

1 THE COURT: LET'S SEE IF MR. HUFF -- CAN HE BE
2 EXCUSED?

3 MR. SAMUEL: I'M DONE WITH MR. HUFF.

4 MR. JOHNSON: YES, MA'AM.

5 THE COURT: YOU MAY BE EXCUSED, MR. HUFF, AND WE'LL
6 TAKE FIVE MINUTES.

7 (WHEREUPON, A RECESS WAS TAKEN.)

8 THE COURT: OKAY. THE RULE OF SEQUESTRATION IS
9 INVOKED. ANYONE WHO IS A WITNESS TO BE CALLED IN THIS
10 HEARING SHOULD STEP OUT OF THE COURTROOM.

11 CARTER JACKSON,
12 HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

13 THE BAILIFF: STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME FOR THE
14 RECORD.

15 THE WITNESS: CARTER JACKSON.

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. SAMUEL:

18 Q ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED?

19 A I'M RETIRED.

20 Q CONGRATULATIONS. WHERE WERE YOU EMPLOYED MOST
21 RECENTLY?

22 A MY LAST EMPLOYER WAS THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT
23 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

24 Q AND YOU WERE AN INVESTIGATOR WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE?

25 A I WAS.

1 Q AND PRIOR TO THAT?

2 A I WAS WITH THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A SWORN
3 POLICE OFFICER.

4 Q WHEN DID YOU COME OVER TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE?

5 A I BELIEVE IT WAS FEBRUARY OR MARCH OF 2002.

6 Q AND AT THAT POINT DID YOU WORK WITH THE COLD CASE
7 SQUAD?

8 A I DID.

9 Q DID YOU BEGIN WORKING ON THE CASE OF STATE OF GEORGIA
10 VERSUS SCOTT DAVIS?

11 A WELL, AT THE TIME IT WAS THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE
12 MURDER OF MR. COFFIN.

13 Q I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT I'VE MARKED AS DEFENDANT'S
14 EXHIBIT 12, WHICH FROM THE PRIOR PROCEEDINGS WAS BATES STAMPED
15 876, 878, 879, 882, AND 1162. DID YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK AT
16 THOSE DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO GETTING ON THE STAND HERE THIS
17 MORNING?

18 A YES, SIR, I DID.

19 Q DID YOU, IN FACT, AUTHOR THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTING
20 FINGERPRINT ANALYSIS?

21 A I DID.

22 Q THAT'S YOUR HANDWRITING ON THE DOCUMENTS?

23 A YES, IT IS.

24 Q NOW, PUTTING BEFORE YOU DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT 12, ARE
25 THOSE, IN FACT, RECORDS THAT YOU AUTHORIZED?

1 A YES, THEY ARE.

2 MR. SAMUEL: YOUR HONOR, I'LL TENDER EXHIBIT 12
3 BEFORE I ASK A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT IT.

4 THE COURT: STATE?

5 MS. HILL: NO OBJECTION.

6 MR. JOHNSON: NO OBJECTION.

7 THE COURT: THEY ARE ADMITTED.

8 BY MR. SAMUEL:

9 Q BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO US WHAT THE
10 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FIRST PAGE, BATES STAMPED 876, IS?

11 A IT'S A REQUEST TO THE GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
12 FOR FINGERPRINT ANALYSIS.

13 Q AND DO YOU RECALL TODAY WHAT ANALYSIS YOU WERE DOING?

14 A WELL, I SEE IT'S OUR CASE OF DAVID COFFIN AS THE
15 VICTIM, AND IT STATES DOWN HERE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE
16 ITEMS, FINGERPRINT CARD, AND THE REQUEST IS FOR ELIMINATION,
17 AND I DON'T REMEMBER SPECIFICALLY WHAT WAS BEING ELIMINATED.

18 Q DO YOU SEE, AS WE GO BACK IN THE PAGES, THAT THERE
19 WAS A LETTER THAT HAD BEEN TYPED AND THERE IS A SIGNATURE BY
20 THE VICTIM, DAVID COFFIN, JR., THIRD PAGE BACK IN THE EXHIBIT?

