

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
05 CRS 244094-95
05 CRS 76342

AFFIDAVIT OF
R. ANDREW MURRAY

5. My office received a letter dated October 4, 2016 from the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission. The letter requested a copy of the complete prosecutorial file in this case, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 15A-1471(b).

6. In 2015 and 2016, our office policy regarding file retention included all felony files were to be retained for nine years plus the current year. My staff purges files at the beginning of each New Year and the process takes several months. In early 2015, when Mr. Grant's MAR was filed, the 2005 files had not been sent off-site for destruction. My office still had Mr. Grant's file in early February, 2015.

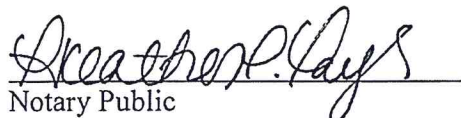
7. Upon information and belief, once the MAR was resolved and disposed of, the file in this case was destroyed per office policy since more than nine years had passed since the date of the crime.

8. The District Attorney's Office is no longer in possession of this file and has no record of its disposition.

This the 23 day of January, 2017.


R. Andrew Murray

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of January, 2017.


Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: 9/10/2019



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

V.

ISRAEL SEBASTIAN GRANT

AFFIDAVIT OF ROSS ENGLISH

NOW COMES Ross English being first been duly sworn, who deposes and says the following:

1. I am over the age of eighteen, suffer no legal disabilities, have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below, and am competent to testify.
2. I worked as a private investigator for the defense attorney, Reggie McKnight, during his representation of Israel Grant (hereinafter "Grant") for the above-captioned case.
3. I am currently retired and no longer work as a private investigator.
4. I was contacted by the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission on November 21, 2017 regarding my files and investigation related to this case.
5. It was my practice as a private investigator to give my entire file to the defense attorney.
6. It was also my practice as a private investigator to offer the defense attorney my notes regarding the case.
7. If the defense attorney declined taking possession of my notes, it was my practice to shred the notes approximately two weeks later.
8. It was my practice as a private investigator to destroy via shredding my files seven years after the cases closed.
9. I do not have any files and notes related to my work as a private investigator.
10. Approximately two weeks ago I went through old files with my daughter that I had probably kept under the assumption the cases were going through the appellate process.

11. At that time I did not see any files associated with Grant and this case.

12. I destroyed via shredding all the files I went through with my daughter approximately two weeks ago.

13. I currently have no notes, files, records, documents, writings, memorandums, recordings, or data compilations for any cases in my possession or custody or control.

14. I am confident that there are no notes, files, records, documents, writings, memorandums, recordings, or data compilations related to this case in my possession or custody or control.

15. I have no independent recollection about any statements Grant might have made to me regarding this case.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

This the 21st day of November, 2017.



Ross English

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF _____

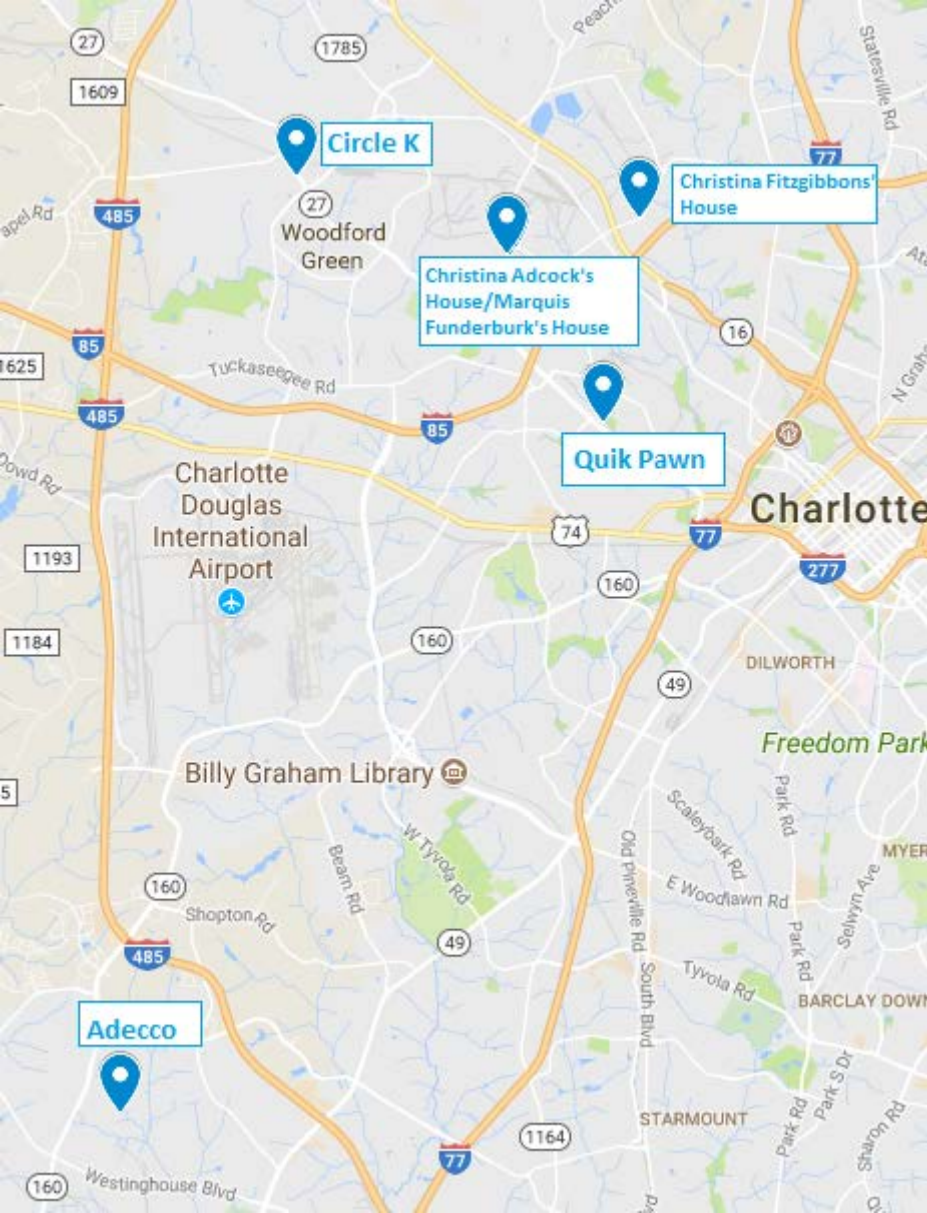
Sworn to and subscribed before me,

this 21 day of November, 2017.



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Notary Public (Seal)

My Commission Expires: 4/27/2021



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Christina Fitzgibbons' House

Christina Adcock's House/Marquis Funderburk's House

Quik Pawn

Adecco

Pawtuckett Laundromat

Stores With Glass Windows

BB&T

Gas Pumps

Victim's Car

Suspect's Car

Dumpsters

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Glass Windows

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1 spoken to anyone about the case since the trial?

2 MR. McKNIGHT: No. Just I -- no. I saw
3 his -- he has a really strong group of kind of friends,
4 semi-family. I saw them that day at the hearing. I
5 talked to them. That was it. But ...

6 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. And when you -- prior to
7 this case, did you know Mr. Grant or either of the
8 victims?

9 MR. McKNIGHT: No.

10 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. And during your
11 representation, what statements did Mr. Grant make to
12 you regarding his guilt or innocence?

13 MR. McKNIGHT: He absolutely affirmed the
14 fact that he -- that, if I recall correctly -- that
15 this had something to do with drugs.

16 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

17 MR. McKNIGHT: I think that the two victims
18 owed him money or something along those lines. It's
19 been a long time so -- don't -- don't -- I think it had
20 something to do with drugs. But it was absolutely,
21 positively not a robbery that occurred that day or any
22 day involving those two people.

23 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

24 MR. McKNIGHT: That this was something else
25 and they were trying to cover their tracks by saying

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1 that he robbed them.

2 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Do you have any reason
3 to believe that he did rob those two people?

4 A No, I don't. You know, my -- I felt like
5 something else was going on with the victims. I just
6 couldn't break them on the stand on cross-examination
7 from what they originally said.

8 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

9 MR. McKNIGHT: I think that was the sole
10 basis of the conviction. But I knew -- I knew they
11 were lying. I knew they weren't telling the truth
12 because some of the timelines, it just didn't make
13 sense, some of the things we found out later on
14 about -- they knew Israel. Both individuals had
15 already known him, and I think that probably goes to
16 the whole maybe a drug thing from earlier on.

17 But no. The short answer is no, I have no
18 reason not to believe.

19 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

20 MR. McKNIGHT: I honestly believed him, I
21 mean, is the short answer.

22 MR. ZIEGLER: Right. Sure. Sure.

23 Is there anything else that you can think of
24 that, as an investigator in this case, I should know
25 about?

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**AFFIDAVIT OF
REGGIE MCKNIGHT**

Reggie McKnight, having appeared before the undersigned notary and first been duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of eighteen, suffer no legal disabilities, have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below, and am competent to testify.
2. I have been a North Carolina licensed attorney since 1997 and have practiced criminal defense my entire career.
3. In 2005, I was appointed to represent Israel Grant in the above captioned cases - two counts of Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon and one count of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon related to a robbery of Jason Taylor and Christina Adcock at a Circle K convenience store on August 15, 2005. Mr. Grant was convicted of all three charges on August 17, 2007.
4. I was contacted by the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission (Commission) in June 2017. The Commission provided me with a copy of a Waiver of Procedural Safeguards and Privileges signed by Mr. Grant and requested a copy of my file in this case, which I provided to the Commission.

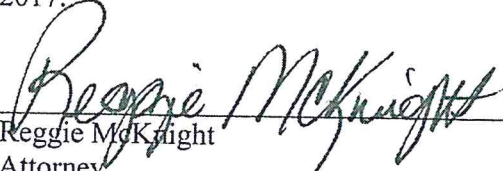
5. Throughout my representation of Mr. Grant, he maintained his innocence of this crime. As I recall, Mr. Grant communicated to me his belief that the victims made up the robbery after a dispute regarding a past drug transaction between Mr. Grant and the victims.

6. In May 2015, Mr. Grant was granted a hearing on a Motion for Appropriate Relief based on a claim of Ineffective Assistance of Counsel. I came to court for the hearing prepared to testify on Mr. Grant's behalf.

7. To the best of my recollection, the hearing did not take place because Mr. Grant (through his attorney) reached an agreement with the State in which one of his convictions and sentences for Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon was vacated on the basis of a recantation by victim Christina Adcock, who was also in court that day.

8. Throughout my representation I believed Mr. Grant was innocent of these crimes, and I continue to believe he is innocent.

This the 29 day of August, 2017.


Reggie McKnight
Attorney

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of August, 2017.


Notary Public
Lawrence Platter
My Commission Expires:

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My Commission Expires 1-12-2019

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**AFFIDAVIT OF
BRUCE CUNNINGHAM**

Bruce Cunningham, having appeared before the undersigned notary and first been duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of eighteen, suffer no legal disabilities, have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below, and am competent to testify.

2. I have been a North Carolina licensed attorney since 1978 and have practiced criminal defense and post-conviction work for 44 years.

3. I was hired to represent Israel Grant to seek post-conviction relief in this case.

4. I referred the case to the North Carolina Innocence Commission (Commission) on March 18, 2014 and provided my entire case file to the Commission in two parts on March 18, 2014 and August 8, 2016. I have not reviewed my file since providing it to the Commission.

5. I recall meeting with one of the victims, Christina Adcock, and Mr. Grant's brother, Elijah Grant, in November of 2012. I do not recall what was said during this meeting.

6. Following that meeting, I remember many conversations about trying to find Ms. Adcock for her to provide a statement.

7. It is my recollection that Elijah Grant is the one who obtained the affidavit from Ms. Adcock on March 10, 2014.

8. I did not speak with Ms. Adcock again until May of 2015, when a hearing was scheduled for a MAR I filed on Mr. Grant's behalf. I do not recall specifically what she said at this time, other than that she was recanting her trial testimony.

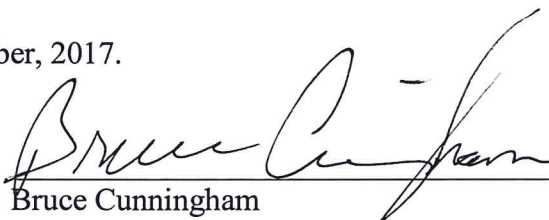
9. The MAR hearing was granted based on an Ineffective Assistance of Counsel claim, however no hearing took place because Assistant District Attorney Bruce Lillie consented to one of Mr. Grant's RWDW convictions being vacated on the basis of Ms. Adcock's recantation.

10. I generally focus my post-conviction representation on legal issues and would not have asked about Mr. Grant's guilt or innocence.

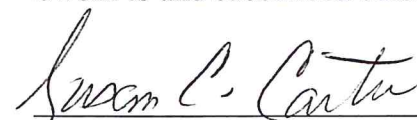
11. Throughout my representation, I do not recall Mr. Grant making a statement either way regarding his guilt or innocence of this crime.

12. At no time did I ever speak with the other victim, Jason Taylor.

This the 9th day of November, 2017.


Bruce Cunningham
Attorney

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of NOVEMBER, 2017.


Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: 4/2/21

CHRISTINA ADCOCK

CRIMINAL RECORD

Conviction	Jurisdiction	DOO	Date of Conviction
POSS. STOLEN GOODS (M)	GASTON	7/2/2006	6/29/2007
SPECIAL ID FRAUD VIOLATION (M)	MECKLENBURG	2/14/2007	7/30/2007
FINANCIAL TRANSACTION CARD FRAUD (F)	GASTON	9/3/2007	5/27/2008
POSS. STOLEN GOODS/PROPERTY (F)	GASTON	9/3/2007	5/27/2008
POSS. DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (M)	GASTON	9/3/2007	1/31/2008
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON (M)	GASTON	9/3/2007	1/31/2008
POSS. STOLEN GOODS/PROPERTY (F)	GASTON	9/3/2007	5/27/2008
LARCENY (M)	GASTON	11/23/2007	3/5/2008
LARCENY (M)	GASTON	11/23/2007	6/11/2008
POSS. MARIJUANA UP TO ½ OZ (M)	MECKLENBURG	12/22/2007	3/10/2008
SHOPLIFTING (M)	MECKLENBURG	12/28/2009	4/27/2010
LARCENY (M)	MECKLENBURG	1/12/2011	3/29/2011

NORTH CAROLINA
MECKLENBURG COUNTY

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Petitioner,

T R A N S C R I P T

vs.

ISRAEL SEBASTIAN GRANT,

Recorded Interview

Defendant.

This is the transcript of the recorded interview taken of Christina Adcock, which was conducted by Sharon Stellato, Associate Director, and Brian Ziegler, Staff Attorney, from the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission. The interview took place on March 2, 2017.

APPEARANCES:

Sharon Stellato, Associate Director
Brian Ziegler, Staff Attorney
North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission
Administrative Office of the Courts
P.O. Box 2448
Raleigh, NC 27602

Also Present: Christina Adcock

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MS. STELLATO: Hello.

3 MR. ZIEGLER: Hello.

4 MS. STELLATO: How are you?

5 MALE: Good.

6 MS. STELLATO: We're looking for Christina Adcock.

7 MR. ZIEGLER: Well, he wants to come outside.

8 MALE: Shoo. Go on. Come on. Jack, get back.

9 Get back.

10 MR. ZIEGLER: Hi.

11 MS. ADCOCK: Hi. How are you?

12 MR. ZIEGLER: Ms. Adcock?

13 MS. ADCOCK: Yeah.

14 MR. ZIEGLER: We're from the North Carolina

15 Innocence Inquiry Commission.

16 MS. ADCOCK: Uh-huh.

17 MR. ZIEGLER: It's a state agency that

18 investigates when there's someone who has been -- or who has

19 been convicted of a crime but claims they're innocent.

20 MS. ADCOCK: Uh-huh.

21 MR. ZIEGLER: We're a neutral agency. We don't

22 represent anyone. We're not law enforcement. We just

23 investigate the truth of what happened.

24 MS. ADCOCK: Okay.

25 MR. ZIEGLER: And Israel Grant has applied to our

1 agency.

2 MS. ADCOCK: Okay.

3 MR. ZIEGLER: Do you know Mr. Grant?

4 MS. ADCOCK: Yeah.

5 MR. ZIEGLER: Can you tell us a little bit about
6 that?

7 MS. ADCOCK: Well, years ago when -- probably
8 about ten years ago, I guess, I was stuck between a rock and
9 a hard place and some allegations were made against him.
10 And I've already signed papers and everything and talked to
11 someone about this situation, so I don't --

12 MR. ZIEGLER: Right.

13 MS. ADCOCK: -- know why it's still ongoing
14 because supposedly he's already done signed and everything's
15 done been enforced and everything.

16 MS. STELLATO: You went to court, right?

17 MS. ADCOCK: No. It was -- it was settled out of
18 court. But I did talk to -- and I -- and I had a paper
19 notarized and signed and sent to his lawyer.

20 MR. ZIEGLER: Right.

21 MS. STELLATO: So the reason we're here is we
22 understand that you -- you did say that -- the allegation --

23 MS. ADCOCK: It didn't happen.

24 MS. STELLATO: -- it didn't happen.

25 MS. ADCOCK: Right. It didn't happen.

1 MS. STELLATO: So can you -- can you tell us -- we
2 understand the other victim hasn't been talked to or
3 maybe --

4 MS. ADCOCK: Right. I don't even know where he's
5 at. That's my baby daddy. Like I said, I was stuck in
6 between a rock and a hard place. Things had happened
7 between the family and he, you know -- what -- what -- he
8 had called the cops and -- and it was just -- like I said,
9 it was a big long thing that wasn't true.

10 And like I said, I done talked to the lawyer; I
11 done talked to Israel. I've done -- because Israel has
12 called me from prison. Hold on one second.

