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Mark Anthony Poole v. State of Florida

SC05-1770

GOOD AFTERNOON.

GOOD MORNING.

COURT IS BACK IN SESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED.

THE FINAL CASE ON OUR

DOCKET THIS MORNING, IS

POOLE VERSUS STATE OF

FLORIDA, MR. HELM.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT,

MY NAME IS PAUL HELM, AND I

REPRESENT THE APPELLANT,

MARC ANTHONY POOLE,

MR. POOLE WAS CONVICTED

EXTENDED TO DAET FOR MURDER

OF ONE NOAH SCOTT FOR

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND RAPE

BURGLARY ROBBERY OF LORETTA

WHITE MR. SCOTT'S

GIRLFRIEND.

THE FIRST ISSUE IN THIS

CASE, CONCERNS THE

PROSECUTOR'S CLOSE REGULAR

BUTTAL PHASE IN GUILTY OR

INNOCENCE PHASE OF THE

TRIAL.

THE STATE'S CASE AGAINST

MR. POOLE WAS LARGELY

CIRCUMSTANTIAL.

AND DEFENSE COUNSEL.

WHAT DO YOU MAINTAIN I

MEAN CIRCUMSTANCE YOU MEAN

THAT YOU -- SIESHG

CIRCUMSTANTIAL YOU HAD DNA

EVIDENCE ALL BLOOD EVIDENCE

ON TIRE IRONS, ON CONDOMS

THINGS LIKE THAT, ALL OF

WHICH.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

WELL I MEAN, WE MAY TALK

ABOUT THAT -- IF EVERYTHING

OTHER THAN EYEWITNESS IS

CIRCUMSTANTIAL THEN OKAY I

CAN BUY THAT BUT THIS --

THIS IS ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF

EVIDENCE.

--

YOUR HONOR -- WE'RE
GETTING OFF TRACK HERE.

WELL --

YOU STARTED THIS BY GOING
DOWN THAT PATH -- RIGHT TO
ARGUMENTS ARE WE IN FLORIDA
LAW FOR EXAMPLE TO THE POINT
THAT ONE GETS UP ON THE
STAND, AND THINK PAINTS
PICTURE OF A PERSON THAT YOU
MAY BE RIGHT YOU PROBABLY
ARE RIGHT, THAT THEY PAINT
THE PICTURE OF THE SAINT.

I MEAN, ABSOLUTE SAINT, AND
YOU CAN IMPEACH ABOUT
EVERYTHING EXCEPT YOU CAN'T
IMPEACH WITH PRIOR CRIMINAL
CONDUCT THAT IS PRETTY MUCH
THE LAW; RIGHT?

UH --

UNDER THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES.

PRETTY MUCH.

I MEAN THAT IS REALLY
WHERE WE ARE SO YOU REALLY
GOT -- YOU GOT -- IN THE
VERNACULAR INTO THIS ONE,
BECAUSE AND THAT -- ALSO
WITH REGARD TO WHAT WAS
GOING ON, WITH THE EVIDENCE,
IF TWO PEOPLE ON THE STAND
THEN THEY DEFENSE ATTORNEY
STANDS UP AND SAYS YOU KNOW,
GOES INTO AN ARGUMENT ABOUT
THE GUY BEING IN THERE ALL
THAT YOU DID ALL THESE OTHER
THINGS BUT IT WAS OTHER
FOLKS THAT DID IT IS, I MEAN
-- THAT IS THE POINT.

IN RESPONSE TO THE D
DEFENSE COUNSEL'S EARLY
DEFENSE COUNSEL BEGAN HIS
ARGUMENT SAYING THAT
MR. POOLE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
HE WAS GUILTY OF EVERYTHING
EXCEPT THE FIRST-DEGREE
MURDER AND TEEMEND
FIRST-DEGREE MURDER.

LET'S GO TO -- FIRST
ISSUE GUILT PHASE, SECONDED
ISSUE JUSTICE WAS RESERVING
TO HAD TO DO WITH THE
PENALTY FACED, IMPEACHMENT;

CORRECT?

YES.

ALL RIGHT, THE DEFENSE
LAWYER GETS UP SAYS HE
ACKNOWLEDGED HE DID THESE
THINGS, AND BUT HE DIDN'T
MURDER THE -- THE VICTIM.
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
AS I TRIED TO EXPLAIN IN
MY BRIEF I BELIEVE THAT IT
WAS SIMPLY RHETORICAL DEVICE
ON THE PART OF THE DEFENSE
COUNSEL HE WAS SAYING --
DIDN'T HE SPEAK TO THE --
AS COUNSEL I'M TELLING
YOU THAT MY CLIENT USED --
IS GUILTY OF THREE OF THESE
FIVE CRIMES BUT HE IS NOT
GUILTY OF THE FIRST TWO, AND
THEN HE WENT INTO A LENGTHY
ARGUMENT THAT WAS BASED
EVERY -- HIS ARGUMENT WAS
BASED ON THE FACTS THAT THE
STATE HAD PRESENTLIED.
DIDN'T THE DEFENSE SPEAK
TO THE POLICE?

THERE -- THERE IS NO
RECORD OF ANY STATEMENT BY
MR. POOLE REGARDING THE
CRIME TO THE POLICE.
MR. POOLE WAS
INTERINTROOID THE POLICE, WE
KNOW THAT WE KNOW.
SO HE DID SPEAK TO THE
POLICE HE WAS INTERVIEWED.
IS TALKING TO THE POLICE

ANYTIME HE EVER ACKNOWLEDGED HE
DID ANYTHING.

THAT'S NOT --

THAT IS --

IN REBUTTAL TO WHAT THE
PROSECUTOR -- WHAT THE DEFENSE
LAWYER SAID, WHICH WAS THAT
HE'S ACKNOWLEDGED HE DID THREE
OF THE CRIMES BUT HE DIDN'T DO
THE REST.

I DON'T, YOU KNOW, AND I'M
PRETTY SENSITIVE TO THESE
COMMENTS ON THE RIGHT TO REMAIN
SILENT.

I DON'T SEE THIS ONE.

YOUR HONOR, THAT'S ONLY THE
FIRST COMMENT.

ALL RIGHT.
BUT LET'S -- WELL, BUT YOU --
THERE ARE A TOTAL --
THAT WAS --
THE FIRST COMMENT WAS NOT
OBJECTED TO.
SO DO YOU AGREE THAT WAS A
FAIR COMMENT?
NO, I DON'T AGREE THAT IT
WAS FAIR COMMENT, BUT --
WELL, WHY NOT?
BUT, THAT COMMENT STANDING
ALONE, THE INTRODUCTORY COMMENT
COULD'VE BEEN CONSIDERED
HARMLESS ERROR.
NO, I WANT TO KNOW WHY IT'S
ERROR AT ALL.
WE'VE GOT TO BE VERY CLEAR.
ANY COMMENT WHICH IS FAIRLY
SUSCEPTIBLE OF BEING
INTERPRETED BY THE JURY AS
BEING A COMMENT ON THE
DEFENDANT'S SILENCE, EITHER AT
TRIAL OR AT THE TIME OF HIS
ARREST.
BUT HE GIVE A CONFESSION,
AND HE HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THREE
THINGS.
THEN YOU -- THAT WOULD BE FAIR
TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HE SAID IN
THE CONFESSION, CORRECT?
OF COURSE.
BUT NOW OUT OF WHOLE CLOTH,
THE DEFENSE LAWYER SAYS WELL,
HE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED IT.
HE DOESN'T SAY YOU CAN FIND HIM
GUILTY OF THESE THREE CRIMES.
HE SAID HE'S ACKNOWLEDGED IT.
ISN'T THAT WHAT THE DEFENSE
LAWYER SAID?
, YES, MA'AM, HE DID, AND
THAT WAS A VERY POOR CHOICE OF
WORDS.
I WOULDN'T HAVE OPENED MY
CLOSING ARGUMENT LIKE THAT.
I DON'T KNOW THE TRIAL ATTORNEY
DID IT.
BUT HE DID.
AND IF YOU -- I, IF THE
PROSECUTOR HAD LIMITED HIS
RESPONSE TO JUST AS THE, THE
DEFENSE ATTORNEY MADE ONE
STATEMENT THAT HE ACKNOWLEDGES
THAT HE'S GUILTY OF THESE THREE

FELONIES BUT NOT THE TWO MOST SERIOUS ONES, IF THE PROSECUTOR HAD MADE JUST THE FIRST STATEMENT TO WHICH DEFENSE COUNSEL DID NOT OBJECT, THE, THE, THE DEFENSE ARGUMENT CAME FROM FANTASY LAND AND THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE IN THE CASE THAT AT ANY TIME EITHER IN THIS TRIAL OR ANYWHERE ELSE MR.^POOLE EVER ACKNOWLEDGED HE DID ANYTHING. NOW THAT IS CLEARLY A COMMENT ON MR.^POOLE'S SILENCE, BOTH HUSBAND FAILURE TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL AND HIS SILENCE AT THE TIME OF HIS --

YOU GO BACK AND FORTH ON THIS BUT YOU SAID THERE'S ANOTHER COMMENT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY IS REALLY -- WELL, THE POINT IS, DEFENSE COUNSEL DIDN'T OBJECT THEN AND THE PROSECUTOR DROPPED IT AND WENT ON FOR SEVERAL PAGES OF ARGUMENT AND THEN HE RETURNED TO THE SUBJECT.

STARTING AT TRANSCRIPT PAGE 2840 AND CONTINUING TO 2841.

THE PROSECUTOR MADE APPROXIMATELY FOUR REPEATED ASSERTIONS THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO WHAT MR.^POOLE SAID.

LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. PRIOR TO CAN ANY OF THE ATTORNEYS GETTING UP AND MAKING THEIR CLOSING ARGUMENTS, THE JUDGE INSTRUCTS THE JURIES THAT WHAT THE ATTORNEYS SAY IS NOT EVIDENCE.

ABSOLUTELY.

CORRECT?

AND SO, I HAVE A TROUBLE -- I HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE LAST COMMENT.

AND AS FAR AS THE OTHER ONE IT SEEMS THAT WHAT THE STATE ATTORNEY IS ARGUING HE SAYS THAT'S ARGUMENT.

-- INSTRUCTION ON THE LAW AS THE JUDGE GIVES IT AND WHAT THE ATTORNEYS SAY IS NOT ARGUMENT. IT'S JUST -- JUSTICE PARIENTE WAS SAYING WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS

NOT A FACT CONCEDED IN OPENING STATEMENT.

NOT A FACT CONCEDED DURING THE PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE.

BUT AN ARGUMENT PRESENTED AND A FACT SUBMITTED, QUOTE, UNQUOTE. FROM THERE, HE WENT ON WITH A VERY LENGTHY CLOSING ARGUMENT, UTILIZING THE STATE'S OWN EVIDENCE IN WHICH HE TOLD THE JURY A, A DIFFERENT -- JURY A DIFFERENT VERSION OF HOW THINGS MAY HAVE HAPPENED AND ONE OF THE THINGS HE RELIED UPON WAS TWO STATEMENTS BY THE SURVIVING VICTIM THAT THERE WERE TWO BLACK MEN WHO BROKE INTO HER TRAILER THAT NIGHT AND COMMITTED THESE CRIMES, AND THE PROSECUTOR SAYS, MR.^-- IS ARGUING ALL THESE THINGS BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE MR.^POOLE EVER SAID, HEY, EVERYBODY ELSE WAS THERE BEFORE ME AND THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE MR.^POOLE EVER SAID WELL I WENT IN THERE AND RAPED HER AND LEFT HER AND SOMEBODY ELSE CAME IN AND BEAT THEIR HEADS IN.

THERE'S NO EVIDENCE OF THAT EITHER.

THAT'S ARGUMENT BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT THE TESTIMONY IS AND WHAT THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE IS AND WHAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THAT THEORY.

IN THE FIRST PLACE WHAT HE IS SAYING IS UNTRUE BECAUSE THERE'S PLENTY OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT MR.^DIVING'S THEORY. HIS THEORY WAS BASED ON THE STATE'S OWN EVIDENCE.

THEN THE PROSECUTOR CONCLUDES THIS PASSAGE BY SAYING AND IF MR.^POOLE WANTS TO TELL THE STATE DETECTIVE GRISE THAT SOMEBODY ELSE HELPED HIM COMMIT THIS CRIME THEN LET HIM COME FORWARD.

WE KNOW, SO THAT'S IMPROPER.

LET'S -- I WOULD THINK

MR. ^BROWNE IS GOING TO GET UP
AND HE WEPT TOO FAR THERE.
I DON'T KNOW BUT USUALLY.
LET'S ASSUME THAT'S IMPROPER
BECAUSE HE CAN'T SAY THAT HE
HAS TO COME FORWARD WITH
EVIDENCE.

BY GOING BACK TO THIS CASE IT
IS NOT HARMLESS BEYOND A
REASONABLE DOUBT?
BECAUSE THE PROSECUTOR WAS
URGING THE JURY TO DISREGARD
MR. ^POOLE'S RIGHT TO SILENCE IN
ORDER TO GET THE JURY TO
COMPLETELY DISREGARD HIS ENTIRE
DEFENSE.

HIS ENTIRE DEFENSE WAS BASE
UPON THE THEORY BASED UPON THE
SURVIVING WITNESSES' OWN
STATEMENTS THAT THERE WITH TWO
PEOPLE IN HER TRAILER.

BUT UNDER --

-- HER THEORY WAS THERE
ANOTHER PERSON WHO HAD A MOTIVE
AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMIT THE
ACTUAL MURDER.

IN DETERMINING WHETHER THERE
WAS HARMLESS IRERROR, DON'T WE
HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL THE
CIRCUMSTANCES AND ALL THE
EVIDENCE PRESENTED, INCLUDING
THE DNA EVIDENCE THAT WAS
PRESENTED AND INCLUDING THE
FOOTPRINTS THAT WERE FOUND?
YOUR HONOR, YES YOU HAVE TO
LOOK AT ALL THE EVIDENCE AND I
MIGHT ADD IN THE STATE v.

HAWKINS, THE STATE RULED THAT
IN PART OF DETERMINING THE
ENTIRE RECORD IN DETERMINING
WHETHER ERROR IS HARMLESS IS TO
CONSIDER OTHER IMPROPER CONDUCT
OR STATEMENTS THAT WERE NOT
OBJECTED TO, WHICH MEANS THAT
EVEN IF YOU FOCUS SOLEY ON THE
FINAL STATEMENT AS BEING THE
ONLY ONE OBJECTED TO, YOU STILL
HAVE TO CONSIDER THE
PROSECUTOR'S OTHER STATEMENTS
ABOUT MR. ^POOLE'S SILENCE IN
DETERMINING WHETHER THE ERROR
IN CHALLENGING MR. ^POOLE TO GET
UP AND TELL HIM WHO DID IT.
AND DECIDING WHETHER THAT'S

HARMLESS, AND.

LET ME ASK YOU.

-- CREATED A THEME HERE OVER TWO PAGES WHERE HE IS ASKING THE JURY TO DISREGARD MR.^POOLE'S RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.

AND THAT, THAT'S SO ABSOLUTELY IMPROPER.

LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION.

HERE, DEFENSE COUNSEL OBJECTED, MOVED FOR A MISTRIAL.

THE TRIAL JUDGE NEVER REALLY RULED ON THE OBJECTION BUT DENIED THE MOTION FOR MISTRIAL, CORRECT?

YES, YOUR HONOR.

SO WHAT STANDARD DO WE APPLY?

ABUSIVE DISCRETION.

OKAY.

AND THE POINT IS THOUGH THAT COMMENT ON SILENCE ARE REGARDED AS BEING SO SUSPECT THAT THE ORDINARY REACTION TO A COMMENT ON SILENCE, THE ORDINARY REACTION TO THE PROSECUTOR VIOLATING THE CONSTITUTION THAT HE'S SWORN TO UPHOLD IS TO REVERSE.

AND IT'S ONLY IN THOSE FEW CASES WHERE THE STATE CAN CONCLUSIVELY SHOW THAT THE ERROR IS HARMLESS BEYOND ANY DOUBT AND COULD NOT HAVE POSSIBLY AFFECTED THE VERDICT.

WELL, IF WE, MR.^HELMS, IF WE DECIDE THAT THOSE ORIGINAL ARGUMENTS, THE FIRST COUPLE OF ARGUMENTS THAT STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE BY THE PROSECUTOR ARE NOT ERROR BECAUSE DEFENSE COUNSEL DID IN FACT STAND UP AND SAY HE ACKNOWLEDGES AND IF WE FIND THAT IT WAS A FAIR COMMENT OR RESPONSE TO THAT, LET'S SAY, THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS RECORD THAT SAYS HE EVER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE DID THE RAPE, THAT HE DID THE BURGLARY, THAT HE DID THE ROBBERY. JUST LISTEN TO THE QUESTION.

[LAUGHTER]

I AM.

OKAY.

SO IF WE SAY THOSE COMMENTS WERE FAIR COMMENTS ON, IN RESPONSE IN RESPONSE TO THE DEFENSE ARGUMENT AND THAT ONLY THE LAST COMMENT IS IN FACT AN IMPROPER COMMENT THEN WHERE DOES THAT TAKE YOU WITH THE COMMENT ON THIS ERROR ANALYSIS? THEN WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO CONSIDER THOSE OTHER COMMENTS BECAUSE WE ARE SAYING THEY ARE FINE, THEY WERE FAIR COMMENTS, SO IF WE LEFT WITH JUST THAT ONE COMMENT AT THE END, THAT SAYS SOMEONE HELPED HIM COMMIT THIS CRIME AND HE SHOULD COME FORWARD BECAUSE, AND THEN THE OBJECTION.

