

Mitchell: I'm showing 11:31 a.m. on my phone, on ah Tuesday June the 19th 2007.

Noles: Pam this is a rule 2.3 Rights Form. Today's date 6.19.07 time is 11:31 a.m. and all it says here you're advised that Law Enforcement Authorities desire to have you meet with them at we're at the Blytheville Police Department, for the purpose to have you furnish information or to otherwise cooperate in the investigation of a prevention of a crime. You're not legally obligated to furnish information or otherwise cooperate in this investigation of a prevention of a crime and it is entirely your choice whether to appear at the time above noted place and time to cooperate and furnish information. I have read this for or had it read to me and I understand my rights listed above. I agree to appear and cooperate with Law Enforcement Authorities at the above noted place. If that is a true statement all I need you to do is where it says your signature, sign your signature for me please.

Hobbs: I usually always sign my full signature.

Noles: That's fine.

Mitchell: How ever you would normally do it is fine. Ok we going to we'll sign as witness to it. Uh Pam I'm Lt. Ken Mitchell and Detective Chuck Noles. Okay we're from West Memphis Police Department we talk to you on the phone yesterday. Uh and uh like I told you before lets see I'll go ahead and sign that (not audible). What we're here to do is sit down and go back over some information with you on case that involves your sons death and the other two little boys back in may of 1993 ok. Uh its our understanding there maybe some new information that you may have that may shed some light on this case and uh we're here at the request of Brent Davis the prosecuting attorney. He asked if we would talk to you and your sister we will talk to afterwards and anybody else that can help us shed any light on this. Uh if you would you know we're recording this interview correct?

Hobbs: I do.

Mitchell: You have any objections us recording this interview today?

Hobbs: (not audible)

Mitchell: ok I mean I'm gone speak up a little bit make sure you know that way we can all be heard. What we'd like you to do is uh go back with us, take us back could you to May the 5th 1993 let's go threw your day uh we may stop you at points and ask you what you mean by this or can you clarify this for us tell us a little bit more about this. Uh for starters what is your full name?

Hobbs: Pamela Marie Hobbs.

Mitchell: what's your date of birth Pam?

Hobbs: 4.22.64

Mitchell: How old are you right now?

Hobbs: 43

Mitchell: 43 ok. Uh and in May beginning of May 1993 uh where did you live?

Hobbs: Uh I lived on South McCauley I'm really not I think it was 1601 South McCauley.

Mitchell: And who all lived with you at that address?

Hobbs: Uh I me myself I, Terry Hobbs my daughter Amanda Hobbs and my Steve Brach.

Mitchell: And uh you're Terry, Terry Hobbs is that your husband?

Hobbs: My ex-husband.

Mitchell: Your ex-husband now?

Hobbs: We're divorced.

Mitchell: Ok uh when did you two get married?

Hobbs: We married uh August 15 of 1986.

Mitchell: and uh Terry is not Steve father is that correct?

Hobbs: That correct.

Mitchell: Uh who is Steve father?

Hobbs: Steve father is Steve Allen Branch.

Mitchell: Steve Allen Branch. And where does he live.

Hobbs: at the moment he's in Earl AR. at his mothers residence. uh he works jobs where he travels a lot so you know right now I think he in the process of going to Colorado for a job but now he's at his mothers. She lives at 154 Shepard Earl, AR.

Mitchell: What her name?

Hobbs: Geneva Branch.

Mitchell: Geneva Branch ok. now taking us back to 1993 uh beginning of May uh typically May the 5th uh were you working? were you work at that time?

Hobbs: I was Catfish Island.

Mitchell: Catfish Island what you do there?

Hobbs: I uh started out with me being a waitress and the night of May the 5th I was in training to be the manager. I was going to be the closing manager.

Mitchell: How long did you work there?

Hobbs; Uh I worked for Roy Palmer the owner for a total of seven years.

Mitchell: Seven years all of it...

Hobbs: Not right there in West Memphis we have one in Memphis and then when he left Memphis he went to West Memphis.

Mitchell: Uh you're husband at the time Terry was he working?

Hobbs: He was.

Mitchell: where he working at on May 5th.

Hobbs: Memphis Ice Cream.

Mitchell: Memphis Ice Cream. Uh how long did he...

Hobbs: he was a route sales man and uh delivered ice cream to stores and but they were (not audible) products is what he delivered and novelties and stuff like that, that he delivered ta different stores.

Mitchell: So he had a route?

Hobbs: Ah route he did, he was a route sales man.

Mitchell: His route strictly in Memphis?

Hobbs: Uh pretty much and in uh Horseshoe and you know West Memphis it was pretty much every where.

Mitchell: Ok uh on May the 5th 93 how old was Steve?

Hobbs: 8.

Mitchell: Ok you said you had a daughter?

Hobbs: Yes.

Mitchell: How old was she at that time?

Hobbs: 4.

Mitchell: And Terry is her father?

Hobbs: Terry is Amanda father.

Mitchell: ok walk us threw that day starting up in the morning...

Hobbs: Start in the morning like we get up and go to school and...

Mitchell: Right walk us threw that day and tell us what you (not audible)

Hobbs: Well uh we get up that morning and Steve gets ready for school and I fed him oat meal I believe it was strawberry and cream that was one of his favorites. And uh glass I thank he drank orange juice and I fed him that that morning full breakfast, and then we left the house school took up at 8 o'clock. I wasn't allowed to drive because of a prior DWI that I had in Jonesboro AR. and I didn't have drivers license so I was walking Steve to school. I'm gonna say we left the house probably around 7:30 somewhere around in there ta walk to school. And I drop Steve off for school and when I go home me and Amanda, me and Amanda both were walking him to school and I go home do the daily routine of cleaning the house and you know being with her and feeding her lunch. You know just a normal every day activity. I left my house going to uh Bobby Gucovie and David Gucovie they were friends of mine I was friend with the girl Kim Ham so that's how I was friends with David and Gucovie because Bobby is Kim friend. And they didn't live to far from us so I spent a lot of time with Bobby. I'd go over there and drank coffee and Amanda would play with her little son cause they were about the same age and stuff. so I spent quit a bit of time with Bobby. I went to her house around 2 o'clock and sat there for a little bit. Then I walked up to the store to get me a pack of cigarette by the time I arrived at the school it was only 2:45 and I didn't want to sit a round and wait another 20 minutes or so because it was kinda hot that day. Amanda was gitting irritable so I went in and checked Steve out of school and then we walked home. and the hold time doing walking home Steve was telling me how much that he I love you ma'am, I love you ma'am, the whole time. we get home at I'm ma say around 3 o'clock from the walk from school to where I lived. And uh the first thang he did he was keeping his bike in the house his granddaddy had just bought him a new bike, because his bike had gotten stolen. So he was keeping his bike in the house first thang he did was went to his room to get his bike well one of the rules before Steve you know could watch cartoons or what ever he needed to do his homework first. And uh when he went to get his bike I say son what'll you thank you doing? Don't you have to do homework? He say momma my homework is already done. He showed it to me I seen that his homework was done and I

