Testimony of Mary Rickels

DIRECT EXAMINATION

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13 BY MR. DOUGLAS D. MULDER:

14 Q. Ms. Rickels, would you tell the jury

15 your name again, please?

16 A. Angelia Rickels.

17 Q. Okay. Can y'all hear her all right?

18 I will stand back here, so that you can keep your voice

19 up. If you will just speak up, so that we can hear you

20 back here in this part of the area.

21 Would you tell the jury where you

22 live?

23 A. I live in Rowlett.

24 Q. And how long have you lived there?

25 A. Oh, for over two years now.

Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4189

- 1 Q. Are you a married lady?
- 2 A. Yes, I am.
- 3 Q. Do you have a family?
- 4 A. Oh, yes.
- 5 Q. What does your family consist of,

6 please, ma'am?

7 A. I have 3 teenagers and one baby, well,

8 he is 15 months now.

9 Q. Okay. And when was your baby born?

10 A. October 6th, 1995.

11 Q. Okay. Can you -- let me show you what

12 has been marked for identification and record purposes as

13 State's Exhibit 6-B. And I'll ask you if you see on

14 State's Exhibit B, 6-B, the City of Rowlett, Texas?

15 A. Do I see it?

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. And where do you live in

19 Rowlett?

20 A. I live on Miami Drive.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. It's in the Rockwall County side of

23 Rowlett.

24 Q. Is it close to Dalrock Road?

25 A. We are just east of it.

Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4190

1 Q. All right. And, do you see on this

2 exhibit, Dalrock Road, across here?

- 3 A. Yes, I do.
- 4 Q. Okay. About how far off -- Dalrock
- 5 Road is this blue dotted line across here, is it not?
- 6 A. That is true.
- 7 Q. Okay. Can y'all see that?
- 8 How far off of Dalrock Road do you
- 9 live?
- 10 A. What I call city blocks, it's two.
- 11 Q. Two city blocks?
- 12 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head
- 13 affirmatively.)
- 14 Q. And you live on Miami Street, is that
- 15 right?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And, do you live in kind of a curve in
- 18 the road?
- 19 A. Yes, I do.
- 20 Q. Could you find that, do you think, on
- 21 State's Exhibit Number -- is that Miami Road right there,
- 22 right at the end of that yellow spot?
- 23 A. Yes, that is.
- 24 Q. All right. And do you live right
- 25 where Miami curves?
- Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter
- 4191
- 1 A. Right before it hits Willowbrook.
- 2 Q. Okay. Can y'all see that? Kind of by
- 3 that yellow mark?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And would you say it would be about
- 6 two blocks off of Dalrock Road, two city blocks?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. Okay. All right. You are right there
- 9 on the curve?
- 10 A. Our house faces right on the curve, or
- 11 the cul de sac, whichever you want to call it.
- 12 Q. Okay. What sort of work was your
- 13 husband doing back in June of 1996?
- 14 A. He works for TCI Cable as a line tech.
- 15 O. Okay.
- 16 A. And at that time he was working at
- 17 nights.
- 18 Q. Okay. And, when was your baby born?
- 19 A. October 6th, 1995.
- 20 Q. Okay. So your baby, at that time,
- 21 would have been what, approximately 9 months old or
- 22 thereabouts?
- 23 A. Oh, pretty close to it.
- 24 Q. Okay. Are you a nurse?

