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   A]
        Yes, sir.
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   Q]
        Things got out of control?
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        Yes, sir.
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                   MR. HENDRIX: I pass the witness. Nothing
              further.
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                   MR. HOLT: No questions.
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                   THE COURT: All right, you can stand down.
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              free to go. Thank you.
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                   THE WITNESS: Thank you.
    (Witness excused.)
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                   THE COURT: Call your next witness.
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                   MR. HENDRIX:
                                  Jennifer Bearden.
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                   THE COURT: Raise your right hand and be sworn.
    (Witness sworn.)
   THEREUPON,
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                         JENNIFER BEARDEN
   was called as a witness by and on behalf of the Petitioner/
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   Defendant and having duly sworn, was examined and testified as
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   follows, to-wit:
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                         DIRECT-EXAMINATION
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   BY MR. HENDRIX:
   Q]
         Jennifer, tell us your name, please?
         Jennifer Bearden.
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   [A]
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   Q]
        How old are you right now?
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         Twenty-nine.
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- 1 Q At some point in your past did you know Damien Echols,
- 2 | Jason Baldwin or Jessie Misskelley?
- 3 [A] I did.
- 4 ||Q| Generally, when was that?
- 5 | A] 1993.
- 6 | Q | Where were you living at the time?
- 7 [A] I lived in Bartlett, Tennessee.
- 8 | Q | How old were you then?
- 9 | A] Twelve.
- 10 |Q |Going to school?
- 11 | A] Yes.
- 12 | Q | Where were you going to school?
- 13 [A] Ellendale Elementary.
- 14 | Q Okay. Let me, I'm going to now kind of skip ahead. Where
- 15 | do you live now?
- 16 [A] I live in Bauxite, Arkansas.
- 17 | Q] Okay. Are you working?
- 18 | A] Yes.
- 19 | Q | What do you do for a living?
- 20 [A] I'm a paralegal.
- 21 ||Q] For who?
- 22 | A] Ellings Law Firm.
- 23 [Q] That's in Little Rock?
- 24 | A] Yes.
- 25 | Q | When did you move out of the Memphis/West Memphis area?

- 1 | A] 2000.
- 2 | Q Did you end up going to college?
- 3 | A] Yes.
- 4 | Q | Where did you go to school?
- 5 [A] I spent a couple of years at ASU and then I graduated from
- 6 | UALR.
- 7 | Q Okay. And what's your degree in?
- 8 | A | I have a bachelor's in criminal justice.
- 9 | Q Uh, working for a law firm now; any future plans, any post-
- 10 || graduate plans?
- 11 | A] Right now I'm studying for the LSAT.
- 12 | Q Is that to go to law school?
- 13 | A | Yes.
- 14 | Q | Now back in time. How did you meet Damien and Jason?
- 15 [A] I met them at the skating rink in West Memphis.
- 16 | Q | And was that sort of a popular hangout for kids?
- 17 | Al Yes.
- 18 | THE COURT: You need to speak louder, please.
- 19 | DIRECT-EXAMINATION, continuing:
- 20 [Q] Who were your friends; who were you hanging out with at the
- 21 | time?
- 22 | A] I usually went there with Holly George.
- 23 | Q | Give us a timeframe. When do you recollect having met
- 24 || Jason and Damien?
- 25 [A] I believe it was February, 1993.

- 1 | Q Okay. And y'all stayed in contact after that?
- 2 | A] Yes.
- 3 | Q All right. How would y'all stay in contact?
- 4 | A] Oh, we spoke almost daily by phone. And we saw each other
- 5 | at the skating rink and, uh, a couple of other places.
- 6 | Q And Jennifer, explain that to us in a little bit more
- 7 | detail. How - well, let me back up. You guys would talk on
- 8 | the phone?
- 9 | A] Yes.
- 10 | Q Okay. And this started in 1993. How long did all of this
- 11 | contact last?
- 12 [A] Uh, until they got arrested.
- 13 Q Which would have been in June of '94?
- 14 | A] June of '93.
- 15 Q Pardon me. June of '93?
- 16 | A | Yes.
- 17 | Q] Talking on the phone; did you also see them and have
- 18 | personal contact with them?
- 19 [A] Yes, at the skating rink, uh, I saw them once at Lakeshore
- 20 | and saw them at the Esperanza Bonanza.
- 21 ||Q] As far as "seeing" the personal contact, how often would
- 22 | that be?
- 23 | A] I believe it was about every weekend.
- 24 ||Q| You would see them on the weekends and then chatting on the
- 25 | phone, I assume?

||A| Yes.

