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CONASAUGA CIRCUIT
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN AND FOR MURRAY COUNTY

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(Witnesses sequestered)

THE COURT: This is State versus Robert Lee "Bo" Salmon, who is charged with murder. Is the State ready?

MR. PARTAIN: Yes, sir, we're ready.

THE COURT: Is the defense ready?

MR. BRANNON: Yes, sir.

Whereupon:

WILLARD E. DODD

was called to the stand as a witness by and on behalf of the State and, having been duly sworn upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. PARTAIN:

Q Would you state your name for the record, please?

A Willard E. Dodd.

Q And by whom are you employed?

A Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Q In what capacity?

A Special Agent, Investigation.

Q Did you have an occasion in your employment as a special agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to investigate the murder of James Henry Ridley, Jr. on or about the 8th day of November, 1980?

A Yes, sir, I was involved in the investigation.

Q Would you please state to the Court exactly what your investigation has revealed concerning that murder?

A Okay. My part started on Sunday after the body had been found on Saturday. It involved the crime scene where the body was found and interviewing the witnesses it showed that the victim had been shot at least one time with some type of a high-powered weapon. The car was later found where evidence was taken out of the vehicle that led on up to some associates of Mr. Salmon, which plans had been made with one of them, part of it in the presence of another one of the witnesses to kill Ridley for a price, which was to be paid by Earl Green at a later date after the death had been completed on the boy.

Q Did you have any subsequent arrests concerning this?

A Salmon -- Mr. Salmon.

Q And upon what did you base that arrest?

A On several witnesses that was familiar with parts of it, especially on J. W. Patterson, which had planned with Bo to kill Junior and even saw the weapon at a place in Dalton later at Bo's was to be tried out and the ammunition later furnished by the other person for the weapon. They had planned to use another type gun, which was a sawed-off shotgun that he and Bo practiced with or tried one day. I understand Bo shot it maybe once. Most of the information is through Patterson having planned with Mr. Salmon to kill Junior and then what happened on the morning that the body or on the morning that the

person was killed, his association again with Mr. Patterson, the victim's vehicle and what Mr. Salmon had told him at that time what had happened.

Q Okay. Can you relate to the Court what Mr. Salmon told him at that time?

A Okay. He come to his trailer there on Eugenia Drive in Dalton, approximately four-thirty in the morning, wanting him to carry him home, wanting him to hide a pistol, wanting him also to hide a vehicle which was stolen out of Florida by Patterson that he had owned, told Mr. Patterson that he had left the victim on the mountain, had shot him more than one time, two or three times, and left him laying up there on the mountain, and later asked Patterson to carry him by where the car was found. On two occasions the two following days, Patterson carried Mr. Salmon to a location where the car was left, before the officers found it. That's about all I remember without my notes.

MR. PARTAIN: You may cross.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Did you see the victim at the scene?

A Not at the scene, no, sir.

Q You say there was some evidence taken from the vehicle -- was this the boy's vehicle?

A Yes.

Q Can you tell us what that evidence is?

A There's a beer can, other latent prints. That was all actually taken from the vehicle, latent prints and one beer can.

Q How do you associate the beer can with the offense charged?

A As far as association definitely through the Crime Lab, the examination has not been completed there so I can't associate the beer can other than through witnesses. Mr. Salmon was awfully concerned about the beer can that was left in the victim's car.

Q What was the first day that you visited the Salmon home?

A The what?

Q The Salmon home? What was the first day?

A On Sunday -- Sunday after the body had been found on Saturday.

Q Who are the witnesses that you keep talking about that were discovered?

A Several different witnesses.

Q Can you name them?

A I'll name the two that is subpoenaed -- Patterson and Kay Murray is two of them.

Q Are there any eyewitnesses to this offense?

A I won't answer that at this time because I can't back it up with the testimony at this time.

Q Well, we'll allow hearsay.

A Yes, there's an eyewitness to it.

Q There's an eyewitness that was there?

A To the murder?

Q Yes.

A Yes, sir.

Q Was this person a party to the crime?

A He was a party to the crime, yes, sir.

Q One of the parties to the crime? How many visits did you make to the Salmon home in all?

A Two.

Q Two? One Sunday and what other day?

A The day that we arrested Mr. Salmon.

Q What days were this besides the Sunday?

A That would have been on the 10th -- I believe on Sunday would have been the 10th -- 9th or 10th.

Q What would be the other day?

A Whatever day is on the arrest warrant that you have a copy of.

Q The 18th?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know what kind of weapon was used?

A Not at this point I wouldn't say, no. That would be up to the Crime Lab to say what type of weapon was used.

Q You'd say it was a high-powered weapon?

A It would be a high-powered weapon.

Q Have you discovered -- do you have the weapon in your possession?

A Not in my possession, no, sir.

Q Do you know where the weapon is?

A No, sir, not at this time.

Q Any evidence linking this weapon with Mr. Salmon?

MR. PARTAIN: Your Honor, I believe his testimony was that he doesn't have the weapon in his possession, so I don't know how he could answer that question whether there's any evidence linking the weapon to him.

MR. BRANNON: Does he have any knowledge of what the weapon is or where the weapon is is what I want to know.

THE COURT: He can answer that if he knows.

THE WITNESS: Ask the question again, please, sir.

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Do you have any knowledge of what the weapon was -- what type weapon it was?

A You're asking me for an opinion at this time, which I can't give an opinion. Yes, I think I know what type weapon it was.

Q Can you give us --

A An opinion?

Q An opinion, all right.

A Nothing from the Crime Lab. A 30-30 rifle.

Q Do you know where this weapon is at the present time?

A No, sir, I don't know exactly where the weapon is at this time.

Q Can you tell us where it was found, if it was found?

A No, sir.

Q Did Patterson say it was in the car?

A Patterson didn't say anything about the discovery of the weapon. He only saw the rifle on two or three occasions, once at Teddy Bear's house and once at Mr. Salmon's house.

Q During your investigation did you find any evidence that Earl Green had any insurance on this boy?

A Earl Green and his wife had an outstanding amount of insurance on the boy.

Q I mean Earl Green personally and not his wife?

A Not personally, no, sir.

Q Do you know anything about any reward money that was paid to James Crisp?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know where that money is now?

A I understand that it's in the custody of the Sheriff. I believe I'm right on that, am I not, Sheriff?

SHERIFF HANSIRD: Yes.

Q (By Mr. Brannon) It is in the custody of the Sheriff?

A Yes.

Q Now did you say that Patterson said that he went by where this boy left his car with Mr. Salmon here twice?

A No, he carried Mr. Salmon by the location where the car was left--that Mr. Salmon told him where he had left it.

Q And you did state that you did not -- you visited the scene of the crime on Sunday?

A Right.

Q You did not see the victim?

A No, sir.

Q At no time did you see the victim?

A No, sir. Well, yes, I saw him at the funeral home.

Q You saw him at the funeral home?

A Before he was embalmed, yes, sir.

Q And you can't tell us at this time who the eyewitness is?

A No, sir.

MR. BRANNON: I don't think I have any more questions.

THE COURT: Do you have any more? Can we excuse him?

MR. PARTAIN: We have nothing further.

THE WITNESS: Can I be excused, I've got a hearing?

THE COURT: Let's rearrange this seating. Mr. Brannon, you need to be over there and I need the District Attorney over here at this table.

THE COURT: Whom do you wish --

MR. PARTAIN: That's all, sir.

MR. BRANNON: Do you want to see if Dr. Metcalfe is here?

THE COURT: Do you want to see if Dr. Metcalfe is here?

THE BAILIFF: Sir, he hasn't gotten here yet.

MR. BRANNON: Is James Crisp here -- out there? Do you want to call him next?

MR. PARTAIN: No, we rest.

THE BAILIFF: Excuse me, Dr. Metcalfe just came in.

Whereupon:

DR. JAMES K. METCALFE,
was called to the stand as a witness by and on behalf of the Defendant and, having been duly sworn upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

MR. BRANNON: Do you want me to start off?

MR. PARTAIN: Sure.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Doctor, do you just want to tell us about your investigation of this and your findings of it?

A The death of Mr. James Henry Ridley was reported to me by Frank Flood at six p.m. on the 8th of November and I was told that he'd been found with a gunshot wound and he was brought to Hamilton Memorial Hospital where I performed a post-mortem exam and autopsy on the same day at seven-thirty p.m. He had some clothes on and I found a gunshot wound in the left ear hole and the wound was five-eighths of an inch in diameter and had

an eighth inch rim of abrasion on the skin edge and following its entry at this wound the bullet passed from left to right thirty degrees upwards (indicating) and neither front nor back, straight across (indicating) and it caused the whole top of the skull on the other side to shatter and go outwards. There was one small piece of gray-colored metal consistent with a bullet fragment inside, but the rest of the bullet apparently had gone through, right through, outside the head. There was no powder present in the tissue underlying the wound and it appeared to be a distant wound, that is something more than two feet away. The rest of the examination was essentially unremarkable. There was a couple of abrasions on the left shoulder and the left shin. It could have been just from falling. I took some blood and some other tissue fluids. The blood tested by the Crime Lab showed point three five milligrams per deciliter methaqualone, that is quaaludes and this is a small amount, less than what you'd find in the blood of someone who's taking it for treatment purposes. It apparently showed ethyl alcohol point one one grams percent, which is slightly over the legal driving limit.

Q How much, sir?

A Point one one. Gunshot residue was found on the left ear swab, but this was taken right inside the bullet hole so that would not rule out a distant wound. It could have been just wiped off the bullet.