- 25 A. I'm a registered nurse. Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4192
- 1 Q. Okay. And after the child was born,
- 2 did you experience some medical difficulty?
- 3 A. I had a stroke.
- 4 Q. Okay. And you are still recovering?
- 5 A. Oh, yeah.
- 6 Q. Okay. All right. Now, Ms. Rickels,
- 7 did your husband, what hours did he work back in June of 8 1996?
- 9 A. He worked from 11:00 at night until
- 10 7:30 in the morning.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. But he is always one of those that
- 13 gets there way ahead of time before he had to be there,
- 14 so he would leave the house between 9:30 at night and
- 15 10:00, to be there in plenty of time. And then usually
- 16 he wouldn't come home the next morning until almost 9:30 17 or 10:00.
- 18 Q. Okay. Would he have occasion to check
- 19 on you, from time to time, because of your medical
- 20 health, ma'am?
- 21 A. Yeah, he was always coming by.
- 22 Q. And would he, from time to time, come
- 23 home for -- I guess it would be lunch for him, if he came
- 24 by early in the morning, wouldn't he?
- 25 A. Yes, he would.
- Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4193
- 1 O. Okay. I want to direct your attention
- 2 in time, to the early morning of June the 6th of 1996.
- 3 And I'll ask you if you had occasion to be watching TV
- 4 early that morning?
- 5 A. I was watching TV about 1:30 in the
- 6 morning, yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. Did anything of an unusual
- 8 nature happen?
- 9 A. Somebody was at the door, and at
- 10 first, my first thought was that it was my husband
- 11 coming in. Because we have a dead bolt that you have to
- 12 kind of wiggle the door, you know, in a certain way, to
- 13 get the key to unlock it.
- 14 So, when I first started hearing it
- 15 wiggling, I thought it was him. But then, when I heard
- 16 the wood split, you know, and they just kept continuing
- 17 on, you know, wiggling this door, and was hitting on the
- 18 door, then I heard the wood split, you know, a loud

- 19 cracking noise, so I finally ran to the door, to see what
- 20 was going on.
- 21 Q. Okay. And what did you find when you
- 22 got to the door?
- 23 A. Well, I turned the porch light on,
- 24 because I was thinking, you know, everybody says turn the
- 25 lights on, and then they will know you are home, and then

- 1 they will go away.
- 2 So then, I looked through the
- 3 peephole, and there was two men standing out there.
- 4 Q. Okay. What did they look like?
- 5 A. One was about your size, but a little
- 6 stockier.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. He had like a knit cap on. Kind of
- 9 rolled up around the edges, and there was some blonde
- 10 hair sticking out.
- 11 And the other guy was tall and thin.
- 12 Q. Do you recall what color the -- this
- 13 was like a toboggan, or a stocking cap?
- 14 A. Well, it was dark, and he had like a
- 15 jogging suit on.
- 16 Q. What color was the jogging suit?
- 17 A. It was also dark colored.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did you get a look at them?
- 19 Had you ever seen them before? Did you recognize them?
- 20 A. I didn't look at their faces, to be
- 21 honest, no. Because I was so scared at the time.
- 22 Q. What happened when you turned the
- 23 lights on?
- 24 A. They ran off.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. Towards Willowbrook, which would have
- 2 been northwest from our house.
- 3 Q. Okay. What happened next?
- 4 A. Well, I was thinking, "It's okay.
- 5 Everything is over."
- 6 And I just went back to watching TV,
- 7 and I started hearing somebody at the bedroom window,
- 8 which was right off the living room, where I was watching
- 9 TV. And somebody, you know, it sounded like something
- 10 tapping on the window in that bedroom.
- 11 And so, I went in there, to look out
- 12 the bedroom, you know, the window, to see what was going

- 13 on. And, our house is wired strange, where the bedroom
- 14 light switch, controls the studio lights in the living
- 15 room. So, of course, that light was on.
- 16 And any way, I went to the window,
- 17 looked through the blinds.
- 18 Q. What did you see?
- 19 A. I saw them there, and there was some
- 20 sort of a metal object, I don't know if it was a knife or
- 21 a screwdriver, they were trying to get up at the lock,
- 22 you know, those wing-type locks, you can hit those a
- 23 certain way and you can flip them open and unlock it.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. And then when I, you know, turned off

- 1 the bedroom light, again they left.
- 2 Q. Did they ever come back?
- 3 A. Not that night, no.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. But I stayed up all night then, I kept
- 6 watching all of the windows, I was so scared.
- 7 Q. Did you tell your husband about it?
- 8 A. Oh, yeah.
- 9 Q. Did you tell your in-laws about it?
- 10 A. Oh, yes, my in-laws, and my mother.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. Everybody.
- 13 Q. Of course, you heard that morning
- 14 about the problem with the children, the Routier children
- 15 being stabbed to death?
- 16 A. Yes, I did.
- 17 Q. Okay. And, did you call the police?
- 18 A. That night, no, I didn't.
- 19 Q. Okay. And you didn't call the police
- 20 for several days, did you? It was after you talked to
- 21 your in-laws, and one thing another?
- 22 A. That is true.
- 23 Q. Okay. All right. Did the police come
- 24 out and talk to you?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. Did they seem interested in
- 2 what had happened to you?
- 3 A. Not at all.
- 4 Q. Okay. You met me -- you have seen me
- 5 twice, haven't you?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.