- 2 Q Explain sort of the phone situation. How often were you 3 quys talking; how did that work out?
- 4 A A Oh, we talked, I believe, every single day. Uh, either
- 5 | Holly or myself called them and sometimes we were on the phone,
- 6 | all three of us, you know, and sometimes just myself and Damien.
- 7 | Uh, but I always called them. They did not have my phone
- 8 | number.
- 9 Q So kind of explain to us the relationship angle, the
- 10 | friendship angle here. Who's more friends with who; is there a
- 11 | little boyfriend/girlfriend thing going?
- 12 | A] Uh, there was a little bit, uh, you know, I think Holly and
- 13 | I and Jason talked a little bit. Uh, Damien and I talked a
- 14 | little bit. You know, I talked to Jason some, but rarely with-
- 15 | out Holly on the phone. I think Holly talked to Damien some,
- 16 but rarely without me on the phone.
- 17 $\|Q\|$ Were the girls calling the boys, or were the boys calling
- 18 | the girls, or what?
- 19 [A] Uh, I called. They never called me, uh, like I say, 'cause
- 20 | my phone number was not given out. Uh, a lot of times if Damien
- 21 | wanted to speak to me, he called Holly first and Holly would let
- 22 | me know. We called them a lot.
- 23 ||Q| Were y'all doing three-way calling?
- 24 | Al Yes.
- 25 ||Q| How did that work?

- AHolly had three-way, so she would usually call me and then we would call either Damien or Jason and talk to them.
- So if like Holly could call you and then Holly could also get Damien or Jason on the phone? 4
- A] Yes. 5

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- So everybody is talking at the same time? 6
- 7 A] Yes.
- 8 Q] Uh, where was the contact, phone contact, where would 9 Damien and Jason be?
- 10 Uh, Damien, you know, usually when I spoke to Damien, he 11 was at his house; sometimes he was at Jason's house. 12 Holly spoke to Jason a lot at Jason's house.
- 13 So there might be direct phone calls between, say, Holly 14 and Jason at Jason's house; there might be three-way calls: 15 Holly to you to either Damien or Jason, that sort of thing?
- 16 Αl Yes.
- 17 Now were all of the phone calls to Damien and Jason always 18 together, or were they separate; Damien would be at his house, 19 and Jason would be at his house, or what?
- 20 Αl Yeah, sometimes they were separate.
- 21 Q1 Uh, so you knew these kids for about what, four months?
- 22 Αl About four months, yes.
- 23 Q] And they would contact - - let me talk about your 24 impressions. What did you think, first, about Damien?
- Αl 25 Uh, Damien was, he was a very nice guy. Uh, kind of vain,

- 1 kind of full of himself a little bit. And he was a very nice 2 guy.
- 3 ||Q| How about Jason?
- 4 | A] He was very nice, very sweet, kind of quiet, but very nice.
- 5 Q During any of this time with the phone contact, personal
- 6 | contact, did you hear either Damien or Jason talking about or
- 7 | being interested in Satanism, witchcraft, the occult, anything
- 8 | like that?
- 9 | A No.
- 10 Q Did you also know Jessie Misskelley?
- 11 | A | I knew him a little bit.
- 12 | Q | What kind of contact did you have with him?
- 13 [A] Uh, I saw him at the skating rink several times.
- 14 | Q | Were you in, uh, did you have that phone relationship with
- 15 | Jessie that you had with Damien and, I quess, Jason?
- 16 [A] No, not at all.
- 17 $\|Q\|$ Okay. What was your sense of the relationship between
- 18 | Damien and Jason and Jessie?
- 19 [A] Uh, it was my experience that they didn't hang out, that
- 20 | they didn't really, uh, they weren't friends.
- 21 | Q And why do you say that?
- 22 | A] Uh, you know, whenever we were at the skating rink, uh,
- 23 | Jessie was, he, he was a little bit louder, little bit more -
- 24 || I don't know - he liked to cause a little bit more trouble.
- 25 | Q | Uh-huh?