Q Are you ready for questions?

A Yes.

Q How many times did you say the boy was shot?

A Apparently once.

Q One time? Was there any evidence showing that it was at a close range?

A No.

Q Could you tell from this how far the range was away from the weapon, or would you give us an opinion?

A You couldn't really tell, apart from it's somewhat more than two feet, approximately.

MR. PARTAIN: Your Honor, may I make a point of inquiry? Mr. Brannon has called Dr. Metcalf as his own witness. Are you going to allow him to cross-examine his own witness?

THE COURT: No, you cannot cross-examine your own witness, Mr. Brannon.

MR. BRANNON: Well, can I ask him statements?

THE COURT: You can ask him questions. You cannot cross-examine.

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q All right. What kind of bullet was it, do you know?

A I was shown it, but I don't recall. I was shown the bullet found at the site, but I didn't find one myself in the body.

Q You didn't find a bullet in the body?

A Except for a small piece of metal, very small.

Q Did you testify that the bullet came in at an angle?
What angle did you say?

A Thirty degrees upwards.

Q Do you have an opinion as to how long this boy was
dead or the time of death?

A I really couldn't say. He was not decomposed or
anything. Somewhere around a day, plus or minus a day. He had
a few maggot eggs in the mouth and around the head, but that
could be within a few hours, too.

Q Did you visit the scene?

A Yes.

Q Can you tell me if the boy had anything in his hands?

A I visited the scene afterwards, after the body was
taken. I didn't see --

Q When did you first see the body?

A At the hospital.

Q Had his clothing been removed at that point?

A I believe it was still on, yeah.

Q Can you tell me the position of his hands at that
point?

A I don't recall exactly. I believe one arm was bent,
but I don't remember which one.

Q And you did not recover a bullet from the body, is
that correct?

A No, not what you'd call a whole bullet. I recovered a piece, a small piece, of metal maybe, you know, a real small piece that probably came off the bullet on the way through.

Q Could you give us an opinion as to what type of weapon was used?

A It appeared to be a high-powered weapon, probably somewhat more likely to be a rifle than a pistol, but I really couldn't say.

Q Couldn't say for sure?

MR. BRANNON: I don't think I have any more questions.

MR. PARTAIN: Your Honor, may this witness be excused to go about his business?

THE COURT: Yes, sir.

MR. PARTAIN: Thank you, Dr. Metcalf.

THE COURT: Thank you for coming down. Do you want James Crisp now?

MR. BRANNON: Let's take James Crisp now.

Whereupon:

JAMES CRISP

was called to the stand as a witness by and on behalf of the Defendant and, having been duly sworn upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

MR. BRANNON: Do you want me to start?

MR. PARTAIN: Go ahead.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Do you want to just tell us about your investigation, Mr. Crisp?

A I got a call at my residence about one-thirty on the 8th of November, 1980, concerning a body being found up on the Mountain Road and I got there about two o'clock, maybe two-thirty, and I arrived on the scene and there was a body found up there. A boy had been shot in the head by a high-powered weapon and we later found that it was James Ridley, Jr.

Q Did you see the body?

A Yes, sir.

Q Can you tell me if the boy had anything in his hands?

A He had a stubbed out cigarette in his right -- in his right fingers -- right-hand fingers. Other than that, no, he didn't have anything else in his hands.

Q What do you mean stubbed out?

A It looked like it had been stubbed out either whenever he was put on the ground or maybe when he hit the ground or something.

Q Can you tell us how his hands were?

A His left hand was closed up in his left pants pocket (indicating) and this hand here was down by his right side or by his right leg with the cigarette either in between them or it had, you know, just the fire of it had rubbed against his pants

and kind of stubbed out, you know. It wasn't burned, in other words.

Q Was there any signs that the boy had resisted his attacker?

A No, sir.

Q There's no signs he put up any fight?

A Not -- no way that I could tell.

Q Did Mrs. Green give you any reward money?

A Yes, sir.

Q Can you tell us where that reward money is now?

A It's at the Murray County Sheriff's Department.

Q It's with the Sheriff's Department? Did you find any witnesses as a result of your investigation?

A Are you talking about right there on the scene?

Q The entire investigation?

A Yes, we had other witnesses, but not to the shooting itself.

Q There were no eyewitnesses to the shooting?

A No, sir.

Q Can you give us the name of the witnesses?

A I believe Mr. J. W. Patterson would be one.

Q All right. Anybody else?

A Mostly the investigating officers.

Q Well, I mean a witness that knew of his own knowledge about the situation, not what someone had told him?

A No, sir.

Q Did you talk to Kay Murray?

A Yes, sir.

Q Would she be a witness?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you talk to the girl that Junior Ridley had lived with?

A Not -- not directly. I was involved in the conversation. I was a witness to the conversation, you might say.

Q Do you consider her a witness?

A Yes, I would.

Q Did you discover that Earl Green had any insurance on this boy?

A Not -- I don't think Earl Green himself had any insurance, I believe his mother had most of it.

Q The boy's mother had the insurance?

MR. BRANNON: I think that's all the questions I have.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. PARTAIN:

Q Mr. Crisp, when you investigated this murder, you were employed by whom?

A The Murray County Sheriff's Department.

Q And when did that employment terminate?

A The first of the year.

Q Of 19 --

A 81.

MR. PARTAIN: Thank you. Any other questions?

MR. BRANNON: No. Thank you, Mr. Crisp. Do you

want to call the boy's mother, Margaret Green?

Margaret Green?

Whereupon:

MARGARET GREEN

was called to the stand as a witness by and on behalf of the Defendant and, having been duly sworn upon her oath, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Mrs. Green, I imagine it would be best for you to begin with when they asked you to come and identify the body. Can you tell us what happened?

A Well, Judy called about four-thirty and asked was I there and Earl told him, "Yeah." And he said, "Well, wait just a few minutes and I'll be on down there." So we started to the mountain -- Judy had to stop and arrest a drunk and took him on across 411 -- stopped again and had to turn around and had a car coming after the drunk. Then when he come back he just went on past us and all this. Got up there and I seen -- they didn't have his shoes covered up and I seen the shoes because they belonged to Timmy, and I said, "Yeah, that's Junior." I seen his britches legs. And I looked down at his head and stuff.

Q Could you see the boys hands?

A No, they didn't pull it down that far.

Q Let's go back before that. Had Junior ever expressed any fear of Bo Salmon?

A Not as I know of. He said he liked Bo, but said that Bo would tell you to go with him and he said he would go off and drink beer and stuff. They'd been out fishing and stuff together and Junior said Bo would just talk you into going off with him. And I think the girl Junior lived with fussed at him for that.

Q Was Junior bad about -- would he take quaaludes?

A Yeah, if he had the opportunity he would.

Q Would he drink beer or alcoholic beverages?

A Yeah.

Q Was he known to go up on that mountain and take drugs where he was killed?

A Oh, they've been up there and partied all night, him and his uncle.

Q How many cars did Junior have that were burned?

A Junior had two and the one he was going to buy from Bo was three.

Q Three? What happened to the one he was going to buy from Bo?

A He went off the mountain in it on Sunday night.

Q Was there anyone with him?

A Not as I know of.

Q Had he paid Bo for this car?

A No, he was waiting on the truck to pay off.

Q Who does Bo rent from?

A He rents from Earl.

Q After this car was destroyed, did Earl make any arrangements for this car to be paid for?

A No. Bo asked could we let the rent go on the car and it went on a day or two and I said, "No, that's the only money Earl has coming in," and I said, "That's not right" because the car was between Junior and Bo.

Q All right. Who owned the house that the Salmons rented?

A Earl does.

Q Now you objected to this arrangement to let the rent pay for the car?

A Yeah, because that's not Earl's responsibility. I mean that's between Bo and Junior and Junior's twenty-one years old.

Q And the Salmons did keep paying the rent?

A Yeah, he come down there and paid the rent. He said he didn't want no hard feelings about the car. He said it was as much his fault for letting Junior have it as it was Junior's fault.

Q Do you know of anyone that did threaten Junior?

A No. They didn't nobody hang around Junior's house, nobody come to see him. Bo's been over there several times to see Junior and they would take off and go stay all day.

Q What about Larry Silvers?

A Well, Larry was over there one time.

Q Did Junior feel threatened by this boy?

A Well, he had told Junior that he was going to get him. He told him that before his daddy died and his daddy had been dead fifteen months.

Q Was there any reason for this that you know of?

A On account of they got in some trouble at Canton and Larry had to spend time and Junior got off with probation and fine.

Q After Larry told Junior that he was going to get him, did Junior take any action?

A No, Junior just borrowed a shotgun.

Q He borrowed a shotgun?

A Yeah.

Q Didn't Junior have a truck?

A Yeah.

Q Was this truck burned?

A Yeah, it burned at Dawsonville.

Q How long was this before the boy was killed?

A Let's see. The truck burned in June, I believe, and he was killed in November.

Q Did he know a married woman that lived over there near --

A Yeah.

Q Did he have a picture taken with her in Florida?

A Yeah.

Q Did she call your house asking about him?

A She's called several times.

Q Was this near where the truck was burned?

A She lives at Cummings and Junior said it was about a fifteen minute drive from Cummings to Dawsonville.

Q Do you know why Junior went to Dawsonville?

A At that particular time he went over there to see her.

Q To see the married woman?

A Yeah.

Q Did her husband ever call -- this married woman?

A If he did, I don't know. We've had some weird calls and I don't know who they was.