- 7 Q. You saw me back in November?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. And I told you that I had just gotten
- 10 your name from the State the day before, didn't I?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. Okay. And you told me that -- I don't
- 13 see it here -- Mr. Bosillo, with the district attorney's
- 14 office, had been out. And, I told you that I got your
- 15 name from them -- I got your name, the day before, and I
- 16 came out as quickly as I could. And, you told me that
- 17 Mr. Bosillo had been out there the day before; didn't
- 18 you?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- 20 Q. With the district attorney's office.
- 21 He had a lady with him -- and I don't see her. But, a
- 22 blonde-haired or a gray-haired lady was with him?
- 23 A. A small, petite, frosted-haired woman.
- 24 Q. Okay. And, he told you not to talk to
- 25 anybody, didn't he?

- 1 A. Well, they told me there would be a
- 2 lot of people coming around, and it would just be best to
- 3 not speak to any one.
- 4 Q. Okay. And I talked to you again last
- 5 night, didn't I?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. I talked to you briefly, at your
- 8 hotel?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Is that right?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. And, your husband stepped out. And, I
- 13 had a lady with me when I came in there, didn't I?
- 14 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head
- 15 affirmatively.) Yes, you did.
- 16 Q. And it was just the three of us, and
- 17 your husband just stepped out in the parking lot while we
- 18 visited. And, you basically told me this same thing,
- 19 didn't you?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. Okay. And then, I believe Mr. Bosillo
- 22 and the lady that was always with Mr. Bosillo, and Mr.
- 23 Davis, I guess, came over and met with you after I did.
- 24 A. We went to their hotel last evening,
- 25 ves.

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1 Q. Okay. And, you talked to them I guess
2 after I left. Is that right?
3 A. Yes, sir.
4 Q. And you told them basically the same
5 thing, I suspect?
6 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head
7 affirmatively.)
9 THE COURT: Is that a yes, ma'am?
10 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.
11 THE COURT: Okay. You need to speak
12 up, we can't take head nods.
13 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. You can't
14 take head nods? Okay.
15 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am.
17 BY MR. DOUGLAS D. MULDER:
18 Q. This is the first time you have
19 testified in court, isn't it?
20 A. Yes it is.
21 Q. Okay.
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23 MR. DOUGLAS D. MULDER: I'll pass the
24 witness. Now either Mr. Shook or Mr. Davis will ask you
25 some questions.
Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter
4200
1 THE WITNESS: Okay.
4 CROSS EXAMINATION
6 BY MR. TOBY SHOOK:
7 Q. Ms. Rickels, do you remember me? We
8 talked last night?
9 A. Yes, I do.
10 Q. I'm Toby Shook. And you have talked
11 to Investigator Bosillo several times, I believe, haven't
12 you?
13 A. Yes, sir.
14 Q. Usually out at your house, or on the
15 phone?
16 A. On the phone, usually.
17 Q. Okay. Now, back in -- when this
18 happened you were there at -- who else was there at the
19 house with you back in June?
20 A. My oldest daughter.
21 Q. Okay. How old is she?
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22 A. She was 15 then.

- 23 Q. Okay. And, I believe your baby and
- 24 your other daughter were at their grandmother's house; is
- 25 that right?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. Okay. And your husband, he was out
- 3 working, and so you were just watching -- what kind of
- 4 movie was it?
- 5 A. It was a scary movie. I can't tell
- 6 you the title of it right now.
- 7 Q. Horror movie of some sort?
- 8 A. Oh, yeah, I'm a big horror movie
- 9 freak.
- 10 Q. Okay. And I remember you told me it
- 11 was pretty scary, wasn't it?
- 12 A. Oh, sure, I'm sure it probably was.
- 13 Q. Okay. And then you heard this noise
- 14 at your door, your front door; is that right?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Okay. And y'all had a lock that is
- 17 kind of a trick sometimes to get open?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. And, was it more of a rattle, kind of
- 20 rattling at the door, or how would you best describe it?
- 21 A. A jiggle.
- 22 Q. A jiggle?
- 23 A. A jiggle.
- 24 Q. Okay. And I think we talked last
- 25 night, your Honor, and if I might just open the door here Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4202
- 1 for a second, and I don't know if this will make the
- 2 noise or not, but, was it kind of like that? (Counsel
- 3 bangs on door.)
- 4 A. A whole lot louder.
- 5 Q. Okay. (Counsel bangs on door.) Like
- 6 that?
- 7 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head
- 8 affirmatively.)
- 9 Q. Louder than that?
- 10 A. Even still louder, yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. And that obviously got your
- 12 attention, didn't it?
- 13 A. Oh, yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. And how long did that go on?
- 15 A. Several minutes when I finally was
- 16 realizing that it was not Don, my husband, using the key

