

1 JURY, IF THEY END UP CALLING HER TODAY.

2 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MS. ROSS. READY FOR THE
3 JURY? OKAY.

4 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNED TO THE COURTROOM,
5 AFTER WHICH THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD.)

6 THE COURT: GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE
7 ARE NOW READY TO CONTINUE WITH THE CASE FOR THE DEFENSE.
8 MR. MORRIS?

9 MR. MORRIS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. MS. FLORA
10 THOMPSON, PLEASE.

11 FLORA THOMPSON,
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: I AM FLORA THOMPSON.

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. MORRIS:

18 Q IF YOU CAN TALK A LITTLE LOUDER, SO EVERYBODY CAN
19 HEAR YOU ALL THE WAY AT THE END.

20 A ALL RIGHT. FLORA THOMPSON.

21 Q AND WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

22 A IN ATLANTA.

23 Q ON BATTLEVIEW DRIVE?

24 A YES.

25 Q WHAT NUMBER?

1 A 1375.

2 Q IS THAT RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO 1367?

3 A YES.

4 Q DO YOU KNOW SCOTT DAVIS, THE GENTLEMAN SITTING RIGHT

5 THERE?

6 A YES, I DO.

7 Q AND WAS HE A NEIGHBOR OF YOURS?

8 A YES.

9 Q HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED ON BATTLEVIEW DRIVE?

10 A WELL, MY FAMILY HAS BEEN ON THE STREET FOR 43 YEARS.

11 IT'S A FAMILY HOME.

12 Q IN THE FALL OF 1996, DID YOU LIVE ON BATTLEVIEW

13 DRIVE?

14 A YES.

15 Q AND AT THAT TIME, DID YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS IN THE

16 NEIGHBORHOOD WITH ANY KIND OF THEFT OR RELATED ACTIVITY?

17 A I AM NOT EXACTLY CERTAIN OF THE TIME FRAME, BUT WE

18 DID HAVE SOME ROBBERIES. THEY HAD BROKEN INTO THE UTILITY

19 ROOMS OF THE HOMES ON THE STREET, AND INCLUDING MINE, AND STOLE

20 LAWN MOWERS, THAT TYPE OF THING. I REMEMBER THAT.

21 Q WHAT WAS STOLEN FROM YOU?

22 A LAWN MOWER.

23 Q I WANT TO TAKE YOU BACK IN PARTICULAR TO DECEMBER 10,

24 1996. OKAY?

25 A ALL RIGHT.