

EXHIBIT 18

Rule 2.3 Rights Form

Date:	6/21/07
Time:	9:10 AM

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WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT CJD

(Location)

for the purpose of having you furnish information or otherwise cooperate in an investigation or the prevention of crime.

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I have read this form and/or had it read to me, and I understand my rights listed above. I agree to appear and cooperate with law enforcement authorities at the above noted place.

(Your Signature)

(Witness)


(Witness)

SUBJECT DESCRIPTION

ARRESTED
INTERVIEWED

NAME: TERRELL WAYNE HOBBS

ALIAS:

SOCIAL SECURITY NO: 

DOB: 01/21/58

SEX: M

RACE: W

AGE: 49

RESIDENCE: 1132 N. Main St. Memphis, TN

PHONE NUMBER: 901-555-1234

OCCUPATION: None

EMPLOYER (PAST): General Electric

DRIVERS LICENSE NO. ()

LOCATION OF ARREST: _____

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

PLACE OF BIRTH: Tennessee

ARRESTED WITH: _____

HEIGHT: 5'7 WEIGHT: 165 EYES: Brown HAIR: Brown COMPLEXION: Tanned

SCARS/MARKS/TATTOOS: _____

PECULIARITIES: RIGHT/LEFT HANDED EDUCATION: GRADE BUT (GED) YEARS OF COLLEGE

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VEHICLE: _____ VEHICLE LICENSE ()

RELATIVES: _____

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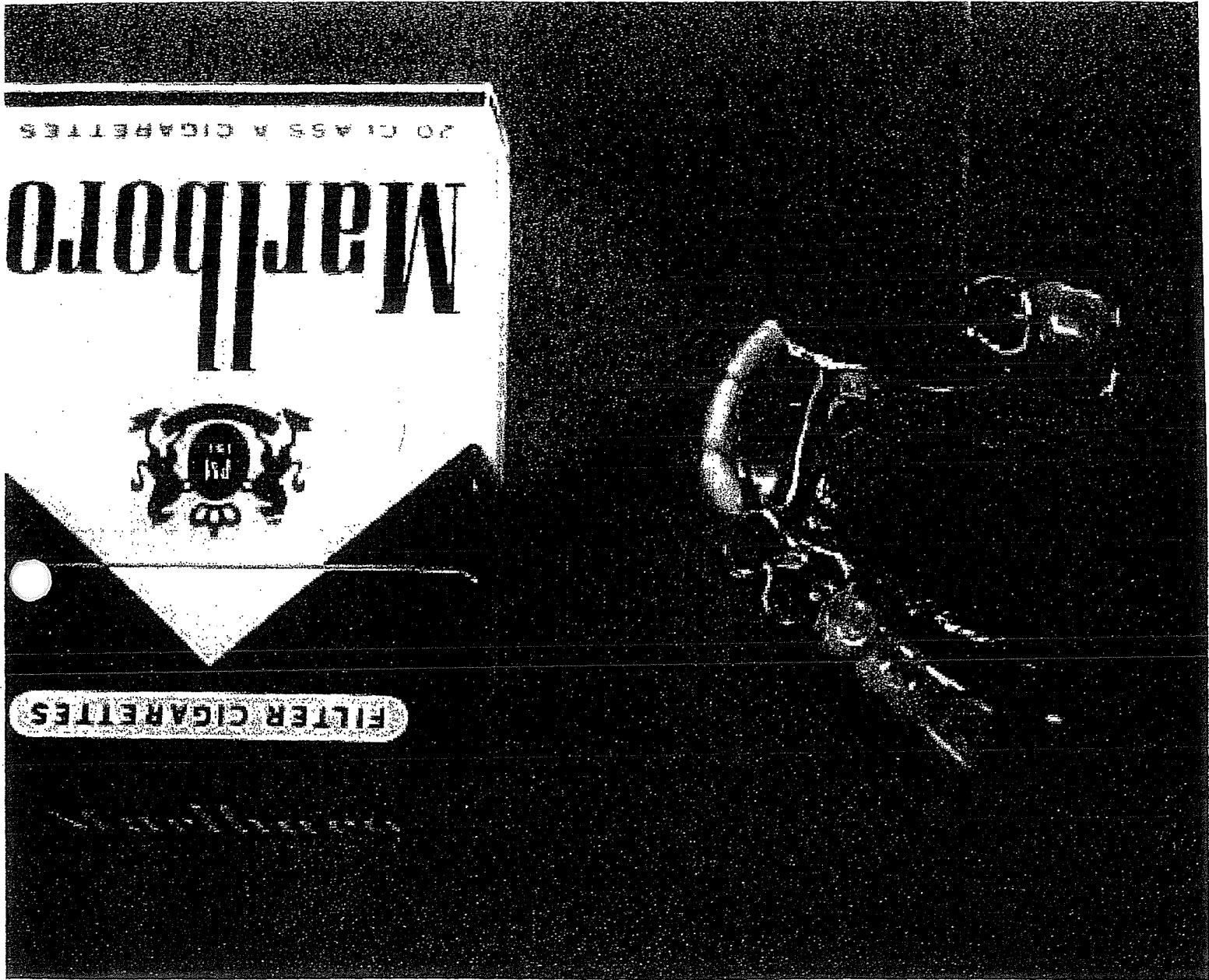
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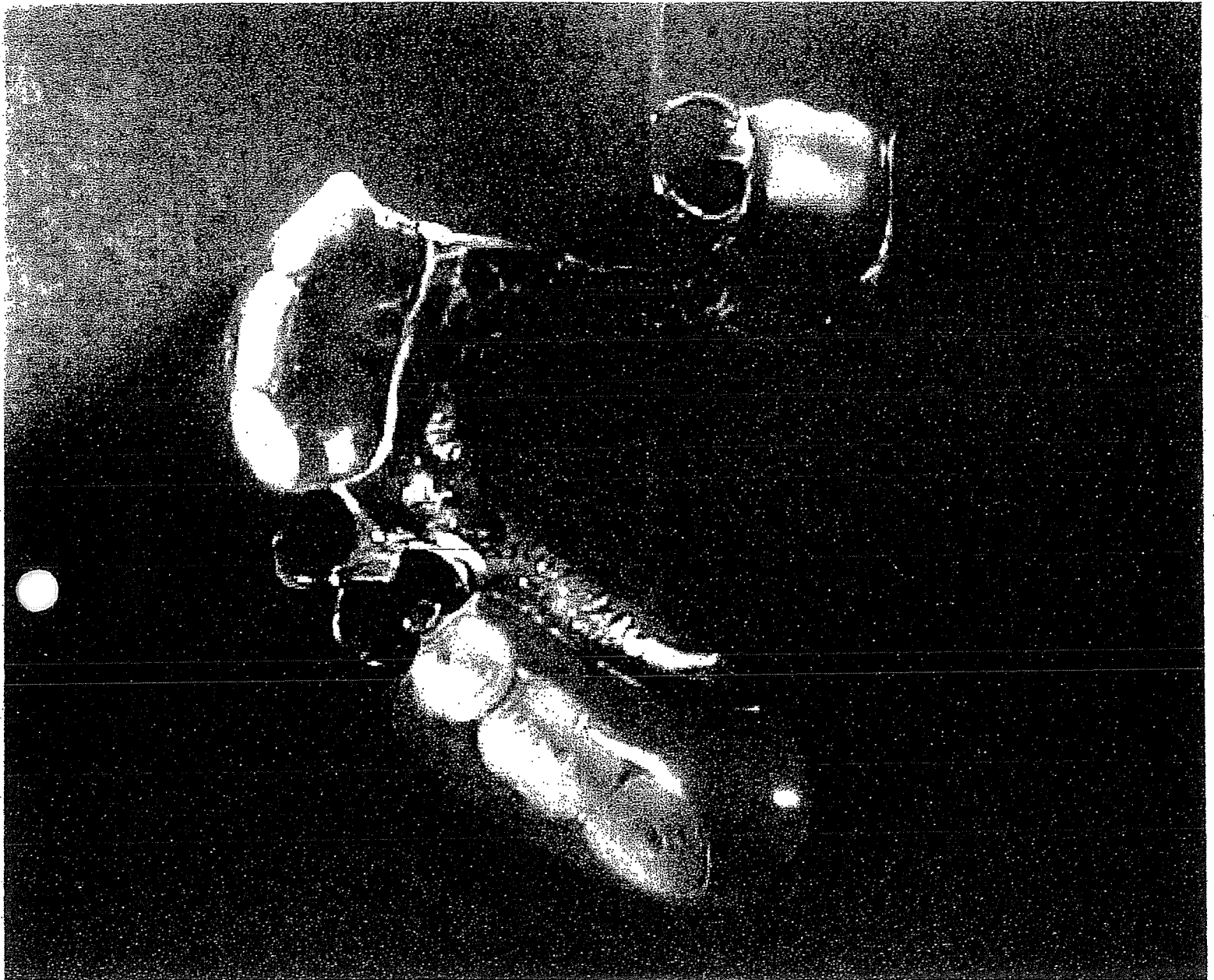
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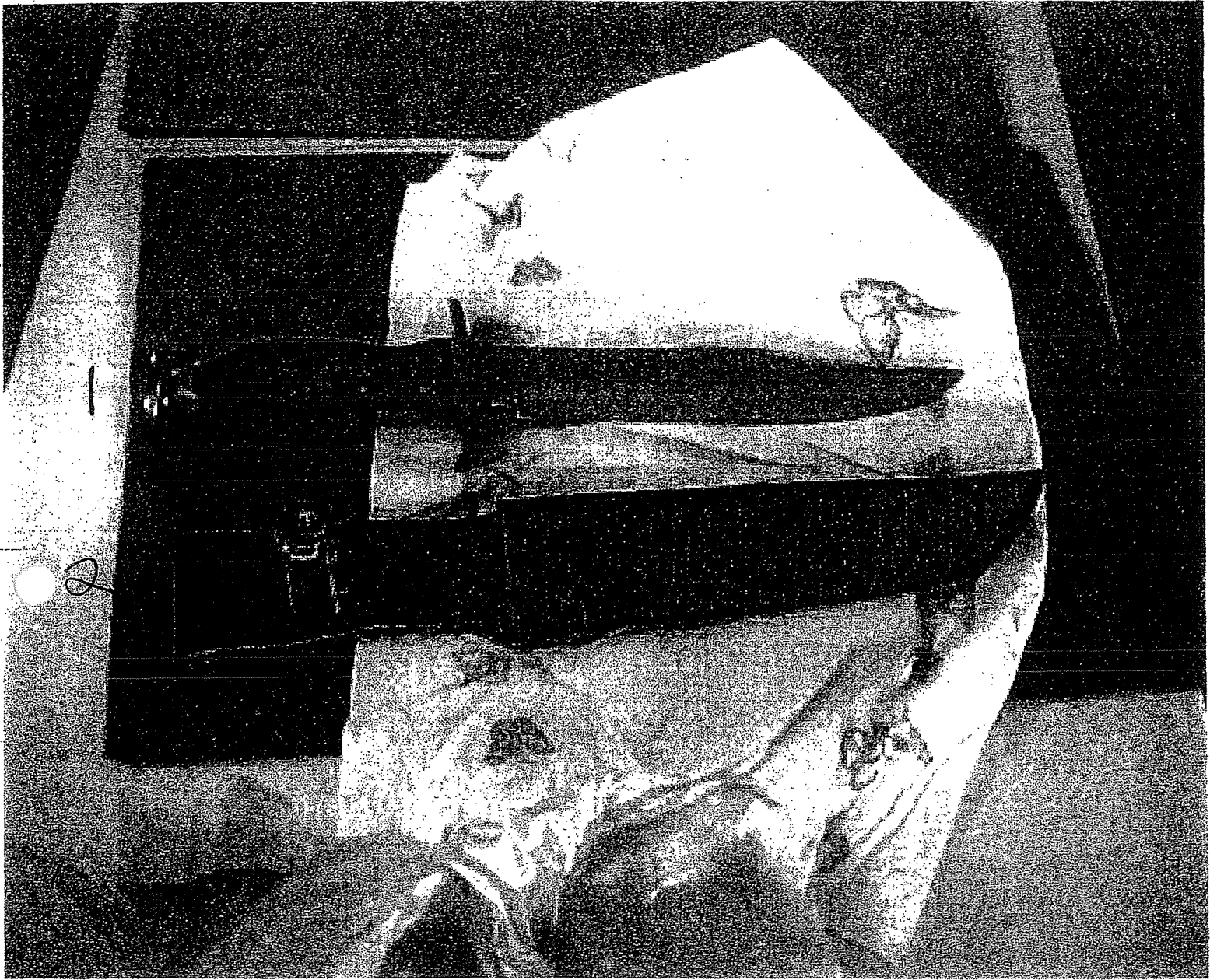
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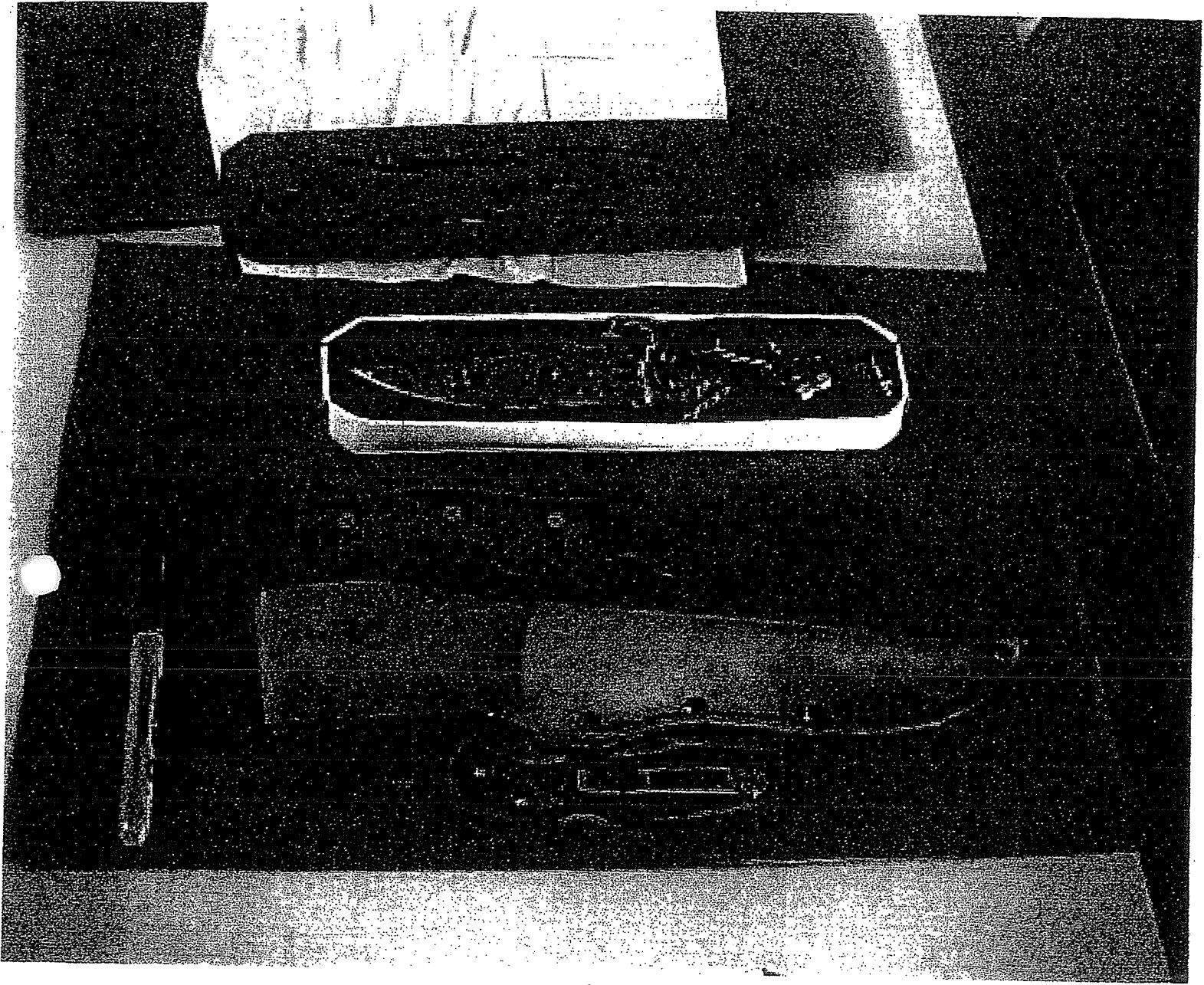
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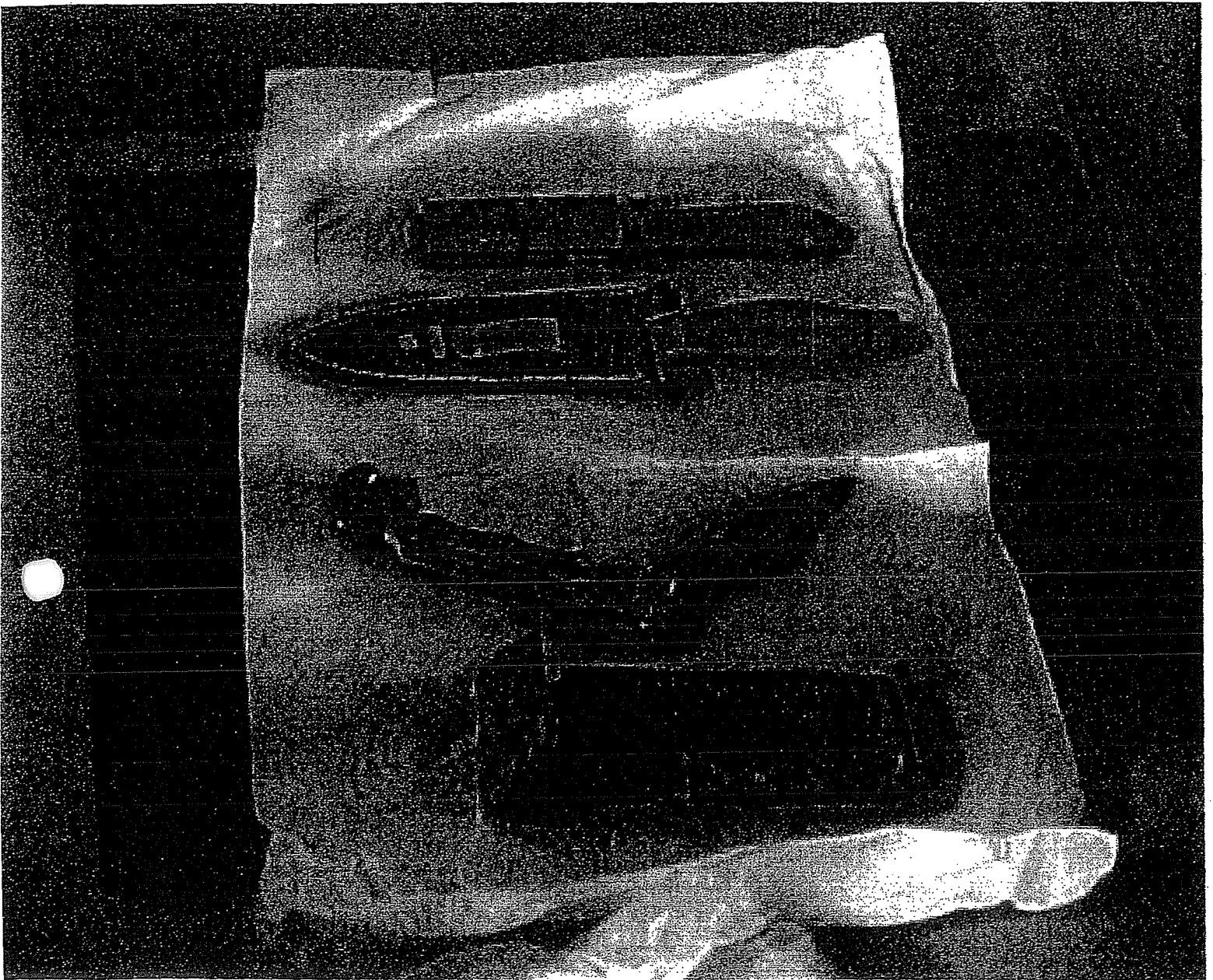
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PASDAR 1281

Today's date is Thursday June 21, 2007 time now is 9:32 a.m. I'm Detective LT. Ken Mitchell presently along with Detective Chuck Noles uh we're presently in the CID office of the West Memphis Police Department conducting an interview with Mr. Terry Wayne Hobbs. Uh in reference to uh the triple homicide of the three little boys from 1993. Uh the case number from 93 is 050666 is the case number, and uh I'd like to go back over a couple of things with you if I could to start off with. Uh the first form is a Rule 2.3 Rights Form that Detective Noles went over with you just a few minutes ago uh did you understand the 2.3. and are you here voluntarily today Terry?