SO IF THAT'S JUST THAT COMMENT, WHERE ARE WE?

IN A BORDERLINE SITUATION WHERE YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR DISCRETION IN EXAMINING THE CASE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THAT COULD'VE BEEN HARMLESS OR NOT. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IT WAS THE ONLY VERY FIRST COMMENT HE MADE WHERE THE PROSECUTOR SAID THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT MR.^POOLE ACKNOWLEDGED ANYTHING.

IN THE TWO PAGES LEADING UP TO LETTING MR.^POOLE COME FORWARD, THE PROSECUTOR WAS SAYING THERE WAS NO -- THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT ANOTHER MAN WAS INVOLVED. THAT'S NOT OO THREW STATEMENT. THERE WAS EVIDENCE.

-- THAT'S NOT TRUE STATEMENT.

THAT'S MISSTATED AS OPPOSED TO MISSTATING FACTS IN THE CASE.

PLEASE YOU HAVE GOT TO LET THIS BE A DIALOGUE HERE, OKAY? I KNOW YOU FEEL PASSIONATELY. YOU'RE A EXPERIENCED LAWYER, AN EXCELLENT LAWYER BUT WE HAVE GOT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.

THIS IS MY CONCERN, IF A DEFENSE LAWYER GETS UP AND SAYS MY CLIENT SAYS THAT THIS WAS

SELF-DEFENSE, WHICH IS SOMETHING THEY HAVE TO ESTABLISH, WELL THEN AT THAT TIME POINT, YOU CAN SAY WELL THERE IS NO EVIDENCE IN THIS RECORD OF SELF-DEFENSE. IF IT'S, IF, IF THE DEFENSE LAWYER GOT UP AND SAID MY CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGED HE MADE -- COMMITTED THE MURDER BUT HE DID IT IN SELF-DEFENSE, THE, PROSECUTOR CAN GET UP AND SAY THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT HE ACKNOWLEDGED IT.

THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN PUTTING THE STATE TO ITS BURDEN OF PROOF, WHICH IS THAT THE MURDERER, IT MAY HAVE BEEN SOMEONE ELSE IN THAT PLACE WITH MR.^POOLE BUT THE MURDERER WAS MR.^POOLE.

SO I AM GOING BACK TO -- BECAUSE I THINK YOU ARE -- YOU MAKE A COMPELLING POINT THAT IF WE DO LOOK AT THIS IN ANOTHER LIGHT WITH REGARD TO -- WITHOUT REGARD TO WHAT THE DEFENSE LAWYER SAID WHICH WAS HIS THEME WAS TO DISREGARD HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, THEN OF COURSE WE ARE INTO A HIGH-RISK CONSTITUTIONAL ERROR BUT I FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE GOT TO ADDRESS THE FACT, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU'VE ADEQUATELY DONE IT, THAT UP UNTIL THE LAST POINT THAT IS IF MR.^POOLE WANTS TO TELL THE STATE SOMEONE ELSE HELPED HIM COMMIT THE CRIME AND INFORWARD A LIGHT WENT ON FOR THE DEFENSE LAWYER WHO OBJECTS BUT LEADING UP TO IT, I DON'T SEE IT AS A THEME TO DISREGARD HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.

THE THEME SEEMS TO BE OF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S MAKING BY SAYING THAT HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE COMMITTED CERTAIN CRIMES BUT NOT OTHERS, WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN SAYING THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS CRIME WAS COMMITTED BY TWO MEN.

MR.^POOLE MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THEM, BUT HE WASN'T THE OTHER.

DO YOU NOT SEEING THAT AS BEING DIFFERENT IN KIND AND THEREFORE PROMPTING WHAT IS REALLY A PROPER RESPONSE TO THAT ARGUMENT BY THE DEFENSE LAWYER?

YOUR HONOR, I MIGHT AGREE WITH YOU REGARDING THE PROSECUTOR'S OPENING STATEMENT WHERE, WHERE HE FIRST SAID THAT THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT MR.^POOLE ACKNOWLEDGED. THAT BUT AS HE PROGRESSED IN HIS ARGUMENT, HE WAS ATTACKING THE DEFENSE ARGUMENT ON THE BASIS THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A DEFENSE ARGUMENT THAT WAS BASED ON A DIRECTLY UPON THE EVIDENCE THAT HAD BEEN PRESENTED --

NOW LET ME ASK -- AND IN THE PROCESS -- OKAY.

HE KEPT REFERING TO MR.^POOLE'S FAILURE TO SAY THINGS.

NOW MAYBE THE KEY IS THIS:^WHEN HE CONTINUES, HE SAYS, MR.^POOLE TALKED TO THE POLICE, WHICH IS WHAT JUSTICE CANTERO ASKED YOU ABOUT EARLIER.

DID HE TALK TO THE POLICE? WELL, WE, WE KNOW THAT HE WAS TAKEN TO THE POLICE STATION AND QUESTIONED.

DID HE INVOKE HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.

THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MURDER.

DID HE INVOKE HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.

WE DON'T KNOW.

BECAUSE THEN THAT WOULD BE, IF HE'S TALKED TO THE POLICE AND HE INVOKES HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, NOW YOU START TO GET INTO SOME SERIOUS QUESTION ABOUT SAYING WELL HE TALKED TO THE POLICE.

THE IMPLICATION IS, AND THEN HE DIDN'T TELL THEM THIS VERSION. THAT I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU IF THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED THAT HE NEVER TALKED TO ANYTHING BUT HE

INVOKED HIS RIGHT -- YOU ARE SAYING WE DON'T KNOW THAT IN THIS RECORD.

WE DON'T KNOW THAT IN THE RECORD, BECAUSE -- THE, I WOULD PRESUME IF ANYTHING THAT THE AT THE VERY LEAST, MR.^POOLE DID NOT TELL THE POLICE THE FIRST DAY HE WAS INTERVIEWED ANYTHING THAT WAS DIRECTLY INCRIMINATED OR THIS PROSECUTOR WOULD'VE HAD THAT EVIDENCE BEFORE THE JURY. HE PRESENTED THE ONLY EVIDENCE

--

BUT ARE YOU SAYING --
-- THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE JURY ABOUT THAT INITIAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND MR.^POOLE WITH MR.^POOLE CONSENTED TO A SEARCH OF HIS RESIDENCE. HE WENT TO THE RESIDENCE WITH POLICE.

AND HE ALLOWED THEM TO TAKE A SHIRT AND A PAIR OF SHOES.

MR.^HELM, YOU'RE RAPIDLY RUNNING OF OUR YOUR TIME AND I KNOW YOU HAD ANOTHER ISSUE REGARDING CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DEFENSE WITNESSES.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR ARGUMENT ON THAT.

YES, YOUR HONOR.

REGARDING THE CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DEFENSE WITNESSES.

THE FIRST INSTANCE -- THERE ARE THERE WERE THREE INSTANCE -- THE FIRST THREE THINGS THE PROSECUTOR DID IN CROSS EXAMINATION OR MAYBE NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT.

I'M SORRY.

I'M GETTING MYSELF TURNED AROUND.

WELL, THEN LET ME JUST ASK YOU QUESTION ABOUT IT.

CAN YOU ADDRESS THE CROSS-EXAMINATION I THINK IT WAS AFTER POOLE'S BROTHER TESTIFIED, AND HE SAID THAT POOLE WAS A KIND, LOVING PERSON THAT TO BE HERE TODAY WOULD NOBODY FROM LOUISIANA AREA

BELIEVE THIS, THAT HE'S HERE IN THIS SITUATION.

AND THE PROSECUTOR ON CROSS-EXAMINATION ASKED HIM IF YOU'RE THAT CLOSE TO YOUR BROTHER, DO YOU KNOW IF THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HE EVER GOT ARRESTED WHEN HE GOT ARRESTED FOR THIS CRIME.

NO?

YOU DON'T KNOW?

NO IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME HE GOT ARRESTED.

HE GOT ARRESTED IN GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TEXAS, IS WHAT THE PROSECUTOR SAID.

YOU ARE ARGUING THAT THAT IS IMPROPER CROSS-EXAMINATION?

WELL.

AND A VIOLATION OF THEIR PRETRIAL AGREEMENT THAT THEY -- THERE WAS A MOTION IN LIMINY TO EXCLUDE ANY EVIDENCE OF MR.^POOLE'S PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD.

THE DEFENSE WAIVED NO SIGNIFICANT PRIOR RECORD AS A MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCE.

THE PROSECUTOR ASKED MR.^POOLE'S BROTHER IF HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED BEFORE.

MR.^POOLE'S BROTHER SAID YES.

THAT HE SAID OR NO THAT IT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME.

RIGHT.

AND THE PROSECUTOR ASSERTS THAT HE WAS ARRESTED IN THREE DIFFERENT STATES.

ALL RIGHT.

SO LET'S TAKE THAT STEP BY STEP.

ARE YOU CONCEDED THEN THAT BECAUSE POOLE'S BROTHER GOT TO TESTIFY THAT POOLE WAS A KIND, LOVING PERSON THAT ESSENTIALLY PEOPLE WERE SURPRISED THAT HE WAS IN THIS SITUATION THET THE FIRST QUESTION DO YOU KNOW IF THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HE EVER GOT ARRESTED AND THE FIRST ANSWER NO, IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME.

THAT WOULD'VE BEEN OKAY CROSS-EXAMINATION.

NO, SIR.

VIOLATION OF THE COURT'S --

ALL RIGHT.

GRANTING THE MOTION IN

LIMINY.

WELL THEN I GUESS WE ARE

COMING BACK IN FULL CIRCLE TO

THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S FIRST

QUESTION THAT IF THERE IS

TESTIMONY THAT THE DEFENSE

PRESENTS THAT HE WAS A KIND,

LOVING PERSON, THAT WE ARE WE

WERE ALL SURPRISED THAT HE IS

IN THIS SITUATION, WE ARE ALL

SHOCKED, THAT REGARDLESS OF

WHAT THE DEFENSE PRESENTS

BECAUSE THE STATE AGREED NOT TO

PRESENT EVIDENCE OF THE PRIOR

ARREST, THAT NOW THE PART --

THE DEFENSE CAN SAY ANYTHING

AND THE PROSECUTOR CAN'T SAYING

ON CROSS-EXAMINATION AND

IMPEACH THAT TESTIMONY WITH

THAT EVIDENCE.

THIS WAW NOT VALID

IMPEACHMENT.

IN GERALDS v. STATE, THIS

COURT HAS SAID THAT IN A

CAPITAL CASE PENALTY PHASE

PROCEEDING YOU CAN'T IMPEACH

DEFENSE WITNESSES BY ASKING

QUESTIONS ABOUT NONSTATUTORY

AGGRAVATION IN SPECIFICALLY

NONVIOLENT PRIOR CRIMINAL

OFFENSES.

WELL, PLUS, I DON'T KNOW ANY

THING WHERE YOU CAN IMPEACH

WITH ARRESTS HE DIDN'T JUST SAY

YOU KNOW HE'S CONVICTED.

HE WAS ARRESTED WELL WHAT DOES

THAT SAY -- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU

WERE MAKING A DISTINCTION

BETWEEN THE FACT THAT SOMEONE'S

BEEN ARRESTED.

WELL, AND THAT'S TO ME, I

MEAN, EVEN IN A REGULAR

CRIMINAL CASE YOU CAN'T UNDER

ANY CIRCUMSTANCE IMPEACH WITH

ARREST.

RIGHT.

OF COURSE.

BUT IT WAS IMPROPER IMPEACHMENT

IN ITS ENTIRETY.

BUT IT'S SPECIFIC.

IT'S PARTICULARLY EGREGIOUS
HERE BECAUSE THE PROSECUTOR
HIMSELF HAD AGREED NOT TO GO
INTO THIS.

SO THE PROPER PROCEDURE HERE
WOULD'VE BEEN FOR THE STATE
ATTORNEY TO SAY, YOUR HONOR,
CAN WE TAKE A BREAK AND HAVE A
SIDE BAR AND ASK THE JUDGE
GIVEN THE FACT OF THE AGREEMENT
ON THE MOTION IN LIMINY.

WHAT THE STATE SHOULD'VE DONE
IS SAID YOUR HONOR, I THINK THE
DEFENSE HAS OPENED THE DOOR,
INQUIRED OF THE TRIAL JUDGE I
WOULD LIKE TO GO INTO THIS AND
HANDLE THAT OUTSIDE THE
PRESENCE OF THE JURY?

STEAD OF GETTING INTO WHAT
JUSTICE PARIENTE SAID IS
CLEARLY IMPROPER IMPEACHMENT.
THAT CERTAINLY WOULD'VE BEEN
FAR BETTER PROCEDURE ON HIS
PART BECAUSE THE WAY IT
ACTUALLY HAPPENED, HE WAS IN
CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE COURT'S
PRETRIAL ORDER.

THAT HE HAD AGREE TO.

AND YES, IF HE FEELS -- IF HE
FELT THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES
THEN CHANGED BECAUSE OF THE
INFORMATION ELICITED FROM THE
WITNESS BY THE DEFENSE THEN HE
SHOULD'VE ASKED THE COURT TO
REVISIT ITS RULING RATHER THAN
TAKING IT UPON HIMSELF TO
VIOLATE --

YOU ARE WELL INTO YOUR
REBUTTAL IF YOU WANT TO SAVE
TIME.

I'M JUST ALERTING YOU TO WHERE
YOU ARE IN TIME.

WELL, DOES THE COURT HAVE
ANY OTHER QUESTION THEY WOULD
LIKE TO ADDRESS RIGHT NOW.
JUSTICE QUINCE PROBABLY
DOES.

I WOULD REALLY LIKE YOU TO
ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE LACK
OF REMORSE.

BECAUSE AS I READ THIS RECORD,
THERE REALLY WAS NO-NO
OBJECTION TO THE STATE'S
EXAMINATION OF THE WITNESSES ON

THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE THAT YOU
HAVE RAISED AND SO HOW ARE WE
TO DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT
THERE WAS NO CONTEMPORANEOUS
OBJECTION HERE?

YOUR HONOR, THEN AFTER THE
THIRD INCIDENT IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE THIRD INCIDENT WHERE
THE COURT ASKED ABOUT REMORSE
THE COURT TOOK A 20-MINUTE
RECESS AND IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE 20-MINUTE RECESS
DEFENSE COUNSEL DID OBJECT.
AND SAID WHAT, EXACTLY?
AND SAID THAT, THAT HE TOLD
THE COURT THAT HE WAS CONCERNED
BECAUSE THE PROSECUTOR KEPT
ASKING ABOUT LACK OF REMORSE,
AND IT WASN'T PROPER.

BUT, BUT HE --
ISN'T THAT AN OBJECTION?
THE QUESTION IS, WAS IT
REALLY AN OBJECTION THAT HE WAS
MAKING?

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT HE NEVER
REALLY GOT TO THAT POINT.
YOUR HONOR, DOES THE DEFENSE
ATTORNEY HAVE TO USE THE
EXPRESS LANGUAGE.

WELL, I THINK HE HAS TO
SAY SOMETHING.

-- TO OBJECTION?
WHAT DID HE ASK THE COURT TO
DO IN RESPONSE TO HIS CONCERN?
I MEAN, DID HE ASK THE COURT TO
GIVE AN INSTRUCTION?
DID HE ASK THE COURT FOR A
MISTRIAL?

I MEAN, HE EXPRESSES HIS
CONCERN AND THEN WHAT DOES HE
ASK THE COURT TO DO?
QUITE FRANKLY, IT SLIPS MY
MIND.

IF YOU COULD TAKE JUST A
SECOND, I CAN FIND IT.
MY CONCERN IS HOW DO WE
RESPOND IF HE DOESN'T ACTUALLY
ASK THE COURT TO CORRECT IT.
I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING MORE
TO THE EFFECT OF THE PROSECUTOR
SAYS WELL I WON'T GO INTO THAT
ANYMORE.

WELL, THE PROSECUTOR DID SAY
THAT BUT THE PROSECUTOR WAS

ALSO SAYING THAT HE WAS ENTITLED TO ANTICIPATORY REHABILITATION, THAT HE WAS, THE DEFENSE HAD ASKED NOTHING WHATSOEVER ABOUT REMORSE FOR THE CRIMES.

AND THE PROSECUTOR IMPROPER RAISED THE SUBJECT OF REMORSE FOR THE CRIMES WHICH HE'S NEVER SUPPOSED TO DO UNLESS THE DEFENSE PUTS ON DEFENSE THAT HE IS REMORSEMENT SO IT WAS ALREADY IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW JUST BY ASKING THE QUESTION.

AND, AND THEN HE HAD TO SAY I KNOW I CAN'T ARGUE THAT UNLESS THE DEFENSE GOES INTO IT, BUT I JUST THOUGHT I WOULD ASK ABOUT IT IN CASE THEY DECIDE TO GO INTO IT LATER ON.

AND THEY DIDN'T OBJECT.

AND THE PROSECUTOR WAS GOING TO GET AWAY WITH WHATEVER HE CAN GET AWAY WITH.

DEPENDING ON WHETHER DEFENSE COUNSEL WAS THINKING CLEARLY ENOUGH TO OBJECT TO WHAT HE WAS ASKING -- TO OBJECT TO WHAT HE WAS ASKING.

WHAT ABOUT THE TATTOO?