Q Can you tell us the nature of these calls?

A Now Earl answered the phone once when they called and said to bring Junior up at a pool, that they had something that he needed and they was going to give it to him.

Q Did you tell Junior about this?

A Yeah. Junior come up there and he went across the road and got Lisa, he went behind the body shop and came over there -- and we only have two motels with pools in front of them, and he had called the Chief Vann Motel and Martha Young

told him that there wasn't no out-of-town cars up there. Well, Junior stayed there and we went up there and looked, but the next one down there is The Pines and it was closed up, there wasn't even any lights on around it.

Q How long was this before the boy was killed?

A I'd say two months.

MR. BRANNON: I don't think I have any more questions.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. PARTAIN:

Q Your name is Mrs. Green?

A Yeah.

Q Now you said that your son has had three cars that have burned, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q What was the first one?

A A Trans Am.

Q What color and year was that?

A It was a '68 silver.

Q And where did that burn and when?

A Goodness gracious, I don't really remember.

Q Do you know the circumstances surrounding --

A He ran out of gas and left it on the road and called me to bring him some gas, to come down there and get him and take him to the car and it was gone.

Q The car was gone?

A Yeah.

Q Was the car covered by insurance?

A Yeah.

Q And paid off?

A Yeah, I bought the car for him and fully insured it.

Q What's the next time, the next car?

A The next one was a Chevrolet truck -- the one that burned at Dawsonville.

Q What are the circumstances surrounding that?

A They had gone to get some marijuana and when they got back the truck was on fire.

Q Was that one insured?

A Yeah, it was under the same policy.

Q Did it pay off?

A No, it's not yet.

Q Why not?

A Huh?

Q Why?

A Well, it's still pending.

Q How long ago did this truck burn?

A Let's see. It was in August, I believe it was.

Q 1980?

A Yeah.

Q Have you talked to the insurance company about paying?

A Yeah.

Q What did they say?

A Well, they're still a waiting. I've got it under a lawyer down here.

Q They're still waiting for what?

A Now that I don't really know. I had to go through the Court and get a letter of administrator on the truck. It has been sent to them.

Q What was the next one that burned?

A The next one was the car that he was going to buy from Bo.

Q On that Chevy truck that burned, who applied for the insurance claim?

A Junior did.

Q Who owned the car -- or truck, excuse me?

A Junior.

Q Who paid for it?

A But I had the insurance changed over. Junior bought the truck with the insurance off the Trans Am.

Q And you had it changed over from what to what?

A From the Trans Am to the truck.

Q So you were paying the premiums?

A Yeah.

Q Okay. When was the next one that burned?

A It was the car that belonged to Bo that went off the mountain.

Q What kind of car was that?

A I don't know whether it was an Oldsmobile or Buick or what.

Q And that was really Bo Salmon's car?

A Yeah.

Q And what was Junior doing with it?

A He was going to buy it.

Q Do you have first-hand knowledge of that arrangement between the two of them?

A No, I don't.

Q Was that car insured, to your knowledge?

A Unless Bo had insurance on it.

Q Are you saying you don't know?

A Well, he just got it on Saturday and it burned on Sunday.

Q What do you mean he just got it -- you mean Junior?

A Yeah.

Q Got it from Bo?

A He agreed to buy it on Saturday and the car burned on Saturday night off the mountain there. I reckon it was Sunday night. I know the Sheriff brought him home on Monday about two-thirty and he was still pilled up, didn't know where he was at.

Q What did Junior say about that car burning?

A He didn't know how come him on the mountain or he

didn't know if he had met up with anybody. He remembered somebody giving him some acid and he had took it.

Q He didn't know who it was?

A No, he never did remember.

Q Was Bo Salmon with him?

A Now I wasn't up there, I don't know that.

Q Did he say anything about that?

A He never did remember who give him anything or how come him off the mountain or on the mountain or nothing.

Q And what kind of car -- you said an Oldsmobile?

A You could ask Bo. I don't know whether it was an Oldsmobile or Buick or what.

Q Okay. Now do you know anything else about any other cars that Bo Salmon owns?

A He's got a Mercury he bought from Earl.

Q When did he buy that Mercury from Earl?

A Now I don't know. Him and Earl's business is their business.

Q You don't remember when it was?

A No.

Q Do you remember how much he paid for it?

A A thousand dollars.

Q But you don't remember the date, approximately, when the title transferred?

A No.

Q So Bo Salmon gave Earl a thousand dollars for this car?

A Yeah.

Q Did he give it to him by check or in cash?

A Now I don't really know. I'm married to Earl, but my business and his business is separate.

Q This is a black Mercury?

A Yeah.

Q And you don't have any idea when that transferred?

A No.

Q When did Earl get the car?

A Earl had the car when me and him was dating.

Q And when was that?

A That's about -- well, it was in October of last year.

Q Y'all were dating in October of last year?

A Yeah.

Q And Earl still had the car then, right?

A Yeah.

Q So it would have had to transferred from Earl to Bo sometime after October of 1980, is that not correct?

A Uh-huh.

Q Now who is Larry Silvers?

A It's my husband's sister's boy.

Q And that's Earl Green's?

A No, Henry Ridley.

Q Okay. Henry Ridley's sister's boy? And what's that

sister's name?

A Lennie Silvers.

Q Where does she live?

A She lives out on the Chatsworth Road in one of E. D.

Ridley's houses.

Q Where does Larry Silvers live?

A He lives next door.

Q Does Larry have any brothers?

A Yeah.

Q What are their names?

A Larry.

Q Larry has a brother named Larry?

A No. Well, I can't think of his name.

Q If I said it, would it help you? You think you would remember it?

A Yeah.

Q But you can't remember it right now?

A No. His name is Darrell.

Q Darrell Silvers?

A Yeah.

Q All right. Now what did Larry tell Junior?

A He told Junior he was going to get him.

Q When was that conversation?

A It was about two days after Junior went off the mountain up here.

Q Do you remember when he went off the mountain?

A I believe it was in September.

Q And were you there when he made that threat?

A No, Junior lived in my apartments across the road, him and this girl he lived with.

Q Now who was this girl?

A Lisa Bryant.

Q Where does she live now?

A She lives at Dalton with her mother.

Q What's her mother's name?

A I don't really know what her mother's name is.

Q Go ahead.

A And Junior was over at my house and there was two boys pulled up over there and Junior went over there to see who they was and one of them was Larry, Junior said. He come back over there -- I had an apartment, I had scrubbed the floors with bleach, and had the windows open and I had left the doors open and it had been open for about a week, and he walked through and kicked the mattress and box springs off the bed and went on out the back and got in a convertible up there they had sitting up there and he come back through. Junior went over there to see who it was. He thought it might have been somebody wanting to rent an apartment. And he come back and he said, "Mama, it's Larry." Said, "They're on drugs." And he said, "Larry told me he was going to get me." And he said, "I want

a shotgun. If he comes back, I'm going to blow his head off." So I called Lennie that night.

Q Who's Lennie?

A Larry's mother. And I told her, I said, "Larry was over here and threatened Junior." And I said, "And I give him a shotgun." And I said, "If he comes back over here now," I said, "Junior's going to kill him" because Junior was at home.

Q Did you ever have any more trouble out of Larry Silvers?

A No, Larry never did come back around. I don't fool with the Ridleys and don't fool with the Silverses.

Q Now was there an insurance policy on James Henry Ridley, Jr.?

A Yes.

Q How much was that for?

A I had forty-two thousand on him.

Q Was that the only one that you know of?

A That's all of it. I had five policies.

Q Five policies on him?

A Yeah. Two was for a thousand dollars and one of them was already paid up. One was for twenty thousand his daddy took out in '75 and I paid it yearly fifty-two fifty a year, mailed it to Nashville, and the other one I took out less than six months ago when he was talking about buying a motorcycle when he got the insurance out of the truck and going to Texas.

Q Which one was that?

A Which what?

Q Which one was that -- the twenty thousand or the forty-two thousand one?

A Well, there's twenty thousand on it, too. There's a little old hospitalization policy that carries ten thousand that I took out, it pays sixty dollars a day if he got hurt.

Q Okay. I'm getting a little confused, Mrs. Green. Let's go over them one by one. All right. First of all, there's a forty-two thousand dollar one, is that correct?

A No, that's all together.

Q Oh, okay.

A That's the total.

Q So there's a twenty thousand dollar one, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q When did you take that one out?

A His daddy took it out in '75.

Q And what was the premium on that?

A Fifty-two fifty.

Q Annually?

A Yeah.

Q What was the next one?

A All right. There was another -- there was a ten thousand life insurance and ten thousand on hospitalization

policy that I took out with the same insurance man.

Q Let's talk about the ten thousand dollars life insurance. When did you take that out?

A It would have been in May, I guess it was.

Q May of 1980?

A Yes.

Q What was the premium on that?

A It was forty-nine something.

Q Forty-nine something per year?

A Yeah.

Q What was the next one?

A Well, now the little hospitalization policy went along with this ten thousand, that last ten you've got there, and the premiums was forty-nine something on both of them.

Q Forty-nine includes --

A The hospitalization policy which carried ten thousand on it. And then there was a thousand dollar policy that was took out when he was a baby and it was a twenty-year pay-out and it had been paid out when he turned twenty.

Q Okay. What else?

A There's another thousand dollar policy I took out when he was sixteen and started driving a car.

Q So you're including that ten thousand hospitalization in the forty-two thousand that you testified to, is that correct?

