

1 Q Did you observe that?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q So you aren't saying you saw Jessie after 4:30 at the
4 trailer park?

5 A I saw him and Christy sitting on the porch, and it was
6 after 4:30.

7 Q That would have been before 6:00.

8 A Right.

9 Q Did you witness any incident out there that drew your
10 attention to that particular time?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q After you saw him on the porch, you didn't see him later
13 that evening up until sometime around 11:00 or 11:30?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q If you do have the right date, you don't know what he did
16 during that time period of your own personal knowledge.

17 A I do and he told me he was at Dyess --

18 Q I'm asking you of your own personal knowledge, if you do
19 have the right day, you don't know where he was or what he did
20 between when you saw him on the front porch and the time you say
21 on that evening that you saw him later?

22 A No.

23 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

24 CHRISTY JONES MOSS

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. STIDHAM:

4 Q Will you please state your name?

5 A Christy Jones Moss.

6 Q You said "Moss?"

7 A Yeah.

8 Q Have you recently married?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Do you know Jessie Misskelley?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q How do you know him?

13 A We were friends.

14 Q How long have you been friends?

15 A For almost two years.

16 Q Do you remember May 5th, 1993?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q How do you remember May 5th, 1993?

19 A Because I remember Jessie being at his house with me and I
20 remember him being -- I remember seeing him with Susie, and I
21 remember him being down there when the cops were called.

22 Q What were you talking about when the cops were called?

23 A When Connie pulled Stephanie's little boy off his bicycle.

24 Q Is that how you can remember May 5th?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q Can you tell the jury when you seen Jessie and what time
2 that day you seen him on May the 5th?

3 A The first time I seen him was about 4:30 and we were over
4 at Johnny Hamilton's house and him and Susie came in. And then
5 when they left, he went home and she went to his house, and I
6 went over there, and then we were sitting out on his front
7 porch.

8 Q Jessie's?

9 A Yes. And Stephanie Dollar pulled up in her car and Jessie
10 went out to the street to talk to her, and they were talking
11 about what happened with the cops. Then Susie's mom Beverly
12 pulled up on the other side of Stephanie and was talking to
13 Stephanie. When they both left, little kids come up riding on
14 their bicycles talking to Jessie. Then he came back and we went
15 to Johnny Hamilton's --

16 Q Wait a minute. Let me stop you there. When you say, "we
17 went" --

18 A Me and Jessie.

19 Q Anybody else with you?

20 A No, sir.

21 Q Then what happened?

22 A Then they sat around there for a few minutes and then they
23 got in the car and then they left to go to Dyess.

24 Q When you say "they left," who are you talking about?

25 A Jessie, Marty, Roger, Fred and a guy named Bill.

1 Q You actually seen him get in the car and leave?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q What time was that?

4 A A few minutes after 7:00.

5 CROSS EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. DAVIS:

7 Q Would the Bill that you said went with him, would that be
8 Bill Cox?

9 A I don't know his last name. I just know they called him
10 Bill.

11 Q You said they left about what time?

12 A A little after 7:00.

13 Q Was it daylight or dark?

14 A I don't remember.

15 Q Can you picture in your -- I assume you are testifying from
16 your recollection?

17 A (NO RESPONSE)

18 Q You're testifying from your own recollection about what you
19 remember about May 5th?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q From your recollection, do you remember when these people
22 got in the vehicle and left whether it was daylight or dark?

23 A I would say it was probably just about turning dark. It
24 was still a little light outside, but it was just about turning
25 dark.

1 Q Do you remember if they had their headlights on?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q Were you employed at Shoney's during that period of time?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Do you remember talking to the police officer, Bryn Ridge,
6 and giving him a handwritten signed statement?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Do you remember telling him you were working at Shoney's
9 Restaurant during the evening hours from the last of April for
10 about six months?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q And were you working during the evening hours back in May
13 of 1993?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q When you talked with Officer Ridge, did you ever mention to
16 him, make any statement, any indication at all that you had seen
17 Jessie Misskelley on the night of May 5th, 1993?

18 A I don't remember.

19 Q Let me show you your statement. You talked with officers
20 back in October of last year?

21 A That sounds about right.

22 Q At that point in time you knew that Jessie was in jail on
23 these charges?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q And you knew that the key date involving all these charges

1 was what happened on May 5th?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q You knew it was real important that you knew where Jessie
4 was on May 5th?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q You do recall talking to Officer Ridge?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q I'd like you if you could -- is that your signature at the
9 bottom of the statement?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q If you could, look through that and point out to me where
12 it was that you tell Officer Ridge about seeing Jessie on the
13 afternoon or evening of May 5th.

14 A (EXAMINING) Nowhere.

15 Q You're wearing one of these yellow ribbons for Jessie, too?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q That signifies you are part of a movement to get Jessie out
18 of jail?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Is that something that's cropped up since October of '93?

21 A No, sir.

22 MR. CROW: I object to calling it a movement.

23 The victims' families are wearing ribbons, and the
24 defendant's families are wearing ribbons. That's not
25 a movement. I object to that.

1 MR. DAVIS: I'll rephrase it, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Rephrase it.

3 BY MR. DAVIS:

4 Q Have you become a part of that group since October of '93
5 when you talked to the police?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q Did you intentionally not tell them that or have you just
8 remembered it since October of '93?

9 A The reason they told me they wanted me to come in there is
10 because I was supposed to be in the cult. That's all they said.
11 Every time I tried to tell them something about little Jessie,
12 they didn't act like they listened. They changed the subject.