WELL THE TATTOO, THE, THE STATEMENT THUG LIFE, THERE WAS NEVER EVIDENCE IN THE TRIAL, NO EVIDENCE IN THE TRIAL WHAT THE TATTOO SAID, THERE HAD BEEN EVIDENCE THAT MR. POOLE HAD TATTOOS, AND THE ARRESTING OFFICER HAD CHECKED FOUR TATTOOS TO MAKE SURE THEY HAD THE RIGHT DYE BUT THERE WAS NEVER ANY EVIDENCE AS TO WHAT THE TATTOO SAID.

THE PROSECUTOR ASKED MR. POOLE'S BROTHER IF HE KNEW THAT HE HAD TATTOOS, HE SAID YES.

AND HE ASKED WHAT THE TATTOO SAID.

MR. POOLE'S BROTHER SAID HE HAD ONE THAT SAID MP.

THEN HE ASKED DOESN'T HE ASK THUG LIFE ACROSS HIS ABDOMEN HE WAS CONSTRUING FACTS, HE IS CONVEYING INFORMATION TO THE

JURY THROUGH THE QUESTIONING OF DEFENSE WITNESSES BY ASKING LEADING QUESTIONS.

AND ADMITTED HE HE'S ENTITLED TO ASK LEADING QUESTIONS BUT HE'S NOT ENTITLED TO PUT IN PREJUDICIAL FACTS IN QUESTIONS WHEN THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF THE FACT.

TELL US WHETHER OR NOT THE PROSECUTOR AFTER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT REMORSE AND PRIOR RECORD AND THE TATTOO ALLUDED TO THOSE THINGS AGAIN AFTER THAT?

IN ARGUMENT OR IN ANY WAY. I DON'T BELIEVE SO.

OKAY.

HE BROUGHT UP IN CLOSING --.

THANK YOU.

GOOD MORNING.

SCOTT BROWN BROWNE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

GOOD MORNING, MR.^BROWNE AND IF MR.^POOLE WANTS TO TELL THE STATE AND DETECTIVE GRISE THAT SOMEBODY HELPED HIM COMMIT THIS CRIME THEN LET HIM COME FORWARD.

YOUR HONOR, UNLIKE THE OTHER COMMENTS MENTIONED BY DEFENSE COUNSEL TODAY, THAT COMMENT WAS IN FACT OBJECTED TO AND THE TRIAL COURT WAS CONFRONTED WITH IT.

THE PROSECUTOR SAID I WILL REPHRASE THE ARGUMENT.

HE DID NOT AGAIN --

WELL, WAIT A MINUTE.

WAIT, WAIT.

WAIT.

IS THAT A REMEDY ONCE SOMEONE HAS, HAS REALLY DIRECTLY ADACKED AND COMMENTED UPON -- ATTACKED AND COMMENT UPON ONE'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO REPLAIN SILENT IN SUCH A DIRECT WAY?

I MEAN, THAT'S PROBABLY THE MOST DIRECT WAY THAT I HAVE SEEN SINCE I HAVE BEEN ON THE COURT.

LET HIM COME FORWARD.

COME ON FORWARD AND TESTIFY IF THAT'S --

YOUR HONOR, THIS IS ARGUMENT

IN DIRECT REBUTTAL TO THE
DEFENSE COUNSEL'S --
OKAY SO YOU ARE NOT GOING TO
AGREE THAT THAT'S IMPROPER
ARGUMENT.

-- ANYTIME YOU SAY THE
DEFENSE HAS TO -- DEFENDANT HAS
TO COME FORWARD, YOU ARE IN
PERIL AND I UNDERSTAND THE
THEME OF THE PROSECUTOR'S
ARGUMENT WAS PROBABLY EVEN IF
THAT -- PROPER EVEN IF THAT
PARTICULAR LANGUAGE WAS ILL
ADVISED BUT WHAT I AM TELLING
THIS COURT IS THAT THAT IS A
SINGLE OBJECTION TO COMMENT --
WELL, THIS IS MY PROBLEM
BECAUSE FIRST OF ALL, I THINK
WE HAVE GOTTEN TO WHERE THE
FIRST STATEMENT, THERE IS NO
EVIDENCE IN THE CASE THAT HE
EVER ACKNOWLEDGED AND DID
ANYTHING, AND I AM ALREADY
THINKING THAT OF THE 3850 WHERE
THEY GO, WELL HE, THE WORDS HE
USED NOW INVITED THESE COMMENTS
AND SCREWED UP THE TRIAL.
SO WE HAVE TO THINK AHEAD HERE.
I THINK THE FIRST COMMENT IS
FAIR REBUTTAL.

THIS IS WHAT -- AND I DIDN'T
PICK IT UP UNTIL I LOOKED AGAIN
IS THAT WHEN HE CONTINUED, HE
SAYS, MR. ^POOLE TALKED TO THE
POLICE.

NOW WHAT IS AT LEAST MR. ^HELM
IS SAYING IS THERE ISN'T A
CONFESSION IN THIS CASE.
THERE'S A NOTHING.

AND SO WE CAN PRESUME THAT
SINCE HE DIDN'T CONFESS HE MAY
HAVE ACTUALLY AVAILED HIMSELF
OF HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT
BUT WHAT SO BY SAYING THEY
TALKED TO THE POLICE, HE IS
SAYING NO EVIDENCE EVER SAID,
HEY, SOMEONE ELSE IS INVOLVED
AND MY CONCERN THERE AND IT
LEADS UP TO THAT LAST STATEMENT
IS THAT BY THINKING IT TO THAT
HE TALKED TO THE POLICE, HE IS
DIRECTLY PUTTING IN FRONT OF
HIM THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE A RIGHT
TO REMAIN SILENT AT THAT TIME.

IF HE HAD A THEORY THAT SOMEONE ELSE COMMITTED THE CRIME, HE WOULD HAVE TO COME FORWARD AND THAT'S WHAT EVENTUALLY IS WHAT CAUSES THE OBJECTION.

SO IN, WITH THAT IN MIND, NOT THAT HE OPENED THE DOOR BUT DID HE OPEN THE DOOR TO SAY WELL, I MEAN, COULD THE PROSECUTOR SAID HAVE, -- HAVE SAID, LISTEN, HE TALKED TO POLICE.

HE INVOKED HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.

IF THAT POINT HE HAD KNOWN THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE DOING THE HAD TO TELL THE POLICE AT THAT TIME.

I THINK YOU'D AGREE THAT WAS WRONG BUT ISN'T THIS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING THEY ARE SHOWING HE DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.

HE HAD TO TELL THAT VERSION AT THAT POINT OR HE WAS, THERE WOULD BE NO CREDIBILITY TO IT. NO, YOUR HONOR, AND IN FACT WHAT THE PROSECUTOR WAS DOING IN THIS CASE.

THERE WAS TESTIMONY THAT MARK POOLE WAS -- TALKED TO THE POLICE, HE COOPERATED, HE GAVE A BLOOD SAMPLE.

HE GAVE HIM CONSENT TO SEARCH THE TRAILER.

WHAT THE PROSECUTOR WAS SAYING IMPROPERLY IN THIS CASE IS WHEN DEFENSE COUNSEL GETS UP THERE AND SAYS MARK POOLE ADMITS TO COMMITTING A BURGLARY.

HE ADMITS TO COMMITTING A SEXUAL BATTERY, OR HE SAID IT WAS SEX AGAINST MRS. ^WHITE, HER WILL.

WHEN DEFENSE COUNSEL IS SAYING THAT HE IS OBJECTING HIMSELF AS A WITNESS AND THE PROSECUTOR WAS CERTAINLY ENTITLED TO SAY REFUTE THE EVIDENCE THAT WAS ADMITTED AT TRIAL.

DID YOU HEAR ANYONE AT ANY TIME SAY DID MARK POOLE ADMIT THAT HE COMMITTED THESE THREE OFFENSES BUT NOT, NOT -- SO BECAUSE THE LAWYER WAS USED ILL ADVISED WORDS INSTEAD

HE COULD'VE SAID WE CERTAINLY
CAN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS
EVIDENCE THAT MR. POOLE
COMMITTED THE SEXUAL BATTERY
BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE HE
COMMITTED THE MURDER, THAT
WOULD NOT HAVE OPENED THE DOOR.
DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT?
PROBABLY NOT, YOUR HONOR.
SO NOW WE'RE IN A SITUATION
TO SAY BECAUSE HE MAY HAVE
MISSPOKE BY SAYING ACKNOWLEDGED
AS OPPOSED TO I NEED TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS WHAT
THE EVIDENCE SHOWS, WE'RE IN A
SITUATION WHERE THE DOOR IS
OPENED AND IT'S FOCUSING ON
MR. POOLE NEVER TELLS
AN VERSION OF THE STORY THAT
EXONERATES -- ANY VERSION OF
THE STORY THAT EXONERATES HIM.
THAT'S CORRECT.
BUT ISN'T THAT BECAUSE THERE
ARE SUCH HIGH-RISK ERRORS ISN'T
THERE JUST A PROBLEM ON ITS
FACE WITH AFFIRMING THIS
CONVICTION AND NOT SAYING THAT
THE COUNSEL SHOULD -- WAS
INEFFECTIVE ON ITS FACE FOR
OPENING THE DOOR BECAUSE ONCE
THE DOOR WAS OPENED, LOOK WHAT
THEY GOT TO TALK ABOUT?
ABSOLUTELY NOT, YOUR HONOR.
AND HERE IS WHY.
IN THIS CASE, YOU HAVE
ABSOLUTELY OVERWHELMING
EVIDENCE OF GUILT.
AND I KNOW SOMETIMES
PROSECUTORS THROW THAT WORD
AROUND OVERWHELMING BUT IN THIS
CASE IT TRULY IS. CHIEF JUSTICE
LEWIS, THERE WASN'T A COURT
EYEWITNESS IN THE DACE.
DAWN BRISEDDINE OBSERVED THE
WINS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION
ALONE TOWARD THE VICTIM'S
TRAILER AT 11:30 P.M., THE TIME
-- WITHIN THE TIME FRAME THAT
THESE CRIMES OCCURRED AND THEN
YOU HAVE OVERWHELMING PHYSICAL
EVIDENCE.
DNA, MATCHING THE APPELLANTS,
AND THAT YIELDS A POPULATION
PERCENTAGE OF ONE IN 80 SOME

TRILLION.

MORE THAN ANY OTHER PERSON ON EARTH.

AND A SHOE RIGHT NEXT TO VICTIM NOAH SCOTT WAS FOUND AND ALSO YOU HAVE GOT VICTIM WHITE'S BLOOD ON A POLO SHIRT RECOVERED FROM MARK POOLE'S TRAILER.

IN ADDITION, HE'S PASSING OFF THESE GAMES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MURDER, SELLING THEM TO PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFIED HIM AND AGAIN, GEE, WHAT A SURPRISE. THOSE GAMES HAVE THE VICTIM'S BLOOD ON THEM.

WHAT WAS THE, YOUR OPPONENT HAS SAID THAT, THAT THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE CRIME AS OPPOSED TO ONE?

REFRESH US OR GIVE US A COMPLETE PICTURE OF WHATEVER EVIDENCE, YOU KNOW, THERE WAS OR WASN'T.

IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT IS HE BASING THAT ON?

WELL, I BELIEVE MR. HELM IS BASING THAT ON THE VICTIM'S 911 CALL.

REMEMBER, SHE WAS NOT UNCONSCIOUS --

THE VICTIM TESTIFIED AT TRIAL, IS THAT CORRECT?

IT DID NOT SAY THAT THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE IN HER TRAILER AT TESTIMONY.

SHE SAID THE PERSON WHO WAS RAPING HER SHE COULD SEE A BLACK ARM AND AN OLDER BLACK GENTLEMAN'S VOICE.

THAT'S IT.

NOW EVERY -- YOU INTRODUCE OF THE 911 CALL WHERE SHE INDICATES THERE WERE TWO ATTACKERS SHE WAS CONCUSIVE AT THAT POINT FALLING IN AND OUT OF CONSCIOUSNESS THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN WHO TESTIFIED SHE WAS RAMBLING.

DID SHE EXPLAIN THAT, THAT IN HER TESTIMONY AT TRIAL?

I DON'T BELIEVE SHE DID, YOUR HONOR.

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE, THERE

WAS NO CROSS-EXAMINATION OF HER
THAT SAID WELL WHAT ABOUT THIS
911 CALL AND THEN SHE SAID,
LOOK, I WAS, YOU KNOW, IN SHOCK
AND IN AND OUT OR WAS THERE
ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
I DON'T BELIEVE SO, YOUR
HONOR.

I SEE.

SO SHE WAS NEVER -- THERE
WASN'T ANY TESTIMONY THEN AT
TRIAL THAT SAID, YES, MAYBE I
SAID THAT AND HOW DID THE 911

--

I DON'T BELIEVE SHE --

HOW DID THE 911 EVIDENCE
COME IN, THEN?

THE PROSECUTOR INTRODUCED
THAT, THE 911 CALL.

OKAY FROM THE RECORDER OF
THAT OR --

THAT IS CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.

AND WE HAVE TRANSCRIPT.

THERE WAS ALSO AN EMT
TECHNICIAN WHO INDICATED SHE
MIGHT'VE SEEN SOMEONE ELSE IN
THE APARTMENT, BUT AGAIN THAT
SAME EMT SAID SHE REALLY WASN'T
MAKING SENSE.

THIS WAS A WOMAN LEFT FOR DEAD
STRUCK EIGHT TIMES WITH A TIRE
IRON.

BUT THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF
THE EVIDENCE THAT?

AS I RECALL, YOUR HONOR.

THAT THE DEFENSE COULD'VE
RELIED ON.

OKAY.

RELIED ON, IT'S A VERY
TENUOUS THEORY.

WELL, UNTIL YOU GOT TO THE
ARGUMENT THEY PUT ON THE
EVIDENCE OF THE OTHER TWO
PEOPLE.

RIGHT?

THERE'S MORE EVIDENCE BUT IT
DIDN'T SEEM TO CONNECT TO
ANYTHING.

THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL
EVIDENCE SAYING THAT THERE WAS
ANYONE ELSE THERE.

IN FACT, THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
SHOWED THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE
PERPETRATOR.

BUT THERE WAS EVIDENCE THEY BROUGHT IN ABOUT A WOMAN WHO HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL OR SOMETHING?

I MEAN, THERE WAS EVIDENCE AND IT DIDN'T SEEM TO CONNECT AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN WELL, IT WAS EVIDENCE.

THERE WAS NO CONNECTION.

OH, I UNDERSTAND BUT AGAIN IN ANSWER TO JUSTICE ANSTEAD'S QUESTION WAS THEY PUT THESE PEOPLE ON AND AT THE TIME DIDN'T CONNECT IT TO THIS OTHER TRAILER BUT PIT THOSE PEOPLE ON, MADE YOU WONDER WHY ARE THEY TESTIFYING.

EXACTLY.

IN FACT, THE JUDGE COULD'VE INCLUDED THAT BECAUSE ALL THEY SHOWED IS SOMEBODY MIGHT'VE THOUGHT THAT THE VICTIM -- ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE BUT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND IN FACT, THE VICTIM WHITE KNEW HIS INDIVIDUAL VOICE DID HEAR IT. WHAT DID DEFENSE COUNSEL SET OUT IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT? WITH REFERENCE TO ADDRESSING THE JURY AS TO HOW THE APPROACH TO THE CASE WOULD BE?

WAS IT A REASONABLE DOUBT OR MAKING THE, THE STATE PROVE ITS CASE OR WAS IT -- YOU KNOW, DO YOU KNOW?

I DON'T HAVE AN INDEPENDENT RECOLLECTION.

I DON'T BELIEVE HE MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT A THIRD -- THE DEFENSE THEORY WAS GOING TO BE -- SOME THIRD PERSON HERE BUT I THINK THE PROSECUTOR WAS CONFRONTED WITH THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN REBUTTAL.

REMEMBER, AND ONCE THERE WAS A SINGLE OBJECTION, THE PROSECUTOR, THERE WAS NO OTHER COMMENT THAT THE PROSECUTOR MADE.

SO THE DEFENDANTS HERE IS TO SHOW FUNDAMENTAL ERROR BASED UPON THIS COMMENT WHICH THE STATE ADMITS WERE ENTIRELY FAIR

BASED UPON DEFENSE COUNSEL'S ARGUMENT BUT REMEMBER THE STAND OF REVIEW HERE IS BECAUSE YOU HAD AN OBJECTION AND IT WAS ESSENTIALLY SUSTAINED BY THE TRIAL COURT, AND THE PROSECUTOR AGREED TO REPHRASE HIS ARGUMENT BASED UPON THAT SINGLE COMMENT, THE DEFENDANT'S WORDS SHOW THAT COMMENT WAS SO PREJUDICIAL IT SERVED TO VITIATE THE ENTIRE TRIAL.

WELL THE LAST COMMENT WAS OBJECTED TO.

THAT'S TRUE.

IF THE LAWYER STANDS UP AND SAYS TO THE JURY IF THIS PERSON REALLY -- IF THIS REALLY HAPPENED THIS WAY HE NEEDS TO COME OVER ON THIS WITNESS STAND AND TELL US THAT.

THAT WOULD BE IMPROPER.

WORDS MEAN SOMETHING.

WORDS DO MEAN SOMETHING.

AND SOMETIMES YOU HAVE THOSE WORDS AND I'M NOT EYOU KNOW TO ME IT SAYS THEN LET HIM COME FORWARD IS WHAT THIS SAYS.