A Yes. It and that ten thousand dollars life was all in the same--it was two different policies, but I took it out with the same insurance man under the same premium.

Q Now did Earl Green have any insurance on the boy?

A No. Earl Green does not pay my bills and I fed Junior, he lived over there rent free. I paid his light bills, bought his groceries, him and Lisa's, and their cigarettes.

Q So to your knowledge Earl Green didn't have any insurance on the boy, is that right?

A I know Earl Green don't have none on him. He's not the beneficiary on them, he's not the beneficiary on my life insurance, either, and won't never be.

Q So you paid approximately a hundred dollars a year on insurance, is that correct, on this boy?

A Yes.

Q You testified about a married woman who lives in Dawsonville?

A Yeah.

Q What's her name?

A All I know is Libby.

Q Libby?

A And her husband, who's called Calhoun. I've never even been to Dawsonville.

Q And what was the relationship your son had with this Libby?

A Well, I think they went out partying one night down there and they was all on quaaludes.

Q What is -- is that all you know about it?

A Yeah. Everytime he called the house he was pilled up.

Q Who?

A Junior.

Q What is the significance of the picture that was made in Florida?

A Nothing as I know of except he was with her.

Q In Florida?

A Yeah, loved up.

Q Loved up -- what does that mean?

A Well, he had his arms around her and he was kissing her.

Q In the picture?

A Yeah.

Q You've got that picture?

A No, it burned up in the truck.

Q You testified about some weird calls, I believe, were your words, and one of them was made to Earl Green and caused you to leave and go to a motel, is that correct?

A Earl was the one that answered the phone. We went to the motel to see if there was any cars from out-of-town up there.

Q And what did the caller say?

A I told you. He said that he had something that Junior needed and wanted and he was going to give it to him, to bring him to the motel that had a pool in front of it.

Q Is that the only call that you remember?

A Well, Libby has called over there several times and had to go across the road and get him.

Q That's the woman from Dawsonville?

A Yes. He even took her to a boy's trailer over there one night and broke the lock on the door and went in the trailer, but I wasn't there -- that's what Junior told me.

Q Was that in Dawsonville?

A No, it was in Dalton.

Q Have you had any other calls besides this one call to the motel and then Libby calling?

A No.

MR. PARTAIN: That's all, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Brannon?

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q How far does this Larry Silvers live from where Junior's car was found after he was killed?

A I'd say a mile.

Q A mile from that store?

A Yeah.

MR. BRANNON: I think that's all I have.

THE COURT: Mr. Partain?

MR. PARTAIN: Nothing further.

THE COURT: You may be excused, Mrs. Green.

MR. BRANNON: Thank you, Mrs. Green.

THE COURT: Mr. Brannon, who do you wish to call?

MR. BRANNON: Probably Earl Green next.

Whereupon:

EARL GREEN

was called to the stand as a witness by and on behalf of the Defendant and, having been duly sworn upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Mr. Green, who owns the house that the Salmons rent?

A I do.

Q How long have they been renting from you?

A Since the first of June.

Q How long have you owned that house?

A Twelve years. I built it myself.

Q You were renting it to the Salmons before you and Mrs. Green got married?

A No, they lived in Margaret's house when we got married and we swapped houses.

Q How long have y'all been married?

A We got married the third of May -- moved the 31st.

Q But you own the house?

A Right.

Q They pay the rent to you?

A Right.

Q Do you remember when Junior went off the mountain in Bo's car?

A I knowed it the next day.

Q Did you make any arrangements for this car to be paid for?

A I offered to take it out in rent to help Junior out.

Q Did your wife object to this?

A Yeah, she said it wasn't my place, that Junior would pay for the car when they paid for the truck.

Q Did the Salmons keep paying rent?

A Right. He come on down there and caught the rent up and paid it. Sat right there in mine and Margaret's house where we live now.

Q But it was -- originally your agreement was to let the rent pay for the car?

A Yeah. To help Junior -- I told him just to let it go on the rent.

Q And the reason this stopped is your wife objected, is that correct?

A Right.

Q Did you have any insurance on Junior?

A No, sir. No.

Q Did you go to the scene where the boy was -- where this occurred, where the boy was killed?

A Right.

Q How much of his body could you see?

A He was covered up from here down (indicating). He had a sheet over him.

MR. BRANNON: I don't think I have any more questions.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. PARTAIN:

Q Mr. Green, did you formerly own a black Mercury?

A Did I do what now?

Q Have you ever owned a black Mercury?

A Right.

Q Did you sell that Mercury to Bo Salmon?

A Right.

Q When did you sell that to him?

A Sometime after we moved down there after we got married.

Q Approximately when was that?

A Well, we moved down there the last day of May and sometime in June, I'd say. I'll tell you how you can find out right to the day. Margaret run the car off the road, Junior Point pulled it in, put a new tire and wheel on it, put a tierod end on it, and when I got it out of there I sold it.

There's four different ones down at the apartments tried to buy the car, they couldn't come up with the money -- fifteen hundred dollars. They couldn't come up with it. After Margaret run it off and bent the side a little and bent it right behind the front wheel, I sold it to Bo Salmon for a thousand dollars. I'd loan the car to Junior, he'd carry it to the races -- Knoxville -- run the tire flat, buy a new tire, lost a fender skirt. Lisa run it out of the road, jumped a curb, so you're better off to take a thousand than to get it tore up. Junior Point can tell you right to the day because when I got it out of the shop I sold it. I've been driving a car approximately two years. I bought it as a repo. The lady bought it new and couldn't pay for it and I paid it off.

Q When -- do you know when this Ridley boy got killed? Do you know approximately when he got killed?

A The 8th day of November.

Q How many times have you seen Bo Salmon since that date, do you know?

A I've been down to the house -- I couldn't say the number of times -- have well pump trouble.

Q At your house?

A Yes.

Q That he rents?

A Right. It water logs to it. Margaret's house water logs.

Q Do you know when he was arrested?

A Yeah. Margaret put the money up on the 17th and they arrested him the next day, the 18th, the 18th of December.

Q Mark put the money up?

A Margaret.

Q Put the money up for what?

A A thousand dollars leading to the conviction of the murderer.

Q And he was arrested the next day?

A Right.

Q How many times have you seen him since that day?

A I've not saw him until he walked up the steps a while ago. Bill Dodd said I've been to Rome to see him and everything and that's untrue.

MR. PARTAIN: That's all.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Do you know anything about Junior being with a married woman over at Dawsonville?

A Right.

Q Do you know anything about a picture being made of him with this woman?

A Right.

Q Did you see the picture?

A Right.

Q Was he kissing the woman?

A I couldn't see -- I might not have seen that picture. He bought this truck. A friend of mine had a pickup truck for sale. I'm going to tell it just like it is. All right. He come to my house wanting to sell it because I deal in cars and I've been dealing in cars and trucks and used tractors and house trailers for the last twenty years. He come to my house -- well, he owed me a hundred is how come him to come there. He was going to take the hundred off. I said, "No, I can't buy the truck," but, I said, "Junior will buy the truck." So Junior was gone and he come back the next day and him and Junior went to the bank and Junior paid for the truck twelve hundred dollars. A day or two after that Junior decided to go to Florida. He carried the truck and hid it, left Lisa, his girlfriend at home. He met this woman in Florida and him and her husband had a few words because Junior -- and they was all -- he said they met a man down there out of Kentucky had fifteen hundred quaaludes, Junior did. All right. The man got on to him for some reason messing with his wife. Junior carried a thousand with him, run out of money, Margaret give me the money and I wired the boy a hundred and fifty dollars on Saturday morning to come home. He didn't come home. He come home on Monday, stayed around there Tuesday and Wednesday. He left Thursday going to Dawsonville, which he's got two uncles over there, left Lisa again. He was gone Thursday night, Friday -- well, Friday

happened to the the third of the month. Margaret went to the mailbox to get her check -- checks come in, Junior's title come back on the truck he bought off of -- I can't think of that fellow's name. I'll tell you his name in a minute. I'm telling exactly what happened.

Q Right.

A When the title come back on the truck, Margaret come right out here at Leonard's Insurance Agency, changed the insurance off the Trans Am on the truck, because she couldn't get Junior to do nothing, he wouldn't do nothing. His mother looked after it all. He wouldn't do nothing. She changed it on Friday, that was the third. Saturday come -- about ten-thirty or eleven o'clock or something Saturday night the phone rung. I picked the phone up at the head of the bed, said, "Earl, let me speak to mama." So I give her the phone, I didn't hear what he was saying or nothing, but he told his mama, said, "Mama, I've got good news and I've got bad news." Said, "My truck's burned up," but said, "I'm all right." Said, "It burned up." And I'll tell you the Ridley boy's name -- Harlan's yard. He said, "The Sheriff's Department's there and the fire truck's there trying to put it out." Which they told Margaret they went to get something to eat, but Junior told me he went to get some marijuana and the truck's burned up and it's still over there. They've never paid for the truck. Margaret switched the insurance one day and it burned the next night. So Margaret

told Leonard's out here -- he said, "It looks bad on me to switch it one day and it burns the next day," but said, "I ain't -- that's up to y'all -- whether y'all pay for it or whether you don't, it's nothing to me. Isn't it bad to switch it one day and it burn the next night?"