21 A YES.

22 Q AND AM I RIGHT -- I'M GOING TO LEAD A LITTLE BIT,
23 YOUR HONOR, TO SEE IF I CAN JOG SOME MEMORY HERE, IF I CAN.

24 AT THIS POINT YOU WERE TRYING -- WHAT AN ELIMINATION
25 PRINT MEANS IS THAT YOU WERE TRYING TO DETERMINE WHETHER A

1 LATENT PRINT WHICH YOU HAD, MEANING AN UNIDENTIFIED
2 FINGERPRINT, MATCHED SOMEONE ELSE WHO YOU DID KNOW, AND THE
3 PURPOSE OF AN ELIMINATION IS TO GET CERTAIN PEOPLE TO COMPARE
4 WITH THE UNKNOWN?

5 A WELL, THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

6 Q THE UNKNOWN PRINT WAS THE PRINT TAKEN FROM THE
7 PORSCHE THAT WAS FOUND IN DEKALB COUNTY. THAT'S THE ONLY
8 FINGERPRINT IN THIS CASE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT. THE ONLY
9 FINGERPRINT IN THIS CASE WAS TAKEN, LATENT PRINT, WAS FROM THE
10 PORSCHE. THERE WAS AN UNKNOWN FINGERPRINT ON THE PORSCHE. AM
11 I RIGHT?

12 A YOU KNOW, I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE RIGHT.
13 THERE WAS AN INSTANCE, IT INDICATES HERE ON THE SECOND PAGE,
14 ABOUT A LETTER, RECOVERED FINGERPRINTS. I'M NOT SURE THAT I
15 EVER HAD ACCESS TO ANY FINGERPRINTS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN
16 RECOVERED FROM THE PORSCHE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES OR ANY OTHER
17 REASON.

18 Q LET ME SEE IF I CAN JOG YOUR MEMORY. THE REASON YOU
19 SUBMITTED THIS LETTER WAS, IF IT HAD THE PRINTS, IF IT HAD THE
20 PRINTS OF DAVID COFFIN, JR. AND DAVID COFFIN, SR., THE ONLY TWO
21 PEOPLE WHO WOULD HAVE HAD THE LETTER, ONE WRITING TO THE OTHER,
22 YOU COULD HAVE COMPARED THOSE WHAT WOULD BE ARGUABLY KNOWN
23 PRINTS TO THE CAR. SENIOR OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE
24 CAR. SO SENIOR YOU WANTED TO GET TO DETERMINE --

25 MR. JOHNSON: YOUR HONOR, I OBJECT. IS THIS A

1 QUESTION, OR WHERE ARE WE GOING?

2 MR. SAMUEL: THERE'S NO JURY HERE. I'M JUST TRYING
3 TO HELP HIS MEMORY. IF HE SAYS, I DON'T REMEMBER, THAT'S
4 THE END OF IT.

5 THE COURT: YOU MAY CONTINUE.

6 MR. SAMUEL: HE'S NOT GOING TO SAY SOMETHING THAT'S
7 UNTRUE BASED ON MY QUESTION.

8 MR. JOHNSON: OH, NO. I JUST WANTED TO GET TO THE
9 POINT.

10 BY MR. SAMUEL:

11 Q WHAT OTHER FINGERPRINT WERE YOU TRYING TO ANALYZE BY
12 GETTING THE KNOWN PRINT FROM THIS LETTER?

13 A WELL, WE WERE TRYING TO ELIMINATE SOME PRINTS OFF OF
14 A NOTE THAT WAS RECOVERED, AND, AGAIN, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE
15 ASKING. I SIMPLY DON'T HAVE ANY RECOLLECTION OF EVER HAVING
16 ACCESS TO ANY FINGERPRINTS FROM THE PORSCHE.

