

## Testimony of Dana Godfrey

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

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19 BY MR. CURTIS GLOVER:

20 Q. Dana, tell the jury what you do.

21 A. I'm a housewife and I also work with  
22 my husband part-time now in electronics.

23 Q. Okay. And that is in, where?

24 A. In our home.

25 Q. Okay. Dallas or Rowlett or where?

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1 A. In Rowlett.

2 Q. In Rowlett. Tell the jury how you

3 know Darlie Routier.

4 A. I met Darlie the first day she moved

5 into her home on Bond Street, I brought her cookies over  
6 to her house.

7 Q. Okay. How many years ago has that  
8 been?

9 A. Say, approximately eight years.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Devon was just born.

12 Q. Okay. She had a baby then, Devon; is  
13 that right?

14 A. Yes, she did.

15 Q. Okay. Did you all become pals?

16 A. Very close, very soon.

17 Q. Okay. What did you all do together?

18 A. Everything. We shopped, just walking

19 the babies, we have just been long time close friends

20 together, just camping, everything that friends do

21 together.

22 Q. What kind of person was Darlie Lynn?

23 A. She was a sweet, caring, loving person

24 from the first day I met her.

25 Q. Okay. She is a good friend of yours?

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1 A. Very good.

2 Q. Is she still a good friend of yours?

3 A. She is a good friend, yes.

4 Q. Okay. As the years have gone by, have

5 you all remained as close as you were back, say, eight  
6 years ago?

7 A. No, we didn't.

8 Q. Okay. How did y'all drift apart, if

9 you did?

10 A. We drifted apart as soon as I started

11 coaching softball and getting in the PTA and going back  
12 to college.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. They moved and, like I said, I started

15 coaching and my life was coaching after that.

16 Q. But did you stay in touch?

17 A. Yes, quite frequently we did.

18 Q. Have you found, since you have

19 indicated to the jury you all drifted apart, that there

20 was any change in the Darlie that you had always known?

21 A. Never.

22 Q. What kind of person was she?

23 A. She was good. She was a good mother,

24 caring. Darlie was always there if you ever needed her

25 to talk to. She was just a sweet, good person. Always.

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1 Q. Okay. When, if you know, do you think

2 the last time you would have talked to her prior to these

3 little boys tragically dying?

4 A. I'm sorry. Can you repeat that?

5 Q. When would have been the last time, if

6 you know, that you spoke with her prior to this event, in

7 June of '96 when the little boys were killed?

8 A. I would say about two months prior to

9 that we had spoken. I went to visit her at her office.

10 I just happen to go up there to see how she was doing.

11 Q. Okay. And how was she doing?

12 A. She was doing great. The boys were

13 running around, she was feeding the baby.

14 Q. Had you seen the baby?

15 A. Yes, I had.

16 Q. I said, had you seen it prior to that

17 time?

18 A. Yes, I had.

19 Q. Okay. So you were familiar with

20 Drake?

21 A. Yes, I was.

22 Q. How was he doing?

23 A. He was doing just fine.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. Just fine.

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1 Q. Everybody seem happy?

2 A. Everybody did. The boys were running

3 around, drives them crazy, and she was trying to calm  
4 them down, and I was talking to Darin and her and just a  
5 normal atmosphere.

6 Q. Okay. When did you get any hint about  
7 what ultimately happened there in June?

8 A. I got a phone call early that morning  
9 from a neighbor, Celia Morgan, and she called me, and  
10 said that --

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12 MR. GREG DAVIS: I'm going to object,  
13 that is hearsay. I'll object to it.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

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16 BY MR. CURTIS GLOVER:

17 Q. You found out what happened, did you  
18 not?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. What did you do?

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22 THE COURT: Just a moment, Mr. Glover.

23 Ma'am, don't tell him what people told you. Wait until  
24 you hear the lawyer's next question. Okay?

25 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

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1 THE COURT: That is quite all right.

2 Go ahead.

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4 BY MR. CURTIS GLOVER:

5 Q. What did you do, Dana, as a result of  
6 what you found out?

7 A. Well, I believe I dropped the phone  
8 down and then ran upstairs hysterically, to my husband,  
9 who was in the shower, and screamed that the boys were  
10 dead, and that they were murdered, and he came out of the  
11 shower, and of course, my children ran down the hallway  
12 and heard me, unfortunately, and I got them out of the  
13 room, and he tried to calm me down, and we got dressed  
14 and we went right to the hospital.

15 Q. Okay. What did you see when you got  
16 to the hospital?

17 A. Well, first we had to wait down for a  
18 while until the police let us up, and when we got up  
19 there, I'm sorry, we got upstairs and they wouldn't let  
20 us in. We saw Darin and they said we had to wait a while  
21 to see Darlie and I just wanted to see her.

22 Q. Okay. How was Darin?

23 A. Darin was -- I'd say he was still in  
24 shock. He was so out of it and pacing and I just

25 remember him tapping his hands on the side of the bar,  
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1 talking to me and my husband, and trying to tell us, you  
2 know, what had happened. And we waited until they let us  
3 go in and then I went in.