Well, we got a phone call. The lady came up pregnant, was going to have to quit work. She called Margaret, told Margaret to come up there, she wanted to talk to her about catching up with the house rent or something. Of course, that's Margaret's business -- it's nothing to me. Margaret walked up there. It was right before dark. So the phone rung, I picked up the phone, said, "I want to speak to Henry." I said, "Henry don't live here." Said, "Yeah, I know that. He lives across the street." Said, "Who are you, Green?" I said, "Yeah, that's right." Said, "Well, get him and bring him up here to the pool." I said, "No, I'm not bringing him nowhere." He said, "Well, I'm in and out of this motel two or three times a week." Said, "I got what he needs" or "what he wants." Now it's one or the other words, I don't know. So just one word brought on another one -- I can't think right offhand what all was said. So I hung up -- the other boy wanted to talk to him. So when the boy's that's twelve years old come over there to talk, he hung up. Margaret come back down and I told Margaret what was coming. Well, Junior was walking from his apartment over to his uncle's just across the highway down there. That's all it is, just a

little piece across the road. I was telling Margaret -- Margaret walked to the door out on the front porch. It was just getting about dark then, you could see. And she said, "Hey, Dummy, come here." Junior come up there. So, said, "You got a phone call here wanting to bring you up to the pool." Said, "Had what you needed." Or, "Had what you wanted." Or, "What you needed." I forget now which one it was, but it was one of the other words he said.

And about that time, traveling south it was a black car, or a dark green. It was supposed to be on the right-hand side. It pulled over here to the left side at the mailbox and just stopped. Well, Junior saw it. Well, Junior he jumped behind the curb like this, got over like this (indicating), and little Jimmy jumped up in the window. I said, "Jimmy, get down. I don't know what's coming off." So Junior went to the door and peeps out and then he went right on down the road. And we talked there a little bit and right below his uncle, a car come back up through there and it cut the lights out. Junior had done went across the street then and got Lisa and instead of coming back across the road they went out the back, up behind the body shop by Mrs. Ridley's in back over here, so we get in a four-wheeler and go down through there. Well, it was a new Bronco -- it had run out of gas. So we come back up there and told Junior what kind of car it was and everything because he was thinking it was a gold-looking Camaro Chevrolet. So he

calls the motel where the lake's at and asks the woman up there was a certain man there had checked in the hotel, or motel, and the woman told him, "No." Said, "There's nobody." Said, "We got one out of Tennessee and one out of Cedartown." So me and Margaret get in the four-wheeler and come up to Spivey's station, pull through the motel, and it was just like I said, there was a Tennessee car sitting there and one from Polk County, Georgia, had a Georgia tag on it, but it was Polk County. So we turned around and left there and come back and went to the lower motel down there. They all closed, there wasn't nothing there. It was down south 411 here. There wasn't a car or nothing like that and we went back home.

Q Did you say this was a man's voice?

A Yeah.

Q Did Junior call his name?

A Yeah, Calhoun.

Q That was his name, Calhoun?

A No, he just called him Calhoun.

Q He called him Calhoun?

A Yeah.

Q How long was this before Junior was killed?

A I'd say a couple of weeks, two weeks. I really can't recall the time.

Q Do you know Larry Silvers?

A No. The other Silvers boy I couldn't think this morning

he bought the truck off. I know him, I don't know Larry Silvers.

Q Junior bought a truck off a Silvers?

A Right.

Q Is he any kin to Larry?

A I wouldn't know about that. Danny -- Danny Silvers is the one he bought the truck off of, because Danny's the one that owed me a hundred dollars.

Q Is that his cousin?

A I don't know whether they're even related or not. I don't have no idea, but Danny come to my house and wanted to borrow a hundred and twenty to make a trailer payment, so I loaned him a hundred and twenty. He paid the twenty, he still owes the hundred today. Now whether this Larry Silvers and Danny Silvers there's any connection, I don't know. But Junior bought the truck off of Danny Silvers.

Q Do you know anything about Junior getting a gun, a shotgun, from his mother?

A Yes, sir. I come in from my daddy's -- my daddy and mother is real old. I check on them every day, every other day, call them every day. I come in from there and I had a shotgun in the truck. Larry Silvers had been over to the apartment, the number eight apartment, the doors was open. He went through it, out the back, went up there -- him and another guy -- I wasn't there -- and sat down in Margaret's Mustang. Junior was over at his mother's. When Junior went over there and

Larry came right back through the apartment and took his foot and kicked the mattress and everything off the bedrails and told Junior, said, "I'm going to get you." Junior said, "I'm not able to fight." Well, when I come in from my daddy's, he wanted a shotgun. I said, "No, Margaret, I'm not letting Junior have no shotgun at all." But, I said, "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll give it to you." It was right there on that carport -- we was all sitting on the carport there. I said, "I'll let you have the shotgun and you can give it to Junior." So I got the shotgun out and got some shells out of the bucket where I keep a chain there, a log chain, give Margaret the shotgun and give her the shells and she give it to Junior.

Q How long was this before Junior was killed?

A I couldn't call -- it was -- I just couldn't say.

Q You couldn't say about how long?

A Two or three weeks, something like that.

Q Two or three weeks?

A I imagine it was something like that. I really can't recall because it didn't mean nothing to me, but I wasn't loaning Junior no gun. The gun was still over there when Junior got killed.

Q Was it in Junior's house?

A Right. When Bill Dodd and Crisp down here, Bucky Crisp, come down there me and Margaret was over at the apartments and I had done reached coming across the road with it when Bill

Dodd and them pulled up. So I just carried it back in the room and layed it down.

MR. BRANNON: I have no more questions of you.

REXCROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. PARTAIN:

Q Mr. Green, that Calhoun you speak of, is that his first name or his last name?

A Probably just a nickname.

Q Where is he from?

A Over at Cummings where they live.

Q Is it Cummings or Dawsonville?

A Well, Cummings, I think.

Q What's his wife --

A It may be -- maybe it's Dawsonville. I really don't know.

Q What's his wife's name?

A If you can call it, I can tell you. If you've got it -- if y'all have got it.

Q Libby?

A Yeah, Libby, that's right. I've heared Junior call her name.

Q Do you know where they live?

A Huh-uh.

Q Do you know anything else about them?

A I know she come over there and picked up Junior in a

Mustang and leave, then Junior carried her up to one of his buddies' trailer.

Q Whose trailer?

A One of Junior's buddies.

Q What's his name?

A I don't know -- Margaret knows. Anyhow, the door was locked and Junior just went in anyhow, and the boy didn't like it. One of the boys that was a pallbearer.

Q What kind of Mustang was it?

A I never did see it. Lisa said it was a Mustang.

MR. PARTAIN: Okay. Nothing else.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Does this boy live at Dalton where you say he went in his trailer?

A Yeah. He was one or the other of the pallbearers.

Q Do you know where this Lisa lived?

A Yeah.

Q Can you tell us?

A Yeah. Go out Underwood, it's past Big John's package store.

Q Are you talking about in Cummings or Dawsonville?

A Dalton. You're talking about Lisa, ain't you? Junior's girlfriend was Lisa.

Q I'm not talking about the girl he lived with -- this

married woman?

A Oh, I have no idea.

Q You don't know what town she lived in?

A No, don't know nothing. I know she would call over there and Junior would call her.

Q She called at your house, you know that?

A Right. She'd call -- I've got the number at the house.

Q You've got the number?

A Yeah, I sure have.

Q You can't give that to us now?

A Well, if I had a way down there I could. I mean I've got a way down there, but I can get you the number.

MR. BRANNON: I have no more questions.

MR. PARTAIN: Nothing else.

THE WITNESS: I've got it wrote down in a NADA book because that's my personal belongings. You know, in the car business you've got to see what the market and the loan value and everything like that is and Lisa wouldn't find it that way, so I wrote it down on the NADA book. Yeah, it's down there.

MR. BRANNON: I have no more questions.

THE COURT: Mr. Partain?

MR. PARTAIN: None.

THE COURT: You can be excused, Mr. Green. Who do you wish to call next?

MR. BRANNON: J. W. Patterson.

(Whereupon, a short recess was taken.)

Whereupon:

J. W. PATTERSON

was called to the stand as a witness by and on behalf of the Defendant and, having been duly sworn upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

THE COURT: Let the record show that Mr. Patterson is being represent by Dean Donehoo.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Mr. Patterson, can you just tell us what you know about this situation?

A In what parts of it?

Q About Bo Salmon allegedly killing Junior Ridley.

A Well, to begin with -- to start with he just told me he did, that's all.

Q He told you he killed Junior Ridley?

A (Nods head)

Q What day was this?

A It was on a Saturday morning about five-thirty. He came to my house -- it was somewhere between the 5th and the 18th. I don't know just what day it was.

Q But it was on Saturday morning?

A Yes.

Q Did he say why he came to your house?

A He came to me to get rid of his car for him or hide it out for him and gave me a gun to keep for him.

Q What kind of gun was it?

A A .25 automatic.

Q And he told you that he had killed Junior Ridley?

A Yes.

Q Did he tell you how he did it?

A Not in so many words. He shot him with a rifle, that's all I know.

Q Did he say how many times?

A He said three times.

Q Where at?

A In the head.

Q Shot him three times in the head?

A (Nods head)

Q Where at?

A Supposedly -- he just said three times in the head.

Later, I heard that he'd shot him twice. One in each eye and one in the side of the head.

Q He didn't tell you this? He didn't tell you this?

A He didn't tell me that he shot him twice in each eye. He said he shot him three times in the head.

Q Who told you this?

A I don't know whether I read it in the paper or what.

Q Did he tell you about making any attempts on this boy's life before this?

A Several times, yes.

Q Can you tell us about it?