13 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

14 MR. ZIEGLER: Sure. Yeah.

15 MS. STELLATO: No problem.

16 MR. ZIEGLER: Hey doggy. Come on.

17 MS. ADCOCK: Come here. They're not going to hurt
18 you. Come on.

19 MR. ZIEGLER: Come on.

20 MS. ADCOCK: Come on (inaudible).

21 MR. ZIEGLER: Come on. Come on.

22 MS. STELLATO: I just don't want them to run off.

23 MR. ZIEGLER: Didn't want them to run off, yeah.

24 MS. ADCOCK: Come on. Come on.

25 MR. ZIEGLER: Come on, puppies. Come on.

1 MS. ADCOCK: Abby.
2 MR. ZIEGLER: Hey.
3 MS. STELLATO: Come on.
4 MR. ZIEGLER: Come on, baby. Come on.
5 MS. ADCOCK: Come on, puppy.
6 MR. ZIEGLER: Come on. Come on in the house.
7 Come on.
8 MS. ADCOCK: Come on, Abby.
9 MR. ZIEGLER: Come on.
10 MS. STELLATO: Come on.
11 MS. ADCOCK: Come on. Let's go.
12 MR. ZIEGLER: Come on. Hey. Well, they're
13 friendly.
14 MS. ADCOCK: Yeah. That's my baby right there.
15 MS. STELLATO: They're super sweet.
16 MS. ADCOCK: That's my baby.
17 MR. ZIEGLER: Ut-oh.
18 MS. ADCOCK: What?
19 MS. STELLATO: He said mama.
20 MS. ADCOCK: Yeah. I'm mama girl. I'm mama girl.
21 MS. STELLATO: So is Jason --
22 MS. ADCOCK: Yeah. That's the father of my girls.
23 MS. STELLATO: How many daughters do you have?
24 MS. ADCOCK: Two.
25 MS. STELLATO: Two. Do you talk to him?

1 MS. ADCOCK: I haven't talked to him in months
2 now.

3 MS. STELLATO: Did --

4 MS. ADCOCK: From I understand, he's got a warrant
5 for his arrest and all kinds of stuff and he's homeless
6 and -- from what I understand. So -- and he doesn't have a
7 phone for me to contact him or nothing.

8 MS. STELLATO: When you say it didn't happen, did
9 it not happen at all or did it happen maybe with Jason and
10 not --

11 MS. ADCOCK: It didn't happen with me.

12 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

13 MS. ADCOCK: Whether it happened with him, I don't
14 know.

15 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

16 MS. ADCOCK: Like I said, he went prison. Jason
17 went to prison not long after that. So, you know, karma is
18 that bitch that bites you in the ass, so...

19 MR. ZIEGLER: Right. If it didn't happen to you,
20 how did you know what to say as far --

21 MS. ADCOCK: Jason told me. I was -- like I said,
22 I was pushed into it basically.

23 MS. STELLATO: So you guys went to the Circle K
24 and --

25 MS. ADCOCK: Yes, ma'am.

1 MS. STELLATO: -- and just called -- called the
2 police and --

3 MS. ADCOCK: Yeah. He called the cop -- he called
4 the law. And this was days after, I guess, it had occurred.
5 You know, maybe it happened -- maybe it did happen to him.
6 I don't know whether it happened to him or not. And if --
7 but if it did, it was days after when we called -- when he
8 called the law.

9 MS. STELLATO: Can you tell me why he wanted you
10 to do that?

11 MS. ADCOCK: (No response.)

12 MS. STELLATO: You don't know?

13 MS. ADCOCK: Uh-uh. I think it was some family
14 issues. I think maybe some money was gone or something
15 because I don't remember. But I've come to an understanding
16 of. His grandpa gave him some money and I guess he messed
17 it up or something and...

18 MR. ZIEGLER: Did you ever hear him talk about
19 Israel Grant, anything, whether he --

20 MS. ADCOCK: Well, I know that him and Israel had
21 dealings before. He had actually went and sold -- he had
22 tried to sell -- he went through a friend. Israel had
23 bought some weed through a friend of his. And the friend
24 either shorted him on the weed or something. And so it come
25 back on Jason. And Jason was like I had no dealings with

1 that because you did the dealings. You know, the money and
2 the -- the product was exchanged in each of y'all's hands.
3 No, I didn't touch nothing. So how are you going to accuse
4 me or get me involved in it.

5 MR. ZIEGLER: Right.

6 MS. ADCOCK: So that's -- that's what it all stems
7 from is a drug deal.

8 MR. ZIEGLER: So did you hear Israel talk about
9 that?

10 MS. ADCOCK: Uh-uh. Like I said, I never hung
11 around Israel. And I had to deal with a bunch of bullshit
12 after the fact, years after from -- because of my neighbors
13 across the street of my mother's. Because they were
14 friends. Israel was friends with Marquise Funderburk.
15 You've heard of him.

16 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

17 MS. ADCOCK: And Marquise had even broke into my
18 house. He was throwing rocks at my house; threatened to
19 kill me, all kinds of stuff.

20 MR. ZIEGLER: Because of this?

21 MS. ADCOCK: Yes.

22 MS. STELLATO: Did you feel pressured to -- to
23 like -- I don't want to say change your story, but to --

24 MS. ADCOCK: No, I didn't feel pressured to like
25 get Israel to -- to try to get him off, no, I didn't feel

1 pressured to.

2 MR. ZIEGLER: How did that come about? Like I
3 know you signed the paper and everything, but who approached
4 you or --

5 MS. ADCOCK: Marquise -- Marquise approached me
6 and asked me, you know, if I would do it. And I actually --
7 before I made my decision on anything, I talked to Israel
8 myself. He had called Marquise. And I had actually talked
9 to Israel myself and I explained to Israel what happened,
10 what was going on. You know, this was like -- this was, I
11 want to say last year, the year before last I did -- I did
12 that.

13 MR. ZIEGLER: Did he have --

14 MS. ADCOCK: His lawyer should have the paperwork.

15 MR. ZIEGLER: Did he have -- did he have a reason
16 to -- like to think that you would say it didn't happen
17 or --

18 MS. ADCOCK: No, I don't -- I don't think so.

19 MR. ZIEGLER: But you didn't feel --

20 MS. ADCOCK: I told him -- I told him I was in
21 a -- you know, we was all in a messed up state of mind. I
22 guess you could say a fucked-up position, I guess, you know.
23 But all three of us or -- especially me, because I was put
24 in the middle of it because I had nothing to do with either
25 side of it. I had nothing to do with the dealings of the --

1 you know, the drug deal and I had nothing to do with the
2 calling of the police. So I was kind of put in the middle
3 of it because of my baby daddy.

4 MS. STELLATO: But you didn't feel threatened by
5 anyone to come forward?

6 MS. ADCOCK: Uh-uh.

7 MS. STELLATO: And when you came -- came forward,
8 what you said was true --

9 MS. ADCOCK: Uh-huh.

10 MS. STELLATO: -- it didn't happen?

11 MS. ADCOCK: Uh-uh.

12 MS. STELLATO: Can you tell us about -- about
13 Jason? Was he an honest person?

14 MS. ADCOCK: No, not really. Actually, he's --
15 he's on drugs. He was on drugs. I don't know if he still
16 is. From my understanding, he's still, you know, doing a
17 little bit here and there, whatever. And my ribs are
18 broken, that's why I'm (inaudible).

19 MS. STELLATO: I'm sorry.

20 MR. ZIEGLER: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that, yeah.

21 MS. ADCOCK: So all I can do is pray for him, you
22 know. And I asked -- I asked forgiveness from Israel, you
23 know.

24 MR. ZIEGLER: Sure.

25 MS. STELLATO: What did he say?

1 MS. ADCOCK: He said he forgave me and he
2 understood. So it's kind of -- it's a little bit off my
3 mind and a lot -- a lot off my chest and everything, but
4 it's still, you know, it bothers me.

5 MR. ZIEGLER: Sure.

6 MS. ADCOCK: Because I know that even though he
7 was out here doing the wrong things because just -- I'm
8 not -- I know -- my situation or that case isn't the one
9 that put him in there. That was basically the icing on, you
10 know, the cake.

11 MR. ZIEGLER: Was there a --

12 MS. ADCOCK: And I know he had other charges
13 against him at that time.

14 MR. ZIEGLER: Was there a reason you didn't give
15 his name or Jason didn't give his name when the police came
16 out?

17 MS. ADCOCK: I don't know why.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: No. Okay.

19 MS. ADCOCK: I guess maybe -- I mean with the
20 description of the car that he gave them, it was kind of --
21 you know, it was kind of an obvious -- obvious giveaway
22 there, you know.

23 MS. STELLATO: Yeah.

24 MR. ZIEGLER: Right.

25 MS. STELLATO: Do you think Jason would tell the

1 truth?

2 MS. ADCOCK: He might would now.

3 MR. ZIEGLER: And on that day, were you with Jason
4 all day?

5 MS. ADCOCK: No.

6 MR. ZIEGLER: You had said you knew --

7 MS. ADCOCK: Like I said, Jason --

8 MR. ZIEGLER: -- you had said if something
9 happened, it wasn't that day?

10 MS. ADCOCK: He was in and out. He was always in
11 and out. I was -- I stayed at home with the kids because
12 I've got four kids and I stayed at home with the kids all
13 the time while he went out and run the streets.

14 MR. ZIEGLER: So how did that come about? Did he
15 talk to you about what was going to happen or he said let's
16 just go to Circle K and make a phone call --

17 MS. ADCOCK: He --

18 MR. ZIEGLER: -- or what?

19 MS. ADCOCK: -- he -- you know, he said that he
20 had fucked up some money that his grandpa had gave him, so
21 he basically needed a way to cover it, I guess. So I
22 mean...

23 MR. ZIEGLER: He said that he fucked up the money
24 or that Israel had --

25 MS. ADCOCK: That the money got messed up. I

1 don't --

2 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

3 MS. ADCOCK: -- think, you know -- didn't say that
4 he did it or whoever did it.

5 MR. ZIEGLER: So he didn't blame anyone?

6 MS. ADCOCK: He didn't blame any specific person,
7 no.

8 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Did he ever say anything
9 before that? You said if this robbery happened, it was not
10 that day, it would have been days before?

11 MS. ADCOCK: Right.

12 MR. ZIEGLER: Did he ever say on any day before
13 like, oh, my God, I just got robbed or --

14 MS. ADCOCK: No. Because Jason was -- he kept
15 everything from me. Because like I said, he was out
16 doing -- on the streets doing drugs, you know, doing this,
17 that and the other while I stayed at home. So we never
18 communicated like that. Because he was always either too
19 high to, you know, come see me face to face or I was asleep
20 or taking care of the kids.

21 MS. STELLATO: Is there anything else you can
22 think of that you could tell us that would be of any use or
23 any help or...?

24 MS. ADCOCK: All I know is that -- as far as he
25 didn't do it to me. Now, whether he did it to Jason or not,

1 I can't say. But I don't -- I don't -- I don't know.

2 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

3 MS. ADCOCK: You know what I'm saying?

4 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

5 MS. ADCOCK: Like I said, I'm stuck -- I was stuck
6 between a rock and a hard place. Now, I'm trying to move
7 on.

8 MS. STELLATO: Yeah.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: Sure.

10 MS. ADCOCK: I have no dealings with my baby
11 daddy. My kids don't even want nothing to do with him,
12 so...

13 MS. STELLATO: Yeah.

14 MR. ZIEGLER: Right. Right. Just -- just so
15 we're clear. I know you said you don't know if it happened,
16 but have you ever heard anyone say anything about it?

17 MS. ADCOCK: I haven't -- no. I've never heard of
18 anyone saying that it actually happened.

19 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

20 MS. ADCOCK: The only people that would know that
21 would be Israel and Jason themselves.

22 MS. STELLATO: And do you still talk to Israel?

23 MS. ADCOCK: No, not now.

24 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

25 MS. ADCOCK: I haven't talked to him in -- like I

1 said, when I signed them papers, which was -- I want to say
2 not last year, maybe the year before last. Yeah, the year
3 before last, maybe during the summertime, back in 2000- --
4 this is what, '17, so '15. So it was probably around that
5 time that I signed the papers.

6 And he was supposed to actually go to court. And
7 some of his time, actually, from what I understand, got
8 taken off, like eight years. Like basically the sentence
9 that he got from me from -- because I -- from what I
10 understand, he got eight years for Jason and eight years for
11 me. And he already did it, then eight years, I guess for
12 his time. And then me signing that paper and, you know,
13 getting it notarized and sending it to his lawyer basically
14 put his case with me off. Like it cut it off. So -- but
15 from what I understand, he still had time from other
16 previous stuff. I don't know. Federal -- federal charges
17 maybe.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

19 MS. STELLATO: Thanks for talking to us today.

20 MR. ZIEGLER: Yeah. We appreciate it.

21 MS. ADCOCK: No problem.

22 MR. ZIEGLER: And I gave you my card, right?

23 MS. ADCOCK: Yeah. I've got your card right here.

24 MR. ZIEGLER: If -- if you happen to think of
25 anything extra, please give me a call, but --

1 MS. ADCOCK: Okay.
2 MR. ZIEGLER: -- we appreciate your time.
3 MS. ADCOCK: All right. Thank you.
4 MR. ZIEGLER: All right. Thank you.
5 MS. ADCOCK: Y'all have a good day.
6 MS. STELLATO: I hope your ribs get to feeling
7 better.
8 MS. ADCOCK: Thank you.
9 MR. ZIEGLER: Yeah. Yeah.
10 MS. ADCOCK: Boyfriend problems.
11 MR. ZIEGLER: Oh, no.
12 MS. STELLATO: Thank you so much.
13 MR. ZIEGLER: Thanks. Take care.
14 MS. ADCOCK: Y'all have a great day.
15 MS. STELLATO: You, too.

16 (The interview concluded.)

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPT

This is to certify that the 17 pages of this transcript of the recorded interview of Christina Adcock was taken on March 2, 2017, is a true and accurate transcript to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not counsel for nor related to any party or attorney, nor am I interested in the results of this action.

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CRIMINAL RECORD

Conviction	Jurisdiction	DOO	Date of Conviction
DWLR (M)	IREDELL	1/30/2006	11/4/2011
DWLR (M)	GASTON	3/21/2007	11/28/2007
LARCENY (M)	MECKLENBURG	3/25/2007	11/26/2007
COMMUNICATING THREATS (M)	MECKLENBURG	4/13/2007	11/27/2007
DWLR (M)	UNION	7/3/2009	11/15/2011
POSS. DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (M)	GASTON	4/3/2013	8/27/2014
SECOND DEGREE TRESPASS (M)	CLEVELAND	12/17/2013	3/26/2014
DWLR NOT IMPAIRED REVOKED (M)	CLEVELAND	5/27/2014	12/10/2014

MARQUIS FUNDERBURK

CRIMINAL RECORD

Conviction	Jurisdiction	DOO	Date of Conviction
LARCENY (M)	MECKLENBURG	8/15/2005	8/26/2005
POSS. MARIJUANA UP TO ½ OZ (M)	MECKLENBURG	6/17/2006	7/6/2006
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON (M)	MECKLENBURG	11/1/2007	8/22/2008
DWLR (M)	CABARRUS	2/15/2010	4/26/2010
POSS. DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (M)	MECKLENBURG	1/16/2012	4/5/2013
POSS. DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (M)	MECKLENBURG	1/19/2013	6/7/2013
POSS. DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (M)	MECKLENBURG	5/28/2015	6/29/2015

RASHAD MACKEY

CRIMINAL RECORD

Conviction	Jurisdiction	DOO	Date of Conviction
POSS. MARIJUANA UP TO ½ OZ (M)	MECKLENBURG	6/26/2007	10/7/2008
FALSE IMPRISONMENT (M)	MECKLENBURG	5/27/2009	11/17/2009
CONSPIRACY TO UNLAWFULLY POSS. STOLEN MAIL MATTER	FEDERAL	NONE PROVIDED	1/21/2010
BANK FRAUD	FEDERAL	NONE PROVIDED	1/21/2010
COMMON LAW UTTERING (M)	GASTON	9/8/2011	8/8/2012
COMMON LAW UTTERING (M)	GASTON	9/8/2011	8/8/2012

ELIJAH GRANT

CRIMINAL RECORD

Conviction	Jurisdiction	DOO	Date of Conviction
SECOND DEGREE KIDNAPPING (F)	MECKLENBURG	12/9/2002	5/5/2004
SECOND DEGREE KIDNAPPING (F)	MECKLENBURG	12/9/2002	5/5/2004
ROBBERY WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON (F)	MECKLENBURG	12/9/2002	5/5/2004
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ARMED ROBBERY BUS/PERSON (F)	MECKLENBURG	12/9/2002	5/5/2004
ROBBERY WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON (F)	MECKLENBURG	12/9/2002	5/5/2004
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ARMED ROBBERY BUS/PERSON (F)	MECKLENBURG	12/9/2002	5/5/2004
BREAKING/ENTERING (F)	MECKLENBURG	12/9/2002	5/5/2004
SOLICITATION TO OBTAIN PORPERTY BY FALSE PRETENSES (M)	GUILFORD	10/26/2011	4/19/2012
ATTEMPT AND CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FRAUD	FEDERAL	NONE PROVIDED	11/12/2014

1 MR. ZIEGLER: Hi. Is this Elijah Grant?

2 MR. GRANT: This is speaking.

3 MR. ZIEGLER: Hi, Mr. Grant. My name is Brian
4 Ziegler. I work at the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry
5 Commission. We are a state agency that investigates when
6 someone who's been convicted of a crime claims that they're
7 innocent.

8 And your brother Israel has applied to our agency.

9 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am -- I mean, yes, sir.

10 MR. ZIEGLER: So I was just calling to talk to you
11 a little bit about his case.

12 MR. GRANT: All right. What do you want to know?

13 MR. ZIEGLER: Were you involved in getting the
14 affidavit from Christina Adcock?

15 MR. GRANT: Yes.

16 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Can you tell me a little bit
17 about that?

18 MR. GRANT: Yes. Just basically, you know, you
19 know, you know, she -- like I say, she stayed right across
20 the street from the house where my friend stayed at, you
21 know. We were all staying in the same neighborhood, you
22 know.

23 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

24 MR. GRANT: You know, basically, you know --
25 basically, you know, she just wanted to come -- she just

1 wanted -- she been trying to come forth and tell the truth
2 that, you know -- and the only reason that she lied on the
3 stand was because to help her -- was to help her baby-daddy
4 out, you know. You know, so -- you know, so we just talked
5 to her and asked her if she was willing to come forth and
6 tell the truth. And she said yes, she was willing, that
7 she's been trying to tell the truth for a while, you know,
8 you know, from the day of the court date, you know, we had
9 everything signed up and ready, and she just went in the
10 courthouse and -- went down to the courthouse and told the
11 courthouse -- the judge and everybody in the courtroom
12 what -- what really happened.