Hobbs: I understood the rule and I am here voluntarily.

Mitchell: Ok the first signature below that is that yours?

Hobbs: yes sir.

Mitchell: and below your signature is that Detective Noles as a witness?
I was not present when you went over the rule 2.3?

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell. What's you're uh if you would state your full name and date of birth?

Hobbs: Terry Wayne Hobbs, 5.21.1958.

Mitchell: You're currently how old right now?

Hobbs: 49.

Mitchell: Ok Terry uh what we'd like to do I know I was telling you just a few minutes ago uh is uh the uh prosecuting attorney Mr. Davis has asked us to uh interview a couple of people-uh in light of some possible new evidence that may have come up and just to fill some blanks I guess as far as this case goes that might be helpful. Uh and that's we've been asked to do, that's why we called and asked you to ah Detective Noles called you yesterday and asked you to come in. And I appreciate greatly uh your availability to us. I mean you just came in and do this. What we'd like to do is to start out with if you would if you would take us back to May the 5th, 1993 ok and I'm going to start off by just asking a few questions and I'm gonna let you just kind of walk us threw the day in your mind what you can remember. If you're not sure of something you know just tell us you're not sure or you don't know you don't know. Uh let me move this a little closer to you make it real clear when you're speaking to us. Uh where were you living you remember where you were living on May the 5th 1993?

Hobbs: May the 5th we were living on McAuley St. in West Memphis.

Mitchell: you remember the address?

Hobbs: 1601

Mitchell: Who all lived in that house?

Hobbs: Uh Terry, Pam, Steve and Amanda.

Mitchell: Ok uh and I for the purpose of this interview when you say Pam who you're talking about?

Hobbs: Pam Hobbs my wife.

Mitchell: and you said Steve?

Hobbs: Pam our, my step son. Pam son

Mitchell: What's his last name.

Hobbs: Steve Edward Branch his full name.

Mitchell: ok and how old was Steve at the time?

Hobbs: at the time 8 years old.

Mitchell: Ok and you said Amanda?

Hobbs: Amanda Hobbs my daughter she was four at the time.

Mitchell: was uh she your daughter with Pam?

Hobbs: correct.

Mitchell: you said she was four?

Hobbs: correct, born here in West Memphis.

Mitchell: Ok and on May the 5th of that year was Pam working anywhere?

Hobbs: uh Catfish Island in West Memphis I'm not for sure of the street but it's over by that union 76, truck stop.

Mitchell: Ok and on at that particular time also were you working?

Hobbs: I was working at the Memphis Ice Company in Memphis TN.

Mitchell: Where is Memphis?

Hobbs: 914 James St.

Mitchell: is it still uh...

Hobbs: still there.

Mitchell: Still there?

Hobbs: um huh.

Mitchell: what was your job title and job description for (not audible) ?

Hobbs: I was a merchandiser I sold ice cream.

Mitchell: You have uh you do that over the phone? Or did you have a route or?

Hobbs: I ran a route.

Mitchell: You had a route? What did your route consist of?

Hobbs: Uh going to ma and paw stores little corner groceries and filling up freezers and selling ice cream.

Mitchell: was that uh was your route strictly in TN or?

Hobbs: no I come to West Memphis, Marion by Forrest city out that way Marianna.

Mitchell: You have a route in Tennessee and Arkansas?

Hobbs: and Mississippi.

Mitchell: And Mississippi ok uh do you remember working on May the 5th 1993?

Hobbs: I do.

Mitchell: what was your, do you remember your schedule that day what time you got up and went in and what time you got home.

Hobbs: Now usually everyday went in about 5:30 a.m. and git off around 2; 2:30, 3 o'clock p.m. uh bout every day.

Mitchell: now this particular day May the 5th you remember abut what Time you got home?

Hobbs: roughly guessing round 3 or 3:30 some em like that.

Mitchell: And was anybody home when you got there?

Hobbs: Pam and Amanda was home.

Mitchell: Uh did you see Steve any where?

Hobbs: I did not, he what'n there.

Mitchell: Do you know where he was at?

Hobbs: When I walked in I always checked on the kids and I didn't see Steve so I asked Pam where's Steve and she he went off to ride his bicycle with Michael Moore. His bicycle which his grand parents had just bought him prior to that day. And...

Mitchell: what uh if you can remember? I mean was it uh anything about the day that stood out up until that point.

Hobbs: naw just another working day gittin home from work and Pam was cook supper.

Mitchell: anything unusual when you got home at all?

Hobbs: nothing other than Steve what'n home and I always wanted to know where the kids at. That's why I asked her.

Mitchell: do you know what Amanda was doing at that time or....

Hobbs: seem like she was in Steve bed room watching TV.

Mitchell: nobody else in the house other that you and Pam and Amanda?

Hobbs: Right..

Mitchell: did anybody come over while you were home after you got in?

Hobbs: No um um.

Mitchell: did Pam work that particular day?

Hobbs: she did.

Mitchell: you know what her hours were?

Hobbs: I thank it was from 5 till 9 or closing what ever time they closed. Might have been ten but it seemed like it was nine.

Mitchell: How many uh how many different vehicles did y'all own at that time?

Hobbs: I know of two but it could of been three cause I like to work on old trucks and I had I believe I had one at that time. I like to restore trucks and sell em I know we had two vehicles.

Mitchell: Was the other two ones that you drove?

Hobbs: correct.

Mitchell: do you remember what they were?

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell: Did both you and Pam drive daily?

Hobbs: yes I drove one to work. Trying to think if Pam drove to work it's a long time ago. We had a Lebaron little Chrysler Lebaron, we bought from City motors here in West Memphis that might ah been what I was driving at the time.

Mitchell: you remember what color it was?

Hobbs: No maybe blue. I'm just guessing.

Mitchell: now uh this particular day the 5th uh you remember what time Pam left for work?

Hobbs: When I came when I got home and seen Steve what'n there she told me he had he pose to be home at 4:30 so by the time I got home she was cooking supper and I would walk out to the driveway and to see if I could see em coming down the road on his bicycle cause he riding his new bike and didn't see so we waited around she had to be at work by five and I would go in and out of the house to see if I could see him coming cause I had to take her to work and you know you just don't leave your kids at home by themselves or we didn't. He didn't show up

Mitchell: Is there any particular reason you had to take Pam to work?

Hobbs: I don't know if there's a particular reason I just did it it just the way we did that and I took her to work and I pick her up from work..

Mitchell: Ok so who all went when you took Pam to work who all went?

Hobbs: I drove, Pam went with me and Amanda.

Mitchell: ok uh let me back up just a second. During this time period 1993 up to say from the beginning of 93 up to the 5th of May uh describe your marriage with Pam? What how was your marriage how would you describe it?

Hobbs: It could have been better. We had some Pam had problems of staying faithful she really did. And that got me she had uh something she was working at Poncho's one time we got and we had pool parties every once in a while and some of the people from Poncho's would come over and one night I come in there after one of the pool parties she didn't want the drunk people to drive so we decided to you know fall out where ever you laid that's where you woke up at. Well one night git up going threw the house looking at people making sure everybody's ok and Pam is standing there wrapped up in the arms of a man his name is Jessie and he worked at poncho's with Pam. Well I whip the dog out of Jessie probably what'n right but I did and but you know that that happened so I'm not gone to say we had the perfect marriage-but that did happen during before all that happened. But uh we had a pretty good marriage I thought. Some time you get screwed.

Mitchell: You remember what room they were in?

Hobbs: The kitchen.

Mitchell: the kitchen. Now uh any other problems come to mind as far as your marriage at all during that time prior to the 5th of May obviously.

Hobbs: not really other than her family. You know cause I met Pam in that (not audible) she asked me to marry her. Her dad let me know right off the bat you aint gotta make her happy you gotta make me happy. And I kinda thought well that's kinda odd I'm not marrying you I'm marrying the girl. That was uh the statement was made and I don't know nothing bad I could thank of that happened. You know other than I seen uh son in laws beat up from the dad and the brother. Them girls would call home crying to dad or mom my husband did this I seen the brothers and dad go beat em up. And I just thought well I don't want that to happen to me I tried to stay away from em.

Mitchell: you and Pam ever have any kind of physical confrontation at all during that part of your marriage?

Hobbs: Naw, not that I could thank of.

Mitchell: uh as far as the children uh as far as Steve and Amanda uh discipline who did either or both of you discipline the kids when they did wrong?

Hobbs: we would sure.

Mitchell: both of you?

Hobbs; well not to (not audible)

Mitchell: No that's not what I'm saying I was say would both of you, how did you discipline your children?

Hobbs: wit a belt. And I would make em stand in the corner and I would ground em or take something away that they like. Steve like Nintendo game so we would bar him from Nintendo or bar him from riding his bicycle.

Mitchell: What about Pam how did she discipline the kids.

Hobbs: when she would yell at em, not yell not mean but just being a mom that left it up to dad most time she but she would whip em on occasions.

Mitchell: Uh so I guess between the two of you who is the bigger disciplinary?

Hobbs: Dad.

Mitchell: Ok uh was there anything in particular that you can remember that Steve was real interested I'm saying an 8 year old little boy typical 8 year old little boy any thing he was really into at that as far as some stuff he really like?

Hobbs: Well he like to watch them Ninja Turtles on TV and he would get out there and fake he was Bruce Lee you know doing his karate back flips, he like the swimming pool the house had a nice swimming pool in the back yard and he enjoyed that. and he got into ah the Boy Scout you know he wanted that race that year with them little cars that they had to make...

Mitchell: Oh the soap box derby how'd he do?

Hobbs: yeah he won that race.

Mitchell: Did he really?

Hobbs: Yeah

Mitchell: Um Steve friends did he have any friends that he was particularly close to or hung out with Moore?

Hobbs: I'm say a boy name George I don't know his last name at the time is George and Michael and Chris. And then we have some friends lived a couple streets over that we would go over there and of course they had the girls was a little bit older than Steve was at the time but he had crush on her I thank or she might had a crush on him

Mitchell: you know the name of those people?

Hobbs: Yeah David and Bobby Jacoby.

Mitchell: ~~what~~ street did they live on?

Hobbs: where we lived you get on McAuley one or two streets over I don't know the name of the street but we go over there, and I got David a job with me one time (not audible). He started to work over there where I was working at the ice cream company kinda of help him out and we playing guitars together and over you know Pam knew em from Blytheville that how I met em. And I didn't really know em I met em threw her and I got em a job where I worked at they was kinda of struggling I was just trying to be nice and help out.

Mitchell: where are you originally from?

Hobbs: Cave City Arkansas.

Mitchell: Cave City.

Hobbs: yeah (not audible)

Mitchell: Uh what about Pam?

Hobbs: From Blytheville.

Mitchell: From Blytheville

Hobbs: From Steal Missouri and up in there.

Mitchell: Ok uh did Steve ever have any friends come over and spend the night sleep over or anything like that?

Hobbs: He did I'm trying to thank Michael may have came I'm not sure it's been a while.

Mitchell: sure certainly.

Hobbs: But seem like there were some kids come over I can't remember George may the little boy name George.

Mitchell: You ever remember Steve ever going spend the night at somebody else's house?

Hobbs: Yes sir, his grand parents a lot and then maybe his aunt's and uncle's on Pam's side of the family I don't know about in West Memphis though I don't think so possible but I can't remember those.

Mitchell: Do you remember when y'all moved to West Memphis?

Hobbs: 86 or 87 sometime before the tornado had come threw here.

Mitchell: y'all move here before or after the tornado?

Hobbs: After afterwards.

Mitchell: Uh going back to May the 5th you said before and correct me if I'm wrong ok please and you said that you took Pam to work at Catfish Island and who went with you when you took her?

Hobbs: Amanda.

Mitchell: Ok and when you dropped Pam off at work where did you and Amanda go from there?

Hobbs: On our way to take Pam to work well after I got home if you will remember Pam told me to find out where Steve at she said he was riding his bicycle with Michael Moore. So on my way to take her to work we went by the moor's house to see if Steve was there or Mike was there. Dawn was there and she told us that you know they are riding there bicycle's so you know me and Pam decided to take Pam to work and uh I go back and I had my door key, we go back and (not audible) and when we left Catfish Island uh we went back by the moor's house and just started going street to street in the neighborhood to see if we could find him.

Mitchell: You said you went by did you talk to Mr. And Mrs. Moore?

Hobbs: Naw cause I don't think Dawn or Daniel was home at the time. Dawn was you know we did talk to her you know we other than ask her where Steve or mike here when I took Pam to work. When I come back you know I didn't see any change you know bicycles in the front yard so we just drove around street to street in the neighborhood to see what we could see.

Mitchell: you and ?

Hobbs: Amanda.

Mitchell: you and Amanda ok. Uh how long did you do that?

Hobbs: Probably 30 minutes. I went maybe uh an hour I don't know about the times exactly but after we went back to see if we could find him in the neighborhood me and Amanda I took Amanda ta well we both went home and I said come mon we'll go walk around the neighborhood and see if we can hear em behind them fences in somebody's yard cause I didn't know here George lived that's one of his little friends. But we was gone see if we get hear em playing behind them fences, privacy fence so we did that for a while and didn't see nothing. We went back to our house and we hadn't been there very long and they had pulled up and asked if Michael was at our house. I said no they suppose to be at your house. she said I-just-left from my house and they're not and I'm looking for em. And I said ~~we been~~ looking for em and she...

Mitchell: Did Ms. Moore say that the boys had ever been at her house the (not audible)?

Hobbs: I think she said that but you know I told her I said they were suppose to be at your house so we went by there on our way to work to take Pam to work. And then we come back by we didn't see no bikes so we walked around (not audible) fixing to drive around some more, we headed back to your house, she said well I'm headed my house cause Don was there. I said we'll follow you over there.

Mitchell: Who is Dawn?

Hobbs: Dawn's their daughter.

Mitchell: How old is she at the time best guess?

Hobbs: 6

Mitchell: 6 years old?

Hobbs: Naw she was older than six. I think she was ten maybe eleven.

Mitchell: Ok what about Mr. Moore did you ever talk to him (not audible)?

Hobbs: No he was a truck driver something (not audible).

Mitchell: Uh so after you talk to Ms. Moore she comes by your house tells you that she's looking for em looking for the boys too. At this do you know anything about Christopher Byers?

Hobbs: No

Mitchell: so what do you do after you talk to Ms. Moore?

Hobbs: She said she going to her house and I said well I'm coming over there too. And so we went over there and Dawn was still there and Dawn said she seen em go this way on the bicycles so while we're standing there in her front yard talking here come a big boggle looking dude walking cross the street. And I looked at him and I said whose that? And of course it was Mark Byers that's when I first met Mark Byers. And he look like shags be at em (not audible). But he come across the street and he said have y'all seen Chris? And we said no but have you seen Michael and Steve? No, I think right then is when we put together that they might have been together at that time.

Mitchell: Well when uh Dawn Moore says she saw em going up the street did she say who all she saw?

Hobbs: No.

Mitchell: But she said they were all...

Hobbs: When Dana said she asked her were she out there you know Michael been home has he called some em like that and was Steve with him some em like that. and uh Mark coming walking across the street saying y'all seen Christopher? I think right then is when we figured out they might of all three been together.

Mitchell: and you never met Mark Byers before that day?

Hobbs: No.

Mitchell: Ok what happens you still have Amanda with you?

Hobbs: Correct.

Mitchell: Ok what happens then?

Hobbs: I believe I drive around a little bit more looking for em and then just go back to David and Bobbi's house and I drop Amanda off there and I ask David I said will you go help me go try to find these boys. He said come on lets go. Cause he knew Steve up in Blytheville, he knew Pam's first husband and he knew Pam most of her life or all of her life and so working with him seem like a pretty good guy looks like EZ Top. He had long hair, long beard and so uh he went with me, we drove around he was with me probably (not audible).

Mitchell: When did you see Pam again?

Hobbs: When I picked he up from work.

Mitchell: and you know about what time that was?

Hobbs: It's right at 9 o'clock.

Mitchell: And when you went to pick her up who all was with you?

Hobbs; Amanda.

Mitchell: Just Amanda?

Hobbs; I picked her up yeah cause I had her with me.

Mitchell: When you met Pam uh at her job what was the first thang y'all talked about?

Hobbs: Pam like every other night come out the the building with two pieces of candy one for Amanda one for Steve. She came out that night with two pieces of candy and she asked where's Steve? I said Pam we hadn't found him yet. And she says he's dead. I said Pam don't say that, don't even thank that. I was getting nervous a little bit before I could come up because it was starting to get dark and when the kids was out there after dark as

a parent you know you get them things. But the first thang Pam said that he's dead, and I said don't say that. He is. I say how what makes you say that? I don't know why she said that but she said that.

Mitchell: You know who uh who was the first family or the first ones to call the police on this?

Hobbs: I know while I'm at Dana's house where I first met Mark we said right then we was gone call the police. I thought I called em before that I can't remember seem like I did. I aint gone sit here and say that. I'm just trying to thank back.

Mitchell: Did you have a home phone at that time you would you have called from your home?

Hobbs: Naw pay phone.

Mitchell: Pay phone. Did you have a working home phone at that time?

Hobbs, sure

Mitchell: did you?

Hobbs: My main reason call from there is cause I don't remember that but I remember when we was at the Moor's house I met Mark. I remember telling Dana cause they both said they was gone call the police and I told em one of us you know tell em Steve aint here too. So I thank I didn't call I didn't make that call right then cause I had mention that to Dana.

Mitchell: After you have gotten and picked up Pam where do y'all go? What happens then I guess?

Hobbs: I thank we go by the house first or we might have went to Robin Hood first over in the wooded area where someone the last people that we talked to said they seen em going into the Robin Hood area. We didn't know there was a Robin Hood area there.

Mitchell: Who did you talk to that said they seen em the boys going there?

Hobbs: Some of the neighbors probably. There was a lot of people out there and we was going door to door asking have you seen three little boys? And someone said they had seen going to Robin Hood around the time some show come on so after that seem like from that point on we just couldn't let go of Robin Hood.

Mitchell: What did you know about Robin Hood?

Hobbs: Didn't know a thang about it.

Mitchell: Ever heard of it before that day?

Hobbs: Not a thang. When we got out there I kept seeing our boys coming out here. Cause the stuff look like....

Mitchell: Describe what you remember it look like?

Hobbs: The jungle. Look like something that grown ups would go in not kids. And just trail the wooded area. There were ditches and water back there, I couldn't see 8 year old boys hanging around.

Mitchell: So you I take it you went into this wooded area?

Hobbs: Um huh.

Mitchell: Who all do you remember who all went into that wooded area during the time you were there?

Hobbs: I know when the police were called Regina come out and she went in the woods a little ways and we turn around and come back out cause it was hot it was muggy and it was growed up and it was full of mosquito's and everybody was gittin mosquito bit and so everybody was (not audible) coming to shift changes and Regina told us that she was going to pass it on down there to the (not audible) all this was going on out there but there's a lot of people.

Mitchell: Regina now is that a police officer?

Hobbs: Regina Meeks.

Mitchell: Ok, ok.

Hobbs: There's a lot of people out there.

Mitchell: Do you remember if you could tell me as many people you can remember by name?

Hobbs: David,

Mitchell: Jacoby

Hobbs: I didn't know anybody else

Mitchell: Pam go in the woods?

Hobbs: Not until I picked her up, and we went in together.

Mitchell: Did you go into the woods before you picked up Pam?

Hobbs: sure.

Mitchell: You did? you remember bout what time that was?

Hobbs: 6 or 6:30.

Mitchell: And who was with you at that time?

Hobbs: David.

Mitchell: David Jacoby anybody else?

Hobbs: Just a lot of neighborhood people cause it was people on three wheelers, four wheelers, motor cycles, bicycles on foot that was you know help calling their selves helping us look for the kids.

Mitchell: anything that you saw was it daylight or dark when y'all went out there the first time?

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell: Daylight anything out there that struck you as unusual or odd that you saw?

Hobbs: Nothing that was left, I wouldn't of been out there at least I have you know. And we were told one time that there was something covered a whole or something and they thought they might been in that whole so some of them little kids that knew where that place is at said they'd go check it. I thank uh the little Byers boy the one that was alive theirs another on alive (not audible) cause I thank he was gone go meet some of the people there I don't know what they was talking about.

Mitchell: Is that suppose to be out there in that wooded area also?

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell: Uh so when you how long you think you stayed out there in the wooded area the first time? Robin Hood area?

