

1 recognize him?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Is that the Byers boy?

4 A Yes, it is.

5 Q Is this one of the boys that you saw?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q And about what time was this?

8 A Close to six. We were supposed to be at my mother's at six
9 for dinner.

10 Q Where were they when you last saw them?

11 A That was it. We were getting into the vehicle to leave.

12 Q Do you know what this area, the kids call this area?

13 A Robin Hood.

14 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

15 REGINA MEEK

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

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

20 Q Will you please state your name and occupation?

21 A Regina Meek, police patrolman, West Memphis.

22 Q How long have you been with the police department?

23 A Nine years.

24 Q I want to direct your attention to May 5, 1993. At some
25 time around eight o'clock were you dispatched to fourteen

1 hundred East Barton?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q What time did you arrive?

4 A Around 8:10.

5 Q Whose residence was fourteen hundred East Barton?

6 A The Byers' residence.

7 Q When you were at the residence, what did you find?

8 A I found a mother and father worried about their missing
9 son, little eight-year-old son.

10 Q Did you have contact with any other parents?

11 A Yes, sir. Mrs. Moore came and knocked on the door while I
12 was taking the report from Mr. and Mrs. Byers and told me that
13 her son was with the Byers boy and also Steve Branch was with
14 them. She had saw them earlier.

15 Q Did you take a formal report from her at that time?

16 A No, sir, I did not. I finished the Byers report and when I
17 left her I could not relocate her. She was looking for her son.
18 And I found her again around 9:24.

19 Q After taking the report, what efforts, if any, did you make
20 to try to locate these children?

21 A I had been advised by Mrs. Moore that the last time anyone
22 saw them they were going toward a wooded area, nicknamed Robin
23 Hood by the children. And it was pointed out to me it was two
24 entrances and since they had told me that a couple people went
25 into the entrance off of Goodwin, I went down to McCauley.

1 Q If you could, take this pointer and directing your
2 attention to State's Exhibit 101 point out to the jury the area
3 known as Robin Hood and the two entrances.

4 A (POINTING) This area here is Robin Hood. This is McCauley
5 Street here, and this is a pipe that runs across the bayou here.
6 And there is a trail that passes all the way through here.

7 They told me some of the people had came in from this side
8 so I came in from here and went down to the pipe. The pipe is
9 where I stopped.

10 Q When you went to that area, about what time was it?

11 A It was turning dark. I didn't look at my watch to look at
12 what time it was, but it was well on its way to dark.

13 Q Was there any particular thing about the conditions that
14 you noted?

15 A Yes, sir. When I went down the hill to the pipe, of course
16 the weeds were extremely high. The mosquitoes were tremendous.
17 I was breathing in mosquitoes it was so bad. I decided at that
18 time that three eight-year-old boys would not be staying in the
19 woods with the mosquitoes that bad, and I turned around and went
20 back to my vehicle and decided to check buildings and other
21 areas.

22 Q Did you do that?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q How long did you continue to search?

25 A I went back to the police department around around 11:15 or

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