I MEAN IT'S REALLY SAYING THAT TO MOO AND WHY AM I WRONG IN SEEING THAT WAY?

WELL, I'M NOT SAYING YOU'RE WRONG AND I'M CERTAINLY NOT -- I ADMITTED THIS BEFORE WHEN YOU SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE DEFENDANT COMING FORWARD YOU'RE CAREFUL -- REMEMBER, THE PROSECUTOR DOESN'T HAVE A SCRIPT HERE.

HE HEARS THE DEFENSE ARGUMENT AND HE'S ARGUING.

THERE IS DEFENSE OBJECTION WHICH PREVENTED HIM FROM FINISHING THAT THOUGHT.

AND HE AGREES TO REPHRASE IT AND MOVE ON.

BUT WHAT IS COMMONLY DONE IN THE THIS CASE AND CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG IS WHEN YOU ARE IN THE HEAT OF THE ARGUMENT AND YOU ARE PASSIONATE AND YOU ARE GOING AND YOU ARE MAKING THE ARGUMENT AND YOU SLIP AND GO A LITTLE TOO FAR WHICH THE

PROSECUTOR DEFINITELY DID HERE,
IS MADE AWARE OF THAT BY THE
JUDGE, THE PROSECUTOR DID NOT
GET BACK UP AND REEMPHASIZE WE
HAVE THE -- WE HAVE THE BURDEN
OF PROVE.

THE DEFENDANTS HAS NO --
DO YOU AGREE?

I ALSO AGREE THERE WAS NO
REQUEST FOR CURATIVE YOU HAVE
TO UNDERSTAND THE JURY IS INICT
CENTERED THE DEFENSE CARRIES NO
BURDEN -- THE PROSECUTOR'S
ARGUMENT THAT HE HAS, YOU KNOW,
THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
HE HAS NO BURDEN HE DID NOT
TESTIFY IN THIS CASE YOU CAN'T
HOLD IT AGAINST HIM SO THE
DEFENSE HAS --

I GUESS MY POINT IS ISN'T IT
PROPER FOR THE PROSECUTOR WHEN
THE PROSECUTOR MAKE AS MISTAKE
LIKE THIS TO STAND BEFORE THE
JURY AND REEMPHASIZE FOR THE
JURY WHERE THE BURDEN LIES AND
THE PROSECUTOR MAY HAVE
RESTATED IT.

I AM SURE AND I KNOW THE
PROSECUTOR IN THIS CASE IS A
GOOD PROSECUTOR.

I DON'T KNOW.

I KNOW THAT -- REMEMBER THERE
WAS NO OFFENSIVE OR OBJECTIVE
COMMENTS BEFORE.

IT WAS NOT LIKE A STRING OF
COMMENTS.

THE PROSECUTOR HEARS THE THEORY
FOR THE FIRST TIME AND HE MAKE
AS ARGUMENT.

WELL, LET'S TALK ABOUT HOW
GOOD A PROSECUTOR.

HE MAY BE A VERY GOOD
PROSECUTOR.

I MAY BE -- I AM VERY CONCERNED
ABOUT WHAT THE PROSECUTOR DID
IN THE PENALTY PHASE, AND IF
YOU FIRST IF YOU CAN ADDRESS I
THINK YOU HAVE ADEQUATELY
EXPLAINED WHY YOU THINK IT WAS
HARMLESS.

THE COMMENTS AND WE'LL JUST
HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT BUT
THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS IN THIS
PENALTY PHASE THAT I HAVEN'T

SEEN IN A WHILE THAT I'M JUST CONCERNED CUMULATIVELY THAT THIS PROSECUTOR STEPPED OVER THE LINE, AND LET'S JUST START WITH WELL, HE'S A LOVING GREAT GUY.

WELL, DID YOU KNOW HE WAS ARRESTED?

WHERE IS THAT COMING FROM AND WHERE IS THAT NOT A VIOLATION OF OUR CASE LAW ON, AND IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, A VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT THAT THERE WAS BETWEEN THE PROSECUTOR, THE DEFENSE, AND THE, AND THE TRIAL COURT?

YOUR HONOR, IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT THE PENALTY PHASE WAS STILL PART OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE -- FACT FINDING. THE PROSECUTOR DOES NOT HAVE TO SIT BACK ON HIS HAND AND LET A WITNESS TESTIFY THAT THIS MAN IS AN ANGEL.

THEN WE WOULD BE SHOT. BASICALLY WHAT HE SAID WITH THIS REPUTATION NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE HE IS HERE AT ALL.

HE HAS GOT A STELLAR REPUTATION.

HE WAS A CHURCHGOING, KIND AND LOVING MAN.

WE WOULD ALL BE SHOCKED. WHEN HE CROSSED THAT LINE. WELL, THEN, LET'S JUST ASSUME HE THOUGHT HE NOW CROSSED THE LINE AS JUSTICE BELL SAID.

ISN'T THEN THE NEXT STEP TO SAY YOUR HONOR I WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK CERTAIN QUESTIONS, AND WHETHER THE QUESTIONS WOULD BE DID YOU KNOW HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN THREE STATES WHERE I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT COMES FROM, BUT WHERE ARE ARRESTS NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY UNLESS HE GOES HE'S NEVER BEEN ARRESTED, HEERS ARE -- HE'S SO GOOD, HE'S NEVER BEEN ARRESTED BUT WHERE DO ARREST COMES IN TO IMPEACH SOMEBODY THAT HE'S KIND, LOVING, AND CONSIDER ISN'T.

AND THAT HE HAS A STELLAR REPUTATION BACK HOME. YOUR HONOR, I THINK IT GOES BACK TO THE CASE -- REPUTATION -- IN MY BRIEF. BUT I THINK THE DISTINCTION THAT JUSTICE PARIENTE IS DRAWING IS THAT WHEN IMPROPER IMPEACHMENT IF YOU WERE GOING TO THE CREDIBILITY OF A WITNESS WOULD BE -- HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME. NOT WHETHER YOU'VE BEEN ARRESTED. BECAUSE ARRESTED REALLY IS THOUGH IT, IT IS A VERY STRONG TERM AS FAR AS A LAYPERSON IS CONCERNED, WE KNOW AS FAR AS LAW IS CONCERNED IT ABSOLUTELY -- IT DOESNT STOP ANYTHING. -- ESTABLISH ANYTHING. THIS COURT HAS IN THE PAST -- IN -- IN THAT CASE THE DEFENSE WITNESS WAS STATING HOW, HOW, YOU KNOW, NONVIOLENT THE DEFENDANT WAS AND HOW NONVIOLENT HE WAS TOWARD WOMEN HE WAS. THIS COURT ALLOWED IMPROPER IMPEACHMENT AND I DON'T THINK THERE IS MENTION OF A HIS PRIOR -- SO I THINK ONCE YOU PUT -- WELL PRIOR VIOLENCE, ACTS OF MISCONDUCT TO IMPEACH, ACTS OF MISCONDUCT BUT ARRESTS ON THEIR OWN MEAN NOTHING. THEY DON'T IMPEACH ANYTHING, AND IN FACT, THE WORST ABOUT IT IS THAT WE DON'T KNOW HERE WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT ARRESTS IN GEORGIA FOR WHATEVER. YOU KNOW, THE PROSECUTOR JUST THREW IT OUT LIKE HE THREW OUT THIS COMMENT WHICH HAS NO BASIS IN THE EVIDENCE DID YOU KNOW HE HAD THUG LIFE ON HIS ABDOMEN. I MEAN, THAT'S, HE'S TESTIFYING TO A FACT NOT IN EVIDENCE. IT'S -- YOU KNOW WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING? THE. THE CASES ON REPUTATION ARE DIFFERENT. IF YOU HAVE HEARD THIS -- I

SUBMIT THE PROSECUTOR COULD'VE
GOTTEN INTO PRIOR CONVICTIONS.
THE PLAUS COURT HAD A GOOD
FAITH HAD BASE TO ASK THAT
QUESTION WE KNOW THAT THE TRIAL
COURTS ORDERED THAT HE
APPELLANT'S CRIMINAL RECORD
WENT THROUGH THREE FACES BUT
FOUR.

THE THERE IS A PSI TO BACK THAT
UP.

FURTHERMORE, THERE WAS
ABSOLUTELY NO OBJECTION --
WHAT CASE SAYS THAT YOU CAN
IMPEACH A WITNESS ON USING
PRIOR ARRESTS?

YOUR HONOR, I BELIEVE I
CITED GREENFIELD v. STATE WHICH
IMPLICATED AND IT WENT THROUGH
A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF
REPUTATION AND CHARACTER AND
WHAT IS PERMISSIBLE
IMPEACHMENT.

I WOULD ADMIT TO YOU IN
GERALDS v. STATE THIS COURT
SAID IT WAS PROPER TO IMPEACH A
CHARACTER WITNESS ON THOSE
SPECIFIC FACTS BUT IN GERALDS A
NEIGHBOR TESTIFIED HE HAD LIVED
NEXT TO HIM ONE YEAR AND HAD NO
PROBLEM WITH HIM.

IT IS MUCH DIFFERENT WHERE --
HIS KIND, LOVING AND
CHURCHGOING.

OKAY SO YOU ARE.

YOU AGREE THAT HE WOULD
NEVER BE ADMITTED AS A
REPUTATION WITNESS?

JONES, JR., HE'S THE BROTHER.

OH,.

HE REALLY TESTIFIED TO HIS
GENERAL REPUTATION.

HE TESTIFIED.

WELL HE MADE THE STATEMENT
AT THE VERY END OF THE LAST
STATEMENT THAT WAS ADMITTED AND
THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THAT
OR ANY FOUNDATION FOR THE
REPUTATION.

AND, AND THE CROSS-EXAMINATION
OF HIM TOWARDS THIS DIDN'T GO
TO -- AND THEY SAID FOLKS IN
LOUISIANA.

AND I MEAN THERE WAS NO

EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO THE FOLKS
IN LOUISIANA HAD A DIFFERENT
IMPRESSION OR KNEW ABOUT
ARRESTS IN NON-LOUISIANA
STATES, NON-LOUISIANA ARRESTS.
THE POINT WAS MADE.

-- YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW
THIS MAN AND HIS REPUTATION --
WHY DIDN'T THEY USE THAT
QUESTION?

AGAIN WORDS MEAN SOMETHING AND
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE --
BEFORE WE VILIFY THE
PROSECUTOR HERE.

WE'RE NOT VILIFICATION, THIS
IS TRYING TO GET TO
CONSTITUTIONAL PARAMETERS,
PROPER QUESTIONING AND WE ARE
NOT COMMENTING UPON A BAD
PERSON OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
WE'RE TALKING UTLAW AND THE
PROSECUTOR ON ANY PROSECUTORS
HE ONLY QUESTIONED THE BROTHER
ON THAT AND THE REASON HE DID
BECAUSE THE BROTHER STEPPED
OVER THAT LINE AND SAID HIS
REPUTATION EVERYONE BE SHOCKED.
HE DIDN'T --

ISN'T THERE A DIFFERENCE IN
BEING SHOCKED THAT SOMEONE IS
ACCUSED OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER
AND SOMEONE HAVING BEEN
ARRESTED FOR WE DON'T KNOW.
SHOPLIFTING, PETTY THEFT, IT
COULD'VE BEEN ANYTHING THAT HE
WAS POSSIBLY ARRESTED ON.
TO TAKE IT FURTHER WHICH REALLY
DISTURBS ME WE HAVE A
STIPULATION THAT WE ARE NOT
CONSIDERING NO PRIOR HISTORY,
CORRECT?

AND WHAT DOES THE JUDGE DO AND
THE JUDGE'S ORDER BUT UNDER THE
PRIOR HISTORY, TALKED ABOUT
THESE POSSIBLE ARRESTS AND
THESE OTHER STATES THAT WE HAVE
NO EVIDENCE ON AND HE TALKS
ABOUT IT IN HIS ORDER SAYING
THAT THE NO PRIOR HISTORY
DOESN'T REALLY -- IS NOT REALLY
APPLICABLE HERE AND SO NOT ONLY
DO WE HAVE A JURY NOW LISTENING
AND HEARING THAT THERE'S
PROBABLYY SOME OTHER CRIMINAL

STUFF IN THIS MAN'S BACKGROUND
BUT WE HAVE THE JUDGE USING IT
AS I SEE ADVERSELY AGAINST THE
DEFENDANT AND ALTHOUGH HE, IT'S
WRITTEN UNDER A MITIGATING
MACTER DASH FACTOR, IT REALLY
SOUNDS LIKE A NONSTATUTORY
AGGRAVATING FACTOR.

WELL, LET ME MOVE ON NOW TO
HARMLESS ERROR.

NO.

NO

[LAUGHTER]

ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

SHE WOULD LIKE AN ANSWER TO
THAT QUESTION.

YEAH, PLEASE DO.

I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT THE
DEFENDANT HAD A CRIMINAL
RECORD.

HE WAS NOT ENTITLED TO THE
MITIGATOR OF NO SIGNIFICANT
CRIMINAL HISTORY.

BUT HE SAID -- HE WAS NOT
OFFERING THAT AS A MITIGATING
FACTOR.

AND I THINK WHAT THE TRIAL
JUDGE, LOOK AT HIS ORDER HE WAS
CAREFUL TO LIST THROUGH EVERY
MITIGATOR WHETHER IT WAS PROVEN
OR NOT IN, AND GIVE A BRIEF
DISCUSSION.

AND THERE WAS NO ERROR ALLEGED
BAITS BASED ON THE TRIAL
COURT'S ORDER.

HAVE WE EVER HELD THAT --
DO WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT
WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
DOLLAR WAS REAL -- THERE WAS
REAL, SOME REAL HARM IN THE
PROSECUTOR BRINGING OUT THIS
INFORMATION.

HERE'S WHY IT'S CLEARLY
HARMLESS IN THIS CASE.

THE DEFENSE COUNSEL'S OWN WINS
ON DIRECT EXAMINATION --
WITNESS ON DIRECT EXAMINATION
ADMITTED THE APPELLANT WAS A --
HE WAS COMMITTING A LOT OF
BURGLARIES.

AND JURY WAS NOT UNDER THE
IMPRESSION.

INATE CONTEXT OF HIM HAVING A
-- IN THE CONTEXT OF HIM HAVING

A DRUG HABIT AND HE WAS DOING THIS -- WASN'T THERE -- WASN'T THIS IN THE CONTEXT OF WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM, ALCOHOL ABUSE PROBLEM?

IN, IN, --

AND THE DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY?

-- YOUR HONOR YOUR HONOR, CERTAINLY.

HIS OWN WITNESS IS SAYING HE IS CERTAINLY NOT ADVERSE TO VIOLATING THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS SO WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT HARMFUL ERROR LOOK AT THE DEDEFENSE.

THE JURY DIDN'T VOTE 12-0 FOR DEATH IN THIS CASE.

BECAUSE THE PROSECUTOR MENTIONED THAT HE HAD SOME PRIOR ARRESTS THAT THEY WEREN'T INFORMED OF.

WITH WE REALLY SAY THAT? WHAT'S THE STANDARD IN ORDER FOR -- WE HAVE TO SAY THAT BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT THIS DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO -- THAT IS CORRECT, YOUR HONOR BUT LOOK AT THE AGGRAVATION IN THIS CASE.

HERE WAS A YOUNG COUPLE ATTACKED WITH A TIRE IRON. WE HAVE TWO AGVUIVATING FACTORS, A PRIOR FELONY AND THE HAC AND THE PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY OR THE CONTEMPORANEOUS FELONIES WE DON'T HAVE ANY PRIOR VIOLENT FELONIES THAT GO BACK BEYOND THIS ACTUAL CRIMINAL INCIDENT, CORRECT.

NO PRIOR VIOLENT FELONIES OTHER THAN WHAT WE KNEW FROM THE PSI.

WE ALSO KNOW WHAT THE JURY KNEW, THAT MR. POOLE WAS IN TROUBLE IN JAIL FOR HITTING PEOPLE.

THAT CAME OUT THROUGH THE DEFENSE EXPERTS.

WELL, LET ME ASK AS FAR AS THE TRIAL JUDGE IN THE TRIAL JUDGE'S ORDER, THE TYPICAL CASE WHERE THE TRIAL JUDGE HAD THE INVESTIGATION WHICH WOULD'VE LISTED THE PRIOR ARRESTS AND

OTHERWISE.

YES, YOUR HONOR.

SO THAT WOULD'VE BEEN -- SO
THE JUDGE WOULD'VE HAD THAT
PERFORMED AT THE SPENCER
HEARING OR PRIOR TO SENTENCING
ANYWAY.

YEAH, AND HE DID BUT IN THIS
CASE, AGAIN, GOING BACK TO THE
FACT, AGAIN, NOT BECAUSE HE HAD
A THUG LIFE TATTOO ON HIS CHEST
OR HE MAY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED A
FEW TIMES.

HE HAS BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH THE
LAW.

THE JURY KNEW THAT.

THE DEFENSE EXPERT'S TESTIMONY.
IT'S DISCONCERTING THAT THE
TRIAL JUDGE DOESN'T DISCUSS
WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN IN A PRE--
PRETRIAL.

WHAT IS IT CALLED?

PRESENTANCE INVESTIGATION
REPORT.

HE DISCUSSES WHAT WAS BROUGHT
OUT -- PRESENTANCE
INVESTIGATION REPORT.

HE DISCUSSES WHAT WAS BROUGHT
OUT BY THE --

LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION
ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR FINDING
OF THE JUDGE IN THE SENTENCING
ORDER.

