

1 11:20.

2 Q When did your shift actually end?

3 A A quarter till eleven is when the rest of the officers
4 finished their shift.

5 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

6 JOHN MOORE

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

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

11 Q Will you please state your name and occupation?

12 A John Moore, patrolman, city of West Memphis.

13 Q I want to direct your attention to May 5, 1993. Were you
14 on duty that night?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And at approximately 9:25 or so did you respond to Catfish
17 Island?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q What did you find when you got there?

20 A I met there with Miss Hobbs and her husband and I believe
21 she had a child with her. She stated that one of her -- that
22 her son, Steve Branch, was missing.

23 Q Did you start an incident report?

24 A Yes, sir, started an offense report.

25 Q After taking this report from her, did you participate in

1 any of the search?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q What involvement did you have in doing that?

4 A I went down the street from Catfish Island to an area, and
5 I met with Mr. Byers, and he and I searched an area off Goodwin
6 Street.

7 Q Let me give you this pointer and refer your attention to
8 State's Exhibit 101 and ask you to point out this area that
9 you're talking about.

10 A (POINTING) Catfish Island would be back over this way.
11 Here's the truck stop. Catfish Island is here, and this is
12 where I met with Miss Hobbs. I left there, went back up here
13 where I met with Mr. Byers, and it was dark, and I believe his
14 wife left to go get him a flashlight. I got my flashlight and
15 went back in this area and searched for the boys. And we
16 crossed up in here and back here and all the way back to here.

17 Q What were the conditions out there where you were
18 searching?

19 A There was some water there, and there were a few tracks but
20 none of the bike tracks looked fresh.

21 Q Were there other people searching?

22 A There was other people there, but there was no one out
23 there searching while --

24 Q I'm not talking about that particular area. I am talking
25 about -- were you aware of other people searching?

1 A I believe Mr. Byers said the other family members were out
2 searching for them also.

3 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

4 RYAN CLARK

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

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

9 Q Will you please state your name and address?

10 A Ryan Clark. I live at fourteen hundred East Barton.

11 Q What is your relationship to Chris Byers?

12 A He was my brother.

13 Q How old are you?

14 A Fourteen.

15 Q Do you go to school?

16 A Yes, sir, I go to West Memphis Christian.

17 Q I want to direct your attention to May 5th, the day that
18 your brother disappeared. Did you help in looking for him?

19 A Yes, sir, I did.

20 Q Where all -- what all did you do looking for him?

21 A I walked around the woods looking for him, and that's about
22 all.

23 Q When did you first start looking for him? Well, when you
24 first started looking for him, were you with anybody?

25 A Yes, I was with my friend, Britt Smith.