hung it on the refrigerator and he goes out to the carport he was just you know gone ride around in the yard and I'm gone ah say bout 3:15 Michael Moore come to the house on his bike and he ask me if Steve could go riding bikes with him. And I told him I said no not today I got to get ready for work and it was getting close to the time for me to git ready for work cause I had to be at work at five. And plus you know I always cooked there meals and things like that before I went to work. And I said I'm cooking and all this and Steve and Michael both kept begging please, please, please and parents do tend to give in our children sometimes so I told I said ok Steve you can go. I said but son if you're not at this home by 4:30 I'm ah ground you two weeks from that bike. I found grounding my children instead of whipping em hurt em more than actually whipping em wit a belt. That's how I discipline my children. And from growing up and experience them growing up I knew if I was good for a couple days my daddy was gone let me off for being grounded cause I was bound and determine I whatin gone do that with my children. So when I said I was grounded they grounded and they were stuck to it. So that was my way of discipline my children and Steve said momma I'll be home I promise at 4:30. uh when they go to leave Michael Moore lifted up his little arms and I thought he had on a watch I guess I later found out it was a compass or something that was found, but I thought it was a watch. He said my momma's not home but she'll be home in five minutes I promise you. So Steve and Michael leaves just happy as two little boys that git to go ride their bikes could be. It was nothing you know unusual in their behavior they were gone I mon say maybe ten minutes and Christopher Byers comes to my house. And he was asking for Steve and Michael and I said Chris I'm surprise you didn't run into em because they just left. Well the Muppet baby's were on and Christopher asked me he said do you car if I sit here and watch the Muppet baby's with Amanda? I said naw that'll be fine. So the Muppet baby's went off around 4 o'clock I thank it come on around 3:30 and goes off at 4 o'clock. And when the Muppet baby's went off Christopher left.

Mitchell: what time was it that, you said what time was it that Steve and Michael left?

Hobbs: I'm gonna say approximately uh 3:20; 3:25 some where around in there.

Mitchell: Did they say at the time where they were going?

Hobbs: they were just gonna go Michael's house is what Michael told m, and you know that's why he promised me his mother would be home in five minutes.

Mitchell: Ok and then you said (not audible) the third little boy showed up at your house and he watched the Muppet baby's ask if he could watch it, it was on TV. But you said it started you said it goes off at 4 o'clock? Uh now uh during this time in the afternoon uh when you go git Steve and come home just you and Steve and Amanda, uh where is your husband where is Terry at?

Hobbs: He's still at work.

Mitchell: You said he drives a route, does he have a truck that he bring home or does he have to leave it and drive his personal vehicle home?

Hobbs: He drove his personal vehicle home.

Mitchell: Ok so there was never a company truck or van or anything at your house?

Hobbs: that he took home no.

Mitchell: ok uh

Noles: What time does Terry go to work?

Hobbs: He would leave uh sometimes 5 o'clock in the morning some 6 o'clock in the morning. It was different times that he would leave to start out and do his route.

Noles: And normally what time would he get home?

Hobbs: normally anytime from sometimes noon to 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It was different times it was just when his route was completed.

Mitchell: Now 4 o'clock this day. Four o'clock on the 5th he hadn't made it home yet?

Hobbs: Not at 4 o'clock.

Mitchell: Ok uh what time do you remember seeing him getting home?

Hobbs: around 4:25 it might have been 4:30 but it was real close to 4:30.

Mitchell: Did he bring anybody to the house with him that day?

Hobbs: Naw he was by himself.

Mitchell: Uh let me back up at 4 o'clock uh the Muppet baby's goes off and then did Chris leave?

Hobbs: Christopher left.

Mitchell: Uh did anything happen between then and how did Terry get home?

Hobbs: I'm pretty much preparing supper and our washing machine was in the house and our dryer is in the carport that's just how it was hooked up, and I was drying my uniform and when I go out to the carport around 4:25 or so to get my uniform out of the dryer that's when Terry come home. And one of his first questions to me is where is frog leg? He name Steve just gave him frog leg as a nickname.

Mitchell: Frog leg?

Hobbs: Frog Legg's and he uh as me where he was, and I said he went to Michael house and I could of I said he should be home any minute now because I told him to be home at 4:30.

Mitchell: how far is Michael house from yours?

Hobbs: bought a block maybe, maybe two at the most.

Mitchell: what about Chris' house how far was his from you?

Hobbs: How

Mitchell: How far, how far from you?

Hobbs: Christopher lived right next door to Michael they you know the Moor's lived on one corner and Christopher lived right there.

Mitchell: so basically same distance there just cross the street from each other.

Hobbs: Yeah.

Mitchell: They both about a block right at a block from you ok.

Hobbs: two at the most.

Mitchell: Uh now uh you said Terry came home nobody's with him uh what go on from that point? You tell us what you can remember.

Hobbs: well, around 4:45 Steve still had not arrived at home and I had to be at work at five and I could have left you know at 4:50 or something like that or 4:55 cause I didn't live to far from where I worked. But I told terry I say well lets go ahead and take me to work now so we can ride by the moor's and see if Steve there. and we did and we rode by the moors and Steve was nowhere around, Michael was nowhere around and neither was Christopher.

Mitchell: you see any of their bicycle's?

Hobbs: Um uh.

Mitchell: Uh from there what happen?

Hobbs: I go to work and I began my shift at 5 o'clock and work my shift like a normal night like nothing was going on uh and didn't even, Terry didn't even attempt to let me know that Steve was still missing until he came and picked me up. And he didn't tell me then the first thang he did was walk in and got on the phone. Didn't even tell me who he was calling or anything. I went out side cause we have a little candy machine outside and

I got two pieces of candy to take out to the car cause I thought Steve and Amanda was in the car and when I get to the car to give Amanda and I brought Steve their candy I said Amanda where's bubba? And she said momma we can't find him. And I don't know if it's a mother's tuitions or something that right then I thought the worst. My child was not a miss behave child that would of run away from home. and I knew something was terribly, terribly wrong that at 9:30 that he still couldn't be found. So my first instinct and my first thought is he's dead. Cause I did uh Terry didn't tell me who he was calling till he made the phone call and he called ta finally report that Steve was still missing. And a police officer came up to Catfish Island, I don't even recall which Police Officer it was. First thang I told the Police Officer is to find his daddy cause when Steve I divorced he made the threat you know it may take five or six years ta I'll git my son back some day so that was my first words to the Police Officer to find his daddy. Then after I talk to the Police Officers for a little bit I went in and I made a phone call to my sister (not audible) cause mom and dad didn't have a phone at home at that time. and I said Paula tell daddy Steve missin we cant find him. And then I said Paula he's dead. I say I'll never see em alive again. And Paula said my God Pam don't talk like that you know every thang is gonna be all right we're gonna find him. I go in and call Philip Palmer cause he you know he's the only son and I was in training to do the night closing and be the night manager and this was my first night to do that.

Mitchell: this is the manager of the Catfish Island?

Hobbs: Um huh he's Roy's son you know he was the manager and I was kinda of going to take his place over so we could switch up nights and thangs like that, and I called Philip and he was staying at the hotel that was not to far from where Steve them were found. And I said Philip you gotta git back, I said Steve missing and they can't find him and I've got to go. Uh it didn't take Philip two minutes to get back and I left. And as we as we're leaving to go to the wooded are that I guess people were searching in during the night I left I started crying again but I did beat the ice machine up inside the building because you know I was just terrified and just expected the worst. And I was crying and I told Terry I said Terry he's dead I'll never see him alive again. And Terry said Pam don't say that we're gonna find him every thangs gonna be ok. I'm not sure uh if I even recall that I ask him why did he come tell me sooner. I may not have you know I might have been in shock I do know that it caused a lot of anger because Terry did not inform me that Steve was still missing. I didn't know until around approximately 9 or 9:30 that night that my son was still missin from 4:30 when he left and hadn't been found.

Mitchell: Let me stop you there let back up for just a minute. When Terry got home that afternoon you said a little 4:25 or 4:30 if I'm correct. Uh you remember what kind of mood he's in? How what was his demeanor how was he acting?

Hobbs: Just seem to be normal you know normal every day how he was. He whatin in a bad mood or you know he whatin real real cheerful he just Terry.