4 Q. What time was that?

5 A. I'd say it was anywhere between 9:00  
6 and 9:30 that morning.

7 Q. Okay. And, when you got into the  
8 room, what did you see?

9 A. I saw Darlie holding her boys'  
10 pictures in her arms.

11 Q. How was that? Describe that for the  
12 jury.

13 A. It was -- she was just crying and  
14 holding their pictures in her arms and rocking back and  
15 forth, just kind of out of it, just in shock and just  
16 crying.

17 Q. Okay. You have known this woman for  
18 eight years?

19 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
20 affirmatively.)

21 Q. Y'all had a close relationship?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Okay. You knew her emotionally?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. Okay. Describe her emotion.

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1 A. Her emotion was -- I would say she --  
2 from the looks of her she was on heavy medication,  
3 tearful, she couldn't speak very well, she was listless.  
4 I fed her some ice and we talked a little bit. Well, I  
5 finally pulled the pictures out of her hand. I told her  
6 I said, "Darlie, just put the pictures down, babe. Just  
7 get some rest."

8 And then she tried to tell me what  
9 happened.

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11 MR. GREG DAVIS: I'm going to object  
12 to that as being hearsay, what was said.

13 THE COURT: Sustain the objection.

14 Let's rephrase our question.

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16 BY MR. CURTIS GLOVER:

17 Q. Now, this would have been around 9:00

18 or 9:30 that you were in there?

19 A. Yes, sir.  
20 Q. You made some statement when we talked  
21 last night about the fact that she was not cleaned  
22 properly. Explain that to the jury.  
23 A. I remember I was just staring at her  
24 hands also when I took the pictures out I saw the blood  
25 between her fingers, dried blood, and then on her  
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1 fingernails there was dried blood, and even on her arms,  
2 on her arm, there was blood on her arm.  
3 And it just looked like -- and then to  
4 see her neck, it just looked like they just didn't clean  
5 her up very well.

6 Q. Okay. Dana, did you have an occasion  
7 to go to the viewing of the boys?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q. Okay. Did you have occasion to see  
10 Darlie then?

11 A. Yes, I did. She came in late.

12 Q. Where did you see her?

13 A. I don't remember.

14 Q. What kind of shape was she in?

15 A. Out of it, just not with it.

16 Q. Okay. Did that seem genuine to you or  
17 did it seem like she was faking that?

18 A. There was no faking, none. I just saw  
19 a mother that had been through a very, very, bad tragedy  
20 and I didn't see any faking. I saw the real Darlie and  
21 she was heartbroken.

22 Q. All right.

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24 MR. CURTIS GLOVER: Pass the witness.

25 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Davis.

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3 CROSS EXAMINATION

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5 BY MR. GREG DAVIS:

6 Q. Mrs. Godfrey, my name is Greg Davis.

7 I just have a few questions for you just so I'm clear.

8 Were you in the house there at 5801 Eagle Drive the  
9 evening of June the 5th, 1996?

10 A. No, sir, I was not.

11 Q. Were you in that house during the

12 early morning hours of June the 6th of 1996?

13 A. No, I was not.

14 Q. When you saw that the defendant had  
15 not been cleaned properly, which nurse did you go to to  
16 report that?

17 A. There was a nurse -- I didn't report  
18 that she wasn't cleaned properly. I reported to the  
19 nurse to please give her some -- something that would  
20 calm her down. And then the nurse did get up, and came  
21 over and spoke to me, and said that she had been like  
22 this for a while and --

23 Q. Okay. Well --

24 A. And proceeded to give her medication.

25 Q. Well, I'm sorry, my question was:  
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1 Which nurse did you report that to?

2 A. The one that was in the room at the  
3 time, sitting up on the side.

4 Q. You reported the fact that she had not  
5 been cleaned properly to that nurse?

6 A. No, I did not report that she had not  
7 been cleaned.

8 Q. Thank you. Thank you. When you saw  
9 her two months prior to this incident, you said that she  
10 appeared to be doing great; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Would you agree with me that if an  
13 individual attempted to take her life, that she is not  
14 doing --

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16 MR. JOHN HAGLER: Excuse me, your  
17 Honor, excuse me, there has been no showing -- that is  
18 not in evidence, your Honor.

19 MR. GREG DAVIS: Barbara Jovell --

20 THE COURT: I'll let her answer it.

21 Ask that question, and if she knows the answer, I'll let  
22 her answer it.

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24 BY MR. GREG DAVIS:

25 Q. Let me ask you again. If the  
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1 defendant, during that time period that you say she is  
2 doing great, had started to take her life, but was  
3 interrupted by her husband before she completed the act,  
4 would you consider that to be doing great?

5 A. I don't believe she would do that.

6 Q. That wasn't my question. I know that

7 you may not believe that, but my question is: If that  
8 occurred, would you consider the defendant to be doing  
9 great during that time period, Mrs. Godfrey?

10 A. No, not with any person.

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12 MR. GREG DAVIS: No further questions.

13 MR. CURTIS GLOVER: That's all we  
14 have.

15 THE COURT: You may step down, ma'am.

16 Watch your step. Please do not discuss your testimony  
17 with anybody who testifies. Thank you.

18 All right. Your next witness.