- 17 to come in, and then when I heard that wood crack.
- 18 Q. That went on for a long time, didn't
- 19 it?
- 20 A. Well, I wasn't timing it.
- 21 Q. Sure.
- 22 A. It was several minutes.
- 23 Q. Several minutes. That louder than
- 24 that, and at first you thought that might be your
- 25 husband; right?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- 2 Q. Okay. So then after that, went on --
- 3 and, did it stop or was it pretty steady for several
- 4 minutes?
- 5 A. It was steady.
- 6 Q. Okay. So, it was that noise that I
- 7 was making, a little bit louder, for several minutes
- 8 then?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. That is when you decided that you
- 11 better go and see what was going on at the front door?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Because you also heard a crack of some
- 14 sort, is that right?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. And then you turn on the light, and
- 17 there was -- there was -- you looked out the peephole?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. And there was two men out there; is
- 20 that right?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. One was a big stocky guy?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. With some type of knit cap on?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And you saw blonde hair sticking out;
- 2 is that right?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And he had on what you called a
- 5 jogging suit; is that right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And it was long sleeved; is that
- 8 right?
- 9 A. Yes, it was.
- 10 Q. Was it long pants also?

- 11 A. Yes, it was.
- 12 Q. And the other guy was taller and
- 13 thinner?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. And he had on -- do you remember what
- 16 kind of hat he had on?
- 17 A. A cowboy hat on.
- 18 Q. Okay. He had on a cowboy hat. Do you
- 19 remember what color the cowboy hat was?
- 20 A. Dark.
- 21 Q. Okay. So he had on a cowboy hat. Did
- 22 he have on some type of western shirt?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. And blue jeans.

- 1 Q. And blue jeans. Was it a long sleeved
- 2 western shirt?
- 3 A. Yes, it was.
- 4 Q. So one had on kind of a jogging suit,
- 5 with long sleeves, and the other one had on a cowboy hat,
- 6 and a long sleeved western shirt and blue jeans?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. Okay. And then once you turned the
- 9 light on, they ran off?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. And, did you see any car out there
- 12 also?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- 14 Q. Where was that car?
- 15 A. Right in front of our house, sir, in a
- 16 cul de sac, you know, you really can't park right in
- 17 front. It was kind of half in front of mine, and half in
- 18 front of my neighbors to the left of me.
- 19 Q. Okay. Had you seen that car before at
- 20 all?
- 21 A. No. Because when I was -- that was
- 22 the reason why I looked out the window, to see if there
- 23 was any weird cars out there, and make a note if I saw
- 24 anybody strange in the neighborhood.
- 25 Q. When you looked out through the

- 1 peephole or when you --
- 2 A. No, through the window.
- 3 Q. Later on?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.

- 5 Q. Okay. And, these guys they didn't run
- 6 to that car, did they?
- 7 A. No, sir, they went the opposite
- 8 direction of it.
- 9 Q. Now, after they ran off from the door,
- 10 you didn't call the police then, did you?
- 11 A. No, sir.
- 12 Q. Okay. Did you go back and start
- 13 watching the horror movie again?
- 14 A. Yes, I did, and calming my daughter
- 15 down.
- 16 Q. She was kind of scared too?
- 17 A. Oh, she was petrified.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Along with me.
- 20 Q. And then, do you know how long it was
- 21 before you heard the tapping noise again, or this tapping
- 22 on the window?
- 23 A. I think 15 or 20 minutes, somewhere
- 24 around in there.
- 25 Q. Was the horror movie still going on?
- Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4207
- 1 A. Yeah, it was still going on.
- 2 Q. Okay. And then you -- the window they
- 3 were at, is that your daughter's window?
- 4 A. My second daughter's, yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. And, did you go in the room and
- 6 look out the window at that time?
- 7 A. Yes, I did.
- 8 Q. And, was it these same two men outside
- 9 the window at that time?
- 10 A. Yes, I think it was.
- 11 Q. Okay. What do you mean you think it
- 12 was? Do you think it might have been two different men?
- 13 A. Well, if they were to stand here in
- 14 front of me, and I had to personally identify them, I
- 15 don't think I could, you know.
- 16 Q. Did they look like --
- 17 A. But they were the same --
- 18 O. The same --
- 19 A. Had the same outfits on.
- 20 Q. Dressed the same way?
- 21 A. Yes, and the same builds.
- 22 Q. So the guy with blonde hair, and the
- 23 toboggan, and long sleeve jogging shirt, and the guy with
- 24 the cowboy hat and tall and skinny?
- 25 A. Tall and slim, yes.