Mitchell: that's kinda of was that normal for him or...

Hobbs: Yeah it was kinda of normal.

Mitchell: had he ever been in any kind of uh did Terry ever discipline the kids?

Hobbs: Uh he use to whip em quite often you know with a belt. And he would make em hold there hands up in the air cause Steve was bad to put his hands back there so when he would uh whip Steve or Amanda with a belt he'd make em hold there hands in the air then whip em. Yes he did he did whip you know Steve, he used the belt and stuff like that where I didn't I used grounding and thangs.

Mitchell: The discipline that he used would you consider that discipline or abuse or how you categorize it?

Hobbs: some time it uh it aggravated me because it got to sometime it seem to me like it was a feud and I would tell him stop.

Mitchell: Would he ever leave mark on Steve at all?

Hobbs: yep belt marks you know from where he whipped him.

Mitchell: When he would discipline him what you say he would spank him on the behind

Hobbs: He did yeah.

Mitchell: Is that the only place he would whip him?

Hobbs: Yeah pretty much.

Mitchell: all right uh now uh between the time you went to work and the time Terry comes to Catfish Island to get you, you said he didn't even immediately tell you at that point that Steve had still been missing (not audible)?

Hobbs: He didn't say a word to me.

Mitchell: What was his demeanor then? What was his how was he acting then when he picked you up?

Hobbs: To me I'd ah been shaking like a leaf, I'd uh been real concern and me I would have told Terry right then before I even got on the phone. I would have told Terry if it was his son and he was at work and I didn't find him within the hour. You know hey I cant find your son I need some help and you know Terry didn't do that and uh he really didn't tell me he just you know walk to the phone so I really can't say what his what he was acting like cause I immediately went got some candy and I didn't even ask him who he was calling. And he just got on the phone he made his phone call and then when I was standing out at the car with Amanda that's when Terry came out and told me I filed a police report uh Steve still missing.

Mitchell: Just before that he hadn't said anything to you about it at all?
Hobbs: Not a word.

Mitchell: Ok uh did Terry before the Police Officer got there or while the Police Officers were there or right after they left did Terry tell you what if anything he'd done during the time you went to work and the time he came and picked you up as far as trying to locate Steve?

Hobbs: He didn't tell me until you know we we're going to the wooded area he said that uh when he went back home that he was fixin to get out and walk the neighborhood him and Amanda and he said Dana Moore come to the house. so I'm gone ah say this is around little bit after 5; 5:30 maybe that Dana came to our house and was looking for Michael and he said that he told Dana that uh I'm looking for Steve also, and I'm fixin to walk the neighborhood. So Terry pretty much told me that he walked the neighborhood and uh he started looking into the wooded area and because I guess someone had said that's where saw the boys go at the last moment so they were kinda ah looking in the wooded area.

Mitchell: Now when you say wooded area what are you talking about where are you talking about?

Hobbs: What's that?

Mitchell: Do you know the name of that area?

Hobbs: Uh its Robin Hood Hill is where but you know where the crime scene tape and stuff is at we didn't go in that part of the woods that night, it was on the opposite side woods you know that people were going into the wooded area.

Mitchell: Uh that what we're trying to clarify with you what you're talking about when you say wooded area what where you were talking about. Uh

Hobbs: Robin Hood Hill.

Mitchell: Uh you went down there that night, you said you went down there that night?

Hobbs: Yeah, as soon as we uh got off work and there were several people there, I was still in my uniform too and there were several people there and a lady told me she said I'll stay here and watch Amanda if you wanna walk threw. And I said well I'd appreciate that if you do because I do wanna walk threw. And we started walking threw this wooded area and the fear was really on me hot and heavy because how all the weeds and stuff was growing up. And I said God son surely you're not out here. So I started yelling Steve name. Steve son are you here, son are you here, son you're not in trouble if you're here just come out, and then mark and the rest of em start hollering Michael's name, Chris name and stuff like that and ...

Mitchell: who all do you remember being out there that night?

Hobbs: Uh at the time that I got there uh Terry was there like I said, just neighbors, neighbor hooded people. I believe mark Byres was there too and went in with us at the time and the other people I really didn't know em.

Mitchell: How many went into the woods looking (not audible) you remember?

Hobbs: By counting and going back and thanking I would say a total of ten to fifteen people.

Mitchell: Did you not know all of them?

Hobbs: No um huh.

Mitchell: Think some people maybe from the neighborhood you think?

Hobbs: That's what it was just neighborhood people there you know.

Mitchell: Now this Robin Hood Hill area was this area that Steve had been to before?

Hobbs: I never knew it existed till I walked into there that night. And that's why I was saying my God Steve you're not out here.

Mitchell: He never mentions that place (not audible) never talked about it. Either one of the other boys Michael or Christopher either one of them ever mentions Robin Hood?

Hobbs: nope.

Mitchell: Uh when the boys did they do a lot of things together those three were they pretty tight friends or...

Hobbs: It was more of Steve and Michael. Steve would make good grades and I'm glad to say that my son was an honor student you know he made Principals List and one time he made Honor Roll and he got mad because it wasn't Principals List, Principal List are straight A's and I told him son the Honor Roll's good too. But he wanted that Principals List. And uh Steve and Michael I would reward Steve when grades would come in because his grades was so good. So I would go out and get something for him because he made such a good grade, and he wanted at this one time to become part of the Boys Scouts and that's what I did for him. I paid to get him in Boys Scout because he did in school and that's when really him and Michael Moore were Michael's started coming to the house a lot, and they were friends and Steve would stay on out with Michael they would go to the Cub Scout meeting together and thangs like that. I do know in the Cub Scout meeting and stuff there was not a lot there. it was normally Steve, Michael, Christopher and Aaron Hutchison they were the ones that were there at the meeting for

them to have their little Cub Scout meeting. So that Michael and Steve were closer, Christopher was in Steve room. Christopher stated coming into the picture and being buddies with em probably a month prior to there death.

Mitchell: Ok uh um did they exchange going to each other houses a lot or is that....

Hobbs: not often but you know Michael would stay all night with me, Christopher never did. And Steve would stay all night with Michael it whatin like ah every weekend thang or something like that but you know they did stay all night with each other. They went skating together and thangs like that.

Mitchell: So you go to the Robin Hood Hill area and you said you and Terry and roughly 10, 12, 10, 15 maybe go into this area some you know, some you don't know uh is there anything that you see out there that particular night that uh I know you were talking about the weeds and the how things were grown up in that area. Was there anything else that you remember out in that area that night that kind of may have caused some concern or thought was unusual that you saw.

Hobbs: not unusual that I saw its just you know I felt like my God Steve why are you here? (not audible) you go in here because of how all the areas and stuff was. When my dad got to Memphis to help get on the search and stuff like that and dad went into the wooded area by himself and I felt like daddy was gone for to long. So I went back in, I told momma I said momma I'm going in to look for daddy momma said no you set in this chair. I said naw I'm gone go git daddy I just walked in to a certain point and I could see because there was a full moon that night I could see where I was going. but there was a part in the woods that I come to it was coming up to be like a hill that a fear come over me that scared me half to death I don't know why it scared me and I didn't wanna go any further than what I had went in so I turned around to walk back out to the truck I wanted to run cause that's how you know that feeling of fear come over me, but I didn't notice anything out of the unusual.

Mitchell: after you had you and your husband and the other people had searched that area that night uh where did you go from there?