A Well, it was when he first approached me with it. Asked me did I have any stomach for him, and I told him, "Yeah." Right then I did.

Q This was before the murder?

A Yeah.

Q What was the nature of these attempts?

A Oh, now you're talking about an attempt or just talking?

Q An attempt. You said --

A Well, the one time he said he'd tried to kill him he'd run him off Fort Mountain in a burning car. And another time he carried him down to Rome and ~~quaaluded~~ up and was going to put him in a river, but a game warden and everything was there at that spot.

Q He told you that he had made two attempts before this?

A Yeah.

Q Did he tell you this before the boy was killed?

A Way before it, yeah.

Q Did he try to get -- encourage you to help him in this in any way?

A Not in those two attempts, no. In the final attempt,

yes.

Q Before it happened?

A Before it happened, yes.

Q He wanted you to help him?

A (Nods head)

Q Did he tell you why he had killed this boy?

A Well, to begin with the story was that he was a snitch.

Q You say the story was -- who told this story?

A Bo, and then it turned around that later that it turned out that it was for insurance.

Q It was for the insurance? Who had the insurance?

A Earl Green.

Q Earl Green had the insurance?

A I don't know that Earl Green had the insurance. I know that that was who was to pay when the insurance company --

Q Who did Bo deal with, do you know?

A As far as I know, Earl Green. Everything he did was with Earl.

Q And Earl Green had insurance?

A I didn't say Earl Green had insurance. I said we were to be paid after the insurance came in.

Q We? You say we?

A Me and Bo.

Q You were to get some funds out of this?

A Yes.

Q For helping Bo?

A Yes.

Q How much was this insurance?

A I don't have no idea.

Q Bo didn't tell you?

A Huh-uh. I know how much we were to be paid if that's what you're referring to.

Q You don't remember talking to me -- do you remember talking to me in jail?

A I certainly do.

Q Do you remember telling me an amount?

A Three thousand dollars is what we were supposed to be paid.

Q Do you remember telling me an amount of insurance Earl Green was to be paid?

A There's a possibility that I think I told you, also, but that was just through hearsay, through the officials and things -- like it was two hundred and fifty thousand or two hundred and ninety thousand dollars, something like that.

Q But did you tell me that it was a certain amount?

A I suppose I did, but I don't think -- I think I told you that it was told to me, I'm sure I did.

Q Well --

MR. PARTAIN: Your Honor, he's cross-examining his own witness. I object.

THE COURT: His objection is sustained. Don't cross-examine your own witness.

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Was Bo to receive anything else from Earl Green in exchange for this?

A As far as me knowing that Bo was to receive anything else, I didn't. You know, anything that was in pat, but Bo himself stated that he wouldn't have to worry about house rent or nothing like that from then on.

Q What did Bo tell you about this?

A About what?

Q Put it in Bo's words what he told you.

A He said, "After this is done, I'll have Earl under my thumb and I won't have to pay any more rent to him."

Q No more house rent?

A That's right.

Q And how much was Earl Green to pay to have this boy killed?

A Three thousand dollars, as far as I know.

Q Were you to get any of this money?

A Fifteen hundred if I did the shooting.

Q If you did the shooting?

A Yes.

Q What was in this car when he came to your house?

A In which car?

Q You say he came to your house one Saturday morning.
What was in the car?

A Nothing that I know of.

Q There was no gun? Was there a gun in the car?

A A.25 automatic he gave me to keep for him.

Q Were there any lights in the car?

A You mean -- I don't know. I don't know what you're talking about.

Q Well, the boy was killed at night. Was there any light he had used to shoot this boy?

A I didn't see any.

Q Did you go with Bo to where Junior Ridley's car was left at any time?

A Yes, twice.

Q You went there twice?

A Yes.

Q With Bo?

A Yes. Drove by it -- not where it was at, but just drove by it.

Q Can you tell us again the reason Bo said he came to your house?

A That particular morning?

Q Uh-huh.

A So I would take him home and he wanted me to take his car and stash it for him.

Q When did you first tell the police about this?

A After I was apprehended.

Q Where were you apprehended?

A In Valdosta.

Q When did you leave?

A When did I leave? Approximately two weeks before I was apprehended.

Q Was there any reason why you left?

A Because my name was mentioned during this investigation and I knew that I would fall under heavy investigation and I couldn't stand it from other activities that I had been in.

Q So you left immediately when your name was mentioned?

A It was within one or two days, yes.

Q Who mentioned your name?

A One of Bo's youngest kids.

Q Can you tell us the circumstances that led up to your name being mentioned?

A An investigator, I think -- I'm taking it was Mr. Poag, Judy Poag, the Sheriff, went to Bo's house, asked one of the kids where Bo was and Bo said, "Him and Brick went fishing."

Q Had you and Bo gone fishing?

A That's one of the days we went to look at the car and see if it was still there or being staked out.

Q Look at Junior Ridley's car?

A Yes.

Q Where are you from, Mr. Patterson?

A I was born and raised in Whitfield County.

Q You were born in Whitfield?

A (Nods head)

Q Have you ever been to Florida?

A About twenty-eight years, yes.

Q You spent time at Reidsville?

A Quite a bit of it, yes.

Q How much time?

A Ten or twelve years.

Q More than once you've been down there?

A Yes.

Q Were you arrested in Florida?

A Several times.

Q Any felonies?

A Several of them.

Q Were you convicted?

A Yeah.

Q Where was this at in Florida?

A Orange County, Orlando.

Q What were you charged with and convicted?

A B and E, forgery and auto theft.

Q Just a minute. What is B and E?

A Breaking and entering.

Q All of this in Orange County?

A All of it in Orange County.

Q All right. You say breaking and entering, forgery and auto theft?

A Uh-huh.

Q What is your birthday?

A August 5th, 1929.

Q Do you remember about the time you were arrested or you were convicted in Florida?

A It's strung out over a bunch of years. I don't remember just the exact dates.

Q What time were you down there? What years were you down there?

A I served from '51 up to last year.

Q You were there from 1951?

A Up to last year.

Q Up to 1981?

A Yes, sir. That's off and on. You know, I came back periodically.

Q Have you ever lived anywhere else?

A Minnesota for two years.

Q Were you convicted up there for anything?

A No.

Q Anywhere else?

A No.

Q What were you convicted for in Whitfield County?

A Burglary and forgery and auto theft.

Q Burglary, forgery and auto theft? Have you been convicted in any other counties?

A Any other counties? Not -- only by the Federal government, I guess.

Q Have you been convicted by the Federal government?

A Yes.

Q Can you tell us where this was?

A I think all the time was in Rome, or either two times in Rome and one in Jacksonville, I think.

Q In Rome, what were you convicted of?

A Auto theft, Dyer Act.

Q Did you say Jacksonville?

A I think it was in Jacksonville, yes.

Q Florida?

A Yes.

Q What were you convicted of down there?

A Direct.

Q All right. I've got Orange County, Florida, breaking and entering and forgery and auto theft. Whitfield County, burglary, forgery and auto theft. Floyd County, auto theft and Dyer Act, Jacksonville, Florida, Dyer Act. Is that everything? All the felonies you've been convicted of?

A I think I was convicted of one auto theft in Lake County, Florida.

Q Any more?

A To the best of my memory, that's all.

Q Can you tell us what you're charged with here?

A I think -- now I really don't know what I'm charged with -- I think it's either possession or concealing, theft by possession or by concealing or something like that. I don't even know what it is.

Q Have they made you any promises in exchange for your testimony against Bo Salmon?

A Yes, they have.

Q Can you tell us what those promises are?

A A five years probated sentence with a four hundred dollar fine if I --

Q Has there been any discussion about your being involved in this murder?

A Yes. I was to be charged with it the next day after I was returned here.

Q You was to be charged with this murder?

A Yes.

Q When did they inform you of this, that you were to be charged with this murder?

A En route back from Valdosta.

Q At what point did you tell them that Bo did it?

A A couple of days later.

Q After they said they were going to charge you with it?

A Yes.

Q What did they tell you when they first picked you up in Florida?

A That I was under arrest and that's about it.

Q Did they mention any warrants?

A They said they had several other warrants they were going to bring against me, which included murder.

Q Which included murder?

A Yes.

Q And they told you this at Valdosta?

A In between here and Valdosta.

Q And they told you that they had planned to bring charges against you for this murder?

A That's right.

Q And this was before you said Bo did it?

A Yes, it was before.

Q Where is Mae Murray -- no, that's not her name. Faye Murray, is that the woman you live with?

A That's not her name either.

Q What is her name?

A Mary Kay Murray.

Q Mary?

A Mary Kay Murray.

Q Where is she now?

A She's here at the Courthouse, I reckon.

MR. BRANNON: I don't think I have any more questions.

THE COURT: Mr. Partain?

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. PARTAIN:

Q Mr. Patterson, who brought you back from Valdosta?

A William Dodd and Buck Crisp and Groover.

Q Groover?

A Yes.

Q Who is your wife?

A Mary Kay Murray.

Q And were you living with her down in Orlando?

A Yes.

Q And when did you move to Dalton?

A Somewhere around the last of September or first of October.

Q When did you first start talking to Bo Salmon about this killing?

A Oh, it was probably two to three weeks after I had moved back here.

Q What was your relationship with Bo Salmon?

A Just --

Q Pardon me?

A Just ex-con. We knew each other and I guess just a looking for a friendship or something.

Q Do you remember the discussion you had with him

concerning a rifle?

A Yes, sir.

Q Can you relate that to the Court?