13 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

14 MR. GRANT: Throw the man out. But --

15 MR. ZIEGLER: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

16 MR. GRANT: Go -- I mean, she told the people in
17 the courtroom that the only reason that she lied on the
18 stand was because -- to get some time off for her
19 baby-daddy. She told me that Israel Grant really didn't rob
20 them. I mean, you know, she said all that in the courtroom.
21 And -- and the judge didn't -- and the judge still didn't
22 want to knock off the 24 years.

23 MR. ZIEGLER: So when you say that she had been
24 trying to come forward, what do you mean?

25 MR. GRANT: I mean like -- meaning like -- meaning

1 like -- meaning like she had -- meaning like she -- like I
2 told you, my friend -- like my friend stayed right across
3 the street, right across the street from her. So like she
4 has now been coming over there, you know, saying that she
5 wants to come clean. She been -- she been trying to get to
6 in con- -- to where -- well, she tell us that she been
7 trying to get in contact with the -- with the DA office
8 downtown in Mecklenburg County to tell them the truth, you
9 know. She was -- that's what she's been telling us. And,
10 you know, and we believed her because, you know -- you know,
11 because like I said, when it came down to the court date and
12 getting him out, she didn't hesitate.

13 MR. ZIEGLER: Right.

14 MR. GRANT: She didn't hesitate at all.

15 MR. ZIEGLER: What was the first contact that you
16 had with her about all that?

17 MR. GRANT: The first contact I had with her was
18 the first -- was the day -- was the day that she signed the
19 affidavit and the day that she -- well -- and the day
20 that -- the day that she came down there to the courthouse.

21 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Did you --

22 MR. GRANT: No. I never spoke with her prior to
23 that. Never spoke with her prior to that. Never seen her,
24 never spoke with her prior to that. I mean, I saw her like
25 in passing, but I never really knew who she was.

1 MR. ZIEGLER: Right. So why did you get an
2 affidavit?

3 MR. GRANT: Because I -- because I -- because the
4 lawyer told -- Israel's lawyer told us, you know, if -- to
5 get her to sign something and get it notarized.

6 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Who wrote the affidavit, the
7 actual words on there?

8 MR. GRANT: I can't recall.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Were you there when she
10 signed it?

11 MR. GRANT: I don't -- no. No, sir. No, sir. I
12 can't -- no, sir, I was not there. No, sir. I don't
13 think -- no, sir, I wasn't there.

14 MR. ZIEGLER: Do you know who was there when she
15 signed it? Like who is the person that handed it to her and
16 said, "Hey, will you sign this?"

17 MR. GRANT: It was -- it was Marquis Funderburk.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

19 MR. GRANT: Marquis Funderburk.

20 MR. ZIEGLER: Do you know -- do you know of
21 anybody else who talked with her about her coming forward?

22 MR. GRANT: No, sir. I don't know no one else. I
23 know he was -- I know he was the main one mainly talking to
24 her because, like I say, he stays right across the street
25 from her.

1 Can I ask you a question?

2 MR. ZIEGLER: Yeah.

3 MR. GRANT: How did you get my number?

4 MR. ZIEGLER: Well, I am an investigator with the
5 State.

6 MR. GRANT: Okay.

7 MR. ZIEGLER: So I --

8 MR. GRANT: Okay.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: I'm going to leave it at that. I do
10 have a couple more questions about your brother's case.

11 MR. GRANT: All right. Go ahead. Okay.

12 MR. ZIEGLER: So do you know what -- what Marquis
13 said to her when -- when he presented that, that affidavit?

14 MR. GRANT: No, I don't -- no, I don't know. But
15 I know -- I do know this. You know, I'm going to say
16 that -- I do know her -- her -- her and Marquis been keeping
17 in contact ever since it happened, you know, like a -- I do
18 know that she always been coming next door. Like I say, she
19 always been -- like I say, they always been knowing each
20 other, Marquis and -- Marquis and the girl. They always
21 been knowing each other. Like I say, it was all over -- it
22 was all over -- in fact, she said in the courtroom and, you
23 know, it was all over drugs. The only reason that she --
24 you know, the only reason that she said what she said on the
25 stand or -- or, you know, lying like that was because, you

1 know, the DA told her "If you testify against Israel Grant,
2 you know, such and such, we will give you -- the father of
3 your child -- will give your baby-daddy a deal."

4 And she said that even in the courtroom. She said
5 that -- she told the DA -- she told -- when Israel came
6 through with this thing about when this (indiscernible) --
7 or whatever, and she even said told him -- the DA that
8 inside the courtroom. She told him that. The only reason
9 that she said what she said was because the DA told her to
10 say that to get her baby-daddy off. She told him it was all
11 over drugs. She told him that he really didn't do it.

12 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Do you know -- do you know if
13 she ever had any contact with Israel since --

14 MR. GRANT: No, I don't.

15 MR. ZIEGLER: -- he was in prison?

16 MR. GRANT: No. Uh-uh. I don't know that, no.
17 Israel haven't talked to her or none of that.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Did -- were you there the day
19 that Israel got convicted?

20 MR. GRANT: Oh, no, sir.

21 MR. ZIEGLER: You weren't in court that day?

22 MR. GRANT: No, sir.

23 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Where were you?

24 MR. GRANT: I was in prison myself.

25 MR. ZIEGLER: At the -- okay. You were locked up

1 at the time Israel got convicted?

2 MR. GRANT: Yes, sir.

3 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. So how did you first find out
4 that she wanted to come forward?

5 MR. GRANT: I found out through Marquis.

6 MR. ZIEGLER: Through Marquis. Okay.

7 And were you there -- were you there in court
8 when -- when Israel had his hearing or he was going to have
9 this hearing on the MAR?

10 MR. GRANT: Yes. Yes. Yes, I was there in
11 court -- yes, I was there in court that day that she came.
12 I was there.

13 MR. ZIEGLER: Did you talk to Christina that day?

14 MR. GRANT: Hell, we -- hell, we -- she rode with
15 us to the courthouse.

16 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Did --

17 MR. GRANT: I mean, we stayed right -- we stayed
18 right -- Marquis Funderburk stays right across the street.
19 The say that she -- my brother had her -- her -- the thing,
20 she knew about it. She said that she cannot find a ride.
21 Like I say, we stayed -- I mean, literally, we stayed across
22 the street. We don't have a problem with each other.

23 When the day he had in -- the courtroom, she said,
24 "Listen, I -- I don't have a ride. My mother is willing
25 to -- to babysit the kids" or whatever, she said, "Can I

1 ride with y'all to the courthouse?" And we told her -- and
2 she said -- and she said, "Come on."

3 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

4 MR. GRANT: She rode with me and Marquis to the
5 courthouse.

6 MR. ZIEGLER: Do you remember what she was saying
7 that day?

8 MR. GRANT: No. She wasn't saying nothing. She
9 was just like I -- "I truly apologize." You know, she
10 was -- she was like, "I'm sorry, you know, that -- you know,
11 that we had to go through all this and this and that." She
12 said, "You know, I never meant for none of this to happen."
13 She said, you know -- like I said, they were all friends
14 before all this happened. My brother used to -- in fact, my
15 brother used to smoke weed with them and stuff -- we always
16 used to party and do drugs together. That's why you see one
17 of them -- you know.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: Right.

19 MR. GRANT: And like she's -- you know, you all --
20 this all went foul because my brother and her baby-daddy did
21 a deal, and he tried to shit my brother.

22 MR. ZIEGLER: Did you ever have any contact with
23 the baby-daddy?

24 MR. GRANT: No. Hell, I never even seen him. We
25 could even find him.

1 MR. ZIEGLER: When you say "we couldn't find
2 him" --

3 MR. GRANT: It wasn't --

4 MR. ZIEGLER: -- when was that?

5 MR. GRANT: I mean, like, when no one knew where
6 he was at, even -- even she didn't know didn't even know
7 where her baby-daddy was at. Because we asked her about
8 him, and he's like -- you know, we asked her about him like
9 the day we was riding to the courthouse, you know, and she
10 was like, "I don't even know where he's at." She said, "We
11 don't even -- no contact, whatever," you know.

12 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Do you remember, back before
13 Israel got back in court --

14 MR. GRANT: Yeah.

15 MR. ZIEGLER: -- before Christina signed that
16 affidavit, do you remember meeting with her and Israel's
17 attorney?

18 MR. GRANT: No. I remember meeting with Israel's
19 attorney but never with her.

20 MR. ZIEGLER: She was not there?

21 MR. GRANT: Uh-uh. I can't remember. No.

22 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. And do you remember just
23 basically what you talked about with the attorney?

24 MR. GRANT: Just basically he was wanting to talk
25 about, you know, what happened. I told -- when I first met

1 Israel's attorney, I first met him at Marquis's house, you
2 know. And -- you know, and she -- you know, like I say, we
3 just basically talked about like, you know, like what really
4 happened and stuff.

5 So, you know -- and I don't know if -- if her and
6 Israel really met up or have they talked. Or whatever the
7 case may be. I don't -- I don't -- I don't -- I don't know.
8 You know, but like I say, he asked me what happened and, you
9 know, was I being (indiscernible) about the case and about
10 her. And, you know, I'm telling him like the same thing I'm
11 telling you. Like the girl stayed right over there next
12 door. We stayed right here. This is what happened, you
13 know. And she wanted to tell the truth.

14 MR. ZIEGLER: Right. Okay. All right.

15 Well, I appreciate your time. I might give you a
16 call back if I think of a couple more follow-up questions.

17 MR. GRANT: Okay.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: But I appreciate you giving me a
19 little of your time.

20 MR. GRANT: Okay. All right. May I ask, what's
21 your name again?

22 MR. ZIEGLER: My name is Brian Ziegler at the
23 North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission.

24 MR. GRANT: Brian Ziegler? And this is your phone
25 number right here?

1 MR. ZIEGLER: Yes.

2 MR. GRANT: Okay. Thanks.

3 MR. ZIEGLER: So if you -- yeah. If you think of
4 anything else that I should know as somebody investigating
5 this case, please give me a call.

6 MR. GRANT: Okay.

7 MR. ZIEGLER: All right. Have a good one.

8 MR. GRANT: Okay. Thank you.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: Yep. Bye-bye.

10 (The recorded interview concluded.)

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Israel Grant Phone Calls from Prison

	DATE/TIME	TO	RELEVANT PORTION
1.	8/20/13 13:00:48	Grant's Mother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawyer "is trying to get that paper to Elijah for old girl to sign it."
2.	8/20/13 14:02:15	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "What's old girl talking about?" "The white chick about the paper."
3.	8/21/13 18:34:49	Jennifer Fitzgibbons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Old Girl...that white bitch supposed to be signing these papers, the affidavit. And saying that she lied on the stand. My lawyer is supposed to be giving her the papers now. He already talked to her and she said she is willing to sign them and willing to do it." • Jennifer Fitzgibbons says she saw Christina outside and called her over ("come over here, you fucking little bitch") and Christina ran in the house. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Grant: "No, she's great (or straight?). They're trying to get her to sign this paper now..."
4.	8/21/13 18:54:04	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant: "When you talked to Bruce, did he say he was sending it to you or sending it to that bitch?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Elijah: "He said he was going to call her crib and ask what the affidavit was going to say and he was going to mail it to her." • Bruce Cunningham has Christina's address and phone number and Marquis' address. Cunningham has talked to Christina. • Elijah: "I didn't approach her, Quis did that." • Grant: "Quis has been knowing the motherfucker forever. What did she say?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Christina said she was willing to talk to the Commission, but was afraid of being charged with perjury. Elijah told her it's not perjury since the DA made her say it.
5.	8/22/13 8:48:39	Bruce Cunningham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cunningham said he talked to Commission about case and was told review had started and "we should probably know something as a preliminary matter within a couple weeks" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Started working on motion; Elijah provided Christina's phone number (had not talked yet, would call today) • Grant: "What about letter talking about witnesses that should have been there?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Grant: "If old girl is willing to do it, are you going to go down there to get her to sign it?" ◦ Cunningham says he will talk to Christina first on phone, "but I will probably make the trip to Charlotte and talk to her face to face."

Israel Grant Phone Calls from Prison

	DATE/TIME	TO	RELEVANT PORTION
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grant: "If she is unwilling, let's still file the motion." ○ Cunningham: "You still have an IAC claim."
6.	8/23/13 18:49:36	Rashad Mackey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant: "By the end of this year, I'm trying to see if that bitch is going to sign that goddamn paper, man." • Mackey: "Quis said something to the bitch. She said she is going to sign it." • Grant: "My lawyer is supposed to have gotten up with her yesterday." • Discussion of Christina worrying about perjury charges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mackey: "Bitch, you done got a nigga 25 years and you're trying to talk about perjury." ○ Grant: "Yeah. You're worried about a misdemeanor. Bitch, I'll kill you!" • Mackey: "You need to sue their ass" • Grant: "That's what I'm doing. I'm taking out a civil suit. That's why we got the Innocence Commission involved, because I'm going to sue their ass." • Grant discussed "getting his money" from the Commission and suing Mecklenburg County. "I hope this stupid ass bitch signs the goddamn paper."
7.	8/23/13 20:10:32	Elijah Grant and Jennifer Jefferson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Y'all keeping an eye on that white girl for me?" • Grant's lawyer has papers for her, she said she was going to sign them.
8.	8/26/13 17:11:58	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant asks Elijah to call Cunningham's cell phone and ask if he has drawn up the papers and got in touch with "old girl?" • Elijah calls Cunningham and leaves message
9.	8/27/13 13:27:16	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant wrote affidavit himself • Grant mailed affidavit to Marquis. Tells Elijah to get it from him, type it on someone's computer, take it to Christina to sign, date, notarize. • Grant: "I'm not about to wait on this lawyer."
10.	8/29/13 09:01:20	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant tells Elijah that when he types the affidavit Grant sent to put a line to sign and date at the bottom.
11.	8/30/13 12:40:57	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elijah got the affidavit from Grant in the mail; will type it at library.
12.	9/1/13 16:28:19	Rashad Mackey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elijah is going to type the affidavit and get Marquis to get Christina to sign it. Grant wants Christina to write a statement on a separate paper about "why they did it. Why they lied. Why she lied."

Israel Grant Phone Calls from Prison

	DATE/TIME	TO	RELEVANT PORTION
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marquis is “keeping track of the bitch, talking to the bitch.”
13.	9/3/13 13:00:09	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Grant will type the affidavit
14.	9/8/13 16:14:21	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elijah typed the affidavit but needs to print it.
16.	9/11/13 18:24:48	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elijah has affidavit printed, needs to find Christina (“the bitch”). Marquis knows where she is. • Grant wants Christina to write a statement about why she lied.
17.	9/13/13 11:08:21	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer crashed and typed affidavit was lost. • Marquis saw Christina yesterday and he is just waiting to get a copy of the affidavit • Grant dictates what he wants affidavit to say and says Christina needs to write a statement explaining why she lied
18.	9/21/13 13:06:51	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affidavit is typed and he (Elijah) is trying to get in touch with Christina. Cunningham called Elijah and said he is also trying to get in touch with Christina. • Someone talked with Christina on Tuesday and she agreed to sign the affidavit this weekend. • Elijah will go home and call Marquis, then Christina • Lawyer said he did not have Christina’s number; told Elijah to send a copy of signed affidavit to him
19.	9/23/13 15:49:04	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing has changed in trying to get Christina to sign the affidavit; waiting on her. • A woman reads the text of the unsigned affidavit to Grant. NOTE: the wording used by the woman in this phone call is the exact wording used in the affidavit signed by Christina Adcock. • Marquis is in contact with Christina; Grant wants a woman to talk with Christina • “Ms. Jennifer” (Marquis’s mom) can’t notarize the affidavit because “they have a (inaudible) on Quis and them saying if something happens to that girl they will lock Quis up.” This happened 2-3 years ago. • Grant said not to worry about Christina writing a statement and tells them to go pick her up and get the affidavit notarized.
20.	9/23/13 17:38:43	Three Way Call: Unknown Male and Marquis Funderburk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marquis talked to Christina last week; Grant wants her to sign the affidavit by the end of the week. • Marquis will coordinate with Elijah to take Christina to sign/notarize affidavit.

Israel Grant Phone Calls from Prison

	DATE/TIME	TO	RELEVANT PORTION
21.	9/28/13 13:57:38	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elijah trying to track down Christina; Elijah: "We're not trying to threaten or put pressure on the white girl." Grant: "Ain't no pressure. Quis said he's been talking to the bitch. Ain't no damn pressure if the bitch already said she would do it."
22.	10/4/13 12:04:38	Jamese Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamese is not sure if affidavit is signed yet
23.	10/6/13 17:13:57	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jennifer (Marquis's mom) will not notarize the affidavit for fear that Christina will lie and say she was intimidated into signing. Grant asks for Christina's phone number because he wants Elijah and Marquis to offer to meet her where she is to sign the affidavit.
24.	10/14/13 17:30:16	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elijah tells Grant not to call Christina directly so she can't "say anything." Grant says he will beg for his life.
25.	10/14/13 17:41:14	Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant to Elijah: "Call that goddamn white bitch"
26.	10/16/13 13:11:55	Elijah Grant (through another person)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant "Call that bitch and see if she got back in town. Be nice to her."
27.	10/16/13 19:05:45	Three Way Call: Grant's Aunt Bree and Elijah Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk of "tracking down" Christina
28.	10/18/17 11:51:14	Grant's Mother/Darnell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affidavit is ready, but Christina says she is out of town. The lawyer has spoken to her by phone. Grant: "If they would have actually got me for a robbery or a crime that I did, then okay I'm not going to play with these crackers, I'm going to goddamn take it. The whole thing was drug related. The cracker owed me some money." Grant: "I didn't think this shit was going to turn out like this. The evidence was all right there....I damn sure got played." Grant: "My baby mama asked me, 'do you want to pay for a lawyer?' but I'm thinking this is an open and shut case, ain't no way they're going to find me guilty, so I'm like 'hell no we don't need one.'" Grant: "The only thing we need now is for this bitch to sign this paper."

