, I just need to understand why I have a report that's entirely different from what you're telling me now.
CT	Listen, you ain't stupid by a long shot…I'm sure enough not stupid by a long shot… I'm telling you that right there it's not what I said, I don't care how they twist it and write it down that's not it. Ain't no….ain't no, it's all about this good cop, bad cop, I'm not going to admit to something that's wrote down saying I know good and well I did not say that. I'm saying, with 5 minutes time I talked to those people, after they showed those pictures. So where's all this other stuff coming from, how'd they get it, I don't understand.
SS	So you think maybe when you talked to them that you said very similar to what you're telling me now but they wrote down maybe what they wanted to.
CT	He had a little pad and it didn't go no father than…it didn't go no father than that right there. You got something 1, 2, 3, 4 pages. No.
SS	Sir, I'll tell you that most of the time when law enforcement is talking to you they're recording just like we are and I'm pretty sure they were

	recording this interview.
CT	How's that? Did they trick me…did they trick me or something?
SS	Did they trick you?
CT	Yeah. They had to. I see this right here. So so so so if they recorded me, why didn't I see the recorder? I be willing to give you DNA. It's not going to change the fact I'm saying I did not see her last.
SS	How long have you been in here?
CT	6 years
SS	6 years?
CT	Mmm-hmm
SS	You have a long record. So you're in right now for possession of a firearm by a felon?
CT	Mmm-hmm [yes]
SS	Is there anything you can tell me that you think would help me? [15 sec Pause] Did you spend much time with her? I mean other than just kind of seeing her in that park, did you have any other kind of relationship with her?
CT	[inaudible] known her for a long time.
SS	I'm sorry, I can't here you
CT	I known her for a long time
SS	You were going with her?
CT	Known her
SS	You've known her? I'm sorry, I just can't hear you
CT	We never been intimate
SS	You've never been intimate?
CT	Nope

SS	You've never had sex with her?
CT	Nope
	[Guard talks to Sharon]
SS	Did you spend time with her? Did you ever go to her house?
CT	No, she stayed in Halifax Court
SS	Did you know her boyfriend?
CT	I knew some of her of her baby daddies
SS	Who was the last boyfriend she had that you can remember
CT	Last? [inaudible]
SS	Do you know a guy named James Gist?
CT	No
SS	Andy Manuel?
CT	No
SS	You don't know either of those people?
CT	Them boyfriends. I just know her baby daddy
SS	Ok, and whose that? Which child do you know?
CT	It's the boy.
SS	Okay. And how is their relationship?
CT	How's their relationship?
SS	Her relationship with her son's father?
CT	They ain't had no problems
SS	They didn't? Did you know her to have any problems with anyone? Was she pretty well liked?
CT	Pretty much. As far as I know of her in Halifax Court.
SS	Can you think of any reason why anyone would kill her?

CT	Nope
SS	But you saw the photos back then, I mean it was a pretty bad murder.
CT	Yeah I know that's her. You can't trick me…you can't trick me. I know what her face, I know what she looked like.
SS	No, I wasn't trying to trick you. I was just trying to find out, we had a couple people that were interviewed they had mixed up the 2 Jackies, only because I think they were both in the same area at the same time. Someone told me that they lived together I haven't been able to confirm that but.
CT	That not was Jackie, that was Jacquetta. See you all call her Jackie, her name was Jacquetta.
SS	Did she go by Jackie?
CT	Somebody is saying they called her Jackie for short…I'm saying… people that knowed her, I'm saying, by Jacquetta.
SS	What did you call her?
CT	Jacquetta
SS	So if I have you calling her Jackie in this interview, and never calling her Jacquetta, why would that be? I have you calling her Jackie in this interview and not calling her Jacquetta.
CT	You have me calling her Jackie?
SS	Yes, sir. You said, 'ok, about 12:30 Wednesday night I had talked with Jackie on the steps in front of an abandoned house. And then no sooner, like about 5 or 10 minutes later, the white guy came up with the red tank top on and he had some jam shorts on and he wanted 3 rocks for $50 and I asked Jackie, I said who is this guy?' Does that sound like you?
CT	No. I never seen anybody wearing a red tank top. I don't have to call her Jackie…Jacquetta all the same time, see they called her Jackie short for Jacquetta whichever one they called her first I'm saying I would call her
SS	Ok
CT	She responds to either or.

SS	Ok. Did you know her to have any health problems?
CT	nn mm [no]
SS	No? Did she have asthma? Do you remember?
CT	Not that I know of
SS	Had she mention to you a couple of day of her murder that she had been sold some bad drugs?
CT	nn mm [no]
SS	Did she purchase from only you or from everyone in that area, how does that work?
CT	She bought drugs, stick with the same person, cuz she know what she get. She see me, she see me, she purchase them. She don't see me, she'd go across town.
SS	Ok. I see. So she would usually try to get them from you if you were there?
CT	Yes.
SS	And she never came up to you and said she got bad drugs from you?
CT	nn mm. [No]. Supposed to be on the statement?
SS	Excuse me?
CT	That supposed to be on the statement or something?
SS	No
	[Guards talk to Sharon]
SS	What drugs um did you know Jacquetta to do? Or to buy from you?
CT	All I sold was crack.
SS	All you sold was crack? Do you know if she did anything else?
CT	nn mm. No, I don't know.
SS	And do you know if she had sex for drugs, do you know if that's true?

CT	I know she tricked for drugs.
SS	Do you think it's possible that as you're talking to me today you did say these things in this interview and now you're remembering it differently?
CT	They tricked…they tricked….they tricked me. No
SS	You don't?
CT	Nah….No.
SS	So if this interview says what I'm telling you it says it's incorrect. It's not what you said at that time
CT	I don't know about that. I don't know about white dude with a red tank top. No…no.
SS	Actually at one point in here they show you a picture of Johnny Beck and ask you if you've ever seen him before and you state no. They then show you a picture and ask you if you've ever seen this white Pathfinder before and you state, 'no, I haven't'. They then ask you the gentleman that you saw was walking and walked back down towards and you answer, 'towards East Street, off of Lenoir.'
CT	East Street, off of Lenoir?
SS	Yes sir. Walked back down 'towards East Street, off of Lenoir.' They ask you what time you believe he and Jackie left the block and you state that 'it had to be 12:45 or 12:50.' So I'm just trying to figure out if maybe over time you heard that Johnny Beck was involved. Did you know who Johnny Beck was at that time? Did you know who that person was before all of this?
CT	Mm hm [yes]
SS	So if they would have shown you his picture as they are saying they did, you would have known him.
CT	I don't…I don't see why not.
SS	Right.
CT	I mean he's not like….he's not somebody that's not known (inaudible) and come down to the streets, that's what I do but, so.

SS	Had he bought from you before?
CT	Hm…(inaudible) purchased like hand to hand yeah bout say like VCRs and stuff like that, purchased from me, so deal in cash. I deal in Halifax Court sometimes. If I'm over there he see me, he purchase
SS	And when we were talking before, it wasn't unusual to see, I believe you said you had about 7 or 8 white guys who would buy drugs from you. So it wasn't unusual to see a white person purchasing drugs in that area?
CT	Yeah because. They say…talking about…. a white male with a red tank top, I didn't see it. And I told you I know for a fact I sold to 7 or 8 different white guys come through that night, while I was out there, in person.
SS	But you don't remember Greg Taylor purchasing from you?
CT	No he not, he did not purchase from me
SS	Ok
CT	No he not, he did not purchase none from me. I…what I'm trying to figure the statement right here like it is. My story been changed all around
SS	That's what I'm trying to figure out too. Because if your story has just been changed like you said it was, then we don't have a problem. You're telling me the way that you remember it and I'll leave here today and just do a report up on this and we'll be done. But I have this police report that's telling it entirely different
CT	So so…okay, out of all the evidence….so what makes you say the evidence…inaudible…so…the DNA says that these two not guilty you ask me if I be willing to take a DNA
SS	I told you about the DNA because I want you to understand the reason why we're here is that we're investigating a wrongful conviction and that the DNA evidence that we have right now does not match those two men, at this point, ok? I then asked you if you'd be willing to give a DNA sample because I think that you might be being dishonest.
CT	Hm. [20 sec pause]
SS	What are you thinking right now?
CT	[25 sec pause] So they were wrongfully convicted?

SS	That's what we're investigating. Does that surprise you?
CT	Uh [10 sec pause] I don't know what to say.
SS	Does it surprise you that he may not be the person that murdered her?
CT	These are tricky questions, I'm saying, shouldn't I have an attorney or somebody while you ask me these questions?
SS	What do you mean?
CT	I'm saying that's another trick question
SS	No sir it's not a trick, it's not a trick question. I'm asking….
CT	If I'm surprised, shocked
SS	Because when I tell you that you grow silent and don't say anything and I'm wondering if you've heard anything over the years you know? Or seen anything that has made you say No, I'm not really surprised that it wasn't them or maybe it was this person or just anything. And you're not…Right now I think you're concerned that I think you may have had something to do with it. But I'm just asking you to be honest and tell me if there's anything you've heard of over the years that just hasn't seemed right…that just hasn't seemed the way it happened. [30 sec Pause] Is there anything that you want to tell me?
CT	Not right this minute. All I wanna do, I'm saying, I want to discuss it with my attorney. I got your card. I can't say….inaudible….
SS	Mr. Taylor, I work for a state agency. Do you understand that?
CT	A state agency?
SS	Is there something else you need to tell me? Because now's the time because the next time I come back here it will be with a court order for your DNA and at that time there won't be anything to explain. If you know something about this crime, anyone who was involved in it, you need to tell me now. And right now I'm asking you to stop me from going back to the office and working until 8 o'clock at night drafting a motion and having to turn around and drive here tomorrow, so if there's something you know, you

	need to tell me and I think there's something you know. Do you know who killed her?
CT	I don't want to talk about that
SS	Sir, Do you know who killed her?
CT	I plead the 5th.
	[talks to guard]
	Pt. 2
SS	I just have a couple more questions for you and then we'll be done here. Do you remember what Jacquetta was wearing that night?
CT	[50 sec pause] Ummm….I don't know, jeans on,
SS	You just can't remember? If you can't remember, that's fine. Do you remember what Johnny beck was wearing that night?
CT	[20 sec pause] It's not what he's got on in that thing, it's not what he's got on in that picture right there
SS	It's not?
CT	Nah
SS	This blue t-shirt I think
CT	No it was like…like…that particular night it was work boots…like work boots…inadubile…whatever you wanna call them things. (10 pause) He had on, he had on some pants. I can't remember, I can't remember
SS	Ok
CT	But that face, I know the face
SS	If they would have showed you a picture of Johnny Beck when they interviewed you, would you have identified him as being the man that was with her?
CT	If they had showed it to me.
SS	Ok. Did you touch the victim at all that night?
CT	[8 sec pause] Touch her how?

SS	Touch her in any way. You know, touch her arm…touch her body, anything
CT	[20 sec pause] No I didn't touch her in the way you're prob –prob – probably try to
SS	No, sir, I'm not trying to get anywhere any – you tell me where you touched her, that's all I want to know. I'm not trying to say you touched her anywhere
CT	It was just like a little hug
SS	Oh you hugged her. So maybe her upper body?
CT	Yeah
SS	This area?
CT	Yeah, that was it, a quick hug, that was it. Inaudible. That was it…nothing more out of that
SS	And you didn't have sex with her?
CT	Humph [10 sec pause]
SS	The reason I'm asking you that is because when I asked you earlier, you told me you did not and I just wondered if your answer has changed now. [30 sec Pause] Mr. Taylor, what….what's going on that this is hard for you to answer? I'm asking you if you had sex with the victim or not. It's a yes or no question and I'm not trying to put it, you know, put anything there that's not there. I just need for you to tell me yes or no.
CT	[10 sec pause] I had sex with her, not that night.
SS	Ok, you had sex with her in the past though?
CT	Yeah, like a month or so before that.
SS	A month or so prior to that night? Why are you uncomfortable telling me that? [15 sec Pause] Why did you originally tell me you had never been intimate with her?

CT	[10 sec pause] Because I don't know where you're trying to go with it
SS	So you're just worried about the questioning?
CT	I got to…I got to think before I speak, You're asking me a whole lot of trickery questions. You saying you say this here…than say something different…then flip it around.
SS	Sir, I'm not asking you trick questions. I'm reading it, and I'd be happy to give you a copy of this, I'm reading from the interview that I was given from a 1991 investigation. I'm not trying to trick you. I'm trying to figure out why your answers on here do not match the answers that you're giving me today. That's what I'm trying to do. And right now, you know you told me 30 minutes ago that you hadn't had sex with the victim and now you're telling me you had. I'm just wondering what kind of relationship was it? Did you just have sex with her for crack? Is that the kind of relationship going on?
CT	Um (inaudible but affirmative).
SS	Did you have any other kind of relationship with her? Was it more than that?
CT	That's all it was.
SS	It wasn't anything more than that? Did you have feelings for her?
CT	[10 sec pause] I plead the 5th
SS	You plead the 5th on whether or not you had feelings for her?
CT	I don't know where you're trying to lead this
SS	Sir, let me explain this to you. You can't plead the 5th with me. You can refuse to answer my question and that's fine, but you, I think you're reading too much into my question. I asked you if you had feelings for her. [10 sec Pause] Not really? It's fine if you didn't. Do you know if she had feelings for you?
CT	I don't know
SS	Was there an occasion where you ran into her and I don't know if you know his name or if you just know what he looks like, but when you ran

	into her and a guy she was dating at a fast food restaurant?
CT	Where'd all that come from?
SS	I'm just asking you if there was an altercation between you and her when you found out she was dating someone? [15 sec Pause] Mr. Taylor, what's the problem here? Why are you hesitant to answer my questions? Is there something you need to tell me now that you're not telling me? (8 sec Pause) Because you know, if you feel like you're going to talk to me at some point, I'll sit here all day until you feel comfortable talking to me. But if you don't, then I'm gonna leave here and write up a motion and order and I'm gonna come back and I'm gonna get your DNA. [10 sec Pause] And what I feel like, is like before we left, before we ended this conversation a few minutes ago, when you were about to leave the room, that there was something that you wanted to say but just couldn't. Am I wrong about that?
CT	Nn mm [no]
SS	I'm not wrong?
CT	Nah. [no]
SS	Ok. Well. What would make you more comfortable to say whatever it is. [15 sec Pause]
CT	You coming back with the DNA you said so that means I mean, [inaudible]
SS	What's the DNA going to tell me? The DNA would have no reason to match you, right? Because from what you're telling me right now, there that DNA absolutely should not match you.
	Guard interrupts: "She asked you the question, all you have to answer is yes ma'm or no ma'm."

CT	It shouldn't.
SS	Well then you shouldn't be concerned. Is there anything else you want to tell me? Do you want me to tell you that Greg Taylor's been sitting in prison for 18 years for a murder he didn't commit? And right now, I think you know who did. And I think that's weighing on you. I think you know more than you're telling me.
CT	[35 sec pause] So what I got to do…clear him?
SS	What do you mean sir? [15 sec Pause] Do you know who did this, Mr. Taylor?
CT	Nnn Nm [no]
SS	There's nothing else that you know that you're not telling me? Because you've been in prison for 6 years now right?
CT	Mmm-hm [yes]
SS	For something that you did do?
CT	Yep.
SS	So what if you're in prison for life for something that you didn't do?
CT	I would fight it.
SS	So do you understand that's all I'm doing? That's what I'm here for and that's why I'm asking you these questions.
CT	Mmm-hm [yes]
SS	Why don't you want to tell me what you know? I mean why did you say that you weren't going to answer?
	Guard's voice: Y'all want some private time?
SS	Thank you sir. (to guard) Mr. Taylor, you need to understand what you've told me today does not make sense with what I had known before, ok? Now I've listened to you tell me you didn't say these things in this police report, and I'm willing to believe that. But what I don't understand is why you lied to me about

	having sex with her. And the other thing that I don't understand is why when I'm speaking to you it seems like I'm upsetting you. And it seems like there's something you don't want to tell me. If I'm wrong, if I'm wrong about that, then please tell me that now. Am I wrong?
CT	No.
SS	I'm correct, there's something you don't want to tell me? And is that to protect yourself or is that to protect someone else?
CT	I can't answer that question.
SS	Ok. Is there anything I can do, or anything I can say to you, to get you to tell me what it is? [15 sec Pause]
CT	Not right at this moment.
SS	Ok. If you don't have anything else to add, I'm gonna go ahead and turn the recorder off and conclude the interview, ok? Is there anything else you'd like to add?
CT	No
SS	Are you worried about me taking your DNA?
CT	No
SS	So you're worried, you're protecting someone else?
	I just told you I can't answer that question.
SS	Mr. Taylor, you can answer that question. Could you look at me for a minute? And just tell me why you don't want to tell me what it is? If you know something and there's someone sitting in prison for 20 years who didn't do the crime that they're in prison for, why would you not tell me? I can only think of one reason you wouldn't tell me and you know what that reason is? Because you had something to do with it. And that's not a good reason. [10 sec Pause] I need you to understand that the Commission has opened a formal investigation into this case and they will not go away, ok? This isn't something that I just come out here once and talk to you and you don't ever hear from us again. If that DNA matches you, I'm sure you can

	imagine we'll be back and if doesn't match you, we'll still be back. And what you're not telling me right now will put you in front of a judge and make him court order you to tell us. So think about that. It's a lot easier to tell me now in this room, and everyone just move on, than it is to go through that process.
CT	(8 sec Pause) I'll take my chances
SS	You'll take your chances? Ok, well I appreciate you taking the time to talk to me today.

Craig Taylor Interview 2 on May 19, 2009 (CT)

- **Sharon Stellato, Staff Investigator (SS)**
- **Grace Wallace, Case Manager (GW)**

SS	Hi Mr. Taylor, how are you?
CT	So, so.
SS	I assume you remember me, I'm Sharon Stellato, from the Innocence Inquiry Commission, and this is Grace Wallace. Um you know Thursday we talked to you, I did or I do understand that you called on Friday morning?
CT	Called who?
SS	Called our office.
CT	Not me.
SS	You didn't call our office?
CT	Huh-uh.
SS	Okay, alright well let me just tell you a few things kind of going on in the case right now. I know last time we talked to you we discussed the possibility of testing DNA and getting your DNA. Um, we have found out you are in the databank so I don't need to swab you, your DNA is already with the SBI. Um, right now we have samples from the victim, and they're also taking more samples from the victim, and they'll do that comparing actually without swabbing you. So, that's just to kind of update you on that and I just wanted to meet you again to ask you a few more questions and find out if you thought a little bit more about our conversation?
CT	[14 sec pause] I mean the information that you all are seeking I don't have, [6 sec pause} I just don't have it.
SS	The last time I spoke with you, you told me that you were holding something back um and that you couldn't tell me what it was.
CT	[10 sec pause] Nah, nah that was just the whole conclusion that you came up with by me not saying anything.....that I know who did it, or I got something to do with it. I mean, I don't
SS	Actually sir that's what you said on the tape, um when we were kind of ending the interview last time, I asked you if there was something that you weren't telling me, and you told me that you couldn't tell me, that you needed to talk to a lawyer.
CT	[5 sec pause] (nods his head) I said that part
SS	Okay.
CT	Talk to, talk to my attorney.
SS	And why do you feel you need to talk to an attorney?
CT	[9 sec pause] I mean cause things you saying that y'all asking I'm suppose to have one with me technically you're saying with me to advise to say what not to say saying what I can answer I mean I feel like I'm saying I'm saying too much as it is, and I think I'm saying

	cause you compared it to something, to a statement that was made 18 years ago compared to last Thursday and the time frame which that's a big difference,
SS	Uh-huh.
CT	I mean, I don't know.
SS	Okay, well let's just, let's just try to go over this again then. Um, from that night from what you can remember, why don't you tell me what happened that night?
CT	[8 sec pause] I mean the only thing I can say is that I sold to her and **after there was a party** [15 sec pause] with the black dude which is, I'm saying, which is Johnny Beck, I'm saying, he was, I'm saying, with her at the time [57 sec pause] I don't know what you want me to say.
SS	What size shoe do you wear?
CT	Size shoe I wear?
SS	What size shoe do you wear?
CT	Anywhere from a 10 and ½ to a….to a 12
SS	And do you remember around that time what kind of clothing you were, um you would wear when you were out at night?
CT	Nuh uh.
SS	You don't remember? What about what kind of shoes you would wear?
CT	[8 sec pause] I don't know what kind of tennis shoes they was
SS	Were they tennis shoes, or were they work boots, flip flops or?
CT	Tennis shoes
SS	Tennis shoes. So when we talked last time, you said that you would go out kind of the night shift, is that right?
CT	Uh-huh.
SS	And what kind of times were those?
CT	11 am, 11 pm (Note – he is correcting his use of am to pm)
SS	Uh-huh.
CT	to 7 am
SS	Okay
CT	No later than 8 am
SS	And when you were selling who were you working for?
CT	Myself.
SS	Just yourself, where would you get the drugs from?
CT	Can't expose all that….can't expose where I get it from.
SS	So you would get them and you would go out approximately 11 o'clock at night and people in the area would buy from you?
CT	Yeah, on that side of town
SS	And Jacquetta was one of your regular buyers?
CT	Three or four times a week
SS	And is that the only way you knew her? Did you know her before you were selling, or is that kind of how you guys met?

