

Testimony of Deon Routier

DIRECT EXAMINATION

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25 BY MR. DOUGLAS MULDER:

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1 Q. Deon, tell the jury how old you are,
2 please?

3 A. I'm 26.

4 Q. Where were you born and raised?

5 A. Lubbock, Texas.

6 Q. Okay. You graduated from high school
7 there?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. You went on to Texas Tech, didn't you?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Did you graduate from Texas Tech?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. What is your degree in?

14 A. I'm political science, pre-law and

15 telecommunications minor.

16 Q. Okay. How are you employed at this
17 time?

18 A. I'm an RF engineer, which is radio

19 frequency, for PageMart nationwide.

20 Q. Where do you and your wife live?

21 A. In Plano, Texas.

22 Q. And that is just north of Dallas,

23 isn't it?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Okay. How long have you lived in the
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1 Plano area?

2 A. Ever since this happened. We moved to

3 Dallas.

4 Q. Shortly thereafter?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Okay. Are you and Darin close as

7 brothers?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And are you and Darlie close as family

10 members?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. How often would you see -- before you

13 moved to the Dallas area from Lubbock, how often would

14 you see your brother and Darlie?

15 A. Probably on the average of once every
16 three weeks.

17 Q. And before you -- I guess, after you
18 married, you and your wife would make that trip to
19 Dallas?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And before that, how often have you
22 made that trip?

23 A. Even before I was married, it would
24 probably be about every three to four weeks. Ever since
25 Darin moved to Dallas, I have gone to see him. He has
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1 been there like eight or nine years.

2 Q. Okay. So ever since he moved to
3 Dallas some eight or nine years ago, you have visited him
4 on the average of once a month?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Okay. You got to know your nephews
7 well, I guess?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Did you have a -- what you consider, a
10 rather special relationship with Devon and Damon?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Okay. And what -- tell the jury about
13 that relationship that you had with those two youngsters?

14 THE COURT: Do you need some time? Do

15 you want to step down for a minute, sir?

16 THE WITNESS: I'm okay.

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18 BY MR. DOUGLAS MULDER:

19 Q. Did you love those children like they
20 were your own?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Do you think Darlie is capable of
23 hurting them?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. Any question in your mind?

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1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. And you love those children like you
3 love your own son?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. They were very close to you too,
6 weren't they?

7 A. Yes, they were.

8 Q. What type of mother was she, Deon?

9 A. She was a very devoted mother. She
10 did everything for those kids.
11 Q. You were in their home a weekend once
12 a month from the time they were born, weren't you?
13 A. Yes, sir.
14 Q. So you saw the -- any bad times along
15 with the good, I suspect, did you not?
16 A. Yes, sir.
17 Q. Did you ever see her do anything
18 violent toward the boys?
19 A. Never before.
20 Q. Did you ever do anything -- did you
21 ever see her do anything that you, in retrospect, maybe
22 thought was inappropriate?
23 A. No, sir.
24 Q. How would she correct the boys? I
25 mean as boys, and I'm sure everything wasn't hunky-dory
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1 all the time, how would she correct the boys if it was
2 necessary to discipline them?

3 A. She always reasoned with them. She --
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5 THE COURT: You have to raise your
6 voice, sir. They can not hear it.

7 THE WITNESS: She always reasoned with
8 them. She always talked it out and kept asking them over
9 and over, again and again. Sometimes I thought, you
10 know, too much because boys need a little more
11 discipline, but she never did. I never saw her spank
12 those kids one time.

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14 BY MR. DOUGLAS MULDER:

15 Q. Was she very close to them and very
16 protective of them?

17 A. Always, always.

18 Q. You loved those two boys, didn't you?

19 A. Yes, sir, I did.

20 Q. And you still do?

21 A. I still do.

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23 MR. DOUGLAS MULDER: We'll pass the
24 witness.

25 MR. GREG DAVIS: No questions.

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1 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. When you
2 are not testifying, you have to remain outside the

3 Courtroom. Don't talk about your testimony with anybody
4 that has testified. In other words, don't compare it.
5 You may talk to the attorneys for
6 either side. If someone tries to talk to you about your
7 testimony, please tell the attorney for the side who
8 called you.
9 You may step down. Thank you.
10 Your next witness.