

## Testimony of Allison Hennessey

DIRECT EXAMINATION

22

23 BY MR. GREG DAVIS:

24 Q. Allison, how old are you?

25 A. 18.

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1 Q. All right. Are you in high school at  
2 this time?

3 A. I home school.

4 Q. Okay. And, what grade would you be  
5 in?

6 A. Senior.

7 Q. Do you live in Rowlett at this time?

8 A. I do.

9 Q. Do you live with your mother?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Allison, I want to ask you whether or  
12 not you know the individual seated over here in the red  
13 and white dress?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. Do you know her to be Darlie Lynn  
16 Routier?

17 A. I do.

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19 MR. GREG DAVIS: Your Honor, may the  
20 record please reflect that this witness is identifying  
21 the defendant in open court.

22 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

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24 BY MR. GREG DAVIS:

25 Q. Allison, how long have you known the  
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1 defendant?

2 A. Since 1994, I believe is when I met  
3 her.

4 Q. Okay. How did you meet the defendant?

5 Did you meet her through one of your friends?

6 A. Yes, Renee Stanley. She is my best  
7 friend, and I met her through her.

8 Q. Okay. And, Renee Stanley, was that a  
9 friend in the neighborhood that you met?

10 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
11 affirmatively.)

12 Q. When you met the defendant, was Renee

13 Stanley doing anything for the defendant?  
14 A. She was the babysitter.  
15 Q. And, how often would Renee Stanley  
16 babysit for the defendant, if you know?  
17 A. It was almost every weekend.  
18 Q. Okay. Did you know why Renee was  
19 babysitting every weekend; what the defendant was doing  
20 that required a babysitter every weekend?  
21 A. She would go out occasionally, but  
22 mainly, I was told it was for auctions that she would go  
23 to.  
24 Q. What sort of auctions?  
25 A. Antique auctions.  
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2 MR. RICHARD C. MOSTY: Your Honor, we  
3 object to what she was told.  
4 THE COURT: Sustained.  
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6 BY MR. GREG DAVIS:  
7 Q. And, during the time that you knew the  
8 defendant, were there occasions when you would go over to  
9 her house also?  
10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. And, were there occasions when both  
12 Renee Stanley and the defendant would be present at the  
13 house when you were over there?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. Did you know Devon and Damon Routier?  
16 A. Yes, I did.  
17 Q. When you went over to the defendant's  
18 house, and she was there, what were the boys usually  
19 doing during the time periods that you were there?  
20 A. They were usually playing outside.  
21 Q. Okay. And would the defendant be  
22 outside with them, or would she be inside with y'all?  
23 A. Inside.  
24 Q. And, generally, what was she doing  
25 while her two sons were outside playing?  
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1 A. Speaking with Renee, I usually was  
2 quiet.  
3 Q. Okay. And, when you say that the boys  
4 were outside, can you give us an idea of the types of  
5 things that you saw them doing when they were outside?  
6 A. Running up the street, playing on the

7 fountain, playing with kids that lived in the  
8 neighborhood.

9 Q. You say that they were climbing on the  
10 fountain. Are you talking about the fountain in the  
11 front yard?

12 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
13 affirmatively.)  
14

15 THE COURT: Ma'am, can you say yes or  
16 no? We can't take down nods.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.  
18

19 BY MR. GREG DAVIS:

20 Q. What were they doing, exactly?

21 A. Just climbing or running around  
22 outside.

23 Q. Okay. Now, this would have been back  
24 in what, 1994?

25 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
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1 affirmatively.)

2 Q. You need to say yes or no for the  
3 court reporter, please.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And, how old were Devon and  
6 Damon then when they were outside on their own?

7 A. Well, I believe three and probably  
8 five.

9 Q. Okay. Now, Allison, let me ask you  
10 whether or not you were ever over at the defendant's  
11 house when Renee Stanley was babysitting for the  
12 defendant?

13 A. Yes, almost every time.

14 Q. And, was there ever an occasion where  
15 you saw the defendant go out and buy something for Renee?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Can you tell us what that was?

18 A. Cigarettes.

19 Q. How old was Renee at the time?

20 A. Sixteen.

21 Q. And, exactly what happened when that  
22 occurred? Just tell us how that came up, what you  
23 remember happening.

24 A. About the cigarettes?

25 Q. Yes.

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1 A. That is where she got them from. That  
2 is where she told me, and I have seen her give them to  
3 her.

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5 MR. RICHARD C. MOSTY: Object to what  
6 someone told her.