CT	I told you I knew her when she was staying at Halifax Court.
SS	Was she doing drugs then, buying drugs from you then?
CT	Nope, not then.
SS	So what was she, what was going when she was at Halifax Court, what, was she doing drugs at all then, do you know?
CT	I mean people talk….I mean, I don't go on people's conversation unless a person come to me, or I see a person buy or use, then it's just, it's just rumor.
SS	But eventually she started buying from you?
CT	Uh-huh.
SS	And where would you sell the drugs at?
CT	Different areas, at nighttime, let me see, anywhere on Bloodworth street side, down, down to Cameron, Davie Street, Montague Lane…that's my own little….that's my little area.
SS	And on that night where were you at?
CT	On the corner of Bloodworth and Lenoir
SS	So when you're out there selling would you ever run out of drugs?
CT	When I get low, I call some…somebody.
SS	But you would pretty much be out there every night from 11 to 7, it's kind of your shift?
CT	On that side of town, day time I'm somewhere else
SS	Do you do drugs yourself?
CT	Nope
SS	Not ever?
CT	Nope.
SS	And why is that?
CT	I just don't…I don't even drink, all I do is smoke cigarettes.
SS	So how did you get involved in dealing? Just money?
CT	You can say that.
SS	How old were you then?
CT	When? When I started?
SS	1991, so you were born in 69 so, you were about --
CT	--22
SS	22. How old were you when you started selling drugs?
CT	15, 16.
SS	And how long had you known Jacquetta?
CT	Since 87, 88.
SS	Who, um the other drug dealer Jay, how long had you known him?
CT	I don't know him like that really, just see, and keep on going.
SS	Was it not an issue that you guys were selling drugs in the same area?
CT	No, not unless he don't bring, sell to no dummies or that, that's it.
SS	So, were you and Jay friends?
CT	Nah, never that.
SS	Did you dislike him?

CT	Nope.
SS	Do you know his last name?
CT	No.
SS	Did he buy drugs or get the drugs to sell from the same person that you did?
CT	Nah.
SS	So, if someone were to be out buying drugs, what would be the difference between buying from you or Jay, why would they pick one over the other?
CT	Cause of the size and the quantity.
SS	So did Jay sell smaller or larger?
CT	He couldn't compete....So they were smaller.
SS	Would he be out there about the same times you were too? Um, you know, the night time?
CT	Little earlier than that.
SS	Did you have people that you did sell drugs with?
CT	I had a little crew, I'm saying....but they ain't....they ain't got nothing to do with this.
SS	When we talked a little bit you didn't, um, you didn't do drugs at the time and didn't drink either?
CT	Nope.
SS	And had you always kind of been like that?
CT	Sure enough have.
SS	What kind of cigarettes did you smoke?
CT	I smoke Newports.
SS	Do you still smoke now?
CT	Yep, I was smoking one before I came in here.
SS	Because you felt like you would need it if you had to talk to me? [laughing] It's okay. Let's talk about your priors. Tell me about the prior assaults that you've had.
CT	Prior assaults?
SS	Yes, sir.
CT	Which one, the one about with the Mexican?
SS	Uh- huh. What happened?
CT	I just shot him.
SS	Was there, uh, I mean was it a, a drug related issue or what happened?
CT	Nah, he just ah stabbed one of my....friend of mines down at the club down on East, East Street
SS	So the Mexican stabbed one of your friends?
CT	....which was meant for me.
SS	The stab was? The knife?
CT	Yep.
SS	And did they just get the wrong guy or?

CT	Yep, and I made a vow that I would get every last one of em… anything that speak Spanish.
SS	Did your friend die?
CT	Nah, he almost but he didn't.
SS	Where did you shoot the Mexican at?
CT	This one here, shot him in the stomach.
SS	Why were they trying to stab you?
CT	That I don't know, I don't know if they were trying to rob me, I don't know what they were trying to do, it happened in 1987.
SS	1987…so were there other assaults that you didn't get….did you were there um, you said you try to um get all Mexicans? Were there other Mexicans? Is that the only one you got caught for?
CT	The only way I got caught cause whoever was with me testified against me.
SS	That you shot him? That you had shot the man?
CT	Uh-huh.
SS	So, what about the other ones? Did you…did they ever find out that you did that?
CT	Nope, them cases will remain unsolved.
SS	Have you ever killed anyone?
CT	Huh! [sound]
SS	Speaking not of, and let me just say to clarify, to make you feel more comfortable, not related to my case at all, have you ever killed anyone outside of this case?
CT	Several.
SS	And you've just never been caught?
CT	That's it.
SS	How would you kill people?
CT	How or why?
SS	Both actually.
CT	That's a good question to as why.
SS	Okay let's just start with who and you don't have to tell me names or anything like that. I wouldn't expect you to. But if you had to guess, were they mostly men?
CT	A few.
SS	And were, was, were they drug related? Um.
CT	A few.
SS	Any women?
CT	Not many but definitely not, not hurting.
SS	I know. And were the women drug related?
CT	No it's something deeper than that.
SS	Bad relationships and things?
CT	Nah.
SS	Okay.
CT	Which, which is I really couldn't pinpoint who, so I said, well look,

	I don't know which one, but if I get em and I ain't going to say I got the right one but somebody I'm saying infected me, so now I got a deal with it and live with.
SS	And what did they infect you with Mr. Taylor?
CT	HIV.
SS	Okay, so but you're not sure who, who did it?
CT	Don't know which one.
SS	Did you ask 'em?
CT	Out of rage.
SS	So how did you find out? Did someone tell you or did you get tested?
CT	I got tested.
SS	And then?
CT	I got really sick.
SS	Okay, so the people you had sex with you went back and killed them?
CT	The ones I'm saying, I didn't, I'm saying the ones that didn't, I didn't use protection with that I should have used protection with.
SS	Okay.
CT	I don't want nobody saying I look at it no different from anybody else
SS	How did you kill them?
CT	All of 'em is gunshot wounds.
SS	Did you tell them why when it happened?
CT	Nuh uh [No]
SS	You didn't say what had happened, you just shot them?
CT	Uh huh. [yes]
SS	How is your health now?
CT	On the down side.
SS	Do you get very sick?
CT	Uh huh. [yes]
SS	When you talk about having sex with these women were they prostitutes or girlfriends, or I know we talked a little last time about--
CT	--Two of 'em were prostitutes
SS	Okay.
CT	Couple of 'em were suppose to girlfriends…how you want to put it.
SS	And you don't know which of those people you contracted the virus from?
CT	Nope, all I know that they also died, I'm saying, the other one before them that the guys that, that dealt with them eventually had died and this was years after, I'm saying, after we had a relationship and then come find out, I'm saying, that I got sick so I put two and two together.
SS	So you would see or hear stories about these other men having been

	with maybe someone that you were with also and then they contracted the virus and that kind of made you say, okay, wait a minute this is where I got it from?
CT	That's the only way it could be from.
SS	So were there four women total? Do you think that could of possibly been the carriers of it?
CT	That's all it could be.
SS	Because as you say you didn't do any other drugs.
CT	Uh huh. [yes]
SS	So are all four of those women dead?
CT	Two.
SS	And if you, why are the other two not I guess is my question?
CT	It wasn't meant for them to go, God wasn't ready to take them home, but they eventually died later on.
SS	Of the HIV or another?
CT	AIDS.
SS	So that's, that's a pretty rough story, Mr. Taylor, I am sorry to hear that that happened to you. Was it frequently you'd have sex without condoms or just these were just kind of one time things?
CT	More than one time with them. I should, I should have realized I'm saying, realized dealing with people like that there, definitely put on protection, I been looking back on it ever since. I regret it and they not the ones really should get the blame, cause can't blame nobody but myself because I'm the one, you know what I'm saying, should have used protection.
SS	Yeah, so from what you've told me you've actually, uh got a pretty good, pretty good record considering the things you've done and the things you've actually been caught for or convicted of.
CT	Uh, the only thing I ain't never been convicted of or been caught for is what I just told you.
SS	You remember telling me last week that you had, had sex with Jacquetta too?
CT	It was probably a month before the incident.
SS	Did you know she had HIV?
CT	[23 sec pause] Huh-uh, you saying she had it?
SS	I'm asking if you knew she had it.
CT	Not to my knowledge.
SS	Did you use a condom?
CT	One time did, one time didn't.
SS	Okay, so were there only two times that you had sex?
CT	Uh huh.
SS	And was that in exchange for drugs?
CT	Uh huh.
SS	So the one time that you didn't use a condom you knew at that time that you had HIV right?

CT	Uh huh. [yes]
SS	Did other people know?
CT	No one besides my family and people, I'm saying, that was trying to get too close to me and they wonder why I wouldn't do anything wit 'em, then I yeah I tell 'em.
SS	So why did you have sex with her without a condom?
CT	Know what I'm saying, look, at it as, I'm saying, as a get back, I don't know how you want to call it. I don't even know how you want to put it.
SS	Right. Did she try to get close to you?
CT	Only for the money....wasn't love.
SS	It seems as if when it came to money and drugs she would be a good friend?
CT	You say good friend?
SS	When it came to money and drugs?
CT	That all it could be....nothing more than that.
SS	So, you kind of knew at that time how she operated? I mean you saw that?
CT	Yep.
SS	How come when we were here last week you didn't want to talk to me about this stuff?
CT	'Cause for one, I'm saying, they had...had....had me surrounded up in here and I don't speak around them.
SS	The guards?
CT	Yeah, the meddling, I know yall not meddling but they definitely are meddling, they, they talk amongst people out there in the yard, you know what I'm saying, so...
SS	And they can repeat things if they chose to?
CT	Exactly.
SS	Okay. Okay. And you said that was number one, is there another reason?
CT	Just that I don't know, I wasn't ready to say nothing about that.
SS	When we talked last time, I think you said you get out in 2012?
CT	Suppose to be. I'm waiting on immigration.
SS	Cause you're from Jamaica?
CT	How you know that?
SS	It's my job. Will you go back there or I guess would do you want to go back there?
CT	Yeah, but all this here keep coming up. I don't know what's going to happen.
SS	Yeah, where is your family? Are they in Jamaica?
CT	Half in Jamaica and some here in the United States.
SS	Did you, how long were you, have you been, how old were you when you came here?
CT	1975, 6 years of age.

SS	So you've lived most of your life here. And is that in Raleigh?
CT	Some in Raleigh, before we came to Raleigh, you know what I'm saying, we were in Miami, New Orleans, Oklahoma.
SS	Wow.
CT	'Cause my mother was married to a military man and ended up in Raleigh. As I get a little older, I start branching out.
SS	Let's talk about in ah, let's see what year is this, 1988 you have several injuries to real property, burning a dwelling, what was happening there?
CT	I ah don't know what happened with that incident there, all I know there was a big fire that's all, don't know what caused it
SS	Was it an accident? Or…
CT	Nah, nah.
SS	Can I ask you something, Mr. Taylor? You don't um your personality doesn't come across as you being an angry person at all but from some of the things that we've talked about there have been times that you were extremely angry and had a lot of rage.
CT	I'm saying, that's how people gonna take me, they don't know how to take me and I don't, they'll never know when I really, really get angry, I mean I can do crimes, I'm saying, and I'll be smiling at them I don't show a lot of emotion or anger.
SS	So is that, I guess part of what's worked for you, huh?
CT	Pretty much. Didn't cry when my grandmother passed. I'm the only one at her funeral that didn't shed a tear. But, it did not mean I did not love her and did not mean that we weren't close and that's when my mother and them really feared that something weren't right.
SS	Because you didn't cry?
CT	Because I don't… I let…. I release my anger out certain times when I'm being provoked then I go on a rage then I flip right back like it never happened continue on living normal day life.
SS	When you talked to me about the, um, murders that you have committed is there…how are you feeling about that now, is there a big con…do you have a big conscience? Or, are you as you said…kind of just flipped back and you know that's what happened and you kind of just moved on?
CT	One of 'em I got a conscience of. The rest of 'em no… no… conscience at all
SS	Can you tell me about the one that you do have a conscience about?
CT	It was just, was the same area on Lenoir Street, round matter fact the same time, no, on the same, on the same month that she died got killed. Might have been two or three weeks earlier. There was an older man…might of been homeless. I don't know. But I don't know what came over me, because what had happen, why he stashed my, my dope, coke, crack it got missing. And he was just happened to be in the area, but I should have asked questions first.

	I let my reactions over take it. But, I did not I shoot the man, I….I did not stab the man…I just beat him down with my hands and the next thing you know, I didn't know if the man was dead, but I see the policeman come, and they roped off the area. And when I seen that I knew what had happened
SS	You think that he was the one who took the drugs?
CT	Nope.
SS	And if he were?
CT	Then I wouldn't have no conscience. My mind is nothing but a time bomb.
SS	Did people around you know not to….what you're saying now you know is that part of um what helped you kinda was your personality, and that you are so calm and together. Did people around you suspect that you were dangerous?
CT	They knew.
SS	If they made you mad?
CT	Pretty much. They know I didn't play with them pistols.
SS	So you had a lot of um possession of firearms, do you primarily carry a gun for protection?
CT	Not for protection.
SS	What for?
CT	I might decide, I'm saying, get ready use somebody violate me, disrespect me but it was not for as far as no protection because I pretty much handle my own and the guys that I had with me that's what they got paid for, to protect.
SS	Did you make a pretty good living at that?
CT	Pretty much.
SS	What about ah, assault on females, um how many, how many of those have you had, if you know?
CT	That I've been charged with, only one.
SS	I, I'm sorry I meant that you had actually participated in.
CT	No more than three.
SS	Can you tell me about those?
CT	One of 'em I guess, it was along time ago. It was when I was in what middle school, going DY, not D Y Jordan, but going Davis Middle School
SS	Uh-huh
CT	I don't know what made me hit the girl in the eye, but I got suspended, expelled because of that, because she lost her eye. I mean, and she is still living today and when I have seen her I did, I mean I can't give her eye back …
SS	Right.
CT	but I did apologize to her. I don't know what gotten over me and another one, I mean I guess she just had me, she just had me possessed, I didn't want to call it ah have you whipped.

SS	Oh yeah?
CT	And anybody I see her with, I'm [thinking] she messing with 'em, even if it could be her relatives, I overreacted, I would just punch her in the nose and other than that I had to let her go because that was not me, I don't beat on women.
SS	You were just very jealous when she was with other people?
CT	Yep. 'Long as she didn't do anything wrong but you couldn't tell me that.
SS	How old were you then?
CT	22 [twenty –two] that was in 91
SS	Do you remember what the girl's name was?
CT	Well she's married now, but her name, her name before then was Sheila Chance and the one before her is a white girl name Sally. Should the odds and pulling up her records, the school records, because she was the only one went to that school by the name of Sally, I can't remember her last name.
SS	All of the um possessions that are on your record those are, you were selling it right, you were, that's the only reason they're getting you for possessions is just for having it?
CT	Uh huh.[yes]
SS	Have you ever had a license, a driver's license or has it just been revoked a lot?
CT	No I had it up until 1994.
SS	Okay.
CT	Um, I got locked up, I had a fine that I owe and when I was locked up the fine was going up, kept going up to the point where it over almost about like four or five dollars. I didn't bother to go back and get my license, I mean and, but the way I drive you probably thought I did have a license on me.
SS	[laughter] yeah, yeah. Um when did you actually do you remember how old you were when you got HIV?
CT	1996, 5.
SS	1995?
CT	So that's, so that's 14 years ago, yeah I was about 25, 26.
SS	You've um you've told me a lot of information um about a lot things you were involved with, and you know to be honest, about a lot of crimes you've committed but you haven't told me anything about Jacquetta.
CT	I mean what can I, what can I say I mean when you when you leave me, go and do what you gonna do, I don't know nothing else and I, only thing I agree wit yall, I truthfully don't believe these two did it. 'Cause they just not carry that way, they aren't tight enough when I see 'em, they don't carry like that way, yeah he may smoke his crack but he still work.
SS	You talking about Johnny or Greg?
CT	Yep.

SS	Johnny.
CT	And what transpired after that, I don't know.
SS	Do you, who do you think did it, you really don't know?
CT	Truthfully, I really don't know.
SS	You've never heard anything from anyone from after that time can you--
CT	--maybe people saying there was a lot these detectives maybe thought people can where by me being on the street as much as I do maybe I hear something, once they made the arrest of them two, they pretty much died down but then when I got locked down in county jail and I ran into that, yeah I jumped on him
SS	For that?
CT	'Cause that's what they were accused for so I jumped on him whooped and beat 'em down, and I was trying to get to the oth, other dude that was in the old county the old jail. They moved from the old jail to the new jail
SS	Can I ask you, the report, the police report that I have that says that you didn't see Johnny that night and that you identified this man as Greg Taylor. What do you think happened there, do you think the police lied, do you think they got it wrong, do you think that you just said something different and you just don't remember?
CT	Nah it ain't I don't remember, now things can get twisted but I know, I know Johnny Beck, and I know what he look like so why would I deny that I did not see him when she came up to, to me with him 'cause she couldn't deliver no one else. Bring just anybody else up to me and I'm just gonna serve 'em. So I know what I saw, I know I saw him and I state that to, I, my grave, that I know what I saw and I know I saw him, I know how he look like?
SS	And you saw him with her?
CT	Exactly.
SS	Absolutely.
CT	Like I say I know where he stayed at, like I said he stayed, he stayed over in Kentwood.
SS	Can I tell you that Johnny has no, no one I talked to ever links Johnny to a prostitute in any way?
CT	I don't know what they, what they, what they trying to cover up all I know is saying they two was together.
SS	And what about Greg did you see him?
CT	I told you I'm saying I seen him, I seen the white dude, I'm saying I'm saying that was suppo, that, I'm saying, that whi, white Pathfinder, Cherokee what, whatever you call it.
SS	ah huh
CT	I'm a call saying, I'm a call it saying for I'm saying actu, actually saying see the face, no I, I all I knew that it was a whi, white guy and then when that all, all that stuff came about that just put two and two together, made me put two and two together right then that

	day when that police came back and questioned me.
SS	Did Jacquetta, Jacquetta and Johnny leave together?
CT	They sure 'nuff did.
SS	Did you see them get in the car or…
CT	They took the corner an, an they an, an, an and that Cherokee the the, the Cherokee the, the what ever the you want to call it, the white one it left pulled off and that was the last of that until the police came back the detectives came back in the wee hours in the morning.
SS	Where you careful of who you sold, like would you sell to a stranger?
CT	No.
SS	You would only sell to people you knew?
CT	That's it.
SS	So Greg could've come to you because you didn't know him?
CT	Nope you can't even send a undercover cop at me, and tell hav have him said that I sold, I sold to them, cause I don't nah I'm not going down like that there, I'm too smart for that. They might catch me with some coke but you not gonna have me charged with no secret indictment, nah.
SS	Did you when you say that when you saw Johnny in the jail and you said you got into a fight with him, I'm assuming that's because of what you believe what he did to her?
CT	It where that punk because not too long after that like couple of nights later I got arrested. When they heard the gunshots go off and I fired at this other dude and they locked me up so somebody from the barber shop that was right beside me the store called and reported the gunshots. So they got a .38 Smith and Wesson long barrel off me like some Clint Eastwood type that's when I ran into that dag on Beck in the county jail.
SS	And you said that now you don't really believe that Greg and Johnny did this why is that?
CT	It's just something about it saying don't believe say they could of did it. I mean, I'm ah like I'm sticking my neck on a chopping block for 'em.
SS	Right.
CT	But with everything that's going on but I really honestly don't think they have the heart to do that they might, might smoke crack but being a killer, nah. I may been wrong about some things ,saying I'm, I'm, I'm not always right and I'm not always wrong . I believe I'm a pretty good judgment saying of people and they not no killers.
SS	You didn't call me from here on Friday?
CT	I'm telling, I'm du trying, trying to let you know no I did not
SS	Did you talk to anyone else here about me?
CT	One of those guys who seen yall when yall came through that side gate round there we sitting round there when the roll squad coming

	in
SS	Yes sir.
CT	Dude they saw, saw y'all so they asked me a question. I said this is what they this where they come from. So one of the guys was saying, saying that, that he have a similar case of being innocent so he figure I'm saying know that saying that he gonna see that his people to contact you or whoever you work for and see if you take this case and that's it.
SS	Who what's his name?
CT	I call him, I call him big John so I don't know what his real his last name is but his name is big we call him big John.
SS	I'm sure I don't need to tell you that there are a lot of people in here who will snitch on you in a heart beat and make up something just to get out prison, you know that right? And I 'm telling you that because the more people that you talk to about meeting with us the more calls I'm gonna get
CT	Huh!
SS	And you know, you know the system pretty well, you know that people would say anything to get out of prison. So what I don't want a see happen when I leave here is somebody calling me telling me, you know, that you made a confession to them or you know that you said something to them that you haven't said, does that make sense? You tell me that you don't think that Johnny Beck and Greg Taylor don't have the heart to commit murder but you feel like you do. So I am gonna ask you this question and make it as clear and non threatening as I can okay. Right now you've confessed to several crimes, several murders, it's not gonna make a difference for you whether you were involved with Jacquetta Thomas's killing or not, so I am just asking you to swear to me that you are not involved in this.
CT	Even if I swear I'm saying, saying it's, it's what its, its, I don't lie. I not, I mean what I'm saying, as much as, I'm saying that I do have faith in God, but I couldn't say, that I can assure you and you can run any like, I say any type of DNA's or what ever that I had nothing to do with that, that crime and that's it. I mean I know what you want me to say okay, say okay why see if I confessed to these but I ain't really go into a lot of details, what areas, or even what state they may be in but the fact remains is yeah I confessed but why should, why. I 'm not confessing to this.
SS	Uh huh.
CT	[50 sec pause] you sure know how to drop a load don't you?
SS	I know [21 sec pause] if it matters if there is anyone who can help you right now that person is me.
CT	[15 sec pause] yeah help I'm saying [24 sec pause] I mean, I'm saying just I'm saying uh uh [sigh] [21 sec pause] more likely to