Israel Grant Phone Calls from Prison

	DATE/TIME	TO	RELEVANT PORTION
29.	2/20/14 9:39:21	Jennifer Fitzgibbons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamese Grant has written the letter for Christina to sign. The lawyer said Ms. Jennifer cannot notarize it. Marquis knows where Christina lives. Grant wants Jennifer to get Christina's new number from Marquis and text it to Bruce Cunningham.
30.	2/21/14 13:15:59	Jennifer Fitzgibbons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant implies he is innocent by saying something to the effect of "they never caught me for the stuff I did do."
31.	2/22/14 14:41:19	Jamese Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marquis gave her Christina's number, but her phone is disconnected. She doesn't know if Christina's phone is off or if she got a new number.
32.	2/23/14 12:43:17	Jennifer Fitzgibbons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer: "I can't go down there. Last time I went to Marquis's house... I seen that little girl across the street, tried to go after her, and they grabbed me. If I go over there and I see her, I'm going to go to jail."
33.	2/23/14 13:59:57	Three Way Call: Jamese Grant and Marquis Funderburk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Marquis and Marquis said he would "go to her mom's house to get her address." Marquis has talked to Christina and she said she would sign the affidavit. Marquis will go to Christina's mom's house and ask where to find Christina. Grant: "Does her mama know they lied on me?" "I got to beg these crackers for my goddamn life." Christina has not answered calls from Marquis in 3-4 weeks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant: "Does she feel threatened by you?" Marquis says she was nervous at first, but he told her they would not hurt her or anything. Grant: "Tell her I'm just trying to come home." Grant: "If the bitch signs the papers and the Innocence Commission is involved, these people can get me some money."
34.	2/25/14 14:00:03	Bruce Cunningham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cunningham describes his conversation with former Commission Executive Director Kendra Montgomery-Blinn to Grant; Grant states that he has the record on appeal.
35.	2/26/14 07:40:20	Jennifer Fitzgibbons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant talks about involvement by Commission finding out "that bitch lied for real" and getting paid for his time in prison.
36.	3/2/14 7:30:49	Jennifer Fitzgibbons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marquis told Jennifer he would get affidavit signed when he got out of school.

Israel Grant Phone Calls from Prison

	DATE/TIME	TO	RELEVANT PORTION
37.	3/3/14 14:16:49	Jennifer Fitzgibbons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant asks Jennifer to call his lawyer and tell him that Grant wrote the Commission and sent his record on appeal and ask whether Cunningham sent the trial transcript to the Commission or if Grant should do so.
38.	4/10/14 18:36:13	Bianca; unknown; Ms. Silver; Marquis Funderburk; Christian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant asks for Christina's phone number. Grant said his lawyer wants Commission to "do its little thing first."
39.	5/6/14 7:57:43	Unknown Male then Grant's Mother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant hasn't talked to Bruce Cunningham lately – he wants to "wait on the people to finish their investigation." Grant sent a letter to Commission. Grant plans to write Cunningham to say to start the MAR and not wait on Commission.
40.	5/11/14 14:09:15	Grant's Mother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant wrote to Cunningham to instruct him to file the MAR, don't wait on Commission to finish investigation "They ain't got nothing to really investigate. I sent them the white girl's number. They got the affidavit."
41.	5/13/14 12:51:46	Bruce Cunningham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant tells Cunningham he does not want to wait for Commission to finish investigating before filing his MAR; he wrote Commission. Cunningham tells Grant that Mary Pollard "is the head of the whole thing." Cunningham states "they" (seemingly referring to Commission) have his case file. Grant: "If us filing the MAR is not going to hurt their investigation, we can go ahead and file it." Cunningham stated he would contact Commission and see "the quickest they can get done with their investigation."
42.	6/10/14 12:51:05	Grant's Mother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cunningham told Grant he would file the Motion.

* Other calls made by Grant are not described here if they contained no information related to the case.

* Some calls were made by other inmates using Grant's PIN and are not described here. There are no recorded calls between 3/3/14 and 4/5/14. Christina Adcock signed the affidavit on 3/10/14. Based on the Commission's investigation, Grant may have called Marquis Funderburk and then spoke to Christina Adcock. It is possible that Grant used another inmate's PIN to make the call or that he had access to a cellphone.

JASON TAYLOR

CRIMINAL RECORD

Conviction	Jurisdiction	DOO	Date of Conviction
LARCENY (M)	GASTON	4/21/1996	1/7/1997
BREAKING/ENTERING (F)	MECKLENBURG	1/28/1997	8/8/1997
LARCENY AFTER BREAKING/ENTERING (F)	MECKLENBURG	1/28/1997	8/8/1997
DRIVE AFTER CONSUMING < 21	MECKLENBURG	10/22/1998	1/12/1999
BREAKING/ENTERING MOTOR VEHICLE (F)	MECKLENBURG	4/30/2003	12/2/2003
LARCENY (M)	MECKLENBURG	4/30/2003	12/2/2003
LARCENY (M)	GASTON	7/2/2006	10/2/2007
DWI—LEVEL 4 (M)	MECKLENBURG	1/14/2008	3/31/2009
POSS. MARIJUANA UP TO ½ OZ (M)	MECKLENBURG	4/3/2009	7/17/2009
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ARMED ROBBERY BUS/PERSON (F)	MECKLENBURG	7/26/2009	2/12/2010
DWI—LEVEL 2 (M)	MECKLENBURG	10/21/2012	2/4/2013
ASSAULT ON A FEMALE (M)	MECKLENBURG	3/26/2016	6/9/2016

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2 WHEREUPON, the recorded deposition of Jason
3 Taylor, having been called as a witness, was duly sworn
4 under oath by Sharon Stellato, who was present at the
5 deposition and is a Notary for the State of North Carolina
6 and duly authorized to administer the oath, the witness
7 testified as follows:

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. ZIEGLER:

10 Q. So good morning, Mr. Taylor. We met
11 previously. My name is Brian Ziegler. I'm an attorney
12 with the Innocence Inquiry Commission. We're a neutral
13 state agency that investigates post-conviction claims of
14 the innocence.

15 You've been subpoenaed today in the matter of
16 State versus Israel Grant. I believe you knew that.

17 This deposition is similar to testimony in
18 court. Obviously, you just swore in. Do you understand
19 that you're under oath and your answers are expected to be
20 complete, accurate, and truthful?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And, again, as I ask you these questions,
23 please wait until I ask my whole question before you start
24 answering.

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Please state your full name for the record.

2 A. Jason Odell Taylor.

3 Q. And what is your date of birth?

4 A. 2/20/80.

5 Q. And your current address?

6 A. Right now I'm homeless.

7 Q. In Charlotte?

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. Are you currently in under the influence of
10 any alcohol, drugs, prescription medication or anything
11 else that could impair your ability to remember and to
12 testify truthfully and accurately?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. Did you speak with anyone about this
15 deposition before today?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And who is that?

18 A. My fiancée, Christina. My boss man. He did
19 19 years in prison also, you know, so -- him and his son.
20 His son did seven also. So I went by there about the
21 right way to go about it, you know, so...

22 Q. And when you said your fiancée Christina, is
23 that Christina Adcock?

24 A. Yes, sir. You know, we've been split for a
25 while. For the last six months, we've been back together.

1 You know, we've been together for 14 years on and off, so.

2 Q. Do you remember what you said in those
3 conversations about the deposition?

4 A. I just I didn't know what -- what to -- how
5 to go about this. You know, Christina done -- done signed
6 her paper, you know what I mean, or whatever. Done did
7 whatever she supposed to do for him.

8 I mean I don't mind helping the man, helping him
9 get back out. As long as I know that he's not going to
10 come after me and my family.

11 It is what it was. I mean because I mean a
12 lot -- a lot of things went -- went wrong that day. A lot
13 of things went wrong. We was young. We was young for
14 one. We were selling dope for two. Fell out over dope
15 and this and that. I don't know if he sent the people to
16 rob me or what happened or however it happened, but it
17 happened. And he was affiliated with it. That's I all I
18 do know.

19 Q. So --

20 A. He -- I mean he might not have been the one.
21 But they was in his car and -- you know what I mean? He
22 was affiliated with everything. He might not have had the
23 one with the gun pulled on us, but it -- you know. Other
24 than that, that's -- that's what happened with that. It
25 was a drug deal pretty much gone bad.

1 Q. I do want to make sure you understand that
2 we don't represent Mr. Grant.

3 A. Yeah, I understand that.

4 Q. We're neutral and we're just --

5 A. You know, I'm telling -- yeah, I'm telling
6 you the truth. I mean I can do whatever I can do. If
7 they feel like I can get him out or whatever. I mean I
8 don't want to see nobody -- he got 20-something years, you
9 know. And I've done -- did five myself. I wouldn't wish
10 that on no one, you know.

11 Q. Okay. Has anyone asked you to withhold any
12 information or misrepresent any facts today when you talk
13 to us?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. Do you know Israel Grant?

16 A. Yes, sir. We was pretty good -- we was
17 pretty decent friends before all -- before all this.

18 Q. When did you first meet him?

19 A. Oh, man, it was probably in 2000. No, no,
20 no. Probably in 2004. I met him -- his -- one of his
21 best friends lived across the street from Christina.
22 Still does.

23 He's -- he's another one of those that's
24 threatened us, our kids and everything else. Christina
25 said something was put up to where he can't -- he can't --

1 nobody around him or his affiliated or nothing can
2 threaten us or none of that stuff, you know. Because I
3 mean my life has been threatened three or four times.

4 Q. Related to this incident?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Could you --

7 A. I mean just I've had guys run up on me at
8 gas stations, you know, trying -- trying to shoot me.
9 We've done had shootout. I've had shootouts with these --
10 with these guys and everything else. I mean shooting
11 bullets at each other. Not -- not just playing around. I
12 mean they really tried to take my life.

13 Q. So going to August 15, 2005, did you call
14 the police from Circle K and say that you were robbed by a
15 black man that you later identified as Israel Grant?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Were you robbed by Israel Grant?

18 A. I was robbed by him and his buddy, yes. He
19 was in -- he was in the car and his buddy pulled the
20 pistol on me. So yes, I was robbed by -- well, I guess
21 not physically by him, but yeah, by him and his affiliate.

22 Q. And that was on August 15, 2005?

23 A. That's what the -- that's what -- I can't
24 recollect the exact date, but I know it was at Circle K
25 and it was in 2005, yes, sir. I'm not sure of the exact

1 month.

2 Q. What happened?

3 A. Well, two days before that, we -- I went and
4 got him a bunch of weed, okay. Got him a bunch of weed.
5 And two days pass, he says, Oh, it's a half ounce short.

6 I said, All right. Well, call him because, you
7 know, I introduced you all two. And when I introduced you
8 all two, I walked away. I went and got in my car and I
9 left. You all did y'all's business together. Call him is
10 what I told him. Call him.

11 Well, he kept getting upset with me because I
12 did not call him. I mean, because, you know, he didn't --
13 because I've not called the guy that I introduced him to.
14 You know, that's -- now, that's y'all. See, I introduced
15 y'all two and I walk away. There's no reason for either
16 one of y'all to call me, you know.

17 So that was their deal. And the deal was done.
18 And I told him that and he wasn't happy with the answer he
19 got from me. Pretty much. And then I guess his feelings
20 got the best of him and he wanted to do something about
21 it.

22 Q. What happened when you were at the Circle K?

23 A. Oh, at the Circle K, I got a pistol put in
24 my face with my kid in the car. With Christina in the
25 passenger's seat. It was a chrome gun, a chrome little --

1 maybe a .380 or something. The same thing that was
2 testified in court, man, about seven years ago. In fact,
3 I repeat the same exact thing.

4 Q. Why didn't you say that you knew who it was?

5 A. Because at -- at first -- I mean I didn't
6 really want to -- didn't -- because she panicked and she
7 called 9-1-1, you know. And I really didn't want to get
8 into the whole thing. I was going to try to let it wash
9 away, you know, try to straighten it out later.

10 And then it just kept getting deeper and deeper
11 to where the house was getting shot up. It was -- you
12 know, they was doing all this stuff.

13 And we wasn't even going to go to court. We
14 were just going to let it go, you know. And they kept
15 shooting at me. And shit, I got grazed in my forehead. I
16 mean, there's a lot -- a lot behind this \$50 worth of weed
17 that was -- that turned into his 20-something years of
18 prison, you know.

19 So we was all young then. I'm 37 now. 2004 I
20 was 24. So, you know, we was all young. But I guess that
21 plays a lot.

22 I'm a mechanic. I bust my tail every day, you
23 know. When you see how close I am to -- to where
24 everybody is at and I see all these people every day pull
25 into my shop and they just stare at me, you know. I still

1 change their tires and still do what I need to do, but it
2 worries me. You know, it bothers me sometimes, you know.

3 Q. Are you aware that Christina has signed an
4 affidavit, spoken with the Innocence Commission and spoken
5 with others --

6 A. Yeah. She told me.

7 Q. -- saying the robbery didn't take place?

8 A. Yeah. She told me that. Uh-huh. She told
9 me that. But I mean was I supposed to come in here and
10 lie? Y'all asked for the whole truth and nothing but the
11 truth.

12 Q. What did she say?

13 A. I mean she -- she just don't -- because
14 she's been threatened way more than I have. So she's
15 scared. She's at home now. I had -- tried to get her to
16 come with me. She don't want to have nothing to do with
17 it. She's scared. She's really scared. So I'm the one
18 that's going to stand up and do what I need to do. It
19 don't matter.

20 Q. Why did she recant?

21 A. I don't know. Because she's scared. I
22 think she was threatened. She won't tell me. She won't
23 tell me. Every time I start talking about it, she starts
24 crying. So I feel like myself, I feel like she was
25 threatened again by someone. Because if not, she was --

1 she wouldn't do this. After everything off the --
2 everything that was put through, my son's head that day
3 and her, the way she's -- the way she is. Every time she
4 sees any of them guys, she would just ball up. She don't
5 even want to -- don't want to see them. She's been
6 threatened by them before. She just won't come out and
7 tell me.

8 Q. Who is the drug dealer that you had set up
9 with the marijuana deal?

10 A. It was David -- it was David, David, David,
11 David. I'm trying to remember his last name. David
12 Tarlton (phonetic).

13 Q. David, can you spell that name?

14 A. T-A -- no, sir. I cannot spell the name.
15 David Tarlton.

16 Q. Tarlton, with a T?

17 A. Tarlton.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Yeah. Tarlton. He's got a little record.

20 Q. Was it David Harris?

21 A. No. It wasn't David Harris. David Harris
22 is a -- no. It wasn't David Harris. David Tarlton.

23 Q. Who is that?

24 A. David Tarlton?

25 Q. Who is David Harris?

1 A. David Harris is -- he's another guy. He
2 might be passed away now. But he lives over there in --
3 lives over there by West Meck.

4 David Harris. Hold on a minute. David Harris.
5 David Harris lived down here on (inaudible) Road toward
6 Huntersville and wears glasses. That's David -- that's a
7 David Harris.

8 David Tarlton is who we got the -- the guy we
9 went to and the sold the weed to off of Sam Wilson Road.

10 Q. Did David Harris deal any weed?

11 A. He used to years ago.

12 Q. Are you sure that it was David Tarlton?

13 A. Yes, sir. Positive, absolutely without a
14 doubt. It was David Tarlton. I took him over there
15 because I was best friends with his brother James, which
16 he got killed. And he hollered that he had some weed. So
17 I said, I'm going to bring you a customer over there.

18 So I brought him over there. Introduced him.
19 And then I left. And then they sit there and made their
20 deal. And then that was the end of it --

21 Q. Did --

22 A. -- until two days later.

23 Q. Did David Tarlton short him on the weed?

24 A. He might have. See, I wasn't there for all
25 the transaction. I didn't never see it be weighed out. I

1 just know that it was...

2 Q. Do you recall Mr. Grant saying that he was
3 going to hold you responsible for that?

4 A. Yeah. Uh-huh. Or he told me that after he
5 done left there, yeah. He said -- he said -- he said,
6 He's your friend and you're responsible for him.

7 Q. How much money did he think you owed?

8 A. Probably 30, 40 bucks. It wasn't but \$220
9 for a quarter ounce -- for a quarter pound of reefer, four
10 ounces. And he was short a quarter pound.

11 Q. How much --

12 A. I mean he was short a half ounce, 15 grams
13 out of 220.

14 Q. How much money did he rob you for?

15 A. He got me for like \$85.

16 Q. Do you recall being in jail with Mr. Grant
17 before the trial?

18 A. I was being -- I remember not with him. We
19 was in the same jail, but not in the same pod as him.
20 And, yeah, they moved me five or six times. Because
21 everywhere I went to, one of his buddies was in there
22 threatening my life.

23 Q. Did you ever talk to him while you were
24 in --

25 A. Nope.

1 Q. So are you aware that if this case moves
2 forward, you may be subpoenaed again to testify at a
3 hearing?

4 A. (Inaudible). I'm going to tell you the same
5 thing I told you this time.

6 Q. Is there anything else that you know that I
7 haven't asked you about?

8 A. Not right offhand.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Well, pursuant to statute,
10 you have a right to receive a copy of the recording of
11 this deposition.

12 THE WITNESS: Okay.

13 MR. ZIEGLER: Would you like a copy or do you
14 want to waive that right?

15 THE WITNESS: I know what I said. I'll repeat
16 everything I said this time next year.

17 MR. ZIEGLER: Right. Just to be clear then,
18 you're waiving your right to it?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. All right. Thank you very
21 much for your time.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

23 (The recorded deposition concluded.)

24 (Signature was waived.)

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CERTIFICATE

I, DONNA ROWE, do hereby certify:

The witness, Jason Taylor, was sworn by Sharon Stellato, an authorized Notary by the State of North Carolina to administer oaths, in said cause;

The testimony was transcribed by me from a recording and the foregoing 16 consecutively numbered pages are a complete and accurate record of the recorded deposition testimony to the best of my ability;

I certify that I am not counsel for nor in the employment of either of the parties of this action, nor am I interested in the results of this action.

This the 26th day of May, 2017.



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This is the transcript of the recorded interview taken of Jason Taylor, which was conducted by Sharon Stellato, Brian Ziegler, Staff Attorney, from the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission. The recorded interview took place on May 18, 2017.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MS. STELLATO: Mr. Taylor, I just -- I just want
3 to ask you a couple more questions. This is no longer --
4 this is not the deposition.