7 THE COURT: Sustained. Ma'am, just  
8 state precisely what you know yourself, not what somebody  
9 else says to you.

10 Okay. Mr. Davis, rephrase your  
11 question.

12 MR. GREG DAVIS: Yes, sir.

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14 BY MR. GREG DAVIS:

15 Q. Did you ever see the defendant give  
16 cigarettes to Renee?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And at the time, how old was Renee?

19 A. Sixteen.

20 Q. Was there ever any occasion where you  
21 saw the defendant give alcohol to Renee?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Can you tell us about that, what you  
24 saw?

25 A. She asked Darlie if she could have a  
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1 Zima that was in the refrigerator, and Darlie said that  
2 she could, and she got one and drank it.

3 Q. Were there other occasions when you  
4 saw Renee drinking over there in the house when the  
5 defendant wasn't there?

6 A. Yes, almost every time she babysat.

7 Q. Almost every time she babysat?

8 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
9 affirmatively.)

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11 THE COURT: Is that a yes, ma'am?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes.

13 THE COURT: Thank you.

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15 BY MR. GREG DAVIS:

16 Q. At the time that the defendant gave or  
17 allowed Renee to drink the Zima there in her house, how  
18 old was Renee?

19 A. Sixteen.

20 Q. Allison, was there ever any occasion  
21 when you saw the defendant give Renee marijuana inside  
22 that house?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Could you please tell us what you saw  
25 that day?

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1 A. We went over to her house and we were  
2 talking to Darlie and she removed it from the cabinet  
3 above her washer and dryer and gave it to her in a  
4 ziplock bag in the entry.

5 Q. Okay. So, she got it from the utility  
6 room; is that right?

7 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
8 affirmatively.)

9 Q. That is a yes again?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. And, where was it that she  
12 actually gave her the baggie of marijuana?

13 A. It was near the stairs and the  
14 bathroom in the front of the house.

15 Q. Near the entry area?

16 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
17 affirmatively.)

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19 THE COURT: Is that a yes?

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 THE COURT: Please say yes or no,  
22 ma'am. Ms. Halsey can't take down uh-hum or unh-uhs.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay.

24

25 BY MR. GREG DAVIS:

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1 Q. And, at the time that she gave the  
2 marijuana to Renee, how old was Renee Stanley?

3 A. Sixteen.

4 Q. Did you ever have any conversations  
5 with the defendant about your feelings about what was  
6 happening inside that house with Renee?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. Can you tell us what that conversation  
9 was and how it went?

10 A. I did not agree that she was an adult  
11 giving my best friend things that I don't agree with  
12 people doing, drugs and alcohol and cigarettes,  
13 especially when she wasn't an adult.

14 Q. What did the defendant say, if  
15 anything?

16 A. Not really anything. She just laughed

17 it off.

18 Q. Did you continue going over to the  
19 defendant's house after that conversation?

20 A. Yes, we had this conversation a lot.

21 Q. Okay. Was there a time when you

22 finally decided that you couldn't go over there any more?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. Okay.

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1 MR. GREG DAVIS: I'll pass the  
2 witness.

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4 CROSS EXAMINATION

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6 BY MR. RICHARD MOSTY:

7 Q. Ms. Hennessey, you are now 18?

8 A. Yes, I am.

9 Q. When did you turn 18?

10 A. June 18th.

11 Q. All right. And, where do you live?

12 A. I live in Rowlett.

13 Q. Where, in relationship to Eagle Drive?

14 A. I live in the same neighborhood, on

15 Luna Drive.

16 Q. On Luna Drive? How far away is that?

17 A. About a block.

18 Q. And you had, I guess, walked down?

19 A. Yes, or drive.

20 Q. Okay. And do you still live there?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Who did you live with?

23 A. My mother.

24 Q. And anyone else?

25 A. My stepfather and my sister and

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1 brother.

2 Q. Your stepfather is Glenn Mize, isn't  
3 it?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you know that his name -- you know

6 he came down here and testified, didn't he? Or came down  
7 here and appeared and stood in Court?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And, was that Glenn Mize's house that

10 you lived in?