	try to seek the death penalty to aren't they?
SS	They did not for um, Greg and Johnny.
CT	But that's different.
SS	Why you say that? Its not really different sir.
CT	[10 sec pause] they had two innocent people locked up for the past 18 years. they gonna seek compensation what ever you want to call it for every day they got locked, for every day they got locked up.
SS	Well that's, that's a matter that the state pays for Mr. Taylor mean that's that has nothing to do with whether someone else did the crime or didn't do the crime that's a matter that the state compensates people for. [23 sec pause] When I talked to you earlier you said that there was only one murder that you had a conscience about and you told me what that one was.
CT	Mm hm [yes]
SS	So I suppose that having a conscience if, if you believed that there was a reason to kill her then for you that's going to be a different scenario right? For example when you were talking about the older man if he had stolen the drugs then obviously you know you wouldn't feel bad right? You would have felt like he got what he deserved, and I'm wondering if that's the case here.
CT	[23 sec pause] um and what if I say if I did, wha, what is going to happen to me, what's gonna happen to me?
SS	If you confess to murdering her, and you actually know details of her crime enough that it's believable that it was in fact you, then the innocent people will be released, and you'll be charged with the murder. I can't lie to you about what will happen.
CT	[92 sec pause] Would I be able to call this into your office, I'm saying to maa, make a my saying make my decision? I, I, I got to think, I, I, I got to think on this a here, here.
SS	I can, the only thing I can say about that is and let me be real honest with you, you telling me what did or did not happen at this time is gonna go a lot, a lot, lot easier on you than me running the DNA and it coming back a match without any statement from you. You know, its I'm you're familiar enough with, with being in trouble to know that a confession goes a lot further than a denial and I'll be honest with you I think that if the state does decide to prosecute you, um without a confession I think that they will be a lot harsher. Can I ask you this question? You were so free to talk to me about the other things that you had been involved with, including the other murders and yet not this one. Why is that? And I am not trying to be insensitive but from what you kind of described to me you, you don't feel a lot of remorse so why is it hard to talk about this one? [5 sec pause] And I am not trying to say that's how you feel if you don't you know if you do feel remorse I don't know I just know how you've talked to me today and you been extremely honest and forth right about the other things you were involved

	with.
CT	I'm a say, I'm a say this much here right.
SS	Okay.
CT	Before I even say anything else I'm saying on this situation yall gonna have to have an attorney present I can't, I I I, can't do this on the grounds right here and once you do that, you can ask all the questions you want and it be done and over with.
SS	So what are you asking or what are you, what are you, I guess what do you mean?
CT	Get me someone from the public defenders office.
SS	Get you someone from the public offender's office?
CT	It'll bring all this to a close.
SS	I will um, I will leave here and I will do everything I can to get you an attorney in here. But I'm gonna need for you to tell me you were at least involved before I'm going to have an attorney come into prison and talk to someone been locked up for 6 years about a 1991 murder
CT	Well, I'm not gonna say anymore saying okay saying I'm involved yes, alright and I'm gonna leave it at that right there leave it at that right there.
SS	Ok. You were involved?
CT	Yes and I'm gonna leave it at that right there and get me um somebody,
SS	When you talk about having an attorney is it um to get you a better deal or is it to protect someone other than your self?
CT	Ain't no one else.
SS	Neither one of those?
CT	Ain't no one else.
SS	There was no one else; okay I'm sorry I didn't hear you. So is it to get you ah, ah better deal? because if that's the case is that something you want to talk about?
CT	Need me an attorney please. That's all I'm saying. We can, we can…long as I'm saying talking to get, it's um gonna we be at a red a Mexican stand off know what I mean? I mean, I ain't got nothing else to lose. When they come forth, I'm whatever else was saying I'll just bring the rest of everything else, all the other things out.
SS	Mr. Taylor, don't… I know all the other things you've told me about but don't, okay, don't say you did this if you didn'tthough. I know that you are saying what will it matter, it'll all be in together. but I need to know if you were really involved and not taking the fall for if because you have so much else.
CT	I don't take no fall for, for no crime I do not, don't commit.
SS	So you wouldn't do that, you wouldn't say?

CT	Nope.
SS	Okay, okay. When I talk to an attorney do you want me to um tell them about the other things?
CT	You can or I can tell him myself, ain't no difference know what I'm saying I mean my attorney gonna have to know everything anyway, so ain't no need for him coming him or her coming, coming in blind so.
SS	Um.
CT	That's it for right now.
SS	Um when I go back to my commission and tell them what's happened here today um I can tell you from experience that the first thing that they're gonna do is um put a rush on the DNA which means DNA will come back by they end of this week. Do you understand how Touch DNA works? I'm not sure if it's something you're familiar with in here or. Touch DNA is, its kind of like the layman terms for it, it's a new science, newer um, it use to be that DNA would only come from saliva, sperm, semen you know something like that, blood. Now a days what they can do is actually test the victims clothing, as well as her body for um, for example if I touch her like this I'm leaving DNA so it's called touched DNA. It's skin cells basically. The, who ever murdered Jacquetta um did pull down her pants and also rip her shirt and they have those items in for testing right now. Because we haven't had an alternative sp, suspect we haven't rushed the testing which means the testing wasn't going to be complete for 3 weeks they will definitely rush it now to be compared against you so I will ask … [SS get's the CO] Could you cuff him in the front, please? [CO switching position of handcuffs from back to front] Thank you very much. Is that a little bit better? Um what I'm trying to say right now is if I go back and they rush that DNA and it matches you they'll be no more talking. Um, I've had an exoneration before just to let you know and we did do rush DNA. It was in a rape case of a 12 year old, and the day that the DNA came back it was at 4:30 um the innocent person was released the next morning at 9:30 and um DNA cases they don't ask a lot of questions. So I am gonna ask you if you think it's possible that your DNA will be on her clothing?
CT	If that's how y'all running I'm saying it should be.
SS	Can you just tell me what happen please, I don't, I don't wanna do it this way Mr. Taylor I don't wanna do this to you, I don't want to go back there and have this done this way to you. I'd like to go back there and say look something happen 19 years ago but when he is confronted with it, he's being fair, he's telling us the truth and I'd like everyone most of all the DA to know right from the get go. I mean the death penalty cases you see aren't the ones where the

	persons coming forward and being straight out 20 years okay later. You know the death penalty cases you see are the ones that someone continues to lie and there is evidence to prove that they did it and I am trying to help you in this, and I don't want this to happen to you and I don't know why, but I don't. I want to be able to go in there and say that this guy takes full responsibility for what happened and you need to consider that before you can seek anything. Please Mr. Taylor, I don't have any reason to lie to you, do you understand that? I don't have any reason to lie to you, I really, really don't. I don't gain or lose by this right here. I don't get anything for your confession, and I don't lose anything for not getting your confession. The only thing I get to do is feel a little bit better about you. [37 sec pause] Just tell me what happened. [32 sec pause] I can't, I can't help you if you don't let me. I don't want to hurt you. I didn't come here to make things bad for you. In fact surprisingly enough I want to help you, I really do. Were you angry with her, can you tell me that?
CT	Somewhat… she was never raped though
SS	Why were you angry with her? [5 sec pause]. I appreciate you telling me that she was never raped because that's actually true, we know that now um they have tested the semen already and they knew that she wasn't raped. In fact, I think that um the theory was more that after or before she was killed it was made more to look like that but only who was there would know that she wasn't raped. Was it all the men? Because I know, I know there were a lot of them from what I have heard from the people I've interviewed. I've been on this case for along time and I know that Jacquetta had a history with other men.
CT	Yes, she had.
SS	Did that bother you?
CT	To some degree.
SS	Did she lie about things like that or was she honest with you?
CT	She was honest with me.
SS	I guess sometimes that make things worse, right? Why were you down there that night? Here's what I think, and I don't know but from meeting you, and talking with you I don't think that it was actually something that you had planned, I think it was more of a moment thing, you know, how you felt at the moment, is that true?
CT	Before I even say anything else, I'm saying can I…
SS	Yeah.
CT	Can I just have one of them officers, I'm saying sergeants or somebody to um I'm saying, I'm saying I'm a, I'm a take a couple minute recess to see sergeant and let me step out smoke a cigarette quick.
SS	Sure.

CT	And I be ri, right back
SS	Absolutely. He needs to um smoke a cigarette. I, I really need to let him do that if there is anyway you can do that please. I mean I can talk to to the warden do that if possible. (Craig Taylor was allowed to go out on break to smoke a cigarette)
SS	Don't react cause these guards are going to in the thing, I mean, react like
GW	I'm not overreacting [inaudible] occasionally I'm not doing any facial [inaudible]--
SS	--Oh no I'm not getting on you or anything, no I don't do that, Grace holy shit.
GW	I think you just got it [whisper]--
SS	Craig Taylor has gone out to smoke a cigarette and we're gonna resume this interview when he comes back inside.
SS	Thank you very much I appreciate that, you making me want to start smoking again coming back in here smelling like that
CT	Huh?
SS	You making me want to smoke again coming back in here smelling like that. So what you said it wasn't a rape um you no one else was involved?
CT	Nope.
SS	Can you tell me why you were in that area, you, why, how got there or
CT	How, yeah, how do people saying possessed, stalker, I want a keep the eye on, and following.
SS	Did you know that Greg and Johnny were around? Had you seen that white Pathfinder?
CT	Yeah I see the white I, I seen the Pathfinder, Cherokee all I know it was white.
SS	White vehicle.
CT	People were just trying to get out of the way at that particular time
SS	What happened?
CT	Some gun shots, [10 sec pause] um she was shot twice I'm saying realize I'm saying, people heard the gun shots and left, left the scene came back to where everybody was at like nothing never happened.
SS	Mr. Taylor how did you kill the victim?
CT	[17 sec pause] 2 gunshots to the head
SS	What side of the head did it hit her on?

CT	The right side.
SS	Did you hit her with your hands?
CT	If you call it that.
SS	[37 sec pause] What are you doing right now?
CT	What do you mean?
SS	You and I both know Jacquetta Thomas did not die from 2 gunshots to the head. Look at me for a second, don't bullshit me okay? Alright I'm asking you that I've been fair with you, I've been honest with you from the get go, I'm not trying to trick you, I've not tried to lie to you, in fact what I am trying to do is figure out if the two men in prison are wrongfully in prison for something they didn't do. Now Jacquetta Thomas did not die from 2 gunshots to the head. If you, if you want to now at this point say that you weren't involved that's one thing okay? You don't, you can do that, but you don't have to try to change the story to something that is not. Craig, you know what it's like to be in prison. You've been in prison for 6 years. How would you feel about being in prison for 18 years for something you didn't do? Now I know you know more than you are telling me, and I know you were involved but I don't know why you would come back in here and say that. Just be honest, look at me and say you know what, I'm not telling you anything if that's how it is. Don't say that okay?
CT	What I told you earlier, that I'm not gonna say anything I'm saying I'm saying til you I'm saying I have an attorney, I'm saying everybody it'll be all at once we can bring everything out but
SS	Alright, well I can tell you what's gonna happen is they're gonna go back and they're gonna test your DNA, and if it does match they there will be no attorney there will be an arrest and there'll be a prosecution and the other two will get out and if it doesn't match then I'm sure I will have to come back at some point and talk to you but I can't get you an attorney at this point without you being honest and I'm sure you can seek your own attorney in some way
CT	[52 sec pause] Then run the DNA, y'all be back.
SS	Then tell me what happened, if I'm gonna be back, if I'm gonna be back and I am going to charge you with murder, tell me what happened so that I can say you were being honest about it. And don't, don't have people come back here and charge you with murder and not know what happened. What happened in between the time that you're sitting here talking to me an being honest person and the time that you walk outside? 'Cause what's happening is with you, it's not with me. I haven't done anything differently with you. I told you the truth I've been honest with you and I told you I will do what ever I can to go to them and say that you're being straight up about this crime. But you'd rather we run the DNA have it match you, or not, I mean I have no idea and me

	take this interview to the police department and have them charge you with other murders. I know that you'd like to tell me that you didn't give me enough information about the murders that you were involved in but you actually did, if you would like us to read it back to you I will be happy to. Do you understand that? One of them, I have a conscience about it was some area on Lenoir St. around the same time same month two to three weeks earlier it was an older man he might have been homeless I don't know where he came from. I thought that maybe he stole my drugs, I beat him down with my hands, I didn't use a weapon, I didn't use a knife, I didn't use a gun but I didn't know that the man was dead it wasn't until I saw the yellow tape, he wasn't the one who stole the drugs. Do you think if I go to Wake County Police Department today with that information and tell them to look it up that they won't find it? But I didn't do this, I didn't make those threats to you. I didn't tell you, hey look you know what I got you for one murder I don't need you for another one. I told you be straight up with me and I will go and I will tell them that you confessed to this murder and I will tell them what you said.
CT	[39 second pause] Basically was you want me to say, say I beat, I beat her with my hands saying, saying I strangled her, is that what you want me to say?
SS	I want you to say what happened, I don't want you to lie. I if you didn't do this don't say you did, please don't do that, I would don't want it on my conscience that another innocent person could go to prison. If you did this I want you to tell me what happened tell me where you were that night, how where she died, why you killed here, how you killed her that's all. [12 second pause] Yeah I mean I'll sit here as long as you want, and I'll make you as many promises as I can make but I am not gonna lie to you. And in this, where we are right now I only have so much power, you have to understand that, there's only so much that I can do, the only thing I can do for you is go back and say look this is a straight shooter and this is exactly what happened, and what I can say is that's gonna go a lot easier on you than them finding DNA that matches you and have to do a full investigation into it again. So its up to you I mean, I know last time we talked to you when we were leaving you said that you wanted to take your chances with the DNA, I've had people do that before. I'll tell you I've never seen it work, there was a time when it did work because people could only get blood and semen now when they can get you know skin cells off of you it just doesn't work anymore. [13 second pause] Were you mad at her?
CT	[17 second pause]Yeah, of course, I was upset, but saying but still saying, y'all know saying that after you know something saying because for simple fact saying like I said ain't nobody else know what I'm saying, she was not raped so I mean, I wan--

SS	Well, let me tell you this, let me tell you something positive for once, if she was not raped which I, I believe you that's a good thing, okay that's not first degree rape and first degree murder and I will as I've said, the DNA on the semen comes back, I will make sure it does not match you and that you did not rape her. Can you tell me why you killed her?
CT	[22 second pause] I will say this much right here and I'm a and I'm a let, I'm let this here rest after I say this right here. Some people saying, you don't, you have no control of who you catch feelings for, why you catch feelings, feelings are very, are uncontrollable.
SS	That's for sure.
CT	And, and, and how many, how rare is it for someone to catch feelings for a crackhead, a prostitute, trick however you want to call it.
SS	Yeah.
CT	Things happen, but.
SS	Well I agree with you, you can't control who you have feelings for can you, if we could we'd all find the perfect person and, as you said, it certainly wouldn't be someone who smoked crack and you know turn tricks for crack. Did you try talking to her about that life? I mean from what I understand she was, she was trying to turn things around. She was wanting her kids back, you know, she was doing better, so what made you angry? Was it just not enough? Did you know that she had a boyfriend at that time?
CT	Somewhat, I did not know too much about him.
SS	She had a boyfriend at the time who ah lived with his girlfriend so the, the guy had another girlfriend that he lived with but he began seeing her.
CT	I didn't know all that.
SS	[12-second pause] Was it over the boyfriend?
CT	[11-second pause] It played a little role, not no major role.
SS	Was it over the drugs?
CT	It was a lot, I'm saying, between the dudes, boyf, so you say boyfriend--
SS	--Maybe that's the wrong term, male friend--
CT	--Oth, othe, other, other johns what ever you want call it.
SS	Yeah.
CT	Tricks, I'm saying it was a lot it, it, it goes beyond. Some things so deep, I'm saying, you can't explain it your own self, um it just can't pinpoint I'm saying, okay, where as the depth of the situation that's a problem nah ah too much was going on at the time to actually say this is the reason why.
SS	Where did she die at? [15 second pause] Where, go, you. Why, why didn't you rape her? Was it not really about that or why, I mean if you were angry at the time, did she refuse to have sex with you or were you just, was it

	not even about that?
CT	Not that she was trying to get away.
SS	From you, do you think she cared for you?
CT	The way I see it don't know as you said anybody you can't have feelings...
SS	Yeah.
CT	For no one individual, just only for the drugs the high.
SS	You think that she used you in some ways?
CT	To a little certain degree.
SS	Did that make you mad?
CT	Huh?
SS	Did that make you mad?
CT	I mean if anybody using me it's gonna make me mad.
SS	Me too. [5 sec pause] Did you plan this or was this just a moment?
CT	No, weren't no moment thing you trying to get me to say something to you--
SS	--I guess I'm wondering, you're saying to me she was trying to get away, why didn't you just let her get away you know?
CT	Well, you seen a lot of cases, I'm saying, when victims, I'm saying, trying the wives, or oe so called girlfriends trying to get away from abusive, abusive relationship, trying to escape it but the, but the dudes ain't, ain't, ain't, ain't allowing it and you get more rage and violent
SS	But you told me yourself you weren't really that way, I mean you said, yeah there were a couple of girls you know that you got out of control with, but overall you weren't that way.
CT	No, I got a split personality, no, no waan't like that. [10 sec pause] I mean it's, I mean it's like you say you know, I'm saying you get a conviction, I'm saying, or federal either or its gonna happen.
SS	Right.
CT	I just don't feel too comfortable, I'm saying, going into a whole lot of details without what I, how they call it, incriminate myself like, I'm saying, me personally I feel comfortable, I'm saying, if I got someone, I'm saying, that's either close to me or some representing me, I feel comfortable, but to just sit out here and just spill all kinds of beans, I'm saying, about.
SS	Sir I hate, you've already spilled all kinds of beans, you've told me there was no one else involved, you told me she wasn't raped no one but the person who was involved in this murder would know she wasn't raped. I, as I've said, I have enough to go before a judge and get DNA testing right now, you know, not to wait three weeks but to get it today, you've told me about other murders you were involved in, you told me about other assaults you were involved in. If I were trying to screw you over I, I could have left twenty minutes ago, an hour ago, because I have enough. That's not my job, my job is not to screw you over

CT	As many tings [things] I say you're writing them down, its on the recorder, I mean that's more, that's a, a that's more a, a then if I do happen to get a, happen to get an attorney to represent me and say why you say this and say all that and say that. I mean I ain't no a dummy, I mean I'm a, a long way from being a dummy, I ain't the smartest person in the world, but I know what I'm saying and what I'm going against. I'm not going up again, I'm not going up against no drug charges, no assault charges. Certain tings [things] I say I can handle on my own, I can't go into this case saying like that there, so I mean it's like I said, saying you get the judge, I'm saying, to go head saying present that to the judge, or, I'm saying, come back say get me attorney, saying, we sit down and have talk and handle it the legal way without going through DNA but if you want to go through DNA.
SS	I don't have any choice, that choice isn't up to me. If I go back and tell them about this interview, they're gonna say two things, they're gonna say, did you get a confession and do we need to rush the DNA, those are the two things they're going to ask me. If you want I'll turn the recorder off and I'll stop writing and Grace will stop writing if that will make you more comfortable, I'll I…
CT	Y'all, y'all are smart you can remember things, y'all is long way from being, being dumb as a box of rocks. I'm saying, and y'all very well educated, plus you do your homework so I done peeped that so I'm sitting in a no win situation
SS	You are in a no win situation as far as murder okay, you're in a no win situation, if the DNA matches you, you're screwed, if it doesn't match you, you're screwed. The only way that, that you can help yourself right now is to be a straight up person and tell me what happened so that I can go to bat with you and say that you've been honest about what happened.
CT	[32 second pause] I'll take my chances take me in front of the judge, cause I got to have someone that I can talk to and if I can't get that
SS	[26 second pause] So knowing that I'm going to leave here and I'm gonna call the Wake County Police Department and I'm going to tell them about that man, knowing that you're still not willing to be honest with me, don't make me treat you like this, don't make me be the bad guy here.
CT	You're just doing your job.
SS	You don't deserve this.
CT	[17 second pause] I mean the Wake County Police Department gonna find out regardless, one way or another, I mean, you got it on the recorder, got it written down, so that's another one and another one after that cause I mean so.