A How well I could use a rifle -- is that --

Q Yes.

A He asked me did I have the stomach for killing somebody and I told him, "Yes." He said, "How good are you with a rifle?" And I told him, "I am damn good with one."

Q Now when Bo was talking about going to Rome -- you said something about some game wardens spoiled his attempt at that time to kill Junior? Did he go into any detail about that?

A No detail other than just that they were carrying him down there and he was all quaaluded up and they had one quaalude left and said when the game warden was there he just threw the last one over his shoulder and said, "Take it and that's it." Said the guy woke up, you know, while they was going in -- about the time the game wardens --

Q Did he tell you about setting the car on fire and running it off the mountain?

A Yes, he did.

Q What did he say about that?

A Just said that he had taken some Coleman fuel and poured it all around over the back seat and the guy was in it all knocked out and he set it on fire and rolled it off down the mountain. And said luckily it had electric windows in it and the guy

remembered and turned the switch on and got out that way.

Q Luckily? You say luckily?

A That he remembered that it had electric windows in it.

Q Oh, I see. ~~Why didn't he remember?~~

A Lucky for him he remembered.

Q Lucky for Ridley?

A Yes.

Q And what did he say about that?

A That's about the extent of the conversation.

Q Did he say anything about his future attempts?

A This future attempt?

Q Well, at that time did he say anything about whether or not he would try it again?

A He said he was definitely going to do it again, but he couldn't fail the next time. He said, "There can't be no fail the next time."

Q And how much money did he say he was getting?

A Three thousand dollars.

Q And he was going to pay you how much?

A Fifteen hundred.

Q And when was that to be paid?

A One month after.

Q Why was that delay of a month?

A It was for insurance purposes, I guess. That the insurance would pay before then.

Q Did he tell you who the boys were that he was going to kill?

A I was led to believe for the longest, to the best of my understanding, that the boy's name was Silvers that was to be killed. I mean I never heard the name Ridley throughout the whole proceedings.

Q Did you get a first name on that Silvers?

A It was either Jack or something like that. I don't know.

Q Do you remember what the other -- Jack or what?

A I don't remember just exactly what it was. It was Jack or some Silvers is all I remember.

Q Do you remember the name Junior?

A It could have been Junior, yeah. Jack or Junior -- I knew it was with a "J".

Q Did he say why he was going to kill him?

A It was supposedly that he was a snitch and snitched on two other guys in a stealing some gas deal or something.

Q Now did you go to Teddy Bear's house with Bo at any time?

A Several times.

Q Was there any -- do you know anything about a rifle down there at Teddy Bear's house?

A Yes, he had a 30-30 Winchester or RE or a Marlin. I don't know which, it was one of the two.

Q Who had that?

A Teddy Bear did and gave it to Bo.

Q Did you ever at a subsequent time -- you or Bo ever shoot that gun?

A No, never shot it. We were supposed to but we couldn't come up with the shells.

Q Any other gun?

A We sawed off a shotgun and shot it twice at one time.

Q Did you and your wife go to Florida at any time after that?

A No, I did, she didn't.

Q Oh, excuse me.

A I was only there one day. We went from here to Ringgold and from Ringgold to Valdosta and she remained there until I came back here.

Q She remained in Valdosta? Is that what you're saying?

A Yes.

Q Okay. What happened when you got back?

A I was taken off the bus and arrested by Mr. Dodd and another GBI agent and some city detective or something.

Q I think we're mixed up, Mr. Patterson. I'm talking about the trip when Bo went to Texas?

A Oh, yeah, well, I went to Florida then.

Q That's what I'm talking about.

A I went to Florida.

Q What happened when you got back?

A Let's see. Oh, yeah, and Bo came in the night after I got back and spent the night there at my house. He was pretty well bombed out on quaaludes, he said, and asked me did I want to go out and try out that gun, said he had obtained some shells. And I told him I was too nervous to try it out. I had been on, you know, driving all that time and I was tired and drunk and had been drunk for a couple of days and I didn't feel like messing with it.

Q And then tell me about the time when Bo came over to your place at four-thirty, five o'clock in the morning?

A He just came up and he said, "I want you to get rid of my car for me and keep this gun and take me home."

Q What was his demeanor?

A He seemed like he was pretty well upset and, you know, nervous or whatever you want to call it.

Q All right. When y'all went by to look at the car, where was that car?

A Sitting in front of the Golden Gallon, just at the corner of Dawnville Road and Chatsworth Highway.

Q What kind of car was it?

A It was a green Chevrolet station wagon, older model.

Q Did he say anything about how he parked the car?

A He said that it run into the post there. I'm not sure that he said he ran it into the post or what, but I know

that he said it was run into the post and the post was slightly bent, I'm sure. I think that he said he ran it into the post.

Q What did y'all do after that?

A Went over to Underwood Apartments and he stopped to see some people and they weren't at home, and then we went on back to my trailer and he let me off there.

Q Now the next day -- first of all, do you remember what day that was?

A That was Saturday.

Q When was the next time you saw Bo?

A The next morning.

Q Which was what?

A Sunday.

Q Did you ever go back and check that station wagon again?

A Me?

Q Yes.

A No. It was checked ~~---~~ we went by. We never checked it, we just drove by to see if it was still there twice.

Q That's what I mean -- twice?

A Yes.

Q And it was there both times?

A It was there both times.

Q What's your nickname?

A Two Brick.

Q Did Bo ever try to retrieve his gun from you?

A Did he ever try to retrieve it from me?

Q Yes.

A No, when he found out I was moving, he sent his wife after the gun, said he wanted it.

Q Which gun is that?

A The .25 automatic.

Q Can you describe it?

A It was just a dark, black-handled, dark gun.

Q What kind of car did Bo have?

A Which car are you talking about?

Q Well, do you know -- are you familiar with any of his cars?

A All of them, yeah.

Q Are you familiar with the black Mercury?

A Yeah.

Q Do you know how Bo came in possession of that Mercury?

A Well, I know what Bo told me, that's all.

Q What did he tell you?

A He told me he got it in payment for burning Earl Green's barn.

Q Why would he want to burn the barn?

A The insurance, I imagine. But they was having a lot of trouble getting the insurance out of it because the truck or something was stolen that was in it.

Q This rifle you've been talking about -- what kind of

rifle is that?

A It was either a 30-30 Winchester lever-action, or either a Marlin. They both look about alike and I never took the gun in my hand so I don't know, you know. As far as to inspect the gun, I never picked it up close enough to inspect it, but I would say that it was a Winchester.

Q Now y'all never did go to the station wagon?

A No, we went by it.

Q Was there any fear expressed concerning some evidence that had possibly been left in that station wagon?

A Yes, a beer can.

Q And who expressed that fear?

A Bo.

Q And why?

A He said he thought he might have left his fingerprints on a beer can that was left in the car.

Q What kind of beer can was that?

A The only kind of beer can -- beer I ever seen him drink was either a Millers or a Budweiser.

Q And did he say what kind of beer can it was?

A He did not.

MR. PARTAIN: That's all.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Did you ever know Junior Ridley?

A Never seen him before in my life.

Q Did you ever know a Silvers boy?

A Never seen him before in my life.

Q Did you know Earl Green?

A Yes, I knew Earl Green.

Q Did Bo say anyone else was with him when he shot this boy?

A No, he never said anybody was with him.

Q Now when you were in Orange County, Florida, did you say these times that you had been convicted occurred at various times?

A Yes.

Q What about Whitfield County?

A Various times.

Q What about Floyd County?

A Various times.

Q What about Jacksonville, Florida?

A Only one time.

Q When was that?

A In 1953, I think -- somewhere in that area.

Q Where did you live in Florida? Orange County?

A Orlando.

Q Did you have a street address?

A Several of them.

Q Do you remember any of them?

A Well, I can give you the one I lived at mostly.

Q All right.

A It was Route 1, Box 417B, Apopka.

Q Route 1, Box what?

A 417B Apopka, Florida. It's a suburb of Orlando.

Q How do you spell that?

A A-p-o-p-k-a (spelling).

Q A-p-o-k-a (spelling)?

A A-p-o-p-k-a (spelling).

Q A-p-o-p-k-a (spelling)?

A Yes.

Q What about in Whitfield County? What was your best known address up there?

A 1010 Harris Steet, I reckon.

Q 1010 Harris Street?

A Yes.

Q What about Floyd County, Rome?

A I never lived there. They always transferred me from here there.

Q About when was this auto theft conviction -- this was Federal, right?

A Yeah.

Q Jacksonville, Florida.

A Once was for a boat and once was for an automobile.

Q A boat?

A Yeah, that was in Floyd County.

Q But it was Federal?

A Yes.

Q Lake County, Florida -- was that Federal?

A No, State.

Q Jacksonville -- Federal?

A Jacksonville's Federal.

Q It was a Federal case?

A Yes.

Q Where did you live when you were in Jacksonville, do you know?

A I didn't live in Jacksonville. I was only there fourteen minutes before I was in jail.

Q What about Lake County, Florida? Do you know where you lived down there?

A I didn't live in Lake County -- I lived in Orange County at the time.

MR. BRANNON: I don't think I have any more questions.

MR. PARTAIN: Your Honor, I would like to state for the record that this is a slight reversal from our earlier stand, but I have no objection to Mr. Brannon cross-examining this witness on any matter.

THE COURT: What about his attorney?

MR. DONEHOO: No questions. He can ask him any questions he wishes to.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Do you remember telling me that Earl Green was to receive two hundred thousand dollars in insurance money?