Hobbs: Well, after we leave the wooded area uh Terry takes me home because I'm still in uniform and I change into sweats and a tee shirt got out of my uniform. I kept that uniform for ever and my muddy shoes but I finally threw em away. And uh Terry left he really didn't tell me where he was going he left. So I leave because David and Bobby didn't even live half of block they lived five or six houses down I didn't have a home phone, so I walked to David and Bobby house to use the phone to call the police department. Have you heard anything? Have you seen em? You know calling the hospitals and every thang and when I was gone leave and go back home David said Pam you don't need to be out here walking by yourself especially you and that baby he said I'm gonna take you home. so by the time me and David arrive back at my house Terry's there. So Terry and David get together and they leave and I sat on the side walk and I'm crying and you know just going hysterical and stuff and mom and dad finally pull up. and

I get with mom and dad. And then dad drives the neighborhood with his lights off cause you know he maybe Steve them was out there riding the bike cause Steve knew daddy's truck. They thought they run away me I knew he didn't, that's everybody else thanking they run away or something like that and uh that why daddy was driving the neighborhood before we went to that wooded area with his lights off. And still you know no sign of the boys or anything.

Mitchell: Uh Pam now uh how much contact did you have that night uh and into the next morning with the other boys parents you know with the Byers and the Moor's ?

Hobbs: Dana I talk to her and Dana stood in her front yard all night long. Cause she was hoping that you know the boys would come back to the house so she stood out in the yard. Todd was out of town supposedly I guess he was. He drove ah 18 wheeler he didn't get back until 6 o'clock May 6.

Mitchell: and this is uh Michael dad's?

Hobbs: Um huh Todd Moore. He didn't get back until 6 o'clock, and he was unaware of every thang that was going on. uh I saw Mark Byers I didn't know em because I never met Christopher's parents but I knew Todd and Dana from Cub Scout cause Todd was the Cub Scout leader. So I knew them but I didn't know Mark and Melissa and I do recall seeing Mark with us and after that I didn't see Mark any more that day.

Mitchell: And did you hear anything the rest of the night from anybody you talk to anybody else during the night? What did you do threw out the night? Were you at home waiting to see if Steve would come home or what did you do?

Hobbs: No what I did is that my mother was there daddy uh daddy and I mean David, Terry had come back when daddy was there so David and Terry and daddy leaves. And my vehicle still there and I said momma I'm ah get out and ride the street and she said well I'll stay here with Amanda incase Steve comes back home. So momma stayed with Steve and I just drove around the city of West Memphis you know just looking. Uh I was told by the police to go home, go to bed they only ran away from home. I was telling the police my son is 8 years old he sleep with a night light in his room he did not run away. They told me we have over a hundred officers out looking. And I was going down Broadway doing 80 or 90 miles an hour and I didn't see a police in sight. They whatin in the wooded area either so I don't know where they were.

Mitchell: Let's lets go on let's move into the next day ok the next morning.

Hobbs: the next morning?

Mitchell: yeah day light. Uh where is Amanda during all this? During the night?

Hobbs: She's at home with my mother.

Mitchell: At home with your mother uh let me stop right there and back up. When you left for work when Terry took you to work what were y'all driving at that time? What kind of vehicle did you have?

Hobbs: Uh we had a white vehicle I believe it was an Oldsmobile. It was a uh I think a 1990 white Oldsmobile.

Mitchell: Ok that a two door or four door car?

Hobbs: Did I what?

Mitchell: was it a two door or four door car?

Hobbs: It was four.

Mitchell: Ok Terry drove you in that car to work correct on the afternoon of the 5th, who would be watching Amanda from the time you went to work until the time Terry came to pick you up?

Hobbs: Terry told me that he had Amanda with her, and I later found out that he took Amanda to David and Bobby's house and Bobby watched Amanda for a while.

Mitchell: Was Terry there with her the whole with her the whole (not audible)

Hobbs: Naw he left.

Mitchell: He left?

Hobbs: Um huh

Mitchell: You have any idea uh ever find out where he went?

Hobbs: No (not audible)

Mitchell: Uh now we're back forward to daylight the next morning. We'll pick up from there, tell me about what happened from that morning till daylight and all.

Hobbs: Around 6 a.m. and that's when daylight was gittin her and that's when Todd come home and Todd was finding out what was going on and we was still looking you know in this wooded area. We were looking into the part where the pipe was, we never went over the hill to go into the area that Steve nem were found. Steve father did though and he brought back a black trench coat to my dad that was back out there and he told my dad he said I found this out there you thank this has anythang to do with it. and daddy said naw that's probably just an old hobo or something that left it there so Steve just drop the trench coat and leave it where it's at. But Steve did go over into the area that the boys

were found and then he brought that back to daddy and ask you thank this might to have something to do with it.

Mitchell: where'd he drop that at the trench coat?

Hobbs: Huh?

Mitchell: Where'd he drop that coat at?

Hobbs: it would have been over close to where the pipe was.

Mitchell: You know if that trench coat is ever picked up by the police and taken by the police (not audible)

Hobbs; that I don't know.

Mitchell: Uh all right go head, go head keep (not audible)

Hobbs: Well, uh Todd you know gets with uh the family. Terry uh I believe that the Byers they didn't actually get with us again till almost time for school to start. And Todd started like looking into the wooded area and stuff a little bit too.

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Mitchell: The time is 12:08 I'm gonna change sides on this tape and probably change out the video also. Ok still showing the time to be 12:09 P.M. on Tuesday June the 19th we're going to continue the interview. The video tape has been running threw the changes it's changed on this tape. All right now Pam uh we're at he morning the 6 of May uh Terry let me go back and make sure I'm clear. Terry go with you, did he go with you back down there that morning to the wooded area? When you went down with your dad and uh Steve father?

Hobbs: Uh yeah Terry was with us at that time.

Mitchell: Is your mom still taking care of Amanda?

Hobbs: She does.

Mitchell: Ok take us threw that morning (not audible)

Hobbs: Ok well when Todd had finally arrived uh well when Steve arrived we went out into that wooded area and stuff again and at one point I believe uh dad and Terry were standing on that pipe and Terry ask daddy do you thank that you know there was something in the water and he said do you thank that might be blood? And daddy said naw you with the truck wash being over there and stuff it's probably oil. But you know

Terry did ask daddy you thank that could be blood while they were on the pipe. When daddy and Steve were together, when Steve finally got their daddy and Steve was standing at the pipe, and he was telling Steve because daddy felt to protect Steve and me from being with Steve because of something that happened during mine and Steve marriage and where I was mixed up I got messed up on drugs somehow real bad. Didn't know how I was getting it and I was being injected I guess and Steve so he was the one I told daddy that was doing all the stuff, daddy beat Steve up so he didn't want Steve to have any thang to do with Steve. But he did tell Steve if we find him he said Steve I want you be daddy I'm backing off cause I want you to start having a relationship with Steve. Steve told daddy Mr. Hicks you don't know how long I've waited to hear that uh you know I hope that we find him. Then uh I'm gonna say around 7:30; 8: o'clock when school takes up the Moor's the Byers and us we're at the school to see if the children are gonna arrive at school and they didn't. I believe the media was called around 8 or 8:30 Mark Byers was the one that called the media I thank. And then the police started coming out Gary Gitchell and bunch of police started coming out to conduct a thorough'll search you know going out into the wooded area and that type of stuff. Uh we the family uh were going from door to door knocking on people's door and asking em have they seen Steve them. The police were more focus into the wooded area I believe they had a helicopter or something driving over and I thank at what point that put em over to the part where Steve nem were found was something detected like body temperature or something and that made them go over there. And Mike Allen from what I recall got in the ditch and he happen to step on Michael and Michael floated to the top and it freaked him out, he jumped out so I thank Bryan Ridge was the other officer that got in when Michael come up and you know just started filling and thangs I don't know what time it was or any thang I do know the police told us around noon that they were gonna call the search off for a little bit for us to go have lunch and stuff like that, and then come back at a latter time. We went to Catfish Island to have lunch and it was almost time for school to be out and we went to the school once again to see if maybe Steve nem had arrived at school and went to school and that type of thang and they didn't. And we over heard somebody say that the police had found three boys when they said that we jumped in our vehicle and probably did 90 miles and hour down to where the crime scene stuff was at. And uh I run up because they were a bunch of cars there and we had to park quite a ways from where the actual crime scene was. And I started running up there and just on look at Steve I fell to the ground and kicking and screaming and stuff like that you know cause what my worst thought was actually true. And uh just by looking at Steve I knew it was Steve I knew Steve was going. Steve picked me up and his family, do and they put me in the car and Terry is attempting to go you know down to the crime scene. Steve told Terry he said there're not gonna let you back there, and Terry said you watch me he said I'm his daddy and they want let me back there. And Terry said you watch me go back there. So Terry goes and get beyond the crime scene tape and I believe Gary Gitchell is the one that stopped him and told him no you aint going any further. But we did find three boys, it's a homicide and uh no you're not going back there.