SS	Guess what my Commission is interested in, my Commission interested in whether or not my people…
CT	I didn't do it I tell you that much…
SS	Did you do it, did you? 'Cause I have no idea anymore. You don't seem like maybe the, what most people would consider, the nicest person in the world but you do seem very moral, you do seem very honest, you seem very true. So it is hard for me to believe, to be honest with you that you would let someone sit in prison for 18 years, 'Cause that just doesn't really seem like you, yeah if they screw you over, you gonna get them back, I hear that, but it doesn't seem like you would let someone take the fall for something you did, it really doesn't.
CT	They should have never moved the body, for what reason, don't know.
SS	You think Greg and Johnny moved the body?
CT	Why else would the police be saying they looking for the white, I'm saying, the white Cherokee, white Pathfinder, white Chero, yo, why would you think they would be looking for that?
SS	We've gone through the entire vehicle, all of his clothing, all of her clothing, there is no fiber comparison, there's no hair comparison, there's no blood, there's absolutely no biological link between the victim and Greg Taylor and Johnny Beck whatsoever. That type of testing wasn't available at that time, so if you think that Johnny and Greg moved the body, they didn't. Do you know where she was found, I mean did the police tell you that?
CT	Where she was from?
SS	Where she was found, where her body was found did the police tell you that because that, it's real easy for me to figure out if someone moved the body or not you tell me where you last left her and I'll tell you where the body was and we'll see if she's moved. Did they tell you that, I mean if you want, I can look at the police interview and you can. [looking through papers] They told you so you know where she was found at, don't you?
CT	[15 second pause] I can't say anything else, run my DNA.
SS	Actually what I'm going to ask you to do is I'm gonna get one of the guards to come and take you over there for a little while, while I call the Executive Director and tell her about the other information and then I'll talk to you before I leave. You can stop this. Can you take him jus, just out for a lit few minutes; I need to make a call and ah talk to my boss about something and then ah just for a couple of minutes. [Break to call KB]
SS	So one thing I wondered about is why you thought they moved the body, because the moment you said that you know it just didn't make sense to me, but you were told they found blood in the

	Pathfinder weren't you? You were? who told you that the cops?
CT	Ain't gonna say, saying they ain't say come out straight out of his mouth, I'm saying, but from what the pictures, saying, from the body, saying, from the pictures seen like inside.
SS	That's what it looed like. But why would Johnny and Greg move somebody that you've killed?
CT	[16 second pause] is that a question.
SS	Well, I can answer that for you, they didn't. um, whatever you were told or whatever you saw, ah, you know what, whatever you were lead to believe, like I've said they tested the Pathfinder, there's no DNA, there's no blood, um I can tell you that at that time they were using something called Luminol which tests for blood, it also tests for several other things and there was a positive test so they never confirmed it, in other words what they thought was blood was not fully tested and it was not blood. Were you concerned when the cops came to question you the next morning?
CT	[10 second pause] To a certain degree yeah, but they were able to show me, saying, you know, saying, I might had said anything but nobody came forward.
SS	No one saw you or you didn't think nobody saw you?
CT	Didn't think nobody did.
SS	I mean when they came to start showing you pictures of other people, I mean that's gotta be good right?
CT	As I was told.
SS	Did you really see Johnny and Greg that night at all, ever? I mean that's a fair question for you to answer, you know, that doesn't implicate or hurt you, I'm just asking if you ever did really see Greg or Johnny or that white Pathfinder that night?
CT	Once again I know who I sold to, I know who was wit her.
SS	So you're saying that you really did sell to Johnny and Jacquetta at one time?
CT	I sold it to her.
SS	To her, but Johnny was there?
CT	He was there because that was where the money came from, 50 dollars, two twenty dollar bills and a ten.
SS	Did you follow them? [10 sec pause] Jacquetta wasn't in that car Johnny, with Johnny, she wasn't in that car with Johnny, you didn't see her in the car with Johnny, right?
CT	[12 second pause] All I know is they left, he left, saying, I don't recall, saying, who, who got in it, they left.
SS	You saw them, you saw the Pathfinder and you saw them all leave, or be gone, they were gone. So did you follow them, did you just end up in the same place they were? [10 sec pause] Do you, and be totally honest, do you care if they got convicted of a murder they didn't do, and its okay if you don't, but do you?
CT	Yeah, I care but what I'm like, I'm saying I, I don't like, I said let,

	like I said, let them do the work, what they get paid for, let them do their job. I'm saying y'all doing a good job.
SS	18 years later, Craig, 18 years later, I can't, we can't even if, even if we get them out of prison, we can't give them back 18 years of their life! How is anyone doing a good job? You know how corrupt and dirty cops are, okay, I know you know that, you didn't sell drugs on the street not knowing that, so I can't undo what's been done to them, I can't even make it right, because you won't help
CT	Well, the DNA is gonna help it.
SS	If you think the DNA is going to match you then why would you not tell me what happened, are you just kind of taking a chance on it or do you know that the DNA isn't going to match you? 'Cause one or two things are happening right now, either you really don't know if the DNA is going to match you, you're totally fucking with me and you don't know anything about the murder at all or you know the DNA is gonna match you, you feel like it doesn't matter if you tell me what happened and you feel like Greg and Johnny will be okay.
CT	[22 second pause] You see the fucking with part, saying it ain't a, a way out of pitch 'cause I don't know if too many people, I'm saying, is in the right frame of mind, even if they in the wrong frame of mind, that's going to want to confess.
SS	Okay, so you're not fucking with me, well then that's progress, right?
CT	I just keep telling, I'm saying, is'ya, is'ya, if y'all saying you want full cooperation, I'm saying, I done told you I'm saying how, how I'm going to operate if not the DNA do what you got to do, con, convince me charges then so be it.
SS	If the DNA matches you and I come back here showing the report that matches you will you change, will you talk to me?
CT	Yeah, I still want me attorney, my attorney.
SS	Craig, will you just do one thing to help them, one thing so that I can get this moving, tell me something that no one else would know. [48 second pause] Tell me what she had on, tell me where you touched her, tell me where you hit her, tell me where she was anything like that, it doesn't have to be, you know, just anything you can think of. [12 second pause] You know we have Newport cigarettes there at the crime scene but the problem with that is everyone, every single person I've talked to smoked Newports back then so you know we're getting those tested too its just that smoking Newports doesn't make you a criminal, apparently, 'cause everyone smoked them.
CT	I smoke Newport 100's.
SS	Craig, why did you come back in here and tell me that you shot her?
CT	To wait out there.

SS	Why? Do you not know, honestly, do you not know how she died because you didn't do it, or you don't remember because you've done too many other things, or were you just messing with me? Why would you say that? Do you know how she died? You just, you don't have to say where it was, yes or no, do you know how she died?
CT	Of course I do.
SS	[15 second pause]Well, it wasn't by two gunshot wounds was it? Was it? Have you had any calls since you been in here, since I'm sorry, not since you been in here, since I came to see you the other day?
CT	Uh huh. [yes]
SS	Who did you call?
CT	Some of my family members.
SS	Did you tell them about my visit?
CT	Uh huh. [yes]
SS	Did you tell them anything else 'cause I'm gonna have to subpoena those phone calls. Did you tell them you weren't involved?
CT	No, I didn't give all the details when all the phones are recorded.
SS	Well you know that.
CT	Alright so I know what to say and what not, not to say.
SS	Okay that's all I need to know. [40 second pause] alright I am gonna leave you. I have no choice but to turn over that information to the Wake County Police Department, Sheriffs Department. If there is something you want to change or say?
CT	[10-second pause] Uh hum [23-second pause] What I don't understand how y'all get so close and bout ready to blow the whole situation.
SS	How would I blow the whole situation? You're, let me be real honest with you ,Craig, right now you're blowing the whole situation okay. I'm trying to take the whole situation as you're saying, back to them in prison and you know hey Commission this is what's happening in this case right now I have no choice but to turn over what you told me. You're not giving me anything on Jacquetta's murder. You're telling me you're the only one involved but you won't tell me what you did, you told me she was shot twice, you told me you did see her with Johnny that night, I know that you don't believe me but I want to help you I don't have any reason. I, you know I don't know why I want to help you because I'm going to be honest with you, you're not the nicest person I've ever met in my life, okay? But I think it's just a bad situation, I don't think you're a bad person, I think something happened that night that I don't think you planned, I think you have a bad temper and I think you've made some mistakes but is certainly don't like coming forward and saying hey look at all the murders this guy has

	committed, I just want to solve mine, I just want someone who didn't do this to get their life back.
CT	He getting ready to. Whether from your end, or from the police I'm saying you say turn it in report that to the other one, it's all gonna come out regardless as how ever way turn in, so it all will be set forth.
SS	If its all gonna be come out anyway, why can't it come out your way, your words what really happened? Not what some cop thinks happened, not what some judge thought happened, but what really happened. Isn't there any part of you that wants what really happened to be real, to be true? You know I hear people in the courtrooms all the time and they come up with all these theories you know the way that they think something happened, the way that they think someone felt but they don't ever really know they're just out there telling a story and they're telling a story that sounds good. But you know who knows? The people who were involved those are the people who know how they feel, who know what they did, what they said, how it felt and that is what makes a difference that's what makes people be forgiven, that's what makes prosecutors not seek the death penalty to know what a real person is thinking not just come up with a story of a cold hearted murderer and you know you can tell me all the stories you want, I don't believe you don't care. Not some what. And I really don't believe that you want your story to come out like this, I really don't believe that you want DNA to match you and then a year a man get out of prison after 18 years. Isn't there any part of you that would feel better about being straight up and getting that man out and yes the DNA matching but getting that man out because you're and honest person? You told me yourself you won't lie for a crime, you won't say you committed a crime you didn't commit and you won't lie for someone else. You know this isn't about anything but you telling the truth to help people who didn't do something and that's what I want the world to know about, I don't want them to know DNA matched someone else in prison and now they're going to be charged. I want the world to know that you wanted to come forward and say look this is what happened. [10 sec pause] You know I have a ton, hundred thousand flaws about me, but the one thing that I never give up on is people and its so hard for me to walk out of here, it is, its hard for me to walk out of here and know that I am gonna have to get them to move forward this way and that I cant help you any other way. I don't want that to be true it feels like a great big failure and I don't, I don't want it to be true.
CT	[2minute 48 sec pause] go ahead and get them to order
SS	I'm sorry what did you say?
CT	Lets go ahead and get the order, I'm saying cause y'all not saying I

	watched too much TV, I'm saying court TV's all this and that and all people saying sit this right here there, I mean let's go ahead and get the DNA then.
SS	This will conclude the interview with Craig Taylor.

Craig Taylor Interview 3 on June 2 2009 (CT)

- **Sharon Stellato, Staff Investigator (SS)**
- **Grace Wallace, Case Manager (GW)**

SS	We are here today on 6-2-2009, about 2:25 starting an interview with Craig Taylor.
SS/GW	SS and GW whisper [inaudible]
SS	Hi Craig.
CT	Hey.
SS	How are you?
CT	All right.
SS	You got a haircut!
CT	Uh huh.
SS	Well, we're back to spend a some quality time with you again, are you a little bit happy to see me?
CT	Not really.
SS	[laughing] Well that's honest. Uh, let me just start by saying, I talked to my Executive Director yesterday; uh she's basically giving me 24 hours. When we last met with you, we went back, typed up different things into a report, played the tape, uh Raleigh Police Department is chomping up a bit to find out who you are right now, I actually refuse to tell them your name, uh they do believe that they have enough to charge you with some other crimes. I'm not familiar with the whole extent of that uh all I've said is that my involvement is with Jacq-Jacquetta Thomas and everything else is not my, not my place, but my Executive Director is going to the judge tomorrow uh she's already talked to them a few times. The judge is the Commissioner of a group, so though she has already talked to him a few times, and he is willing to go ahead uh and sign a different set of orders and to turn over the information to the police department. They did find DNA uh on Jacquetta clothing, and we can talk about that in-depth a little later but I'm hoping today that you'll talk to me about her murder and we can move forward in this case. I told my Executive Director I completely willing to testify for you at trial. I will make sure that they don't give you the death penalty, I'll be a mitigating factor, I'll come in there and tell them that you been honest, you know that you came forward about 2 people who were innocent had been in prison for 18 years, that you tried to help them and that you've been straight forward. If you don't do those things, I can't testify for you. So let just let you think about that and start with a few questions that I have, uh, are you right handed or left-handed?
CT	Both
SS	Both, which hand do you write with? Your right hand, okay, uh do

	you remember back in 1991 what car you had, if you had one?
CT	1991, it was a 89' 5.0 Mustang.
SS	A 89' Mustang? Have you ever owned a Cherokee, a Jeep Cherokee?
CT	Not owned.
SS	Have you ever driven one?
CT	Several.
SS	When you, when you say not owned but you've driven one, are those like friends of yours, or people, uh acquaintances?
CT	People I know.
SS	Do you know if you were driving one around that time?
CT	Not. Nope not that particular night.
SS	Okay, do you know what you were driving that particular night?
CT	Yeah, 5.0
SS	The Mustang, okay. When I was talked to you, uh and you said the police came to interview you--
CT	--Uh huh.
SS	--and you know they had the little pad, and they wrote down some things, do you know when that was? Do you know if it was the next day?
CT	Nah, it was the same day. I mean anything after 12 o'clock is--
SS	12--
CT	--is the same day to me.
SS	12 o'clock in the afternoon?
CT	12 o'clock at night, midnight, so I consider that's a, that's another day, that's the same day.
SS	So what time would did they talk to you, would you guess?
CT	The sun had came up, so I don't know 6 something, close to 7 something, I don't know.
SS	Okay, do you know someone name uh, Barbara Ray?
CT	Huh.
SS	Do you know a woman name Barbara Ray?
CT	Just little bits and pieces of nothing-nothing-nothing personal.
SS	You hadn't had relations with her?
CT	Uh uhn.
SS	You sold her drugs?
CT	Maybe 1 or 2 times, 2 times that was that.
SS	Would you categorize your relationship with her friendly?
CT	I didn't have no problems with her, so.
SS	Do you know a guy name George Murray? No.
CT	No.
SS	Did you have a pager uh in 1991?
CT	Uh huh.
SS	And do you remember when you would sell drugs at the locations that we talked about, would you, I know you just said that night you

	were driving your car but on normal average night would you drive from location to location or would you walk?
CT	If it's in a, maybe 5 -6 -7 blocks, maybe 10 blocks, I might walk.
SS	So, just kind of, depending on how far it was? So if someone said that they uh, saw you walking that could be accurate.
CT	Yeah.
SS	Did you uh, know uh Lynette Perry?
CT	[chuckle] uh where, where y'all get all these names from?
SS	Well since I talked to you last week, I've actually done 22 interviews so I will tell you that you can sit back and relax because today is going to be a long day. I feel like we haven't even really got to good stuff yet. So let me ask you again, did you know Lynette Perry?
CT	Yeah, I know her too.
SS	Did you have a sexual relationship with her?
CT	When you say sexual relation, I mean that's not uh just say, uh how can I put it. I mean y'all wasn't one of those hoe though, if that's what you saying, talking about, sexual relationship. On an occasion.
SS	Okay, when I say sexual relationship let me just go ahead and define that for you because I think it will come up again. I mean did you ever have sex with that person, so I am not trying to make into you know a boyfriend, girlfriend, dating or whatever, but just did you have sex with Lynette Perry?
CT	About 3 times.
SS	Did you often have sex with people for in a, did, well let me see, did you often exchange drugs in order to have sex with people or did they?
CT	They.
SS	They did? So for example if one of those people came up to you and, and didn't have any money, I'm assuming that they would offer you sex in exchange for the drugs?
CT	They would, but I don't just jump into everything, I'm saying, I have my picks. They got to have some type of, I'm a butt man, however you want to call it, what I'm saying, they have to have something that excites' me, and looking all smoked out, is just not gonna get it, with me.
SS	Okay, do you know Sharon Ricks?
CT	Not by the last name, I know several, plenty of Sharon's.
SS	You know several Sharon's but not sure about that one.
CT	No, not by the last name. The only Sharon I know by the last name is Sharon Cruz. Sh- Sharon, I can't remember the other one, but I know ah-ah- that's the only Sharon, what I'm saying right now I can remember, and I know the rest of the Sharon's by last name.
SS	I asked you the first time that I came here if you knew James Geist, and you told me you did not, do you want to change that answer?
CT	[Chuckle] You do your homework don't you?

SS	If I mean if you don't know him, and if you're still standing by you don't know him, but I'm just asking if you--
CT	--See the thing with me , I may say I know you, then if I see you then I say, okay yeah I know you.
SS	Sure that's fair you might not know someone name.
CT	So unless he has a street name--
SS	--Uh huh.
CT	--and I am familiar with it, but right now I am sticking with, I don't know no James Geist, but if I see the face then that might change.
SS	Okay, well let me show you his face and just see if that jogs anything for you. [shows James Gist picture]
CT	Oh yeah I know him.
SS	How--
CT	--but I don't know him by no, by no James Geist.
SS	How do you know him?
CT	From hustling.
SS	You know Michelle Austin?
CT	One of my, one my ex.
SS	You know her through one of your ex.'s
CT	No, she was one of my ex.
SS	Michelle was one of your ex.'s?
CT	Michelle Austin and her sister, Taneka Austin.
SS	You have a son with Taneka?
CT	Yes I do.
SS	You seen him?
CT	I saw him one time and that was when, when I was staying on Millburnen.
SS	Uh huh.
CT	And she told me when I was on the CAT, I decided to take a ride on the CAT bus for that day, and she happened to got on the same bus with him and I looked at him and he looked at me and she tells me, she say look, you know something I been trying to tell you for the past, for the past years, but I didn't, I wasn't sure because she was dealing with someone else at the time, the time me and her were together and she was saying that the baby could possibility be mines but the DNA test showed that it wasn't the other guy, and the people on the bus was saying that's my son right there 'cause we looked a like and that was the last time I seen him.
SS	When was that?
CT	2000, 2000, 2003.
SS	So he was older?
CT	He, he, he was, he's older I'm saying, he was uh, let's see my daughter, my Jena born she 17, she be 18 this year, they around the same age. He was about 11 or 12, bout 11, bout 11 or 12 then, if I'm not mistaken.

SS	And that's the only time you've ever seen him?
CT	Due to the fact, yeah, due to the fact 'cause she was involved, with some other guy, and she didn't want me and him to cross paths so and we, she say uh, she already knew where I stayed at and I said look you make arrangements you know what I'm saying he more than welcome to come by here, and it was hard for her to get away from that dude.
SS	Did James ever tell you that Taneka had a little boy and that he was yours?
CT	No, he never told me.
SS	He's never told you that? Did you ever confront Taneka when the little boy was first born and you asked to see him, and she told you he wasn't yours, based on the color of your skin, and the color of his skin, did she say that?
CT	If my memory serve me correctly somewhere, some, something like that, if that. But I did approach her, but this was before she went and delivered but I always felt like she was pregnant by me, because of my symptoms that I was having, but I weren't for sure.
SS	Why do you say that?
CT	Because I wasn't the only one, the only person she was messing around with.
SS	No, no, I mean why do you say that you always felt that she was pregnant because of the symptoms you were having?
CT	You know how, how the thing is, I'm saying with a guy, they saying, the guy stop getting sleep, I'm saying, sleeplessness, some, little old. Little old symptoms male's symptoms get, I'm saying when a man get a woman pregnant.
SS	How many children do you have?
CT	Now that's a good question.
SS	Isn't it because I can't tell.
CT	I can't either. I know its too dang many that some of them I haven't even seen, all I can do is calculate the females I been with and the numbers are so large I'm saying and its sad that its like that, 'cause I don't know all my kids, I don't even know if they're boys or girls. I know I got a twin out there that's in the military, they got snatched up by Social Service and some family in New Jersey adopted them and…
SS	Did you know that your son with Taneka is in prison for murder?
CT	That I don't know, I didn't know. We don't keep in contact like that really, I don't, I don't even matter fact, Taneka don't even know that I am locked up unless "yall done talked to her and told her I was locked up, that's the only way she know I'm locked up.
SS	How is it that you had a relationship with the 2 sisters, with Michelle and Taneka?
CT	With Michelle it was early on in the year's way before, it weren't no boyfriend, girlfriend intimate sexual relationship, she do what

	she wanted to do and I do what I want do. Then she finally found somebody, then I end up met her sister down on the block and she called it back in the early 80's on D street where everybody hang out at, met her at the club down there and then I found out that's her sister and that was it.
SS	Were they upset?
CT	No she wasn't upset, not Michelle wasn't.
SS	How many times would you say if you can remember that you had sex with Taneka?
CT	About 7.
SS	Uh, so, if Taneka said one would that be not accurate?
CT	No that isn't accurate; I can tell you the times whe-when we did things, 'cause the first time when I was staying on, right on the corner of Jones and Swain St., it was there. Then in Halifax court that was the second one, then at the motel at the one off, the cheap hotel it was the Kings motel, which is the one across fromWalnut Terrace by the dog putrina [Purina] dog, putrina [Purina] dog chow place, what ever you want to call it a cheap motel.
SS	Uh, when Michelle found someone do you know who that is?
CT	No.
SS	You have no idea?
CT	No, I suppose to know this person? [show a picture] He wasn't with her I'm saying at the time, no.
SS	Michelle's been with James since 1988.
CT	Ok, that was in '88, me and her was in '86.
SS	Michelle would had been 14.
CT	And I weren't that old myself.
SS	Did you, so you, have you known over the years that Michelle was with James, did you ever know that?
CT	What do you mean?
SS	Do you know that they've ever had been together?
CT	Oh, saying now yeah.
SS	That they had been together since 1988?
CT	No, I don't know about no '88 but I know they, they been together a long period of time, and I thought they had got married by then.
SS	Did you know that James was cheating on Michelle?
CT	If he did I didn't know anything about it.
SS	So if I told you that James and Jacquetta were together you wouldn't know anything about that? You had no idea that during the 6 months before Jacquetta was killed she was in a relationship with James and that they were leaving the state together?
CT	That's new to me.
SS	You didn't know that she was in love with him?
CT	See now that, now what I'm saying the trickery stuff is coming in at now.

