

AFFIDAVIT OF TERRY HOBBS

1. My name is Terry Hobbs, I am the plaintiff in this case.
2. I have never held or sought elective office.
3. I have never worked for state, local or federal government.
4. I am not a member in any civic clubs.
5. I have never testified before a local, state or federal legislative body.
6. I have a 10th grade education.
7. I work at a lumber yard and I receive a \$425.00 per week salary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 8th day of July, 2009.

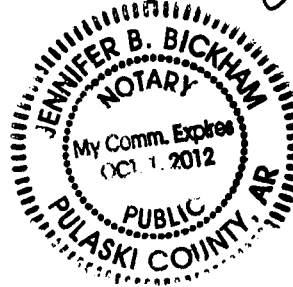
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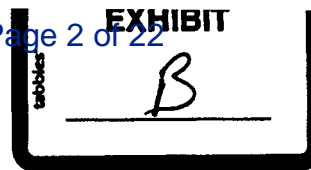
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, 2009.

Jennifer B. Bickham
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Stipulation No. 1, Exhibits 3 and 4 (3- Memphis Flyer link to Arkansas Times article, 4-Arkansas Times article) 7-19-2007

New evidence in West Memphis murders
Victim's mother believes defendants innocent.
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Reviving an investigation that ended 14 years ago, West Memphis police recently questioned the mother and stepfather of Stevie Branch, one of three 8-year-old boys murdered in 1993. Three teenagers were convicted of the killings.

In a telephone interview on Monday, Stevie's stepfather, Terry Hobbs, confirmed that West Memphis police had videotaped an interview with him within the last three weeks. Pam Hobbs, Stevie's mother, also said she had been interviewed by police. The Hobbses are now divorced.

Terry Hobbs, who lives in Bartlett, Tenn., said police requested the interview with him as a result of recent DNA tests on items found with the bodies. Prior to the police interview, he said, he had been informed of the test results by Ron Lax, a Memphis private investigator.

Terry Hobbs said, "Ron claims that a piece of my hair is in the knots that tied up [victim] Michael Moore."

"Does that bother me?" Hobbs continued. "No, ma'am, it does not. Why? Because I don't believe a thing he has to say because he's working for the defense team. And because if my DNA was at the crime scene, I think [Prosecuting Attorney] Brent Davis would be the one to call me about that, and not Ron Lax."

Attorneys for the convicted men have said no DNA was found that matches their clients.

Terry Hobbs said police asked him "a bunch of questions" about his activities on May 5, 1993 — the day Stevie, Michael and Christopher Byers, the third victim, disappeared — and the following day, when the boys' bodies were discovered submerged in a drainage ditch. He declined to answer further questions about what he was asked by police.

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Terry Hobbs dismissed the knives as having had "nothing to do with anything."

"I'd bought some, and found some and Pam bought me some. I just threw them in a drawer, and that's where they'd been for years." He added, "Them knives were stolen out of my home and I'm fixing to try to get them back."

Asked whether one of the knives was a pocket knife given to Stevie by his grandfather, Terry Hobbs responded: "I don't know. It could have been. And it could have been it was

in the drawer because we didn't want him to have it. I didn't want a kid of mine to go around with a pocket knife — not a kid who was 8 years old. Would you?"

Terry Hobbs said, "I raised Stevie from the time he was a year and a half, until he was 8. I tried to be a good daddy."

As for his ex-wife, he said, "Pam's got some problems. This thing has taken a toll on her. It's really hurt her.

"I don't think she really supports the idea they [the convicted men] are innocent. I think she's doing it out of anger. As a matter of fact, I know it's out of anger. It's being angry at the world and not knowing how to deal with her anger.

"It's kind of sad. And I'm really sorry that people think she supports that theory."

Pam Hobbs acknowledges that she has "held anger toward Terry," in part because of his actions on the night Stevie disappeared.

Terry usually got off work by 4 p.m., she said, in time to watch Stevie and their daughter Amanda, while Pam went to her job at a restaurant. On the day of the murders, Stevie, who had gone riding bikes with Michael, was supposed to be home at 4:30. He had not returned by 4:45, when Pam left for her job.

She said she assumed that he was just late, and that it was not until 9 p.m., when Terry drove to the restaurant with Amanda to pick her up, that she realized Stevie was not in the car.

"Terry told me he really thought he was going to find him and he didn't want to burden me at work," she said. "But I held anger toward Terry over that — that he didn't tell me Stevie was missing."

Another element of her anger, Pam Hobbs said, relates to her brother, whom Terry Hobbs shot in the abdomen during an altercation 10 years ago. That brother died last year.

Terry Hobbs dismisses the episode. "The truth is," he said, "when a man is trying to kill you, you have a right under the United States Constitution to defend and protect yourself."

Nevertheless, he acknowledged that he was charged with aggravated assault, fined and placed on probation.