- 1 Q. Did you open the window and look -- I
- 2 mean, did they see you looking at them?
- 3 A. No, I don't think they did.
- 4 Q. How long were they out there? How
- 5 long were you watching them at the window?
- 6 A. Maybe a minute or two.
- 7 Q. Okay. So maybe a couple of minutes,
- 8 and one of them was jiggling with the window?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. And, what happened then, after they
- 11 were there for a minute or two?
- 12 A. When I turned the bedroom light on,
- 13 all the noise stopped, and I went back again and looked
- 14 out the window, and they were gone.
- 15 O. Did you see where they went to?
- 16 A. They went the same direction when they
- 17 left from the front door, northwest of the house.
- 18 Q. And, did you see that car out there?
- 19 Is that when you saw the car out there?
- 20 A. I saw the car out there, about 10
- 21 minutes after that, yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. So about what time was that?
- 23 A. A little after 2:00, 2:08 or somewhere
- 24 around in there.
- 25 Q. So, sometime after 2:00?
- Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4209
- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. Were you looking at a clock at all?
- 3 A. At that time?
- 4 Q. Yes.
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Okay. And again, what did this car
- 7 look like?
- 8 A. It was a dark blue, small, boxy-type
- 9 car. I'm not good with types of cars.
- 10 Q. Okay. And, you didn't go to sleep
- 11 again that night?
- 12 A. No, I stayed up all night.
- 13 Q. After you saw the men at your
- 14 daughter's window, did you call the police then?
- 15 A. No, sir.
- 16 Q. Okay. Did you see that car again in
- 17 the morning, after it was light?
- 18 A. Since I stayed up all night, you know,
- 19 I kept watching all of the windows, and the car was there

- 20 at 3:00, and then again, it was still there at 7:30.
- 21 Q. So, it was still outside?
- 22 A. It was still in the exact same spot
- 23 where I had seen it.
- 24 Q. Okay. And then your husband came
- 25 home; is that right?
- Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4210
- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. And you told him about what had
- 3 happened?
- 4 A. Oh, yeah.
- 5 Q. And y'all still didn't call the
- 6 police, did you?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Not at that time?
- 9 A. Well, at that time, I was thinking it
- 10 was -- it's all over, what can the police -- what can
- 11 they do now, you know.
- 12 Q. Okay. And, you had been having -- had
- 13 you had any incidents like this happen before this, where
- 14 some --
- 15 A. Not at that house, no.
- 16 Q. At another house had you?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Which house was that?
- 19 A. Back when I was in collage, in the
- 20 dinosaur days, as my girls would say.
- 21 Q. Okay. Since that time, at the house
- 22 you live in, on Miami, you have had another incident
- 23 where you thought some people were coming up to your
- 24 house, haven't you?
- 25 A. After this?
- Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4211
- 1 Q. Yes, after this in June.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. When was that?
- 4 A. It was in November.
- 5 Q. What happened on that occasion?
- 6 A. I'm a smoker, and I go outside in the
- 7 garage to smoke, and the door was only lifted maybe a
- 8 foot, if that much, and I heard shuffling of footprints,
- 9 or foot steps, or whatever, on the driveway out there,
- 10 and I got scared, and I wasn't about to bend over and
- 11 look out there, and see who it was then. I was just
- 12 scared, and so I just pulled the door down, and stuck a
- 13 stick in the door so they couldn't lift it.