SS	How so? How am I tricking you Craig when I ask you a question that I am trying to find out the truth about?
CT	Because James,
SS	Uh huh.
CT	Cheating,
SS	Uh huh.
CT	Jacquetta,
SS	Uh huh.
CT	Me,
SS	Uh huh.
CT	She got feelings for him,
SS	Uh huh.
CT	And I suppose to have none for me.
SS	Uh huh.
CT	is what you saying and, and, and
SS	Oh no, I am not saying that, I'm saying, I actually don't know who Jacquetta had feelings from, for. What I know is what I have seen you know the cards that she's written to James, the relationship that she says they have, the relationship that you told me that you had for her. The only feelings that I know of for sure is that Jacquetta was in love with James. I don't know what her feelings were for you, and I don't know, to be honest. James, I think from what he says was in love with Michelle and in love with Jacquetta, so I don't really know what more I can say about people feelings. I mean feelings are feelings you can't, I mean its been 20 years I don't know how much he remembers about what he felt, or how much he would really tell me, uh, I just find it really ironic that the 4 of you were in this place, but it seems like none of you really knew about each other. James didn't know about you, you didn't know about James, Michelle knew about Jacquetta, Jacquetta knew about Michelle, so, let me ask you one more time did you care about Jacquetta? Because when I gone back to talk to all these people in the last week, I mean you were such a playboy, you had a lot of women, women loved you no doubt about it and--
CT	--, [chuckle] Hold, hold, hold up, alright-go head, go head, go head.
SS	And its hard for me to hear from all these women the kind of relationships you had for them because it doesn't seem, like you had feelings for any of them and I don't know if you had feelings for Jacquetta.
CT	Like I explained to you one time before, I said, something's in life we don't, we don't have control over. You can't control who you catch feelings for, I mean, yeah the majority of females, I tell them what they want to hear, get what I want and I'm gone and done with it, but its always someone that you gonna meet, deal with and catch feelings.
SS	Why was she different?

CT	[inaudible] I don't know.
SS	I mean when I've talked to you about her you haven't said too many good things about her, you have said some bad things about her, but why would you have feelings for a person if you can't tell me where they came from. Where there good things about her, I mean was she attractive, was she a nice person?
CT	Beauty, beauty is in the eyes of the behold, a person can be beautiful on the outside and, and be the ugliest on the inside. I mean its something about her, its hard to pinpoint, what was the cause, what made me feel the way I felt, I don't know, I just don't know. There are some people that I talked to before I ain't, I ain't never been to bed with 'em.
SS	Did you ever tell her how you felt?
CT	No.
SS	Do you think she knew maybe by the way you reacted?
CT	She should of known by, by my reactions, I don't know. I ain't never told her in a way that she would know.
SS	But you kind of acted like maybe you were interested?
CT	To a certain degree.
SS	Why didn't you ever tell her?
CT	"cause like you said, I wasn't ready for not, a one woman's man however you want to call it, I got to have my cake and ice cream and eat it to.
SS	So you weren't a one-woman kind of guy?
CT	No, I mean some part of me saying, I'm saying I want to settle down and be with one and be committed, but I was lying to myself because I didn't' know how to be committed to just one.
SS	What reactions would you give to Jacquetta that you think should have kind of told her that you had some feelings for her?
CT	The way I treat her kids even though they not mine they somebody else's. Things like that spend a little time with 'em.
SS	[inaudible]
CT	I mean I spent more time with them, than I hardly ever I'm saying spent with her that's during the time she was staying at Halifax Court. I do have a heart for kids and that's never gonna' change.
SS	You know what's hard for me to believe that you spent that time with her kids and that you cared for them but that you would of taking her from them, I just can't really see you doing that. When I think about you, as you been on my mind here a lot lately, spend a lot of time thinking about you. I still can't seem to get that you're this guy, this bad guy that you sound like.
CT	I suppose to sound like; I suppose to sound like a bad guy.
SS	Well, I mean the last time--
CT	--What does a bad guy sound like?
SS	The last time I was here you talked about people you hurt, people

	that you had killed.
CT	I mean, I don't know.
SS	Have you thought about her 4 kids.
CT	Be honest with you, I think about it everyday,just wish it would go back to that day.
SS	When I was here last time, you told me that you did not rape Jacquetta that night.
CT	Stand by it 100%.
SS	Did you have sex with her that night?
CT	I kept it, nah, uh uhn.
SS	You did not have sex with her that night?
CT	Not that night.
SS	Did you try to have sex with her that night.
CT	I would have had.
SS	If things hadn't gone different?
CT	If she didn't, if she didn't, didn't have Johnny with her.
SS	Lets talk a little about Johnny, you told me that you were in jail after Johnny had got charged with the murder and that you jumped on Johnny and beat him up.
CT	Uh huh.
SS	Do you want to change that?
CT	Can't change what happened.
SS	You know what I cannot stand when you lie to me, because when I am trying to help someone, and when I actually care about them and I'm putting myself on the line for someone and you look at me and you lie to me it does piss me off. You don't have to tell me everything; you just can't lie to me, because you do owe me that.
CT	So I got to lie, I'm saying about jumping on him, I'm saying in the jail.
SS	You and Johnny weren't even in the jail together, you never jumped on Johnny.
CT	You sure about that?
SS	I'm positive.
CT	The old county jail you sure about that.
SS	I'm positive..
CT	Okay.
SS	You tell me why Johnny doesn't remember getting beat up, doesn't remember you at all, does not know you. Never traded VCR's for drugs, never bought drugs from you, said you could have been there copping but the funny thing about Johnny is, Johnny selling himself, so he doesn't actually need to buy from you.
CT	Johnny doesn't sell drugs, and like I said I know, I know what happened in B dorm, in side B block. Now you check to see, and see was he, was he ever housed in B block in the old county jail before they moved, I'm saying transferred out to the new kind of

	jail, did y'all check, check that.
SS	Craig, you told me last time that you knew Johnny and Greg did not murder her, so why would you jump on Johnny in the jail for killing Jacquetta if you knew he didn't do it.
CT	Say this right here, I'm saying you believe what you want to believe, I know what happened, and he cannot stand there in front of my face and, and say that's no what happened and he cannot sit here and say that wasn't, he never bought, bought anything from me. I'm saying and I sold him drugs, come on, he not gonna' do that in front of me, and you can believe what you want to believe, and I'm not going to try to sit here and make you believe it but it is what it is, I'm saying whether you want to accept it or not.
SS	If there is anyone in this whole world who you need to believe in you it is me right now and you might not want to see it that way, but it is true, so we can move on but I just want you to answer that one question for me. If you knew as you say last week, you knew that Greg and Johnny did not kill Jacquetta, why would you jump on Johnny in the jail? I'll move on, I just need to know why would you do that, because I've got 2 people that's talking to me where I have formed some kind of relationship with, that's you, and one that I am believing okay and one telling me something different and the way for me to figure out which one to believe is for you to tell me why would you have done it because I think that its one thing about you is you are forthright and I don't think you would have jumped on Johnny if you didn't think he had done it.
CT	Well I'm gonna put it like this right here, right but I still stand firm like I said we were housed in the old former house B block, now he was not singly handed. Nobody fought him one on one, that was all the guys that was in the block that knew and was very close to Jacquetta and when the report got out that he was involved they jumped on him and I participated.
SS	Are you talking about the father of Jacquetta children who was in jail with him at that time?
CT	Might have be.
SS	Is it possible based on what you are saying that, there could have been people jumping on Johnny and you being one of them but that he doesn't remember you as being one of them.
CT	That's a possibility far as that incident right there, but like I say he can not sit there and stand firm saying that night when I'm saying that he gave, I'm saying Jacquetta, I'm saying that $50 right there, but he, but he sell drugs, come on now you not gonna give up $50, I'm saying and cop 3, 3 rocks from me, so y'all go do y'all thing, nah. Now he might not remember, I'm saying far as I'm saying being the one I'm saying participating in jumping on him, but he can't stand

	there and say that he was not standing right there beside her and not give her the dang on 50 dollars and for me to give them the 3 rocks, so and like I done told y'all one time before I don't sell to nobody I don't know, and uh believe what you want to believe, I mean it is what it is.
SS	Where you friends with Johnny?
CT	I mean, I mean ain't no lovey, dovey friends I'm saying, like I'm saying I'm a, I'm a go to your crib and take you out everyday, nothing like that, I see you when I see you, we aint been close like that right there.
SS	Craig, Johnny passed a polygraph, that says he was not with her, and that he did not see her that night.
CT	That polygraph don't mean nothing.
SS	You gonna past one?
CT	I mean it's easy to beat a polygraph, it's been done before.
SS	Alright, alright, what reason would Johnny have about lying about being with her, you said so yourself that they didn't not kill her so if they were with her why not just not admit that to us?
CT	Exactly, I don't, I don't understand why.
SS	Okay, I heard something else about you that I think might make you angry, but I am gonna ask you before you answer me to just remember why I am here and that its for the right reasons and I am asking you to be honest to me, as I think that you have been, if what I have been told is not true, or it is true, it doesn't matter to me, I just need to follow up on it and I need to ask you if there was a time in your life when you were gay?
CT	Gay?
SS	A homosexual?
CT	Hell to the no.
SS	Prior to prison, did you ever have sex with a male?
CT	I mean, I'm saying, I let the, I'm saying give me some head jobs or I'm saying something like that, I'm not, I'm not gay, saying by a long shot, that don't make you gay. What make you gay I'm saying is when you just forget, totally forget about women, you taking it, you giving people head, you taking it in the butt or whatever, that's when you all you all way out there --
SS	--When you
CT	-- I'm bi-sexual, what ever you want to call it I'm saying, I deal with women, I deal with trans-sexuals and that's just the bottom line.
SS	So its not that you're gay, you like women, and men?
CT	No trans-sexuals, it's the illusion, if you look like a woman I deal with you, you not just gonna look like no straight up man--
SS	--Okay
CT	--and act mannish nah.
SS	Did you have uh sex with someone who was male?

CT	I have, I'm saying, I mean, what's this, what's this, this point?
SS	Do you know the person who gave you aids, HIV, 'cause you don't have full blown aids right, you have HIV?
CT	Uh huh.
SS	Do you know the person who gave you HIV?
CT	It isn't because of no dang gone male, homosexual what ever you want to call it, it didn't come from them.
SS	Are you sure that you know who it came from?
CT	No, I can't right out pinpoint who saying which person, nah, I know it ain't no dang on male, uh it suppose to be a male?
SS	I have heard rumors that uh there is a male that you had a sexual relation with that does have HIV, uh I have not talked to that person yet, so I don't you know about the timeframe.
CT	But you got a name?
SS	I do have a name.
CT	Is it supposed to be uh Willie Owens something like that right there?
SS	Honestly the name is at the office and I really don't know.
CT	That's the only no what I'm saying,that can be the only person, like that as I said, I've been diagnosed since 1980, uh 1994-1995
SS	Uh huh
CT	So up and to that point it ain't been no me dealing with homosexuals in no way kind of form or fashion.
SS	Until after you found out?
CT	After.
SS	So what about the person that you just mentioned?
CT	Met him I'm saying, that was 1997, 1997 '98.
SS	Okay, so if I speak to a male who says that he believe that it came from him, you don't think so, like you think it was--
CT	-- he can assume that it came from him, he probably didn't know if I was infected, but he can assume and make speculations but I know for and I'm telling you, I'm saying some facts, I'm saying did not come from 'em
SS	Okay
CT	Just like, just like now on the streets when I go see women I will get the ones, I'm saying I see them at the support groups or what ever but they don't think I know that they are sick, and they don't, they don't know if I am sick, so and if they give me, give me some and its up and down y'all can infest, you can't infest something that is already infested So, so I mean that's what you just saying to me that doesn't make me a bit upset, 'cause I mean my mother, my family know about the situations, and I brought transvestites home, and they met my peoples.
SS	I didn't think that it made you upset because I was asking you that

	question, I thought based on what you had told me that it would make you upset if a male had gave you HIV, because in our last conversation I believe you thought it was a female. Do you know the person who gave you HIV?
CT	Can't pinpoint it.
SS	So when they tell you that you have HIV can they tell you when you contracted it?
CT	They couldn't, they couldn't '94, '95 they couldn't. They didn't know how long I had it.
SS	So you just kind of had to guess about who you been with that had it or that you heard who had it.
CT	That's when it started putting things together and I still can't blame, I can't pinpoint, I can't say which one is at fault, just like I am fault for not using protection.
SS	Do you think that Taneka had HIV?
CT	No, 'cause I, cause it came in the 80's so I don't and that the last I'm saying we hadn't been intimate in the 90's, we ain't been intimate in no 2000s if she got it, she got it from someone in the 90's into the 2000 but she didn't have it when I met her.
SS	Do you think that Jacquetta had HIV?
CT	It's a possibility, the lifestyle, it's a possibility.
SS	Is there any question for you if maybe you did get it HIV from Jacquetta or is she not one of the ones you consider?
CT	I consider them all anybody I had unprotected sex with, I consider all guilty until I find the right one, and that is going to b kind of hard.
SS	You're angry about that?
CT	I mean, I'm saying who wouldn't be, I mean I have a lot to blame but myself trying to play the playboy role, and the pay is it cost to be the boss. When you roll them dice, you get what you get.
SS	What was the reason that you didn't have sex with Jacquetta that night?
CT	"cause for one maybe about and hour or two before she had arrived, I had already did something with somebody.
SS	Okay.
CT	So I was pretty much at, pretty much straight right there, could have went another round but like I said she was with him.
SS	Do you believe that Jacquetta had sex with Johnny?
CT	She's a woman, that means she got drugs, anything possible, don't put anything past it.
SS	Do you know if Jacquetta was on her period at that time?
CT	No, that don't come up in conversations.
SS	I'm sorry?
CT	That don't come up in conversations, I didn't know anything being on her period.

SS	I guess I'm asking more of that, did you know it Jacquetta was pregnant at that time.
CT	She could have been she had a little plunge I'm saying, I didn't say nothing, I mean it could come from baby fat for putting out kids I'm saying, I didn't know if she was pregnant but she could had, she kind of looked at it, but not like that, that she had a little gut.
SS	Have you ever been tested for uh any other STD's?
CT	When?
SS	Around that time I guess.
CT	Yes.
SS	Did you have any STD's around 1981?
CT	Gonorrhea.
SS	Excuse me?
CT	Gonorrhea.
SS	Gonorrhea, Okay.
CT	And one I can't pronounce, don't even pronounce.
SS	Do you know what it begins with?
CT	It can be a "S" or could be a "C" I don't
SS	Syphilis? Chlamydia?
CT	No, it couldn't been cla-, it was one of them, I know it's one of them.
SS	Okay, do you know--
CT	--and Herpes and that was.
SS	Is that all around the same time?
CT	Uh huh.
SS	Do you know who you got uh Chlamydia from?
CT	One or two different females?
SS	Would one of them be Jacquetta?
CT	She wouldn't had been one I suspect.
SS	If I told you she had Chlamydia would that, would it be possible at that time to send it back and forth you giving to her or her giving it to you?
CT	Its possible.
SS	Are you still angry with Jacquetta?
CT	To a certain degree.
SS	Its funny how that works, I'm still angry with my grandmother and she been gone 10 years, think you get over it, but you never do. Why are you angry with her, because of all this?
CT	A strong possibility.
SS	I would assume that you probably don't trust me at all, right?
CT	True.
SS	Not even a little bit?
CT	I don't know how you know, that's why I have a little defense thing up, its, and--
SS	Do you--

CT	--I wanna' trust you I mean people I'm saying talks to me, I'm saying and tells me, I'm saying I mean I got you saying one thing in here
SS	Uh huh
CT	and then I got these folks, people like I'm saying, these officers I'm saying that come, that was up in here last time, talking, listening to the whole conversation, saying on the job saying don't believe and say this and don't say that. I mean it's a lot that, that, that, that, got my brain and that's why I am like I am, I don't know who to believe, I want to believe, like I said you don't' have no reason to, in my heart I feel that you don't have any reason to I'm saying to try to entrap me. You take the time, I'm saying take the 2 hours drive, I don't know how long it takes from Raleigh to get down here, and keep constantly coming and you refuse to give up and its a lot I'm saying right now, that's what make me, I'm saying I don't know, I don't know..
SS	I can understand
CT	You got me between a brick and a hard place. 'Cause they saying that you even though you are with the Innocence Inquiry Commission what not
SS	Uh huh.
CT	they still, anything that you say that you hear you can take it to the rightful authority and, and, and let them, I don't know how, I don't know. I mean, I want this thing to be over as fast as possible, just like you want it to be over with, but like you said I don't trust, and its not that I don't trust you, these people made me not trust you, and watch what I say and watch how I say, and they saying that if I didn't want to speak to you to, say look end the conversation saying and they let you go on and do what you got to do. I am trying; I want to try to shed somewhat kind of light on the situation to get these two guys free. They, they, I'm--
SS	--Let me just try to talk about a few things that you've mentioned and you know maybe some of this will help you, maybe it won't but I'll just go ahead and put it out there. Uh, first of all the inmates, you know the other inmates saying that you don't have to talk to me, and uh, I'm harmful to you. I think they're talking about lawyers and what we do is kind of new, and most people aren't familiar with it, they, actually you do have to talk to me, I'll tell you that, okay, and in fact if you were to get a guard and say that you didn't want to talk to me, you will still have to talk to me, now do you have to answer me, no you don't I mean if you just want to sit there, there is nothing I can do to make you to answer me. Though I think it is important for you to know that the only thing that I do is look at innocent cases, I am not out there to get you. I know that would be hard to believe if I'm you, I don't know really that I can

	trust me you know this person who's coming in after 20 years asking me all this questions kind of screwing with me, I don't think that would be fun, but what I can honestly tell you on my life is that I am here to solve that crime, I'm here and if these two people are in prison for something that they did'nt do, I am here to help them, and so far from what I have seen from DNA to witnesses, they didn't do this, you know and they're in prison for that, and I know it's hard for you to see what I might do for you because you can't believe that, but I have fought my Executive Director every inch of the way, a week ago she was on the phone with Raleigh Police Dept and I was refusing to give your name up, okay my interest is not in harming you, it never will be, never, I have nothing to gain by hurting you in any way and what I do have is a boss and that boss has given me 24 hours to come back with something or she will call Raleigh Police Dept, she will go to the Judge and I will be away I won't be able to do anything to help you. I flat out told her we've made a deal basically we sat at a table, me arguing for you, her arguing against you and I said let me help him, if you let me be a mitigating factor to say that he's an honest person, that he's come forward to get people out of prison that I have no reason to believe that he should get the death penalty so on and so forth I will give up the information, but you have to give me something to help him, she's agreed to do that for a 24 hr period. I will not let you get the death penalty, I will not let you.
CT	y'all make it hard on me, y'all making it hard--
SS	--Craig I promise you I will not let this happen to you, if you're straight with me and you come forward and you let me go back to my Commissioners and give them something to get 2 innocent people out of prison, I will not let them harm you. It's a pretty, I don't know if you understand mitigation and aggravating factors do you understand those. When you go to a trial for a crime, most the time you'll here its murder, there's a guilty, innocent, whatever verdict and then during sentencing there's what's called mitigating and aggravating factors. The aggravating factors are all of the bad things about you. Basically, you know, if you've done other crimes, hurt people, kicked puppies, you know, basically anything bad they can come up with. Mitigating factors are all the positive things about you, maybe that you came from a rough background or that you were abused as a child, or that you have changed, that you been an honest person, that you been a stand up person. I can mitigate for you, I can do this, I can get in there, and I can tell them that 18 years ago you made a mistake but today that you set it right. I can tell them that they can't execute someone who did something right, who got someone in prison for 18 years out, who stood up for what they did. I know you have alot of people talking to you and telling you different things, but they don't know what powers I have and

	what powers I don't they don't know. Just tell me what happened, in your own words, don't let anyone else get in this, don't let people come up with theories, don't let a prosecutor ay what happened, just tell us what happened in your word, you're the one that knows. Craig I can't help you if you don't give us something, I can't paint you as a decent stand up guy, I have something to give them. Craig if they get that DNA and they come back and match it to you, I cannot do anything for you. If you tell me what happened, I can stop this whole train from moving forward in the direction it's going to be bad for you. If you don't tell me something they're going to make a call tomorrow, and the Raleigh Police Dept is already, ready investigating you. I can't you have to help me to help you. They're going to paint you into this unbelievably heinous person; they're not going to see things for how they may or may not have happen. I don't know what happen, I don't know what happened that night, but you know what they will make up a theory just like they did with the two people that got convicted and they will make you into the worse human being they possibly can, and I promise you whatever happened that night is so much better that what they will say happened, there is absolutely no comparison because when something is in your own words, it come from your own feelings, your heart with what happened and its gonna look a whole lot better than what they gonna say about you. What happened? You think these people in here care about you Craig, do you think that they know what I know, and that they can help you in the same way that I can help you; you know that's not true. Let me be able to go back and testify at your trial. Just tell me, I'm not going to judge you, I'm not if I judged you, I wouldn't be here, if I didn't care I wouldn't come here, because this is not part of my job, I don't have to come here. Whatever happened, happened, it is what it is, it was 18 hears ago and you know what I can prove that you are a different person now, but you've got to tell me what happened that night. Forgetting everything I've said and everything all the inmates have said look at two things, okay, you don't have to believe me, just look at these two things. If there in a death trial, okay if they get you and put you on trial and it's a death trial which do you think is going to be more likely to get you death, me stating that you saved two innocent people and you did the right thing, or the prosecutor saying in all these years and you never tried to help anyone. Craig, I can't be lying about that, you've got to see that, you've got to see that a jury is gonna think that you are a better person for coming forward and saving innocent people, they're not gonna think you are a good person if you let 2 people sit in prison for something they didn't do.
CT	Oh my god. Y'all got me messed up all in the head right now. [inaudible]Gonna hang myself any dog on way.