When asked if she now considers her ex-husband a suspect in the murders, Pam Hobbs answered, "Yeah. And I don't know if it's because of the anger I still hold toward him for not telling me when Stevie was missing, and from some of his other actions or not. But I haven't been able to shake that feeling."

For his part, Terry Hobbs said he's not worried and that he has nothing to hide. With regard to the retested DNA, he said, "I've been told that nothing that's going on right now is going to change a thing."

Asked who'd given him that assurance, he replied, "Brent Davis," the prosecuting attorney.

Davis would not comment on what Terry Hobbs said about either the reported DNA or the chance that new findings would change the case. When asked who ordered the renewed questioning by West Memphis police, he explained, "I can't comment on anything, one way or another, as it's still in appeals and litigation."

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 5 (KUAR Radio-7-19-2007)

Terry Hobbs, step-father of victim Stevie Branch, tells the newspaper he was recently interviewed by West Memphis police officers. Hobbs says a private investigator working for the defense claims a piece of Hobbs' hair was found in the knots that tied up victim Michael Moore. Hobbs says he is not worried about the new evidence.

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 7 (KARK July 19, 2007)

Other news reports say DNA from Terry Hobbs, Stevie Branch's step-father, was discovered on a rope used to tie up the young boys.

Reporter: "Did you murder the little boys?"

"I'd have to laugh at that and say there's something wrong with someone who would think that," Terry Hobbs said.

"It's sad to see that there are some people out her trying to get some killers out of prison who deserve to be hung by a rope," Hobbs said.

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 8 Mara Leveritt.com news (July 20, 2007)

Interviewed on July 16, Terry Hobbs said an investigator for the WM3 defense told him recently "that a piece of my hair is in the knots that tied up Michael Moore."

Hobbs's ex-wife, Pam Hobbs, interviewed the day before, said she now considers Terry Hobbs a suspect in the murders.

Both the Hobbsses said they have been interviewed by the West Memphis police regarding the 1993 murders of Christopher Byers, Michael Moore, and their son, Stevie Branch.

"I sat in a room the other day and was filmed, videoed and audioed," Hobbs said. "It kind of aggravated me."

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 9 WMCTV (July 20, 2007)

A jury convicted the West Memphis 3 nearly 14 years ago of the murders of three eight-year-old boys: Michael Moore, Stevie Branch and Christopher Byers.

Now, a high powered defense team is trying to prove Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley didn't do it.

New DNA testing by the defense shows that none of the genetic material recovered from the murder scene links Echols, Baldwin, or Misskelley to the scene. Instead, defense attorneys say, the tests found DNA from Terry Hobbs, the stepfather of one of the murdered boys.

Thursday, Hobbs told Action News 5 he didn't do it. "I'd have to laugh at that and say there's something wrong with someone who would think that," he said.

Hobbs claimed a private investigator from the defense team told him one of his hairs was discovered in a knot in one of the shoe laces used to tie up the three eight-year-olds.

"If Michael Moore or Christopher Byers had a piece of my hair on shoes strings, these little boys came to my home and played with our little boy pretty regularly," Hobbs said. The DNA results also revealed, according to court documents, that most of the DNA at the crime scene came from the victims, but some of it cannot be connected to the victims or the defendants.

"I don't know what to think about it," Hobbs said. "It's their job to do what they do."

Hobbs, now divorced from Stevie Branch's, mother said he's not worried, because he knows he has done nothing wrong.

Prosecutor Brent Davis would not comment about the DNA, but did file a report acknowledging that DNA from the West Memphis 3 was not discovered at the crime scene. Davis also acknowledged there was a hair discovered in the knot in the shoelace. Davis said he believes the West Memphis 3 are guilty, but he has agreed to allow the defense to do more DNA testing.

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 10 KAIT July 20, 2007

July 20, 2007 - Posted at 6:20 p.m. CDT

WEST MEMPHIS-14 years ago a jury convicted Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin, and Jessie Misskelley of the murders of three 8 year old West Memphis boys.

Now, over a decade later defense attorneys are saying a piece of hair found in one of the victim's shoelaces could link the crimescene to Stevie Branch's stepfather, Terry Hobbs. Friday we talked to Branch's mother and Hobb's ex-wife.

"Do you think honestly in your heart that he might have had something to do with this," I asked. "Honestly in my heart...I have to be honest. Possibly," replied Pam Hobbs.

On Thursday Terry Hobbs spoke out about what he believes is another attempt to sway the truth.

"It's sad to see that there are some people out here trying to get some killers out of prison that deserve to be hung by a rope," said Terry Hobbs.

However, Pam Hobbs believes Echols, Baldwin, and Misskelley may have been wrongfully accused.

"I've always said that I didn't think they were by themselves. I've always said that I didn't want the wrong three people in prison if they didn't do it," she said.

She says she always wondered if Stevie Branch's stepfather had anything to do with the murders.