- A] Uh, we kind of like stayed to ourselves and there was an incident that he stole the 8-ball from the pool table at the skating rink.
- [Q] Who are you talking about?
- 5 [A] Jessie.
- 6 | Q] Okay?
- 7 And, uh, he showed to us and actually, Damien and Jason got
- 8 | blamed for it. And they got kicked out of the skating rink for
- 9 ||it.

- 10 Q How did that impact the relationship between Damien and 11 Jason and Jessie?
- A] I mean, they were very upset with him. But again, I never really saw interact.
- Okay. Uh, let me kind of go back for a minute to the phone routine. What, uh, when would you get home from school?
- 16 |A| I usually was home about 3:15, 3:30.
- Okay. And what time would you normally go to bed or did
 your mom make you get off the phone?
- 19 A I was supposed to be off the phone by 9:30 and in bed by 20 10:00.
- Q] Okay. On a typical day during this time, when would the phone contact - let's say we're talking about a school night or a school day. When would the phone contact start and when would it typically end?
 - A] It usually started right after we got home from school, uh,

- 1 then it usually ended right before I went to bed.
- $2 \parallel Q \parallel$ Which was when?
- 3 [A] Uh, sometimes it was later than the 9:30 I was supposed to
- 4 | be off the phone; sometimes it was all the way up to 10:00.
- 5 | Q Okay. And did your mom know about, uh, the phone calls and
- 6 the friendship with Damien and Jason?
- 7 | A] No.
- 8 [Q] Okay. Now Jennifer, let's go specifically, I'm going to
- 9 | May 5th of 1993. Do you remember talking to Damien and/or Jason
- 10 | on that day or that evening?
- 11 | A] Yes.
- 12 [Q] First, how do you remember May 5^{th} ? Why do you remember
- 13 | that?
- 14 | A] It was very traumatic, you know, timeframe. A lot of
- 15 | things stick in my mind from that time.
- 16 | Q Okay. Tell us about your remembrance of the first phone
- 17 | call being placed on that day of May 5th; when was it and who did
- 18 || it involve?
- 19 | A | Holly called me when she got home and then we called
- 20 | Damien.
- 21 | Q | Where was, where did you call Damien?
- 22 [A] Uh, we called Damien at home.
- 23 ||Q| All right. Did y'all talk to him?
- 24 | A] Yes, we talked for a little while.
- 25 [Q] And then what?

- A] And then Holly's mom had to use the phone, so we all had to hang up.
- 3 | Q Okay. How did the conversation end?
- 4 [A] Damien told me to call him later at Jason's.
- 5 | Q All right. That's phone call number one. Phone call
- number two. Did you end up calling, uh, over to Jason's at some point?
- 8 [A] Yes.
- 9 Q I want to ask you what time...
- 10 | A] ...I'm sorry?
- II ||Q| Uh, my feeble brain was kind of messed up. Going back to
- 12 | phone call number one, what time was that?
- 13 [A] Uh, it would have been probably 3:15, 3:30, I mean, it
- 14 || wasn't...
- 15 || Q] ...okay?
- 16 [A] Probably 3:45 at the latest.
- 17 | Q Okay. Now second phone call. You called over to Jason's
- 18 | to talk to Damien. Do you remember that?
- 19 | A] Yes.
- 20 | Q And when do you remember that being?
- 21 [A] Uh, I would have had to give him time to get there, so I
- 22 | believe it was probably around 4:30, 5:00.
- 24 | A] Uh, I called, Jason answered, uh, I think I spoke to him
- 25 | for just a moment and then I spoke to Damien, uh, I got a little