SS	You right about that, but you can hang yourself with someone in your corner to help you, or you can go straight without any help. I can't change what you've done any more than you can, we can't undo that and we can do is try to help you. Like I can't, I know, I mean who confesses to a crime right, nobody wants to come out and say that's what they did, but that is the only thing you have going for you right now is your honesty. The only thing that you have to mitigate you to make you look better is saving innocent people, telling the truth and being a straight up person and if you're not those things, then you're all the things they say you are. I mean basically I can tell you, I don't know why you want to do it this way, but I can either go home with DNA or I can go home with a confession from you.
CT	DNA?
SS	Yes. Are you willing to give me your DNA?
CT	What if I choose not to give it up?
SS	Why would you do that? If you choose not give it up, then SBI already has your DNA, this is your inmate prison sheet these are things that you have done, right here if you look here at the top where it says SBI, DNA yes. That mean you already, I'm sure when you came in they take blood, they do samples and they enter them into CODIS which is the national databank for all offenders uh everyone's SBI, excuse me DNA that has been in prison is in CODIS and they will run it through CODIS. In addition not only will they do that, but tomorrow morning when my Executive Director goes to the judge she will have an order to take your DNA with or without your consent, and at that time we will come back and the guards will take your DNA. So I ask you again if you are willing to tell me anything about the murder or are you willing to give me your DNA.
CT	Giving up the DNA is just like, I'm saying just like a confession.
SS	Actually, it's much better than a confession, a confession is much better than DNA for you. It doesn't, I mean, I -I can't, a confession is you coming forward and being honest, DNA is them coming after you, do you see a difference there at all. Do you see the difference in you trying to tell innocent people, or them trying to convict you for murder? If you don't want to give me your DNA, I'm telling you that's your decision but tomorrow I will have a court order [inaudible, noise] If you don't give me something today, you, the next time you see me will be me taking your DNA and then we won't have any more conversations, I mean if I go back to my Executive Director with nothing she will go to the judge tomorrow and she will meet with the Chief of Police tomorrow afternoon. They've open up all cold case from 1989 to 1994, I haven't given them your name, they don't know who you are, but tomorrow they will.

CT	I mean, either or, I'm saying either way, if they come the hard way, I mean the two are getting out regardless.
SS	This isn't about them anymore, this right here is not about them, this is about you. The next person that will be coming here will be a man name Detective Howard; he's with the Raleigh Police cold case division. I f I go back to my Executive D and don't have anything form you they will make me give them your name. When they come after you, you will have embarrassed Wake County, embarrassed Raleigh Police Department for putting away people who did not commit a crime, and letting someone who did commit a crime go free. If you think for one second that Raleigh Police Department is not going to come after you with everything they have, with every case that they have, whether you had anything to do with it or not, then you need to think really long and hard. These people in here Craig, I have set across this table from a hundred inmates, a thousand inmate's maybe. I've had people lie straight to me, I've had people confess to me, I've had them tell the truth, I've had them cry, and I've had them scream, and I have never cared about a single one of them, until you. So if you're so sure that these other prisoners care about you, that they know what they're saying, they, I, why don't you ask any of them have they ever sat across from me, and ask them how much I cared about them, because you won't get the same story. You won't walk out of this room and say that I tried to talk to them the way I've talked to you. I have been doing this along time and I 've got people who were innocent out of here, and I will get Greg Taylor out of prison there is no doubt in my mind. This isn't about him anymore, this is about you. They've done all the DNA evidence, there's no DNA on that, on Jacquetta Thomas body linking Greg, or Johnny to the murder. There's no DNA on the car linking them to the murder, in fact they've excluded them from ever having being involved. All they are doing now they did what is called YXT testing yesterday. They got a result what that means is they swabbed the inside of her under wear, the inside of her pants, the band on her pants, her belt, the snap on her belt, her zipper, her blouse, the buttons on her blouse, her bra and her skin for DNA, they have come back to a male profile. That profile doesn't match Greg Taylor and doesn't match Johnny Beck, and I know, I know its gonna match you Craig and I wish you would tell me something before it comes back.
CT	They always said, I'm saying I was a gambler, and I'm rolling dice.
SS	Are you willing to give me your DNA?
CT	If I don't you said you, y'all would come back tomorrow, I'm saying the officer's going to take it.
SS	I'm asking if you're willing to give me, not the officers but me your DNA?
CT	That DNA, which y'all, you asking for is for that particular case,

	but y'all just going to run it through the data, the DNA there.
SS	If you give me your DNA today, I will take it directly to a private lab and would be run against only that case, if you do not give me your DNA they will get it out of the CODIS, the SBI database that I showed you and it would be run for all crimes, all cold cases, all crimes and I can not stop that. My only interest is solving this case, I don't care what else you've done, I don't you to have anyone coming here questioning you about other things that you've done. You know last week when I was here, and I asked them to cuff you in the front and your nose was running and I gave you a tissue, do you remember that?
CT	Uh huh.
SS	Do you understand that I could have taken that tissue from you right then and turned it over to Raleigh Police Department without ever blinking an eye and I am well into my rights to do so, but I didn't, because I don't want it to happen like that. I want to portray you to them as them as this person who is cooperating, and trying to not only to help himself, but to help others, you are not making this very easy.
CT	Because it's not going to be easy once everything hit the fan, is what you're not understand.
SS	Craig I totally understand, I do this for a living, I see this happen all the time. I completely understand what you are up against and that's why I'm willing to put myself on the line to be there.
CT	Yeah, that's just for this case.
SS	That's bullshit, look it up, look it up with your smart inmates, look up how many other cases I testified in, you know what you will find, none. I'm the only one you have going for you. I don't think you understand just exactly how pissed off Wake County is going to be, okay and the funny thing is that's not your fault, that's not really going to have anything to do with you, but its you that they're going to come after, its you that they're going to make look bad because its them that they have to save face for. They put two innocent people in prison 18 years ago, and they have to figure out how to undo that and in order to undo that, and you know come out looking good, they're gonna use you. They know this case; they've known it for years. I've had cops themselves tell me that they do not believe that those 2 guys did it, they've known it for years.
CT	So why, so why they didn't they come, come forward then?
SS	You know that's not how it works, you know, you, I mean why you even asking me that, you've been in this world, you know exactly who's who.
CT	That's right, but what makes me so different from these other guys?
SS	You know what my honest answer to you is I wish I knew. I wish I knew why I feel any compassion at all for you. I wish I knew why I feel this need to kind of save you from something and I don't have

	an answer for that it just is, I don't know maybe its like Jacquetta, you said you can't control your feeling for her, and I can't control from worrying about you. Let me ask you something, what is it that you don't believe exactly? What is it that I've told you, that, without believing me as a person, you know without having any faith in me, what facts have I told you that would not make you believe that what I am saying is true, you're not stupid. You been out on the street for a long time doing a pretty good business, I don't believe you're stupid. So what is, what is it that you don't believe, is it that you don't believe that someone would actually try to help you because some other inmates told you so, because if some other inmates told you that I wouldn't try help you, do you believe that?
CT	It ain't just because of the inmates, like I told you some officers talk to me to, they say look here, they got, they say 2 women, nice looking women that to talk to you to try to, things are crazy, its crazy.
SS	Craig do you think that I got through law school; that I got this job; that I got where I am because I'm good looking. You think that there's a Commission, that there is a state agency in the world who's gonna say hey you girls are kind of pretty, why don't you go over and talk to the guy, and he'll confess. That doesn't happen in the real world, and you yourself sat here and told me what son of bitches those guards are, I know I been to all the prisons in NC, I know exactly how they are, you yourself told me how they gossip did you not. You think they're not having fun with this, you think everyone in this prison doesn't actually know who we are when we come through, at the guard check?
CT	Oh, oh I know they talk about y'all the--
SS	Yeah I know--
CT	--moment out the yard.
SS	but guess who knows, guess who knows, you, that's it you are the only person I've ever talk to, you are the only person who if such a thing as knowing me got close, those people don't know me. You think those guards give a shit about you; I mean really do you think that?
CT	I know they don't.
SS	You think the other inmates do? Do you think I do? In your heart, do you think that I care about you?
CT	I feel that you trying to help me.
SS	Okay, then what's the problem?
CT	"Cause this thing is going to blow all the way up and--
SS	Craig, I swear on my life, I swear--
CT	A lot of people are going to be hurt, even for one my mother, I'm saying they don't know about the situation.
SS	See that's another problem.

CT	See that's what I'm saying--
SS	Actually, your mother is about to find out the situation, because when the Raleigh cops get your name the first place they're going to go is your mothers house. Laura Mae Yancy, do you think I want to tell them who your mother is, you think that I want your mom to go through anything, I mean come on, why would I want that, this isn't her fault, this whole thing has nothing to do with that. I don't want her to be hurt by this, I don't want the police knocking on the door telling her what a jerk her son is and confessing everything they think he done. You tell me what happened, you tell me right there on that tape and I will take it to your mother if you want me to and I will play it to her myself. I will tell her exactly what kind of person you are, and what kind of person you're not. You want me to give her a message, you want me to make a phone call to her to warn her to tell her what's going to happen, I can do all that to. Without any cooperation from you, I can't do any of it.
CT	Go on and swab me up.
SS	I need you to lean over hear and open your mouth, just gonna swab you on each side okay, your left cheek and right cheek. Just so you'll know for your own well being, I'm going to sit here and let them dry, and then I'll put them in this container so nothing happens to them between the time that I get them and take them, okay. I need you to open your mouth really wide, hopefully this doesn't hurt but it probably tickles a little bit. Just so, you know I am going to sit here with them for a couple minutes and let them dry. [Talking to GW] Can you fill out this evidence for me please?
GW	Sure. What's the time?
SS	4:05pm **[GW & SS]** Preparing the evidence, whisper in regard inaudible] Do you want me to talk to your mom? Do you want me to talk to your mom? I mean I can offer you a couple, couple of options. I don't know if you want to take any of them but if you do want to tell her something, you could write a letter, give it to me and I'll give it to her; you can call her but it will be taped, or I can flip the tape up to a different uh folder and you can leave a message for her and I'll play it for her when I see her. If you don't want to tell her anything that's completely up to you to. Do you have a good relationship with your mom?
CT	Now.
SS	Are you an only child? How many brothers and sisters do you have?
CT	2 and 2
SS	You told me that when you didn't cry at your grandmother's funeral, your mom thought something was wrong.
CT	Yeah, and so did half the church people/

SS	Why because you didn't show any emotion?
CT	Yep.
SS	What can I say to you that would make you trust me? I know that you'll never completely trust me, and I wouldn't expect you to, but what can I say to you I guess to make you believe that I can help you, okay do you believe I can help you?
CT	That you gonna tell.
SS	And do you believe I will?
CT	I want to believe it, I, I mean, believe you want to help, believe you want to trust, I don't, I don't know, you have to put yourself in my shoes.
SS	Absolutely, I will not say for one second that this could be easy; I don't think that I don't think this can be easy for you at all. I have a family, I love them, I know, you know when I hurt them and I think that's very difficult for me I think a lot of them than I do of me because I don't want them to be hurt. Is there anything that, anything that you want to tell me that I can tell Jacquetta children? As part of our investigation, we have to notify the victim's family of what we're doing; uh the victim's sister who I believe lived in England at the time of all this is aware of what we are doing as are the children. I haven't told them yet about you, uh but I will before they find out some other way. They, the sister believes that it, uh Greg and Johnny are innocent, she said she always had, as for Jacquetta mother, the children so young, were so young they don't know. I told them that we're opening the investigation to find, you know find out who the real killer is and they did ask me to let them know, is there anything that you want me to tell them when I tell them about you. Will the children remember you, or do you think?
CT	Will have to sit down and talk with them. I don't--
SS	If you don't have anything to say that fine to, that's totally up to you, its what you think is okay. I think the oldest one I don't know may remember you, I haven't mentioned your name, but she remembers other people around that time. She grew up with her father's mother. Do you believe in God? A little bit?
CT	Uh huh.
SS	What about redemption; you think that you can make a mistake and make it right?
CT	To a certain degree.
SS	Is there any part of you that want to make this right?
CT	There is a part of me that want to make everything right.
SS	But you don't think you can?
CT	No, only thing gonna come out of this is 2 people get free, the victims family, it ain't going to be right, okay yeah now we know, we got the killers he locked up, okay it still not gonna bring her back, or who ever else bring them back. I mean, lock 'em up and throw away the key, I'm saying that's where he suppose to be at.

SS	Craig, making something right isn't making someone come back you know, making something right isn't putting things back before they happen, making something right is taking responsibility for what you did do. It's not about bringing her back, it's about a family who believes that the people in prison didn't do this, and they want to know who did, it's about innocent people being convicted of something that they didn't do and their lives being taken from them and putting there lives back. You know Craig's, I mean Greg's wife I don't know how much you know about them but Greg's wife left him, she divorced him, he had a daughter, they stuck by him for I think roughly 8 and half years while he was in prison. His wife says she still believes him but she said she had to go on with her life, his little girl has never seen him. Jonny Beck has 4 children, one of them is in prison for murder, Johnny is not in prison, his wife also left him, Sheila. Greg's family spent over 150,000 dollars on an attorney about 1997 so 10, so years ago, filing a MAR, which is a motion for appropriate relief in the court system, a 150,000 dollars and a judge denied it within 12 minutes. They've come to Greg over the years many times and said, Greg's white I don't know if you know but Greg is white, Johnny is black. Over the years, they've come to him, and said that they believe that it was the black man, Johnny that murder her, and that if Greg would turn on him that they will let him out. In 18 years Greg has never said Johnny had anything to do with it. In fact his family has told him, look you done 18 years, it doesn't matter if Johnny did, just say he did it, and they will let you out, but he won't do it. He is now 85 percent blind, uh while he's been in prison, well I guess there were some prison fights and they where unable to do certain surgery on him, his glasses is about that thick. He can't read, if you read to him he can listen but he can't read, he can't see who you are, he can't recognize you. These are pictures of the tire tracks, this is what got Greg and Johnny convicted they were there that night, they were smoking crack, the police said that these tire tracks look like the same tires that came from their vehicle. They did some testing on the vehicle its called luminal testing, and they said that there was blood uh under the rear well of one the tires. Since we had the case we've gone back was actually not blood under the tire but they went to prison. I don't want to put these photographs in front of you and make you look at her so I am asking that you to talk to me before I do that, and I will put them back and you will not see them and I will go back to my Executive Director and I will make this okay. Please tell me what happened to her. Craig, please tell me what happened to her. Do you know what Jacquetta injuries where that night, if you don' know you don't want to see these. Do you know what they were?
CT	Come from multiple different things on parts of the body.

SS	What were those things? Craig I just ask you again if you can tell me something without me showing you these pictures please. I don't really want to do this, I don't think it's something you need to see, I don't think it's fair, I think you already have a pretty good image parading in your mind and I don't think you need me to show these pictures. Can you tell me what her injuries were?
CT	Tell you what the injuries are, I'm saying there it go bam that's what you been waiting on.
SS	If you tell me one thing, one that only you would know, I would go back and I will talk to my Executive Director, and show that, that there's progress although you can't confess that; I just, I do not want to show you these pictures. This is the least uh bad photograph that I have, I guess I can say, the least this is after her hand was cleaned up by the medical examiner, it is the only photo that people in my office can look at, do you know what made this cut on your hand?
CT	[inaudible]
SS	I have 150 photos, and I would guess of those 150 photos the only one that you're gonna be to swallow is the one I just showed you of her hand.
CT	I mean I don't really need to see the pictures period, I mean the DNA and everything is gonna come right back so I mean, so what's the—saying like I'm saying what you trying to isolate me from, from the world out there, got my phone calls monitor. I can't call people, I'm saying I have to watch who I call, I'm saying and how I got to see who I got to see to get certain advises. Alright but you want me to come sit in here and just come out and spill the whole evil beans. I mean, I'm a, like I said I'm a gambling man, I'm just gonna roll the dices, and they got to do what ever and come at me, I'm prepared for whatever. Thought you weren't showing no more pictures.
SS	I don't want to show you the pictures Craig but I've got to go back there with something and you are forcing me to make this harder than it has to be. I wonder if you've heard what we've talked about, I wonder if you really do understand the difference between being straightforward and coming clean in a trial and the difference in someone coming after you and convicting you, do you understand the difference between those?
CT	Uh huh.
SS	Do you understand the difference is in sentencing?
CT	Uh huh, Yeah, I do.
SS	What you're in for right now did you take a plea for it?
CT	Yep.
SS	So clearly, you know a good deal when you see one right, most habitual felons don't get 6 years, just to let you know how much were you actually facing, 20?

CT	Somewhere close to it.
SS	So how come when that was presented to you, you took the smart way out, but when I'm presenting something to you, you're not.
CT	Because I had an attorney present.
SS	I've asked my Executive Director to give you an attorney and she will not, and nor will anyone else involved. They will give you an attorney after they charge you and that, at that time uh it will be too late for any deals.
CT	Well, like I said before, I'm prepared for whatever?
SS	Are you?
CT	Very much.
SS	You're prepared for whatever?
CT	Yeah.
SS	You're prepared for Raleigh Police Department to brake open every cold case that they have and investigate you?
CT	Brake it I mean what they gonna do, I mean, I'm never gonna get out of prison any dag on way, so what's the difference. I mean, bring it.
SS	Are you afraid to stay in prison?
CT	Afraid to stay in prison?
SS	Yes, past your, past 2012?
CT	Never that.
SS	Are you afraid of the death penalty?
CT	I done a lot of thinking on that, since you know uh last time, if they give it to me, they do, if they don't they don't I mean.
SS	What about your family? Craig I sat across from people on death row before, and you know what the hardest part of it is, not talking to them, its not trying to make them understand anything, its talking to there families. The people on death row will tell you exactly what they have and haven't done, in fact the most honest people I've ever talked to are on death row and I suppose that's because they don't have as much to lose, you know they don't have as much facing them, if they get death they already there. But, the people that it's really hard for are the families, those appeals go on for years and years. I had a guy on death row since 1998; I still talk to his mom. He shot a 17 year old in the head at a convenience store, when he robbed the store. If anyone were to ask me if he is a different person today, I would say no. If anyone would were to ask me if you're a different person, are you a different person? Or is all this, me thinking that you are, or is just me or are you a different person?
CT	I'm always the same person, based on the situations that I'm in, who I'm around, if I got to put on this image, being this, but who I really am it's always going to be there.
SS	And who is that? Who do you think you really are, because only you know and you right all this could just be an image, you could

	be putting on an image and I could be buying it that would surprise me, consider the number of inmates that have met, the number of people that have lied to my face, but it could be. I understand from talking to you last week, I can't say, I think it sounds weird to say I understand, but I get why there were times you felt like you had to hurt or kill people. In all the situations that you told me about, whether or not I would have done the same thing, of course the answer is going to be no, but I do get it. What I don't get is why it happen in this case. It's a guard, there's a guard. **[Guard]** This only had supposed to have been for an hour. **SS:** Excuse me? **[Guard]** This only had supposed to have been for an hour. **SS:** Paul Taylor said that we could have as long as we needed to. **[Guard]** Well the superintendent got paperwork that's got an hour on it. **GW:** It's never been a problem before, we've been here 3 hours before and they said it was fine. **[Guard]** No kidding, Ill check it then, y'all just carry on. **SS & GW:** Okay
SS	So in all of those cases, whether I agree with it or not, whether I think you handle it correctly or not, it seemed like you always had a reason for doing what you did, it might had been your own reason you know, it might have not been valid reason, but it was yours. But you never really told me a reason for what happened with Jacquetta. You've told me bad things about her and you told me good things about her but you never really said what it was that she did that set you off. So without you telling me what you did, because I understand your position on that, can you tell me what it was that she did.
CT	I mean you already know the answers, I mean you got everything mapped out, trying to make it seem like a lovers triangle type thing and--
SS	-- I didn't, I did not, I assumed from talking to you that you were hurt, that maybe you were hurt by her kind of from getting with other people, but I have no idea if that was true, you said you didn't know about James. Was she mean to you?
CT	I don't know what you call mean.
SS	Did she tell you that she didn't care about you?
CT	No, I guess I probably, took it the wrong way, possessed that's all.
SS	Do you think that she did care about you?
CT	Probably in her own little way, probably not the way I wanted to.
SS	You tell me that, but at the same time, you knew her, you knew exactly what she was and what she wasn't you knew she was capable of doing things for drugs, you knew that she been with a lot of men, so why would what she did surprise you?