Hobbs: I don't know cause we would drive around looking and then go down the service road looking and stuff in there and walk out in there from both sides.

Mitchell: Did you see anybody uh hanging around that area. If you had your best guest I guess Terry how many people your best estimate how many people during this first time

you're out there do you think are out in that area looking?

Hobbs: Twenty to forty.

Mitchell: Twenty to forty if that's a good number that's a large amount of people. Were any of em police officer that time or they just citizens.

Hobbs: Just Regina and after shift change another officer come out but he aint go in the woods he stayed with his car.

Mitchell: And when you get done is this first time your out in the wooded area? Ok when you leave there how long after you leave there you go pick up Pam?

Hobbs: I picked Pam up at 1:00'clock uh you know not only are we looking in the wooded are but people keep saying well there's three boys riding their bicycle over here. We seen three boys over here someone said three boys then we'd go ever where we heard. I know I did I don't what you know time was in the woods I seen Mark and his wife Melissa driving down the service road looking for (not audible) in the woods.

Mitchell: When in after you got Teri did you go straight back to the Robin Hood area after you picked her up from work?

Hobbs: Pam?

Mitchell: I'm sorry Pam excuse me.

Hobbs: Uh I believe we did.

Mitchell: And did she go in the woods that time with you?

Hobbs: Um huh.

Mitchell: Ok where was Amanda?

Hobbs: Probably at the Jacoby's you know (not audible) Pam wanted to go in the woods.

Mitchell: At that time after you pick Pam up you go back to the Robin Hood area how many people are in the woods at that time?

Hobbs: I know Pam called her dad, and her dad and mom come down from Blytheville, they're with us some of that night. I can't tell you exactly what time (not audible) night. Most of the night matter of fact and I don't know how many people at the time was with us cause you know David was still with me and then Pam got with me, but Pam was also with her dad and mom that night.

Mitchell: ok lets move from the night all the way did you ever go back home during the night to McAuley?

Hobbs: We did so we could change clothes. Pam had her work uniform on and she wanted to go by and change so we did. And might put on oil slick or something to keep the mosquito's off of us, cause we (not audible) but I did take her by the house so she could change .

Mitchell: Did y'all go back to the Robin Hood area after you changed and she changed?

Hobbs: All night long.

Mitchell: Let's move forward to daylight on May 6 the next morning. carry me from daylight on. tell me what's going on what you doing? What you and Pam are doing?

Hobbs: Daylight uh Pam had made the statement to the police or somebody that her ex-husband she thought done it. Cause we couldn't find Steve didn't know where they was at. She thought he might kidnap Steve. So they called him and he comes down the next morning and there's a guy a bum walking down crossing that bridge by Catfish Island on ... let that Mitchell St.

Mitchell: At the time it was 7th street at the time where Catfish Island was located.

Hobbs: Ok theirs a bum walking on that street and he's wet and looking terrible but he walks all gits on the rail road tracks and starts going west.

Mitchell: Did you see this person?

Hobbs: I see this man.

Mitchell: it's a white male, black male

Hobbs: black

Mitchell: black male. Uh just give me a good physical description the best you can. How old you think he is and what he looks like.

Hobbs: I'm not good at guessing but seem like he had long lot hair, just old raggedy looking clothes, maybe 40's his age roughly guessing 30's, 40' for his age. We noticed him I did especially cause of that you know we're focused on Robin Hood he's coming from that area, he's noticeable that image sticks in frame. So we spend the rest of the morning after day light we go to the school see if they show up at school. Uh we was still riding around still walking around-threw Robin Hood.

Mitchell: who is we when you're talking about we?

Hobbs: Family during the night you know we're out in and out Robin Hood all during the night. Pam uh her dad, myself, David up until I asked David I say when you leaving you gotta go home cause you gotta go to work in the morning. Just friends and we really not friends its family. Really me and David and her dad for a while.

Mitchell: Now uh you said you seen this saw this black male' uh who was with you when you saw him?

Hobbs: Pam was there seem like Steve, Pam's ex-husband might have been in the area I'm not sure if he'd made it there yet. but uh I don't know I'll be honest about it. He was somebody that just looks like a bum.

Mitchell: take us on threw just keep going with what you remember from that point.

Hobbs: After we go to the schools we go back to Robin Hood well there's the media there thank Ben Watson that a reporter (not audible) of course we had called mark had called search and rescue from Marion and they said they couldn't come until West Memphis Police Department call em and said show up you know come out here we've got problems. So you know we felt like we done all we knew to do and day light comes rolling in and mark and Melissa went home during the night and they showed back up daylight. And so we go to the school they don't show up we go back out to Robin Hood there's the media there live broadcasting live and didn't what two long after that here come search and rescue here come police officers from every where and the (not audible) you know they start there searching and doing thangs I'm watching and talking to some of em as they're going down the bayou in the little boat they tell me they gone drain the bayou something like that I don't know. We spend the rest of the day still riding round me and Pam. And her dad had to take his wife back to Blytheville to be with the kids up there and while they were up there the next day while they're up there me and Pam is riding round to git something to eat and we couldn't eat. And I go somewhere and we heard somebody say they found three boys and they tell us it's on that road by the apartments over there. and so we fly back over there me and Pam and Jo Lynn might have been with her at the time seem like she was but I'm not sure.

Mitchell: Jo Lynn?

Hobbs: Her sister.

Mitchell: Pam's sister?

Hobbs: Yeah and seem like she might have been don't quote me on that. but we git back over there see the crime scene tape right there and we don't know what's going on but there's a lot of people there. we park our vehicle get out we start running up to the tape Pam faints and I help her git back to the ear; and I go up to the crime scene tape Gary Gitchell is standing there I pass Pam husband ex-husband he said they want let you up pass the tape, and I said something to him kept on walking I get there Gary Gitchell standing there I ask him I say's have you found I didn't know Gary and I asked him have

y'all what you find? He said three boys. He said I think it's a homicide or it look like a homicide or something like that. I asked him what? He said it look like they been murdered. And I just fall on my knee's and start crying I look back and there's Pam she's they're trying to get her woke up she hard time.

Mitchell: I'm going to change sides real quick on this.

Side B:

Mitchell: So you talk to Gary Gitchell and he told you what we found what they found uh they are treating it as a homicide is that right?

Hobbs: I guess he just told me it looks like ah homicide (not audible)

Mitchell: You hear anything were there a lot of people around there at that time?

Hobbs: There was.

Mitchell: Did you hear anybody saying anything about it any rumors circulating at that time that you remember hearing?

Hobbs: No

Mitchell: How long did you stay there you stay there a while or try to get Pam out of there or what did you do?

Hobbs: trying to get Pam back to the house (not audible) we got her back to the car and back to the house I don't know how long.

Mitchell: Now, as far as Steve did he have any I guess for the lack of a better (not audible) any prize possessions that he kept with him? Anything that he wore or kept in his pockets or anything that you would know of that you would remember from back then? Anything that would in the mind of an 8 year old anything he would they might consider special?

Hobbs: Maybe ah his I think he might had a ninja pro watch I guess (not audible) seem like I remember that. I don't know (not audible) and that's (not audible)

Mitchell: Its my understanding uh when I sit down and talked to Pam a couple days ago that uh you and Pam are now divorced?

Hobbs: That's correct.

Mitchell: You remember what year you divorced?

Hobbs: In 03 I think, I guessS.

Mitchell: Where was the divorce where did you go to (not audible) the divorce?

Hobbs: Never had to go to court, I used an attorney in Osceola (not audible). He was wanting a (not audible).

Mitchell: Ok Uh so was this an uncontested divorce?

Hobbs: Um huh.

Mitchell: Uh who filed?

Hobbs: I did.

Mitchell: You did? Under what were the grounds?

Hobbs: All the abuse, the accusations, the threats tore us apart (not audible).

Mitchell: If you could can you explain that to us what you're talking about?

Hobbs: Um huh. After this happen for some reason Pam and some of her family turn around start telling people Terry Hobbs killed them kids. I don't know why they done this and so she convinced her brother Jackie Jr. that I killed them kids and he would make threatening remarks to me I'm gone kill you. If it hadn't been for dad I would have kilt you already he said. I couldn't for the life of me understand why they would thank on this line but the abuse had been going around telling people I did it. The threats was coming from the family the boys brother that he was gone kill me for doing this. Which I didn't do this but (not audible) it took a toll on the Hicks family I never seen of course I've never been around anything like this so I didn't know what to expect but I was seeing thangs I just couldn't believe. And (not audible) going around accusing everybody in West Memphis I mean we go down and talk to come down and talk to the police and Pam would call off people names she didn't know. But still accusing folks so they would go out and ask questions I guess. I just seen it take a toll on this family I couldn't imagine it, I couldn't understand it.

Mitchell: Did you ever have any incidents with anybody in Pam's family any kind of physical confrontations or anything after this happen?

Hobbs: Sure me and Pam bought a home in Raleigh and Pam being at the time struggling with this we just bought this home up there and we didn't know anybody up there. So you konw I (not audible) with the ice cream company and one of the boys that family own the ice cream company his girlfriend had come back home so we (not audible) and Pam and Amanda would go by there when we would go-bicycling through the neighborhood and Amanda had met some girls down the street cause she was (not audible) so instead of Pam going down there with her I ask Pam why don't you ride down with her. You know them girls she wouldn't do it. so I ride down their keep my eye on them I just lost one

baby I what gone lose another one. So I ride down there with Amanda keep my eye on her (not audible) so she met these kids and I end up meeting their parents which was nothing to meet his parents. Well Pam had this thang in her mind I love (not audible) all I was doing was keeping an eye on my daughter. So this one particular day well it really several days, Pam accused me of them of wanting me it's a woman thang of me of wanting them which was nothing to it. This one certain day it just kept on and kept on and wanting to arguer with me about (not audible) mother. I kept trying to tell Pam quit you just making this stuff up. she tried the same thang here in west Memphis when ever I (not audible) she just automatically blow it out the wall. You got a girlfriend over here. Well I didn't have a girlfriend. I didn't play that. when we got over there and this start happening this one day I looked at Pam over and over I kept trying to tell her this is nothing to this shut it up leave me alone. I could go in another room here she come in the other room she just nagging on. I don't know I looked at her I said I'm ah slap the dog out of you if you don't shut this up. well. I what'n happy about saying it but I told her that and she kept on so I'd go in another room and she would chase me in another room say the same stuff. so we sittin on the couch and I say Pam quit I try my best to git her to quit and she wouldn't do it so I just reached over there and back handed her. I know I was wrong for that but I didn't care you know I tried to git her to quit, this went on for hours not minutes this went on for hours and I did reach across ways and back handed her right in her mouth. And when I did she pop me up side the head and grab my car keys. and threw em across the house and grab her car keys and going out the door (not audible) I grab her arm which had her keys in it I was gone throw hers over there two childish but this what we normally, so I grab hers we wrestle over her keys and got her with my elbow along she was mess with me she that's the end of the fight when my elbow hit er. And she told everybody after that I broke her jaw. She called her family and told em I broke her jaw and I knew what that was gone do. It was gone brang em down here. So I called the police in Memphis cause there's two recording of me calling the police in Memphis. One's before after the fight I call em and told me about the fight, what happen what she done and he told me that we cant send someone out there wait on but when they git there call us back and well send some one out there I said thank you (not audible). So it took em bout an hour maybe a little longer to her brother his wife her dad and her mom come knocking on my door shortly an hour after that and they come in yelling at me, cause she's you know I slapped her I don't deny that and I hit her with my elbow I don't deny that but I didn't beat her up like she told everybody and I didn't break her jaw like she told everybody. After the fight me and Amanda I felt bad about it that's my wife sittin there looking like from over night. Uh so we made her ice packs me and my daughter given to er (not audible) and then her family showed up, her dad come in yelling at me, her brother come in looking at me. and I seen a chance where I could git to my telephone and I grab my telephone and walked out side called the police again and tell em you know I got some trouble out her there back there here uh (not audible) send the police out here. And they said ok. I said well in the mean time I have a gun I'm ah load it I'm put it on me. So I did, I had a 357 magnum I loaded it with hollow points. Uh put it under my shirt walked out side had my phones stood by my truck outside and waited for the police to git there. uh the dad and his son come out and he looked at me I was standing out there by my truck waiting on the police to git there and walked back in the house directly the boy come out there got the gun come walking out there I'm stand by

the bed of my truck waiting on the police to git there not saying nothing to anybody. You know he walks up to the side of my he say's Terry man what happen and then he reach over and grabs me by the back of my hair and starts pulling me backwards. And I got my arm on the side of my bed of my pickup I'm just hanging on you know like that the best I can cause he's a big old boy. And I'm hanging on until I lose my grip and then I don't know what happen after that uh I was laying on the ground I wake up I'm thanking if I what knocked out I remember nothing else until I'm laying flat on the ground. He's got both his knees on my back and he's got my head twisted like this. And I'm thanking this is gotta quit I pull my gun out point it up in the air pull the trigger but it so happen hit him. Uh I didn't point at him to shoot em I just going (not audible) I could have yelled it out sure I just pointed it up in the air and pulled the trigger and knocked him off of me. and then the ambulance showed before the police did over there and they came picked him up they took (not audible) over there.

Mitchell: Ok uh when was the last time that you Pam actually lived together?

Hobbs: probably 05:06 cause she moved she come back down here might be 04 I'm not sure (not audible) she come back out went to work at (not audible) on Covington Pike and she lived with me for awhile. And then she moved out and got her an apartment on Covington Pike until she moved back to Blytheville.

Mitchell: Was there any other occasion from when she I guess she moved out was there any other run in with the police?

Hobbs: Oh yeah several of em.

Mitchell: And then were you arrested during that time?

Hobbs: Yeah I thanks to Jo Lynn. Pam's sister.

Mitchell: From last time the two of you lived together you and pam?

Hobbs: No this was at ah after my divorce and I believe it was after my divorce our divorce, me and Pam had another separation she took off to Blytheville and I called her I said if you're going up there with Johnny and Jo Lynn don't you ever come back to my house to my house again. So the next day she brangs Jo Lynn to my house. Jo Lynn brangs in a bag of weed and a bag of white powder and of course she had I don't know this she had (not audible) they brang the police the Memphis police with em. Ok they come they git inside I had broke the key off in the key hole cause I didn't wanna em in my house, cause I knew what these people had done to me in the past I didn't wanna to come back and do it again. So I broke the key off and then my daughter breaks into the back door Amanda and I open I seen that she what gone git I open the door and let her in she goes over there and opens the other door. And the police is out there and Pam and Jo Lynn is out there. Well, they come in the house and my daughter I had a half ah joint aint gone lie bout this I had a half of joint in my tray underneath my china cabinet and my daughter run straight to that and pulls it out give it to the police, Jo Lynn walks to my

bedroom and places that white bag of powder (not audible) marijuana on my dresser goes back in the front and tells the police he's got drugs in his bedroom on his dresser. They run back there and find this and arrest me, and uh on my way down there well matter of fact that's what walking in the house I'm hand cuffed they put me in the police car, Amanda, Pam and Jo Lynn standing on the carport, Pam and Jo Lynn are yelling top of their lungs you killed Steve (not audible) you killed Steve they're saying it so loud and so many time that police officer when he gits me down there by the car say's he stops me he ask me who's Steve? And I tell him a little bit about what happened over here. He said well I mean I need to git you away from these women. I said please do I said that happen but I did git arrested for that and they dropped that charge on me over there I thank it was (not audible) that white powder I told I said I don't know nothing bout that you know neither one of these bags are mine. But that one thang was mine. They went ahead and charged for that weed I had which it came from hers.

Mitchell: well go threw I'm show you some pictures I thank you can help me with this. Well go threw uh see if you recognize these items ok. Sheet number one I'm gone to show you here the cigarette box and it look like there were some partial dentures.

Hobbs: I had one that looks like that?

Mitchell: Do you still have it?

Hobbs: No, cause Jo Lynn and Pam took it and give it to Daemons attorney.

Noles: You smoke Marlboro's

Hobbs: I did at the time.

Mitchell: Uh this is a ah a more blown up picture with the same set.

Hobbs: This was made in Blytheville AR by a dentist up there.

Mitchell: That look like?

Hobbs: That looks like mine yeah.

Mitchell: would you uh do me a favor and this is I mean I know you don't have a (not audible) you already told that. uh when was the last time you remember seeing this?

Hobbs: I had em in my file cabinet uh I don't know probably I'm just gone guess now, 05/04 some em like that. I don't really remember the date that I last seen that but I do remember them taking one of my upper partials and doing that...

Mitchell: if you would I've got this marked I've got sheet one, sheet two just so we can show for record that we showed you this. Would you sign put your name and days date on each sheet as we go threw. And like I said today's date is June the 21st.

Hobbs: I write on here I looked at this?

Mitchell: sure that's fine we're recording so it's showing that you're looking at it but yeah that's fine. That looks like the ones you had the upper partials?

Hobbs: it does.

Mitchell: Ok if you'd do the same thang on sheet two and then we'll go threw and I'm gonna show you some other items and help us identify em. Alright. start here on sheet three. Terry if you would the one on that label sheet number three ok. Each items is number 1,2,3,4 and 5 there knives.

Hobbs: There mine.

Mitchell: Ok let's start with number one. What can you tell me about knife number one?

Hobbs: It's just a junkie knife.

Mitchell: You remember where you got it?

Hobbs: Had that so long I can't remember where I got it from. Found that one when I was running my ice cream route, I found this one laying in the street in Memphis.

Mitchell: Knife numbers three right here this one?

Hobbs: I really don't remember where that one come from.

Mitchell: Ok what about knife number four?

Hobbs: Not really. Cause a lot of time I would find em on the ground somewhere and just pick em up and put em in a little box or some em like that.

Mitchell: Knife number five you know anything about it?

Hobbs: Not really but they all they just look like my knives.

Mitchell: Ok like I say that sheet three number yeah if y'all put down that you viewed those sheet three uh numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Hobbs: and these I guess the ones that Pam told me not long ago they said I could have back.

Mitchell: Uh these are photographs that I'm gone have that was uh I believe that was turned over to an attorney that have possession of them right now.

Hobbs: Yeah you want me to git em back?

Mitchell: Sir?

Hobbs: You want me to git em back?

Mitchell: Do I want you to git em back? Naw, naw I don't need em back cause right now if we need em there's a process that we have go threw to git em a legal process we have to go three to git em ok.

Hobbs: They said I could have em.

Mitchell: Who said you could have em?

Hobbs: Pam told me them attorney's said that.

Mitchell: Ah I have not been told any thing to that effect so far ok. that may change but so far naw that's there locked up safely they (not audible) what I've been told so. Let's move to uh sheet number four and there's two items I've got mark one and two on this ah ph: 1. 2. 3. 4. Do you recall these items?

Hobbs: Um um. I don't know I don't think so. Cause I had I did have ah pocket knife uh different knives but I don't know cause I had some bigger than that but I never did know what happen to em. But uh I don't thank I remember those.

Mitchell: You don't remember that knife and ?

Hobbs: no not at the moment cause if I did I would tell you.

Mitchell: Ok

Hobbs: but that don't look like one of mine.

Mitchell: Uh you don't remember it though.

Hobbs: I don't remember that knife.

Mitchell: If you would still sign something (not audible) showing that you're not remembering that you don't remember owning a knife like that.

Hobbs: Them only knives that I had I didn't really take em out and look at em just toss em in the drawer. It's bout like that one I found on the streets in Memphis I just took it home put it in there with the rest of em what nothing I sit there and treasured.

Mitchell: It's just something you just picked up on the way? And this is sheet number five and it's marked one, two, three and four as far as the items. Uh tell me what you remember about those if anything.

Hobbs: This is mine..

Mitchell: Ok you're pointing at what numbers?

Hobbs: Two and three.

Mitchell: Two and three and that's a knife and looks like a little sheep for it?

Hobbs: Um huh.

Mitchell: All right.

Hobbs: Uh one seem like Jo Lynn and her boyfriend bought that for me, but it looks like one that I had, but Pam might of bought it.

Mitchell: This right up above that looks like it's got a is that the cover of it at the bottom?

Hobbs: Could be, could be. I think that come from Pam's sister.

Mitchell: Ok what about?

Hobbs: that's just ah old junkie knife.

Mitchell: What about number four?

Hobbs: It looks familiar, yeah it looks familiar.

Mitchell: all right the same thing you sign and day uh this will one coming will be the last sheet that we'll show you. Ok the last one is sheet number six once again marked one, two, three and four if you look at the items on that tell me if you recognize any of those?

Hobbs: Yep.

Mitchell: Start with number one you recognize it?

Hobbs: That's old with (not audible)

Mitchell: What about number two?