- 1 aggravated because he was playing video games with Matt and they 2 weren't really talking.
- Q Did Damien indicate to you that he and Jason had to go do something?
- 5 | A] Yes.
- 6 Q What was that?
- $7 \parallel A$] He told me that he was going with Jason to his uncle's.
- 8 | Q Did he say why?
- 9 | A] No.
- 10 | Q] And you're talking about Jason's uncle?
- 11 | A] Yes.
- 12 | Q | And so Damien said "I gotta get off the phone 'cause we're
- 13 || going over to Jason's uncle's house"?
- 14 | A] Yes.
- 15 [Q] Do you recollect the name of the uncle?
- 16 | A] No, I don't.
- 17 Q All right. And so how did the call then end; were there
- 18 plans for more phone calls that evening, or what?
- 19 [A] Yes, he asked me to call him later that evening at home.
- 20 ||Q| All right. So that's two phone calls. Third phone call;
- 21 | was there a third phone call placed?
- 22 | A] Yes, I tried to call later that evening, uh, it was
- 23 probably around 8:30, uh, it was busy.
- 24 [Q] At Damien's house?
- 25 [A] Yes.

- Okay. So then what happens; did you get a busy signal, or what?
- 3 A I then called back and spoke to his grandmother and she 4 told me he wasn't there.
 - Q] Okay. And what time do you remember that being?
- 6 A It was before nine o'clock. She told me to call back
- 7 || around 9:00.

- 8 [Q] Did you end up calling back?
- $9 \mid \mid A \mid$ Yes, but it was closer to 9:20 when I called back.
- 10 ||Q| All right. And were you able to get a hold of Damien then?
- 11 [A] Yes.
- 12 ||Q| Did y'all talk?
- 13 [A] Yes.
- 14 $\|Q\|$ Do you remember how long then - and, and is this a three-
- 15 way or is this is just direct between you and Damien?
- 16 A No, this is just Damien and I.
- 17 | Q Uh, do you remember how long y'all talked?
- 18 A Uh, we spoke until ten o'clock.
- 19 | Q] Until 10:00 p.m.?
- 20 | Al Yes.
- 21 | 0 And was Jason over at Damien's?
- 22 [A] No.
- 23 Q And to your knowledge, Damien was at his house when you
- 24 | were talking to him?
- 25 | A] Yes.

- 1 | Q Okay. Uh, so on that last call that ended around ten
- 2 o'clock, was there anything unusual about that call; did you
- 3 | pick up anything unusual - well, let me get to the point. Did
- 4 | he say anything that you took to be unusual?
- 5 | A] No.
- 6 Q I assume it's fair to say he didn't confess to having just
- 7 | killed three kids?
- 8 | A] No.
- 9 | Q Uh, was there anything unusual in the tone of his voice;
- 10 | anything at all that you perceived to be out of the ordinary?
- 11 || A] No.
- 12 | Q Did he make any reference to getting ready to or having
- 13 | been with Jason and Jessie?
- 14 | A] No.
- 15 [Q] Okay. All right. The next day. May 6th, and let's cover
- 16 the time from May 6th up until the time that Damien and Jason got
- 17 | arrested. After the 10:00 p.m. May 5th, when was the next time
- 18 | you talked either to Damien or Jason?
- 19 [A] I would have spoken to him the very next day.
- 20 | Q And do you recollect anything unusual about the phone
- 21 | contact?
- 22 || A] Nothing.
- 23 [Q] And obviously, by then, the news that the little boys had
- 24 | been found was out; is that right?
- 25 | A] Yes.