5 You -- you don't have any idea why Christina --

6 MR. TAYLOR: Like I said, I think she was
7 scared. I think -- I think they threatened her again. I
8 really think they threatened her life again. Now, we --
9 we just now -- we just now got together.

10 (Mr. Taylor's Phone rings.)

11 MS. STELLATO: Go on if you need to get that.

12 MR. TAYLOR: I'll call you right back.

13 And I just feel like she was threatened again.
14 I -- I feel like that -- because for -- for a while now,
15 they've been talking about somebody coming to see us about
16 getting him out of jail, getting him out of jail.

17 And Christina was like, you know, she -- she
18 felt -- she felt bad about him. And then something
19 happened one day and she was like, Fuck, this. He's not
20 getting out. I'm not doing this shit.

21 Because apparently his -- his baby mother and
22 her boyfriend and some of their friends done run up --
23 they run up her at the gas station and threatened her one
24 time. One time before. I'm not saying that's the one
25 that -- that made her change her mind, but I think she's

1 been threatened again. That was like two years ago they
2 run up on her and tried to snatch her out the car and
3 stuff.

4 I mean they don't play fair out here on the
5 streets. They -- they do not play fair, period. And I
6 feel like she was threatened again.

7 And when I get back home, I'm going to -- I'm
8 going to talk to her about it again and see what the deal
9 is. And do you -- I need y'all's' card so that she can --
10 she can call when -- when she --

11 MS. STELLATO: Well, I mean, don't influence
12 Christina.

13 MR. TAYLOR: That's -- that's -- that's not what
14 I'm saying.

15 MS. STELLATO: I mean I'm just trying --

16 MR. TAYLOR: Yeah.

17 MS. STELLATO: You know, whatever -- whatever
18 she says is what she says and whatever you say is what you
19 say. And that just is -- that just is what it is.
20 Like -- so I don't -- I don't want you to do that. I
21 just -- I'm just trying to figure out --

22 MR. TAYLOR: Wow.

23 MS. STELLATO: -- you know, what happened.
24 Again, we just want to know what happened. And whatever
25 happened --

1 MR. TAYLOR: See, she told me, she told this
2 morning, she said, Babe, just go tell the truth. And I
3 did. So that's telling me that knows I'm not scared of
4 them boys. You know what I mean? I'm really not scared
5 of them.

6 So she's trying to hope that I go in here and
7 tell the truth and then whatever she says don't matter.
8 You know what I mean? I guess that's the way she's
9 thinking. You know what I mean? Like I'll be the man and
10 I'll be the one to say, yeah, this is the way it still is.
11 And, you know, if it's making any sense to you. I
12 can't -- I thought she told the truth.

13 MS. STELLATO: So that was my other question.
14 Are you -- now, I don't want to say the word scared
15 because I know how that can come out sometimes on the
16 street --

17 MR. TAYLOR: Yes. Sometimes I am scared.

18 MS. STELLATO: -- and I don't want to say that.

19 MR. TAYLOR: Yes, I am. Yeah. Sometimes I am
20 scared, yeah. Uh-huh. Like I said, I've -- I've got --

21 MS. STELLATO: And do you think --

22 MR. TAYLOR: -- I've got scars here.

23 MS. STELLATO: -- that's influencing, you know,
24 what you're -- what you're saying here today?

25 Like, you know, Mr. Grant, if you don't -- if

1 you don't know this, he is no longer serving time on these
2 charges. I don't know if you know that or not. So I
3 don't want you to -- I don't want that to influence you
4 one way or another.

5 You know, I don't know what people have said to
6 you. If they have threatened you, I would want to know
7 that, and if they've threatened Christina, I would want to
8 know that, too.

9 MR. TAYLOR: Uh-huh.

10 MS. STELLATO: We do not. We -- we just want
11 you to tell the truth whatever that is.

12 MR. TAYLOR: Yeah. Yeah. I've been -- I've
13 been threatened. Every time I run across one of them, I'm
14 threatened by one of them. It's been about a year or so
15 since I've been threatened, but yeah.

16 MS. STELLATO: And -- and in that way is that
17 like come forward? Is that like, hey, I want -- I mean
18 what -- what's happening? What are they saying?

19 MR. TAYLOR: It's pretty much, hey, you better
20 go back and -- and tell the -- and see y'all and tell them
21 that Israel didn't do nothing. Threaten -- trying to
22 threaten me into saying -- change my story from the day I
23 testified in court. They want me to change up. I haven't
24 changed up. Y'all can go back and look at everything. I
25 haven't changed nothing I said.

1 You know, I'm sorry I come off on you as an --
2 as an ass the other day, but I was at work, I was sweating
3 and damn -- you know what I mean?

4 MR. ZIEGLER: You're here.

5 MR. TAYLOR: Aggravated. I apologize for that.

6 MR. ZIEGLER: You're here today. That's --
7 that's what we needed.

8 Who -- when you say you've been threatened, who
9 threatened you?

10 MR. TAYLOR: Marquis threatened me one time.
11 And then a boy named -- the other guy, the rapper guy.
12 What's his name? They call him Diwoo (phonetic). Diwoo,
13 he stays right here in Westchester by Marquis. That's the
14 two guys that -- that threatened me.

15 MS. STELLATO: Is it Rashad?

16 MR. TAYLOR: Rashad. I know that name though.

17 MR. ZIEGLER: Is that Diwoo?

18 MR. TAYLOR: I don't think that's Diwoo. I
19 think that's one of his buddy.

20 MR. ZIEGLER: Do you remember --

21 MR. TAYLOR: I remember --

22 MS. STELLATO: Do you remember when -- when you
23 were threatened by Marquis?

24 MR. TAYLOR: Before he got shot. Probably about
25 three years ago. You know, he just got shot in the back a

1 couple of months ago. He's still living. So they're
2 still out here doing the same thing they've been doing.

3 MS. STELLATO: So as you sit here today,
4 you're -- you're telling, just to be clear, a neutral
5 fact-finding agency that Israel Grant robbed you on
6 April 15th -- on August 15th, and -- and you're confident
7 that it was Mr. Grant?

8 MR. TAYLOR: Yes, ma'am.

9 MS. STELLATO: Okay. All right. I am going to
10 give you my card. You know, I'm asking you not to ask
11 or -- or influence Christina, what, you know --

12 MR. TAYLOR: I won't. I mean I will not.

13 MS. STELLATO: You can have your relationships
14 and -- and whatever she says, but don't influence her one
15 way or another.

16 MR. TAYLOR: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. STELLATO: But other than you can influence
18 her to tell the truth.

19 MR. TAYLOR: Yeah. I mean, I am.

20 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

21 MR. TAYLOR: Yes, ma'am. I mean that's it
22 and...

23 MS. STELLATO: Okay. If you think of anything
24 or want to talk to us about anything, you know, feel free
25 to contact us. Again, we are not trying to get you to say

1 anything different. We just -- if there's anything you
2 want to talk to us about or Christina, feel free to call
3 us, okay?

4 MR. TAYLOR: So he's not serving time on these
5 charges no more?

6 MS. STELLATO: He's not.

7 MR. TAYLOR: So he's out of jail?

8 MS. STELLATO: He's in federal prison but not
9 for these charges.

10 MR. TAYLOR: Oh, okay. Yeah, I know he had some
11 other charges. So what, when he does that, he's got to go
12 back for this?

13 MS. STELLATO: Uh-uh. No, sir, when he's
14 done with that --

15 MR. TAYLOR: So he's done -- then why are
16 y'all -- why is this going on then if he's already been
17 expunged of the charges?

18 MS. STELLATO: Well, he hasn't been. He hasn't
19 been expunged of the charges. And our agency will look at
20 a case if you're in prison or not. It doesn't matter for
21 our agency.

22 MR. TAYLOR: Oh, okay.

23 MS. STELLATO: We'll still review the case.

24 MR. TAYLOR: That's fine. I'm just asking, you
25 know, it's a question.

1 MS. STELLATO: Sure.

2 MR. TAYLOR: All right. Thank y'all.

3 MS. STELLATO: Absolutely. Thank you for
4 coming.

5 MR. ZIEGLER: Appreciate it.

6 MR. TAYLOR: All right.

7 MS. STELLATO: Nice to meet you.

8 MR. TAYLOR: You, too. Y'all have a good day.

9 MS. STELLATO: Thank you. You, too.

10 MR. ZIEGLER: You do the same.

11 MR. TAYLOR: Are y'all from Raleigh?

12 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

13 MR. TAYLOR: Did y'all drive out here from
14 Raleigh?

15 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

16 MR. TAYLOR: I'm sorry to waste y'all's time.

17 MS. STELLATO: Thank you.

18 MR. TAYLOR: Y'all running around Charlotte
19 looking for me like crazy. I thought -- somebody told me,
20 Oh, the feds is looking for you. The feds are looking for
21 you.

22 I'm like come on, mom. I'm down at my
23 grandma's. I was like, Mom. Get it together. Really? I
24 haven't done nothing. I've called -- I've called the FBI
25 here. I'm like, Man, what have I done? Can I sit down

1 and meet with y'all?

2 And they was like, We don't know what you're
3 talking about.

4 So I'm like, Mom, you got to figure out who come
5 to the house.

6 MS. STELLATO: Have a nice day.

7 MR. ZIEGLER: Take care.

8 MR. TAYLOR: You, too.

9 (The recorded interview concluded.)

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPT

This is to certify that the 11 pages of this transcript of the recorded interview of Jason Taylor was taken on May 18, 2017, is a true and accurate transcript to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not counsel for nor related to any party or attorney, nor am I interested in the results of this action.

This the 26th day of May, 2017.



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CRIMINAL RECORD

Conviction	Jurisdiction	DOO	Date of Conviction
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON—1ST OFFENSE (M)	VIRGINIA	7/10/2005	11/10/2005
POSS. MARIJUANA (M)	VIRGINIA	7/10/2005	11/10/2005
POSS. FIREARM WHILE IN POSS. DRUGS (F)	VIRGINIA	7/10/2005	11/17/2005
POSS. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (F)	VIRGINIA	7/10/2005	11/17/2005
DWI—LEVEL 5 (M)	GASTON	11/2/2013	9/9/2014

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
05 CRS 254094
05 CRS 76342

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

v.

ISRAEL SEBASTIAN GRANT

**AFFIDAVIT OF
POLLY DAVIS**

NOW COMES Polly Davis being first been duly sworn, who deposes and says the following:

1. I am over the age of eighteen, suffer no legal disabilities, have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below, and am competent to testify.
2. I am the Records Custodian for the Mecklenburg County Jail in North Carolina.
3. The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission (hereinafter "Commission") served a subpoena on me to produce a copy of the incarceration and housing assignment records for Israel Grant (hereinafter "Grant") and Jason Taylor (hereinafter "Taylor") for the timeframe of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007 at the Mecklenburg County Jail system.
4. I provided a copy of the requested records to the Commission on November 17, 2017.
5. During the timeframe of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007, both Grant and Taylor were only incarcerated at the Mecklenburg County Jail Center (MCJC) location.
6. The records show that Grant was incarcerated at MCJC from 6/16/2005 until 6/24/2005, from 8/27/2005 until 8/29/2005, from 9/21/2005 until 9/12/2007, and from 9/12/2007 until 9/13/2007 during the relevant time period. *See Exhibit #1.*
7. The records show that Taylor was incarcerated at MCJC from 7/15/2007 to 7/17/2007 and from 8/7/2007 to 9/16/2007. *See Exhibit #2.*
8. During the times Taylor was incarcerated at MCJC, Grant was also incarcerated at MCJC.

9. During the times Taylor and Grant were incarcerated together at MCJC, they were in separate pods (places of detention) and housing units.

10. Generally, inmates are only allowed to communicate and interact with inmates from the same housing unit.

11. Generally, inmates are not allowed to have any communication with any inmates who are not in the same housing unit as they are.

12. Housing units are not allowed to interact with each other due to safety and security concerns.

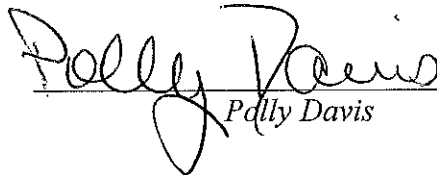
13. Hypothetically, the only times an inmate would have the ability to communicate with an inmate from a different housing unit would be through court appearances at the same time, through medical visits at the same time, and through the use of a toilet in the bathroom at the same time *if* one of the housing units was directly above the other housing unit.

14. Grant was housed at MCJC 51-30-37, or Pod 51 Housing Unit 30 Cell 37, from 7/27/2007 until 8/27/2007.

15. Taylor was housed at MCJC 41-00-41, or Pod/Housing Unit 41-00 Cell 41, from 8/7/2007 until 8/9/2007.

16. At MCJC, Pod 51 is directly above Pod 41.

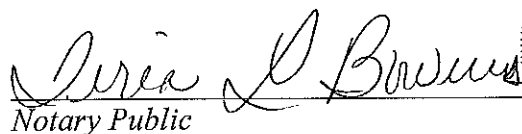
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COUNTY OF Mecklenburg

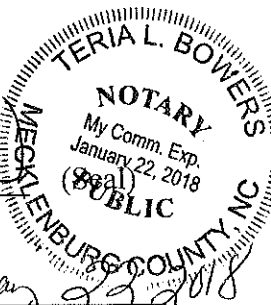
Sworn to and subscribed before me,

this 21st day of November, 2017.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

January 22, 2018



ISRAEL GRANT

CRIMINAL RECORD

Conviction	Jurisdiction	DOO	Date of Conviction
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON (M)	MECKLENBURG	12/11/2002	5/30/2003
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON (F)	MECKLENBURG	1/15/2003	10/14/2003
POSS. FIREARM BY FELON	FEDERAL	6/1/2005	3/29/2007
POSS. FIREARM BY FELON (F)	MECKLENBURG	8/15/2005	8/17/2007
ROBBERY WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON (F)	MECKLENBURG	8/15/2005	8/17/2007

MARLON SYLVER

CRIMINAL RECORD

Conviction	Jurisdiction	DOO	Date of Conviction
MISDEMEANOR DEATH BY VEHICLE (M)	MECKLENBURG	5/12/2003	1/13/2004

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Petitioner,

T R A N S C R I P T

vs.

ISRAEL SEBASTIAN GRANT,

Recorded Interview

Defendant.

This is the transcript of the recorded interview taken of Israel Grant, which was conducted by Sharon Stellato, Associate Director, and Brian Ziegler, Staff Attorney, from the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission. The recorded interview took place on June 07, 2017.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MS. STELLATO: So, Mr. Grant, has Mr. Fialko
3 explained why we're here?

4 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. STELLATO: Here's my card. So we're going
6 to have several questions for you today, okay? And we're
7 going to have to move a little bit quicker than we'd like
8 to.

9 MR. GRANT: They trying to rush you out?

10 MS. STELLATO: Well, we have to -- we have a
11 flight to catch back, so hopefully I think -- I think
12 we'll be able to get everything done though.

13 MR. GRANT: If -- if you miss your flight, you
14 can catch a ride with Chris.

15 MS. STELLATO: That's right. There you go.
16 That's a great idea. He doesn't mind, right? You don't
17 mind stopping, driving us home. Okay. Great.

18 All right. So you understand that we're a
19 neutral fact-finding agency, right?

20 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. STELLATO: We're looking into your -- your
22 case.

23 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

24 MS. STELLATO: And so we just want to take you
25 back, all the way back, and have you tell us how you knew

1 the victims to begin with.

2 MR. GRANT: Well, I met -- I -- I actually know
3 Christine, but the house that I was staying in was right
4 across the street from her house. And my friend, Marquis
5 Funderburk, he -- he's been staying there all his life,
6 and Christine was staying there all her life. So they
7 knew each other, but I actually started interaction with
8 her a little bit when she got with the dude named Jason
9 Taylor. And once me and him started doing business, she
10 was there, but I never really actually had no conversation
11 with her, but she would just be there when I'd come around
12 and deal with Jason.

13 MR. ZIEGLER: Did you know him before you knew
14 Christina?

15 MR. GRANT: Huh-uh. I -- I do -- I knew her by
16 just seeing her and my man -- and my friend telling me who
17 she is, but actually knowing her as a person, no, I
18 didn't.

19 MR. ZIEGLER: No. I'm talking about Jason
20 Taylor.

21 MR. GRANT: Oh, no.

22 MR. ZIEGLER: If you started interacting with
23 Christina after she was with Jason, did you know Jason?

24 MR. GRANT: No, I didn't know him at all.

25 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So how long did you know

1 Jason Taylor before the alleged crime happened?

2 MR. GRANT: Probably about maybe like three
3 months.

4 MS. STELLATO: Okay. And what were your
5 experiences with him before the alleged crime?

6 MR. GRANT: We would really -- he used to fix
7 the car -- he used to fix my car. He work -- he works on
8 cars. He used to fix the cars, and he's -- he's a drug
9 addict, so --

10 MS. STELLATO: And he's --

11 MR. GRANT: That's --

12 MS. STELLATO: Did he sell drugs?

13 MR. GRANT: No. He was a user.

14 MS. STELLATO: Did you sell him drugs?

15 MR. GRANT: Sometimes, yes, ma'am.

16 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Marijuana?

17 MR. GRANT: Crack.

18 MS. STELLATO: Crack? Okay.

19 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. STELLATO: Is that just crack?

21 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Did you ever sell
23 Christina drugs?

24 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am.

25 MS. STELLATO: And is it correct that sometimes

1 you would stay over at -- stay over at his house with
2 Marquis; would you stay over there?

3 MR. GRANT: Yeah. Marquis' house?

4 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

5 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Would you say you were
7 living there?

8 MR. GRANT: No, not at -- not at that time, but
9 I have -- I have stayed there, and I have stayed nights
10 over there, but at that time, no, I had my own place with
11 me and my child's mother.

12 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So before this happened,
13 do you remember being involved in a -- in a marijuana
14 deal?

15 MR. GRANT: As far as the robbery?

16 MS. STELLATO: Prior to the robbery.

17 MR. GRANT: Or -- or so-called robbery?

18 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

19 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. STELLATO: And who was that between?