Mitchell: Uh now do you I know during that time you and Terry sit down and talk about this situation and what here and...

Hobbs: I was angry at Terry you know at the point you know Steve was actually dead. I had so much anger towards Terry that I would physically try to hit him and stuff like that you know. You didn't tell me he was missing and he would say I thought I was gonna find em I never dreamed this was gonna happen that's why I didn't wanna bother you and things like that. so I was kind of really, really at ah I had a bad rage towards Terry and I started thanking back on whippings and things that he gave Steve and that made me angry you know, cause Steve was gone so really at that point May the 6 when they found Steve I was very angry at Terry, because I had a lot of anger towards him. So no it whatin I guess five or six years before I could even come to terms ta even start trying to forgive Terry for not telling me. then we would start terry how come you didn't come tell me. and that he would say again I thought we was gonna him I didn't thank something like this was gonna happen.

Mitchell : Ok now ah who was Steve teacher? Do you remember who his teach was?

Hobbs: Ms. Jones.

Mitchell: Ms. Jones.

Hobbs: Ida Jones.

Mitchell: Ok did you ever speak with Ms. Jones at all?

Hobbs: I was like a room mother so you know when they had there little things I would make cup cakes and things like that. you know I was a room mother and I'd git in stuff like that with the class so during Steve three years yeah I've talk to Ms. Jones quite a bit being the house mother what ever they call it back then, that come and helped out with those type of things.

Mitchell: Uh now how long after this happened uh how long did you continue to live in West Memphis?

Hobbs; How long after? I would say two weeks. I couldn't stay in that house. I mean me and Terry when we were gitting ready to move out of the house because of my anger I had at Terry I was starting to throw stuff that belong to him into the pool. And momma them was telling us y'all need to quit this stupid stuff. why don't we pick the couch up and throw it in the pool cause Terry was starting to do me the same way. Starting to throw things into the pool you know, and mom kinda calmed us down a little bit you know and then we started moving out. There were some items that was left in the home and the owner of the home which was uh Don Campbell own the home, he was the one I hadn't got my grandmothers clothing's that I kept for years. And he asked me was it ok he would give to good will and I said most defiantly cause if somebody else can use it they can have it and the other items the were left in the home he said do you mind if I throw it in the pool because I'm not gonna fix the pool I am cement it up. and I said if it'll put sold ground in West Memphis you throw every thang you want to in that pool and then concrete it up.

Mitchell: where did y'all go when you left West Memphis where did you go?

Hobbs: We moved to Blytheville AR down here.

Mitchell: And how much long did y'all stay together years you stay married after that?

Hobbs: We stayed married we were married 17 years. We actually divorced in uh this 2007 we divorced in 2004. we separated a lot and cause Terry he would always tell me and especially when it first happened you're gonna have to git over this, you're gonna have to go on and I would tell him that I'm an half a person now, I'm you know trying to function as a half ah human being. And I told him that I felt like I was trying to claw out of that ditch and he said well you need to git out of that ditch and go on with your life. And I said you don't tell me how to feel because you don't know how I feel because Steve wasn't his and I said you know in time I will come to terms with this but until then you leave me alone about how I feel. So that cause a lot of trouble with me and Terry we moved into a home on Pecan when the fund money you know that the kindness and generosity of the people started coming in. Terry left me and moved to Hardy he said I was to much to handle that he you know he just couldn't stay around with me anymore because I was fighting with him and stuff to much. So he left and moved to Hardy and Terry and I stayed separated up until almost the beginning of Jesse Mskelley's trial. And then I went to Hardy that's where he had taken Amanda cause I was running the streets I was crazy I left I was on the run from the world for a week. Nobody knew where I was. I didn't even know where I was by the grace of God I'm still here. And uh momma them told Terry to come pick Amanda up. So Terry moved Amanda to Hardy and there were several nights I went up there trying to find Amanda in Hardy and drove right by the place they was living a many of times but didn't know that's where they were. And we eventually got back together because of Amanda.

Mitchell: Who was Terry living with up in Hardy?

Hobbs: At the time when he uh when he first went down there and took my daughter down there he started living with uh a woman a lady name Joy I don't recall what her last name is, but she was an employee for them Terry's family had a chain of restaurants and she was an employee for Terry's brother Mike. And I thank they had had a thang years back you know stuff like so he at first he moved in with her. Then he got a little bitty trailer that him and Amanda moved into.

Mitchell: What chains of restaurants do they (not audible)

Hobbs: they were called Sizzling Catfish and when we were in Anderson Indiana there's a Sizzler Stake House and they were suing JD the Terry's dad because the Sizzling Catfish sound to much like Sizzler so JD changed his name to Reel Em In. Once he did that all the people that he had franchised with Sizzling Catfish found out that they no longer had ta stay obligated to pay em franchised money to him so they started changing their name to their restaurant so he lost about twenty five restaurants when the names was changed.

Mitchell: when you uh what openly caused the divorce between you and Terry, what was the ground?

Hobbs: What really actually caused the divorce and actually you know I never ever going back I'm divorcing you uh Amanda use to confide in my sister I don't know if it was true or if it was for attention or thangs like that. But she had told my sister Jo Lynn that her daddy walked in one time while she was getting out of the bath tub and this was when Amanda was much taller and you know and developing becoming a woman. And she said that her daddy went to grab (not audible) said (not audible) or something like that so she told Jo Lynn that. I didn't wanna believe that or anything and so I ask Amanda and Amanda told me yes momma it's true. Terry had gotten mad at me at the night we went to Billy Ray concert, Billy Ray I thank he finest man in the world I actually got to see Billy Ray I actually got a picture with him and thangs like that. And then the next day John Walsh was at the grand casino and I was able to go see John Walsh too, and I got up and talked to John Walsh and I was telling him you know other people help me searched for my family and stuff like that and I told him I want you to know that you're are an inspiration to victims such as I, for what you've done on America Most Wanted and I said that you know my case was on America Most Wanted and I said ten years later I still with the pill and live with retrials and thangs like that. Well, when I go and say every thang I said to John Walsh told me he said you a lady with a lot of courage don't give up, and the audience you know they stood up they applaud and stuff like that. And the next day I don't know why me and Terry and Amanda was staying all night with a friend he told me he said I'm glad I'm from the mountains. He said because you can tell the difference between a whore, a slut whore and a lady. And to me I felt like he was calling me a whore or slut or something like that so I got mad and I got in our vehicle which we were driving a Venture van at time. And I was just gonna ride around and the more I thought about it and it really, really hurt me that he said that to me. I ended up going to Blytheville and staying with my sister Jo Lynn over night. I didn't even come back that night because who Amanda was with, it was a good woman that I knew she was gone take care of, so I was gonna come back the next day and the next day when I did come back and I was asking Amanda all these question, she said yeah momma it happened. I just totally lost it again and I went to the house uh just really to git some clothes and leave and just leave and forget. There was a note on the door that said I'm gone for the weekend and don't come back I want be back until then. Well uh I'm not sure how I thank the window in the back was busted on the back door so Amanda climbed over the fence went threw the back door to get into the home and Terry was there. He hadn't gone or left or went any where. And when I got in there we was really getting into it hot and heavy and stuff like that, and uh the police was called I asked the police to go over there with me to git my thangs. And uh Amanda was aware that her daddy used drugs and that what she was telling the police you know my daddy does this, my daddy does that and they were asking her do you know where she keeps something. This was marijuana. Amanda pulls a little tray out from under there where Terry kept it underneath the china cabinet and there was about a little roach and you know and the police officer was like you know this aint a lot. And Amanda said he does more than that. She said he does cocaine and he does crystal met. So she goes back into the bedroom uh the cop's are