"Back before anybody was a suspect in the case or anything, my first thought and theory was Terry Hobb, Tom Moore, and Mark Myers did it," said Pam Hobbs. When Terry Hobbs was asked if he committed the murders he paused and then replied "I'd have to laugh at that and say there's something wrong with someone who would think that."

"When you watched his response, what did you read on his face when he answered that question," I asked Pam Hobbs. "What are you hiding? Why didn't you laugh if you wanted to. That was my thought when I first saw it," she replied.

Now only time can tell if the DNA evidence will lead to a new trial and a change in a case that's never seemed to completely close.

"It's still in God's hands. It's been there since May 5, 1993. I just continue to pray for the strength to accept what comes out of this," said Pam Hobbs.

While they would not go on camera, prosecuting attorneys made a statement to the Arkansas Supreme Court saying "To date, nearly all the genetic material recovered from the crime scene was attributed to the victims."

The statement goes on to say, "The State stands behind its convictions of Echols and his codefendants."

The document also notes that the DNA testing has not found any genetic material that formally links Echols and his codefendants to the crime scene.

K8 News will continue to follow this story and have the latest as it becomes available.

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 12 WMCTV (July 21, 2007)

Pam Hobbs has been very vocal over the past 14 years since the murders of three 8-year-old boys in West Memphis.

A jury convicted the West Memphis 3, Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley for the murders of Michael Moore, Stevie Branch and Christopher Byers. Stevie Branch was Pam Hobbs' son.

Now, there are new developments in the case and Hobbs is speaking out about the new DNA evidence.

The recent DNA tests are noteworthy because at the time of the murders DNA testing was not as advanced as it is today.

Prosecutors did not have important physical evidence because it was washed away by the water in that drainage ditch where the three boys bodies were discovered.

Hobbs said she does not think the West Memphis Three committed the crime.

A jury convicted the West Memphis 3 of killing the three 8-year-old boys 14 years ago. But now, new DNA testing shows a hair from one of the boys' stepfathers , Terry Hobbs, was found in shoelaces used to tie up the 8-year-old boys.

"It blew me away. I was like, oh my God this can't be so," said Hobbs.

Hobbs, was blown away because she was married to Terry Hobbs when the murders happened.

When asked in an interview if he murdered the boys, Hobbs said: "I'd have to laugh at that and say there's something wrong with someone who would think that."

But Pam Hobbs thinks its possible.

"I would say there is a possibility that he could be capable. I hate to say it because I'm going on my thoughts and feelings," she added.

Pam Hobbs said she remembers discovering 14 knives owned by her then husband Terry Hobbs.

"A bunch of knives, a few of them I was aware of but there was quite a few I wasn't aware of. And Stevie's knife being in that collection, that really put up a warning sign. What are you doing with Stevie's knife, it would have been with him," Pam Hobbs explained.

Hobbs said Steve's grandfather gave him the knife. She also said she turned them over to police when she found them.

Terry Hobbs said he had collected knives for years.

"They were stolen out of my home by Pam Hobbs or her sister and given to the defense attorneys," Terry Hobbs said.

Terry Hobbs insists he has nothing to hide.

West Memphis Deputy Police Chief, Mike Allen, said Terry Hobbs is not a suspect in the case.

He said the hair found at the scene could have come from the Hobbs' house because the children played there frequently.

Stay tuned to Action News 5 and WMCTV.com. We will keep you updated on any more developments in this case as defense attorneys work to get a new trial.

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 13 West Memphis Times July 24, 2007

By LAURA SMITH

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Terry Hobbs, the stepfather of one of three West Memphis boys brutally slain in 1993, said he's gotten by during the 14 years since the murders by going to church and spending a lot his time on his knees in prayer.

"That, and being raised in a preacher's home," he said. "My parents taught me the Bible; there's a whole lot of things in there, if you'll look at them, they'll help get you by and get you through."

At the time of the murders, Hobbs was married to Pam Hobbs, the mother of 8-year-old Stevie Branch who was killed with his buddies Christopher Byers and Michael Moore.

The murders changed the course of the lives of the boys' families.

He and Pam, who's from the Blytheville area, were together for 17 years before they divorced in 2003.

"I had a restaurant up there; that's where we met," he said. "And we had a dream that we would move to the big city, work, save some money and go home and retire. It just didn't happen like that for us."

John Mark Byers was married to Christopher Byers' mom, Melissa Byers, at the time of the killings. A few years later, the couple moved to Cherokee Village, where Melissa Byers died in 1996. John Mark Byers has reportedly moved to Millington, Tenn. He declined comment for this

article, and accurate details as to Todd and Dana Moore's whereabouts were nil.