13 Q So you made a concerted effort to tell them that you were
14 with Jessie on May 5th --

15 A I told them I seen Jessie.

16 Q -- and they just would not listen to you?

17 A Yes, sir. Every time I started talking about Jessie as a
18 friend, they'd just change the subject about the cult.

19 Q They did ask you what you were doing during the evening
20 hours -- what your work schedule was back in April and May,
21 1993?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Were you curious -- that didn't have anything to do with
24 cult activity, right?

25 A They wanted to know if I had time to go to cult activities

1 in the evenings.

2 Q So you provided this information. They just didn't put it
3 down or they would not listen to you?

4 A Every time I started to say something about it they changed
5 the subject.

6 Q As I understand it, you are sitting on the front porch with
7 Jessie about what time that afternoon?

8 A About six or five-thirty, six -- something like that.

9 Q How long did y'all sit there?

10 A For quite a bit of time. It wasn't -- for maybe an hour,
11 an hour and a half.

12 Q His girlfriend was Susie Brewer?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q Was she sitting out there with y'all?

15 A Not at that time. I mean not at that time. She was
16 walking around. But she had left after we seen them over at
17 Johnny's.

18 Q So you see the two of them together at Johnny Hamilton's?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Did y'all ever go to Johnny Dedman's?

21 A I didn't.

22 Q Do you know whether Jessie did?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q You are sitting there on the front porch -- Susie Brewer --
25 she's nowhere around, correct?

- 1 A Not that -- no.
- 2 Q Are you good friends with Susie?
- 3 A We are friends.
- 4 Q What about Stephanie Dollar?
- 5 A I have just recently got acquainted to her. I didn't know
6 her that well.
- 7 Q Is it your testimony that the first time you saw Stephanie
8 Dollar that evening she pulled up in her car?
- 9 A No, sir. I seen them when they were down talking to the
10 police, and her and Jessie were talking to the police, and he
11 was trying to tell them where they could find Bobby Dollar.
- 12 Q He was telling the police that?
- 13 A Yes, sir. To where they can -- because there was supposed
14 to have been a fight or something.
- 15 Q Jessie went down to try to clarify all this disturbance?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q Which officer was it that Jessie talked to? Do you recall?
- 18 A No, sir. I don't know none of the cops up there in Marion.
- 19 Q Was the police officer in his vehicle or outside the
20 vehicle when Jessie was talking to him?
- 21 A I don't remember.
- 22 Q But you recall Jessie going down there to talk to the
23 officer?
- 24 A Yes, sir.
- 25 Q Did you know any of these guys involved in this wrestling

1 deal at Dyess?

2 A I knew all of them except for that Bill guy.

3 Q You knew Fred Revelle?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q He also goes by Fred James?

6 A I don't know him by that. I just know him by Fred Revelle.

7 Q Those guys had been going down there wrestling for about a
8 month prior to May 5th, hadn't they?

9 A Yes, sir. Somewhere around in there.

10 Q Two, three, four times a week?

11 A I don't remember how often. I just know they were going
12 before then.

13 Q Had you seen him take off to go down there wrestling?

14 A Yeah. I seen them a couple of times leaving.

15 Q They continued to go down there even after May 5th?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Did you see them after May 5th?

18 A What do you mean?

19 Q Did you see them leaving to go down there at times after
20 May 5th?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Is what crystallizes your memory about this being May 5th
23 -- is it Jessie walking up and talking to the police officer
24 down there at the end of the street?

25 A No, sir. It is the fact that I remember Stephanie Dollar

1 pulling up in front of Jessie's house and they were talking
2 about the incident that happened with the police.

3 Q When you say, "pulling up," she's in her vehicle?

4 A She's in her car.

5 Q That is the same day you say that you saw Jessie talking to
6 the police officer?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q How many police cars were there when Jessie was down there
9 talking to him?

10 A I believe it was one.

11 Q Do you know Officer Dollahite?

12 A No, sir.

13 Q Have you ever talked about what went on on May 5th with
14 Jessie Misskelley, Senior?

15 A Not, not completely. I have talked -- I have told his --
16 Jessie's attorneys about what happened, but I have never really
17 set down and talked to Jessie Senior about it.

18 Q I guess when you talked with their attorneys, you told them
19 a bunch of these details about what you told us about what went
20 on on May 5th?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q But that isn't contained in the police statement they took
23 from you?

24 A No, sir.

25 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

1 BY MR. STIDHAM:

2 Q Had the officers allowed you to talk about that, would you
3 have told 'em --

4 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, I object to leading.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 BY MR. STIDHAM:

7 Q Would the officers let you talk about Jessie?

8 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, same objection. He's
9 leading the witness and not allowing his witness to
10 testify.

11 THE COURT: Rephrase your question.

12 BY MR. STIDHAM:

13 Q You talked to the police in October?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q They wanted to know about this cult?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Did they say that Jessie said you were part of a cult?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Were you?

20 A No, sir.

21 Q Have you ever known Jessie to be part of a cult?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q Did you try to tell the police what you knew about May 5th
24 and seeing Jessie?

25 A Every time I even mentioned about him being my friend --

1 anything about May 5th -- they would change the subject. They
2 would start talking about the cult.

3 Q Do you remember talking to Mr. Crow in September about the
4 events of May 5th?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q You told him basically what you testified to here today?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 RE CROSS EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q It is true that Jessie Misskelley introduced Vickie
11 Hutcheson to Damien Echols?

12 A Yes, sir. He said he knew him from school.

13 Q And Jessie knew him well enough that he was able to
14 introduce Vickie to him, correct?

15 A Yeah.

16 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

17 CHARLES ASHLEY, JUNIOR

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

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. CROW:

22 Q Will you please state your name?

23 A Charles Ashley, Junior.

24 Q What do you go by?

25 A Bubba.