Hobbs: It kinda of looks familiar.

Mitchell: Now uh keep in mind that it does look like a knife (not audible) sheet the other knife on the sheet black front sheet uh with a clip on one side.

Hobbs; I mean this a knife and this the case that this come in.

Mitchell: three is yours.

Hobbs: Three and four...

Mitchell: three and four then four is the black case that three came in.

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell: Uh what was the knives you had here that you recognize you or just for clarification did you buy those knives most of those or did you...

Hobbs: some of em were gifts but most of them some of em I found and some em I bought just because I liked the way they look. Like this is one of the ones I like the way it look.

Mitchell: Number three on this one?

Hobbs: it is. but I never carried em.

Mitchell: ok.. that was my next question I was gonna ask you you ever carried pocket knife on you for any reason ~~or for~~ work or for anything?

Hobbs: NO sir.

Mitchell: Let me ask you I don't have any more of these to show you that was the last of those. Uh let me ask you this Terry do you remember uh Steve ever having a knife at all?

Hobbs: I don't know if he got one at the boy scouts or not. And he (not audible) I don't know if they give em a pocket knife, but his granddaddy may have given him one. Uh his grand daddy (not audible) it's possible I can't say yes or no though (not audible).

Mitchell: so if he had one you wouldn't have known what it would have looked like or.

Hobbs: Yeah if I seen it I might would recognize it. but I can't place it (not audible).

Mitchell: Now did you ever keep any of Steve personal possessions after their deaths the boys were killed?

Hobbs: well, I aint gonna say I kept em we kept em in our home up until Pam would take off and she'd try to take some em. And I still have some pictures of em srue.

Mitchell: Do you have any personal items of his we're talking about and 8 year old little boy here, far as you know toys or any personal effects of his?

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell: did Steve ever mention to you uh or did you ever hear Pam or Steve mention uh any problems with any older kids or mainly any other boys any other kid that you hadn't heard of before uh know uh prior to May 5th.

Hobbs: I haven't heard any George, Chris and Mike is bout the only three names I knew. (not audible) Aaron. seem like there was a Aaron Hudson boy seem like that was one of his friends.

Mitchell: were they the same age?

Hobbs: I don't remember. I don't remember how old Aaron is. but seem like I remember hearing his back then.

Mitchell: when you and Pam moved to uh to West Memphis did you move to the house on South McAuley that the first house you were at or did you live somewhere else?

Hobbs: If I remember right we moved south of uh on south Avalon down in that area cause it was a house down there I don't remember the street but that we rented. And then we moved over there behind Kentucky Chicken on Rhodes if I remember right it's a house there and then we moved past McAuley another house over that way before McAuley.

Mitchell: We're they all rental houses or...

Hobbs: They were.

Mitchell: Ok and the house on McAuley uh South McAuley the last home you live in here uh was that on was that a rental house?

Hobbs: Don Campbell.

Mitchell: Don Campbell it's his rental house?

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell: Did you ever move anywhere in West Memphis after that living on 1601 McAuley or...

Hobbs: What you mean

Mitchell: Did y'all live anywhere else in another location in West Memphis other than after South McAuley?

Hobbs: We moved to Blytheville.

Mitchell: Ok how long I guess how long after Steve death did y'all move to Blytheville?

Hobbs: Ah month or less.

Mitchell: Terry uh... you got any questions? Is there anything else you can think of that we hadn't gone over that we hadn't asked you, something that you remembered threw the years uh that you think might be helpful to us follow up in this investigation?

Hobbs: I don't know what you investigating uh so I don't know how to answer that.

Mitchell: Well, all I'm asking is there anything that you feel might be uh might be pertinent or have some value to this case at all that uh we might forward to the prosecuting attorney if necessary uh...

Hobbs: I know I seen a picture and I don't know if its means anything. Seen a picture that uh Daemon Echols sitting on my couch at my house with Chris and Mike and Steve and Mike and (not audible) have you seen that?

Mitchell: Do I know some thing no where did you see that picture?

Hobbs: I think Gary Gitchell had it. I don't know how he got it like I said it was my couch I don't know I don't remember that of course I know we didn't know Daemon Echols and none of them boys, but I don't know how he got with our couch and that picture got done. But I've heard about this picture somewhere else.

Mitchell: Did you know any of the...

Hobbs: No.

Mitchell: any of the three that were charged and also convicted of those crimes?

Hobbs: um uh

Mitchell: Have you kept in touch with any of the other parents uh...

Hobbs: Mark Byers

Mitchell: Mark still stay in touch with him? Uh I know his-wife is deceased now is that correct?

Hobbs: (not audible) he's remarried.

Mitchell: uh he's remarried? What about the Moor's?

Hobbs: we run across (not audible) up here at this Wal-Mart in West Memphis a few times after that and Pam just hates for us to meet em I guess it's to much for her (not audible) but at the same time Pam want (not audible) out of town working (not audible).

Mitchell: You and who?

Hobbs: I thought (not audible)

Mitchell: you said that uh just touch back again on this picture you were talking about you actually saw this photograph or did you just hear about it? (not audible)

Hobbs: I heard about it but I don't remember if I seen it. seem like I seen it..

Mitchell: You heard it from whom?

Hobbs: Mark

Mitchell: Mark Byers?

Hobbs: Byers he said someone got this picture of (not audible) say Gary Gitchell told him it (not audible) seem like Gary talk to me about that one time.

Mitchell: when did you get a hold of Mark Byers-how can we do that what's the best way to reach him?

Hobbs: Cell or home phone.

Mitchell: Ok uh...

Hobbs; You don't have the number?

Mitchell: What I'm trying to confirm make sure then if you still in touch with him you may have more updated information than we do.

Hobbs: He's not my local person I call. Uh

Noles: Where's he living at now?

Hobbs: I have his phone number.

Mitchell: If you got one I'll take it I will.

Hobbs: 901-872-2700 no 2708.

Mitchell: 2708 ok.

Hobbs: 873 is that what I told you?

Mitchell: Uh you said 872, 873?

Hobbs: 873.

Mitchell: I gotcha 901-873-2708?

Hobbs: Correct.

Mitchell: Got it ok. uh there's nothing else you have uh the only other thing I gone do is take a digital picture again a good picture so we set we attach it to the paper work and then we're done we'll get you out of here. But I do want to tell you how much I appreciate your time uh courage for coming in and going back threw this with us it's a tough thing to do you know at best but uh...

Hobbs: well I don't know what Lynn is up to...but she has every since here brother died and that was sad thang the way all this is happened, she's constantly reminded Pam that when Pam was still with me you're still with the that SOB that killed our brother and I didn't kill her brother they just (not audible)

Mitchell: One or two quick thangs. Uh they were mentioning when we talk to one the other week about some kind of a uh some kind of a contract with Dimension Films. What is that actually about?

Hobbs: They're making a Hollywood movie they gone come down here and bought our rights me and Pam's right to make that movie. From what we do here it might not be a new movie.

Mitchell: What uh you said they bought your rights?

Hobbs: I thank I made a big mistake.

Mitchell: what kind of agreement did you come under as far as the rights .

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell: Well, I mean as far as they offered you so much money I take it. What did y'all settle on?

Hobbs: Twenty five.

Mitchell: Each or...

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell: You each got twelve thousand dollars uh...(not audible)

Hobbs: She didn't break the contract?

Mitchell: I've not seen the contract yet. It was mention when we talked earlier I've not seen the contact. Uh

Noles: She was talking about a book that you was writing and you said you started out on the 5th of May and then going on?

Hobbs: I've got one they wanted to look at it I won't let em. (not audible) the investigators wanting to look at it and I wont let em. I started this thang back May the 5th you know I just kept up with every thang that happen not every thang but I kept up with a lots of thangs threw the years..

Mitchell: Ok is it of your handwriting or something you typed on the computer or?

Hobbs: well I hand written it and I have a writers wanting ta put it in a book form for me. I told (not audible) I'm gonna put it on the market.

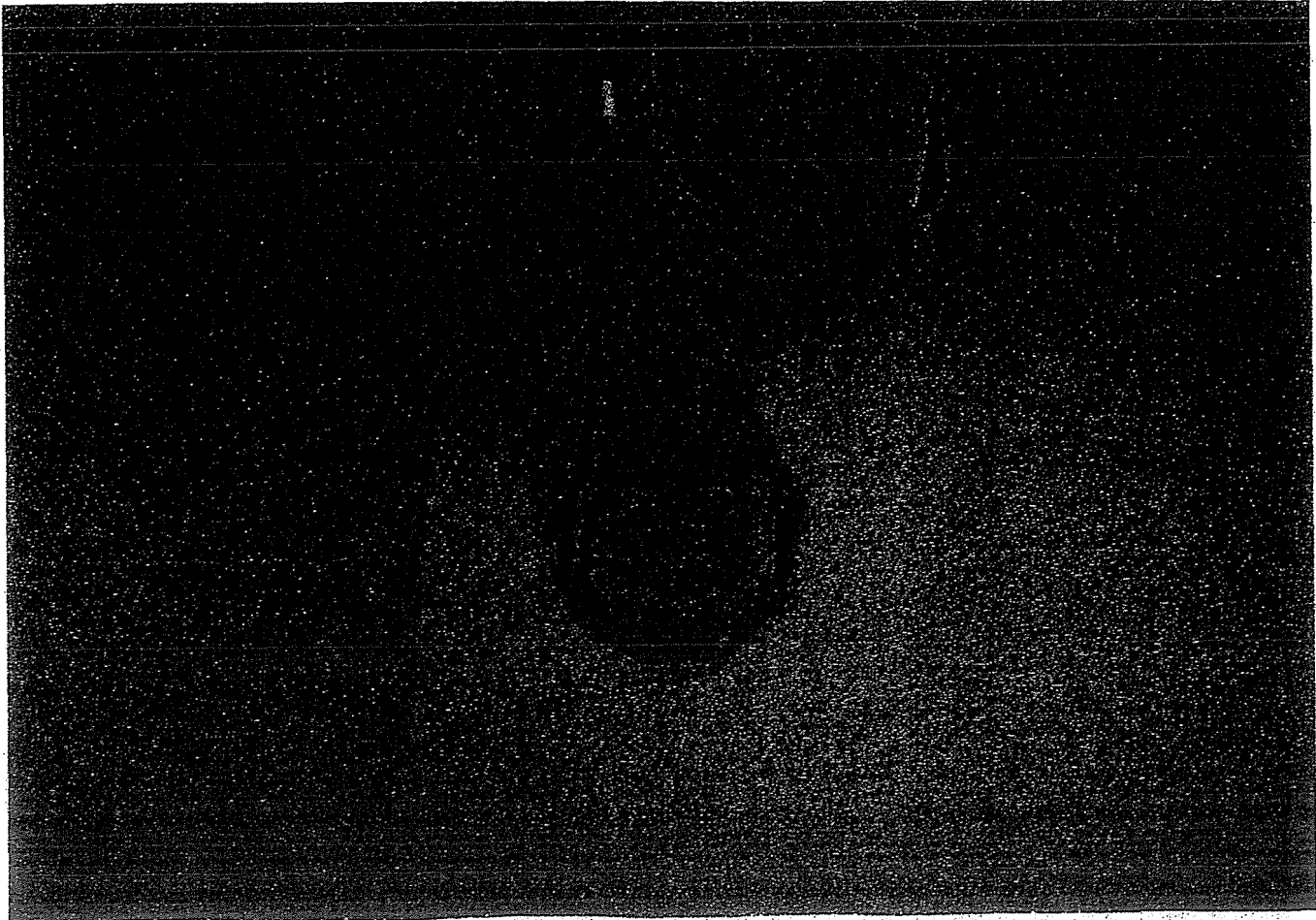
Mitchell: Ok and you have that in your possession right now?

Hobbs: Um-huh.

Mitchell: Uh I don't have any further questions I mean there's nothing else I can think of at this time, again Terry I wanna tell you how much we appreciate you coming in like say we're just gone to get a digital picture of you to put with this. That only it's not intended for anybody else ok, and we'll get you out of here like I say I appreciate your time I know this been tuff I do have a lot of respect for you. You actually coming in to talk with us I cant tell you how much I appreciate it.

Detective Lt. K. Mitchell/215/Det. C. Noles/235/ eac/355

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From: Det. Lt. Ken Mitchell #215

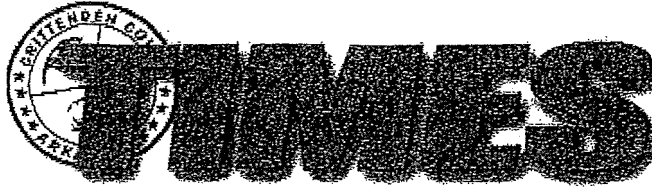
Re: Terry Wayne Hobbs

Here are copies of the information you requested on Terry Hobbs. According to the records, Terry shot his then Brother-in-Law Jackie Hicks during some type of domestic disturbance with Pam Hobbs. This occurred in Memphis, Tennessee on 11/06/1994. Terry pled guilty to Aggravated Assault on 02/20/1996. It is my understanding through our recent interviews with Pam and her sister that Mr. Hicks died within the last year. I have also included two recent articles from our local newspaper on Terry Hobbs in reference to the 1993 Triple Homicide Case. If you can think of anything else we can do, please let me know.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. Mitchell", is written over a horizontal dashed line.

Lt. Ken Mitchell
Criminal Investigations Supervisor



Tests show victims' DNA; no WM3 link

By LAURA SMITH

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Results of DNA testing of crime scene evidence in the 1993 slayings of three 8-year-old West Memphis boys showed no connection to the three local teenagers convicted in the killings, and nearly all the recovered material tested belonged to that of the victims, according to reports filed Thursday with the Arkansas Supreme Court.

A report filed by Second Judicial District Prosecutor Brent Davis states that the only material that doesn't belong to the victims - Michael Moore, Christopher Byers and Stevie Branch - is a hair found on a victim's shoelace that likely belongs to the step-father of one of the victims.

News of the hair evidence was first reported in the Arkansas Times by investigative journalist and author of "The Devil's Knot: The True Story of the West Memphis Three" Mara Leveritt, who reported that Terry Hobbs was told a piece of his hair was in the "knots that tied up [victim] Michael Moore."

At the time of the murders, Hobbs was married to the mother of Stevie Branch, whose bound body found was in the 10-Mile Bayou diversion ditch along with the bodies of his two friends, also bound.

West Memphis Assistant Police Chief Mike Allen, who was an investigator at the time of the killings, attributed the finding of Hobbs' hair to transfer evidence and said Hobbs is not a suspect.

"If you test my clothes, you're going to find trace DNA evidence from my wife, my son, my black Lab and my brown Lab," Allen said. "In 1993, Terry Hobbs wasn't a suspect, and he's not a suspect in 2007."

Allen said police have recently questioned Hobbs:

"Because things sometimes come up, we have to check and double-check our facts, and he is not a suspect," Allen said. "We're all professionals here, and we plan on doing the right thing."

The questioning of Hobbs also goes along with the state's authorization to police investigators to conduct follow-up interviews with witnesses.

Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley Jr. were convicted of the murders in 1994, who were 18, 16 and 17, at the time of their arrests. Echols, now 32, was sentenced to receive the death penalty; Misskelley, now 30, received a life sentence plus 40 years; and Baldwin, 32, was sentenced to life without parole.

Attorneys for Echols and prosecutors have agreed to further testing of some items of evidence.

However, the prosecutors disagreed with the defense attorney's statement that both sides came to that agreement due to the items' "potential significance to establishing the identity of the perpetrators of the offense."

In their responding report, prosecutors said they disagree with that characterization.

"The State stands behind its convictions of Echols and his codefendants as the perpetrators... The state anticipates that it will defend its judgements successfully at any hearing in circuit court."

Echols' attorney, San Francisco attorney Dennis Riordan, declined comment, and Davis referred comments to his response.

However, news of the results sparked hope among those who have supported further investigation into the crime.

"This case has cried out for reexamination from the start. The attention it's getting now is important, and I hope it will be effective," Leveritt said. "My hope is that there will be sufficient reason for the state of Arkansas to bring this back to court for a proper review."

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Assault Aggravated 39-13-102
 Assault 39-13-101

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and one spent round. The vict was transported to the med. Lt Boyd 107 D made the scene and advised. the def was transported to 801 Poplar

A officer spoke to the witness Ian Hobbs the def wife, she advised that the def struck her in the face with his fist causing it to swell. The witness and def live together.

JUL 20 2007 *[Signature]*

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Ms. Jones,

Per our conversation earlier, I am requesting a certified copy of the 1995 Felony Conviction / Sentencing on Mr. Terry Wayne Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs is a White / Male (DOB - 05/21/1958) (SS [REDACTED]). His Shelby County R&I Number is 150558. Please notify me at 901-553-2458 when these records are available and I will come by and pick them up. I thank you in advance for all your assistance in this matter.

If you have any questions in regards to this Information please contact me at (870)-732-7529. Fax Number (870)-732-7685.



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Ken Mitchell #215

Lieutenant Ken Mitchell
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Shelby County

I, WILLIAM R. KEY, Clerk of the Criminal Court of the 30th Judicial District at Memphis, do hereby certify that the foregoing **THREE** pages of writing contain a full, complete, true and perfect copy of **INDICTMENT AND JUDGMENT**.

in the case of:

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Docket No 95-07669

vs.

TERRY HOBBS

Indictment for **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**

as the same now appears on file, and of record in my office, and that I am the Custodian of said records and that all entries are presently under my care, custody and control.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Memphis,

SEAL

This, the **24TH** day of **JULY** 2007

WILLIAM R. KEY, Clerk

By:



D.C.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENN.

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I, Chris Craft, Judge of the 30th Judicial District certify that WILLIAM R. KEY, who gave the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, and that said Court is a Court of Record, and that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

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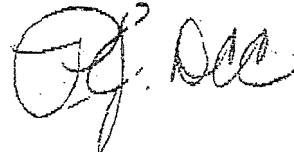
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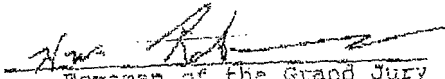
WITNESSES:

Summons for State

M. HOUSTON, MFD/HOMICIDE
JACKIE HICKS, JR., 410, DOUGAN #2, BLYTHEVILLE, AK
JACKIE W. HICKS, SR., 413, LOUISE, BLYTHEVILLE, AK
PAMELA HOBBS, 4460 KERWIN
ZOLA W. HICKS, 413 LOUISE, BLYTHEVILLE, AK
MARSHA HICKS, 410, DOUGAN #2, BLYTHEVILLE, AK
J. PEARLMAN, R. WILLIS, MPD
R. D. ROLESON, MPD

M. HOUSTON
Prosecutor

A TRUE BILL


Foreman of the Grand Jury

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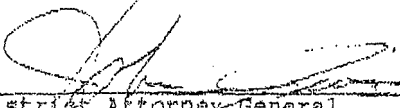
STATE OF TENNESSEE } CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY
SHELBY COUNTY } JULY TERM, 1995

Count 1

THE GRAND JURORS of the State of Tennessee, duly selected, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire for the body of the county of Shelby, Tennessee, upon their oath, present that:

TERRY W. HOBBS

on November 6, 1994, in Shelby County, Tennessee, and before the finding of this indictment, did unlawfully and intentionally by use of a deadly weapon, to wit: a handgun, cause bodily injury to JACKIE HICHS, JR., in violation of T.C.A. 39-13-102, all of which is against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.