- 14 Q. Well, what time of the day was that?
- 15 A. It was in the middle of the night.
- 16 Q. Kind of about the same time that this
- 17 happened in June?
- 18 A. Oh, more like 2:30 or 3:00.
- 19 Q. Okay. Did you call the police on that
- 20 occasion?
- 21 A. I did the next morning.
- 22 Q. Okay. And did they come out and talk
- 23 to you about that?
- 24 A. Yes, he did.
- 25 Q. And about, I guess it was about the

- 1 11th, that you called the police back in June, right? On
- 2 June the 11th?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Five days after this had happened?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. And did the uniformed officer come out
- 7 and talk to you?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Did you tell him what you had
- 10 seen that night?
- 11 A. Yes did.
- 12 Q. Okay. And, did the police come out
- 13 again, soon after that, when you saw that car again?
- 14 A. Well, again in August, I saw that car
- 15 pull out there and, what triggered my memory, was that
- 16 the person that got out of the car, was the same build as
- 17 the stocky guy that I had seen before, and so I ran in
- 18 and called the police, and they came over then.
- 19 Q. Did you point out the car to them?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. Okay. And what did the police do
- 22 then?
- 23 A. They went to the house where I pointed
- 24 to, that showed where the guy went to.
- 25 Q. Was that a neighbor of yours?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And did they bring any of them out of
- 3 the house?
- 4 A. They brought a small, skinny person
- 5 out in handcuffs.
- 6 Q. Did that look like one of the guys
- 7 that had been there?

- 8 A. No, he was shorter than the one that I
- 9 had seen on June 6th.
- 10 Q. That was a different guy altogether?
- 11 A. Well, based on height, yes.
- 12 Q. Had you seen that car around there any
- 13 more after that?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Okay. Now, back when this happened on
- 16 June the 6th, you had had some bad health problems that
- 17 year, hadn't you?
- 18 A. Oh, yes.
- 19 Q. You had this stroke, and you have had
- 20 some other health problems, haven't you?
- 21 A. Well, yes, I had three heart attacks
- 22 that year, too.
- 23 Q. What heart attacks did you have that
- 24 year? When did you have those heart attacks?
- 25 A. At the end of June that year.
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- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. And then one 14 days after that, it
- 3 was about the second week or so, of July, and then
- 4 another one in August.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. Pretty much one after another it
- 7 seemed like.
- 8 Q. Okay. And you buried your brother, I
- 9 think, just three days before this incident; is that
- 10 right?
- 11 A. That's right, on June 3rd I buried my
- 12 baby brother.
- 13 Q. And you were pretty close to him,
- 14 weren't you?
- 15 A. Very close.
- 16 Q. Okay. And that had upset you quite a
- 17 bit, hadn't it.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. And, were you on any medication
- 20 at the time this happened from your stroke?
- 21 A. Blood thinners. Numerous, I had to
- 22 take quite a bit of medicine.
- 23 Q. What all types of medication did you
- 24 take?
- 25 A. Well, an antidepressant, and then, of

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- 1 course, blood thinners, and there were some cardiac meds
- 2 that I had to take. And, that was -- when I say
- 3 numerous, I'm thinking numerous in dollar value. It was
- 4 about sixteen hundred a month.
- 5 Q. A whole lot of medication?
- 6 A. A lot of money for it, yeah.
- 7 Q. What type of antidepressants were you
- 8 taking?
- 9 A. Trazadone.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11
- 12 THE COURT: Could you spell that for
- 13 me, please, ma'am, if you know how?
- 14 THE WITNESS: T-R-A-Z-A-D-O-N-E.
- 15 THE COURT: Okay.
- 16 MR. TOBY SHOOK: I believe that's all
- 17 we have, Judge.
- 18 MR. DOUGLAS D. MULDER: We have
- 19 nothing further.
- 20 THE COURT: May this witness be
- 21 excused, gentlemen?
- 22 MR. DOUGLAS D. MULDER: Yes, sir.
- 23 THE COURT: All right. Be careful
- 24 stepping down there.
- 25 MR. DOUGLAS D. MULDER: Her husband is Sandra M. Halsey, CSR, Official Court Reporter 4216
- 1 down here too. I assume that he can be excused as well?
- 2 THE COURT: Yes. All right. You are
- 3 free to go back to Dallas, or wherever you see fit.
- 4 Just watch your step going off of
- 5 there, please.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. Your next
- 8 witness.