talking to Terry because the first thang I do every time Terry got mad at me, he would grab stuff that was Steve like school work and thangs like that I guess to hurt me or something and to a lot of people its just paperwork. To me it's my little boys life that's all I have left. And Terry had taken all that stuff.

Stop To Changing Video Tape

Mitchell: Just a second, I'm gone leave that running I'm gone swap out tapes real quick ok. Ok now we've changed tapes here (not audible) you were this was in Hardy when this happened or...

Hobbs; Naw we were living in Memphis TN. When I actually left Terry to divorce him and I never went back. Uh I did go back to him but I didn't go back like 18 months and went back to Memphis and we can get to that to. But the first thang I went to look for was the little suite case that Steve calls it and he had put on there my ninja stuff do not touch. And, it wasn't, were it was the night that I had left. So I asked Terry, I said Terry where is it at? And he said I don't know. I started crying. I said Terry I know it's only paperwork and stuff I said but it's Steve and that's all I've got. So the police officers said if you know where this stuff is we want you to go out and git that. That's what this police officer was telling Terry. When Amanda went back to the bedroom and she brought back a little baggie that had residue of white powder that I don't know if it was cocaine or what the heck it was. But Amanda brought it back and uh one police officer had already took Terry out to his vehicle every thang of Steve was in the trunk of Terry's car. and they were asking him whe did you do this? Why did you put this in the trunk? Well, at that time the other police officer that stayed in the home that's when Amanda had brought him that baggie and when Terry walked back in he handcuff him told him you have the right to remain silent and all of this because of that little baggie of stuff. They took Terry to jail they arrested him and uh they told me they said he's gonna git out and he said if you what ever you wanna to git you're gonna have ten to twelve hours to do it. Because that how long it's gonna take him to git out and they suggested that I git what I want and leave before he got out of jail.

Mitchell: What year was that? You remember what year that was?

Hobbs: Uh it was in 2004.

Mitchell: 2004, and do you know Terry's birthday?

Hobbs; Was it I thank it was sometime in June but it may have been August it was shortly before they started uh...

Mitchell: Naw I'm just asking if you know his birthday?

Hobbs: Oh Terry's birthday?

Mitchell: Yes ma'am

Hobbs: Terry's birthday is May 21st

Mitchell: do you know what year?

Hobbs: That he was born?

Mitchell: Yes

Hobbs: 1953

Mitchell: 1953 ok.

Hobbs: I know his social security you need that?

Mitchell: Yeah if you got it.

Hobbs:

Mitchell: uh now what let's get into what uh what make you or what information you have that lead you to believe that Terry may had something to do with you know with the boys death. Somebody have knowledge of some involvement?

Hobbs: in the beginning what it was uh I had a extra marital affair on Terry this happen in January. Well, the guy use to come to our house and stuff all the time and Terry got up one night he act like he was going to bed. The only thang the guy and I was doing was kissing in the kitchen this happen in January.

Mitchell: What year you're talking about January what year?

Hobbs: This was back in 1993

Mitchell: ok January 1993.

Hobbs: 92 because in 93 you know January well it was 1993 and uh Terry walked in and he beat the guy up and all that stuff. But he doesn't really appear to be angry enough at me that he wants to divorce me or anythang like that you know every thang is gone be all right. We gonna go on with our marrige and stuff. Uh Terry told me in the beginning of our marriage that I don't get mad I get even. So that kind of made me thank to did Terry git mad enough at me and January and stayed with me and did he git even with me that way. That's why that kinda thought entered my mind because of him telling me that. and when I went to the house going back to 2003 that's when it was. After Terry was gone he had set a trash bag out on the carport and said that that's was my clothes and that's what I could have take it with me. Well, I didn't even attempt to even look into it or anythang while the police was there I wished I had of because I didn't I held on to them clothes for years but I threw em away. I think I may have still one shirt. Terry had taken almost

every stitch of clothing that I had, I don't know if he cut it with a knife or if he cut it with a box cutter or what. But the clothing that he had in that trash bag to give me and this was even down to my bra's and underwear they were cut. And uh the shirt that I had wore the night of the John Walsh thing it was a real like in my heart and it was a real black at my back and my underwear I mean but it was crazy you know. Oh my God just staying with my sister what would make him that mad that he would do that to my clothing. So that's when I left and I didn't go back. For 18 months I didn't go back to Marion or be with him and he eventually uh you know he would ask me to come back and stuff like that and I whatin going back for that reason. And uh eventually he divorce you know he filed for divorce and I what in going to contest it or anything. So I just let him go on with the divorce my daughter came to Blytheville with me at first. She was 15 years old at the time. she didn't wanna live here in Blytheville she wanted to live with her daddy, so I let her live with her daddy. In the divorce and David (not audible) that you know finalize our divorce that Terry had custody of Amanda I had my visitation rights and all that stuff I don't have to pay child support or anything like that you know. But Terry got Amanda and I thank uh the reason for our divorce was uh compelling circumstances that were beyond something. I don't remember exactly what it was worded but it was where you know I I threw the blame on Terry and he couldn't handle it (not audible) so that was the reason for our divorce.

Mitchell: Your divorce was file and went threw the court in Crittenden county?

Hobbs: Um huh with uh in Osceola AR.

Mitchell: In Osceola ok so actually you're in Mississippi county.

Hobbs: Pete somebody was Terry's attorney Haynes or something like that I believe. I've got my divorce papers somewhere put up.

Mitchell: What else is what other things you come across some items that uh led you to believe that Terry may have some involvement in this crime?

Hobbs: Well, one night and I thank this was back in like 2002 might have been 2003 before I actually leave him. Terry and I went with my sister Jo Lynn to Culer Mo. and we were sittin up talking and thangs and Terry ask Jo Lynn do you thank I could been involved. Jo Lynn asked him do you want me to tell you the truth or do you want me to lie? And he said I want the truth. She said yeah I thank you could be involved. And he said ah I can't even believe that you would actually thank that I would have any thang to do with that. Well, that dropped and then he went into the conversation of working in a slaughter house that he had to butcher these animals and he said I could cut you know I could skin a man alive, I could cut em up you know, because of how they had da cut up animals and stuff and that was kinda of strange. That kinda of you know blew my mind too and thanking why in the world would he say something like that.

Mitchell: Have you ever heard that from him to voice something like that before?

Hobbs: Its what?

Mitchell: Had you ever heard anything like that from Terry before?

Hobbs: No sir.

Mitchell: He ever tell you about working in a place like that before?