District Attorney General
30th Judicial District

PASDAR 1324

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Case Number 95-07669 Court # 1
Judicial District 30th Judicial Division 1

Attorney for the State
Counsel for Defendant [Signature]
 Retained Appointed Public Defender

State of Tennessee
v.
Defendant Tom W. Halls
Date of Birth 07-28-57 Race W
From indictment # 95-07669 Warrant #

Alias
SSN [Redacted]
TD #

JUDGMENT

Comes the District Attorney General for the State and the defendant with counsel of record for entry of judgment
On the 20 day of Feb, 1996 the defendant

- Pled guilty
- Plea is made through
- Defendant's attorney
- Defendant understands the nature of the charges
- Defendant understands the consequences of the plea
- Defendant is not a minor
- Defendant is not a juvenile
- Defendant is not a person with mental illness
- Defendant is not a person with a physical disability

Indictment (check one) A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z AA AB AC AD AE AF AG AH AI AJ AK AL AM AN AO AP AQ AR AS AT AU AV AW AX AY AZ BA BB BC BD BE BF BG BH BI BJ BK BL BM BN BO BP BQ BR BS BT BU BV BW BX BY BZ CA CB CC CD CE CF CG CH CI CJ CK CL CM CN CO CP CQ CR CS CT CU CV CW CX CY CZ DA DB DC DD DE DF DG DH DI DJ DK DL DM DN DO DP DQ DR DS DT DU DV DW DX DY DZ EA EB EC ED EE EF EG EH EI EJ EK EL EM EN EO EP EQ ER ES ET EU EV EW EX EY EZ FA FB FC FD FE FF FG FH FI FJ FK FL FM FN FO FP FQ FR FS FT FU FV FW FX FY FZ GA GB GC GD GE GF GG GH GI GJ GK GL GM GN GO GP GQ GR GS GT GU GV GW GX GY GZ HA HB HC HD HE HF HG HH HI HJ HK HL HM HN HO HP HQ HR HS HT HU HV HW HX HY HZ IA IB IC ID IE IF IG IH II IJ IK IL IM IN IO IP IQ IR IS IT IU IV IW IX IY IZ JA JB JC JD JE JF JG JH JI JJ JK JL JM JN JO JP JQ JR JS JT JU JV JW JX JY JZ KA KB KC KD KE KF KG KH KI KJ KK KL KM KN KO KP KQ KR KS KT KU KV KW KX KY KZ LA LB LC LD LE LF LG LH LI LJ LK LL LM LN LO LP LQ LR LS LT LU LV LW LX LY LZ MA MB MC MD ME MF MG MH MI MJ MK ML MN MO MP MQ MR MS MT MU MV MW MX MY MZ NA NB NC ND NE NF NG NH NI NJ NK NL NM NO NP NQ NR NS NT NU NV NW NX NY NZ OA OB OC OD OE OF OG OH OI OJ OK OL OM ON OO OP OQ OR OS OT OU OV OW OX OY OZ PA PB PC PD PE PF PG PH PI PJ PK PL PM PN PO PP PQ PR PS PT PU PV PW PX PY PZ QA QB QC QD QE QF QG QH QI QJ QK QL QM QN QO QP QQ QR QS QT QU QV QW QX QY QZ RA RB RC RD RE RF RG RH RI RJ RK RL RM RN RO RP RQ RR RS RT RU RV RW RX RY RZ SA SB SC SD SE SF SG SH SI SJ SK SL SM SN SO SP SQ SR SS ST SU SV SW SX SY SZ TA TB TC TD TE TF TG TH TI TJ TK TL TM TN TO TP TQ TR TS TU TV TW TX TY TZ UA UB UC UD UE UF UG UH UI UJ UK UL UM UN UO UP UQ UR US UT UU UV UW UX UY UZ VA VB VC VD VE VF VG VH VI VJ VK VL VM VN VO VP VQ VR VS VT VU VV VW VX VY VZ WA WB WC WD WE WF WG WH WI WJ WK WL WM WN WO WP WQ WR WS WT WU WV WW WX WY WZ XA XB XC XD XE XF XG XH XI XJ XK XL XM XN XO XP XQ XR XS XT XU XV XW XX XY XZ YA YB YC YD YE YF YG YH YI YJ YK YL YM YN YO YP YQ YR YS YT YU YV YW YX YY YZ ZA ZB ZC ZD ZE ZF ZG ZH ZI ZJ ZK ZL ZM ZN ZO ZP ZQ ZR ZS ZT ZU ZV ZW ZX ZY ZZ

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Sentenced to: TDCC Workhouse County Jail

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Court Ordered Fees and Fines

\$ _____ Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

\$ _____ Supervision

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\$ 150 FINE ASSESSED

The costs of this court is assessed against the Defendant.

Restitution:
 Victim Name _____
 Address _____
 Total Amount \$ _____ \$ _____ per month

Unpaid Community Service: _____ Hours _____ Days _____ Week _____ Months

The Defendant having been found guilty is rendered incontinent

Special Conditions:

L. T. Lafferty
 Judge

L. T. Lafferty
 Judge Signature

2/20/96
 Date of Entry of Judgment

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 BY JAIL

Defendant's Attorney Signature (optional)

Tom W. Halls
 Defendant's Signature

2/20/96
 Date

NAME: Cor. REVISED (12/95)

JMS BOOKING DETAILS

No Wants

R&I: 150558 Booking #: 03129190

Name: HOBBS, TERRY

DOB: 05/21/1958 Sex/Race: M / W Hair: Eyes:

Skin:

SSN: Glasses: POB: Height: 0' 0" Weight: 0

Booking Date: 10/03/2003 03:27:00 AM Status: BK

Release Date: 01/01/0001 12:00:00 AM

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94311003	11/07/1994
3123450	08/10/2003
3129190	10/03/2003

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Name **TERRY HOBBS**

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<u>05615105 01</u>	TERRY HOBBS		W	M
	RNI # 960049625	Offense Description	PETITION FOR ORDER OF PROTECTION	
<u>04660935 01</u>	TERRY HOBBS	09/09/1980	W	M
	RNI # 327653	Offense Description	POSS OF CONT SUBSTANCE MARIJUANA	
<u>04626647 01</u>	TERRY HOBBS S	05/12/1961	W	M
	RNI # 990660668	Offense Description	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	
<u>04626644 01</u>	TERRY HOBBS J	09/09/1980	W	M
	RNI # 990660665	Offense Description	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	
<u>04603751 01</u>	TERRY W HOBBS	05/12/1961	W	M
	RNI # 332326	Offense Description	POSS CONT SUB W/I TO MAN/DEL/SELL	
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	RNI # 327653	Offense Description	UNLAWFUL POSS WEAPON	
<u>03637570 01</u>	TERRY W HOBBS	09/09/1980	W	M
	RNI # 327653	Offense Description	POSS OF CONT SUBSTANCE	
<u>03613087 01</u>	TERRY W HOBBS	05/12/1961	W	M
	RNI # 800818064	Offense Description	SPEED LIMIT-INTERSTATE-55 MPH.ZONE	
<u>03132305 01</u>	TERRY HOBBS	05/22/1960	B	M
	RNI # 329753	Offense Description	DOMESTIC ASSAULT-BODILY HARM	
<u>03123450 01</u>	TERRY W HOBBS	05/21/1958	W	M

RNI # 150558 Offense Description POSS OF CONT SUBSTANCE

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	RNI # 150558	Offense Description	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	
90089069 01	TERRY W HOBBS	05/21/1958	W	M
	RNI # 150558	Offense Description	VIOL OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION LAW	M
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 Warrant # GS03034009 Issue Date 10/02/2003 Status A Status Date 10/03/2003 Assigned Court GS
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Employer Name	Employer Address	Employer City	Employer State	Employer Zip	Employer Phone							
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Associated Narratives

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◇ There is no contact phone numbers listed on report. 120304 0833HRS Writer had message in voice mail from comp stating that his cell number is 314-2435. Writer contacted comp who advised that victim called him last night from Blythville, AR and stated that her non-custodial mother, Pam Hobbs, drove to Memphis and picked her up and took her back to Blythville. Comp stated that he was driving to Blythville, AR this evening because the victim wanted to come home. Writer advised comp that the report would be closed, and if the victim changed her mind and did not want to go home that he would have to file a custodial interference report. CARRY AS INDICATED.

Incident

◇ On December 01, 2004 at 1826 hours, Officer(s) Jordan, Matthew A EMP# 10336 / Dennison, Jeffery EMP# 0335 responded to a Runaway Call at 1163 THEODORE and complainant Terry Hobbs advised that his daughter had ran away the previous night around 0100 hours. Complainant stated that victim had been having a hard time emotionally, so they were up until midnight talking, which at that time, she took a shower and he went to bed. Complainant thinks that victim then left out her bedroom window. Victim called complainant this evening and said she was at an unknown location in Arlington, but also called her mother and said she was at an unknown location in Cordova. Complainant wants victim transported to Juvenile Court if found. Approved by Lt Taylor #8802

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◇ EMJ.TNMPD0000.HOBBS,AMANDA
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Associated Persons

Case Number	Inv Type	Name	Ssn	Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Address	Phone1	Phone2

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12000361ME	Complainant	Hobbs,Terry	[REDACTED]	M	W	509	180	3750 Macon Rd	901- 288- 0753	n/a

Visions SQL Master Name Data

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Associated Narratives

Arrest

◇ Officers received a complaint call t 1163 Theodore where the complainant wanted us to stand-by while she got some personal belongings for her and her daughter (Amanda Hoobs) because she thought that there might be problems since her husband (defendant) was home. While the complainant and witness were getting their things officers noticed a metal canister lid sticking out from under a table and appeared to have a pack of rolling papers and a hand rolled cigarettes on it. Officers pulled the canister lid from under the table and there was a black pack of rolling papers, a half smoked hand rolled cigarette with a "paper clip" attached to it. Upon further investigation, officers noticed that the hand rolled cigarette had what appeared to be a green, leafy substance which appeared to be consistant with marijuana. The defendant then advised officers that that was his marijuana and didn't have anymore. The witness advised officers that her dad (complainant) keeps maore marijuana in his bedroom in between the mattresses and took us to his room, pulled up the mattress and pointed out a clear plastic bag containing more green, leafy substance that also appeared to be marijuana. The defendant then advised officers that that wasn't his marijuana under his mattress but the hand rolled "joint" was and that he had smoked part of it earlier int he day. Officer J. McDaniel field tested the contents of the clear bag and that of the hand rolled cigarette and both test positive for THC. The defendant was placed under arrest and transported to 201 Poplar. The marijuana in the bag and the joint were tested at 201 Poplar P & E room and tested positive for THC and weighed 4.2 TGW and was tagged as evidence.

Associated Persons

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To: Ms. Toldes

From: Detective C. Noles/WMPD

Date: July 19, 2007

Ms. Toldes:

This letter is to advise your office that West Memphis Police Department is requesting a copy of an arrest of Terry Hobbs, DOB 5/21/58, R&I# 150558, booking # 94311003. Date of Incident 11/7/94, victim w/m, last name Hicks (Aggravated Assault).

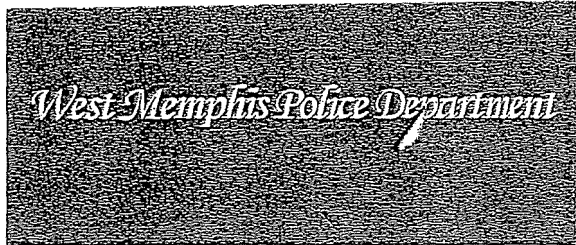
If your office needs further information in reference to this matter please contact the undersigned Detective.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Noles", is written over a horizontal line.

Charles D. Noles

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West Memphis, AR 72301
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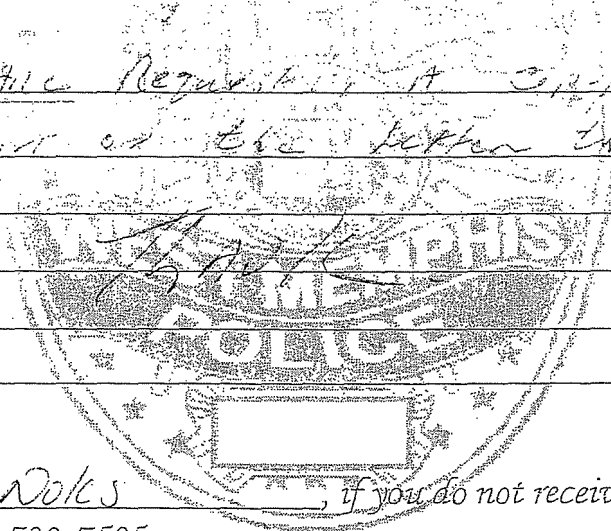
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EXHIBIT 19

Terry Hobbs v. Natalie Maines Pasdar et. al

For Immediate Release
December 3, 2008

In May, 1993, Steve Branch, Christopher Byers and Michael Moore were murdered in West Memphis, Arkansas. This tragedy had an enormous impact on the families of these innocent victims.

The tragedy for one family was compounded when Natalie Maines Pasdar of the Dixie Chicks falsely accused Terry Hobbs of committing the murders of Steve Branch, Christopher Byers and Michael Moore. While all Americans have the right of free speech, that right does not extend to falsely accusing someone of a triple homicide.

Terry Hobbs had absolutely nothing to do with these murders. His one and only association with this tragedy was that of a devastated father. What Ms. Pasdar falsely describes as new evidence that Terry Hobbs committed these murders is not the kind of information that fair minded individuals would rely on in making such a grave accusation.

To that end, on November 25, 2008 a lawsuit was filed on behalf of Terry Hobbs alleging defamation and other improper conduct on the part of Ms. Pasdar and the Dixie Chicks, who are also liable for their role in publicizing the false accusations of Ms. Pasdar. The purpose of this lawsuit is to seek to right the wrong committed by Ms. Pasdar when she falsely accused Terry Hobbs of murdering his own stepson and 2 other innocent victims.

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EXHIBIT 20



New evidence in West Memphis murders

Victim's mother believes defendants innocent.

Published 7/19/2007

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.

Pam Hobbs, who lives in Blytheville, said a lieutenant for the West Memphis Police Department also questioned her about her family's activities around the time of the slayings. In the last couple of months, she has stated publicly that she now believes that the men convicted of the murders — Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley, Jr. — are not guilty.

"We have stages of grieving that we go through," she said. "I guess I came to forgiveness. I've always wanted to know the truth, and when I was called by the defense — knowing the DNA was being retested — I guess that was the big eye-opener."

Pam Hobbs said she "chose to believe all those years" that Echols, Baldwin and Misskelley were guilty, despite her realization during the trials that the prosecutors "didn't have anything" and persistent doubts afterwards that the defendants "were smart enough or hateful enough to have done it by themselves and clean it up."

The state medical examiner ruled that Stevie and Michael died by drowning and that Christopher, who'd suffered stab wounds to his groin, died from loss of blood.

Pam Hobbs said that in 2002, at a point when she and Terry Hobbs were separating, she sent a package containing "14 or 15 knives" owned by her husband to one of the defense lawyers.

Pam Hobbs said that she had done so after discovering among the knives "a little pocket knife" that her father had given to Stevie.

She said Stevie "carried it around with him all the time, because it was like part of his granddaddy. He would have had it May the fifth. He carried it with him from the day my daddy gave it to him until the day he was murdered."

Asked why, five years ago, she had given the knives to a lawyer for the defense, she said it was because she "didn't trust the prosecution ... because of the evidence that was not presented at the trials."

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."

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EXHIBIT 21

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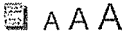


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Stepdad queried in boys' slayings

DNA ties hair to '93 Ark. scene but police say he's not suspect

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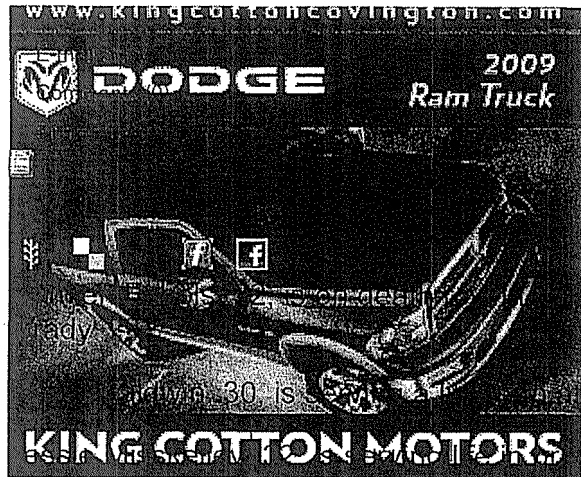
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Confronted with new DNA evidence, police have interviewed the stepfather of one of three 8-year-old West Memphis boys found murdered in a watery ditch 14 years ago.

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.

Whitehaven millionaires club: Teacher
Nonetheless, court papers filed this week by defense attorneys say new DNA testing doesn't link any crime scene evidence to three men convicted of the murders of the three second grade boys who disappeared on the evening of May 5, 1993.

The boys' nude bodies were found the next day, each bound hand to foot and submerged in water in a local woods.

In sensational trials the following year, then-teenagers **Danien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley** -- all now in their 30s -- were convicted of the murders. Echols is on death row, and Baldwin and Misskelley are serving life terms.

A status report filed Wednesday with the Arkansas Supreme Court states that extensive DNA testing that began in 2005 has failed to link any crime scene evidence to the defendants.

"The DNA testing results returned to date disclose that none of the genetic material recovered at the scene of the crimes was attributable to Mr. Echols, Mr. Echols's co-defendant, Jason Baldwin, or defendant Jesse Misskelley," says the report filed by **Edouard de la Haye**, a San Francisco lawyer Dennis P. Riordan.

"Although most of the genetic material recovered from the scene was attributable to the victims of the offenses, some of it cannot be attributed to either the victim or the defendant."

Riordan and prosecutor Brent Davis declined comment, but said they'll continue sifting through papers filed in court. In a response filed Thursday to the state's status report, Riordan said the state stands by the convictions but has authorized police to conduct followup work and interviews.

DNA testing at the time of the murders was primitive by today's standards and revealed little.

The case, built on a confession by Misskelley, a troubled youth with a low IQ, was thin on physical evidence and has long been controversial.

Authorities said at the time of the trials that key physical evidence such as fingerprints or blood likely was washed away by water in which the boys' bodies were dumped.

Misskelley has since recanted his confession, and claims of innocence by him and his co-defendants have found wide support. Following two films broadcast by HBO, an Internet Web site is devoted to freeing "The West Memphis Three," and popular musical bands and Hollywood actors have raised



money to help finance appeals.

The development involving Hobbs came as a new twist in a case with many ups and downs. In Echols' 1994 trial defense lawyers pointed a finger at another stepfather, John Mark Byers, after he gave a bloody knife to a film crew. Byers has long maintained his innocence.

Hobbs said he believes the DNA results are the work of "crooked defense attorneys ... trying to get their killer SOB's 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.

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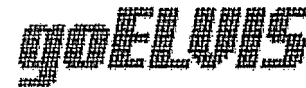
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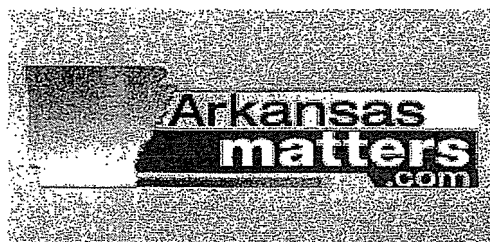


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EXHIBIT 22



DNA Status Report Released in West Memphis Three Case

Reported by: Sydney Hart, KARK 4 News
Thursday, Jul 19, 2007 @05:28pm

The men convicted as teens, of killing three young boys hope new DNA evidence is enough to set them free.

You'll recall, Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley were convicted 14 years ago, in the West Memphis Three case.

The report submitted to the supreme court is about recently conducted DNA testing.

The report shows none of DNA at the murder scene connects Echols, Baldwin or Misskelley to the murders of those three young boys 14 years ago.

More than a decade after three young West Memphis boys, Stevie Branch, Christopher Byers, and Michael Moore were found dead in a drainage ditch. New DNA evidence could link another suspect to the crime scene.

And many hope the newly tested DNA will lead to a new hearing for Echols, Baldwin, and Misskelley, commonly known as the West Memphis Three.

In May, forensic scientists and attorney's involved in this high profile case met in Little Rock to look at evidence.

Wednesday, the defense filed a status report with the Arkansas Supreme Court discussing the DNA evidence.

The report reads, "...none of the genetic material recovered at the scene of the crimes was attributable to Mr. Echols, Mr. Echols's co-defendant, Jason Baldwin, or defendant Jessie Misskelley."

While Damien Echols' attorney is not ready to comment on the new developments he admits he and the other defense attorneys are in discussions with prosecuting attorney, Brent Davis, on "...how best to determine the significance of the laboratory's results... in the initial round of testing."

Other news reports say DNA from Terry Hobbs, Stevie Branch's step-father, was discovered in 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 here trying to get some killers out of prison that deserve to be hung by a rope," Hobbs added.

It's the same story a local author, who wrote about the West Memphis Three, heard from Mr. Hobbs himself.

"I had heard rumors, but it was only when I called Mr. Hobbs that I heard the specifics. That his DNA had been found on one of the knots on one of the boys," explains Mara Leveritt.

KARK 4 News spoke with prosecuting attorney, Brent Davis, this morning about the recent developments.

He says he wasn't ready to comment on the issue, but he did release the state's response to the status report.

"The State agrees that DNA testing results have not disclosed genetic material recovered from the crime scene that is attributable to Echols and his codependents. To date, nearly all the genetic material recovered from the crime scene was attributable to the victims. It is the State's understanding that the

only material not so attributable is that from a partial hair recovered from the the ligatures (victim's shoelaces) that bound a victim and that preliminary testing results may attribute that material to once victim's step-parent."