But the news of the results of DNA testing on crime scene evidence has brought local and national attention back to the victims' families, to the three men in prison for the murders - Damien Echols, Jessie Miskelley Jr. and Jason Baldwin - and West Memphis itself. The results found that no genetic material recovered at the crime scene belonged to Echols, Miskelley or Baldwin, and, with the exception of one hair, all of DNA recovered at the scene that was tested belonged to the victims.

The hair was reportedly Hobbs', and police attributed his hair to secondary transfer. Hobbs said he was recently questioned by police, who have put any speculation of Hobbs' involvement to an end, with Assistant Police Chief Mike Allen noting that Hobbs wasn't a suspect 14 years ago, and he isn't now. In the state's response to a report on the results, Prosecutor Brent Davis said the state stands behind the convictions.

"I went and talked to the police in West Memphis for a follow-up," Hobbs said. "I've always been willing to cooperate, so I went over and done that."

He recalled the day Stevie went missing.

"I worked that day like I've worked everyday of my life," he said. "I got home about 3 or 3:30, and Stevie had gone off riding his bicycle, playing with Michael Moore."

Stevie was supposed to be home at 4:30, and when he wasn't home Hobbs became concerned. Hobbs picked Pam up at work at Catfish Island at 9 p.m.

"Her dad and mom came down; she went with them to look," he said. "I went with a friend. At different times we'd go to the police department. We spent all night driving around."

The bodies of the boys were found a day later, and police arrested Echols, Miskelley and Baldwin a month after the murders. They were convicted of the murders in 1994.

Hobbs said he believes in their guilt.

"I'm more than convinced because [the police are] more than convinced," Hobbs said.

"Mike Allen's a good man, and I believe what I know, and I only know what they tell me.

"I think it's just a sad, desperate attempt for the defense to be doing what they're doing."

But the recent attention does take its toll, Hobbs said.

"I try to go on the best I can, then something like this comes up, you know, and Hawaii looks pretty good sometimes, just to get away.

"This isn't how things could have been or should have been for all of us. We only came here to live a dream, and it's been a totally different life, living this."

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 17 Arkansas Online News (October 30, 2007)

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Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 18 Los Angeles Times (October 30, 2007)

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Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 22 WMC TV (October 30, 2007)

Terry Hobbs' attorney Ross Sampson says Hobbs denies having anything to do with the murders of the three 8-year-old boys.

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 23 New York Times (October 30, 2007)

As for the stray hair, the West Memphis Police and the stepfather it appears to belong to, Terry Hobbs, discounted the finding, saying it could have easily have been picked up at home by his stepson.

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 24 WHBQ FOX 13 (October 30, 2007)

DNA evidence could turn the West Memphis Three case upside-down Thursday. New evidence could possibly free a death row inmate and put the step-father of one of the victims in the hot seat. Now, the step-father, Terry Hobbs, is defending himself against evidence that may put him at the murder scene.

Hobbs would only speak through his attorney. Hobbs hired him Monday after learning his name was involved in the latest effort to free the West Memphis Three. His connection to this case is undeniable. At the time of the murders, he was the step-father of one of the victims.

He's far from being an invisible man, but Terry Hobbs was silent. Only his attorney Ross Sampson would talk about the latest information regarding the West Memphis Three case.

"This really doesn't affect us at all," said Sampson.

Attorneys for one of the West Memphis Three said they will release DNA evidence Thursday. The evidence could prove their client Damien Echols is innocent of the 1993 murders of three eight-year-old boys.

Echols attorneys say hairs were found at the crime scene that belonged to Hobbs and his friend.

"The perception is that this is somehow an accusation against Mr. Hobbs and we don't perceive that as such," said Sampson.

More than a decade ago Hobbs was Steve Branch's stepfather. Branch was one of the boys found nude and hog-tied in a drainage ditch.

"Mr. Hobbs and his family have not recovered," said his attorney.

Three teenagers, now men, were convicted twice for the murders. Echols sits on death row.

"Mr. Hobbs believes justice has been served," said Sampson.

And Sampson said he isn't concerned with the evidence.

"The only person... that we would have any concern being contacted by will be the Attorney General's Office of Arkansas," he said.

The Arkansas Attorney General said he doesn't "anticipate a reversal of the jury's verdicts."

Hobbs doesn't either. So he'll try to go back to being the invisible man.

"This will probably be one of the final times Mr. Hobbs appears on camera," said Sampson. "Mr. Hobbs is tired and that's what he [has] me for."

FOX13 will have a crew in Little Rock Thursday when defense attorneys will release their evidence and answer questions.

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 29 CNN (November 7, 2007)

While David Jacoby did not return CNN's calls, Hobbs' attorney, Ross Sampson, told CNN it's possible that his client's hair was found at the scene. "It was naturally transferred; it was a child that lived with him," Sampson said.

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Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 30 KAIT (November 7, 2007)

In an interview earlier this year, he voiced his own opinion of the new evidence.