1 Q] And you knew about it? Αl 2 Yes. And did y'all talk about it? 3 Q] Αl I don't remember talking about it at all. 4 5 What was the question? She's talking MR. HOLT: kind of fast in her answering? 6 7 THE COURT: I think the question do you remember talking about the incident of the three boys and she 8 9 said she didn't recall it at all. 10 Is that basically what you said, Miss? 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. 12 THE COURT: Have you not testified before? 13 THE WITNESS: Not in this matter; no. DIRECT-EXAMINATION, continuing: 14 15 Q] And now let's address that real quick. You ended up, I guess, meeting the police; is that right? 16 17 Αĵ Yes. 18 Q] You got interviewed by them? (Witness nods head affirmatively.) 19 ΑÌ 20 And did anybody from Jason's defense team, who you knew to Q] 21 be on Jason's defense team, ever talk to you? 22 Αl No. 23 Q] All right. How about Jessie's defense team? 24 Αl No.

Were you on the witness list for Jessie's trial?

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- 1 | A] Yes.
- 2 | Q | Were you called as a witness?
- 3 [A] No.
- 4 |Q| Okay. And do you assume it was the topic, had you been
- 5 | called, would have been about this, what you and I are talking
- 6 | about?
- 7 [A] I assume; yes.
- [Q] Okay. Now backing up to May 6^{th} , to the arrest date. Did
- 9 | the contacts, the phone contacts and personal contacts change,
- 10 | did the routine change?
- 11 | Al Not at all.
- 12 | Q | Were y'all still talking every day on the phone?
- 13 | Al Yes.
- 14 | Q | Were you still seeing each other at Skate World and
- 15 | Esperanza and on weekends and stuff?
- 16 | A | Yes.
- 17 [Q] Okay. During any of that time, Jennifer, and, and I'm
- 18 | asking you this now from your position in what you do for a
- 19 | living and being fair minded, and I know you'll be honest: any-
- 20 | thing during that time frame now trigger something in you that
- 21 | raises your eyebrow about the conduct of Damien and Jason?
- 22 [A] Nothing.
- 23 | Q That connects them in your mind in any way to the homicide?
- 24 [A] Nothing at all.
- 25 | Q Uh, finishing up, we already went over this, the fact that

1 you were on Jessie's witness list. Had you been contacted by 2 anybody involved in Jason's team, uh, would you have been 3 willing to testify? 4 ΑÌ Yes. And would you have testified consistently with what you 5 Q] said today? 6 A] 7 Yes. 8 Q] With what you've said today? 9 ΙAΊ Yes. And would that have been the truth? Q] 10 11 A] Yes. MR. HENDRIX: Thank you. 12 13 THE COURT: Have you not given prior testimony in 14 maybe Damien's case? THE WITNESS: No, sir. 15 MR. HENDRIX: Quick follow-ups. 16 DIRECT-EXAMINATION, continuing: 17 Who is Heather Cliett? 18 01 Heather Cliett, uh, she was, uh, lived in West Memphis, uh, 19 ΑŢ she was interested in Jason during that time we were friends. 20 21 And was Heather also involved in some of the phone calls, in the three-way phone calls? 22 Uh, no, I believe I spoke with Heather myself, you know, on 23 a three-way call. But she was never on the phone with Holly and 24 Holly and Heather did not get along. 25

- 1 Q Holly and Heather didn't get along, but Heather and you were good friends?
- 3 | A | Yes.
- 4 Q And Heather sort of had a boyfriend/girlfriend interest in 5 Jason?
- 6 | A] Yes.
- 7 | Q Okay. And so you've got this sort of triad, I'm gathering,
- 8 | the girls are Holly, Heather and Jennifer?
- 9 | A] Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. Gottcha. Uh, tell us, just so we know what we're
- 11 | talking about when we read this record, but what's "Esperanza"?
- 12 [A] Esperanza Bonanza is a, uh, it's just a little carnival
- 13 | that Marion holds, uh, I believe it's in, uh, I don't know what
- 14 | weekend in May it is, but it's just a little festival that they
- 15 | hold every year.
- 16 | Q | Where a lot of kids go?
- 17 || A) Yes.
- 18 Q In the Skate World, again, is this a popular place in West
- 19 | Memphis for the kids?
- 20 [A] Yes.
- 21 | Q | Was there something they did, like an all-night skate
- 22 | party?
- 23 [A] Yes, they did that.
- 24 ||Q] Was that during this time?
- 25 ||A] Yes, they, I think, did it once a month.

