

1 lives is like one house over. Chris walked home from school.
2 He walked one block through the crossing guard and he was home.

3 Q To your knowledge, no one picked him up that day?

4 A That day I was at work. One of our vehicles was broken
5 down. His daddy couldn't find him after school. He didn't come
6 straight home from school. So Ryan was at home. Mark said,
7 "Stay here wait for brother." No, he had to take -- excuse me.

8 Q It's okay. Take your time.

9 A I beg your pardon. He had to take Ryan to court. Ryan had
10 to go to court that day. So he had to run around court. He
11 still couldn't find Chris so he knew I was stranded in Memphis
12 on Hollywood Street, which is not a great area of town, so he
13 ran to pick me up from work and then run home to try to find
14 Chris.

15 Q Did you ask him when --

16 A When he went to go get Ryan to go back up to court to be
17 with Ryan, he left me at home in case Chris came home and that
18 is when he found Chris.

19 Q You didn't send anybody to pick him up that day or ask a
20 friend or relative to pick him up?

21 A No, sir. His daddy got him from school. His daddy was
22 home every day when Chris came home from school.

23 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

24 DEBRA O'TINGER

25 having been first duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth

1 and nothing but the truth, then testified as follows:

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

4 Q Will you please state your name and address?

5 A Debra O'Tinger, 1309 Goodwin Avenue, West Memphis.

6 Q I want to direct your attention to May 5th, 1993, the day
7 that the three boys disappeared.

8 A Um-hum.

9 Q Were you at home that day?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Did you see the boys?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q About what time was it when you first saw them?

14 A Around six, close to six.

15 Q What were they doing?

16 A They were in my yard.

17 Q Were they walking?

18 A One was walking and one was on a bike.

19 Q How many boys were there?

20 A Two at the time.

21 Q When they were doing whatever they were doing, did you see
22 them later?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q Do you know the boys? Did you know them?

25 A No, sir.

1 Q What exactly did you see the boys doing?

2 A One rode the bike through my yard, and I had just planted a
3 tree, and he had rode right by it and that was it. They were
4 just going through my yard. That was it.

5 Q How many boys did you say you saw?

6 A Two at the time. We were leaving to go to my mother's.

7 Q I may just be confused. Let me show you this and ask is
8 that yours?

9 A (EXAMINING) Yes.

10 Q Would you mind reading over that for a minute?

11 A Yes, sir. (EXAMINING)

12 Q Was that your statement?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q I'm a little confused. In the statement you mentioned
15 three boys.

16 A Right. One had come around the side of the street where
17 Goodwin Avenue and Goodwin Circle --

18 Q Okay, so there were --

19 A Three.

20 Q I want to show you State's Exhibit 101 --

21 MR. FOGLEMAN: Mr. Stidham, do you have any
22 objection to this?

23 MR. STIDHAM: I have no objection to that.

24 THE COURT: Are you offering 101?

25 MR. FOGLEMAN: Yes.

1 THE COURT: It may be received without objection.

2 (STATE'S EXHIBIT 101 IS RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE)

3 BY MR. FOGLEMAN:

4 Q Okay, if you would, step down. See if you can recognize
5 the area.

6 A (EXAMINING)

7 Q Do you recognize this area -- with this being North 14th?

8 A This is 14th?

9 Q Um-hum. And this is Goodwin Circle.

10 A Right. I'm right here.

11 Q Would you circle that and put your initials?

12 A Um-hum. (MARKING)

13 Q If you could -- and let me get this pointer -- if you could
14 show the jury where you saw the boys, the two together and then
15 the one.

16 A The two were right here going through -- here's a sidewalk.
17 They cut through my yard over here, and then one was right here.

18 (INDICATING)

19 Q Were you later able to identify who the boys were?

20 A Yeah, I actually knew one of them because one of them's
21 brother had asked to mow my lawn earlier in the beginning, about
22 the summertime.

23 Q Do you know which of the boys that was?

24 A Byers, the little Byers boy.

25 Q I want to show you State's Exhibit One and ask if you can

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