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Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 31 CNN (November 8, 2007)

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Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 38 Memphis Commercial Appeal (November 27, 2007)

That man, stepfather Terry Hobbs, has emphatically denied any role in the killings. "They (defense lawyers) have nothing better to do than to try to get some killers out of prison. And they have to point the finger at somebody," Hobbs said again Monday in a phone interview.

Yet Byers, who grew close to Hobbs in the years after the murders, says he's assembled evidence against his old friend.

Byers said he secretly recorded hours of phone conversations with Hobbs in recent months. He wouldn't say what's on all those tapes, but suggested it was damning.

"In my opinion, he's a monster. He's been standing in my shadow. And I'm going to expose him. ...

"If it takes my last breath on this Earth, I'm going to see that man in prison."

One of those surreptitious digital recordings landed on the Internet this month when Byers inadvertently e-mailed it to the wrong person.

A copy of the 23-minute conversation taped in October was posted recently on wm3hoax.downonthefarm.org, one of several mom-and-pop Web sites that have cropped up around the case. On the tape, Byers and Hobbs talk about the new twist in the investigation. At one point, Hobbs likens himself to the Biblical figure Job in discussing his tribulations, yet insists he had nothing to do with the murders.

"When the circus left town they left a clown behind," Hobbs said Monday of Byers and his allegations. "For whatever reason he's doing this, and I think I know, he's on the wrong page."

Asked what he thought was motivating Byers, Hobbs summed it up in a word: "Money."

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 92, Geraldo Show 3/16/1996

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SHOW: GERALDO (4:00 PM ET)

March 16, 1994, Wednesday 2:50 PM

LENGTH: 7258 words

HEADLINE: KIDS WHO KILL: DID THE DEVIL MAKE THEM DO IT? PAM AND TERRY HOBBS, PARENTS OF MURDERED ARKANSAS CHILD; JESSIE MISSKELLY, FATHER OF CONVICTED TEEN MURDERER; DR. HERBERT NIEBURG; JACK LEVIN; JACK ROPER; MARCOS QUINONES; ADOLESCENT SATANISM

ANCHORS: Geraldo Rivera

BODY:

HOST: Geraldo Rivera

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: Martin M. Berman

KIDS WHO KILL: DID THE DEVIL MAKE THEM DO IT?

GERALDO RIVERA: On May 5th, 1993, three eight-year-old boys were brutally murdered in a small town in eastern Arkansas. There is evidence the killings may have been part of a Satanic ritual. But much about this awful case remains unclear. Today, we'll try to solve the remaining puzzle with the cooperation of experts and family members from both the young victims' side and the side of the teen-aged accused.

Pam and Terry are the parents of Stevie Hobbs; Stevie, one of the eight-year-old boys brutally murdered. Jackie is the victim's grandfather. I know it's difficult, Pam, but can you describe the wounds on Stevie's body?

Mrs. PAM HOBBS (Son Murdered By Alleged Satanic Teens): The left side of his face was cut and mutilated. He was tied hand and foot...

(Photo of Steven Hicks)

Mrs. HOBBS: (Voiceover) ...and he had injuries to his head where they had--his brain had scattered when they hit him.

RIVERA: Essentially, he was beaten to death?

Mrs. HOBBS: Mm-hmm.

RIVERA: Tell us your reaction, Terry, when you heard what had happened to your stepson.

Mr. TERRY HOBBS (Stepson Murdered By Alleged Satanic Teens): I don't know. I just--I couldn't believe it. We've been--went into shock--may be in shock now. And I still can't believe it. We hadn't--it's like a long nightmare that you keep waking--waiting to wake up from. And we're here in the middle of it.

RIVERA: Joining us via satellite from West Memphis, Arkansas, is the father of one of the three teen-aged accused. Actually his son has already been convicted of murdering the three eight-year-olds. This is Jess--Jessie Misskelley Sr. He's joined by some supporters, you can see, in the background.

Before I talk to that side and this--much more deeply about what happened, you should know that this story of the murders of the three young boys has taken many bizarre twists and turns. Indeed, new revelations are emerging every single day. Our team visited West Memphis, Arkansas, to investigate. Here's the story of the three dead young men.

(Begin investigative report; narration by Geraldo Rivera)

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RIVERA: Terry, you want to say something to Mr. Misskelley Sr.?

Mr. HOBBS: I have a lot to say to that man. But I can--I don't want to talk to him. I don't appreciate the actions of your son. He come out of your home, out of your raisings. And, no, I...

Mr. MISSKELLEY Sr.: Sir--but my son did not do it.

Mr. HOBBS: He said he did.

Mr. MISSKELLEY Sr.: But he--he's mistaken. He--they made him say that.

Mr. HOBBS: He had a chance to tell the whole world he didn't do it. And he didn't.

Mr. MISSKELLEY Sr.: What did he say?

Mr. HOBBS: He didn't.

Mr. MISSKELLEY Sr.: We tried.