21 MR. GRANT: It was me and Jason and another guy,
22 his friend.

23 MS. STELLATO: Do you know the other guy's name?

24 MR. GRANT: I -- I got -- I don't -- I didn't
25 even know his name that night. It was just a okay, boom,

1 and bye.

2 MS. STELLATO: Okay. And how did that happen?

3 MR. GRANT: Jason -- Jason put it together. I
4 came to him and asked him, I said, Yo, man, I need a QP of
5 reefer. Can you call somebody? He said, Yeah, I got
6 you.

7 MS. STELLATO: How much was that?

8 MR. GRANT: It's \$200. It's four -- it's four
9 ounces, and it -- so he called --

10 MR. FIALKO: What does QP stand for?

11 MR. GRANT: Quarter pound. He called him. He
12 was like, He ready. We went over there. I went to meet
13 him. We -- and it was up -- you got -- okay, you got
14 this. I gave him the money, and we left.

15 MS. STELLATO: When you say we, was it you and
16 Jason?

17 MR. GRANT: It was me and Jason.

18 MS. STELLATO: Just the two of you?

19 MR. GRANT: Just me, Jason, and -- and old boy,
20 and the dude he was introducing me with to buy the
21 marijuana.

22 MS. STELLATO: And where did you go?

23 MR. GRANT: I went home. I left Jason there,
24 and I -- and I left.

25 MS. STELLATO: Where did you go to get the

1 marijuana?

2 MR. GRANT: Was it (inaudible)? Sam -- Sam
3 Wilson Road. Off of Sam Wilson Road --

4 MS. STELLATO: And did you --

5 MR. GRANT: -- in a little small trailer park.

6 MS. STELLATO: To someone's home?

7 MR. GRANT: Yeah, his -- yeah, his house.

8 MS. STELLATO: To the -- to the guy's house?

9 MR. GRANT: To the guy's house.

10 MS. STELLATO: And then who drove?

11 MR. GRANT: I did. I drove my car. I left
12 Jason there.

13 MR. ZIEGLER: Did Jason ride with you?

14 MR. GRANT: Yeah, yeah, he rode with me.

15 MS. STELLATO: Do you have the picture?

16 And then was that marijuana deal short?

17 MR. GRANT: Yes. Yes, ma'am.

18 MS. STELLATO: How short?

19 MR. GRANT: It was an ounce short.

20 MS. STELLATO: And when did you figure that out?

21 MR. GRANT: When I got home and put it on the
22 scale.

23 MS. STELLATO: So when you got home that night?

24 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

25 MS. STELLATO: And then what happened?

1 MR. GRANT: I called him. I called him. He was
2 like, uh, I make up for it.

3 MR. ZIEGLER: Who did you call?

4 MR. GRANT: I called Jason. I called Jason,
5 say, Yo, man, the marijuana short. He was like, All
6 right. I'll make up for it. Say no more. I -- I
7 hollered at him two days later. He was like -- I was
8 like, What's up? You going to give me -- you going -- you
9 going -- you going to give me the \$50? He was like, I
10 ain't got it right now, but I'll get it. Okay.

11 MS. STELLATO: I'm going to show you some
12 pictures, and I want you to tell me if any of these are
13 the guy that you purchased the marijuana from, okay?

14 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. STELLATO: If you don't know, just say you
16 don't know, okay?

17 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am. I don't -- I don't
18 know. No.

19 MS. STELLATO: You're sure no?

20 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am, I don't -- I don't think
21 so. If it -- he look more like him than -- than him, but
22 I don't -- I -- I don't think -- no, it wasn't a black
23 guy.

24 MS. STELLATO: It was not a black guy?

25 MR. GRANT: No, it was a white guy.

1 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Let me just show you these
2 anyway to make sure, okay?

3 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am. No, ma'am.

4 MS. STELLATO: All right. I'm going to show you
5 this first guy one more time.

6 MR. GRANT: I -- I really can't say, but if it
7 -- I -- I really don't know, so I can't -- I can't say.

8 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Does the name David sound
9 familiar to you? Do you recognize the name David as being
10 --

11 MR. GRANT: I think, if I'm not mistaken, I
12 think that's the name Christine said at trial. Either
13 Christine or David said at trial. I mean, Christine or
14 Jason said at trial.

15 MS. STELLATO: Okay. But you didn't know the
16 person?

17 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am. I didn't --

18 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

19 MR. GRANT: I didn't know him.

20 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So you talked to Jason.
21 You tell him it's short and you're holding him
22 responsible.

23 MR. GRANT: Yeah. He said he -- he say he'll
24 fix it because you -- you introduced me to him. You said
25 you would fix it. He said, okay. So I took him as a man

1 of his word, say he'll fix it.

2 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So I'm sure your attorneys
3 told you you need to be honest about all the questions we
4 ask you, all right?

5 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. STELLATO: Did you threaten him?

7 MR. GRANT: At that point?

8 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

9 MR. GRANT: No, I didn't threaten him at that
10 point.

11 MS. STELLATO: At any point?

12 MR. GRANT: Later on when he kept avoiding me.

13 MS. STELLATO: Okay. What -- what did you --
14 what did you say?

15 MR. GRANT: I told him I was going to -- I told
16 him I was going to beat him up if he don't give me my
17 money.

18 MS. STELLATO: Okay. How long would you say
19 that went on for that he --

20 MR. GRANT: The avoid -- the avoiding part be
21 about another month.

22 MS. STELLATO: Were you actively looking for
23 him?

24 MR. GRANT: No, because he -- he stay right
25 across the street, so -- and I be at that house every day

1 they going there. So I'm going -- I'm going to see you
2 regardless. So I -- I wasn't searching for him.

3 MS. STELLATO: So do you see him again after the
4 drug deal, but before the alleged --

5 MR. GRANT: Yeah, I see him --

6 MS. STELLATO: You do?

7 MR. GRANT: Yeah, I seen him again.

8 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

9 MR. GRANT: And when I seen him, he -- he seen
10 me, and he like -- I was coming at him not in a run, but
11 like in a rush, and he seen me. He ran to his car and
12 took off.

13 MS. STELLATO: And where was that?

14 MR. GRANT: That was at they house.

15 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

16 MR. FIALKO: What happened when he took off?

17 MR. GRANT: I grabbed a brick and tried to throw
18 it at his car.

19 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Did it hit his car?

20 MR. GRANT: Yeah.

21 MS. STELLATO: Okay. And then did you see him
22 again after that?

23 MR. GRANT: I seen him again after that probably
24 like a week later.

25 MS. STELLATO: Okay. What happened then?

1 MR. GRANT: I see him and his girlfriend,
2 Christine, was sitting -- sitting on the porch, and I was
3 in a different car at this time. So when I seen him, I
4 stopped right in front of they -- right in front of they
5 house and hop out.

6 And I told him -- I seen they was kind of like
7 they was about to get up, but I told them, I said, I'm not
8 on nothing. And I came up to him and I said, Listen man,
9 it's only \$50. It was your people. You said you were
10 going to straight -- he was like, Listen man, I promise
11 you I -- I fix it. And I'm like, Well, why you ducking
12 me?

13 And Christine jumped in and said, Every time you
14 -- every time you always come over here, you always come
15 and starting trouble. He was like, But -- he was like,
16 Man, I got you. I'll give you your money. I said, All
17 right. And I left. And that was the last time I even
18 seen him.

19 MR. ZIEGLER: Christina said that to you?

20 MR. GRANT: Yeah. She -- that -- that -- and
21 that was really the only conversation that me and her even
22 ever had. That was really like the only thing we even
23 ever said to each other.

24 MR. ZIEGLER: She said you were causing trouble?

25 MR. GRANT: Yeah. She was like you -- you come

1 over here causing trouble.

2 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So I want to talk about
3 the day of the alleged robbery, and I want you to go
4 through as much detail as possible.

5 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. STELLATO: So from the time you basically
7 wake up that morning --

8 MR. GRANT: Woke up.

9 MS. STELLATO: -- tell me about the day.

10 MR. GRANT: Okay. Well, me and my baby momma
11 had got into it a couple of days before. She was staying
12 with her sister. So she was like -- and I'm like, Yo,
13 what's -- what's going on? She was like, Listen, before
14 we do anything or even think about getting together, you
15 need to try to go get a job because I'm pregnant, and this
16 and that.

17 So I said, Okay, well, tomorrow I'll go out and
18 look for a job. This the day before. And I said, I'll
19 even come and pick you up. She said, Okay, well, come --
20 do that. So that -- that -- that day, August 15th, I went
21 and drove to her sister house and picked her up that
22 morning.

23 MR. ZIEGLER: Right -- right there before you go
24 on, just so we're clear who you're talking about, when you
25 say your baby momma, who is that?

1 MR. GRANT: Jennifer Fitzgibbons.

2 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

3 MR. GRANT: I apologize. I -- I went and picked
4 Jennifer up. She -- on our way to -- on our way to there,
5 she was, like, she wanted to stop by a store. Okay. Now,
6 on our way to there, we stopped by a Circle K that morning
7 at 9:00 -- about 9:30, maybe 9:00. And once we finished
8 at the store, we drove to Adecco.

9 We went -- we went to Adecco and filled that
10 application. I brought the application out, and my baby
11 momma filled it out for me in the car. I went back in,
12 stood in the line. Now, is the -- is -- we had to fill
13 out the application like a -- probably like a -- man, it's
14 probably like a 15-page application. So we had -- so once
15 we finished the application, I -- I waited in line for the
16 computer part.

17 It was a red-headed lady. I got up there to the
18 -- to the red-headed lady. She did all the computer work.
19 She asked me for my ID and social. I don't -- I didn't
20 have my ID, but I -- I know I didn't have my social, but I
21 had my ID. She was like, Well, can you get your ID today?
22 I called my friend --

23 MR. FIALKO: You mean your social, you mean?

24 MR. GRANT: Yeah. I didn't -- I didn't -- I had
25 my ID, but I didn't have my social. She was like, Well,

1 can you get your social today? I say, Yeah. I called my
2 friend, Marquis' mother, the ones who stay across the
3 street from Christine. Just so happened, she -- her alarm
4 had went off and she was leaving work to come home anyway.
5 So I called her and she said, I'll put your social
6 security card in the mailbox.

7 So I left all the way from Adecco and drove
8 back -- I drove back to my side of town and got my social.
9 And -- but -- when the time I got back to Adecco, it was
10 already about 2:55. So when I finally came back, I spoke
11 to the lady. We finished -- we finished the process. We
12 -- we finished the process. I left. When I left, I
13 dropped my child's mother off.

14 MR. FIALKO: Let me interrupt you for a second.
15 What time -- I think -- when you went back to see the lady
16 at Adecco, what did she tell you about when her shift was
17 over?

18 MR. GRANT: Oh, she was -- she was over at 3:00.
19 She was -- she was leaving at 3:00, so I basically got
20 there in the nick of time just to catch her. So when I --
21 when I left -- when I got back about 3:00, she -- she did
22 -- she finished the application on the computer. She
23 said, We'll -- we'll be -- no. Matter of fact, she said,
24 Orientation is tomorrow.

25 So I had to come back the -- the next day on the

1 16th and do the orientation. So I -- so I left. Once we
2 left, I took my child's mother, Jennifer, I dropped her
3 back off at her sister's house. Then I went and hollered
4 at my man Rashad.

5 He gave me -- he gave me a ring to go pawn at
6 the pawn shop. He was, like, because he had to go to
7 work. I said, Okay, cool. I took the ring, took it to
8 the pawn shop. I left, and I went back to Marquis' crib.
9 And by -- by this time, it's probably like maybe 4:00,
10 maybe a little bit after 4:00.

11 MS. STELLATO: So when you get to the pawn shop,
12 are there people at the pawn shop, other customers?

13 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. STELLATO: How many?

15 MR. GRANT: Maybe -- maybe four, maybe five. I
16 didn't have to stay there long.

17 MS. STELLATO: What time did you get to the pawn
18 shop?

19 MR. GRANT: Probably about -- about three
20 something, a little after 3:30, maybe 3:40.

21 MS. STELLATO: So tell me the process of going
22 in the pawn shop. Tell me how -- exactly what happened
23 when you -- from the time you pull in the parking lot
24 until the time you leave.

25 MR. GRANT: I went in the -- I went in. I went

1 in, had the ring. I probably had to wait maybe like after
2 one or two customers, and I came up there, and I gave the
3 dude the ring. He like, Well, how much you want for it?
4 I said, Man, how much you going to give me? He did his
5 look, I'll give you such and such. I said, Okay.

6 He did his little receipt, gave it to me, I
7 signed it, gave me the money, told me I could come pick it
8 back up at such and such date, and I left.

9 MS. STELLATO: Was it one or two customers, do
10 you think?

11 MR. GRANT: What, that I had to wait for?

12 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

13 MR. GRANT: Maybe two.

14 MS. STELLATO: So if your pawn receipt says
15 4:03, how long were you in the pawn shop?

16 MR. GRANT: About 15, 20 minutes tops.

17 MS. STELLATO: And how long would it take you to
18 drive from the pawn shop back to Marquis' house at that
19 time of day?

20 MR. GRANT: At that time of day, no more than --
21 no more than five minutes.

22 MS. STELLATO: So on this day, do you remember
23 Jennifer's child being with you?

24 MR. GRANT: He -- he wasn't with me. I dropped
25 --

1 MS. STELLATO: Right.

2 MR. GRANT: I dropped her off.

3 MS. STELLATO: Right. Earlier in the day.

4 Sorry.

5 MR. GRANT: Yeah.

6 MS. STELLATO: He was --

7 MR. GRANT: I dropped -- yeah. Yeah. He was
8 with her. Oh, I'm sorry about that.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: When you were out at Adecco.
10 We're talking about earlier.

11 MR. GRANT: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. He was with
12 her.

13 MS. STELLATO: You do remember that?

14 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. STELLATO: Okay. What car were you guys
16 driving?

17 MR. GRANT: Burgundy Crown Victoria.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: Did Jennifer have a car back then?

19 MR. GRANT: Not at that time.

20 MS. STELLATO: How sure are you you were driving
21 that car?

22 MR. GRANT: A hundred percent.

23 MS. STELLATO: Did you ever let anyone else
24 drive your car?

25 MR. GRANT: That day?

1 MS. STELLATO: Any day.

2 MR. GRANT: Yeah. Yeah.

3 MS. STELLATO: Who?

4 MR. GRANT: I -- I don't have a license, so when
5 we go uptown, stuff like that, or events that I know that
6 the police is going to be heavy at, I got -- I got friends
7 who have license, so I let them drive.

8 MS. STELLATO: So give me just names of people
9 who you would let drive your car.

10 MR. GRANT: My friend -- my friend Daoud
11 (phonetic) Carter. My friend Dominique Gabriel.

12 MR. ZIEGLER: That first name you said, what's
13 his first name?

14 MR. GRANT: Daoud Carter. It's --

15 MR. ZIEGLER: How do you spell that?

16 MR. GRANT: It's -- it's David in -- it's Daoud
17 but it's David and -- and you can just put David.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: Is that -- is that how it's
19 normally written?

20 MR. GRANT: No. It's -- it's Daoud. His name
21 is Daoud, but it means David.

22 MR. ZIEGLER: But can you spell like what his
23 name is written?

24 MR. GRANT: I can't -- I can't spell it. I
25 can't, you know.

1 MS. STELLATO: Who did you say after that? I'm
2 sorry.

3 MR. GRANT: Dominique Gabriel.

4 MS. STELLATO: Is that a male or a female?

5 MR. GRANT: That's a -- that was a male.

6 MS. STELLATO: Male. Did Marquis ever drive
7 your car?

8 MR. GRANT: Yeah, he drove it before.

9 MS. STELLATO: Rashad?

10 MR. GRANT: Yeah, he drove it before.

11 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

12 MR. GRANT: But they don't have a license.

13 MS. STELLATO: Jennifer?

14 MR. GRANT: Yeah. Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. STELLATO: Would any of them drive your car
16 without you in it?

17 MR. GRANT: Yeah.

18 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So you would loan them
19 your car?

20 MR. GRANT: Yeah. If I -- if I don't feel like
21 doing it, if they want to -- I don't --

22 MS. STELLATO: Okay. The car was yours though?
23 Was the car yours?

24 MR. GRANT: In -- on paper? No.

25 MS. STELLATO: Yeah.

1 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am. On paper it was my baby
2 mother's.

3 MS. STELLATO: Jennifer?

4 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am. It was Jennifer's.

5 MS. STELLATO: It was Jennifer's car? Okay.

6 MR. FIALKO: Are you saying that the title was
7 in her name?

8 MR. GRANT: Yeah. Yeah. The car was actually
9 in her name.

10 MR. FIALKO: But you considered it your car?

11 MR. GRANT: Yes, I considered it mine because I
12 paid for it.

13 MS. STELLATO: What had happened to the back
14 window?

15 MR. GRANT: It had got shot out.

16 MS. STELLATO: When?

17 MR. GRANT: June 1st.

18 MS. STELLATO: Of that year?

19 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. STELLATO: Were you in the car when that
21 happened?

22 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am. I was outside the car.

23 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Who did that?

24 MR. GRANT: The dude named Butch.

25 MS. STELLATO: And what was that about?

1 MR. GRANT: It was a -- a altercation that
2 really didn't have nothing to do with me, but I was with
3 the individual, and --

4 MS. STELLATO: When did you find out that they
5 had accused you of being -- of robbing them?

6 MR. GRANT: When -- I mean, when did I find out
7 -- when did I find out about that they was -- that I was
8 -- either that they were looking for me for a robbery, or
9 did Jason Taylor -- that Jason Taylor and them said that I
10 robbed them?

11 MS. STELLATO: Yes. When did you -- well, both.
12 Did you know before the police talked to you that Jason
13 Taylor and Christina had accused you of anything?

14 MR. GRANT: I didn't know that Jason Taylor and
15 them had accused me of anything, but the day I went to
16 Adecco --

17 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

18 MR. GRANT: -- my friend Marlin's sister worked
19 for a radio station --

20 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

21 MR. GRANT: -- and she report the news.

22 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

23 MR. GRANT: And she called him and let him know
24 that, yo, they described my car and somebody who she say
25 fit the description of her other brother in a robbery. So

1 he called me and asked me, What you got going on? I said,
2 What you mean what I got going on? He said, Man, Brenda
3 just called me and said that the police were looking at
4 your car and possibly somebody -- and Matt is with you
5 talking about a robbery.