Q] Were you there?

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- 2 | A] I was at several of them; yes.
- 3 | Q | Damien and Jason, too?
- 4 [A] Uh, I remember them being at least one all-night.
- 5 Q Were either Holly or Heather, to your knowledge, well, I
- 6 | think they were interviewed by the police, they weren't called
- 7 | as witnesses, to your knowledge?
- 8 | A] Not to my knowledge.
- 9 | Q Just like you were never called as a witness?
- 10 | A] Correct.
 - MR. HENDRIX: I pass the witness.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 13 | BY MR. HOLT:
- 14 | Q | Your answer was a little funny, there. Have you testified
- 15 | in any of these proceedings at all?
- 16 A No.
- 17 | Q Okay. Any of the trials?
- 18 | A] No.
- 19 ||Q| Any of the hearings?
- 20 | A] No.
- 21 | Q Okay. All you've done, I think, is completed an affidavit
- 22 | and you've come here today and testified; is that right?
- 23 | A] I was initially supposed to testify in October of '98 at a
- 24 | hearing, but that never took place.
- 25 ||Q| Do you know why?

- 1 [A] No, I do not.
- 3 | after it happened, when I say "the incident," the murder of the
- 4 | three boys?
- 5 [A] I don't remember discussing it; no.
- 6 | Q Okay. And how is it that you remember that you made those
- 7 | particular calls on the night of the murder?
- 8 ||A] It was a very traumatic experience around that whole time.
- 9 | I mean, I remember a lot about that time.
- 10 [Q] Okay. But you never, I assume that you, the next night or
- 11 | the next night that you talked on the phone with Jason and
- 12 Damien; that relationship continued, didn't it?
- 13 | A] Yes.
- 14 | O | And when did it end?
- 15 [A] When they were arrested.
- 16 | Q Okay. So it continued for, I guess, daily calls for
- 17 | another month?
- 18 | A] Yes.
- 19 | Q] Every day?
- 20 | A] Yes.
- 21 | Q | And so that's how you remember that you made those particu-
- 22 | lar calls in that time?
- 23 [A] Yes.
- 24 [Q] Okay. Now let's see. Uh, Now your birthday is July, 24th,
- 25 | 1980?

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- 1 [A] Yes.
- 2 | Q Okay. So when you were making these calls and having these
- 3 | three-way conversations in sort of a boyfriend/girlfriend
- 4 | situation with Damien and Jason, uh, you were what - twelve
- 5 | years old?
- 6 | A | Yes.
- 7 [Q] Okay. And I believe you did say your mother, your parents
- 8 | weren't aware that you were doing this?
- 9 ||A| No.
- 10 Q Okay. So they weren't aware and you didn't tell them, did
- 11 || you?
- 12 A No.
- 14 ||A] When the police asked to speak to us.
- 15 ||Q| Okay. Not when the boys were arrested?
- 16 [A] No.
- 17 | Q Okay. You said in that affidavit that you signed, you said
- 18 | at no time do you remember Damien or Jason "talking to me about
- 19 | witchcraft, cults, or other matters of that kind, which I was
- 20 | later asked about by the police." When you say "other matters
- 21 |of that kind," what else would you consider that to be?
- 22 | A] Anything, I mean, we never spoke anything about religion,
- 23 | anything like that.
- 24 ||Q] No religion?
- 25 | A] No.

