

1 A Three.

2 Q In the afternoon?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Did he skip school that day?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q He went the entire day?

7 A Yes, sir.

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(WITNESS EXCUSED)

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PAM HOBBS

10 having been first duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth
11 and nothing but the truth, then testified as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

14 Q Will you please state your name and where you currently
15 live?

16 A Pam Hobbs. I'm staying in Blytheville, Arkansas.

17 Q Who are you living there with?

18 A I'm staying with my parents for now.

19 Q Back in May of 1993, where were you living?

20 A In West Memphis, 1601 South McCauley.

21 Q What is your relationship to Steve Branch?

22 A I'm his mother.

23 Q How old is Steve?

24 A He was eight.

25 Q What grade was he?

1 A Second.

2 Q Where did he go to school?

3 A Weaver Elementary.

4 Q Do you remember who his teacher was?

5 A Miss Jones.

6 Q On May 5th, 1993, do you know where you were that day?

7 A Where I was?

8 Q Uh-huh.

9 A At home before I had to get ready to go to work.

10 Q What time did you go to work?

11 A I left for work at 4:50.

12 Q And then you worked up into the night?

13 A Until 9:25.

14 Q Were you at work when you discovered that Steve was
15 missing?

16 A Uh-huh.

17 Q I want you to if you can to take this marker and highlight
18 on this State's Exhibit Two the location of where you lived at
19 that time.

20 A (MARKING)

21 Q You have highlighted an address with an arrow to the
22 location?

23 A Um-hum.

24 Q Did Steve have a bicycle?

25 A Yes, he did.

1 Q I want to direct your attention to what I have marked for
2 identification as State's Exhibit Four. Do you recognize that?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Whose bike was that?

5 A Stevie's.

6 Q How long had he had that?

7 A About two weeks.

8 MR. FOGLEMAN: Offer State's Exhibit Four.

9 THE COURT: Any objection?

10 MR. STIDHAM: No objection.

11 THE COURT: It may be received without objection.

12 (STATE'S EXHIBIT FOUR IS RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE)

13 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

14 Q I want to show you what I have marked for identification as
15 State's Exhibit Three and ask if you can identify that?

16 A That's my son, Stevie.

17 Q Was that a fairly recent photograph?

18 A His second grade picture.

19 MR. FOGLEMAN: Offer State's Exhibit Three.

20 MR. STIDHAM: No objection, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: It may be received without objection.

22 (STATE'S EXHIBIT THREE IS RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE)

23 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

24 Q When was it that you first found that Stevie was missing?

25 A At 9:25.

1 Q How did you discover that?

2 A My husband come to pick me up from work and went and called
3 the police.

4 Q Did you make a report to the officer?

5 A Um-hum.

6 CROSS EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. STIDHAM:

8 Q What time did your son get home from school that day on May
9 the 5th?

10 A What time did he go to school?

11 Q What time did he get home?

12 A We got home around 2:55.

13 Q Did you pick him up?

14 A Yeah.

15 Q Did he skip school that day?

16 A No.

17 Q He was at school the entire day?

18 A Um-hum.

19 Q Ma'am, there was a time when you were upset with the West
20 Memphis Police Department. Isn't that correct?

21 A Sir?

22 Q There was a time when you were upset with the police
23 department?

24 A Yes, I was.

25 Q You also made a statement that you would be mad at them

1 until the day you die because you were out there doing their
2 job. Did you tell the Commercial Appeal those words?

3 A I did make that statement at one time.

4 Q Why did you feel that way?

5 A I felt like they didn't start searching when they should
6 have.

7 Q You felt like they had a slow response?

8 A No, they showed response, but I wished they would have
9 started earlier than what they did.

10 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

12 Q Were you in the courtroom when the opening statements were
13 given?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Were you aware prior to today and -- although I didn't go
16 into a lot of specifics about the injuries -- were you aware of
17 what specific injuries the boys had had?

18 A No.

19 Q Nobody's told you?

20 A Uh-uh.

21 Q Had you heard any information that was accurate as to what
22 the boys had?

23 A As to what now?

24 Q Did you hear any rumors or anything that were accurate as
25 to the injuries that the boys had?

1 A Uh-uh.

2 Q So before today you didn't know what the injuries were?

3 A No, other than at the time of the funeral I knew that his
4 face was messed up pretty bad.

5 Q That was because you could see his face?

6 A Yeah. On his face was the only thing I could tell.

7 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

8 MELISSA BYERS

9 having been first duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth
10 and nothing but the truth, then testified as follows:

11 DIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

13 Q Will you please state your name and where you live?

14 A Melissa Byers, 1400 East Barton, West Memphis, Arkansas.

15 Q Who do you live there with?

16 A My husband, John Mark Byers; my son, Shawn Ryan Clark; and
17 I used to live with my son, Chris Byers.

18 Q How old was Chris?

19 A He was eight years old when he was -- when he passed away.

20 Q What grade was he in?

21 A He was in the second grade.

22 Q Did he also go to Weaver?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Do you know who his teacher was?

25 A Miss Jones.