6 I said, Man, I went -- I was at Adecco and I
7 ain't seen Matt -- I ain't see Matthew all day. He was
8 like, Well, I'm just calling you to let you know what
9 Brenda just told me. I said, They got the wrong car.

10 And he called me back, and I told him, I said,
11 Man, you sure? He called me back. He said, I'm going to
12 call you back. I guess he called his sister. And he
13 called me back, he said, Yeah, that -- that's what --
14 that's what Brenda told me. I said, Man, it can't be me.

15 MS. STELLATO: So the next day --

16 MR. GRANT: On the 16th.

17 MS. STELLATO: -- you're in a traffic stop. Is
18 that how -- when the police are talking to you, is that
19 how you know?

20 MR. GRANT: That's -- that's how I know when
21 they stopped me, yeah.

22 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

23 MR. GRANT: Right then and there, that's how I
24 know for a fact, yes.

25 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Okay. So let's talk about

1 that stop a little bit. In that stop, who was driving
2 that day?

3 MR. GRANT: Daoud Carter.

4 MS. STELLATO: Okay. And who else was with you?

5 MR. GRANT: I was in the passenger seat, Rashad
6 Mackey was in the backseat, and Matthew Silver was in the
7 backseat.

8 MS. STELLATO: Do you know why you were stopped?

9 MR. GRANT: They never said.

10 MS. STELLATO: Who -- what did they tell you at
11 all about the robbery or about anything? What did they
12 tell you?

13 MR. GRANT: They didn't -- they didn't tell me
14 nothing. They just stopped us and asked us our names, and
15 I lied about my name.

16 MS. STELLATO: Right. But eventually --

17 MR. GRANT: But they still didn't tell me
18 nothing. They just took me out of the car and then they
19 was like, Well, you want to go downtown to talk to some
20 people? I said, For what? They said, Do you want to go
21 downtown and talk to the people? I said, Yeah, I'll go.
22 I said, Yeah, I'll go. I say, Because I already know what
23 -- what this is about. I say, Yeah, I'll go. Come on.

24 So then when I say that, he leaves, and then
25 they -- they search my car. They -- they open my trunk,

1 search -- search -- search my car. Then come back, take
2 me out of handcuff, and say, You can go. I said, I
3 thought somebody wanted to talk to me. Oh, no, they don't
4 want to talk to you again.

5 MS. STELLATO: But eventually they find -- you
6 tell them your real name. They find --

7 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: How did that happen?

10 MR. GRANT: The -- the police -- the police who
11 asked me first, he didn't know me, but the other police
12 who came up, he said, Man, you're not Martel Mackey,
13 you're Israel Grant.

14 MR. ZIEGLER: He knew you by looking at you?

15 MR. GRANT: Yeah, he knew me.

16 MR. ZIEGLER: Did you know him?

17 MR. GRANT: I -- no. But he knew me.

18 MS. STELLATO: Why did you give them a fake
19 name?

20 MR. GRANT: To be honest with you, I don't know.
21 I don't know. I -- once -- once -- once my friend told me
22 that they was looking for me, looking for the car of a
23 suspect in a robbery, then they stopped me, really scared
24 to go to jail, I guess. Really scared to go to jail.

25 MS. STELLATO: So --

1 MR. ZIEGLER: When you said that you were
2 willing to go downtown and talk, was that after they
3 already knew you were Israel Grant?

4 MR. GRANT: Yeah, that was -- yeah, that was
5 after they already -- they'd already pulled me out of the
6 car, put me in handcuffs, and put me in the backseat.

7 MS. STELLATO: How many officers do you recall
8 being there total?

9 MR. GRANT: At the -- I want to say at the
10 minimum it was at least five of them.

11 MS. STELLATO: But do you independently remember
12 five officers?

13 MR. GRANT: I remember five cars, so --

14 MS. STELLATO: Do you know any of those
15 officers?

16 MR. GRANT: I -- I don't know their names, but
17 they patrol the area.

18 MS. STELLATO: Do you know Officer Starnes?
19 He's -- do you recall that he's the one that knew your
20 name?

21 MR. GRANT: He -- he the one that testified at
22 trial, yes, ma'am. But as far as like I -- if I had any
23 dealings with him, no, I don't know him.

24 MS. STELLATO: You didn't have a gun in the car?

25 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am.

1 MS. STELLATO: Did you have a gun at the time?

2 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am.

3 MS. STELLATO: This charge that you're in for
4 right now, what kind of gun is it for?

5 MR. GRANT: It's a pistol grip shotgun.

6 MR. FIALKO: Federal charge. Talking about this
7 one?

8 MR. GRANT: Yeah. Yeah. It's a -- yeah, it was
9 a federal charge.

10 MS. STELLATO: Was -- did that happen while you
11 were out on bond or when did --

12 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am. That was the June 1st
13 incident when I told you that my -- my --

14 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

15 MR. GRANT: -- back window got shot out.

16 MR. FIALKO: So it's before?

17 MR. GRANT: Yeah, it was before this alleged
18 robbery stuff.

19 MS. STELLATO: It's before it? Okay.

20 MR. GRANT: Yeah. Yes, ma'am.

21 MR. ZIEGLER: Did you bond out --

22 MR. GRANT: Yes, sir.

23 MR. ZIEGLER: -- once you were arrested for
24 this?

25 MR. GRANT: Yes, sir. I bonded out on the

1 robbery charge.

2 MR. ZIEGLER: Right. That's what I'm talking
3 about. So they arrested you --

4 MR. GRANT: No, no, no. I'm -- I'm sorry. I
5 bonded out on the gun charge.

6 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay. Did you bond out on the
7 robbery charge?

8 MR. GRANT: No, sir.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: So from the time you were arrested
10 up until your conviction, you were sitting in Mecklenburg
11 jail?

12 MR. GRANT: Yes, sir.

13 MR. ZIEGLER: And then they dropped it. Okay.

14 MS. STELLATO: Did you see Jason Taylor in jail
15 when you were --

16 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am. When I was --

17 MS. STELLATO: -- arrested for this?

18 MR. GRANT: When I was going to trial. When I
19 -- when he was being brought in to testify against me, but
20 that's it.

21 MS. STELLATO: Did y'all have a conversation?

22 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

23 MS. STELLATO: And tell me about that
24 conversation.

25 MR. GRANT: I asked -- I said, Jason, why -- why

1 are you -- why are you sitting here lying on me? Why you
2 don't -- he said -- his exact words were, They're making
3 me.

4 MS. STELLATO: Did he say who "they" were?

5 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am. He said, They're making
6 me.

7 MS. STELLATO: Was there any other -- any other
8 conversation?

9 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am, because the -- the lady
10 told us to stop talking.

11 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So we talked about the
12 traffic stop. We talked about what happened there. Then
13 that -- so that's the next day. When did something else
14 happen? When do you then find out --

15 MR. GRANT: That it's Jason that -- that --

16 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

17 MR. GRANT: When I get arrested for it,
18 September 20th when they issued a warrant, and -- and I --
19 I -- they locking me up, they telling me they got a
20 warrant for my arrest for robbery, dangerous weapon, a
21 robbery that happened August -- August 15th. I said, Man,
22 no, y'all tripping. He said, Man, we -- you will know
23 more when you get downtown. I said, I want to talk to
24 somebody. They said, No, you had your chance.

25 MS. STELLATO: So between -- I just want to be

1 clear -- that August 15th and September 20th, you don't
2 hear anything else, you don't know anything else, you
3 don't know that it's Jason and Christina --

4 MR. GRANT: I don't know what Jason -- Jason and
5 Christine, but before September 20th, I had got arrested
6 on a domestic violence charge.

7 MS. STELLATO: Right.

8 MR. GRANT: And they took me downtown. That's
9 when they -- that's when they questioned me about a
10 robbery that happened October 15th --

11 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

12 MR. GRANT: -- August 15th.

13 MS. STELLATO: So let's talk about that first.

14 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So tell me about what
16 happens when you're arrested on the domestic violence.

17 MR. GRANT: Okay. I get arrested on domestic
18 violence. I'm thinking I'm going straight to the county
19 jail. When I go to the precinct, I'm like, Why are we
20 going here? They was like, Oh, some people want to talk
21 to you. I says, About what? He was like, I don't know.
22 You'll find out when you get in there.

23 So I get in there. They have me, you know, sign
24 the waiver. I sign the waiver. They were like, Mr.
25 Grant, what you know about a robbery August 15? I said,

1 Man, I don't know nothing about a robbery August 15. He
2 said, So you don't know nothing about a robbery that
3 happened at a Circle K August 15? I said, Man, no.

4 So he was like, Well, where were you August 15?
5 I tell -- I told him the same thing I told you. I said,
6 Man, I was at Adecco with my child's mother, Jennifer, on
7 August 15. And I -- I told him the whole story. He was
8 like, Well, was you there at that store? I said, Yeah, I
9 was there at that store that morning, I said, because I
10 stayed at -- I stayed -- at the time I stayed in Park
11 Fairfax, so that's the closest store to my -- that's the
12 closest store to my house.

13 So we go to that store frequently. So when we
14 going on our way to -- to -- to Westinghouse Boulevard, we
15 got to take Little Rock Road to even get to -- to go
16 towards (inaudible). So when we stop by the store, that's
17 9:30 that morning. So I told him, yeah, I was there at
18 9:30 that morning. He said, Well, was you there that
19 afternoon? I said, No, I was not. He was like, Well, can
20 anybody vouch for that? I said, Yeah, you can call -- you
21 can get in touch with my child's mother, Jennifer. Said,
22 Well, do she have a phone at this time? I said, No, she
23 don't. He was like, Well, can anybody -- I said, She can
24 -- she can verify my story.

25 Then he give me the whole rundown about -- what

1 did he say? He give me the whole rundown about -- about
 2 -- about the store, and I'm telling him I didn't -- I
 3 didn't rob nobody August 15. So he was like, Well, okay.
 4 Well, I'm done. Said, If you don't want to admit. I
 5 ain't -- I'm not going to admit nothing I didn't do.

6 So they kicked me out of the precinct and booked
 7 me, booked me for the domestic violence. I stayed in jail
 8 on domestic violence until I went to court. I bonded out
 9 on domestic violence. I never hear nothing else until
 10 September 20th.

11 MS. STELLATO: Okay. That was on the 27th of
 12 August.

13 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. STELLATO: Is that right? Okay.

15 MR. ZIEGLER: So at the time on the 27th when
 16 you're talking to them, you're arrested on the DV?

17 MR. GRANT: Yes, sir.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: At that time, did you find out
 19 that it was Christina and Jason?

20 MR. GRANT: No, sir.

21 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So then on the 20th,
 22 you're arrested.

23 MR. GRANT: I'm arrested for the robbery.

24 MS. STELLATO: Did they -- where did they arrest
 25 you at?

1 MR. GRANT: I got arrested at Marquis' house,
2 across the street from Christina's house.

3 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So tell us what you can
4 remember from that day.

5 MR. GRANT: Well, I was -- I was at home. By
6 this time, me and my -- me and my child's mother, we're
7 staying at Roseland, so I leave -- I leave home. I'm
8 going to go see what's up with my friends. I go holler at
9 Marquis. We at Marquis' house for a while. We leave his
10 house, go to the store. We go to the store. We come
11 back.

12 As soon as I pulled up in the driveway and I get
13 out of the car, you see a police pull up at the stop sign
14 right there, and he parks. Not even a minute later,
15 another one pull up right behind, boom. So as soon as I
16 guess he -- his backup came, then that's when they start
17 coming around.

18 So when they come around, they park right there,
19 hop out. They walk up. They look at me. Say, Israel
20 Grant, we got a warrant for your arrest for robbery and
21 dangerous weapon. And I said, How you get -- how you get
22 a warrant? He said, Man, you got -- you going -- you
23 going to put your hands behind your back? I put my hands
24 behind my back. They cuffed me. Drove off.

25 MS. STELLATO: So did they question you?

1 MR. GRANT: No.

2 MS. STELLATO: Did you say you want a lawyer?

3 MR. GRANT: Right then?

4 MS. STELLATO: Whenever? Did they try to
5 question you?

6 MR. GRANT: No, they didn't try to question me.
7 They just told me they had a warrant for my -- for my
8 arrest; put my hands behind my back, cuffed me, put me in
9 the car. Did what they did on the computer when they had
10 their little briefing. Drove off and drove me to the
11 station.

12 MR. ZIEGLER: Did they -- I mean, they took you
13 to the station. Did anybody question you when you were at
14 the station?

15 MR. GRANT: No. Because I -- I -- as a matter
16 of fact, I told them I want to talk to somebody. They
17 say, You talked -- you already -- they already talked to
18 you. So when I got downtown, they give you the little
19 pink and -- pink and blue papers, and I see one of them
20 have Jason -- Jason Taylor and the other one have
21 Christina Adcock, saying I robbed them August 15th at 3:30
22 at Circle K on Little Rock Road. And I'm just looking at
23 it like, wow.

24 MS. STELLATO: And that's the first time you
25 knew that those were --

1 MR. GRANT: Yeah, Jason --

2 MS. STELLATO: -- the alleged victims?

3 MR. GRANT: That Jason Taylor and Christina
4 Adcock lied and told the people I robbed them. That was
5 the first time I find out it was them.

6 MS. STELLATO: Was your attorney Mr. McKnight
7 appointed?

8 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

9 MS. STELLATO: So you didn't talk to police;
10 they didn't interview you?

11 MR. FIALKO: After he was arrested, right?

12 MR. GRANT: Yeah. After I was --

13 MR. ZIEGLER: Yeah, at the time you were
14 arrested on that.

15 MR. GRANT: Yes.

16 MS. STELLATO: And you stay in jail after that?

17 MR. GRANT: Been locked up ever since.

18 MS. STELLATO: What is your understanding of,
19 after you were convicted at trial, what your friends and
20 family did when they got back home to Marquis' house?

21 MR. GRANT: I didn't think they did nothing. I
22 didn't even -- to keep it real, I didn't even talk to them
23 for a couple of days. I didn't -- I ain't want to talk to
24 nobody. I ain't even -- so I didn't even talk to them, so
25 I don't -- I don't really know what they did, to be honest

1 with you.

2 MS. STELLATO: Have you learned of altercations
3 that they've had with Christina, her house, things that
4 have gone on? Are you aware of that?

5 MR. GRANT: No. I know -- I know a couple of
6 days after that that I -- they said that Marquis was
7 issued a -- a warrant for communicating threats or
8 something. But for other than that, no. This is my first
9 time even hearing that.

10 MR. ZIEGLER: Have you ever talked with Marquis
11 about that warrant or anything?

12 MR. GRANT: Never. Never mentioned it. It was
13 -- it was a petty warrant, so it wasn't -- it wasn't
14 nothing to discuss.

15 MR. ZIEGLER: Did you know who he was supposedly
16 communicating threats to?

17 MR. GRANT: No. No, sir. I just know he had a
18 communicating threat charge. They tried to come arrest
19 him when his sister husband died, the day of the funeral,
20 and they tried to come arrest him, and she was like -- and
21 he had -- he had turned himself in. That's the last I
22 ever even heard of that.

23 MR. ZIEGLER: How did you find out about that?

24 MR. GRANT: What?

25 MR. ZIEGLER: That charge against Marquis?

1 MR. GRANT: Like the day of, I called -- I
2 called his crib, and that day of the funeral, the day they
3 had the funeral to speak to his sister and tell her, you
4 know, sorry about the loss, and then that's when she told
5 me that the police just came to the house disrespecting
6 the funeral, trying to arrest Marquis for this warrant and
7 the day she's burying her husband.

8 MR. ZIEGLER: Did -- did she tell you anymore
9 about --

10 MR. GRANT: No.

11 MR. ZIEGLER: -- about that?

12 MR. GRANT: That's it. And matter of fact, I
13 didn't even talk to Marquis that day.

14 MS. STELLATO: So you have a pretty close
15 relationship with Marquis, right?

16 MR. GRANT: Yes, I do.

17 MS. STELLATO: He says he's like your brother.
18 And you have a pretty close relationship with his mom?

19 MR. GRANT: Yeah.

20 MS. STELLATO: Would you say that your
21 relationship with -- with him and his family is closer
22 than your relationship with your family or about equal?

23 MR. GRANT: It's -- it's about equal.

24 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Were you aware that
25 someone threw a brick threw Christina's window?

1 MR. GRANT: No. No, ma'am. I'm sorry, but no,
2 I -- I haven't. When did this happen?

3 MS. STELLATO: I'm just asking you if you're
4 aware of it.

5 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am, I didn't.

6 MS. STELLATO: So has anyone -- you still talk
7 to Rashad?

8 MR. GRANT: I still talk to all of them.

9 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So what I want to know is
10 if you're aware of any threats that have been made to
11 Christina or her family since your incarceration?

12 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am, because -- huh-uh.

13 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Have you had any contact
14 with Mr. Taylor or Ms. Adcock since you've been in prison?

15 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am. No, ma'am.

16 MS. STELLATO: You haven't had any contact with
17 --

18 MR. GRANT: Not -- not with --

19 MS. STELLATO: -- Christina?

20 MR. GRANT: Not with Jason, but --

21 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

22 MR. GRANT: -- Christina. When the affidavit
23 came -- when the affidavit came about, she spoke to me,
24 and she was like she was sorry for doing this and doing
25 that. She's saying she just got out of the hospital. And

1 I said, I understand. And she said, But I'll help you.
2 I'll do everything I can to -- to make it right. And I
3 said, I appreciate it.

4 MS. STELLATO: So what's your understanding of
5 how the affidavit or her recantation at that time
6 happened? What do you understand?

7 MR. GRANT: As far as I'm understand is I -- I
8 sent the affidavit to the crib, and I asked her, I said,
9 Man, if anyway could y'all get -- he -- Marquis said, Man,
10 I'll talk to her and see what's up. So he said he asked
11 her, and she said, yeah, she'll do it. But she was like,
12 the only way she'll do it, if she wouldn't -- if she don't
13 face charges. She was like, because she know she got on
14 the stand and lied. She was like, she don't want her kids
15 to be taken care -- she don't want her kids to be taken
16 from her.