ARE THERE CASES THAT HOLD THAT
A JUDGE CAN FIND A LACK OF THE
MITIGATOR OR NO PRIOR
SIGNIFICANT CRIMINAL HISTORY BY
THE MERE FACT OF ARRESTS AS
OPPOSED TO CONVICTIONS?

WELL, YOUR HONOR, THERE WERE
CONVICTIONS, AND THERE WERE
ARRESTS IN MORE THAN THREE
STATES, FOUR STATES.

THERE COULD'VE BEEN 100
ARRESTS.

MY QUESTION IS CAN A JUDGE VIEW
ARRESTS AS OPPOSED TO
CONVICTIONS FOR A FINDING THAT
THERE WAS A PRIOR CRIMINAL
HISTORY?

YOUR HONOR, SINCE THAT WAS
NOT RAISED I'M NOT SURE.

HOWEVER I DO KNOW THE DEFENSE
DID NOT WANT THAT MITIGATOR AT

ALL AND THEY ADMITTED --
EXPERTS ADMITTED HE COMMITS A
LOT OF BURGLARIES.
HE VIOLATES THE RIGHTS.
MR. ^BROWNE I DO WANT TO MAKE
SURE IN DIRECT BECAUSE WE ARE
HERE ON THE LAW DO WE HAVE A
CASE THAT SAYS IT IS PROPER TO
IMPEACH A WITNESS IN A WINS
WITH A PRIOR ARREST?
I COULD FIND A CASE -- I
CITED IT WHERE I THINK IF YOU
TALK ABOUT GENERAL CHARACTER
REPUTATION AND AIRHART, THEY
DISCUSS IT, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT
GENERAL REPUTATION YOU CAN TALK
ABOUT THINGS -- SUCH AS
CONVICTIONS.
ABOUT ACTS OF MISCONDUCT.
NOW THE THING, THE REASON THIS
CONCERNS ME IS THAT IN EVERY
PENALTY PHASE, MOTHERS GET ON THE
STAND, FATHERS GET ON THE
STAND, BROTHERS AND THEY SAY,
HEY, THIS WAS A GOOD GUY
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY GET TO
DO WITH MITIGATION.
WE HAVE NEVER SAID THAT KIND OF
TESTIMONY OPENS THE DOOR TO --
DOOR TO SAY YOU KNOW THIS GUY
HAD A TATTOO ON HIS CHEST, HE
HAD ARRESTS AND BRING OUT
EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PERSON
THAT COULD NOT COME IN BECAUSE
IT'S IMPERMISSIBLE STATUTORY --
NONSTATUTORY AGGRAVATION, AND
THAT'S WHY I THINK THE
PRINCIPLE OF LAW HERE IS SO
IMPORTANT.
AND WHETHER WE REALIZE THIS IS
HARMLESS ERROR.
THIS WASN'T A SLIP-UP.
THIS WAS AN EXPERIENCED
PROSECUTOR SAYING HE'S GOT
ARRESTED IN GEORGIA, SOUTH
CAROLINA, AND TEXAS.
WHICH WAS NOT LOUISIANA.
SO CAN WE AGREE THAT WE MIGHT
LOOK AT THIS AS HARMLESS ERROR
BUT WE WOULD SAY THAT THIS TYPE
OF IMPEACHMENT OF A PENALTY
PHASE MITIGATION WITNESS IS
IMPROPER.
YOU CAN'T IMPEACH WITH JUST

PRIOR ARRESTS.

I WOULD INDICATE THIS COURT DID SAY BUT AGAIN I WOULD LIMIT -- I AM NOT, I AM NOT SURE THE ANSWER TO THAT SHOULD BE THE PROSECUTOR HAS TO JUST SIT BACK AND I THINK IF YOU MAKE THE PROSECUTOR GO FAR ENOUGH HE SHOULD'VE ASKED ABOUT CONVICTIONS AND BUT I DO KNOW THIS, THE 12-0 JURY RECOMMENDATION THE JURY DIDN'T VOTE FOR DEATH BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT HE HAD A FEW ARRESTS? ARE YOU KIDDING ME IN A CASE WHERE HE BROKE IN AND BEAT TWO PEOPLE MERCILESSLY RAPED. IF THIS WAS SUCH AN AIRTIGHT CASE WHY WOULD THEY ASK ABOUT, ABOUT REMORSE IF THAT'S NOT STATUTORY IN THIS CASE BECAUSE HE DID NOT ALLEGE HE WAS REMORSEFUL.

WHY WOULD HE ASK ABOUT THAT? WHY WOULD HE RISK THAT IF THIS IS OFF AN AIRTIGHT CASE.

YOUR HONOR, HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH HE-ALL REMORSE.

I CAN'T ANSWER PERSONALLY FOR THE PROSCOURT. I KNOW ABOUT REMORSE. THE VERY FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS WAS MR.^POOLE'S MOTHER WHO INDICATED IN RESPONSE TO DEFENSE COUNSEL'S QUESTION DID HE EVER INDICATE HE WAS SORRY FOR WHAT HE'D DONE OR SORRY? I THOUGHT WAS AMBIGUOUS ENOUGH FOR THE PROSECUTOR TO COME IN AND ASK ABOUT REMORSE DID SHE SPECIFICALLY EXPRESS REMORSE IN THIS CASE AND AGAIN THREE WITNESSES TESTIFIED IN THIS CASE AND THE PROSECUTOR ASKED ABOUT REMORSEURT THE -- BEFORE THE DEFENSE COUNSEL.

THERE WAS NEVER AN OBJECTION ON REMORSE.

THIS IS THE PENALTY PHASE FOR THIS DEFENSE LAWYER TO HAVE TO KEEP ON GETTING UP IN FRONT OF THE JURY IN RESPONSE TO IMPERMISSIBLE THINGS AND SAY HE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO GO INTO

REMORSE AT SOME POINT YOU GO I HAVE GOT TO WAIT TILL IT GETS REALLY BAD HERE SO I AGREE WITH YOU WE ALL WENT OVER THAT THERE IS WARRANT OBJECTS BUT WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO TRY PENALTY PHASE CASES AND EVERY TIME CLOSING ARGUMENTS OR LIKE WE HAVE HERE WITH THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT THE ARGUMENT IS IF IT WAS IMPROPER IT WAS HARMLESS IN THIS CASE IT SEEMS TO ME PROSECUTOR HAVE BEEN LISNING AND HAVE NOT STEPPED OVER THE LINE AND THIS ONE CONCERNS ME BECAUSE OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING THIS MORNING. YOUR HONOR, THE PROSECUTOR -- HAD ARGUED REMORSE AND WOULD FINALLY THE DEFENSE BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE THEY -- THE TRIAL COURT INDICATED THAT WELL, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE STIPULATIONS, AND WHEN THEY DISCUSSED THAT.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FACT IT SEEMS HERE AGAIN IN THE SENTENCING ORDER WE HAVE A TRIAL JUDGE AGAIN PICKING UP ON THIS INFORMATION ABOUT LACK OF REMORSE AND HE ACTUALLY PUTS THAT IN HIS SENTENCING ORDER ALSO.

YOUR HONOR, WHAT HE DID, IT IS PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE. TO TALK ABOUT REMORSE WHEN THE DEFENSE DOES NOT SAY THAT HE WAS REMORSEFUL?

THE DEFENSE INDICATED THAT HE WAS A RELIGIOUS PERSON. THE JUDGE IN RESPONDING TO THAT SAID THE DEFENSE -- I SUGGEST I PUT IT IN MY BRIEF. YOU READ THE DEFENSE SPENCER HEARING TESTIMONY HE DIDN'T SHOW ANY REMORSE.

IN FACT HE SAID SYMPATHY WAS SHOWN TO THE VICTIM. WE HAVE A CASE HERE WHERE THE VICTIM IS SAYING LOOK WHETHER HE ACKNOWLEDGED IT OR NOT HE COMMITTED THE RAPE HE COMMITTED THE BURGLARY HE

COMMITTED THE ROBBERY BUT HE DID NOT MURDER ANYONE SO EVEN IF HE GETS ON THE STAND AT THE SPENCER HEARING AND DOES NOT SAY I'M SORRY, FOR KILLING THESE PEOPLE, WHEN HE'S MAINTAINING THAT HE DID NOT KILL THESE PEOPLE DON'T WE HAVE CASE LAW ABOUT THAT? HE'S MAINTAINING HIS INNOCENCE AS TO THOSE TWO -- HE'S MAINTAINING HIS INNOCENCE TO THE MURDER. WHY SHOULD HE HAVE TO GET UP ON THE STAND AND SAY I'M SORRY FOR SOMETHING I DIDN'T DO. HE DIDN'T HAVE TO BUT NOT ONLY DIDN'T SHOW REMORSE BUT THE DEFENSE -- GAVE HER TISSUE. [INAUDIBLE] THE DEFENSE IS OFFERING HIM SOME RELIGIOUS GUY ARE YOU KIDDING ME? YOU CAN'T USE THAT? HAVE WE GONE SO FAR OVERBOARD. I AM NOT TRYING TO KID YOU. WHAT I AM ASKING YOU IS IF THE DEFENDANT IS MAINTAINING HIS INNOCENCE ARE YOU SAYING THAT DESPITE THAT FACT HE SHOULD GET UP ON THE STAND, IF HE GETS ON THE STAND, HE SHOULD SAY I'M SORRY, FOR HAVING KILLED PEOPLE THAT HE'S SAYING HE DIDN'T KILL. HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BUT IF YOU GO AND COMPLAIN THAT THE VICTIMS WERE SHOWN SOME SYMPATHY THEN I THINK YOU COULD, THE TRIAL COURT WOULD BE REMISS NOT MENTIONING -- IN REBUTTING THE DEFENDANT PROFFERING HIMSELF AS A RELIGIOUS MAN AT THE VERY LEAST. THE DEFENDANT ADMITTED THAT HE RAPED THE PREGNANT MRS. WHITE WHILE SHE WAS BEGGING FOR MERCY FOR HERSELF AND HER UNBORN CHILD. GEE, UM, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYONE WOULD FEEL SYMPATHY FOR HER. AND AGAIN, THE JURY -- THE FACT

OF THIS CASE ARE SO
OVERWHELMING AND OUTRAGEOUS
THAT IT -- THE FACT THAT WE
COULD BE TALKING ABOUT ANOTHER
PENALTY PHASE BECAUSE THE JURY
WORKED THIS OUT WELL HE MAY
HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

LOOK AT THE DEFENSE EXPERT'S
OWN TESTIMONY.

THE JURY KNEW HE WAS A B&E GUY.
HE COMMITTED BURGLARY.

WITH OUR HELP YOU HAVE
EXHAUSTED ALL OF YOUR TIME AND
PLUS -- AND I KNOW YOU ARE VERY
PASSIONATE THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM
BUT MR. ^HELM WE WILL GIVE YOU A
COUPLE QUESTIONS SO IF YOU WILL
GO AHEAD AND --

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE
ONE POINT.

EVER SINCE THE DIGUILIO WAS
DECIDED THIS COURT HAS
REPEATEDLY SAID THE TEST FOR
HARMLESS ERROR IS SUFFICIENCY
OF THE EVIDENCE.

IT IS NOT THE WEIGHT OF THE
EVIDENCE AND IT IS NOT EVEN
OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE.
IT'S WHETHER THERE IS A, YOU
CAN SAY BEYOND A REASONABLE
DOUBT THAT THE INCIDENT {CHRAN}
COMPLAINED OF DID NOT AFFECT
THE JURY'S VERDICT.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WE WILL TAKE THE CASE UNDER
ADVISEMENT AND THE COURT WILL
STAND IN RECESS.

ALL RISE.

COURT IS IN RECESS.

ALL RISE.

HEAR YE HEAR YE HEAR YE.

THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA IS
NOW IN SESSION.

ALL THOSE HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE
THIS COURT DRAW NIGH, GIVE
ATTENTION AND YE SHALL BE HEARD,
GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES, THE
GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA AND THIS
HONORABLE COURT.

GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT, PLEASE BE SEATED.

GOOD MORNING, FRIENDS, WELCOME TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT ON THE ORAL ARGUMENT CALENDAR FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8th. THE FIRST CASE UP THIS MORNING IS WILLIAMSON VERSUS STATE OF FLORIDA.

READY TO PROCEED?

OKAY.

KEVIN KULIK ON BEHALF OF MR. WILLIAMSON.

BASICALLY, IN THIS CASE, THIS WAS A CASE THAT OCCURRED -- ACTUALLY OCCURRED IN 1988, AND SORT OF A CASE, TYPICAL OF THAT ERA AND THERE'S NOT A LOT OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT AND, IN 1988, THE CASE WAS TRIED IN BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, IT WAS KIND OF A SENSATIONAL CASE AT THE TIME, THE WAY THE HOMICIDES OCCUR WAS, VERY BRUTAL.

AND ESSENTIALLY THAT SORT OF FLAVORED THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS AND CASE.

WHAT POINTS ARE YOU GOING TO ARGUE HERE?

WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCEDURAL POINTS OF THIS.

I'M PREFACING MY OVERALL ARGUMENT HOW THE TRIAL OCCURRED AND HAD A PROBLEMS ABOUT HOW THE TRIAL OCCURRED AND THE MAIN ISSUE I GUESS UNDER THE COURT'S CONSIDERATION THIS IS GRAY ISSUE.

AND I GUESS I'LL SWITCH NOW AND START WITH THAT.

ESSENTIALLY THIS IS A CASE IN THE STATE VERSUS GRAY CASE, THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT BASICALLY HELD THAT --

WELL --

CERTAINLY, CERTAINLY, HERE, YOU HAVE OTHER AGGRAVATION, OTHER THAN JUST THE ATTEMPTED FELONY MURDER.

I MEAN, YOU HAVE SIGNIFICANT AGGRAVATION ON THE PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY THAT WE IN OUR DIRECT APPEAL HELD WAS PROPERLY

PRESENTED IN THE GUILT PHASE.
AS TO THE BEATING TO DEATH OF A
CHILD, AND -- EARLIER, AND
BEATING OF ANOTHER CHILD.
WITH A BASEBALL BAT.
NOW, SO YOU HAVE THREE OTHER
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS, A
KIDNAPPING, BURGLARY.
SO I DON'T SEE HOW GRAY REALLY
GETS YOU VERY FAR.
OTHER THAN YOU GET REVERSAL.
ON --
I WOULD FIRST ARGUE THAT
MR. RODNEY WILLIAMSON, THE
DEFENDANTS'S BROTHER, HAD FOR
THE EXACT SAME REASON --
WELL, THERE WAS -- THERE WAS
NOT A -- IN THAT REVERSAL, IT
WAS REVERSED ON THE JURY
VERDICT.
COMBINED ATTEMPTED FELONY MURDER
AND PREMEDITATED MURDER.
THAT'S NOT RAISED HERE.
THAT WAS THE REASON THE 4th
DISTRICT REVERSED THAT CASE.
WELL, MY ARGUMENT BASICALLY
IS THAT THIS COURT HAS ACTUALLY
SEVERAL TIMES RULED THE OPPOSITE
OF THE WAY JUSTICE WELLS HAS
SUGGESTED, ESSENTIALLY, IF THERE
ARE MULTIPLE GROUNDS FOR A -- AN
AGGRAVATION AND SOME OF THE
GROUNDS FOR AGGRAVATION ARE
LATER DETERMINED TO BE
NONEXISTENT CRIMES, I WOULD
SUBMIT IN THIS CASE THAT THREE
ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE MURDERS
WHICH ARE NOT -- NONCONSISTENT
CRIMES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE
CASE IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR FOR
THE JURY AND THE JURY
INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS CASE
ACTUALLY READ THAT IF YOU FIND
THAT HOMICIDES OCCURRED AS A
RESULT OF -- IN THE COURSE OF
THESE OTHER UNDERLYING FELONIES,
ATTEMPTED MURDER AND THE OTHER
ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE MURDERS
IN THIS CASE WERE SEVERE
FACTUALLY TO THE JURY, A
ONE-AND-A-HALF-YEAR-OLD CHILD
SHOT IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD AND
SEEMED TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO
ELIMINATE THE WITNESSES IN THE

CASE, PEOPLE WHO BASICALLY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG WERE SHOT IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD BUT SURVIVED, BECAUSE IT WAS A .22, NOT A FIREARM TO CAUSE -- LET ME, IF I COULD, STEER YOU SINCE YOU HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME TO AN ISSUE THAT IS OF CONCERN TO ME AND THIS IS THE ISSUE OF THE FAILURE TO OBJECT TO THE DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY. AND WHAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THERE FROM YOUR STANDPOINT IS WITH IT THE EVIDENCE THAT WAS IN THE RECORD FROM O'BRIEN, THIS PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY, THE BEATING TO DEATH OF THE CHILD AND THEN, THE -- SEVERELY INJURING ANOTHER CHILD, HOW IS THAT EVIDENCE PREJUDICIAL? IT WASN'T VERY -- THEY EMPHASIZED IN THE CLOSING ARGUMENT IN THIS CASE -- WE DIDN'T EVEN MENTION IN OUR DIRECT APPEAL. I UNDERSTAND. I THINK THE MAIN THING ABOUT THIS CASE AND YES, THEY CONSIDERED THE DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY IN CONTEXT. IS THAT THE STATE KNEW GOING IN THAT BASICALLY IT WAS A ONE WITNESS CASE AND HAD MR. PANOYAN WHO HAD -- A FLIPPED CO-DEFENDANT -- WELL, COULD ANYONE ELSE IDENTIFY WILLIAMSON? IN OTHER WORDS, OBVIOUSLY THE SURVIVING HUSBAND WAS ABLE TO TESTIFY TO WHAT HAPPENED. BUT WAS THE -- YOUR CLIENT OR THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE, WHOEVER WAS THE PERPETRATOR, WAS MASTERING THE WHOLE INCIDENT? SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT -- NO ONE. NO ONE OTHER THAN -- NO ONE OTHER THAN MR. PANOYAN WHOES ACTUALLY CHARGED WITH THE CRIME AND IM PRISONED, IN JAIL 18 MONTHS. NO ONE ELSE COULD HAVE IDENTIFIED MR. WILLIAMSON. THAT'S CASE PROGRESSED,

MR. PANOYAN ESSENTIALLY MADE THE CASE, ONCE HE AGREED TO BE AND IN FORM MANTLE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE ONLY OTHER THING THE GOVERNMENT COULD DO WAS FIND THREE OTHER PEOPLE IN JAIL WITH MR. WILLIAMSON, AND THEY ALSO TESTIFIED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN MY CELL HE TOLD ME THIS AND THAT.