- 1 | Q You didn't know anything about what Damien professed to be?
- 2 | A] Not that I remember.
- 3 | Q Okay. He never told you that he was a Wiccan?
- 4 | A] I know I had heard that, but I don't believe he actually
- 5 | told me that.
- 6 | Q Okay. Well, how did you hear that?
- 7 [A] I believe somebody around the skating rink said that.
- 8 | Q | So did you come to the - I'm sorry about this, but did
- 9 | you come to the - because I don't know - did you come to the
- 10 | skating rink from Bartlett, or did you live in West Memphis at
- 11 | the time?
- 12 | A] No, I came from Bartlett.
- 13 | Q | You came from Bartlett. How did you get there?
- 14 | A] My mom drove me.
- 15 | Q Okay. And I believe there at the time, you also were
- 16 | familiar with other people including Jessie Misskelley?
- 17 [A] I knew him from the skating rink; yes.
- 18 | Q Okay. Buddy Lucas?
- 19 [A] I met him once in Lakeshore.
- 20 | Q Okay. Well, back to what you talked about. Did you ever,
- 21 | did Jason or Damien ever talk about horror movies to you, or
- 22 | anything like that; was that kind of a theme?
- 23 [A] Not that I remember.
- 24 | Q Okay. Well, what did you spend all of your time talking
- 25 | about?

- 1 A We talked about music a lot; just people we knew in common.
- 2 | Q | Who else did you know in common?
- 3 [A] Uh, we were trying to set Holly and Jason up.
- 4 | Q I see. Now how old was Holly?
- 5 | A] She was my age.
- 6 Q Twelve; Holly was twelve, too?
- 7 | A] Actually, Holly was thirteen.
- 8 | Q Oh, okay. What a time to be thirteen, I guess. Have you
- 9 | maintained contact with Mr. Baldwin?
- 10 | A] No.
- 11 | Q Did you ever go visit him at prison?
- 12 | Al No.
- 13 | Q | In the jail?
- 14 [A] No.

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- MR. HOLT: I pass the witness.
- MR. HENDRIX: Just a few follow-ups here.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 | BY MR. HENDRIX

- 19 | Q You were asked why you remember specifically this day phone
- 20 | call of May 5th. Has this case, although I understand you've not
- 21 | had any contact with Jason since, has a profound impact on you
- 22 || as a person?
- 23 | A Yes. It solidified my, you know, wants and desires to work
- 24 || in the criminal justice system. And it was very traumatic. I
- 25 | lost a lot of friends during this time.

- 1 ||Q] Why?
- 2 A Uh, when I was listed as a witness for Jessie's trial, uh,
- 3 | it was published in the paper and some of my friends' parents
- 4 | read it and they were forbidden to speak to me.
- 5 | Q | Why would you have lost friends for being a witness?
- 6 A Because, I mean, everyone was convinced that they were all
- 7 | evil. And, of course, if I was a witness, then I was bad.
- 8 |Q] You were interviewed by the police?
- 9 | A] Yes.
- 10 | Q And y'all talked, they asked you to explain the phone
- 11 || calls?
- 12 | A] Yes.
- 13 Q Okay. And did you, before I guess February of '94, or
- 14 | around that time, were you interviewed by a Ron Lax?
- 15 | A | Yes.
- 16 | Q | And did you understand him to be a representative for
- 17 | Echols' team?
- 18 [A] I knew he was a private investigator, but I didn't know
- 19 | which one he was for.
- 20 | Q And did y'all talk about the same topic: the phone calls?
- 21 | A] Yes.
- 22 [Q] So the phone calls were not a mystery?
- 23 | A] Right.
- 24 ||Q| You have given that information to a private investigator
- 25 | and the police; right?

1 AYes. 2 During this time did you ever go to Jason's house? Q] 3 ANo. 01 Over at Lakeshore? 4 5 AI went to Lakeshore, but I did not go to Jason's house. Q] 6 Okay. 7 MR. HENDRIX: That's all I have. Thank you. MR. HOLT: Just one question. 8 9 RE-CROSS EXAMINATION 10 BY MR. HOLT: So you're saying that this whole incident had a profound 11 12 effect on you? 13 A] Yes. 14 In terms of going into the criminal justice system. 15 you never talked about it; they never brought this case up to 16 you when you were talking to them on the phone? 17 Αl No. 18 Q] And you never brought it up? Αl 19 No. 20 MR. HOLT: That's all. 21 MR. HENDRIX: Nothing further. 22 THE COURT: All right, court will be in recess 23 until one o'clock. And ma'am, you're excused. 24 (Witness excused.)

THE COURT:

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Call your next witness.