The reply continues, " The State agrees that counsel for the parties have entered into discussions concerning the evidentiary significance of the testing results, leading to an agreement subject some evidentiary items to more testing. Although the State does not fault him for it, the State would not agree with Echols's characterization of that testing as critical "in light of (its) potential significance to establishing the identity of the perpetrator(s) of the offenses." Rather, the State stands behind its convictions of Echols and his co-defendants as the perpetrators.

Nevertheless, anticipating that Echols and/or his co-defendants will press claims for relief founded on the DNA testing, the State has authorized police investigators to conduct follow-up witness interviews. The State anticipates that will defend its judgements successfully at any hearing in circuit court."

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Reported by Janice Broach
Court documents reveal new details in the case of the "West Memphis 3"

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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.

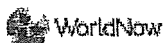
"I don't know what to think about it," Hobbs said. "It's their job to do what they do."

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.

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Hobbs: This isn't how things should have been

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."

City planning to seek help from municipal league

By TRIP COOK
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The municipal immunity from tort, a state measure that shields cities from lawsuits, will likely not apply to the federal lawsuit against the City of West Memphis from the mother of DeAunta Farrow.

Dodge's robbed; police searching for suspects

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West Memphis police are searching for two men wanted for the armed robbery Friday morning of the Dodge's Chicken Store, at 1414 E. Broadway Friday morning.

Police hunting felon

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West Memphis police are asking the public for help in bringing a felon and sex offender to justice.

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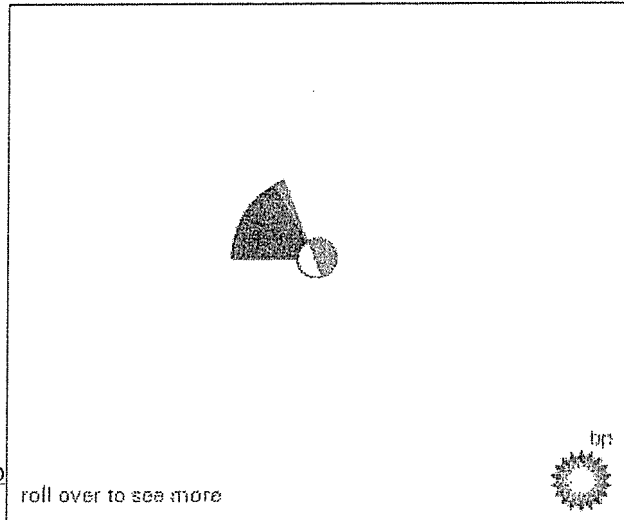


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ANDERSON COOPER 360 DEGREES

Pat Robertson Endorses Rudy Giuliani For President; Murder of

Three Arkansas Boys Reexamined

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ANDERSON COOPER, CNN ANCHOR: Tonight, a coveted political endorsement from an unlikely source, why televangelist Pat Robertson, the man who blamed 9/11 on gays and abortionists, is endorsing pro-choice Republican Rudy Giuliani. Will his backing actually translate into votes? Just ahead, the battle over Christian conservatives.

Plus, a stunning revelation from the polygamist leader Warren Jeffs. Thousands consider him a prophet. Tonight, they will hear them say he's no prophet. And you will find out why he tried to -- or what he tried to do to himself while locked behind bars.

Also ahead tonight, O.J. Simpson preparing for another day in court. We talked with the prosecution's star witness and investigated the heavy baggage he brings to the trial.

All of that in the hour ahead, but we bring the endorsement that has produced the latest pair of strange bedfellows, Pat Robertson and Rudy Giuliani, an unlikely couple, to say the least. One is the founder of the Christian Coalition, who literally put the religious right on the political map. The other is a pro-choice presidential front-runner who, in the past, has supported equal rights for gay Americans and is on his third marriage.

The common ground they have managed to find says a lot about where the race for the Republican nomination may be heading.

More on that right now from CNN's John King.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

PAT ROBERTSON, TELEVANGELIST: We're both prostate cancer survivors.

JOHN KING, CNN CHIEF NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT (voice over): Two men with a personal bond, and now a surprising political alliance.

ROBERTSON: Rudy Giuliani is without question an acceptable candidate.

KING: It is a striking statement from a legendary and controversial religious broadcaster who calls abortion evil and homosexuality an abomination. But Robertson says he is convinced Giuliani would appoint conservative judges and also convinced there is a bigger test for the next president. ROBERTSON: The overriding issue before the American people is the defense of our population from the bloodlust of Islamic terrorists.

KING: Giuliani backed taxpayer-funded abortions as mayor and also signed a sweeping civil unions policy. So, Robertson's blessing is a boost for a candidate whose biggest weakness is the Christian right.

RUDOLPH GIULIANI (R), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: I hope it sends the message that we have the same goals, all of us in the Republican Party.

KING: In Iowa, more evidence of the fierce competition. John McCain welcomed the endorsement of anti-abortion Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas, who dropped out of the Republican contest three weeks ago.

SEN. SAM BROWNBACK (R-KS), FORMER REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: I'm here today to endorse the best pro-life candidate to beat Hillary Clinton.

KING: White Evangelicals are critical in two of the early nominating contests -- Iowa and South Carolina -- but have yet to coalesce around one candidate.

KING: Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney's appeals include this stop at a South Carolina Christian adoption agency.

MITT ROMNEY (R), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: In the Book of Psalms, what is it, 126th?

KING: Later, Romney predicted most evangelical voters won't follow Robertson's advice.

ROMNEY: I don't think the Republican Party will choose a pro-choice, pro-gay-civil-union candidate to lead our party.

KING: Robertson founded the Christian Coalition from the ashes of his 1988 presidential campaign bid. And it

was a powerhouse in Republican politics in the 1990s.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

ROBERTSON: The coalition is here for the long haul.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: But others have eclipsed Robertson's political clout in recent years, some going as far as warning of a possible third-party effort if Giuliani wins the Republican nomination.

TONY PERKINS, PRESIDENT, FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL: To the degree that the party moves away from those principled issues, social conservatives, evangelicals will move away from the party.

KING: So, some saw this as a risky effort to reclaim the spotlight by making a different calculation, that Giuliani is electable and better than the alternative.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Same-sex marriage issues, abortion issues are being decided in the courts. So, what's most important is that Hillary Clinton is not picking our judges or Barack Obama is not picking our judges.

GIULIANI: I am very, very pleased to have Pat Robertson's endorsement.

(CHEERING AND APPLAUSE)

KING: In South Carolina, hours later, Giuliani saw only an upside.

(on camera): But with the benefits also could come some baggage. Asked here about one of many controversial Robertson remarks in recent years, that 9/11 was caused by God's wrath over abortion and pornography. Giuliani said, Robertson had long ago explained what he meant and that all leaders from time to time say things they later regret.

John King, CNN, Columbia, South Carolina.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Well, as John mentioned, Robertson's endorsement does not come without controversy. He can be a lightning rod, to say the least. Here's the "Raw Data," some of his more controversial comments.

In a 1992 fund-raising letter, Robertson said that feminists encourage women to kill their children and practice witchcraft. Last year, he called for the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. And he also suggested that Ariel Sharon's stroke was divine restoration for Israel's withdrawal of Gaza, which Robertson opposed. He later apologized.

The former Israeli prime minister is still hospitalized in a coma, by the way.

Pat Robertson's endorsement of Giuliani has a lot of people talking today, including our political roundtable, CNN senior political analyst Gloria Borger, Bill Bennett, CNN contributor and author of "America: The Last Best Hope," and CNN contributor Roland Martin, the author of "Listening to the Spirit Within."

We talked earlier today.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Bill, let's start with you.

Were you surprised, Pat Robertson endorsing Rudy Giuliani?

BILL BENNETT, CNN CONTRIBUTOR: I was a little. I was a little. It's a very big endorsement for Rudy Giuliani. As people have said in the last few years, you never know what Pat Robertson is going to say or going to do, but this was a surprise. And this is a big -- big help to Giuliani.

COOPER: Big because Robertson still has that big a following?

BENNETT: Yes. People have suggested over the last couple years that he's just kind of a crank. He's...

COOPER: Right. They say he's not as important.

BENNETT: But he's got a TV show that has 800,000 viewers a day, which, I think, stacks up pretty well with a lot of shows. There are a lot of people who listen to him. And he's a bona fide TV personality of the conservative Christian persuasion who has done an awful lot of work, whether people are happy with the things he said in the last few years or not, long track record of working in these vineyards. It's very good for Giuliani.

COOPER: Gloria, were you surprised by it?

GLORIA BORGER, CNN SENIOR POLITICAL ANALYST: I wasn't totally surprised, only because rumor was out that Giuliani had really been courting Pat Robertson, that he had appeared at Pat Robertson's university, that they are united in their fight against terror.

COOPER: But, I mean, Mitt Romney has also been really courting him.

BORGER: Yes, he really -- he really had.

And I think -- you know, in a way, Anderson, this might be more about Pat Robertson than it is about Giuliani.

COOPER: How so?

BORGER: Maybe Robertson thought -- well, maybe he thinks he wants to go along for a ride with the winner. Maybe he wants to be the preacher to a president. Maybe this is about Pat Robertson's own survival more than it is for Giuliani's candidacy in the long term.

COOPER: What, showing that he's still relevant?

BORGER: Yes, exactly, showing that he's still relevant. He will be out there. Now, when he speaks, people are going to listen.

And I think, in the end, Giuliani may end up having to apologize for a lot of things that Pat Robertson ends up saying.

COOPER: And, essentially, I mean, Roland, you have Robertson saying that the most important issue, above all, anything else, above social issues, is -- is Islamic terror.

ROLAND MARTIN, CNN CONTRIBUTOR: And that's why I'm not surprised.

Why I interviewed Reverend Jerry Falwell on the CNN special "What Would Jesus Really Do?" back in April, he said then -- and I said, is there a litmus test? Reverend Falwell said: I would rather have someone who can fight national security than someone who is a Sunday school teacher.

That signaled right then that that was going to be an issue there. And, so, I think what this also does, it also puts evangelicals on the spot, because for years they have been saying there's nothing more important than abortion and homosexuality.

And so now all of a sudden, you have a candidate who is pro-gay marriage, who is pro-choice. And, all of a sudden, evangelicals will say, wait a minute. What's really more important, party or principle? Is it God or Giuliani? That's what is going to happen here. And they are going to have to answer to that. All of these comments they have made over the years about this being most important, no chance at all, forget everything else, abortion, gay marriage, now they have to deal with that. And their own words are going to come back to haunt them.

COOPER: I do want to talk about the Democrats a little bit, because Bill Clinton, you have him weighing in on his wife's performance in the debate and going after those who, you know, dare to criticize or -- or question Hillary Clinton.

I want to play what former President Clinton said.

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BILL CLINTON, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: We would listen to people make snide comments about whether Vice President Gore was too stiff, when they made dishonest claims about the things that he said that he had done in his life, when that scandalous Swift Boat ad was run against Senator Kerry.

Why am I saying this? Because I had the feeling, at the end of that last debate, we were about to get into cutesy land again.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

COOPER: Does it make her, though, look weaker, that Bill Clinton has to be the one stepping in to do this? Or is that just the -- the traditional -- is he playing the role that the vice president usually plays?

BENNETT: She needs to be very careful about -- about that.

But she's -- she's pretty good on it, it seems to me, Anderson. She says things like, well, if he were here, you know, he could -- he could say his own piece. For him to do it, I think -- I think is fine.

But what they have to, I think, be careful of is this piling-on thing, the complaining about the piling on, on the guys. The biggest trouble I think she has got is not any of this. I think the biggest trouble she's got is this immigration business. I think coming out and supporting Governor Spitzer has bought her a whole lot of trouble. MARTIN: Anderson, I say, thank God. Four months ago, I said Democrats, why do you keep giving her a pass in the debates, allowing her to take credit for all of Bill Clinton's, you know, great success stories, but then slide on

some of the failures?

At some point, they had to say, wait a minute, Bill Clinton is no longer on the Democratic side. He's on her side. And, so, we are fighting him and her. And, so, you need to figure out, wait a minute, how can I take some of the failures and then sort of amplify that?

And, so, the criticism is on the money. But this notion that, all of the sudden, it's a Swift Boat deal, it's ridiculous, just like Geraldine Ferraro's comments on Monday all of a sudden injecting the race card, saying, well, they would never attack Barack Obama like this. It's OK to be sexist in America, but not to be racist.

That is ridiculous. She's running for president. She should be questioned, just like everybody else is.

COOPER: Gloria, doesn't it also raise the issue of this two-for-one issue of, are you -- you know, are you getting Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton? Are they -- I mean, what exactly is -- how are they going to rule?

(LAUGHTER)

COOPER: Is this really some sort of partnership?

BORGER: Well, you know, I think it does raise the issue.

And I think, in the Democratic primary contest, it's a good thing to get two for one -- in a general election, not so much. So, I think, right now, when you heard Bill Clinton complaining about the cutesy stuff and getting swift-boated and all the rest, he was talking to the Democratic primary audience, the people who love him.

And there are two roads to take in a campaign. You know, you take the high road or you take the low road. The candidate doesn't take the low road. Her surrogates will take the low road. And Bill Clinton is the one who will feel free to be out there, attacking on behalf of his wife, particularly during this primary season.

COOPER: We are going to leave it there.

Gloria Borger, Bill Bennett, Roland Martin, thanks for being on.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Well, Christian conservatives are not the only hearts and minds the candidates are going to be trying to win. In the last presidential election, roughly one in four voters who turned out on Election Day were

independents. And they split their votes almost evenly between John Kerry and George Bush.

They are also the subject of a new book by CNN's Lou Dobbs. "Independents Day: Awakening the American Spirit," it's called. I talked to Lou earlier about why he thinks independents have an even more important role to play this year.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: By registering as independent, is that to send a message to these parties?

LOU DOBBS, HOST, "LOU DOBBS TONIGHT": Absolutely, to say to...

(CROSSTALK)

DOBBS: Here's the message to the Republican and Democratic national committees: Go to hell. You have screwed this system up. You're nothing more than patsies to corporate America and multinationals. And you no longer hold American citizens in regard, whether the issue is border security, illegal immigration, public education, free trade, public investment. My God, the list goes on.

And then you have got these people lining up to say they want to be president of the United States? How dare they?

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Well, now to a stunning admission by Warren Jeffs, the polygamist leader who is awaiting sentencing this month in Utah.

He was convicted this fall of being an accomplice to rape. You probably remember that. Now the judge has unsealed sensitive court documents, including a videotape that shows Jeffs as we have never seen him before.

Now, keep in mind, Jeffs has always told his sect that God speaks directly through him, and they have always believed him.

Here's CNN's Gary Tuchman.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

GARY TUCHMAN, CNN NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): To as many as 10,000 followers, this man, Warren Jeffs, is the undisputed prophet, his word sacred, even when a jury convicted the polygamist leader of being an accomplice to rape.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: He is a perfect preacher man. He's a man of God. And we will always love him. And once a prophet, always a prophet.

TUCHMAN: But now a new image of the powerful man, like his followers have never seen before.

WARREN JEFFS, CONVICTED FELON: I ask for everyone's forgiveness.

TUCHMAN: This is video from a jail taping system. It recorded Jeffs and his brother, Nephi. Jeffs was depressed, and, as it turns out, suicidal. W. JEFFS: Farewell, all of you.

TUCHMAN: Three days later, the head of the largest polygamist sect in North America attempted to hang himself.

An unsealed psychological report indicates that, in the days following the suicide attempt, he threw himself against jail cell walls and banged his head against a wall.

W. JEFFS: I have been the most wicked man.

TUCHMAN: Jeffs' followers make major life decisions based on what he tells him. If they didn't believe unconditionally in him to be their prophet, it would cause huge upheaval. That's why what about you're about to see and hear is so significant.

W. JEFFS: I'm not the prophet. I never was the prophet.

TUCHMAN: Prosecutors wanted to use this dramatic jail video during Jeffs' trial. The judge would not allow it.

But after requests by the news media, it has now been released. It might be even more difficult for the faithful hear this. Other court documents indicate, in a recorded phone call, Jeffs cryptically said, "I was covered with immorality with a sister and a daughter when I was younger."

Again, Warren Jeffs with his brother:

NEPHI JEFFS, BROTHER OF WARREN JEFFS: You're perfect in every way.

W. JEFFS: If we were perfect, we would be doing better.

TUCHMAN: In the Utah-Arizona border community where Jeffs' FLDS Church is headquartered, most followers do not deal with the outside world. So, do they know about the suicide attempt?

(on camera): Can I just ask -- I just want to ask you. We learned yesterday that Warren Jeffs tried to kill himself. Do you have any comment?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No. I'm not (INAUDIBLE)

TUCHMAN (voice-over): This follower was more willing to talk, but not with a microphone. She told me Warren Jeffs was perfect and there is no way he wanted to kill himself. Those are all lies, she said.

(on camera): Warren Jeffs' attorney say he was in bad medical shape when he made the prophet comments, and retracted them a month later.

But it's reasonable for others to come to the conclusion that maybe it was a dose of honesty from a man who perhaps had some remorse. (voice-over): This couple also doesn't believe that Warren Jeffs has said these things.

(on camera): If he stays behind bars and doesn't get out for a long time, will you still consider him your prophet?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I will always consider him a prophet.

TUCHMAN (voice-over): Jeffs ended his visit with his brother by saying this.

W. JEFFS: Farewell.

N. JEFFS: We love you. We love you. We love you.

TUCHMAN: If his brother thought he was on the verge of a suicide attempt, authorities say they were never told.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Quite a family. Gary joins us now outside the courthouse in Saint George.

What is next for Warren Jeffs?

TUCHMAN: Anderson, Warren Jeffs is coming to this courthouse a week from Tuesday, where he will be sentenced on his two convictions, faces the possibility of five years to life on each count.

But, even if he gets five years, the state of Arizona will still try him on similar charges. So, Warren Jeffs, whether he's a prophet or not, will likely be in jail for a very long time.

COOPER: Fascinating.

Just ahead, we are going to hear from one of Warren Jeffs' former followers who managed to escape from the sect in the middle of the night, taking her eight kids with her. What does she think about these new revelations?

Find out next on 360.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

COOPER: The polygamist leader Warren Jeffs is awaiting sentencing in Utah later this month.

Before the break, we told you about the newly unsealed court documents, including a videotape in which Jeffs admits he's not a prophet after all. It is a stunning admission.

Earlier, I talked with John Llewellyn, a former polygamist who was not a member of Jeffs' sect, but has written about the lifestyle in "Polygamy's Rape of Rachael Strong." And Carolyn Jessop, who managed to break free from Jeffs' sect three years ago and describes her terrifying experience in the book "Escape." (BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: So, John, were you surprised to hear that -- that Warren Jeffs tried to kill himself?

JOHN LLEWELLYN, AUTHOR, "POLYGAMY RAPE OF RACHAEL STRONG": No, it wasn't any surprise at all, because here's a man that has been born and raised under the umbrella of the FLDS, somewhat secret society.

And when he was arrested, I believe it was probably the first time that he really was confronted with reality and the real world, what it was like. So, it had to be a very traumatic situation for him while he was incarcerated, away from all the support and the -- the literature that he had to -- to help him along. So, no, it was no surprise.

COOPER: Carolyn, the fact that he denied being the prophet, and then sort of later recanted that, what do you make of that?

CAROLYN JESSOP, FORMER MEMBER, FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS: Oh, I wasn't surprised about that at all. I think...

COOPER: Really?

JESSOP: Well, I think that him denying that he was a prophet was, in his own way, trying to get out of going to jail. I think he felt like the authorities were after him because he was the leader of this cult, and, if he denied that he was the prophet, then they would let him go.

COOPER: But you don't think -- you think, in his mind, he always -- that he truly believes he's a prophet?

JESSOP: No, I think, in his mind, he knows full well he's not a prophet. I just think he has something going that's working well for him, and he's taking advantage of it.

COOPER: John, do you agree with that?

LLEWELLYN: He knows the difference between right and wrong, you bet.

And I -- what he does is, he indulges himself into the character, so that he can sound believable before his people. But, down deep, he knows that he is not a prophet and he's not received the revelation.

COOPER: Carolyn, he also confessed to -- to immorality with a sister and a daughter.

JESSOP: Yes, he did. And there's actually been reports around about the sister he hurt. So, there were many of us who were already somewhat aware that he had injured one of his sisters.

Nobody was aware of the daughter, though. That came out of the blue. However, he's -- there's a lot of people who claim they have been hurt by him sexually. So, that was not a surprise, that he would confess to some of...

COOPER: And, I guess, John, in a community like this, you know, with so many siblings, so many people in the families, I guess it's not that big a surprise?