17 And when my -- and one of my friends in prison,
18 they gave me y'all information about how the -- the
19 chairman can -- can do something about give them immunity
20 or something like that, so that's when I had wrote y'all,
21 and y'all gave me the questionnaire and -- and did that.

22 That was in 2013. And that was the only way
23 that -- that I could even tell them. I said, Well, I just
24 wrote these people and they can -- they said they -- their
25 chairman or whatever can grant somebody immunity for lying

1 on the stand and that's -- and I did that. And then 2014
2 came, I asked Marquis has he heard from her. He said he
3 be seeing her but not like that.

4 So when he got in contact with me again, he
5 called me, he was like -- he was like, Man, she --
6 Christine's right here with me. We walking to the -- the
7 tax place to get the affidavit signed.

8 MR. ZIEGLER: So when you sent that affidavit,
9 when was that?

10 MR. GRANT: In 2013.

11 MR. ZIEGLER: At that time, did you have reason
12 to believe that Christina would sign it?

13 MR. GRANT: No, sir. I was really -- because
14 somebody actually told me about and, you know, these --
15 you know, these prison lawyers, you know, and they were
16 like, Man, just see if she'll sign an affidavit, him and
17 her, just see if they'll sign. It's been time, a lot of
18 time now past, so, Man, just see if they'll do it.

19 MS. STELLATO: Who wrote that affidavit?

20 MR. GRANT: Well, I wrote it, but my brother's
21 fiancé, she typed it up on the computer. She did the
22 little fancy -- she did -- she typed --

23 MS. STELLATO: Right.

24 MR. GRANT: -- it up on the computer.

25 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So let's back up a little

1 bit. Who hired Bruce Cunningham?

2 MR. GRANT: My mother.

3 MS. STELLATO: Your mother?

4 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. STELLATO: Okay. And when did that happen?

6 MR. GRANT: In the end of '09.

7 MS. STELLATO: Okay. How much money did your
8 mother pay Bruce Cunningham?

9 MR. GRANT: Too much. In the paper, about eight
10 grand. He say about 8 to 10 grand.

11 MS. STELLATO: Now, were you aware that your
12 friends also paid him money?

13 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. STELLATO: Is that included in that 8 to
15 10,000?

16 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. STELLATO: All right. Bruce Cunningham did
18 not get that affidavit from Christina? That -- that was
19 you through Marquis getting the affidavit; is that
20 correct?

21 MR. GRANT: He -- I got -- what you mean?

22 MS. STELLATO: You typed up an affidavit. You
23 -- you had someone type an affidavit. You sent it to
24 Marquis. Marquis got it from -- got Christina to sign it;
25 is that correct?

1 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

2 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Then Bruce Cunningham did
3 what he did in court.

4 MR. GRANT: She came -- she came to court.

5 MS. STELLATO: Right. I'm aware of all of that.
6 But he was hired in 2009?

7 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. STELLATO: What was happening in your case
9 from 2009 until she signed that affidavit?

10 MR. GRANT: We was trying to put -- we was
11 trying to put a motion appropriate relief together. And
12 by then, money kind of fell short in 2011/2012, so -- but
13 once everybody start chipping back in and getting, then we
14 got on a roll because he -- he really stopped. I'm
15 talking, I -- from 2011, I probably heard from Bruce maybe
16 one time, because, you know, they're all about their
17 money, so he didn't do nothing.

18 MS. STELLATO: In an affidavit that you filed
19 with that motion for appropriate relief --

20 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. STELLATO: -- you indicated that you turned
22 down a plea offer with an eight-year sentence.

23 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

24 MS. STELLATO: Can you talk about that?

25 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am. My lawyer -- I was --

1 my lawyer worked with Reggie McKnight. I asked him -- he
2 was like -- for my first plea was like six and a half to
3 seven and a half. They went up -- they went up -- they
4 went up to I -- I guess the -- the eight and a half to 10.

5 So I asked him when he was coming to see me to
6 get -- get ready for trial, I said, Man, so what -- if I
7 lose -- if I lose trial, how much time would I get? He
8 did pull out his little calculator. He said about eight
9 to 10. So I said, Even if I go to trial, I still get
10 eight to 10, the same as the pleading? He said, Yeah.

11 MS. STELLATO: So is that what you meant when in
12 your -- when in that affidavit you said you thought you
13 had little to lose by going to trial?

14 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am. But I -- like I told
15 him, I was going to trial anyway, so that -- that was --

16 MS. STELLATO: Why did you think -- okay. So
17 you thought Christina would come forward if she was
18 granted immunity if she --

19 MR. GRANT: Yeah.

20 MS. STELLATO: -- if she wasn't -- and you
21 thought that because Marquis told you that?

22 MR. GRANT: No. Because she -- well, because he
23 was like, she was like, she's not going -- she's not going
24 to do it if -- if -- if she's -- if she's get a charge.
25 And she was like, she was worried about her kids getting

1 taken away from her.

2 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

3 MR. GRANT: There's a spider right there.

4 MS. STELLATO: Don't you push that over here.

5 MR. ZIEGLER: Nice work.

6 MR. GRANT: I think that's why you got up.

7 MR. FIALKO: No, I was just stretching my back.

8 I wish they would devise an automobile that would let you
9 drive it standing up.

10 MS. STELLATO: Uh-huh.

11 MR. GRANT: They coming out with everything
12 else, pretty soon they would.

13 (Inaudible discussions.)

14 MR. ZIEGLER: Were you -- around that time, were
15 you ever in a traffic stop where Christine Fitzgibbons was
16 driving?

17 MR. FIALKO: Christine Fitzgibbons?

18 MR. GRANT: You talking about my baby mother's
19 sister?

20 MS. STELLATO: Jennifer.

21 MR. ZIEGLER: I'm -- I'm talking about the
22 sister, Jennifer's sister.

23 MR. GRANT: Yeah. Okay. I've never been in a
24 car with her where she got stopped.

25 MS. STELLATO: What about the night of the 15th?

1 MR. GRANT: What about the night?

2 MS. STELLATO: The night of the 15th, were you
3 and Jennifer and Christine all together?

4 MR. GRANT: We was at their house.

5 MS. STELLATO: Right.

6 MR. GRANT: Yeah. But as far as her being in a
7 stop, no.

8 MS. STELLATO: So you don't remember that night
9 -- did she get a ticket -- did Christine get a ticket or
10 no?

11 MR. ZIEGLER: Yes.

12 MS. STELLATO: You don't remember on the night
13 of the 15th Christine getting -- all three of you being
14 together in a car and Christine getting pulled over and
15 getting a ticket?

16 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am.

17 MS. STELLATO: We're actually not sure if you
18 were in the car. We just know that --

19 MR. GRANT: Huh-uh. Because to be honest with
20 you, when -- when -- when I -- when they -- I left my car
21 at my baby mother's house. I stayed with them for -- for
22 a while, and I left. So with -- so they got a ticket that
23 night? I wonder what they were doing. See, this is news
24 to me.

25 MR. FIALKO: Just wait for the next question,

1 Dude.

2 MS. STELLATO: What -- why do you think that
3 Jason Taylor -- I'm going to ask you about each person --
4 said that you robbed him?

5 MR. GRANT: I -- the only justifiable reason I
6 can even think of is for him would to pay me \$50. I'm
7 talking about because it ain't like I was -- was trying --
8 was actually really on his back for the -- the \$50,
9 because it ain't like I was showing up at his house every
10 day or trying to -- was -- was -- was -- was really at
11 him. I was just -- if I see him, I see him. If I didn't,
12 ain't like I went hunting for him.

13 So to be -- I don't know. It -- I don't know.
14 Just -- just not to pay me \$50. That's the only thing I
15 can understand. Just the only thing I can come up with,
16 just not to pay me \$50.

17 MS. STELLATO: You think he sent you to prison
18 over \$50?

19 MR. GRANT: Oh, that's what it seems like to me.

20 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Was he afraid of you?

21 MR. GRANT: Obviously. He sent me to prison.
22 If you're going to lie -- you're going -- I would assume
23 so if he going to lie on me like this and send me away.

24 MS. STELLATO: Were -- did you ever shoot at
25 Jason Taylor?

1 MR. GRANT: No.

2 MS. STELLATO: You never did?

3 MR. GRANT: No.

4 MS. STELLATO: Not his car?

5 MR. GRANT: No.

6 MS. STELLATO: Not Christina's house?

7 MR. GRANT: No.

8 MS. STELLATO: Why do you think that Christina
9 lied?

10 MR. GRANT: Because Jason told her to.

11 MS. STELLATO: Was she afraid of you?

12 MR. GRANT: If he was, I guess she was too.

13 MS. STELLATO: Have you ever had a 38 revolver?

14 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am.

15 MS. STELLATO: How tall are you?

16 MR. GRANT: About 5'10", 5'11".

17 MS. STELLATO: Have you talked to Reggie
18 McKnight since you've been in prison?

19 MR. GRANT: Ain't got no reason to.

20 MS. STELLATO: You had a prior conviction for
21 armed robbery?

22 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

23 MS. STELLATO: What happened?

24 MR. GRANT: I was charged with conspiracy to
25 commit robbery.

1 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

2 MR. GRANT: Me -- me and my brother, we went --
3 tried to do the -- tried to rob these Mexicans and it
4 didn't go so well.

5 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

6 MR. GRANT: We end up getting caught. I end up
7 taking -- I took the conspiracy because he got charged
8 with some other stuff.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: When you say you took the
10 conspiracy, did you plead guilty to that?

11 MR. GRANT: Yes, sir.

12 MS. STELLATO: What day did that or what date
13 did that happen?

14 MR. GRANT: January -- January 15th, 2003.

15 MS. STELLATO: Did you have a gun?

16 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. STELLATO: Was it drugs or money?

18 MR. GRANT: What? That we wanted to rob them
19 for?

20 MS. STELLATO: The robbery. Uh-huh.

21 MR. GRANT: It was drugs and money, but --

22 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Who is Tank?

23 MR. GRANT: A dude that stay in Roseland. He
24 was -- he was at the store that morning.

25 MS. STELLATO: That morning. Okay.

1 MR. GRANT: That morning. He was at the Circle
2 K that morning.

3 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

4 MR. GRANT: And I gave him -- and we dropped him
5 off.

6 MS. STELLATO: So that was in the morning?

7 MR. GRANT: That's -- yes, ma'am.

8 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

9 MR. ZIEGLER: Do you know his given name?

10 MR. GRANT: No, sir. I really don't even know
11 him. He was just a dude in the neighborhood. He just
12 "yo" -- he know me and he asked me for a ride back to the
13 neighborhood.

14 MS. STELLATO: So I'm going to show you this
15 page. These are going to be notes from an officer during
16 the domestic violence --

17 MR. GRANT: Yes.

18 MS. STELLATO: -- interview. I want you to read
19 them and tell me if anything sounds right, if anything
20 sounds wrong or sounds different than what you remember.
21 And if you can't read it, just let me know. We've read it
22 enough times, I can tell you what it says.

23 MR. GRANT: That's correct.

24 MS. STELLATO: Is everything on there correct,
25 even this part?

1 MR. FIALKO: You're talking about the bottom
2 half, right?

3 MS. STELLATO: This part, this part, and this
4 part.

5 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. STELLATO: Yep?

7 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Everything sounds right?
9 These -- do these times sound right to you?

10 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

11 MS. STELLATO: Okay. So I'm just going to read
12 it out loud, okay, so it will be on here. It says this
13 interview was on 8/27. Okay. Says, 8/15/2005 picked up
14 Tank, lives in Roseland apartments, at Circle K at Little
15 Rock and Freedom and took him to Roseland.

16 MR. GRANT: Back to Roseland.

17 MS. STELLATO: Okay. On 8/15/2005 arrived at
18 Adecco at 10:30 a.m., Westinghouse Boulevard. Left Adecco
19 to get ID. Got back around 3:00 p.m. Employee at Adecco
20 ran background, completed application. White female.
21 Told him that she was getting off at 3:00 p.m. He was
22 last to be processed. White female, short, curly red
23 hair, glasses.

24 So that description, who is that of?

25 MR. GRANT: That's the lady who did my -- that's

1 the lady who did the computer part when I was coming back,
2 but it was the social ID.

3 MS. STELLATO: So that description is of the
4 lady at Adecco?

5 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

7 MR. ZIEGLER: Was she the only one there at that
8 time?

9 MR. GRANT: No. They had other people, the ones
10 who gave you the application, but she was the one that did
11 the computer part. She was the one, when you finished
12 wait -- filling out your application, you had to go in a
13 line, and she was the one putting you -- putting you on
14 the computer.

15 MR. ZIEGLER: Was she the only one that did that
16 particular job?

17 MR. GRANT: Yes. Yeah.

18 MR. ZIEGLER: So if you got there at like say
19 3:05, would you have been --

20 MR. GRANT: Yeah.

21 MR. ZIEGLER: -- as far as you understand, would
22 you have been out of luck or was there some --

23 MR. GRANT: Yeah, I think it was it -- it was --
24 it was over for you.

25 MR. ZIEGLER: Okay.

1 MS. STELLATO: And then it says, Stays with.

2 Oh, it says, Girlfriend, Jennifer Fitzgibbons, no phone,
3 stays with sister, Christine Fitzgibbons off Hoskins.

4 Why -- why is that written right there, no
5 phone? Do you know why?

6 MR. GRANT: Yeah. Because she -- she didn't
7 have a phone.

8 MS. STELLATO: And they had asked you about her
9 contact information?

10 MR. GRANT: Yeah.

11 MS. STELLATO: And so just on this top part, if
12 you read it, it talks about the robbery at the Circle K,
13 but it actually doesn't provide the victims' names except
14 for it does say Jason Taylor here. But you don't remember
15 --

16 MR. GRANT: It would --

17 MS. STELLATO: -- them telling you that?

18 MR. GRANT: It -- no, ma'am. He -- he didn't.

19 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

20 MR. GRANT: Only -- yeah, he didn't.

21 MS. STELLATO: Okay. Do you have any questions
22 for us?

23 MR. GRANT: No, ma'am.

24 MS. STELLATO: No?

25 MR. GRANT: What's -- what's -- well, I do have

1 -- what's the -- when y'all leave and every -- what's --
2 what's the -- the process? What's the next step?

3 MS. STELLATO: Well, your case is in what's
4 called formal inquiry, so that's the last stage of our
5 investigation. That means the case is moving forward and
6 -- and progressing. The case is -- is in -- what's called
7 priority status right now, so I can't tell you what's
8 going to happen for sure. I can tell you that it looks
9 like the case will be moving forward to hearing, but --

10 MR. GRANT: That a good thing?

11 MS. STELLATO: -- but I can't -- I can't really
12 give you any more information than that.

13 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. STELLATO: But I think that we'll know --
15 we'll know something soon.

16 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. STELLATO: I'm sorry. I know that's
18 frustrating. I can tell you we've been working and doing
19 a lot of investigation on -- on the case, and it's moving
20 much more quickly now.

21 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. STELLATO: And any additional information,
23 we'll kind of have to filter a little bit through your
24 attorney at this point.

25 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

1 MS. STELLATO: But we don't disclose our
2 investigations. They're confidential for a lot of
3 different reasons.

4 MR. GRANT: Yeah.

5 MS. STELLATO: One is if we're out there kind of
6 telling people what we're doing, stories tend to change,
7 and when we go and interview people, they tend to say, Oh,
8 I've heard you're doing this or that, and it's just --
9 it's not -- it doesn't work for a neutral fact-finding
10 investigation.

11 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. STELLATO: If and when the case were to move
13 forward, we want to be able to say this is the information
14 we uncovered and this is how we uncovered it.

15 MR. GRANT: Yes, ma'am. I just want to ask one.
16 Y'all -- when y'all doing y'all -- when they investigate,
17 do y'all actually hire like private investigators, or you
18 can't tell me that either?

19 MS. STELLATO: No. We do it.

20 MR. ZIEGLER: We do the investigation.

21 MR. GRANT: Y'all -- okay.

22 MS. STELLATO: We're the lead investigators --

23 MR. GRANT: Y'all --

24 MS. STELLATO: -- on your case.

25 MR. GRANT: Okay. I would just -- if there is

1 -- I'm just -- if there is any possible way have like -- I
2 don't know if you can answer it -- like have y'all
3 actually tried to go to the store, the Circle K?

4 MS. STELLATO: We've been to the store.

5 MR. GRANT: Have y'all tried to get -- ask for a
6 tape?

7 MS. STELLATO: We have.

8 MR. GRANT: And you can tell me what they say?

9 MS. STELLATO: We can't tell you that.

10 MR. GRANT: I would just say one thing.

11 MS. STELLATO: Okay.

12 MR. GRANT: If they would just give y'all the
13 tape, if only thing they have, they said I robbed these
14 people at 3:30 in the afternoon. Only thing you got to do
15 is -- they said my car in the burgundy Crown Victoria.
16 Only thing they have to do is give you the tape, and you
17 can see that a burgundy Crown Victoria, burgundy with
18 plastic on the window, never came in that parking lot at
19 3:30, because they said -- in their statements, they're
20 saying I -- they pulled in. A burgundy Crown Victoria
21 pulled up behind them. Not in the parking lot, but pulled
22 up behind them.

23 MR. FIALKO: I think they understand.

24 MR. GRANT: So if -- I'm just -- I'm just --
25 y'all don't understand how -- I'm going -- I'm just

1 frustrated with this whole thing.

2 MR. FIALKO: I -- I -- we understand. They
3 understand how frustrating --

4 MR. GRANT: To actually be sentenced to prison
5 in 23 years for a crime you didn't commit is, you know --
6 but that's -- that's about it.

7 MS. STELLATO: I understand.

8 MR. FIALKO: Anything else?

9 MS. STELLATO: No.

10 MR. ZIEGLER: I don't think so.

11 MS. STELLATO: I don't think so.

12 (The recorded interview concluded.)

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This is to certify that the 57 pages of this transcript of the recorded interview of Jason Taylor was taken on June 7, 2017, is a true and accurate transcript to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not counsel for nor related to any party or attorney, nor am I interested in the results of this action.

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- By the State: -
- By the Judge: -
- Because the Case Could Not Be Heard on the Scheduled Date: -

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- **Type:** PUBLIC DEFENDER
- **Assigned on:** 11/07/2007
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Defendant

Defendant in Jail for this Case: -

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