ONE OF THOSE -- ONE OF THOSE WITNESSES, O'BRIEN, SAID THAT RODNEY WILLIAMSON, THAT HIS BROTHER HAD IMPLICATED RODNEY WILLIAMSON, AND RODNEY WILLIAMSON DID NOT TESTIFY IN THIS CASE, CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

BUT THERE WAS IN THE RECORD THAT HE WAS THERE BY REASON OF WHAT WILLIAMSON TOLD O'BRIEN.

WELL, THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER BROTHER, VERNON WILLIAMSON WHO WAS A SUSPECT IN THE CASE AND MR. WILLIAMSON HIMSELF, DANA WILLIAMSON, MY CLIENT, MADE COMMENTS INDICATING THAT HE THOUGHT THAT MAYBE RODNEY AND HIS BROTHER, VERNON, HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS BUT NOT HIM BUT, ESSENTIALLY, THE NATURE OF THE CASE IS THAT THEY HAD THE ONE WITNESS, MR. PANOYAN WHO WAS IN ON THE CRIME AND MADE A STATEMENT SAYING HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO COMMITTED THE CRIME AND HE WAS INNOCENT AND HOGTIED DURING IT AND THEY FLIPPED HIM AND SAID DANA WILLIAMSON COMMITTED THE CRIME AND THAT IS BASICALLY THE ENTIRE CASE, NO FORENSIC EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE STATEMENT AND HAD THE OTHER THREE JAIL INMATES TESTIFYING BUT IT IS THE KIND OF CASE THAT IS WEAK --

I WANT TO ASK YOU --

AND THE DOCTOR WAS --

YOU DO HAVE THAT, YOU DO HAVE THE HAT.

THE GOVERNMENT'S WHOLE CASE IS BASICALLY DESIGNED TO BOLSTER THE TESTIMONY OF CHARLES

PANOYAN.

AND IT IS A WEAK --

YOU ARE ARGUING FOR AN
EVIDENTIARY HEARING, YOU AREN'T
SAYING AT THIS POINT WE SHOULD
GRANT A NEW TRIAL.

ON THE -- THE GRAY ISSUE I
WOULD SUBMIT THE WHOLE CASE IS
SUBJECT TO REVERSAL.

ON THE PENALTY -- YOU ARE
ARGUING FOR REVERSAL ON THE
PENALTY PHASE.

ON THE GRAY ISSUE, I WOULD
ALSO ARGUE THE GUILT PHASE.
THE COMMISSION WAS FOR FIRST
DEGREE MURDER, PREMEDITATED OR
FELONY MURDER, ONE OF THE
UNDERLYING FELONY WAS ATTEMPTED
FIRST DEGREE MURDER WHICH IS
DETERMINED TO BE A NONEXISTENT
OFFENSE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
CASE SO IF THE JURY IN THEORY
FOUND MR. WILLIAMSON GUILTY OF
FIRST DEGREE MURDER AS A FELONY
MURDER WITH ATTEMPTED FIRST
DEGREE FELONY MURDER WHICH DOES
NOT EXIST THE -- AS THE
UNDERLYING FELONY OF COURSE THE
ENTIRE CASE WOULD TO BE REVERSED.
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FELONIES
THAT WERE FOUND.

KIDNAPPINGS, EXTORTIONS
AND...

THE COURT HAS MULTIPLE TIMES
DECIDED IF YOU HAVE OTHER FELONY
CONVICTIONS, BUT ALSO
NONEXISTENT OFFENSES ESSENTIALLY
THE COURT HAS TO SUBSTITUTE
ITSELF FOR THE FACT-FINDING
FUNCTION OF THE JURY TO DECIDE
WHICH ONE THE JURY ACTUALLY
RELIED UPON, IN THE CASE, THE
WILLIAMSON CASE, THE ATTEMPTED
FIRST DEGREE MURDER CONVICTIONS
EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN
DETERMINED TO BE NONEXISTENT
WERE VERY SEVERE CASES, AND IF
THE JURY DETERMINED THAT, YOU
KNOW, THE SHOOTING THE CHILD IN
THE BACK OF THE HEAD WAS SO
HEINOUS, THAT THAT IS THE
UNDERLYING FELONY WE'LL FIND HIM
GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER
FOR, FIRST DEGREE FELONY MURDER.

YOU ARE SAYING THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED ON FIRST DEGREE MEL FUNNY MURDER AND THE BASIS OF IT WAS -- FIRST DEGREE FELONY MURDER AND THE BASIS WAS FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND KIDNAPPING AND THE OTHER FELONIES, THAT WERE -- YES.

THERE WERE ALTERNATE THEORIES FOR EVERY COUNT.

FOR THE 1st DEGREE.

IT COULD BE EITHER

PREMEDITATION OR FELONY MURDER AND FOR ALL OF THE ATTEMPTED 1st DEGREE MURDERS, IT WAS

PREMEDITATED, ATTEMPTED OR --

BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT THE 1st DEGREE MURDER CONVICTION ITSELF.

THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED ON PREMEDITATED MURDER, CORRECT.

THAT'S CORRECT.

THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED ON FELONY MURDER.

CORRECT.

AND THE FELONIES THAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED ON WERE WHAT?

BASICALLY ALL OF THE OTHER FELONIES IN THE CASE.

I'M LOOKING AT TWO -- LOOKING AT -- IT SAYS THE CAPITAL -- NONEXISTENCE ONES.

THE SENTENCING ORDER SAYS THE CAPITAL FELONY WAS COMMITTED WHILE THE DEFENDANT WAS ENGAGED IN AND LISTS THE CRIMES BUT IT STARTS WITH ROBBERY.

SEXUAL BATTERY, ARSON, BURGLARY, KIDNAPPING, AND DOES NOT TALK ABOUT ATTEMPTED 1st DEGREE MURDER.

NEVERTHELESS, THE JURY INSTRUCTION ACTUALLY EXPLAINED FELONY MURDER AND THE OTHER UNDERLYING FELONIES --

AND THE QUESTION WAS, AND THAT INSTRUCTION INCLUDED ATTEMPTED MURDER?

ON THE OTHER?

I'M NOT SURE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IT BUT GAVE THE DEFINITIONS OF THE OTHER -- OF THE OTHER UNDERLYING -- THAT WOULD BE PRETTY IMPORTANT.

I MEAN, WE ARE RIGHT HERE AND YOU MIGHT HAVE A POINT, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME ON THE CRITICAL POINT.

WHICH IS WHAT WAS THE JURY INSTRUCTED ON.

YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL US, WHETHER THE -- BECAUSE THERE WAS NO SEXUAL BATTERY IN THE CASE, WAS THERE?

NO.

ALL RIGHT, SO IT WASN'T SOME

-- LET'S ASSUME IT WAS A

CUSTOMIZED JERRY INSTRUCTION.

DID THE JURY INSTRUCTION INCLUDE #NAME?

INCLUDE ATTEMPTED 1st DEGREE MURDER?

FELONY MURDER?

ATTEMPTED FELONY MURDER.

YOU MEAN FOR THE GUILT PHASE?

THAT IS WHAT -- I GUESS THAT

IS WHAT WE ARE TALK ABOUT WHEN I

SAID IT WOULD REQUIRE A NEW

PENALTY PHASE AND YOU SAID, NO,

IT WOULD REQUIRE A NEW GUILT

PHASE ON THE GRAY ISSUE BECAUSE

THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED IN A

GENERAL AND RETURNED A GENERAL

VERDICT ON 1st DEGREE MURDER AND

THAT IS PRETTY IMPORTANT RIGHT

NOW.

I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT.

WE CAN FIND THIS IN THE

RECORD, YOU WOULD AGREE IF THEY

WERE INSTRUCT ON KIDNAPPING OR

ROBBERY, THEN AS THE UNDERLYING

FELONIES, THAT --

IT WOULD NOT -- I AGREE WITH

THAT.

IT WOULD NOT APPLY TO THE GUILT

PHASE OF THE TRIAL.

OKAY.

I WANT TO -- THIS IS JUST AS A

GENERAL OBSERVATION OR QUESTION,

DID YOU RAISE IN YOUR -- LOOKS

LIKE LOOKING OVER ALL OF THE

GUILT PHASE ISSUES THAT YOU

RAISED, THEY ARE ALL ISSUES THAT

YOU COULD LOOK AT THE TRANSCRIPT

OF THE TRIAL AND SAY, THE LAWYER

SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS,

SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING IN A CASE

WHERE YOU ARE SAYING, 20, NOW 20 YEARS OLD AND IT IS KIND OF A -- YOU SAY A WEAK CASE, ANYTHING THAT SHOWS THAT THE GOVERNMENT, THE STATE DIDN'T -- FAILED TO PRODUCE FAVORABLE EVIDENCE. THERE ARE OTHER WITNESSES NOW THAT COULD HAVE PLACED YOUR CLIENT SOMEPLACE ELSE, AT ALL. WERE ANY CLAIMS LIKE THAT RAISED AND DENIED WITHOUT AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING OR ARE THESE ALL CLAIMS SOMEONE COULD READ THE RECORD AND SAY WELL, THE LAWYER SHOULD HAVE OBJECTED TO THIS OR SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT? THE ONLY POSSIBLE PIECE OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE WAS A STRAW HAT FOUND UNDERNEATH ONE OF THE BODIES THAT DANA WILLIAMSON AT ONE POINT MADE A STATEMENT SAYING THAT HE HAD ONCE HAD A SIMILAR HAT AND WE IN ANOTHER PROCEEDING ACTUALLY DEMANDED DNA TESTING OF THE INSIDE RIM OF THE HAT SINCE NOWADAYS WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO TEST SUCH A THING AND THEY FOUND NO USABLE EVIDENCE. THAT WAS THE ONLY THING WE COULD TRY AND DO IN THIS CASE, THE ONLY PIECE OF EVIDENCE THAT WOULD HAVE RE-- BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THERE ARE OTHER SUSPECTS THAT REALLY WERE THE REAL PERPETRATORS HERE? CLEARLY IT WASN'T A CRIME THAT WAS DONE BY ONE PERSON. AS I STATED, MY CLIENT HAD ORIGINALLY MADE STATEMENTS IMPLICATING HIS OWN BROTHERS. MR. PANOYAN HAD HIS OWN REASONS FOR INCULPATING DANA WILLIAMSON AS OPPOSED TO VERNON OR RODNEY. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THEIR BROTHERS, THEIR CONVICTIONS. RODNEY WILLIAMSON WAS REVERSE AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT I'M NOT SURE. YOU KNOW, I ASSUME HE HAD ANOTHER PENALTY PHASE AND I THINK GOT LIFE. AND VERNON?

VERNON NEVER CHARGED.
JUST THE TWO, JUST RODNEY.
RIGHT.

AND THE TESTIMONY FROM
O'BRIEN WAS -- THAT'S WHAT THE
TESTIMONY FROM O'BRIEN WAS
ABOUT.

MY PROBLEM WITH THE WAY THE
TRIAL WAS CONDUCTED WAS
BASICALLY IT WAS THE STATE'S
ENTIRE INTENT EVEN DURING THE
JURY SELECTION WAS TO BOLSTER
THE TESTIMONY OF THEIR WITNESS,
THEY ACTUALLY ASKED A QUESTION
OF THE WHOLE JURY PANEL, HAVE
YOU EVER BEEN BETWEEN A ROCK AND
A HARD PLACE?

YOU KNOW, THE DEFENSE DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING, I GUESS THEY WONDERED
WHY IS HE ASKING THAT AND HE
SORT OF WENT DOWN THE WHOLE
GROUP OF JURORS AND SAID, HAVE
YOU EVER BEEN BETWEEN A ROCK AND
A HARD PLACE AND YOU KNOW THAT
PHRASE MEANS, YOU KNOW WHAT IT
MEANS IN RELATION TO YOUR OWN
CHILDREN, YOU KNOW, WHAT IF YOU
GOT INTO A SITUATION WHERE YOU
HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN
DOING SOMETHING HORRIBLE AND
SAVING ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN,
THAT KIND OF THING AND SEEMED
OUT OF CONTEXT AT THE TIME THE
PROSECUTOR DID IT BUT, THEN,
QUICKLY, IN HIS OPENING
STATEMENT, HE SAID THE PERSON
THAT I WAS REFERRING TO IS --
INJURY SELECTION WHEN I SAID
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN BETWEEN A
ROCK AND A HARD PLACE WAS
CHARLES PANOYAN AND HE WAS,
ATTEMPTED TO PLACE THE JURY IN A
#NAME?

THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL AND THAT IS
WHY HE CALLED THE DOCTOR AND THE
DOCTOR TESTIFIED WITHOUT ANY
SCIENTIFIC BASIS --

YOU ARE ARGUING THIS IS A
VIOLATION OF THE GOLDEN RULE BUT
SEEMS LIKE THE CASES I'VE READ
AT LEAST AS FAR AS THE GOLDEN
RUMOR IS TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE
VICTIM'S SHOES.

AND PANOYAN WAS NOT THE VICTIM

HERE, ARE THERE ANY CASES THAT SAY IT CAN RELATE TO OTHER WITNESSES AS WELL?

WELL, THE PROSECUTOR'S CASE WAS TO MAKE MR. --

I UNDERSTAND THAT.

IS THERE ANY OTHER CASE WHERE WE HAVE SAID IT CAN RELATE TO A WITNESS, WHERE THE PROSECUTOR MAKES THE WITNESS LIKE THE VICTIM?

THE CASES ARE, I WOULD SAY, NOT THAT SPECIFIC.

THEY ARE VERY SPECIFIC.

USUALLY THE VICTIM THAT YOU ARE PUTTING -- LOOKING AT.

THEY ARE SAYING, PUT YOURSELF IN THE SHOES OF VICTIM.

SO IS THERE ANY CASE WHERE WE'VE SAID THERE IS A VIOLATION OF THE E GOLDEN RULE WHERE THEY DON'T SAY, PUT YOURSELF IN THE VICTIM'S SHOES.

NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF BUT MR. PANOYAN TESTIFIED HE WAS THREATEN WITH HIS LIFE AND THAT HIS FAMILY WOULD BE ATTACKED AND HIS SON WOULD BE CASTRATED AND DAUGHTER WOULD BE RAPED IF HE EVER TOLD ANYBODY ABOUT THIS AND HE SAID HE WAS HOGTIED DURING THE COURSE OF THE ROBBERIES.

AND, YOU KNOW, AND THIS STATE ASSERTED THROUGHOUT THE CASE THAT THAT WAS TRUE.

SO IF HE IS A -- IF THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM A VICTIM.

HE'S A WITNESS.

I MEAN, THAT IS WHERE HE SAID IT.

IS THERE CASE LAW IN FLORIDA THAT ADDRESSES WITNESS -- VICTIM AND --

ALL OF THE OTHER FELONIES AND ROBBERIES --

NOT THE SUBJECT OF THIS TRIAL.

ACTUALLY, NO.

I MEAN, THE DEFENSES WERE THE ROBBERY -- HE WAS THE VICTIM IN THE CASE.

YOU ARE WELL INTO YOUR REBUTTAL TIME, YOU WANT TO SAVE A LITTLE TIME FOR THAT, SO...

OKAY.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, LISA MARIE LERNER. I BELIEVE THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED ON THE FELONY MURDER ON THE ROBBERY AND ARMED BURGLARY THAT'S UNDERLYING FELONIES.

AND THE STATE ATTORNEY'S CLOSING ARGUMENT HE USED THE ROBBERY CHARGES AND THE ARMED BURGLARY FOR THE FELONY MURDER FOR BOTH DONNA DECKER'S DEATH AS WELL AS THE THREE ATTEMPTED --

YOU SAY I BELIEVE BUT THE RECORD WILL SUPPORT THAT THOSE WERE THE ONLY TWO UNDERLYING FELONIES THAT THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED ON?

I THINK SO, YES.

HOWEVER, IF THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED ON FELONY MURDER, AND ATTEMPTED FELONY MURDER WAS USED AS A POSSIBLE UNDERLYING FELONY, FOR THE FELONY MURDER, THAT THAT WOULD BE REVERSIBLE ERROR.

FOR THE ENTIRE TRIAL?

OR JUST FOR --

1st DEGREE MURDER.

NO.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT WOULD.

BECAUSE THERE WERE ADDITIONAL UNDERLYING FELONIES.