LLEWELLYN: No, it isn't, you know, and I have studied just about all of the groups. And every single one of them have these horrible stories coming out of pedophilia, molesting of children.

And all of these kids, a lot of them are put together with very little supervision. And the boys have that testosterone running through their bodies. The white chromosome is as active in them as it is anybody else. And these things are bound to happen.

COOPER: It's fascinating, though, when, even now, we have had, you know, people from CNN talking to folks in the community, the few who would talk to us. And they say simply they don't believe Jeffs ever said these things.

LLEWELLYN: Well, they are going to believe what they want to hear.

And it's been my experience in other lawsuits against the polygamist subcultures, you know, they believe in the spirit. And they believe that the spirit speaks the truth, even when it conflicts with facts. So, they are -- you know, there's a symbiotic relationship between the prophet and the group. They are dependent upon each other.

And the group, without the prophet, is like a ship without a rudder. They need each other. So, they are going to manufacture and believe whatever they want to keep that prophet as a prophet.

COOPER: It's fascinating, that this goes on hiding in plain sight in the United States of America.

John Llewellyn, we appreciate your expertise.

LLEWELLYN: Thank you.

COOPER: And, Carolyn Jessop, it's always good to talk to you.

JESSOP: Thank you.

LLEWELLYN: Thank you.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: In Arkansas tonight, new developments in a case that had captivated the country more than a decade ago. It was 1993. Three boys were murdered in the woods. Three teens were convicted of the unspeakable crime.

Now, right now, two of those, well, former teens are in prison for life. One is on death row. The question is, are they actually innocent? CNN's David Mattingly reports on some shocking new developments.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

DAVID MATTINGLY, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): What happened in these woods shook even hardened cops. It was a crime so terrible, families from miles around lived in fear. And, at the time juries had no doubt, three West Memphis, Arkansas, teenagers were guilty in the satanic ritual murders of three 8-year-old boys.

But, a decade-and-a-half later, many now believe it was a case of justice gone bad.

(on camera): The police, the prosecutor, the judge, the jury, all of them got it wrong?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: In our opinion, yes.

MATTINGLY: Reexamining old evidence and using DNA testing not available at the time of the murders, defense attorneys say the belief in a satanic ritual of sexual assault and mutilation was a fantasy, a satanic panic that they say sent three innocent teenagers to prison.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: What we are saying is that there's no credible evidence that links any of these defendants to the crime.

MATTINGLY: The bodies of Christopher Byers, Michael Moore and Steven Branch were discovered bound, naked and submerged in a muddy ditch.

In a petition filed in federal court, defense attorneys say their experts today find no evidence of sexual assault and no evidence of a satanic cult.

And the evidence that horrified juries, signs of ritualistic torture and mutilation, may have actually come from animals attacking the bodies after the boys were killed.

(on camera): When we asked for a comment about the old case, Arkansas prosecutors turned us down. But, in an earlier statement, a spokesman for the state attorney general said that Arkansas will look at the new findings objectively. But they stand behind the old convictions and do not believe that the courts will change anything.

(voice-over): The oldest defendant at the time, 18-year-old Damien Echols, was sent to death row. Sixteen-year-old Jason Baldwin and 17-year-old Jessie Misskelley got life in prison.

RON LAX, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: They were victims of poor representation, poor resources, and a community that was already on track to convict somebody.

MATTINGLY: I returned to the scene of the crime with Ron Lax, a private investigator for the defense in 1993. Back then, he made this video of the woods where the three boys went to play, never to be seen alive again. Today, defense attorneys say they can find no DNA traces on evidence taken from those woods to show the convicted teenagers were ever there at all.

(on camera): Is this a crime that three teenagers could pull off and leave no trace of their existence out here?

LAX: It sounds pretty remarkable if they did.

MATTINGLY (voice-over): The woods were recently cut down and cleared way. But plenty of questions remain. If it's true the teens were not in these woods to commit these murders, then who was?

(END VIDEOTAPE)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

COOPER: Faces of evil or of wrongly convicted young men? Those three young men were found guilty of a triple murder, the victims, three boys, each 8 years old.

Prosecutors called the killings part of a satanic ritual. As we told you before the break, the defense team is hoping new evidence is going to lead to those young men's freedom. We're going to let you be the judge tonight.

Once again, here's CNN's David Mattingly.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

MATTINGLY (voice-over): To many, they have become known as the West Memphis three. Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin, and Jessie Misskelley were all teenagers sent to prison for the gruesome satanic ritual murders of three 8-year-old boys.

And, 14 years after the crime, proving their innocence may depend on two human hairs recovered at the scene.

THOMAS FEDOR, FORENSIC EXPERT: None of the defendants could have been the source of that hair. None of the victims could have been the source of either hair. None of the DNA evidence from the crime scene

connects any of the defendants to the scene of the crime.

MATTINGLY: So, who could the hairs belong to? A defense petition in federal court says the DNA from one hair is consistent with that of Terry Hobbs. Hobbs is the former stepfather of victim Steve Branch.

(on camera): Mr. Hobbs, do you feel like that the attorneys are accusing you of this crime?

ROSS SAMPSON, HOBBS'S ATTORNEY: The answer to that would be no.

MATTINGLY (voice-over): Hobbs agreed to go in front of our cameras while his attorney did the talking. And through most of my questions, Hobbs remained silent. (on camera) Is it possible, Mr. Hobbs, that that was your hair?

SAMPSON: Sure. It was his son, Stephen Branch, who was murdered, and he's had to deal with this for the last 15 years.

MATTINGLY (voice-over): Defense attorneys say a second hair found at the scene is consistent with the DNA of Hobbs's friend, David Jacoby, and that the two were together in the hours before and after the victims disappeared.

Jacoby did not return our calls, but he did volunteer DNA samples to the defense. Authorities say they stand by the old convictions. West Memphis police have no plans to question anyone.

(on camera) Is there anything that you feel comfortable telling me?

TERRY HOBBS, FORMER STEPFATHER OF VICTIM: You live with this every day. And then, to have your friends and neighbors look at you and think, is there something else there? That's -- that hurts.

MATTINGLY (voice-over): After 14 years, the rampant fears of devil worshippers and murdered children have subsided, replaced by a new wave of emotion, demanding a reopening of the case of the West Memphis Three.

Now in their 30s, their entire adult lives spent behind bars, three grown men greet the DNA findings with hope, wondering if this latest twist will one day set them free.

David Mattingly, CNN, West Memphis, Arkansas.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: We'll continue to follow up on what happens next.

Tomorrow on 360, we take our "Planet in Peril" investigation one step further. Last month more than 15 million people around the world watched our special report on our changing planet; sparked a lot of questions, a lot of controversy. Tomorrow we're going to answer some of your questions, like this one.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: How much impact would it have if each individual becomes an eco-friendly person?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: If everybody behaved like this viewer, we would certainly be much, much better off. But, again, that is not going to be enough to solve the problem. We absolutely have to have policies, because consumers don't have enough choices to real solve this problem. We never solved any major voluntary issue just with voluntary consumer action.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think the most important thing that citizens can do, we live in a democracy, and we should influence the decision makers. We should ask them, the candidates from office, are they really going to do anything? Not just set a goal for 2050, because they won't be in office in 2050. Will they really do the things that are needed?

(END VIDEO CLIP)

COOPER: An interesting discussion on climate change and other things, tomorrow on 360.

Let's get caught up on more of today's headlines. Erica Hill joins us with the "360 Bulletin" -- Erica.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

ERICA HILL, HEADLINE NEWS ANCHOR: Anderson, a development tonight in the crisis in Pakistan. President Bush has called President Pervez Musharraf, telling him he should hold planned elections soon and that he should step down as Pakistan's military leader.

Meantime, in the streets of Islamabad, police firing tear gas in support of former prime minister, Benazir Bhutto. She wants the people of Pakistan to join protests on the government's state of emergency that she says amounts to martial law.

In Finland, a high school student opened fire, killing eight people before turning the gun on himself. He later died in a hospital. Seven of the victims were students. The eighth was the school's headmistress.

Just hours before that shooting, a video posted on YouTube warned of a massacre at the school. One clip shows a young man firing a gun at fruit in the snowy woods. It is believed to be the gunman.

And the Space Shuttle Discovery back home tonight after a 15-day mission to the International Space Station. The crew had to fix a broken solar wing. NASA called the dangerous mission one of the top all-time space saves.

COOPER: That's cool.

HILL: Not bad at all.

COOPER: Not bad at all.

HILL: There you have it.

COOPER: Erica, thanks.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Up next, an eighth grade girl busted at school, sentenced -- sentenced to two days in detention. So what was her crime? Take a look.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP) MEGAN COULTER, SUSPENDED FOR HUGGING FRIEND: I went like this, and I went to Katie like this.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

COOPER: Yes, she hugged her friends. We couldn't believe it either, so we had Randi Kaye check out our story. She's "Keeping Them Honest" next.

Also ahead, television's bounty hunter in the doghouse. His racist comments and tearful apology to Larry King less than an hour ago. That's coming up on 360.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

COOPER: Well, the next story seems, frankly, pretty outrageous. An eighth grader in Illinois is being punished for violating a school policy banning public displays of affection.

So what exactly is this young girl guilty of? Turns out she hugged two of her friends. At a time when we hear so many stories about school violence, we have to wonder what could possibly be wrong with a simple hug?

Randi Kaye's "Keeping Them Honest."

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

RANDI KAYE, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): At just 13, Megan Coulter is a bit of a celebrity. Her phone is ringing off the hook, people offering their support.

MEGAN COULTER: I love you, Mama.

KAYE: What's all the fuss? Her Mascoutah middle school put her in detention for two days for -- get this -- hugging. It was two hugs, in fact, given to two friends, one boy and one girl, after administrators say she had been warned.

MEGAN COULTER: I gave him a hug. It was just simple, across the shoulder, nothing. No bodies pressing up against each other or anything.

KAYE: Megan says it was the same squeeze she's given her parents and friends before, but this time the hugs landed her in hot water.

(on camera) Turns out there's a written policy against public displays of affection at Megan's school. A student handbook given to every family spells out policy and punishment. It's been in place for over a decade, approved by the board of administration.

Administrators tell us Megan was not the first to get detention this school year under this policy.

(voice-over) The policy reads, "Displays of affection should not occur on the school campus at any time. It is in poor taste, reflects poor judgment and brings discredit to the school and to the persons involved. First offenders will be warned. Second offenders will serve detention, and a parent conference will be held. Third offenders will serve in-school suspension."

Why was Megan considered a second offender? Because she gave two hugs.

"Keeping Them Honest," we ask the superintendent of schools, isn't this a bit extreme?

SAM MCGOWEN, SUPERINTENDENT: You know, hugs lead to other things. And when they get to the point where they're leading to other things, then they are in violation of our policy.

KAYE: Superintendent Sam McGowen went on to say he doesn't want the 600 or so students, quote, "distracted."

MELISSA COULTER, MOTHER: I think it's ridiculous. Most children are naturally affectionate creatures.

KAYE: Megan's mom, Melissa Coulter, agrees too much affection is not a good thing for impressionable kids, but she insists this rule goes too far. She and her husband plan to push the school board to reword the policy and be more specific about what constitutes a public display of affection.

MEGAN COULTER: It's very confusing to me, because I have always been taught, like, you know, when you see your friends, you hug. When someone is having a bad day, you hug.

Even in sixth grade at the same middle school that I go to now, we had a DARE program, and the motto was, "Hugs, Not Drugs." At one point they're telling us to hug each other, and at one point they're not.

KAYE: Randi Kaye, CNN, New York.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Man, so much for hugs, not drugs.

All right. O.J. Simpson has a big day tomorrow. He's due in a Las Vegas court, where evidence in the alleged armed robbery case is going to be presented. Simpson, you know, is accused of masterminding the hotel room holdup. I'm not sure masterminding is really all that accurate of a term.

Anyway, if he's convicted, he could spend years in prison.

But will the questionable credibility of the other players in the room that night give Simpson all the defense he needs?

CNN's Ted Rowlands joins us tonight live from Vegas -- Ted.

TED ROWLANDS, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Well, Anderson, tomorrow is the beginning of what is expected to be a two-day preliminary hearing. We'll hear from a number of witnesses we expect. We'll also, we expect, hear that infamous audiotape of the alleged incident inside that hotel casino, that audiotape that we've all heard before that was obtained by TMZ.com.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

O.J. SIMPSON, ACCUSED OF ARMED ROBBERY: Nobody leaves this room. (EXPLETIVE DELETED). Think you can steal my (EXPLETIVE DELETED) and sell it?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No.

SIMPSON: Don't let nobody out of here. (EXPLETIVE DELETED), you think you can steal my (EXPLETIVE DELETED).

(END VIDEO CLIP)

ROWLANDS: That audiotape could go a long way in holding Simpson over to trial.

We're also going to hear from Bruce Fromong. He's the guy that had a heart attack, the memorabilia dealer who was in that hotel room who says he got all of his stuff stolen. He is a key witness in this case.

Coming up after a short break, we have an exclusive interview with him. Stay with us. Coming up.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

SIMPSON: Don't let nobody out of here, man.

And you, I trusted you, man.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I just...

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Bag this (EXPLETIVE DELETED) up.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Bag this (EXPLETIVE DELETED).

SIMPSON: Where'd you get all my (EXPLETIVE DELETED) personal (EXPLETIVE DELETED)?

(END VIDEO CLIP)

COOPER: Were they trying to say the most curse words in the shortest amount of time? What do you think? They may have come close to breaking the record there.

That, of course, is the audiotape from the night O.J. Simpson allegedly committed armed robbery in a Las Vegas hotel room.

Tomorrow morning, Simpson faces a judge in a preliminary hearing, one that his defense team hopes put the case against him to rest. But the prosecution has its own game plan.

Once again, here's Ted Rowlands.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

ROWLANDS (voice-over): If the armed robbery and kidnapping case against O.J. Simpson goes to trial, prosecutors will be counting on this man to help them put Simpson in jail.

BRUCE FROMONG, ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY VICTIM: I don't care if he was my friend or not; nobody is above the law.

ROWLANDS: Bruce Fromong was in the room at the Palace Station Hotel when the alleged crime happened. Simpson denies the charges.

Fromong says, even though Simpson is an old friend, he wants him to pay for what he says happened that night.

FROMONG: All of a sudden the door bursts open, and in come, you know, four people and then O.J. And, you know, they had guns drawn.

ROWLANDS: Fromong says an audio recording of what happened, obtained by TMZ.com, seems accurate. In it, a voice that appears to be Simpson's can be heard yelling and giving orders.

SIMPSON: Don't let anybody out of here.

ROWLANDS: Fromong claims Simpson and the other men took tens of thousands worth of memorabilia, carting it out in boxes and pillow cases.

FROMONG: They took everything. And the last item that was taken, because the last man out of the room, was O.J. Simpson. And he took my cell phone.

ROWLANDS: A few days later, Bruce Fromong suffered a heart attack, which he partially blames on stress from that night.

Fromong says he's known Simpson for years and even supported him after the former football star was accused of murdering his wife, Nicole, and Ron Goldman. In fact, Fromong testified on Simpson's behalf during the civil trial.

FROMONG: O.J. was a very good friend. I mean, I knew him for 17 years.

ROWLANDS (on camera): Do you want him to go to jail?

FROMONG: I think that jail may be -- may be the answer to O.J.'s problems.

ROWLANDS (voice-over): But Bruce Fromong as a witness may have some problems, as well. Listen closely to the TMZ.com audio recording after Simpson left the hotel room.

FROMONG: I helped him set up his (EXPLETIVE DELETED) offshore accounts. Don't (EXPLETIVE DELETED) with me.

ROWLANDS: Fromong seems to say he helped Simpson set up an offshore bank account, which could be used to help shield income from the Goldman and Brown families.

FROMONG: At the time I was extremely mad, you know, and I said a lot of things that night. But it -- it will be explained later on, and people will understand. I think even the -- you know, the Goldmans.

ROWLANDS: Fromong says, while he's still a little weak from his heart attack, he's ready to testify this week against his old friend.

FROMONG: This is the right thing to do. And that's the only reason. I mean, it saddens me that I have to -- you

know, I might be the one that puts O.J. in jail.

ROWLANDS: Ted Rowlands, CNN, Las Vegas.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: We shall see.

Still ahead -- Dog the Bounty Hunter, in his own words. What he told Larry King tonight about the racist rant that cost him his job, so far. But first, Tom Foreman is in Washington with "Raw Politics" -- Tom.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

TOM FOREMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: You know, when everybody in Washington knows something, there's a good chance it's not true. For months everybody here has said it's about the war, the war, the war. That's the election. Turns out, they may be wrong. "Raw Politics" coming up.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

COOPER: More fallout today from the so-called fake FEMA news conference. That's it right there. You might recall that, when it was staged during the recent wildfire crisis in California, there actually weren't any real reporters present. Now a second FEMA official has resigned, press secretary Aaron Walker.

On that note, let's go to Tom Foreman and tonight's "Raw Politics" -- Tom.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

FOREMAN: We have been saying it for months, and now the "Raw" numbers are backing us up. The war may very well not dominate this election. (voice-over) Economic worries have taken over as the number win issue for voters in our latest CNN poll. Housing, health care, gas prices. The "Raw" read: when the economy goes south, voters often lean left. So politically, the Dems are dancing.

But they can expect a firestorm over this. A new federal law is moving swiftly through Congress to outlaw discrimination in jobs or housing based on sexual orientation.

REP. BARNEY FRANK (D), MASSACHUSETTS: To tell millions of Americans who are gay and lesbian that they are not bad people.

FOREMAN: The conservative roar is already rising.

Spruce up the guest room. French President Nicholas Sarkozy spent the afternoon with President Bush at George Washington's maison in Virginia. Sarkozy says he wants to re-conquer the heart of America. Hint to Mr. Bush: don't bring up the ex-wife.

Some quick hits: Fred Thompson losing a lot of weight. Says his health is fine, just eating more salads.

MICHAEL MOORE, COMEDIAN: Get in my belly!

FOREMAN: Barack Obama going blue color, with new economic promises to make college more affordable, overhaul bankruptcy law, cut the income gap.

And Obamarama's charter plane swooped in to Iowa for a big rally in Cedar Rapids this week. The problem was, it landed more than 100 miles away in Des Moines.

(on camera) The mix-up made him about an hour late. Still, he says he can lead America in the right direction -- Anderson.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, honest mistake.

His racist comments cost him his popular TV show. We're talking about the Dog. That's right. Tonight, Dog is talking again. Is he sorry? You can hear for yourself in just a moment.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: He's got an 8-year-old daughter, looks like.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Listen to this.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

COOPER: Erica Hill joins us again with the "360 News and Business Bulletin" -- Erica.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

HILL: Anderson, a manhunt ends in Florida with an arrest in a killing of a sheriff's deputy. Escaped prisoner Michael Mazza is accused of shooting the deputy on his way from jail to a court appearance. Mazza is already serving two life sentences for an earlier robbery conviction.

Developments tonight in the disappearance of Stacy Peterson. She, of course, is the wife of an Illinois police sergeant. Investigators now want to question the officer's children from earlier marriages. They're also taking a new look at the bathtub drowning of Sergeant Drew Peterson's third wife.

In business news, a dark day on the trading floor, the Dow plummeting 3609 points to close at 13,300. That is one of its steepest dives (ph) of the year. The NASDAQ lost 76. The S&P plunged 44 points.

And a fender-bender on the waters of San Francisco bay: a container ship clipping one of the towers holding up the Bay Bridge. No word on the exact cause, but it did happen in heavy fog. There was little damage to either the ship or the bridge, and we are told it is unlikely the bump was even felt by any drivers, which is probably a good thing.

COOPER: Wait. It was a fender bender in the water?

HILL: Well, yes. You know, the fender of the container ship. Maybe only one fender.

COOPER: Hmm, I see.

HILL: Maybe a hull bender.

COOPER: OK.

HILL: A hull bender perhaps.

COOPER: All right.

HILL: So technical, Anderson Cooper.

COOPER: No.

HILL: Come on. Just have a little fun!

COOPER: Yes.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Now "The Shot", Duane "Dog" Chapman. You know the former TV bounty hunter. Former, that is, because his show has been yanked by A&E, for the foreseeable future, they say, over Dog's use of the "N" word to describe his son's girlfriend.

Well, tonight Dog tried to explain everything by Larry King, saying he thinks he was set up by his son Tucker -- well, we know he was set up by his son Tucker and the girlfriend -- even before Tucker sold the audiotape to the "National Enquirer." It's very confusing.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

DUANE "DOG" CHAPMAN, BOUNTY HUNTER: One time outside my office these girls were going to jump Beth and tape record Beth and try to get her to fight.