Hobbs: What the slaughter well yeah I knew you know he was part of the slaughter. But he never made a statement like you know I skin you alive or I could do this or I could do that. That you know he never mention. I knew that his daddy owned a packing house and his daddy owned a grocery store and then his daddy had restaurants and he was a Apostolic Pentecostal preacher also.

Mitchell: Well what started the conversation about what prompted the question from Terry to your sister do you think I could have been involved in this or....

Hobbs: it just kinda came out of the blue cause Jo Lynn and Terry uh he never really like Jo Lynn because he thought Jo Lynn controlled me. And would tell me you know what to do and I would listen so he never really did like Jo Lynn to begin with so just out of the blue he asked Jo Lynn that. Jo Lynn asked him you want me to tell you the truth, you want me to lie? He said well I want the truth. And she said yeah she said I thank you're capable.

Mitchell: and when you too uh when you and Terry were going threw uh your divorce there was a ah letter that was written from Mr. Stiddman the attorney to uh prosecutor in this case Brent Davis about some property that was brought to him uh what can you tell me about that?

Hobbs: What was weird to me about Terry's partial is he had a strong fire proof lock box and it was locked and John that's who Jo Lynn's married to now. They were just dating then, he pried it open and open it up the only thang that was in there was Terry's partial s that he had and uh there was a little bitty necklace that had a penny on the end of it and uh the year was 1984 that was the year Steve was born. And uh I thank he had maybe a marble or something like that and that's all was in that strong box. And when we started moving thangs and thangs like that I didn't even know Terry had a knife collection that he had you know. I guess I should have checked into him more than what I did but I didn't I didn't pry and look in his billfold and thangs like that you know like a lot of women do. Maybe I need to start that ha ha but uh I didn't do that. Jo Lynn run across them knives and she thought that was peculiar, she went ahead and pack em up and took em with her and when she gets back to Blytheville and all we discover that Steve little pocket knife that daddy had given to Steve; Steve carried it with him all the time he would have had it with that day. It was in terry's knife collection and we was wondering why in the heck is this knife here cause the family didn't give it to em. We would have gave it back to daddy and we was wondering how come Steve knife was in all these knives. And uh

Mitchell: How many knives we're talking about? How many knives did you see?

Hobbs: I would say 12 to 13, there was like a ma ah sword uh there were all kinds of different kind of knives.

Mitchell: How big you said his strong box how big is this, can you describe how tall it was or how the dimensions on this box?

Hobbs; some of the knives?

Mitchell: On the box it self.

Hobbs: Uh not really because the sword knife that was real big he kinds left that out I knew of that one. Not much bigger than what the strong box was in I would say maybe like this and maybe this tall.

Mitchell: That's the size of the box?

Hobbs: maybe you know ta the best of my knowledge I

Mitchell: (not audible) locked?

Hobbs: It wasn't locked. That one what'n. The strong box what Terry's partials come out of that was what was locked.

Mitchell: How big was this that box?

Hobbs: Uh bought like this that tall.

Mitchell: ok what kind of lock did he have for it? Did he have a combination lock(not audible) lock?

Hobbs; He had a key lock.

Mitchell: Key lock ok. Uh do you ever know Terry to carry uh pocket knife with him or a knife on him?

Hobbs: No and really what was kind of particular is that Terry doesn't fish he doesn't hunt or any thang so that's why Jo Lynn and my sister Jo Lynn is the one that took the knives to Dan uh was wondering why in the heck he had that big of a collection of knives when we knew he wasn't a hunter, he wasn't a sportsman so you know he wouldn't why would he have that many.

Mitchell: What did Terry do what was his idea of relaxation what'll you remember what he do to relax?

Hobbs: What did he ta?

Mitchell: Relax? What did he do to what was his idea?

Hobbs: Uh summer time camping and you know stuff like that. Winter time really nothing set home watch movies you know or something like that so.

Mitchell: HE didn't have any particular at all he like or...

Hobbs: Uh puzzles together uh that was back you know before Steve passed away. Then he started getting to where he like to draw so he started doing like cartoons characters and things like that. but back then it was puzzles jig saw puzzles.

Mitchell: Now when you found these uh where were these knives and partials where did you find them at?

Hobbs: The partial was in the strong box in top of our closet. We had knight stands on each side of our bed and the knives were in the night stand on Terry's side where he slept at and Jo Lynn the one that found all them thangs.

Mitchell: Were you there with here when she found them?

Hobbs: Um huh yeah'

Mitchell: Ok and were you with here when they were turned over to Dan Stiddman?

Hobbs: I was not.

Mitchell: Uh describe Steve pocket knife the one his grandfather, give him?

Hobbs: Bought I'm mon say this big maybe?

Mitchell: Is that with the blade out?

Hobbs: probably that big with the blade out I would say you know but that little folded up. Uh if I can recall uh I thank it had white on the end of the knife and like brown in the middle of it, it was just a little bitty fold up pocket knife.

Mitchell: Steve keep that with him a lot?

Hobbs: All the time from the time his granddaddy gave it to him you know he carried it with him the whole time. not to use it more so that it was a gift that come from his granddaddy.

Mitchell: Did you ever know him to take it to school?

Hobbs: Did he whar?

Mitchell: Did he ever take it to school with him?

Hobbs: He would have had to yeah being in his pocket.

Mitchell: Uh the reason I asked I didn't know him being with a knife if you would allowed him to take it to school or not. That's why I asked.

Hobbs: Well uh back then I don't thank children were stabbing and killing each other and stuff like that so... and I knew Steve wasn't gonna use it as a weapon or any thang I never feared that so it wouldn't of I wouldn't of said no you don't need ta take this to school with you its just like I guess he felt to me like I felt like granddaddy with me he's in my pocket you know.

Mitchell: On this uh on this knife did it have just one blade or did it have more than one blade that would fold out?

Hobbs: There might have been two blades. It was one blade that was maybe this long and then a little bitty blade.

Mitchell: since this prosecution found the property it was turned over to un the attorney Dan Stiddman uh since then how often have you had contacts with Terry? Since your divorce?

Hobbs: Since I divorced him? I return back to Memphis to live with Terry because Amanda, he was letting a 21-year old man live with my 15 year old daughter. My daughter was getting on drugs herself. My mothers felling was I was gone lose my daughter too. So I went back to Memphis and lived with Terry I'm more say another 15 months or so I lived with Terry up until my brother passed away, cause Terry shot my brother. And we ended up getting back together after that too. And I call myself staying with Amanda all these years because I wanted Amanda to grow up with her daddy. I didn't want her to have a stepfather like Steve did. And uh I left Terry shortly after my brother passed away in July and got my own apartment in Memphis.

Mitchell: July of what year?

Hobbs: Of uh 2006 yeah 2006.

Mitchell: and when did you move back to Blytheville?

Hobbs: In January when my father was diagnosed with bone cancer.

Mitchell: January of this year 2007?

Hobbs: uh yeah um huh.

Mitchell: and uh since uh since January have you had any contact at all with Terry Hobbs?

Hobbs: A little bit but not much. Uh the reason why you know the resentment of him shooting my brother, and my brother asked me to because he told me he was gonna die. He told me don't blame yourself for it and the reason Terry shot my brother was because Terry hit me and the only thing I was wanting to do that day was just leave ride around cool off and then come back and he fought me for the keys and then he hit me in my face. I felt like my jaw was broke and I call my brother which was living in Mississippi and asked him how did a broke jaw probably feel he called my mom and dad in Blytheville. mom and dad was at church. So mom and dad automatically come downs to Memphis to check on me to see how I am and my brother says too he tells mom and dad that I'm going, and daddy tells Jack because Jackie Jr. had a temper he was big too. He say naw you need to stay here, he say if y'all don't let me ride with you I'm taking my own car but I'm going, so when Jackie Jr. gets to the house he comes in and he looks at me Jackie also went with my dad when daddy went up to view Steve body before any thang was done. And when he say when he looked at my face its Steve face just come back to him. And he asked me he said Pam would you hate me if I brake his jaw. I say well naw Jackie I want do that. The whole time Terry is out at his truck and Jackie said does he have his gun. Cause Terry had a 57, 957 magnum or something what ever it's called..