Mr. HOBBS: He didn't. He had a chance.

Mr. MISSKELLEY Sr.: Well, he tried, but they wouldn't let him.

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Unidentified Man #3: I want to know, did the children know who their killers were? Like, were they frien--were the--did the children know their killers, so, like, they were friendly?

RIVERA: Did Stevie know Jessie or Damian or--or the other fellow, Jason?

Mr. HOBBS: Not to my knowledge, he didn't.

RIVERA: Now as the case has been reconstructed, Paul, was there a stalking of these particular victims?

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Unidentified Man #4: Yeah. I'd like to know, do you feel that your son may have been involved in this Satanic cult himself; because now kids are very impressionable and you never know?

RIVERA: No. These kids were eight years old. There's no...

Mr. HOBBS: Not a child. No.

RIVERA: No, sir. Terry, do you want to say something about your son?

Mr. HOBBS: Well, we had a--you know, an honor roll student, three years. We had an outstanding little boy. And he deserved better than this.

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RIVERA: Are you one of the people who claims you saw Jessie the night of the crime?

Woman #4: I don't claim that I saw him, I know I saw him.

RIVERA: Did you offer to testify on his behalf?

Woman #4: I did testify.

RIVERA: Obviously, they didn't believe you. Why?

Woman #4: I don't know why they didn't believe me. I told them the truth and that was the truth. I seen him out here at 6:30 that evening and that's where he was at.

RIVERA: OK. Terry, you want to comment on what she just said?

Mr. HOBBS: I heard a lot of testimony come up there for his defense, that was not convincing even to me. And I wasn't a juror.

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RIVERA: DID THE DEVIL MAKE THEM DO IT? We'll keep you updated on this. Thanks for watching, folks. Bye-bye

Stipulation No. 1, Exhibit 97 *Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills*
6/10/96

39:25-41:15 (39 minutes, 25 seconds into the film) Pam Hobbs and Terry Hobbs exit the courtroom during the trial of Jesse Misskelly, Jr. Pam Hobbs makes statements about why she left. Terry Hobbs says nothing, but is identified as the stepfather of Steve Branch.

1:20:24 (1 hour, 20 minutes, 24 seconds into the film) Terry Hobbs says, "I know eventually that we are going to have to forgive them. I know that and I understand that. But when it happens in your home and you watch your wife lose her mind you, you know, whatever happened to her, your home is tore apart, busted up. I don't feel its fair right now for someone to ask me to forgive the ones that caused it."

Stipulation No. 4, Exhibit 86 Los Angeles Times, 10/30/07

The brief acknowledges that this evidence does not establish the guilt of Hobbs or Jacoby. Hobbs has said the hair on the shoelaces must have been innocently transferred from himself to one of the victims, who "played with our little boy regularly."

Stipulation No. 4, Exhibit 190 Ottawa Citizen June 6, 1993

"They're nothing but punks! Punks! Punks!" shouted Pam Hobbs, the mother of Steve Branch, as she stomped out of the courtroom where the families of the three young victims came ace-to-face with their children's accused killers.

"I want them. I want to beat their heads up against a wall and kick them- the same stuff they did to my son." Terry Hobbs nodded after.

"I think we'd all like to get at them," he said. "These were our babies. They were just kids. I was looking for a way to climb over the bench myself. It's very hard to sit there." Steve lived with the Hobbses.

Stipulation No. 4, Exhibit 201 Maury Povich show (transcript)

The Maury Povich Show
August 2, 1994

HOST: Maury Povich

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: Maury Povich

MAURY POVICH: Thank you, everyone. Glad you could be with us. In west Memphis, Arkansas--that's just on the other side of the bridge from Memphis, Tennessee--local papers reported that three eight-year-old boys were found savagely murdered, and Vicki Hutcheson's son Aaron told his mom, his Aunt Jane and his brother Scott that he had not only witnessed those slayings, but he also to his mom that he was forced to take part in in the gruesome attack. Vicki, people don't believe--at least some people don't believe that your son Aaron witnessed this. Why?

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POVICH: Steve Branch loved to sing. We'd like to share a song that he sang into his tape recorder with you.

(Excerpt of Steve Branch singing)

POVICH: Yeah. And it's difficult, of course, for his mom to hear that. Are you OK, Pam?

Mr. TERRY HOBBS (Son Murdered By Alleged Satanists): ...this is what I don't like. This hurts. This hurts bad.

POVICH: Yeah.

Mr. HOBBS: You wouldn't believe it.

POVICH: Yeah.

Mr. HOBBS: But I have to watch my wife go through this.

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Mrs. HOBBS: ...emotional...

Mr. HOBBS: ...(unintelligible)

Mrs. HOBBS: Yeah.

POVICH: It was privately collected.

Mr. HOBBS: Private donations.

Man 2: Is it--it's still out there?

Mr. BYERS: A lot of people retracted their money and took it back.