LARRY KING, HOST, "LARRY KING LIVE": Your wife?

CHAPMAN: My wife, Beth, right. And they had dressed for the fight, had tank shirts on, these girls. So ended up one of them was Tucker's girlfriend.

So I called him up and said, you know, "What are you doing, son? What are you guys doing here?"

And the whole idea was the "Enquirer" magazine was trying to trap me using racial slurs.

First I thought, oh, my God. You know, well, people know it's the truth. I thought, you know, people know it's me. They know me.

KING: You didn't think anything would happen?

CHAPMAN: Well, I knew it would happen, but I went, "Oh, my God. Here I have to explain now." What -- you

know, why I think I'm cool with the black race. And I thought -- I was thinking, God, America just don't -- wouldn't understand that.

And then when it happened, I thought, you know, wait a minute. You know, people know me. They know that I'm not prejudiced; I'm not like that. I've come a long way. And, Larry, it's tough to be a nobody and then work up to be a somebody. There's -- and some of old things still hang onto you.

Unfortunately, my vocabulary. I'm not -- trying not to swear. The "F" word, the "A" word, the "P" word, the "N" word. I'm trying not to use any of those words. Then I won't be accustomed to just letting this stuff fly. I have quit swearing for four or five days. And now to hear the "F" word when people use it, it kind of upsets me a little bit in my spirit: "Oh, what are you saying?"

And I thought today, you mean, when I swore like that, that's what it meant to people?

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: I can't explain that. I watched the whole thing. It lasts an hour. You can watch it on "LARRY KING LIVE" later tonight.

That does it for this edition of 360. For our international viewers, "CNN TODAY" is next. Here in America, "Death Grip: Inside Pro Wrestling," a CNN special investigation, starts right now.

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Familiar face in murder case resurfaces with adjusted attitude

By Marc Perrusquia

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

From the tumor on his brain that he nicknamed "Harvey" to his violent outbursts and his odd, backwoods humor, not much is ordinary about John Mark Byers.

For 14 years those eccentricities made him a suspect in the court of public opinion built up around the 1993 West Memphis child murders.

A long-haired mammoth of a man with curious ties to cops and drug dealers, Byers was the adoptive parent of one of three 8-year-old boys found nude and hog-tied in a drainage ditch.

Defense lawyers and filmmakers pointed accusing fingers at Byers, something he says sent him into a downward spiral of booze, drugs and a prison stint. For years, he hated and largely avoided the media.

But now, as new defense evidence has emerged that alleges three men were wrongly convicted and hints at the guilt of an uncharged party, Byers has a new persona.

With a shaved head and suit and tie, Byers is giving media interviews, saying he believes the three defendants he once hated are innocent. He also claims to hold damning evidence about the man he says actually did it.

"I'm not that crazy hillbilly they made me out to be," Byers told The Commercial Appeal on Monday in a Downtown public relations office where he vowed to unveil his new evidence soon.

"I'm not backing up. And this Southern boy does not run."

Calling himself "a 6-foot-6, 245-pound red herring," Byers, 50, said suspicions about him caused him years of pain and stress.

But he says he's resting easy since defense lawyers filed legal papers last month in federal court in Little Rock. Citing new DNA evidence, those papers assert that convicted murderers Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley are innocent. Among findings by a defense team of forensic pathologists and DNA

specialists are two hairs found at the crime scene that defense lawyers say link one of the victim's parents to the crime scene.

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."

Byers confirmed in the interview at the offices of Carter Malone Group public relations firm that he's writing a book and that Hollywood movie producers have bought his "life rights." He declined to say how much he stands to make.

Carter Malone account supervisor Kalisa Hyman said the firm has been hired by Clear Pictures, a Hollywood production company that plans to make a movie based on the West Memphis murders. The firm has bought the life stories of several people tied to the case, Hyman said. The company has also bought Hobbs' life rights, she said.

Nonetheless, Byers said his coming forward has nothing to do with money and everything to do with the memory of his son, Christopher Byers.

"I was compelled to find out the truth for my son and his two friends," he said. "If it was your son wouldn't you go to the end of world to find out the truth?"

The case has puzzled and horrified since the bodies of Christopher and his two friends, Stevie Branch and Michael Moore, were pulled from a rainy weather creek in a woods along Interstate 40 in West Memphis. A month later, police arrested Echols, Baldwin and Misskelley -- all teenagers -- and charged them with capital murder. Echols now is on death row, and Baldwin and Misskelley are serving life sentences.

Prosecutors contended at trial that the murders were satanic slayings, presenting evidence that the teens were involved in occult practices.

Yet suspicion fell on Byers after he gave a New York film crew a knife that later was found to have human blood on it. Byers said Monday the folding knife had on its hinge a spot of dried blood so small DNA testing at the time could only determine a blood type. It was the blood type of both Byers and Christopher. The two weren't biologically related; a stepson, Christopher was adopted by Byers.

When that film crew produced a movie, "Paradise Lost," and a sequel, both of which aired on HBO, Byers said he was introduced to a national audience as a crazed, backwoods nut.

He was seen in one film shooting pumpkins in a woods and likening the explosions to the wounded heads of Echols and his co-defendants and in the sequel lighting three graves in effigy on fire. Looking back, Byers said he blames himself for his odd behavior, blaming it on grief and stress he was under. After the murders, he served 15 months in prison for burglary and said he's been in rehab several times.

"I missed the day in school when they said, 'Here's how you're supposed to act if your son is murdered.' I must have been hunting or fishing or playing hooky."

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Reputation is ruined, says stepdad of boy killed in '93

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The pieces appeared to be falling into place.

The DNA testing.

The discovery of previously unknown details about the night of May 5, 1993.

A potential new suspect.

So on Oct. 29, 2007, defense attorneys felt confident filing new federal court documents contending that Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley had been wrongly convicted of killing three 8-year-old boys.

The attorneys revealed the results of ongoing DNA testing, turning their spotlight on Terry Hobbs, the stepfather of one of the West Memphis boys.

Two days later, a panel of forensics experts and a former FBI agent again pointed at Hobbs, saying he should have been questioned by police at the time of the slayings.

Hobbs, 49, is angry, saying that in the past year, defense investigators have ruined his reputation and caused him to have a nervous breakdown.

"I want people to know I haven't done nothing wrong," he said in a Friday night interview at a Memphis barbecue restaurant. "I want them to hear it from me."

The defense contends that DNA results are irrefutable and that an evolving timeline of that night shows Hobbs had motive and opportunity.

Former FBI profiler John Douglas, who has investigated Hobbs for the defense over the past year, says his subject has a dark side. He says two separate interviews revealed very different versions of Terry Hobbs.

"You're talking to a saint — the all-American father, a great husband. And then there's the rest of the story. We are talking about two different people."

It's been nearly 15 years since the nude, hogtied bodies of Stevie Branch, Michael Moore and Chris Byers were discovered in a drainage ditch that runs through West Memphis' Robin Hood Hills area, where the children often played.

All three of the boys had suffered numerous abrasions and puncture wounds. Most

disturbing, however, were Chris Byers' injuries. There were cuts on his inner thighs and a portion of his genitalia had been mutilated and removed.

A month later, police arrested three locals: Echols, 18; Baldwin, 16; and Misskelley, 17. In two trials that focused heavily on allegations of Satanism, all three were convicted. Echols was sentenced to death, while Misskelley and Baldwin received life sentences.

Spurred by HBO documentaries on the case, skeptics from across the nation formed a grassroots movement that eventually came to be known as Free the West Memphis 3. Money collected by supporters eventually secured a high-profile team of attorneys and forensics experts, who, in recent months have revitalized interest and publicity in the case.

The crux of the defense rests on DNA testing that wasn't available in 1993.

In the court documents filed Oct. 29, 2007, defense attorneys said testing thus far hasn't linked any of the three men to the crime scene. And six forensics experts contend that animals — not satanic rituals — caused the boys' wounds. These injuries, they added, occurred after death.

Lawyers for Echols plan to take their new appeal to a state judge this month. The decision comes after U. S. District Judge William Wilson Jr. asked Echols to present parts of his appeal to state courts before turning to federal courts. Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel said last month that he's frustrated by "a misleading press campaign" suggesting that there is new DNA evidence exonerating the three men. And he stood by a state medical examiner's conclusion that Chris' scrotum was cut off by a knife.

A YEAR OF SCRUTINY Defense investigators arrived on Hobbs' doorstep in late February 2007. Hobbs was leery but invited them inside. "It was raining," he explained. The investigators, both from a private Memphis firm, had two questions: Can you account for your whereabouts on May 5, 1993 ?

Why didn't the West Memphis Police Department ever question you about the boys' murders ?

Before leaving, unbeknownst to Hobbs, the pair took cigarette butts from an ashtray in his living room and the front yard.

"They used to call that stealing," Hobbs said, thumping the table for emphasis.

Over the next few months, investigators talked to Hobbs' neighbors and family. They also were in frequent contact with Hobbs' ex-wife, Pam, who has long accused Hobbs — to his face and in the media — of killing Stevie, he said. "She hurt so bad, she would lash out. She didn't think I was hurting and wanted me to feel her pain."

During such arguments, he said, Pam would yell — "You killed my son !"

Meanwhile, investigators continued to dig, tracking down a video from a neighborhood bar he used to visit with his ex-wife. The tape shows the couple involved in a lengthy

fight, Hobbs said.

On March 7, Hobbs suffered an emotional breakdown, he said. He staked a sign in his front yard, putting the contents of his rental house up for sale. "I walked away. I put myself out on the street."

He spent the next few months living in a yellow Ford pickup with his teenage daughter.

He can't explain why the investigators' visit prompted this reaction. "These are things men don't like to talk about," Hobbs said.

He also blames frequent media attention over the past 15 years. "None of us families have had a chance to go through the healing process," he said. "But I never let this thing take a toll on me until last year."

Maybe it was because he was writing a book about the case, Hobbs said, adding, "You relive it."

Meanwhile, the defense's investigation intensified, especially after forensics experts said a hair found in Michael's ligatures matched mitochondrial DNA on the cigarette butts taken from Hobbs' home.

In May, Hobbs met again with the defense investigators at their request. He stayed awhile but didn't cooperate, he said. Around this time, he began attending church and got a job in sales at a lumber company.

In June, he was summoned to the West Memphis Police Department for questioning. His ex-wife had been talking to officers about some pocketknives he once owned, Hobbs said, adding, "It wasn't nothing."

On Oct. 9, Hobbs began attending support group meetings to deal with his stepson's death, he said.

A few weeks later, in the Oct. 29 filing, defense attorneys said further DNA evidence linked Hobbs to the crime scene. A second hair, found on a tree stump, belonged to a man Hobbs had visited the evening the boys disappeared, they said, adding that they didn't believe the man had been at the crime scene.

A few days later, Hobbs received a note from the support group he had just joined. It asked that he not return until "all the uncertainties are cleared up."

Members of a second group have remained supportive, he said, as has the congregation of his current church and his coworkers.

THE DEFENSE'S THEORY Twice during the late summer, Hobbs met with former FBI profiler Douglas, once at a mall and again at the downtown Holiday Inn. The first interview was pleasant, he said. Douglas agreed, saying Hobbs presented himself well, making the retired agent wonder if he was investigating the wrong man. "After about two hours, I told the person I'm with — 'Jesus, I don't know about this guy.'" Over the next few days, however, Douglas interviewed others. By the time he was done, he knew

Hobbs had lied repeatedly to him in the previous interview, Douglas said.

Douglas contends that: Hobbs beat his first wife and his second wife, Pam; he was abused by his own parents; he abused Stevie and his younger daughter.

The second interview didn't go so well. "He was rattled when we confronted him," Douglas said.

Douglas said he believes the killings occurred after Hobbs set out to taunt and punish Stevie and his friends. The killings happened, he said, when Hobbs realized things had gone beyond "teaching a lesson."

The defense questions why Hobbs reportedly ventured near the crime scene during a search for the boys but then turned back, saying he had a creepy feeling.

"I know you've all heard the lowdown about me," Hobbs says in response during the interview at the Memphis restaurant. "But it ain't all lowdown."

He's always been a good husband, he said, and while he and Pam once got into an altercation during which he slapped her and shot her brother, the abuse she suffered for many years was inflicted by others. That 1994 shooting, he said, happened in self-defense after the man jumped him. "Yeah, I shot the dude. He was a big guy." The brother survived the shooting.

Hobbs scoffed at investigators' assertions that he was abused by his own parents, alternately describing his dad as a man with a redhead's temper and as an upstanding Pentecostal minister.

He was reluctant to discuss the subject further, however, saying again that it's a "man thing."

"They've gone around to my family and have put together things they said. I've heard some things I didn't know or care about. I had a good dad and mom."

Asked about allegations that he disliked or abused Stevie, Hobbs said, "He called me Dad. We had a blast. We didn't have a hostile relationship."

On the night the boys disappeared, Hobbs said, he did go down the path that led to the crime scene.

"I couldn't breathe. I froze. The hair started standing up."

He described the odor of blood, saying he knows the scent because of the time he worked with his dad, a butcher, but said he didn't smell it on the path. "I had to get out of there. Something just wasn't right. I don't know what came over me. I don't remember if I told police."

He's glad he wasn't the one to discover the bodies, Hobbs said, adding, "They were buried underwater."

He finds it a strange twist to watch Chris Byers' stepdad, Mark Byers, go from being an

implied suspect in two HBO documentaries to one of Hobbs' accusers. "They were bashing him, and I kept saying, ' He didn't do this. '"

He thinks Byers and his exwife have turned on him because of attention and the promise of money.

"It shames you, something like this. That's the biggest thing I've had to deal with — shame."

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Retrial sought in '94 slayings

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Jason Baldwin's 1994 capital-murder trial lacked numerous witnesses who could have played a pivotal role in his defense — from the art teacher who could have given him an alibi to the juvenile-detention supervisor who says the sheriff ordered her out of town to avoid testifying, according to documents filed Friday in Craighead County Circuit Court.

Baldwin's current defense team filed a 1, 500-page writ of habeas corpus and exhibits, petitioning the court to either vacate his conviction or grant him a new trial in light of DNA evidence obtained in the past year.

On Thursday, his attorneys filed a different writ with the Arkansas Supreme Court that claims prosecutors withheld crucial evidence from Baldwin's trial attorneys. They also filed an Amended Petition for Relief under Rule 37 that claims a multitude of errors, including improper deliberations by the jury and prosecutorial misconduct.

Friday's filing says trial attorneys bungled Baldwin's defense by failing to call key witnesses and by not hiring a private investigator. It also requests a new trial per the state's DNA law, which allows anyone convicted of a crime to ask for a re-examination of evidence if new tests or science have become available.

Baldwin, who, at age 16, was the youngest of the three teenage defendants, was convicted and sentenced to life 15 years ago for the murders of three 8-year-old boys: Steve Branch, Michael Moore and Chris Byers. Baldwin and Damien Echols were tried together. Echols, then 18, received a death sentence. Jessie Misskelley, then 17, was tried separately, having given police a confession that would later be deemed inadmissible in the other boys' joint trial.

The trials and convictions gained national attention at the time because of the lurid allegations of satanic and sexual rituals involved in the murders. 'I WANT TO GET IT OVER WITH'

Over the years, the three defendants have attracted an international following of people and celebrities who believe that the investigation and resulting trials were flawed. The intense scrutiny has long irritated prosecutors and state officials, who contend justice was served.

In a court hearing this spring, Craighead County Circuit Judge David Burnett ordered all involved in the case to quit talking to news media before appeals hearings scheduled for the fall.

"I'm tired of reading about this case in the newspapers and seeing it on television," he said as he took the bench on April 15. "I'll find you in contempt of court if I see any news account that attributes [information] to an attorney."

The judge expressed frustration with the repeated questioning of the men's convictions. "This has been going on 15 years. I want to get it over with."

The case gained new momentum in the past year as the results of new DNA testing emerged.

Those results were noted in Friday's filing, the most significant being the lack of DNA found at the crime scene or on the victims' bodies. Defense attorneys contend that if one adheres to the state's theory that the children were killed in a bloody, satanic, sexual ritual, DNA from the defendants would have to have been left behind.

The filing refers to the findings of six scientists, all of whom agree that the boys' injuries were caused by animal predation after death — not a knife, as prosecutors argued at trial.

Also at issue are two hairs that appear to link Terry Hobbs, the stepfather of one of the boys, to the crime scene. In June 2007, after DNA results began appearing in the news media, the **West Memphis** Police Department asked Hobbs to go in for another interview. He denied any involvement in the murders — to detectives and, later, to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

In Friday's filing, the defense points again at Hobbs, citing an interview with a woman he dated for six months in 2002-03. The woman said Hobbs told her that he was the first to find the boys' bodies but didn't tell the police or his wife about his discovery.

"That's so crazy," Hobbs said Friday when asked about her claims. "Some people will say anything to get their 15 seconds of fame, and that, to me, sounds like one of those people."

The woman, he said, wasn't a girlfriend. She was interested in him, but he didn't reciprocate.

"And no," he added. "I didn't find the boys' bodies." **WHAT THE JURY DIDN'T HEAR**

In Friday's filing, defense attorneys repeatedly refer to witnesses who they say either were intimidated into silence or were never called by the defense, despite having shared information with Baldwin's attorneys before trial.

In one affidavit, a potential witness said former Craighead County Sheriff Larry Emison threatened her.

Joyce Cureton oversaw the Juvenile Detention Center in Jonesboro, where Baldwin was held before and during his trial. Before trial, defense attorneys contacted her, hoping her testimony would help discredit one of the prosecution's star witnesses — a juvenile inmate, Michael Carson, who claimed that Baldwin told him that he dismembered the boys and sucked blood from their genitals. Cureton also could have authenticated records showing that Carson and Baldwin appeared to have been alone together on only one occasion. Defense attorneys also wanted her to attest to Baldwin's gentle nature and good behavior at the facility.

In her affidavit, Cureton said: "The then-sheriff, Larry Emison, instructed me to get out of Craighead County immediately. He told me I better not be in court."

Cureton says she obeyed, leaving for Newport with her husband.

"I regretted leaving town to avoid testifying at Jason's sentencing," she added. "I would not have left if the sheriff had not instructed me to do so."

Emison did not return a call for comment Friday. Additional affidavits from numerous detention center staff members and former inmates support Cureton's assertion that Carson lied about Baldwin bragging about the killings.

All say that Baldwin refused to talk about the case and repeatedly denied any involvement. Former employees, relying on old records and logbooks, say Baldwin and Carson once played cards together, but nothing was said about the murders. Former inmates who were in that game also deny that Baldwin offered a confession. None of these people were called to testify in 1994.

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Step-father of a West Memphis Three victim writing book

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The man now suspected in the West Memphis Three murders 15 years ago is writing a tell-all book.

Jason Baldwin, Jessie Misskelley and Damien Echols are in prison for the killing of three boys 15 years ago. But in recent months, Echols' defense team said DNA evidence has claimed that one of the victim's stepfather, Terry Hobbs, is the real killer.

Action News 5 has learned a hearing is scheduled for later this month to make sure attorneys are ready to go forward with a hearing on new DNA results.

Damien Echols' attorneys hopes it leads to a new trial.

Terry Hobbs said he just may go to that hearing. He also said he has got a book deal.

"I am not a child killer. I was a step parent back then and we were a family on our feet doing well and when this happened. It just blows your world away and to see it go on for 15 years and to see what has gone on for the past year and a half has been devastating and highly wrong," Hobbs said.

Hobbs is the stepfather of Stevie Branch, one of the boys murdered by the so called West Memphis Three. He has been named as a suspect in the murders of the three cub scouts by Damien Echols' defense team. Echols is on death row. Echols' attorneys said new DNA testing identified a hair found at the crime scene that ties Hobbs to the crimes.

"I haven't done a thing wrong and everybody knows that," Hobbs said.

A hearing on the new evidence is scheduled for next month. Hobbs said he may go to that hearing.

"To look at the people that done me like that, 'cause I imagine they are all going to be sitting there. I would like to just walk in and look at them," Hobbs said.

Hobbs also said he has kept a journal that began that day in May the bodies of the three boys were discovered .

"Part of it is in the hands of a publisher or a book writer...not a publisher, a writer. I think we are going to write a pretty good story about this," Hobbs said.

Hobbs also said it is about 300-400 pages and said someone in Hollywood wants the first rights to the book.

Hobbs said Echols' defense team wanted to look at his journal and he would not let them.

Hobbs said Echols' defense team thought he confessed to the murders in his journal and that is why they wanted to read it.

He said that is not true and he has never let them look at it.

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