A I told you that that's what was told to me through the officials and things like that.

Q You don't remember who told you this?

A No, I don't.

Q Do you remember telling me that Bo Salmon was to live free in that house, rent free, for the rest of his life?

A I remember telling you that that's what he said himself. He said, "I won't never have to worry about no more rent."

Q Since the boy was killed at night, did he say what kind of light he used because it was night?

A He didn't say anything about a light or anything like that to me.

Q Were there any empty shells from a gun in that car?

A I didn't see any if there were.

MR. BRANNON: I don't have any more questions.

MR. PARTAIN: Nothing further, Your Honor.

THE COURT: If you would take him into custody.

Next witness, Mr. Brannon?

MR. BRANNON: Kay Murray.

Whereupon:

MARY KAY MURRAY

was called to the stand as a witness by and on behalf of the Defendant and, having been duly sworn upon her oath, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q What name do you go by?

A Mary Kay Murray.

Q M-a-r-y (spelling)?

A M-u-r-r-a-y (spelling).

Q What?

A M-u-r-r-a-y (spelling).

Q What about the first?

A Mary.

Q M-a-r-y (spelling)?

A Right.

Q K-a-y-e (spelling)?

A K-a-y (spelling).

Q K-a-y M-u-r-r-a-y (spelling)?

A Right.

THE COURT: For the record, let's let it be shown that Dean Donehoo is representing Mary Kay Murray at this hearing.

MR. DONEHOO: That is correct, Your Honor.

BY MR. BRANNON:

Q Are you presently in custody?

A No, sir, I'm under a recognizance bond.

Q Can you explain that to me and why you're under this bond?

A It's -- it was auto theft by receiving.

Q You're charged with theft by receiving?

A No, the charges have been dropped as far as I know.

Q All right. You were charged with theft by receiving?

A Yes, I was picked up.

Q When were you charged with this?

A Let's see. I was picked up December 14th, I believe.

Q December 14th? And you were charged with theft by receiving?

A Yes, sir.

Q What was -- what item was this?

A What item was it?

Q That you were supposedly supposed to have received that someone else has stolen?

A A Chrysler Cordoba.

Q Have you been granted immunity -- I mean have they agreed not to prosecute you?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is this in exchange for your testimony?

A I don't know.

Q Have they promised you anything to testify here?

A Huh-uh.

Q Have they given you any reason why they dropped this charge?

A No, they just let me out on my own recognizance bond because I have a child and I'm expecting one.

Q Is this charge still pending against you?

A I'm not sure, I haven't been told.

Q Have you previously been convicted on any crimes?

A No.

Q You have no record?

A No, sir.

Q How long have you lived with J. W. Patterson?

A Four years.

Q Do you have any children?

A Yes, sir.

Q How many do you have?

A One and expecting one.

Q How old is the other child?

A Three years old.

Q Is it J. W. Patterson's?

A It's by my first marriage.

Q How old did you say it was?

A Three.

Q Three? And you've lived with J. W. four years?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you have a child three years old by your first marriage?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you have no criminal record?

A No, sir.

Q Where are you from?

A Originally?

Q (Nods head)

A Virginia.

Q What part?

A Portsmouth.

Q When is your birthdate?

A 11-1-57.

Q When did you last live in Virginia? What was your address up there?

A 3221 Old Mill Road, Chesapeake.

Q Chesapeake -- is this a city?

A Yes.

Q Near Portsmouth?

A Yes, sir.

Q Why don't you just tell us what you know about this event that Bo Salmon is charged with?

A Well, I know he come over to the house one day and asked -- told J. W. he wanted him to help him do something, that

he was being paid three thousand dollars and that he would give J. W. half of it.

Q Did you overhear this conversation?

A That part of it, yes, sir.

Q You overheard this part of the conversation that he was being paid three thousand dollars?

A Yes, sir.

Q All right. Go ahead.

A And then they left, stayed gone about an hour, hour and a half, and they come back. And J. W. told me that Bo wanted him to help him kill somebody.

Q When was this -- about what time of the year?

A I'd say it was in October -- I'm not exactly sure, but it was around the month of October.

Q Go ahead.

A And so I asked J. W. why, you know, and he said because the boy was a snitch.

Q Did he say who he had snitched on?

A No, sir.

Q All right. Go ahead.

A Then it wasn't, you know, brought up, you know, too much more after that. And then Bo's wife -- I was over at their house one day and she asked me if I knew what Bo had asked J. W. to help him do and I told her, "Yeah." And she said that it was Earl Green's stepson.

Q Who was to pay the three thousand dollars?

A Earl Green, as far as I know.

Q Because the boy was a snitch?

A That's what I was told, yes, sir.

Q All right. Go ahead.

A And that's all, you know.

Q This was before the boy was killed?

A Yes, sir.

Q Nothing else happened before the boy was killed?

A I was told that Bo had tried to kill him before, but had failed.

Q Go ahead. What about after the boy was killed, what happened?

A Bo come to the house about five o'clock in the morning, I got up and fixed his coffee, and he seemed, you know, very nervous, and I went in the back and when I come back out J. W. said he was going to take Bo home. And there in the living room Bo handed J. W. a small revolver and asked him to hold on to it for him.

Q Was it a revolver or an automatic weapon?

A I just know it was a small gun. I believe it was a revolver, I'm not sure. And J. W. started to hand it to me and I said, "No, you hide it where you want it." And he took it in the back bedroom and hid it up underneath our bed in the bedroom.

Q It was a pistol?

A Yes, sir.

Q Go ahead.

A J. W. took Bo home and came back and said that Bo had killed the boy.

Q Did Bo make any statements in your presence that he had killed the boy?

A No, sir.

Q J. W. said that Bo had said he had killed that boy?

A Yes, sir.

Q What day was this?

A I believe it was November the 9th, I'm not positive.

Q Do you know what day of the week it was?

A Saturday.

Q It was Saturday?

A (Nods head)

Q About five o'clock?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did J. W. and Bo leave at that time?

A They left about an hour later and he took Bo home and came right back.

Q Did Bo come back over to your house any other -- that day?

A Later on that night he did.

Q He came that night?

A (Nods head)

Q For what purpose?

A Well, J. W. had gone over to his house and they went to the store and they came back by the house and got me and the child and we went back over to his house.

Q Do you know if Bo and J. W. were together after that?

A They was together Sunday.

Q That Sunday? Were you with them at that time?

A No.

Q Do you know where they went?

A They went fishing as far as I know.

Q They went fishing?

A (Nods head)

Q Do you know if they were together any other time after that on any other day?

A No, sir, not that I know of.

Q Did J. W. ever tell you where Junior Ridley's car or station wagon was left?

A No, sir, he didn't.

Q He never mentioned this to you?

A No, sir.

Q Let's see now. You say that Bo came back Sunday, right?

A Bo come by the house Sunday.

Q Did J. W. and Bo leave that Sunday?

A Yes, sir, and went fishing.

Q And went fishing?

A Uh-huh.

Q Did they leave -- did he come back Monday.

A I don't believe so.

Q From Saturday morning until, say, Tuesday, how many trips did Bo make to your house?

A From Saturday night to Tuesday?

Q Saturday morning from the first time he came?

A Just two.

Q All right. How many times did Bo and J. W. leave?

A It was either two or three -- I'm not positive.

Q They left together?

A Yes.

MR. BRANNON: I think that's --

Q (By Mr. Brannon) And you don't know about the charges on this car, this theft by receiving -- what's happened to it?

A No, I was just let out on my own recognizance bond.

Q You don't know if these charges are still pending?

A As far as I know, they're not.

MR. BRANNON: All right. I have no more questions.

MR. PARTAIN: Your Honor, again, I'll state for the purposes of the record I have no objections to Mr. Brannon cross-examining this particular witness.

MR. BRANNON: I don't think I have any more questions

for her.

MR. PARTAIN: We have no questions, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You can be excused, Mrs. Murray. Who's your next witness?

MR. BRANNON: Is that all of our witnesses?

THE COURT: I think you've got Lisa Bryant.

MR. BRANNON: Is she here?

THE COURT: Is Lisa Bryant out there?

THE BAILIFF: She's not here.

MR. BRANNON: Who else do we have there?

THE COURT: I believe that's got them all.

MR. BRANNON: I think that's got them.

THE COURT: Lisa Bryant is the only one that was subpoenaed that hasn't appeared in front of the hearing.

MR. BRANNON: I think that's all I have.

THE COURT: Based on the evidence, I think there was probable cause for the warrant to have been issued. This hearing is adjourned.

MR. PARTAIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

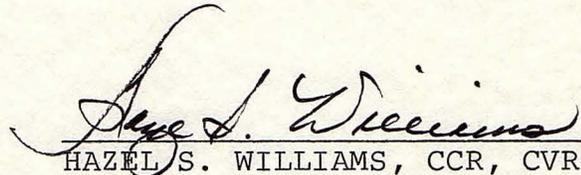
(Whereupon, this hearing was ADJOURNED.)

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IN THE UNDERSIGNED, I hereby certify that I was authorized and did attend and report verbatim the matter of THE STATE OF GEORGIA versus ROBERT LEE "BO" SALMON, held at the time and place aforesaid, and that the foregoing pages pages 1 through 88, inclusive, constitute a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings as held therein.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I bear no Statutorily prohibitive relationship to any of the parties in this cause, that I am not of counsel and have no personal or financial interest in the pending events or the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my Hand and Seal at Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia, this the 30th day of March, 1981, A. D.



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