POVICH: Vicki, have you went through--have you gone and sa--to the authorities and said, "Where's the money?"

Ms. HUTCHESON: No, I haven't.

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POVICH: Hold on, Jane. I want to ask Pam this. As I understand, there was kind of a lovely grove dedicated to the three boys in the town, right?

Mr. HOBBS: Yeah.

POVICH: Aaron and Vicki weren't invited to that dedication, were they? Why?

Mr. HOBBS: It was i--it was open to the public. Anybody that wanted to come were allowed to come.

Ms. HUTCHESON: No, I...

Mrs. HOBBS: Why they didn't come, I have no idea.

Ms. HUTCHESON: Aaron was suppo--Aaron and Scott were supposed to carry the flags.

Mrs. HOBBS: No, it was open to the public. It was in the newspaper.

POVICH: And--and what happened?

Ms. HUTCHESON: And they were never gotten ahold of. Aaron cannot go to Cub Scout meetings anymore because he cannot sit through one. Because he cannot...

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POVICH: I want to thank everybody for joining us. I thank you out there, everyone. Until next time, America.

Stipulation No. 4, Exhibit 246 Memphis Commercial Appeal, May 9, 1993.

Pain tells how much life 3 slain boys had

By John Beifuss
Sunday, May 9, 1993

One of the great tragedies in the short lives of Steve Branch, Christopher Byers and Michael Moore is that most people will know them only as victims.

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Michael was a leader, respected by the others.

Christopher was always asking "Why?"

Steve already was a heart-breaker, with "snow white hair and blue eyes," according to second cousin Angela Graham, 33. "It was blond, but it turned white in the summertime." She said it had just begun to lighten when the boys disappeared Wednesday.

The boys' paths couldn't help but cross frequently. Michael and Christopher lived across an intersection from each other, at 1398 and 1400 E. Barton, respectively. And Steven Edward Branch - "Stevie," as he was called by family and friends - considered himself the boyfriend of Michael's 9-year-old sister, Dawn. He recently bought her a birthstone ring for \$5 at Wal-Mart.

"He liked older women," joked Terry Hobbs, 35, who had been Steve's stepfather since the boy was a year old.

Steve's mother Pam Hobbs, 29, said her son had taught himself to do backflips and forward-flips. He liked to practice Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle- style karate moves, and he liked to sing.

"He was going to be my little Elvis someday," she said. "I told him how Elvis bought his mama a Graceland, so he'd have to buy me a Promised Land." Stevie promised he would.

The family lived in a comfortable ranch house at 1601 S. McAuley, with log reindeer in the front yard and Steve's chow, King, in the back. Another pet - a turtle caught by Steve in one of the watery ditches that vein the neighborhood - has been adopted by a cousin.

"He loved animals. He was all the time keeping something he had caught," Terry Hobbs said. "We had some fish, but his little sister got into the fishbowl, and now we no longer have fish."

Four-year-old Amanda called her big brother "Bubba." "That's all she knows, that he's gone to heaven," Angela Graham said.

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Terry Hobbs said Michael was more of a natural leader, while Stevie could sometimes be shy. But the quietness was perhaps a sign of his relative maturity. Stevie was an honor student at Weaver and took the job of big brother seriously.

"He was more grown-up than his age would indicate," said second cousin, Ronnie Graham, 37, of Gosnell, Ark. He said Stevie and his mother were "more like buddies," and Stevie emulated that relationship with his sister.

Mrs. Hobbs said she hoped people would remember her son's life, not his death.

"I just would like everybody to remember him like he was - remember his smile, his karate moves."

Stipulation No. 4, Exhibit 253 Memphis Commercial Appeal July 19, 2007

Confronted with new DNA evidence, police have interviewed the stepfather of one of three 8-year-old West Memphis boys found murdered in a watery ditch 14 years ago. Terry Hobbs said Thursday that West Memphis Police detectives interviewed him three weeks ago, asking for his whereabouts on the night of the 1993 murders.

The interview stems from recent court-ordered DNA tests linking a hair found at the crime scene to Hobbs.

"I have nothing to hide," Hobbs, 49, told The Commercial Appeal. "I still didn't have nothing to do with them boys dying."

West Memphis Asst. Police Chief Mike Allen confirmed that detectives interviewed Hobbs at a prosecutor's request but said authorities don't consider him a suspect in the murders of his stepson, Stevie Branch, and friends Christopher Byers and Michael Moore.

"Terry Hobbs was not a suspect in 1993 nor is he a suspect in 2007," Allen said. A hair believed to have come from Hobbs was found at the crime scene, Allen confirmed, but said he thinks the hair got there through normal transference among family members. "It's nothing earth-shattering," Allen said.

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Hobbs said he believes the DNA results are the work of "crooked defense attorneys ... trying to get their killer SOBs out of jail."