YOU HAD NUMEROUS COUNTS OF ROBBERY, ARMED BURGLARY, YOU ALSO HAD THE EXTORTION --

BUT THAT'S DEFENSE POINTS OUT THERE IS CASE LAW THAT INDICATES

THAT IF ONE OF THOSE POSSIBLE THEORIES AND WE DON'T HAVE A SPECIAL VERDICT FORM HERE, TO KNOW WHAT FELONY MURDER -- IF FELONY MURDER WAS FOUND AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES, IF ONE

OF THE UNDERLYING FELONIES THAT WAS USED WAS NONEXISTENT CRIME, THEN DON'T YOU HAVE TO REVERSE BECAUSE WE HAVE NO IDEA OF WHETHER OR NOT THE JURY ACTUALLY USED THAT AS THE BASIS FOR THE FELONY MURDER.

FELONY MURDER.

WELL, NO, I DON'T THINK YOU DO.

BECAUSE AS I SAID YOU HAVE THE

OTHER FELONIES.

AND THE WAY THAT THE STATE PRESENTED ITS CASE IN CLOSING, THEY FOCUSED SOLELY ON THE ROBBERY AND ARMED BURGLARY. WE -- YOU KNOW, IF THE RECORD SUPPORTS YOU WE DON'T HAVE TO GO FURTHER BUT THERE ARE CASES THAT WE ARE -- WE HAVE, AFTER WE CHANGED THE DEFINITION OF BURGLARY IF THERE IS A LEGALLY INSUFFICIENT THEORY, THAT THE JURY COULD HAVE CONVICTED ON, AND THE GENERAL VERDICT FORM, I BELIEVE, THAT THE CASE LAW SAYS YOU HAVE TO REVERSE BUT IF YOU ARE RIGHT, YOU HAVE TO GET TO THAT AS TO THE GUILT PHASE, SO, LET'S -- I MEAN, WE'LL -- THE RECORD WILL SHOW IT OR NOT. AND I'M ASSUMING IF IT WASN'T BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT YOU ARE PROBABLY RIGHT ON THIS PARTICULAR POINT.

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT -- THIS IS A SUMMARY DENIAL OF ALL CLAIMS AND I THINK AS TO MOST OF THEM, THEY ARE EITHER NOT ERROR OR YOU CAN #NAME?

AM CONCERNED ABOUT THIS DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY.

AND WHY THERE SHOULDN'T BE AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND JUST AT LEAST TELL YOU FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, MR. PANOYAN, OBVIOUSLY IS A CRITICAL WITNESS.

THE STATE THOUGHT HE WAS A CRITICAL WITNESS.

AND WE'VE BEEN SUPPLIED AND READ THE DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY IN FULL, AND IT APPEARS THAT ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE DID WAS BOLSTER THE TESTIMONY OF THE WITNESS BY COMING UP WITH THE THEORY OF -- HE ACTED AS SOMEBODY THAT HAD A CREDIBLE THREAT AND THAT IS WHAT SOMEBODY WOULD DO.

I AM -- IN THE REPLY BRIEF THEY POINTED OUT MANY CASES WHERE THE DOCTOR IN OTHER STATES HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO TESTIFY TO THIS KIND OF PATTERN EVIDENCE.

AT THE VERY LEAST, IT WOULD SEEM THAT AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING

WOULD BE WARRANTED TO FIND OUT WHY THE LAWYER DIDN'T EVEN VOIR DIRE THE WITNESS. MADE NO ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE HIS TESTIMONY, AND, YOU KNOW, REALLY UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE CONCEPT IN WHICH THIS AROSE. AND CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHY WE SHOULDN'T REVERSE FOR AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON THAT POINT, BECAUSE I'M SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT ALTHOUGH IT WASN'T MENTIONED IN DIRECT APPEAL, IT IS PRETTY POWERFUL TESTIMONY, THE DOCTOR HAD, ABOUT THE EFFECT OF YOU KNOW WHY SOMEBODY ONE COME FORWARD IF THEY HAD THIS KIND OF THREAT AND PLUS HE EVEN INTERVIEWED THE WITNESS, SO HE DIDN'T -- YOU KNOW, SO, AGAIN HE WAS SORT OF BOLSTERING THE WITNESS BY SAYING THIS WAS A CREDIBLE THREAT. SO IF YOU COULD AT LEAST EXPLAIN WHY SUMMARY DENIAL IS WARRANTED, OR WHY WE SHOULDN'T BASED ON OUR CASE LAW AT LEAST ALLOW AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON THIS POINT. WELL, INITIALLY, THE MOVING PAPERS ARE 3850 SAID THAT THE ATTORNEY WAS DECISIONED FOR NOT VOIR DIRING HOWEVER THEY DID NOT BRING OUT IN THE PAPERS ANY ASPECTS THAT HE COULD HAVE BROUGHT UP DURING VOIR DIRE. THE INFORMATION THAT WAS IN THE REPLY BRIEF WAS NOT BEFORE THE TRIAL COURT. IT WAS NOT IN THE ORIGINAL 3850. MORE AS THE COURT IS AWARE WAS IT IN THE ORIGINAL APPELLATE BRIEF HERE. THE FIRST TIME THAT INFORMATION APPEARED IN THIS CASE, IS IN THAT REPLY REEF BRIEF. THE TRIAL COURT HAD NONE OF THAT INFORMATION. AT THE TRIAL, THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY HAD THE DOCTOR'S CD, HE HAD HIS REPORT ON HIS INTERVIEW WITH PANOYAN AND HAD SPOKEN WITH THE EXPERTS -- BUT HE TALKED TO HIM

APPARENTLY FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES,
BEFORE HE WENT ON THE STAND.
DEFENSE COUNSEL DID.
AND THIS DOCTOR HAD A BACHELOR'S
DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY.
A Ph.D. IN SOCIOLOGY.
HE HAD NEVER BEEN A TREATING
PSYCHOLOGIST.

HE HAD DONE MERELY STUDIES OF
VARIOUS TYPES OF CONFESSIONS AND
#NAME?

THAT, HOWEVER, CERTAINLY, AN
OBJECTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE
AS TO WHAT IS A SOCIOLOGIST
DOING TESTIFYING AS TO THE FEAR
BY AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THREAT?

WELL, I PRECISELY DISAGREE.

I DON'T THINK THE DOCTOR
TESTIFIED ABOUT THE FEAR.

THE CORE OF HIS TESTIMONY WAS
BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCE AS A
PSYCHOLOGIST, BE IT AN
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN
SOCIOLOGY DEGREE.

HE WAS A PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

--

HE WAS A PROFESSOR OF
SOCIOLOGY.

AT BERKELEY AND HE ALSO HAD
BEEN QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT IN
OVER 25 TRIALS AS AN EXPERT IN
THE AREA OF INFLUENCING CONTROL.
AND IT WAS THAT AREA THE DOCTOR
WAS TESTIFYING AND HIS TESTIMONY
WAS --

DID THE RECORD INDICATE
WHETHER THE DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY
HAD EVER BEEN FRYE TESTED IN
FLORIDA.

THE TRIAL RECORD, NO.

AND AND CLEARLY AT THAT POINT
IN TIME FLANNAGAN WAS OUT THERE.
AND FLANNAGAN SAID THAT IF THERE
IS A MIXTURE EVEN OF PURE
OPINION TESTIMONY WHICH HAD TO
BE A CLINICAL STUDY, AND PROFILE
TESTIMONY YOU NEEDED IT FRYE
TESTED AND PROBABLY WASN'T
ADMISSIBLE.

WELL, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT
THE DOCTOR TESTIFIED HE SAID A
PROFILE OR A SYNDROME.
IT WAS NOT LIKE A CHILD SEXUAL

ABUSE CASE WHERE THEY SAID THE CHILD IS DOING X, Y AND Z AND PROVED THAT HE WAS MOLESTED. WHAT YOU ARE SAYING, THOUGH, WITH OUR QUESTIONS, IS SOMETHING THAT JUST LEAPS OUT FROM THE RECORD HERE.

THAT IS, IN TERMS OF, WE GO BACK TO THE CASES WHERE WE HAVE HELD THAT ONE WITNESS REALLY CANNOT COMMENT ON THE TRUTHFULNESS OR THE CREDIBILITY OF ANOTHER WITNESS, YOU KNOW, DIRECTLY.

THERE MAY BE SOME CHARACTER EVIDENCE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND SO, THIS IS REALLY JUMPING OUT TO ALL OF US THAT YOU KNOW, WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

ARE WE GOING TO END UP IN OUR CRIMINAL COURTS WITH EXPERT WITNESSES NOW LIKE THIS PERSON THAT COME IN AND SAY, WELL, I HAVE LOOKED AT THE TESTIMONY OF THE POLICE INFORMANT OR OF THE PRISONER THAT WAS IN THE OTHER CELL, OR OF THE WITNESS TO THESE EVENTS, AND EVERYTHING, AND IN ESSENCE, TELL A JURY THAT I THINK THAT PERSON IS TELLING THE TRUTH.

THAT UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES #NAME?

REALLY JUMPING OUT AT US IN TERMS OF THE DEFENSE LAWYER REALLY NOT DOING ANYTHING THAT #NAME?

THEN, WHAT WE HAVE IS THERE IS NO HEARING HERE, YOU KNOW, THE TWO -- TO EXPLORE ALL OF THIS AND WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THE DEFENSE LAWYER OR WHATEVER.

SO, YOU KNOW, ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE HAVE IS A DENIAL WITHOUT ANY EXPLORATION IN AN AREA THAT IS A VERY QUESTIONABLE -- VERY QUESTIONABLE IN TERMS OF THE ADMISSIBILITY OF THIS KIND OF EVIDENCE.

THAT IT IS A VERY DANGEROUS ROAD THAT WE APPEAR TO BE TRAVELING AND RECOGNIZING, YOU KNOW, NOTHING ON DIRECT APPEAL AND ALL OF THAT, AND WHICH MAY WELL LEAD TO A DENIAL OF THE CLAIM ON THE

MERIT, YOU KNOW, IF IT IS EXPLORED PROPERLY. YOU KNOW, THAT THE -- WHATEVER IS GOING ON HERE... BUT I THINK YOU CAN HEAR OUR CONCERN THAT WITHOUT ANY -- AS OPPOSED TO -- WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE THESE CASES WHERE WE HAVE GOT TO DO ALL THE WORK IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN A JUDGE'S SUMMARY DENIAL. SO WHERE ARE WE GOING WITH TESTIMONY LIKE THIS? IS THIS FELLOW GOING TO TESTIFY IN THE NEXT CRIMINAL TRIAL AND SAY THE WITNESSES ARE ALL TELLING THE TRUTH THAT TESTIFY FOR THE STATE? WELL, FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T THINK HE DID TESTIFY THAT PANOYAN WAS CREDIBLE. I THINK THIS IS CLOSER TO -- CREDIBLE. I THINK IT IS CLOSER TO RAMIREZ WHERE THE COURT DISCUSSED WHETHER OR NOT EVIDENCE COULD COME IN, THE DEFENSE USES -- WHETHER OR NOT KNIFE EVIDENCE COME IN AND SAY, THIS PARTICULAR KNIFE MADE THIS PARTICULAR WOUND. AND THE CORE SAID YOU CAN'T DO THAT. YOU NEED A FRYE HEARING. I DON'T SEE HOW THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE -- WE'RE TALKING ABOUT APPLES AND ORANGES HERE. YOU KNOW, OBJECTIVE OR WHAT IS PERCEIVED TO BE OBJECTIVE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE CAN -- AS OPPOSED TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING A WITNESS WHO OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW, PERHAPS -- OBVIOUSLY FOR VERY GOOD, LEGITIMATE REASONS, YOU KNOW, HAS NOT COME FORTH BEFORE, AND NOW IS THE -- YOU KNOW, THE KEY WITNESS IN THE CASE. HAVING AN EXPERT WITNESS, REALLY, TAKE ALL THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND SORT OF SAY, WELL, THAT IS ALL RIGHT. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. YES, THEY DO ALL THE TIME AND IN RAMIREZ SAID IN THAT CASE, IF

THE EXPERT IN THE CASE SAID THE WOUND IS CONSISTENT WITH BEING MADE BY THE KNIFE IT IS OKAY. AND THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME BUT IT HAPPENS WITH THE DEFENSE. WE HAVE DEFENDANTS GETTING UP THERE, SAYING, YOU KNOW, THE DEMONS WERE CHASING ME AND, THEREFORE, I DID X, Y AND Z. LET ME ASK THE QUESTION FROM A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ANGLE. WHY DO WE NEED AN EXPERT TO TELL US THAT IF YOU THREATEN TO KILL SOMEBODY'S FAMILY HE IS MORE LIKELY TO DO WHAT YOU WANT? EVEN IF IT IS ILLEGAL? BECAUSE IT GOES TO PANOYAN'S ENTIRE SERIES OF ACTIONS OVER A TWO TO THREE-YEAR PERIOD AND IT WASN'T A SITUATION WHERE THE STATE DIDN'T HAVE A WITNESS THAT DIDN'T COME FORWARD FOR A MONTH OR TWO. HE DIDN'T COME FORWARD FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS. AND THE REASON HE DIDN'T COME FORWARD WAS BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT THREATENED TO MUTILATE, TO KILL HIS FAMILY AND SO WHY DO WE NEED AN EXPERT TO TELL US THAT IF YOU HAVE THREATS AGAINST SOMEBODY'S FAMILY, HE IS MORE LIKELY NOT TO TESTIFY AGAINST YOU IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY? WELL, THAT'S TRUE OF MANY EXPERT WITNESSES. WHETHER OR NOT THE WITNESS IS TESTIFYING TO AN ISSUE THAT THE JURY ULTIMATELY HAS TO DECIDE, DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE EXPERT CAN'T ASSIST THE JURY IN ANALYZING THE EVIDENCE. BUT APPARENTLY THE PROSECUTOR IN THIS CASE DIDN'T THINK THIS DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY WAS ALL THAT IMPORTANT IN THAT HE MENTIONED IT IN THREE LINES THAT I HAVE FOUND AND -- IN HIS CLOSING ARGUMENT. THAT'S TRUE. AND FOCUS ON THE EXPERT. THE EXPERT TESTIFIED, AND IT WAS A SINGLE PART OF THE TRIAL, THE

TRIAL LEFT -- HAD 45 WITNESSES
AND --

THAT IS WHAT IS DISTURBING TO
ME IS WHY THE STATE WOULD TAKE
THAT TYPE OF RISK IN A CASE LIKE
THIS.

BUT LET ME ASK YOU TO ADDRESS
THE PREJUDICE PRONG.

WE ASSUMED SOUP THAT THIS WAS AT
LEAST THERE AT LEAST SHOULD BE
AN EXPLANATION BY THE LAWYER AS
TO WHY THERE WAS NO OBJECTION
BUT WE HAVE EXAMINED THE
PREJUDICE.

YES.

AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE
DEFENSE HAS MET THE PREJUDICE
PRONG.

AS YOU POINTED OUT, THIS
TESTIMONY WAS NOT RELIED ON
SUBSTANTIALLY IN CLOSING
ARGUMENTS.

ADDITION, THE STATE PUT ON A
NUMBER OF OTHER WITNESSES THAT I
WON'T SAY BOLSTER BUT
SUBSTANTIATE PANOYAN'S FEAR.

THEY PUT ON THE SECURITY GUARD
WHO TESTIFIED THAT PANOYAN WENT
TO THE SHOPPING CENTER
IMMEDIATELY SAID, WHAT HAPPENED,
WAS SHAKING, WAS SCARED, ASKED
THE MAN TO CALL THE POLICE.

CALLED HIS WIFE, TWO EMPLOYEES
OFFICERS WHO TALKED TO PANOYAN
THAT NIGHT SAYING HE WAS AFRAID
FOR HIS CHILDREN.

SENT POLICE OVER TO HIS HOUSE.

AND A NUMBER OF OTHER WITNESSES
WHO FOLLOWED PANOYAN'S ACTIONS.

LET ME --

THIS IS MY CONCERN AGAIN, WE
ARE TALKING ABOUT WHETHER AN
EVIDENTIARY HEARING SHOULD BE
HAD ON THIS, NOT WHETHER
ULTIMATELY PREJUDICE WOULD BE
FOUND.

THERE IS ALSO A LOT THAT WOULD
BE CONSISTENT WITH SOMEBODY WHO
PARTICIPATED IN THE CRIME AND
THEN FOR WHATEVER HIS OWN
REASONS WERE, SET UP THE STRAW
MAN TO BLAME THIS ON, EVEN
THOUGH OTHER PEOPLE WERE
INVOLVED.

THAT WOULD BE THE DEFENDANT'S THEORY.

AND AS I READ THE DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY, TO ME IT IS VERY CHILLING TESTIMONY IN TWO WAYS, FIRST OF ALL, HE INTERVIEWED PANOYAN.

SO, HE'S KIND OF ANOTHER PERSON THERE, THAT IS ADDING TO LIKE ANOTHER WITNESS FOR PANOYAN AND ALTHOUGH YOU SAY THAT HE DIDN'T COMMENT ON THE CREDIBILITY OF PANOYAN, IF YOU GO TO THE RECORD AT 2233, HE GOES THROUGH IN REVIEWING THE HISTORY OF THE EXPERIENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVASION, THE DEATH, HE IS ONE WHO WAS FOR BETTER WORD THAN TERRORIZED, SOMEONE ACTING IN RESPONSE TO A CREDIBLE THREAT. NOT ONLY TO HIMSELF, BUT FAMILY AND HE GOES THROUGH THAT AND THEN, HE SPENDS THE REST OF HIS TESTIMONY GIVING THESE HORRIBLE EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED, TORTURED, FOR YEARS ON END, WHICH I CERTAINLY NOBODY IN THE CLOSING ARGUMENT COULD USE THAT.