Mitchell: 357?

Hobbs: 357 magnum yeah but that's what gun that Terry was carrying at the time so Terry was setting out side Terry could have left I don't know why he didn't, cause he ~~knew~~ my brother, he knew my brothers temper. So when I told my brother I wouldn't hate him and he asked me did he have his gun I said I don't know Jackie. Jackie automatically just went ahead and shot out the door and took off after Terry he grabs Terry by the hair of the head and bangs his face into the truck and then Terry fights back and then some I thank he fell face forward. Well Jackie Jr. gets on Terry back and I guess was gone choke him to death try to brake his neck I don't know what he was gone try to do. But some how Terry got the gun that was in his pocket the hold time and pointed it up and shot Jackie then Jackie grab his stomach and said oh God I've been shot. Terry jumped up again to shoot Jackie again and my momma there she said please Terry don't do this don't kill my only son please. And my dad starts walking toward Terry, Terry still has the gun pointed and he points it at my dad and said you better not go any further I'll shoot you too you fat mother fucker. And daddy...

Mitchell: Are you seeing all this? Are you seeing this or...

Hobbs: I seen this!

Mitchell: You're watching this?

Hobbs: I watched this I was asking Terry what'd you do this for you idiot you're gonna go to prison for murder why did you shoot my brother? My daddy is walking towards Terry telling Terry to put the gun down don't make it any worst than what it is and Terry points the gun at my daddy and tells him he'll shoot him too. By this time the cops finally arrive at the home uh Terry says that he called the cops ta tell em that daddy them was gone be there and all this. Terry even took the house phone out with him. I think Jackie Jr. wife at the time may have went to a neighbors house or something to call 911 to call the ambulance cause Jackie had been shot.

Mitchell: How long did your brother live after being shot?

Hobbs: How long did.

Mitchell: How long did he live?

Hobbs: 9 years.

Mitchell: After he was shot?

Hobbs: Yeah uh..

Mitchell: so this happen he was shot...

Hobbs: 1997 is when my brother was shot.

Mitchell: 1997 he passed away in 2006...

Hobbs: July 5th of 2006.

Mitchell: What was the cause of your brothers death?

Hobbs: I think he did because of the surgery that my brother had to have. My brother had fifteen to sixteen surgery's that all resulted from being shot. What killed him was he had a bowel obstruction. He went they chose to leave the bullet where it was lodge because they thought that you know it would kill Jackie well the mesh or something that was in there cause a bowel obstruction or something. So they finally did take the bullet out of Jackie Jr. well he had a bowel obstruction and he developed a blood clot and that what my brother died from an aneurysm.

Mitchell: ok is there anything else that you can think of anything I'm just gonna ask you this. Do you believe that your ex-husband Terry Hobbs had something to do with the death of your son and the other two boys?

Hobbs: I don't wanna believe it, it could be a possibility but in my state mental state of mind I don't wanna believe it because I don't know what I'm capable of.

Mitchell: Ok is there anything else that you can think of that uh we haven't gone over from that time period up to today uh that might be helpful to us in this investigation follow up that we're gonna forward to the prosecutors. Is there any thing you can think of we haven't asked.

Hobbs: nothing other than I can recall that I haven't told you know a lot of Terry telling us, but this is after trials and every thing (not audible) anyway so I didn't call anybody else to tell em that. nothing other than you know what I 've told you and my reason for divorcing em, and my reason for going back to em. And the reason when my brother died that I moved out and got on my own and when my daddy was about to pass away my daughter was asking Terry because she was living in Memphis, daddy please take me down there to see granddaddy whose bout to take his last breath Terry reaction was duh we all knew that. so my brother was already dead and now he's said that about my daddy so I...I could care less to talk to Terry Hobbs.

Mitchell: Do you know where he's living now?

Hobbs: He does not have a permanent resident. Ron Lack went to investigate him or called him to his office Terry went up there they came to Terry's residence and talk to em. But then they call him to there office at one time. and shortly after Ron's visit with Terry at his home he moved from that home, he put a few thangs in storage and he quit his job he was working for VIP that was another delivery that he delivered mail and packages and that type of thang he quit that job and to my knowledge from my daughter is where its coming from her daddy stays at in Millington TN at one of the motels down there where he pays by the week. He works at a job like Labor Force or Labor Ready or something like that to the last of what my daughter told me and gits paid by the day. When she's telling me this stuff to she saying momma please don't tell daddy cause I don't want him to be mad. I said you aint got worry about I don't even want to talk to your daddy.

Mitchell: How would be what would be the best way for us to make contact with Terry Hobbs?

Hobbs: I've got a cell number on him that maybe you could call him on his cell. I thank I wrote his tag number down because when I was mad and I left him and every thang, my dad gave me a little 22 that I had begged him for forever and Terry said that I pointed it at em I was gonna shoot him and all this stuff, me and my sister left you know to just go be and do some sister thang when we come back the police was there and the police was giving the police this gun that he was saying I was gonna shoot him with. Uh Terry's not allowed I don't know what happen to Terry uh my dad and my brother wanted to drop charges because of me against Terry on the Aggravated Assault I thank that's what he was charged with and thangs like that so...uh he goes to Tunica a lot uh he goes to

Mitchell: You said you had a cell phone number for me what's the number we could reach him at?

Hobbs:

Mitchell: all right if there's nothing else you can think of.

Noles: Just one one thang?

Mitchell: You've got a question?

Noles: Pam we was talking about the 5th of May the day that uh Steve come missin you said that Terry dropped you off at the house and he left and he didn't tell you where he was going?

Hobbs: Uh he told me he was gone to look the neighborhood.

Noles: How long was he gone?

Hobbs: Terry?

Noles: Yeah how long was he gone?

Hobbs: I didn't see Terry again until like I said until 9 or 9:30 that night. From the time I was dropped off at work.

Noles: No this is the time he dropped you off at home you said something about he dropped you off at the house he left but he didn't tell you where he was going.

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Noles: Ok you said that Terry picked you up from work and then y'all went around riding round and stuff but he took you home, but he left but he didn't tell you where he was going, you know bout what time that he dropped you off at the house?

Hobbs: Uh saying the time to walk threw the woods and being there I would say uh 10:30; 10:45.

Noles: And what time did you see him again?

Hobbs: Uhhhh about 11:30; 11:35 I don't I would guess cause I was gone long enough to go to David and Bobby's house to make my phone calls and David to bring me back home before Terry had return back.

Noles: He never did tell you where he went to?

Hobbs: Um um naw he just got with David.

Noles: That all I had just wanted to clarify that point.

Mitchell: Sure sure uh I mean its nothing else you can thank of Pam if not we're gonna go ahead and close your interview out. I do want to tell you how much we appreciate you and I thank you've done a great job talking to us. (not audible) very proud

Hobbs: I didn't quite understand hear you.

Mitchell: Oh I'm very proud of how decided to go threw with this interview that involving (not audible) ok uh if you don't have anything else then what we're gonna do is close your interview and the next couple of minutes break and then we'll sit down and talk to your sister Jo Lynn and we'll finish up and get y'all out of here. Uh its 12:58 p.m. and we're going to go ahead and stop the tapes and take just a quick break and then we'll get Jo Lynn in here and get her interview done.

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