11 A. His and my mother's.  
12 Q. Okay. And, how long did y'all live in  
13 that house?  
14 A. Well --  
15 Q. How long did you live there with Mize?  
16 Was it anybody else other than Mize, and your mother and  
17 you?  
18 A. My brother and sister.  
19 Q. How old are they?  
20 A. Five and fifteen.  
21 Q. Five and fifteen?  
22 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
23 affirmatively.)  
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25 THE COURT: Is that a yes, ma'am,  
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1 please?  
2 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
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4 BY MR. RICHARD MOSTY:  
5 Q. And, how long did you live on Luna  
6 Drive about a block down?  
7 A. Three years.  
8 Q. What years?  
9 A. From '92 to '94.  
10 Q. From '92 to '94?  
11 A. No, '95.  
12 Q. '95?  
13 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
14 affirmatively.) Yes.  
15 Q. When did you move away?  
16 A. Last May.  
17 Q. Last May?  
18 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
19 affirmatively.) Yes.  
20 Q. May of '96 or May of '95?  
21 A. May of '96.  
22 Q. Okay. So, how long do you think you  
23 lived on Luna Drive?  
24 A. About three years or a little more.  
25 Q. Okay. So would we say from '93 to  
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1 '96?  
2 A. We lived in an apartment before that,  
3 I don't remember.  
4 Q. Well, how long were your mother and

5 Glenn Mize married?  
6 A. Seven years.  
7 Q. That broke up because they couldn't  
8 get along back in May? Is that why you all moved out?  
9 A. No, they had problems their entire  
10 marriage.  
11 Q. Had problems their entire marriage?  
12 Violent problems?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. Glenn Mize beat her?  
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16 MR. GREG DAVIS: I'm going to object  
17 to this as not being relevant.  
18 THE COURT: Overruled. I'll let it  
19 in. Go ahead.  
20  
21 BY MR. RICHARD MOSTY:  
22 Q. Did Glenn Mize beat your mother?  
23 A. She has been hit by Glenn.  
24 Q. Okay. And that is what particularly  
25 broke things up finally in May of '96?  
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1 A. Yes, among other problems.  
2 Q. Now, were you living with them when  
3 you moved in the house on Luna Drive?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. So, if you moved out in May of '96,  
6 and you were there about three years, you must have moved  
7 in sometime in '93. And I understand you are not going  
8 to be exact.  
9 A. Yeah.  
10 Q. Do you really recall?  
11 A. It was '92 or '93.  
12 Q. Okay. What grade were you in?  
13 A. I was going into the 9th grade when we  
14 moved, so I guess it was about four years.  
15 Q. When did you meet Renee Stanley?  
16 A. A couple of weeks after I moved into  
17 the house.  
18 Q. Okay. And you said that you quit  
19 going, I guess, to the Routier residence because you were  
20 offended by what you saw?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. When did you quit going?  
23 A. In February of '95 I stopped being  
24 friends with Renee, so it was about January.  
25 Q. Okay. January of 1995?



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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. How many times do you think you were  
3 in the Routier house?

4 A. There was too many times to count. I  
5 have been in there about every weekend that she babysat.

6 Q. Okay. And these things happened every  
7 weekend?

8 A. Which things?

9 Q. All of these things that you have  
10 described.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Every time the boys were out playing  
13 in the yard that you went down there?

14 A. Almost every time that I was there  
15 Renee would drink or smoke cigarettes.

16 Q. Yeah. She would just drink every  
17 time. And every time the boys played in the fountain  
18 that you were down there?

19 A. Not every time, but several times.

20 Q. Okay. They were playing with other  
21 neighborhood kids?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And, there were other neighborhood  
24 kids running and playing in their yard?

25 A. Um-hum. (Witness nodding head  
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1 affirmatively.) Yes.

2 Q. Coming in and out of the house? A lot  
3 of neighborhood kids coming through there?

4 A. Yes, a lot of kids.

5 Q. And they were Devon and Damon's age,  
6 more or less? Their friends?

7 A. Probably a little older.

8 Q. Okay. Now, when did this incident  
9 about the cigarettes happen? That happened every time  
10 too?

11 A. That happened several times when I  
12 wasn't there.

13 Q. Well, tell me how you know what  
14 happened when you weren't there?

15 A. My best friend told me. I was present  
16 at times that they were given to her.

17 Q. Cigarettes?

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

20 Q. What kind were they?

21 A. Marlboro.

22 Q. Marlboro?

23 A. Lights or reds.

24 Q. Well, do you remember?

25 A. She smoked both.

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1 Q. And every time Darlie went and bought  
2 cigarettes for her? That is what you are telling this  
3 jury?

4 A. That is where Darlie (sic) was getting  
5 them from. I mean, Renee.

6 Q. Every time she went down there she  
7 bought cigarettes for her?

8 A. Not every time. She didn't smoke all  
9 the time --

10 Q. Do you smoke?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. And, is it your testimony that  
13 you never saw Darlie playing with those kids?

14 A. Not really.

15 Q. Never saw it?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Never saw her paying attention to  
18 them?

19 A. Not really.

20 Q. Whenever she was there, she paid no  
21 attention whatsoever to those children?

22 A. Not really. She was speaking with  
23 Renee.

24 Q. And you know that, you remember that,  
25 don't you?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. How did you happen to -- how did the  
3 district attorney's office happen to find you?