"It ain't gonna work," said Hobbs, now a salesman at a North Memphis building supply company. He said a private detective working for defense lawyers told him one of his hairs was found on a shoelace used to tie up one of the murdered boys.

"That's understandable," said Hobbs. "All three of them boys used to come play at my house."

Papers filed by Riordan say defense lawyers and prosecutors have agreed to do more extensive testing on some items in evidence to determine "their potential significance to establishing the identity of the perpetrator(s) of the offenses."

That includes testing knives once owned by Hobbs, said a source close to the probe.

Stipulation No. 4, Exhibit 301 Arkansas Democrat Gazette February 5, 1994.

Pamela and Terry Hobbs of Blytheville-Steve Branch's mother and stepfather- said the verdicts satisfied them, but it may be too early for the healing to begin.

"We're going on," Terry Hobbs said. "We have another trial to attend."

Stipulation No. 4, Exhibit 318

Jury chosen, security tightened amid threats at Misskelley trial

By Bartholomew Sullivan

Friday, January 21, 1994

A jury of seven women and five men will hear the Jessie Lloyd Misskelley Jr. capital murder case that began Wednesday, Circuit Judge David Burnett ruled Thursday afternoon.

The judge said seating a jury was "faster by two days" than he had expected. There was no explanation for the delay in presenting opening statements. The jury will not be sequestered.

Meanwhile, Misskelley was the subject of stepped-up security Thursday as Clay County Sheriff Darvin Stow said his department had received information about death threats against the 18-year-old defendant.

Stow said his department has received telephone calls from "people expressing concern that certain individuals might attempt something," but he would not elaborate. He said he was also told there is a \$100,000 bounty on Misskelley's head.

Misskelley was brought into the courthouse Thursday in a flak jacket and handcuffs amid a phalanx of police officers.

Corning Police Chief Ronnie Stewart said his department has received requests for security around the victims' families. Stewart had to intervene when John Mark Byers, one victim's father, got into a loud discussion Wednesday with a Little Rock reporter over a story he'd written. Six members of the eight-man Corning department were assigned to the courthouse this week.

Eight-year-olds Christopher Byers, Michael Moore and Steve Branch were killed in May in West Memphis by what police say were members of a satanic cult. Misskelley is charged with capital murder, as are Damien Wayne Echols, 19, and Charles Jason Baldwin, 16, who will stand trial together next month in Jonesboro.

Pamela Hobbs, the mother of Steve Branch, said Thursday that she is still "in a rage" and would "like to have five minutes with" each of the defendants. Absent that, she said she hopes the jury will call for the death penalty prosecutors are seeking.

Each juror was asked if he or she could impose the death penalty under the appropriate circumstances. Those who said they could not were excused.

"I think they deserve the death penalty," said Hobbs, 29. "We have three beautiful babies lying in the graveyard." Later, she said of the defendants, "I feel their parents should have to go out to a graveyard just like we do."

Hobbs said all of the victims' families, who attended all or part of the jury selection that began Wednesday, have grown closer because of their ordeal. "We've turned into something of a family, not that we wanted to," she said. "We'll always have something in common."

Hobbs and her husband, Terry Hobbs, Steve Branch's stepfather who helped raise him from infancy, said prosecutors have kept them in the dark about the photographs and autopsy reports expected to be part of the state's case. Pamela Hobbs said she's afraid she may scream when the evidence is presented.

They both said they weren't prepared for a tape of Misskelley's alleged confession played in court Jan. 13 in Marion in which he described a sexual assault. "I'd thought he died suddenly," she said. Said her husband, "We'd hope the punishment would fit the crime." Jurors selected behind closed doors range in age from 65 to 23 and include the town's postmaster, a bank loan officer, a domestic, an official with the local store-shelf manufacturer, a Wal-Mart clerk, and a factory worker who makes shock absorbers. Two are natives of Arizona. All are white. There are two alternates, both women.

Burnett sealed the brief questionnaire each was asked to fill out after Misskelley's lawyers, Daniel T. Stidham and Gregory L. Crow of Paragould, objected to their release. Misskelley stood Thursday when the judge introduced him to potential jurors, but he did not look at them.

Reporters' questions shouted at Misskelley as he was led into the courthouse Thursday morning went unanswered.

Misskelley was on probation for assaulting a 13-year-old girl when he was arrested a month after the killings.

Stow, who agreed to house Misskelley at the Clay County Jail the night he was arrested June 4, said the former part-time auto mechanic has been a "model prisoner."

Misskelley is in an isolation cell monitored for sound by jail officials and is permitted into a larger day room only by himself, Stow said. Stow said Misskelley bides his time reading "hot rod magazines."

"It appears he does more picture looking than reading."

Both Stow and Stewart will charge Crittenden County \$50 per day for each extra officer placed on duty to deal with additional security needs, with the number varying from six to eight during the expected two weeks of testimony.