	Did she surprise you; you say you took it the wrong way, were you surprised?
CT	When I say I take it the wrong way, I mean as far as I might, I'm saying how a person talk to you and do things for you, I mean don't get it twisted in so many words, its not what it always seems. I don't know, I just jumped to conclusions, I don't know.
SS	Was she what she seemed?
CT	From the impression, I got.
SS	Some people say she was manipulating, that she would tell you what you wanted to hear, do you think that's true.
CT	For most part, that's why I say everything--
SS	Do you think the kids will remember you?
CT	They should remember me but I don't see why not. But know that I did it, is going to be kind of hard for them to believe that.
SS	Because of who you are to them?
CT	And they find out its true its going to devastate them even more.
SS	It is? You think if they find out its you its going to devastate them?
CT	To know that I trusted them
SS	Did you see them after she died; did you ever see them again?
CT	No, haven't seen them since then.
SS	Is there anything that you want me to tell them?
CT	I wouldn't even know what to say, don't know where to begin. I mean they will have every right to be angry, upset, can't change what happened.
SS	Would your mom be surprised?
CT	Oh yeah, very much, she just know the drug dealer, she don't know the other side of me.
SS	Does it bother you to know that if I don't get something that the Raleigh Police is going to go to her house and tell her all the things they suspect you for?
CT	I just got to get prepared for it, I just can't, I can't say what I want to on the phone, she'll know.
SS	Craig if you talk to me, I would go to her house tonight, I will go to her house before anyone else get to her and I will not let Raleigh Police get to your house. I would not let her know about the other things. I will go to my Executive Director; I will tell her that we have a confession. I will present it to my Commission; Greg Taylor will get out of prison, well with a confession and the DNA. Greg Taylor would get out of prison, and I will talk to your mom. If an when they charge you with this murder I will testify for you, that is the best deal I can offer for you. The DA won't offer you a deal Craig, they'll never do it, not now not if people, well let me tell you about my last exoneration. Dwayne Dale was in prison for 19 years for rape, the victim was a 12-year-old black female. Men broke into her window at night while she was sleeping, raped her, left, a few days later she was in her apartment complex with her mother

	walking to the mailbox and she saw a white male, she stopped walking and just stood there shaking, and her mother asked is that the man that raped her, she said yes. That man was Dwayne Dale. Dwayne Dale was arrested, convicted of rape, sent to prison for 19 years. DNA evidence that I found exonerated him in 2008. DNA evidence matched another man who had raped other children. The DA has refused to offer any deal except life in prison because it depress the media, the kind of out cry that somebody innocent was in prison, and the DA has to save face he is not going to get up there and offer you a deal for murder that he convicted someone else for. If Greg got life that's what he expects you to get. I mean the only thing that I have to give you, I think really, is kindness that I can talk to your mom; that I can testify for you, that I can talk to the police; that I can talk to the DA; that I can talk to all these people and tell them exactly who you are. I do have leverage; pull doing what I do. I can't make it all go away for you, and I would be lying, you know, you would know I was lying if I told you, hey don't worry about it everything will be okay, just say you did it. You know that I am not going to do that, so I am offering you everything I've got, and I am the only one that will make an offer to you, there won't be any other ones. Don't put your family, your mother, Jacquetta children through all of this, just let it be done, let it be easy, come out looking like a redeemed person because I believe you are. I think it was a mistake, I have no idea, I could be [laughing] totally wrong, you know, I think it was a mistake I think you got angry and did something that you regret. I think that if you could take it back you would, again I could be totally wrong, , but I think you would. I don't think that you want to be in prison, I don't think you want your family to go through that, I don't think you wanted Jacquetta children to grow up without their mother and I really don't think you want Greg Taylor to sit in prison either and I can't fix all of this. I can't make it all go away, but I can help. I can make it better than what it would be without me. I can ease it for some people, for Jacquetta children, I can talk to them; for your family I can talk to them; for Greg Taylor I can explain to him who you are and why you've stepped up and no that's not going to fix everything, you're right when you say that. Its not but it's going to be better than the alternative for when the next time when you see your family, when you're charged. It's going to be better than nobody telling Jacquetta children and family what happened, it's going to be better than Greg wondering why this man let him take this wrap for all these years. Craig is there anything I can say, is there anything at all that I can say to make you talk to me; Is there any kind of help I can offer you?
CT	[inaudible]

SS	All right, uh, I don't think that my Executive Director will let me come back after today, secretly you're probably happy but I think that the next person that will come back, will probably be Thursday and it will be a Detective from the Raleigh Police Department. I would remind you just for your own good, I know that you're perfectly capable of looking out for yourself, but I will remind you while you are in here not to talk to any of the inmates or the guards, they will turn on you and trust me when I say, I get calls every other day from inmates saying they have information about a crime that someone has confessed to. I know that it shouldn't you know take a lot to figure out that some people will say anything to get out of prison and I just want you to protect yourself from that, because when the Raleigh Police Department comes they will interview everyone who knows you, everyone who has had contact with you
CT	All right.
SS	Is there anything that you want me to do?
CT	You've done about all you can do.
SS	It's funny cause I kind of feel like I haven't.
CT	At times it feels like that, because it happens that I ain't go through a lot of details, that's why it feels like, I'm saying that you should have it, but know and understand that he will be getting out, and that's all that needs to know, and nothing I can say about that, nothing.
SS	Is it going to match you?
CT	If it's…If it's accurate it should match me. So are we done?
SS	We're done.

Craig Taylor Interview 4 on August 6, 2009 (CT)

- Sharon Stellato, Staff Investigator (SS)
- Grace Wallace, Case Manager (GW)

SS	Hey Craig. How are you?
CT	Alright.
CT	Thought you said the last visit was your last one.
SS	Nope, I told you I'd have to look for DNA. What happened to your arm?
CT	Accident.
SS	Did you get in a fight?
CT	Nn mm [No]
SS	How did you get your arm hurt?
CT	Musta fell.
SS	You fell? What's wrong with it, is it strained? Your wrist?
CT	Mhm. [yes]
SS	So how you been?
CT	Just fine.
SS	You ready to talk to us now? Well I got the DNA back. You have any idea what it says?
CT	nm nm [Mumbles]
SS	You don't? You told me you would know exactly what the results would be. [20 sec pause] You know what the results are? Has anyone else come to see you?
CT	No.
SS	You haven't been visited by anyone else?
CT	Nah. Who else would visit?
SS	The last time I talked to you, you mentioned something about you had a black GTO in 1991. Is that correct?

CT	Nope. It was a 5.0.
SS	A Mustang 5.0? What's the difference between a GTO and a 5.0? Just different?
	Mhm. [yes]
SS	But both are Mustangs, right? Was it black?
	One I had was black.
SS	It was black. You wanna talk about the phone calls that you've been making?
CT	What phone calls?
SS	One of the phone calls I didn't understand. Do you remember way back the first time we came to see you? When we were in the other room, then we got moved into the hallway, then we got moved in here? Remember that time?
CT	Mhm. [yes]
SS	Well that night you called your Aunt Liz. Right? And you told her that we had taken DNA from you that day. But I didn't actually take DNA from you until my last visit. How come you told her we took DNA from you that day?
CT	If you record it right, it say y'all going to take some DNA. You're going to take some DNA.
SS	No sir, you said we took it that day. I can play you the conversation. Do you think maybe you just misspoke? You also talked to her about the murder. And You said it was a shooting in Kentwood, and that the body had been put in a car and moved.
CT	Mhm. [yes]
SS	Why would you say that?
CT	Why?
SS	Yes.
	[15 sec pause] You all didn't say that you were going to monitor my phone calls.
SS	I told you we would monitor your phone calls. That was the first time I visited you.
CT	I mean—
SS	You didn't know that we were monitoring your phone calls did you?
CT	My phone calls been monitored since '07 or '08.
SS	Why?

CT	Y'all got that information, you should know it too. Y'all communicate with the Raleigh Police Department so you should know about it too.
SS	Do you know whether they're monitoring your phone calls?
CT	I'm sure enough do.
SS	Why?
CT	What's the point gonna be today?
SS	It's always the same point Craig. Let me tell you what I did learn from your phone calls. That you love your Mom a lot. And you didn't want your mom to know about this, did you? I haven't told her Craig. I haven't seen your family at all. Actually I was scheduled to go see your family and then I listened to your tapes. Seems like you were trying to protect your mom. Is your mom ill? I know she seems to be ill but I couldn't decipher what was wrong with her. [10 sec Pause] Me going to see your aunt and your mom would be the last thing I would do. In fact, I was supposed to go do that today, but I thought I would come to you instead. Do you want to talk about your mom and your aunt at all?
CT	Nm nm [Mumbles] [no]
SS	Do you want to talk about Barbara?
CT	nn nm [no][Mumbles]
SS	You have an amazing ability to make Barbara really upset with you, Craig. You know it seems like there was a point where Barbara was madly in love with you, but you did her wrong. And She's not going to get over it is she?
SS	[Chuckles]
SS	[10 sec pause] She's kind of mad. But, she still talks to you. You know my favorite part was when you messed up her birthday. Do you remember thinking her birthday was one day after when it really was? She was seriously pissed. What are your feelings for Barbara?
CT	What does she got to do with all of this?
SS	She thinks she's too old for you, but I don't think 52 is too old for you. Do you think she's too old for you?
CT	[Mumbles]
SS	Do you love Barbara?
CT	[10 sec pause] Care for her.
SS	Do you know what else I got from your phone calls? It's not just me that you won't talk to, it's everyone. I was thinking it's just me because you don't like me and because I ask

	you a lot of questions. You're not the most talkative guy in the world, even on the phone. Aunt Liz, she likes to tell you what she's been cooking all day, and that's almost cruel, but I love her. I'm thinking about going over to her house for dinner if she ever forgives me. Do you think that will happen?
CT	She gonna forgive who?
SS	Me. She's mad at me.
CT	What she mad at you for?
SS	You were on those tapes, she thinks I'm a racist. She thinks I'm here looking at you because you're black. And you know what you did? You were like, "yeah probably." But I know you don't think that. That has nothing to do with why I'm here. So here's the thing you said in the letters um in the phone call that worries me; you knew you were being recorded, so you were witting them letters saying something different than what you said on the phone. Right?
	Y'all get my mail too?
SS	Isn't there a part of you that just wants this whole thing to go away? [10 sec pause] I didn't bring the tape recorder today because I thought you would be more comfortable without it, but I don't feel like it's really changed anything for you has it?
	What do you mean?
SS	I thought you would be more comfortable talking to me without a tape recorder on the table. The one time when the guards were in here you didn't feel comfortable talking with me. Then when they were gone you were comfortable talking to me. I thought kind of the same thing. I thought I wouldn't bring it, but you're still the same. You don't like talking to me.
CT	There's a reason behind it.
SS	You don't like talking to anyone?
CT	Anyone I don't trust.
SS	Oh Craig you said you trusted me last time.
CT	To some degree. You see you good. You are good
SS	This is my job.
CT	at what you do.
CT	That's the scary part.
SS	Why is that scary?

CT	You don't need no tape recorder.
SS	Because I can remember it?
CT	Like a photograph.
SS	Well but the difference between my memory and a tape recorder is that not everyone is going to believe me.
CT	They got to believe something because you're back. You said you weren't coming back.
SS	No, I never said I wasn't coming back. I said—
	You said your boss was saying, was saying to you 24, 24 hours, that day and that was it. And that'd be the last time I see you.Then you said somebody was supposed to come see me that was a detective and open up a cold case from '88, '92 or '94.
SS	1991.
CT	Still ain't seen nobody. I was prepared for whoever would come through.
SS	Were you?
CT	Yeah. You tell me somebody suppose to pay me a visit.
SS	No, I just, I don't know, I'll be totally honest, I don't know what they know. I know that they are aware of a cold case they think you're involved in, I know that they're planning to come and talk to you. I've talked to the cold case detective, you know, he hasn't indicated whether or not he's going to come talk to you and that is true. And I was asking you if he had come because I was kind of thinking he might. I have no idea.
CT	Hmm.
SS	Would you be surprised if a detective came to see you about a cold case, that your DNA was involved in?
CT	[Mumbles] I don't know. No.
SS	No? You would not be surprised? I talked to Jacquetta's family. Her kids.
CT	You did that?
SS	I told them that right now in our investigation we were interviewing someone who may be involved in her murder. They don't remember you.
CT	They don't?
SS	Well the two youngest don't. I didn't have your picture to show to the two older ones. What was your street name? What is your street name?

CT	Ninja.
SS	Ninja? You know they call you all kinds of things?
CT	What do you mean?
SS	They call you all kinds of different names.
CT	Oh god.
SS	What?
CT	I said "Oh god."
SS	You excited? Let's look at some pictures, you want to? They're not Jacquetta they're other people I promise. I'm not going to show you that. Who's this? [15 sec Pause]
CT	I know who he is, but I can't remember his name.
SS	You know who he is? If I told you his name is that going to help you? [20 second pause] How do you know who he is? Have you seen him before?
CT	Mhm. [yes]
SS	Where have you seen him? [10 sec Pause]
CT	It wasn't in prison?
SS	Excuse me? It was not in prison?
CT	Uh-huh.
SS	Maybe on the streets?
CT	That's where it had to be.
SS	Gotta be on the streets? So he looked familiar but you don't know who he is. Would you say that's correct?
CT	[35 sec pause] Are you trying to say it was Johnny?
SS	It's interesting to me though that it took you that long to identify Johnny Beck. You know Johnny, right? Right? Did you ever sell drugs to Johnny? He says you didn't.
CT	He can say what he wants to say. Can't get nobody else to say that so…
SS	I'm inclined to believe you if you tell me sold drugs to him. Did you?
CT	I mean, you already said how he done told you I didn't sell drugs to him. Believe what you want to believe. I'm known for selling drugs. 90% of Raleigh saying I not sold

	drugs to them so I'm saying believe what you want to believe.
SS	But I'm asking have you?
CT	And I told you, and I don't want to go through this again. I told you the night I was with Jacquetta he came up the street and he gave Jacquetta $50. I gave her three 20's for the drug, for the money.
SS	Is a 20 a crack rock? What's a 20?
CT	It's a rock.
SS	So you gave her three for $50.
CT	Exactly.
SS	Did she give them back to Johnny?
SS	[Sighs]
SS	Ok. We can talk about that later if you want to. [10 sec pause] Who is this? You're not going to try and say you don't know him are you?
CT	I can't say I know his name either.
SS	Ok. Do you know him? [Pause] It's ok if you can't tell his name, do you know him?
CT	[10 sec pause] Face looks familiar.
SS	He knows you. This is a good picture of what crack does to you, Craig. I'd just like you to keep that in mind when I show you this. I don't like it. Do you know her? It's not Jacquetta, I promise. Yeah? I'm sure you know her street name.
CT	Queen? Queen, queen queen. We used to call her that. She wasn't Jamaican but they call her that. We call her Jamaican.
SS	She knows you too. Like you said, lots of people know you. Do you know her?
	[Chuckles]
SS	She's improved significantly, don't you think? Do you know her?
CT	Where you getting all these pictures from?
SS	She knows you. Where am I getting all these pictures from? These are Department of Correction pictures. I have yours too. Do you want to see it? Look how much you've changed. I don't know when those were, but a while ago I less. Why are you laughing? You're so funny. So you know her? Do you want to admit to knowing her? She's so nice, I like her. Guess what she's in for? Do you know? Murder. We're almost done with the photos. This is my favorite. You know him?

CT	I can't remember his name but I know.
SS	Can't remember his name? Purcell Farr.
	That don't ring a bell but I know the face.
SS	This was the Dad of Aisha, the youngest baby that Jacquetta had. Did you know any of the dads? Just one of them.
SS	Which one did you know?
CT	Devine.
SS	Devine? Was that a nickname?
CT	Nope. Last name.
SS	Do you know his first name? Cuz I hate to tell you this, but he may have thought he was the father of one of the children, maybe he didn't know, but—
CT	you couldn't tell no difference.
SS	He thought he was. Which child did he think he was the father of?
CT	The boy.
SS	The oldest? Hmm. Did he raise the child, do you know?
CT	Nope.
SS	Did he ever see him?
CT	Yep.
SS	Was he a good dad?
CT	From what we seen.
SS	He seemed to be? Purcell Farr?
CT	I don't know.
SS	This guy right here, he was the father that she had domestic issues with. It led to the kids first being taken away. Then the kids were taken away for drugs. But to begin with they were taken away because she was being beaten by him. Nothing on that? Oh, no this might be my favorite. I know I said the last one was, but what I think is interesting about this is what you told me. Who is this? Do you know him?

CT	That's the one [inaudible]. This is the one who said he knew me.
SS	James Gist?
CT	Yeah.
SS	So here's what James' says. Let's just review it again because. I think it's interesting. James dates Michelle Alston, back then and now. He cheats on Michelle with Jacquetta. Meanwhile what he tells me that you're dating her sister, Tamika Stewart. He tells me that you're in prison, and you get out and Tamika has a son. He runs into you walking down the street, and he told you Tamika has your baby. And you went over to Tamika's house and you say "What's up is this my kid?" She says no. You asked to see him. And you see him and decide he's not yours. Is any of that true?
	Mm-mm.
SS	None of it?
	None of it. And I mean none of it.
SS	Absolutely none? The thing about James is that he lies a lot. A lot. So I don't believe much of what he says. Now Tamika on the other hand, she remembers you well and she doesn't like you very much. She's remarried. And That man thinks he's the father—excuse me, he doesn't think he's the father, he adopted the boy. She's concerned thatyou might think that the boy is yours.
CT	It ain't by him.
SS	He is yours.
CT	Sure enough is. All you gotta do is look at him.
SS	Have you?
CT	One time. On the bus.
SS	How old was he? Young?
CT	11 or 12.
SS	So when you heard of that, Had you ever heard of that, before you saw him, that he might be yours?
CT	I heard talk.
SS	And when you saw him you thought he looked just like you?
	That's what I thought.
SS	Did you ever talk to Tamika about it?

CT	Yeah and she finally came around.
SS	Told you that he was yours?
CT	Cuz Couldn't be no one else's.
SS	He's in prison.
CT	[Inaudible] It don't show, I looked him up on the computer, it doesn't show that he's incarcerated.
SS	He hasn't been convicted yet. I should have said jail, I'm sorry. How many kids do you think you have? How many kids do you know you have?
CT	I can't answer that. I don't know.
SS	How many kids do you think you have?
CT	Once again, I can't answer that. Because Every time I was with somebody, one night stand, they probably pregnant. It doesn't matter. I don't know. Some of them I might never seen. Some of them nevr born, so I don't know.
SS	Are there any you have had a relationship with?
CT	Mhm.
SS	How many?
CT	There's one I'm close to, Ebony.
SS	Ebony? Are you pretty sure she's your daughter.
CT	There's no denying it. That's one thing about my kids, you don't need no DNA.
SS	They look like you?
CT	Yes, identical.
SS	Where is she at?
CT	She's in Fayettville
SS	How old is she?
CT	18 this year.
SS	Wow.
CT	The same age Tamika's son is supposed to be.

SS	I thought he was already 18.
CT	He's going to turn 18.
SS	So you had a relationship with Ebony. Like you've talked to her and things?
CT	Y'all shoulda caught that on conversation.
SS	I'm just asking. Who's this guy?
CT	This my brother.
SS	He looks so much like you. How many brothers do you have?
CT	On my mother's side I got two. 2 brothers.
SS	Were you close to your brother?
CT	Not in prison, growing up.
SS	How old are you?
CT	I'm 40.
SS	So you're older than Christopher?
CT	Mhm. [yes]
SS	Where is he at now?
CT	He's at Scotland
SS	No chance of you guys being in the same prison together? Do they do that?
CT	Yep.
SS	Have you ever been in prison with him?
CT	Yep.
SS	That's nice.
CT	'05. At Scotland.
SS	Then you got moved here? No, then you got out.
CT	It was a little prison.
SS	Tell me about your other brothers. Are they in prison?

CT	Not on my daddy's side.
SS	What about a brother that you call, and he's always drinking and you fight with? What's the deal there? Is he an alcoholic?
CT	Yep.
SS	Why do you fight? Just when he drinks right?
CT	Yep.
SS	Do you know your dad?
CT	Know of him.
SS	Is he still alive?
CT	From what I heard.
SS	Did you have a relationship with him growing up?
CT	I ain't seen him since birth.
SS	Were you just raised by your mom?
CT	Yep. And her husband.
SS	Oh her husband. Was he your stepdad?
CT	He wasn't nothing to me.
SS	He wasn't good to you?
CT	He wasn't nothing to me. I know he wasn't my father. So I didn't accept him as my father.
SS	Is he still living?
CT	Yep.
SS	Do they still live together?
CT	Nope.
SS	I never heard her mention him. Was he good to her?
CT	They had their ups and downs.
SS	Did they have any children?

CT	Yep.
SS	And those are your brothers on your mom's side? Two.
CT	One brother, two sisters.
SS	Do you love your family?
CT	To a certain degree.
SS	Who do you love? I know your mom.
CT	My grandma.
SS	Your grandmother passed away.
CT	That's right.
SS	You loved your grandmother?
CT	That's right.
SS	Was your Aunt Liz good to you growing up?
CT	No complaints. She did what she could do.
SS	How old's your mom?
CT	I don't know. She had me when she was 17.
SS	So she's 57?
CT	Around about there.
SS	And What's wrong with her?
CT	Nothing to talk about.
SS	That's my stomach growling.
CT	Y'all should go eat then.
SS	We did, before we came in. Ok let's look at Jacquetta pre-death, pre-death. She was in a mug shot. She got in trouble for hitting one of the kids. She's cute, huh? Who's that?
CT	[10 sec pause] Can't tell with the shades on.
SS	It's Lynette Perry. You know who that is? Do you know who Lynette Perry is?
CT	I know a bunch of Perry's.