4 A. I'm not sure.

5 Q. Who came to see you? Mr. Bosillo?

6 A. No, there was a police officer.

7 Q. In a uniform?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What's his name?

10 A. Grant Jack.

11 Q. Grant Jack. Did you give him a  
12 written statement?

13 A. No.

14 Q. You never wrote out anything?  
15 A. No.  
16 Q. When did you talk to this Grant Jack?  
17 A. I didn't really speak with him. I  
18 spoke with Anita and Mike.  
19 Q. Pardon?  
20 A. I spoke with Anita and Mike.  
21 Q. Who are Anita and Mike?  
22 A. Them two in the audience.  
23 Q. Well, I thought you told me that you  
24 spoke with Grant Jack?  
25 A. That is who told me to come to the  
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1 meeting.  
2 Q. When did you come to this meeting?  
3 A. Probably in September or August.  
4 Q. Where was the meeting?  
5 A. In the Rowlett Police Department.  
6 Q. Who all was there?  
7 A. Me and my mother, Lieutenant Grant  
8 Jack and Anita and Mike.  
9 Q. Who else?  
10 A. My little brother was there.  
11 Q. Did they say, "Tell me everything you  
12 know about Darlie Routier"?  
13 A. No. They just asked me general  
14 questions, how I came to know her, and I mentioned  
15 situations that happened.  
16 Q. You don't like Darlie, do you?  
17 A. Not especially.  
18 Q. And that has been going on a long  
19 time?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. You know also that you -- your mother  
22 and Darlie had an argument, too, don't you, had words?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. Because Darlie told --  
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1 MR. GREG DAVIS: I'm going to object  
2 to that as being hearsay, your Honor.  
3 THE COURT: Sustained.  
4 MR. RICHARD C. MOSTY: She knows.  
5 MR. GREG DAVIS: That is hearsay.  
6 THE COURT: Sustained. Let's rephrase  
7 your question, or go on to the next question.

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9 BY MR. RICHARD MOSTY:

10 Q. Well, you know that there was a  
11 problem between Glenn Mize and Basia, don't you, or  
12 Barbara Jovell?

13 A. There wasn't a problem.

14 Q. It was a what -- they were having a  
15 relationship?

16 A. No. It was a conversation on the  
17 phone.

18 Q. And that was between your mother and  
19 Darlie?

20 A. This was between Glenn and Basia.

21 Q. Well, what about -- what do you know  
22 about the conversation between your mother and Darlie?  
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24 MR. GREG DAVIS: I'm going to object  
25 to that as being hearsay, your Honor.  
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1 MR. RICHARD C. MOSTY: Let me develop  
2 and find out what she knows.

3 THE COURT: Well, is that the  
4 question?

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6 BY MR. RICHARD MOSTY:

7 Q. You heard some conversations, didn't  
8 you?

9 A. Between who?

10 Q. Your mother and Darlie?

11 A. No. She spoke once with her on the  
12 phone.

13 Q. You heard your mother?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And you heard your mother have words?

16 A. No, there was not an argument.

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18 MR. GREG DAVIS: I'll object to this  
19 again, as being hearsay, as to what her mother said.

20 THE COURT: Sustained.

21

22 BY MR. RICHARD MOSTY:

23 Q. When did all of that happen? Don't go  
24 into what happened, but when did the problem happen?

25 A. About December or January, December of  
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1 '94 or January of '95.

2 Q. Okay. And, that is about the time  
3 that you decided you wouldn't be going down to the  
4 Routier's anymore?

5 A. I decided that in February.

6 Q. Yeah, but it's just coincidence that  
7 about the time your mother and Mrs. Routier had a  
8 problem, that is when you decided you wouldn't go to the  
9 Routier house, that is just a coincidence?

10 A. Yes.

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12 MR. RICHARD C. MOSTY: I'll pass the  
13 witness.

14 MR. GREG DAVIS: No further questions.

15 THE COURT: All right. Ma'am, you may  
16 step down.

17 Ma'am, when you're not testifying, you  
18 have to remain outside the courtroom. Don't talk about  
19 your testimony with anybody who has testified, in other  
20 words, "don't compare it."

21 You may talk to the attorneys for  
22 either side. If somebody tries to talk to you about your  
23 testimony, please tell the attorney for the side who  
24 called you. Okay?

25 THE WITNESS: Okay.

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1 THE COURT: Now, watch your step going  
2 down there, please.

3 All right. Your next witness.