17 Q DO YOU RECALL, WHEN YOU SENT THIS LETTER TO THE CRIME
18 LAB, WHY WERE YOU TRYING TO DETERMINE -- WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO
19 COMPARE THE PRINTS TO FROM THAT?

20 A I'D LIKE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION. ONE OF YOUR
21 ASSOCIATES CONTACTED ME BY TELEPHONE, AND HE ASKED ME A SIMILAR
22 QUESTION, AND I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT I SIMPLY DID NOT HAVE A
23 RECOLLECTION OF WHAT HE WAS MAKING REFERENCE TO, AND I REFERRED
24 HIM TO A COPY OF THE FILE, IN WHICH CASE THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN
25 SOME DOCUMENTATION AS TO WHY I TOOK THE ACTIONS THAT I DID. I

1 SIMPLY DON'T HAVE ANY RECOLLECTION. I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE
2 ASKING. I SIMPLY DON'T HAVE ANY RECOLLECTION.

3 Q HOW ABOUT TAKING A LOOK AT THE LAST PIECE OF PAPER
4 WHICH HAS BATES STAMP 882.

5 A YES, I'VE READ IT.

6 Q YOU WROTE THIS LETTER?

7 A YES, I DID.

8 Q IN DECEMBER OF 2004?

9 A YES.

10 Q THIS IS YOUR SIGNATURE?

11 A IT IS.

12 Q AND IT'S IN EVIDENCE ALREADY. DOES IT JOG YOUR
13 MEMORY?

14 A WELL, IT JOGS MY MEMORY AS TO MY HAVING WRITTEN THE
15 NOTE, AND I SEE WHAT IT MAKES REFERENCE TO.

16 Q AND THAT IS?

17 A IT MAKES REFERENCE TO ASKING FOR SOME FINGERPRINTS
18 FROM MR. DAVID COFFIN, SR.

19 Q IN ORDER TO?

20 A IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE AS APPROPRIATE FINGERPRINTS
21 RECOVERED FROM THE VICTIM'S STOLEN AUTOMOBILE.

22 Q NOW, AGAIN MR. COFFIN, SR., AS I SAID, NEVER HAD
23 ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS CASE, AND CERTAINLY NOBODY THOUGHT HIS
24 PRINTS WERE ON THE CAR. BUT IT HAD TO BE ELIMINATED FROM THE
25 LETTER, SO THAT THE ONLY REMAINING PRINTS ON THE LETTER WOULD

1 BE COFFIN, JR., AND THAT WOULD BE WHAT WOULD BE COMPARED TO THE
2 PORSCHE AND THE CAR, THE PRINT ON THE CAR?

3 A THAT'S CORRECT.

4 Q WOULD YOU AGREE WITH ME THEN -- TAKING A LONG TIME TO
5 GET TO THE POINT, YOUR HONOR, AND I APOLOGIZE -- THAT ON
6 DECEMBER 8TH OF 2004, YOU STILL HAD THE LATENT PRINTS FROM THE
7 PORSCHE?

8 A PRESUMABLY, BASED ON THIS LETTER, YES.

9 Q BECAUSE, OTHERWISE, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO POINT IN
10 GETTING ANYBODY'S PRINTS TO COMPARE IT WITH, BECAUSE IF THE
11 LATENTS ARE MISSING, THE KNOWN CAN'T BE COMPARED TO ANYTHING?

12 A THAT'S CORRECT.

13 MR. SAMUEL: THAT'S ALL I HAVE, YOUR HONOR.

14 MR. JOHNSON: NO QUESTIONS, YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: MAY HE BE EXCUSED?

16 MR. JOHNSON: YES, YOUR HONOR.

17 THE COURT: YOU MAY BE EXCUSED, MR. JACKSON. THANK
18 YOU.

19 MR. SAMUEL: DETECTIVE JACKSON, WOULD YOU ASK
20 DETECTIVE CHAMBERS TO COME IN?

21 RICKEY CHAMBERS,

22 HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

23 THE BAILIFF: STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

24 THE WITNESS: RICKEY CHAMBERS.

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