SS	Who's this? Last one.
CT	Definitely know him, I just can't remember the name.
SS	David Broadnex? He was with Lynette Perry on the night that Jacquetta left the house and was murdered. That was a fun stroll down memory lane wasn't it? What do you think your mom is going to think about your involvement in this? You think she'll be surprised? Or you think she be ok? I asked you because you didn't want her to know. Why didn't you want her to know?
CT	Um, I don't know. She going to find out anyway.
SS	You don't want her to find out though. So how come you're not asking me about the DNA? I'id ask me about the DNA.
CT	I'm saying my DNA not on there. I don't know.
SS	You think your DNA is not on there now?
CT	I mean I'm saying, contact to contact, or I mean I'm saying or however y'all do the DNA back then, this and that. It's supposed to be on everything, because I mean. I don't know.
SS	It's supposed to be on there?
CT	What did I tell you last time? It should be on there.
SS	Are you surprised that after 18 years someone's coming to talk to you about this murder?
CT	Sure enough did.
SS	Did you ever think someone would talk to you? Or did you not really think about it?
CT	I didn't really think about it.
SS	Did they ever find out what's wrong with your kidneys?
CT	Where'd you get all that information from?
SS	Your phone calls, I told you. Did they find out? You don't have to tell me what it is—are you ok? Or are you going to be ok?
CT	They didn't tell me nothing.
SS	Even now? They still haven't told you anything?
CT	Nope.

SS	Have you seen anybody else?
	Uh huh. I just leave it up to my aunt. She call who she need to call and deal with these folks. I'm saying, for my medical records, for them to be releasing them
SS	Are you still hurting?
CT	I mean, I'm always hurting, I'm going be alright though.
SS	But you haven't seen another doctor? No one here has come to see you again?
CT	Nope, not in that situation.
SS	And have you put in a request to be seen?
CT	They sent me to see this so-called doctor, Dr. Bill, which he's no doctor. I done seen three people died under his care at Whitefield. That man is not no doctor, that's the bottom line. That's all I can tell you, he ain't no doctor. If he was, you know how serious my condition is, with the condition I'm in and the problems I been having, he should have taken the initiative I'm saying and sent me to a specialist and let me be seen by the specialist. He want to give me some generic medication. Like that's going to work. No. I have to get seen, taken to a hospital, so those doctors out there can let these folks in here know what's actually wrong with me.
SS	Is your aunt handling this?
CT	She's waiting on, she being contacted by the [inaudible] in the medical department. She contacted the medical director, who she is. And she's happening, she's happening. I haven't found out what she said uh Saturday. Y'all gonna know about it anyway, when I call. So she'll tell me what she find out.
SS	I can get you a doctor you know.
CT	Hmm?
SS	I can get you a doctor if she doesn't get you a doctor. You need to write us a letter, ok? Are you listening?
CT	I'm hearing you. But I'm not believing what I'm hearing. That's a lot of pull right there.
SS	To get you a doctor?
CT	Yeah.
SS	It's not as much pull as you probably think.
CT	So why you say that?
SS	You need to have her call someone ok? I know who she needs to call. So I'm going to

	call her and I'm going to tell her who she needs to call, ok?
CT	That'll work.
SS	Aunt Liz's phone number is there [to Grace].
CT	[20 sec pause] So what's the real reason y'all came back?
SS	I told you Craig, the same reason I'm always coming back. I just want you to tell me the truth. I may know a lot of things, I may have interviewed a lot of people, I may have the DNA I need, but until I can talk to you and understand the situation I'm not going to feel comfortable with it. [20 sec pause]Did you kill Jacquetta? [1 min Pause] Craig just say yes or no. I'm going to believe whatever you say right now. Did you kill her? [1 min, 10 sec Pause]
CT	If I say no it's haunt me, if I say yeah …
SS	If you say no it will haunt you, but if you say yes, what?
CT	It'd be over for me. It'd be over.
SS	Do you want it to be over?
CT	[10 sec pause] It might not be over, I'm saying, it's pretty much over for me.
SS	What do you mean? Prison you mean?
CT	Yeah, I'm not going to make it, I'm not going to make it, I'm saying, make it out of prison alive. So if I say yeah, if I say yeah, what's it's going to hurt. 'Cause I don't know how long I'm going to live. I don't know if y'all know or not, but my diagnosis has been changed. So, I'm just waiting.
SS	What's your diagnosis now?
CT	Full-blown.
SS	How long?
CT	How long what?
SS	How long can you live with full-blown?
CT	Until I catch a cold or pneumonia.
SS	Until something else interacts with it? Do you think you're going to die?
CT	I know I am.
SS	[23 second pause] What's the truth?

CT	[45 second pause] Well, they say everything's pointing back in my direction. The truth of the matter is, nah, I didn't kill her.
SS	Do you know who did?
CT	[50 second pause] Mm-mm.
SS	If you didn't kill her, and you don't know who did, then why would it haunt you? If you really didn't do it, Craig, when I ask you to tell me the truth, and when I ask you if you had anything to do with it, why does it take you so long to answer me? Why do you spend so much time weighing your options? Why did you tell me that you were stalking her? Why did you tell me that you didn't rape her, that you followed her that night? Why did you tell me that every day you wish you could undo what you've done for her children? [20 second pause] Do you want to die?
CT	No, but I gotta deal with it now. What happens, happens. Gotta accept the fact.
SS	[20 second pause] Do you believe that Johnny Beck and Greg Taylor killed Jacquetta?
CT	[15 second pause] Nope.
SS	Do you think that it's ok for them to spend the rest of their lives in prison?
CT	Nope.
SS	Do you think it's ok for you to die with that? [20 second pause] She has family, too, Craig. Ok? She's got a family who doesn't believe that those people killed her. They don't know what happened, to their daughter, to their sister, to their mother. Now I haven't gone after your family, ok? You have a family that still loves you. Greg and Johnny they have families that love them too. They have children that they're never gonna get to see. I will help you. I will get you a doctor. I will testify at your trial. I will do whatever I can to make your life easier. I'll sit with your family if I have to, but you have got to tell me the truth. [20 second pause] Craig, I'll help you. I know you don't want to trust me, but I'm all you've got. I will help you.
CT	[60 second pause] Why you doing this right here?
SS	I'm sorry what?
CT	Why you do me like this right here?
SS	Craig, I do it like this for all the reasons I've told you. One, I want to help Greg and Johnny. I'm being honest. One, because I want Jacquetta's family to know what happened to her daughter. And finally because I do believe that you're a good person. I think you need help. And I want to help you. If I wanted to screw you, Craig, I would have screwed you long ago, ok. I had enough after the first interview. But I don't want it to be like that. All I can do is come here and be honest with you and tell you the truth and try to find ways to kind of get through to you to make you trust me. If you did this, just tell me. [35 second pause] I'll go to your mom's house. You know, if you want to, if you want to talk to your mom, and you want someone to make sure she's ok, I'll go there. Whenever you want to call. I'll wait. And I'll make sure she's ok. [30 second

	pause] What happened that made you do this? I mean, what happened that night? Were you angry, were you jealous, were you sad?
CT	I'm always a jealous person.
SS	Always? Was she with someone else? [11 second pause] You knew that though, Craig. You knew. Right? You knew that it wasn't just you, didn't you? You told me in my interviews you knew that Jacquetta would have sex with other people.
CT	Exactly.
SS	Did you know that before or after?
CT	I knew it before.
SS	And you were jealous?
CT	Didn't want to accept the reality.
SS	And what was the reality?
CT	That. I'm dealing with illusion.
SS	You don't think she cared for you?
CT	I'm saying, when I say, that I'm talking about dealing with illusion. I didn't want to accept the reality. The fact is, the thing is she do this, do this with this person right here. In the back of my mind, I don't want, I don't, I programmed myself not to believe it. And when I know it's the truth. I don't know how to explain this right here. It's more difficult just trying to explain the whole situation.
SS	It was just too -- Even though you knew what she was doing, it was just too hard to really let that in?
CT	Really hard to accept it. Because I said before, don't nobody controls—
SS	Who have you feelings for.
CT	Exactly. And love hurts and love kills.
SS	Did you ever tell her how you felt?
CT	Not in a way she would understand.
SS	But by doing things for her?
CT	Something like that. But, uh—
SS	Do you think if you would have told her she would have been different?

CT	I doubt it. I don't know.
SS	Did you argue with her that night?
CT	[15 second pause] Nah, it weren't that night? It was, if my memory serves me correctly, it was the night before. It was the night before. If my memory serves me correct.
SS	What did you argue over?
CT	Something small, petty. I don't know if it might have been, I might have had a stressful night that night. Dealing out there on the streets, or what. Our argument didn't last long. The next night, that's when, that's when she and Johnny come. And that's when I sold.
SS	Were you angry to see her with someone else?
CT	Knowing in the back of my mind they were getting ready to do something. Of course.
SS	[17 second pause] Then what happened? Did you follow them?
CT	[20 second pause] No, you know, I'm saying, that's how it had to have happened, I'm saying. In order for me to know she was there, so.
SS	You told me they left in a car and you were standing in the park. How could you have followed them?
CT	Standing in a park?
SS	You told me—I'm sorry—on the street, I'm sorry the sidewalk. You told me they pulled up, and that they walked back to the Pathfinder.
CT	And they left. They left.
SS	Mm hm.
CT	My vehicle weren't parked too far from me. So.
SS	So where did you follow them to? Did you just assume they were gonna go smoke crack? [Inaudible]
CT	Thought it was a regular trick.
SS	And that's like exchanging sex for crack?
CT	Mm hm. [Affirmative]
SS	Where did you follow them to? [25 second pause] Where did you follow them to Craig? [25 second pause] Did she have sex with one of them?
CT	[20 second pause] Nope.

SS	Did she get out of the truck?
CT	[23 second pause] Not willingly.
SS	Did you go to their truck? Did they throw her out of the truck?
CT	[12 second pause] Nah, they didn't throw her out.
SS	[10 second pause] When you found her was she alone?
CT	[20 second pause] She was alone very much indeed so.
SS	Where were Greg and Johnny?
CT	[26 second pause] That, I don't know where they was at.
SS	But they were gone? Did she know you were following her? She didn't? What did she say when she saw you? Was she high?
CT	[10 second pause] She was high then.
SS	Did she get in your car? No?
CT	Nuh-uh. [Negative]
SS	Was she outside?
CT	[10 second pause] Mm hm. [Affirmative]
SS	Were you in your car?
CT	Was I in my car when?
SS	When you found her.
CT	[18 second pause] That sounds like a little trick question to me, now. What do you mean, when I found her, when I saw her?
SS	I thought that what you were saying is that you were following her with Greg and Johnny. But then you said you when found her, she was alone, and you don't know where Greg and Johnny were. So I was asking were you in your car following them, or by that time had you gotten out of your car?
CT	[25 second pause] [Mumbles] [25 second pause] Between them three? [12 second pause] What was supposed to would happen, what was supposed to go down didn't never make, didn't never happen. [10 second pause] So I mean, they kinda like put her out.
SS	Is that the trick? She was supposed to get drugs for sex and it didn't happen? So they put her out?

CT	To my knowledge, from that point right there, I make my little round, around the block in a circle. 'Cause I knew there wasn't no sex went on because it was too damn quick.
SS	Mm hm.
CT	So.
SS	And then you found her alone?
CT	Yep.
SS	Did they give her any crack, do you know?
CT	That I wouldn't know. She was already high when she first came up that first time and got the three for 50.
SS	So you saw her walking off with them, but then by the time you made your rounds and came back she was alone. So you knew that nothing could have happened?
CT	Yeah, from them two right there, yeah. It was just too quick. They didn't do nothing with her
SS	Did she try to get more drugs from you?
CT	The average, the average crack head, they would. If they know you got it, they going to keep on. They gonna try it. They going to keep begging you and asking you.
SS	Even if they're already high?
CT	Exactly.
SS	So you didn't follow them in your car?
CT	Didn't need to.
SS	You know she wasn't with them, sexually?
CT	Exactly.
SS	Then why were you upset? You told me at the beginning that you were upset because you thought she was going to turn trick with Greg and Johnny. But if she didn't, why would you be jealous?
CT	[13 second pause] It's too strange to explain. I can't even understand myself.
SS	Was Jacquetta different when she was high? Her personality different?
CT	Pretty much.
SS	Better or worse?

CT	I can't say worse.
SS	I've heard men say that when they smoke crack, they tend not to want to have sex. I've heard women say when they smoke crack they tend to want to have sex. Would you believe either one of those?
CT	I've heard the same thing. Now, I'm seen females who smoke crack, who won't have it. And I've seen some guys who smoke, regardless, don't want to have sex. Some of them do.
SS	Did she get in your car that night? Laurnette Perry says you often dropped her off at home after she had been out smoking. Or, well, she didn't know if she was out smoking. She says she was dropped off at the house late. She'd go across town. She assumed she was turning tricks and getting high and she would come back to the house about 3. And that that night, she had told Laurnette she would be home by 3. Did you offer to give her a ride?
CT	If it was anybody I know, I don't like to see somebody walk.
SS	Was she far from home? From where she lived?
CT	Mmm. Not really. It really weren't that far.
SS	But you didn't want her to walk home?
CT	Nah.
SS	Did she get in your car?
CT	[27 second pause] I mean Laurnette already told you.
SS	Laurnette told me that you brought her home, she didn't tell me that you brought her home that night, though.
CT	No, I didn't bring her home that night.
SS	Where did you take her? [21 second pause] Were you mad at her? Were you talking to her, was she talking to you?
CT	[17 second pause] No, she wasn't mad.
SS	You were?
CT	[20 second pause] That pretty much sums me up. Jealous and possessive.
SS	What was she saying? Was she laughing, was she upset? Did she care?
CT	It seemed like she didn't.
SS	It didn't seem as though she did?

CT	So, my rage kicked in.
SS	[15 second pause] Did you yell at her?
CT	[12 second pause] For the most part.
SS	Did you hit her?
CT	Yeah.
SS	What did she do?
CT	Tried to fight back.
SS	Did she hit you?
CT	It weren't no, it weren't no hit. More like a little open hand slap. A reaction.
SS	Did she get out of the car?
CT	Yep.
SS	Where were you? [10 second pause] Was she trying to get away from you?
CT	Mm hm. [Affirmative]
SS	Did you get out of the car?
CT	[9 second pause] Yep.
SS	Did you mean to kill her?
CT	[8 second pause] Nope. Some of it I meant to do, some of it went down.
SS	You were just angry?
CT	I don't know what came over me. That's what I don't keep in relationships long. Because of my temper and my attitude.
SS	When you caught her, what did you do? Did you hit her again?
CT	Snatched her by the back of the head, hair.
SS	Snatched her by the back of the head?
CT	And, I can't tell…
SS	Why didn't you just try to talk to her? Was she not listening? Did she want to get away?

CT	She was trying to get away. And I wish, I'm saying, that I would have let her get away. I don't know what came over me.
SS	What did you hit her with? Your hands?
CT	Bat. Bat. Cause I'd been known to do a lot of damage with my hands back then too. I guess, the hands just wasn't good enough.
SS	Was she still fighting you?
CT	Pleading. But I wouldn't listen.
SS	Where were you hitting her?
CT	Facial area.
SS	When did you know she was dead?
CT	Hmm?
SS	When did you know that she was dead?
CT	[10 seconds] When she stopped.
SS	What did you do then?
CT	[12 seconds] I told you, I'm saying, tried to make it look like she was raped, which she wasn't raped and left.
SS	But you didn't rape her?
CT	Mm mm.
SS	You just made it look like that? Why did you decide to make it look like that?
CT	I don't know.
SS	Did you have blood on you?
CT	Mm hm. [Affirmative]
SS	You had a bat with you? [16 seconds] Did it have blood on it?
CT	It were a wooden bat.
SS	Did you put it back in the car with you? Or did you leave it?
CT	At that time, it was left.
SS	I'm sorry what? At that time what?

CT	It was left.
SS	Did you go back for it later? [17 second pause] Why didn't the police find it?
CT	[17 second pause] Hm, why didn't they find it?
SS	Why didn't the police find the bat?
CT	[12 second pause] I done told you, you're too smart for your own self, you already know.
SS	I don't know, Craig. Because you went back for it?
CT	It was about 5, like 10, 15 minutes later.
SS	Were you positive she was dead? When you went back did you think she may be alive?
CT	Probably could, I didn't check no pulse.
SS	What did you do with the bat after that? [20 second pause] Did you take it home?
CT	No.
SS	Did you hide it somewhere?
CT	It was still, it was inside the couch, just inside of a bag. A plastic bag. A hefty, a hefty, a hefty, two ply hefty bags, inside of that right there. Until the next morning, until the next day.
SS	Then what? You threw it away?
CT	Yeah, in the dumpster.
SS	What about your clothes?
CT	I don't think I, I don't' think, I don't think I, I threw the clothes away. I'm saying, more like it, I'm saying, I tried to wash the clothes. Bleach, cold water, whatever you want to call it. Ain't nothing else, ain't nothing else of it.
SS	Did you have a knife?
CT	I always keep a little pocket knife. No, no. You're wondering about the stab wounds too.
SS	[13 second pause] Did you cut her? [28 second pause] Did you cut her, anywhere? [24 seconds] Do you even remember?
CT	To tell you the truth, when I black out, blank out, I don't. There's things people do they don't even remember they done.

SS	Did your knife ever have blood on it?
CT	Yeah, but if you'd asked me, if you asked me, did I know, or when I had to use it, I couldn't have told you, at that time. If you asked me, say did I stab anybody, I couldn't tell you. My mind went dead.
SS	When you get angry like that you kind of black out?
CT	Yeah, all you gotta do is ask my mother. That's why she don't have no boyfriend to this day.
SS	Is she similar to that?
CT	Huh?
SS	Is she like that also?
CT	No, she seen what I did to a dude, I'm saying, that, that called her a bitch. And it wasn't nothing the Raleigh Police department's people could do. They tried to restrain me. I just blacked out. I beat the dude, I damn near almost killed him. I don't even remember all that.
SS	But you remember that you tried—how did you try to make it look like a rape? Like, what did you do that made? [20 sec pause] If you, if you'll just answer two more questions, honestly, we will stop. I promise. Can you tell me what you did to make it look like a rape?
CT	[12 second pause] It's common sense. I mean. Blouse torn, I'm saying, pants were ripped, pulled down. I mean, this shit is crazy.
SS	Why do you say she's crazy?
CT	No, I said, no, I didn't say she crazy. I said this shit is crazy.
SS	Oh, ok. Sorry. Did you ever choke her? Or put the bat on her neck? Put your foot on her neck or anything? That you can recall?
CT	My hands probably been around her neck, I'm saying, I told you know, when I punched her, but, I don't, I don't.
SS	And this is the last question, the last question I'll ask you; where did you leave her? [78 second pause] If you don't want to answer, you don't have to, it's fine. What do you want me to do now?
CT	What do you mean?
SS	I mean, in a perfect world, what would you want done for you now? Do you want us to just end this interview and leave? Do you want me to talk to anyone for you? Do you want me to tell anyone anything? [24 second pause] If you could undo it, if you could go back, would you?

CT	So I don't do it?
SS	Yeah.
CT	Mm hm. [Affirmative]
SS	[14 second pause] Is there anything you want to talk about? Anything you want to ask me? I don't know, anything else you want to talk about?
CT	You say you'll go see my family?
SS	If you want me to I will. Not if you don't want me to. Do you want me to?
CT	Please.
SS	Ok. Your mom? Who do you want me to see? Your mom? Anybody else? Do you want me to see your aunt?
CT	Mm hm. [Affirmative]
SS	Yes?
CT	And y'all could check on my daughter, Ebony.
SS	Do you know her mom's name?
CT	Denise. Denise [Inaudible].
GW	She's in Zebulon I think?
CT	I only know, I can't call. I ain't got the gall to tell them. The phone number is 9-1-9-4-0-4 [18 second pause] 7-4-5-5.
SS	What do you want me to tell them Craig?
	[17 second pause] I don't know. I don't know how to tell them.
SS	I don't. I can just, I don't have to tell them details, you know. I can just tell them that something happened you know 20 years ago.
CT	Hard to understand. Tell them I'm sorry.
SS	I'll tell them ok? Look at me. Give me your hand. It's going to be ok. I'm going to help you, ok? I promise.
CT	Y'all going to get me a doctor too.
SS	You're gonna be ok. You did the right thing, ok? You know that. It's going to be ok. I'll go see them tomorrow ok?

CT	Alright.
SS	You need anything else?
CT	If I do I'll write you
SS	Alright. Do you still have my card? When you get a lawyer you give them my card, ok? Don't forget.
CT	[Inaudible]
SS	You take care ok?
CT	Alright.
SS	I'm calling on your aunt tomorrow, ok? I'll go see them tomorrow. Take care, Craig.
	Guard: All done?
CT	Alright.
	A few minutes of jail noise follows.

Conclusion

A hearing will be conducted on September 3 and 4, 2009. At that time, the Commission staff will present the evidence uncovered during their investigation. Multiple witnesses are expected to testify before the Commission.

The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission is charged with considering "credible, verifiable evidence of innocence that has not been previously presented at trial or considered at a hearing granted through postconviction relief" N.C.G.S. § 15A-1460. Each Commissioner shall determine whether "there is sufficient evidence of factual innocence to merit judicial review." N.C.G.S. § 15A-1468(c). This case was the result of a trial and all Commission votes shall be by majority.