SO, EVEN THOUGH THE DEFENSE -- I MEAN, I'M SORRY.

THE STATE DOESN'T REFER TO HIM EXTENSIVELY, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU WIPE THAT OUT OF THE JURY'S MIND, AND CERTAINLY IT WAS CHILLING TESTIMONY TO ME, AND SO THAT IS WHY I THINK -- I'M ASKING WHY WE SHOULDN'T HAVE AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING TO KIND OF SEE, WELL, IN THE REAL WORLD OF THIS TRIAL, WAS THIS A BLIP OR WAS IT SOMETHING, ONCE YOU HEAR IT, AS A JUROR, YOU KNOW, IT IS GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT? WELL, I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN BUT I DO SAY THAT IF WE LOOK AT THE RECORD THAT WE HAVE FROM THE TRIAL, IT IS A BLIP.

WE HAD PANOYAN HIMSELF TESTIFYING TO THESE HORRIBLE THREATS AND HE DETAILED THEM AND THIS WAS PANOYAN TESTIFYING ABOUT THREATS THAT HE SAID

WILLIAMSON MADE.

AND WE HAVE THE FACTS OF THE
CASE ITSELF.

SO ANYTHING --

BUT, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE --
IT IS GOING TO RISE AND FALL,
THIS CASE, ESSENTIALLY RISES AND
FALLS ON PANOYAN.

SO, AGAIN, WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS
AN EXPERT WITNESS WITH
QUALIFICATIONS THAT HAVE NOT
BEEN FRYE TESTED AS FAR AS
WHETHER HIS HERE TO IS HAVE BEEN
GENERALLY ACCEPTED, BOLSTERING
THE ONLY WITNESS THAT CAN PUT
THE, YOU KNOW, NOOSE ON THE
DEFENDANT.

AND THERE IS NO WAY TO GET
AROUND THAT.

NOT LIKE THERE ARE THREE OTHER
EYE WITNESSES THAT SAY THAT WHAT
PANOYAN SAID HAPPENED HAPPENED.
THAT IS WHY CONCERN.

I UNDERSTAND, BUT THE
DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY WAS NOT THAT
PANOYAN FIT INTO A PROFILE OR A
#NAME?

HE SAID BASED ON HIS ACTIONS,
AND MY EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH
PEOPLE, IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS,
HIS ACTIONS WERE CONSISTENT WITH
SOMEONE WHO WAS THREATENED.
THAT IS PURE EXPERT OPINION
TESTIMONY.

THAT DOES NOT NEED A FRYE
HEARING.

AND SECONDARILY, AGAIN, I GO
BACK TO THE ENTIRE RECORD.

THERE WERE AT LEAST FIVE OTHER
WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED ABOUT
PANOYAN BEING THREATENED.

BECAUSE PANOYAN TOLD HIM AT THE
TIME HE WAS BEING THREATENED.
HIS CHILDREN WERE THREATENED.

AND SO, TAKEN AS A WHOLE, I
DON'T BELIEVE THE DEFENSE CAN
SHOW PREJUDICE IN THIS, EVEN TO
HAVE AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING.
AND FINALLY I WANTED TO POINT
OUT TO THE COURT THAT THERE WERE
TWO ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF EVIDENCE
THAT DID LINK DANA WILLIAMSON TO
THE CRIME.

THERE WAS THE HAT, WHICH

MR. WILLIAMSON SAID WAS -- THE DETECTIVE SHOWED IT TO HIM, YES, THAT IS MY HAT AND THEN BACKED OFF A LITTLE BIT AND SAID, WELL, IT LOOKS JUST LIKE MY HAT AND HE SAID AND HE SAID HIS BROTHER, VERNON, MUST HAVE PLACED IT WITH THE DEAD BODY TO SET HIM UP AND WE HAVE WILLIAMSON ACKNOWLEDGING THE HAT THAT WAS FOUND UNDER MRS. DECKER'S BODY, IN THE LOCKED CLOSET AS HIS HAT. ADDITION, THERE WAS A NINJA BELTED WHICH THE STATE PROVED THAT HIS BROTHER, RODNEY, PARTICIPATED IN THIS CRIME, ORDERED A COUPLE MONTHS BEFORE FROM THE VERY DISTINCT MANUFACTURER.

THE MANUFACTURER'S LABEL WAS ON THE BELT.

CENTS THEY HAD THE PROOF THEY BOUGHT IT A COUPLE MONTHS BEFORE AND IT WAS FOUND IN PANOYAN'S TRUCK AND SO THERE IS SOME -- MAY NOT BE OVERWHELMING BUT THERE IS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE LINKING MR. WILLIAMSON AS BEING THE PERPETRATOR OF THE CRIME BESIDES O'BRIEN AND PANOYAN.

AND ON THE GRAY ISSUE, ON THE -- I ASK THE COURT ON THE 3850, THE GRAY DOES NOT APPLY, YOU HAVE FOUND IT IS NOT RETROACTIVE AND ON THE HABEAS IT WAS A PIPELINE CASE, BUT THE COURT SHOULD JUST, IF YOU ARE GOING DO IT, OVERTURN ONLY THE THREE ATTEMPTED MURDER CONVICTIONS.

AND SEND THEM BACK FOR RETRIAL.

BUT, LEAVE THE ADDITIONAL FELONIES AND THE 1st DEGREE MURDER AS IT IS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

REBUTTAL?

THE REASON THE DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY IS CRITICAL IS BECAUSE THE CASE RISES AND FALLS ON THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESS PANOYAN. AND ESSENTIALLY THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO PROVE THE CASE BASED UPON A FLIPPED CO-DEFENDANT AN EVERYTHING IN THEIR CASE WAS DESIGNED TO BOLSTER THE WITNESS.

TO THE -- CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

TO THE EXTENT AS I ASKED THE QUESTION OF THE STATE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WITHIN THE COMMON KNOWLEDGE, REALLY OF JURORS OF EVERYBODY THAT IF YOU ARE -- THEY THREATEN YOUR FAMILY YOU WILL FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.

WHY DOES THAT NOT MAKE IT THEN, NOT PREJUDICIAL BECAUSE HE'S NOT OFFERING ANY MORE EVIDENCE THAN THE JURY CAN ALREADY INFER BY COMMON SENSE?

I'M SAYING IN A CASE LIKE THIS ALMOST EVERYTHING IS PREJUDICIAL BECAUSE WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO WITH ALL OF THESE ARGUMENTS, ARGUING CREDIBILITY AND WHY THE WITNESS IS CREDIBLE AND HAVING A WITNESS TESTIFY ABOUT WHY THE WITNESS IS CREDIBLE IS THEY WANT TO CHANGE THE BURDEN OF PROOF FROM -- BUT YOU HAVE TO -- YOU HAVE TO AGREE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT ARGUE THE DOCTOR IN CLOSING ARGUMENT.

I MEAN, HE WAS OR THE OF A FLASH.

FOUR WEEK TRIAL HERE AND AS I SAY, I THINK THERE ARE THREE LINES IN THE CLOSING ARGUMENT THAT MENTION THE DOCTOR, AND HE WAS NOT MENTIONED AT ALL IN THE OPENING STATEMENT.

INSTEAD THE PROSECUTOR LINKED IS A ARGUMENT AND TRIED TO PLACE THE JURY IN THE SHOES OF THE VICTIM, MR. PANOYAN IN HIS OPINION AND THE DOCTOR -- AND THEY FOUND THE WITNESS WAS UNDER CREDIBLE THREAT AND USED -- THAT WAS USED TO DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF THREAT FOR AN OPINION.

IN THAT HE WAS SAYING IF CREDIBLE, I UNDERSTAND -- ISN'T THAT A FAIR COMMENT -- THE PROSECUTOR LINKS THAT WORD WITH HIS OWN ARGUMENT, ABOUT BELIEVABLE THREATS. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, HE WE WAS IT THROUGHOUT AND -- WEAVES IT THROUGHOUT AND FILES CHARGES

BECAUSE IT IS WARRANTED AND
MAKES AN ARGUMENT TO THE JURY
ABOUT HOW A BABY --
THAT REALLY WAS FOR -- WAIT A
MINUTE.

IN THE CASE --

LET HIM ANSWER THE QUESTION.
IN FAIRNESS, WHERE HE MADE
THE -- WE FILED IT BECAUSE THEY
ARE WARRANTED, WERE LISTING
THESE OTHER FELONIES.

THAT WERE FILED.

ISN'T THAT A FAIR READING OF THE
ORAL ARGUMENT.

I IT WOULD HAVE SAY THAT, YOU
KNOW, I'VE TRIED SEVERAL CASES
AGAINST THIS PARTICULAR
PROSECUTOR MYSELF PERSONALLY
AND, YOU KNOW, HE'S VERY ABLE --
A VERY ABLE PERSON.

BUT I MEAN --.

I'M BUILDING HIM UP TOO MUCH,
MAYBE --

AND I'M READING IT.

READING IT.

I ALSO NOTE IN RESPONSE --

RESPECT TO THE GRAY ISSUE THAT
IN OUR DIRECT APPEAL, OPINION,
THAT WE SAY THAT THE CAPITAL
FELONY WAS COMMITTED WHILE
WILLIAMSON WAS ENGAGED OR
ACCOMPLISHING THE COMMISSION OR
ATTEMPT TO COMMIT BURGLARY,
ROBBERY, AND KIDNAPPING, WE DID
NOT REFER TO ATTEMPTED FELONY
MURDER MORE DOES THE SENTENCING
ORDER.

SO DOESN'T THAT -- ISN'T THAT
PRETTY MUCH ON POINT.

ON THAT ISSUE.

YES.

CHIEF, MAY I ASK ONE
QUESTION?

AND PLEASE BE DIRECT WITH
YOUR OUT -- WE ARE OUT OF TIME,
SO....

I'M SORRY, I HAD TROUBLE
GETTING TO YOU.

LET ME ASK ONE QUESTION.

HYPOTHETICALLY, PUT YOURSELF IN
THE OTHER FOOT, IF PANOYAN HAD
BEEN CHARGED BY THE STATE IN THE
CASE AND HAD ATTEMPTED PRESENT
THE TESTIMONY OF THE DOCTOR, TO

MAKE THE ARGUMENT THAT HE WAS UNDER THIS THREAT, WOULD THE SAME ARGUMENT APPLY, THE TESTIMONY WOULD NOT BE ADMISSIBLE?

I WOULD SAY YES.

I MEAN, ESSENTIALLY, THE DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY DOESN'T MEET ANY SCIENTIFIC STANDARDS OR EVIDENCE CODE STANDARDS AND FAILS UNDER, BASICALLY, EVERY POSSIBLE TEST.

HE NEVER TESTIFIED ABOUT THE SPECIFIC EXPERTISE THAT HE HAD.

DO YOU AGREE HE WASN'T TESTIFYING TO -- SUFFERING FROM A PARTICULAR SYNDROME?

I AGREE TO THAT.

HE JUST SAID, YOU KNOW, THE LANGUAGE IS IN MY BRIEF, THERE IS A PATTERN, THE PATTERN, THE WITNESS SHOWS IS THAT HE WAS UNDER A CREDIBLE THREAT.

I MEAN,, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE ENTIRE PURPOSE OF THE TESTIMONY WAS FOR THE WITNESS TO ESSENTIALLY VOUCH FOR IT.

THIS WOULD BE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE EARLIER CASES -- SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE CASES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PEOPLE CLAIMING THEY WERE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AN EXPLAINED THEIR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR AS A RESPONSE TO BEING A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

CRIMINAL CASES AN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE I AGREE, THAT TYPE OF TESTIMONY SHOULD NOT BE ADMISSIBLE.

THE JURY SHOULD BE THE ONES TO LOOK AT THE WITNESS AND DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE CREDIBLE.

AND AT WHAT LEVEL.

THE PROSECUTOR THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS CHANGED THE BURDEN OF PROOF FROM BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT TO WHETHER YOU HAVE A GUT FEELING ABOUT WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THE WITNESSES WHICH IS NOT E THIS BURDEN OF PROOF IN THE CASE AND THAT THIS IS KIND OF CASE HE HAS AND I UNDERSTAND

WHY HE -- HE'S DOING IT AND I WAS A PROSECUTOR BEFORE MYSELF AND THIS CASE IS, YOU KNOW, A VERY WEAK CASE BASED UPON THE PANOYAN TESTIMONY AND I WOULD SUBMIT THAT EVERY PIECE OF TESTIMONY, ESPECIALLY TESTIMONY IN THE NATURE OF THE DOCTOR -- WITH THAT, YOU BOTH HAVE USED YOUR TIME, PLUS ADDITIONAL TIME. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, TAKE THE CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT.

NEXT CASE ON THE CALENDAR IS STATE OF FLORIDA VERSUS MONINGER.

IF -- MONINGER IF I'M PRONOUNCING THAT CORRECTLY. MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, I REPRESENT THE STATE ON THIS APPEAL, THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT IN THE CASE, ERRED IN FINDING THE VICTIM CAN NEVER BEHAVE DUAL INTEREST IN OBTAINING EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIM.

WOULD YOU --

I THINK WE'RE BOTH GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

THOUGH MORE I LOOK AT THIS CASE, I THINK YOU REALLY NEED TO GO TOWARD, IS THERE REALLY CONFLICT HERE AND EXPLAIN IT IN SOME DETAIL AND THE MORE I LOOK AND ANALYZE IT.

IT REALLY SEEMS WE HAVE DIVERGENT FACTUAL PREDICATES AND DO WE REALLY HAVE JURISDICTION HERE.

JUSTICE I THINK IN THIS CASE THE FACTS ARE MORE SIMILAR THAN THEY WOULD APPEAR ON IMMEDIATE GLANCE.

UNDER TREADWAY, LOOKING FOR CONFLICT, WHAT WE HAD IN TREADWAY WAS THE OWNER OF AND INSURANCE AGENCY SETS UP AN ANNUITY PROGRAM, ONE OF HIS AGENTS INVESTS HIS OWN MONEY IN IT AND ALSO INVESTS MONEY FROM SOME OF HIS CLIENTS.

AND HE GOES INTO TRIAL, HE DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LOOK AT -- FILES HE DIDN'T HAVE THE

AUTHORITY TO LOOK AT, TO CHECK
ON HIS CLIENT'S FILES AND --
BEFORE YOU GO FURTHER ON
THOSE FACTS.

DID ANY STATE AGENT ASK THAT
PERSON TO GO INTO THE FILES?

NO.

NOT AT THAT POINT, YOUR HONOR.
WHAT HAPPENED IS HE GOES INTO
THE FILES AND HE THEN COPIES
FILES, GOES TO AN ATTORNEY, AND
HIS ATTORNEY GOES TO THE STATE.
AND OFFERS THIS EVIDENCE.

ISN'T THAT SIGNIFICANTLY
DIFFERENT WHEN SOMEONE IS ACTING
IN RESPONSE TO ENCOURAGEMENT, IF
NOT DIRECTION, ENCOURAGEMENT
FROM THE STATE.

IF IT HAD STOPPED THERE, YOUR
HONOR I BELIEVE YOU ARE RIGHT.
BUT IT DIDN'T.

THIS PERSON ENGAGED IN A
MONTH-LONG INVESTIGATION,
CONTINUING TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE
TO THE STATE AGAINST HIS
EMPLOYER.

WHO INITIATED THE CONTACT?
WAS IT THE AGENT INITIATING THE
CONTACT WITH THE STATE.
EXACTLY THE SAME AS WE HAD IN
MONINGER, WE HAVE THE VICTIMS OF
THE CRIME WHO INITIATES THE
CONTACT --

DID THE AGENT SAY I HAVE THE
DOCUMENTS AND GIVE THEM TO THE
STATE.

YES.

OKAY, DOESN'T THAT -- AND
WHETHER THIS CASE IS RIGHT OR
WRONG, IS REALLY A DIFFERENT
ISSUE.

DOESN'T THAT MAKE THAT A
DIFFERENT FACTUAL CASE THAN THIS
ONE.

NO.

BECAUSE IN THIS CASE, IT DIDN'T
STOP THERE.

HE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE MORE
EVIDENCE AND THIS IS AN ONGOING
EXCHANGE, OVER A SERIES, WHERE
THE AGENT AS YOU PROVIDED --
ACTUALLY PROVIDED MORE EVIDENCE.

BUT I GUESS, WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT THE 4th AMENDMENT AND IF,

IN THIS CASE, IN MONINGER, THE YOUNG GIRL VICTIM HAD, HERSELF, GONE AND WITHOUT DISCUSSION OR URGING OR ACQUEISCENCE OF THE POLICE -- ACQUIESCENCE OF THE POLICE AND SEARCHED THE HOUSE AND BROUGHT IT TO THE POLICE, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE BECAUSE HE IS #NAME?

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A APPLICATION FOR PRINCIPLE OF LAW WHICH IS [INAUDIBLE] THAT IF A PARTICULAR PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL BECOMES IN ESSENCE A STATE AGENT, THEN THE 4th AMENDMENT APPLIES, THAT IS THE PRINCIPLE. NOW, I THINK THAT WE'RE TALKING THEN ABOUT AN APPLICATION FOR PRINCIPLE TO A VERY DISCRETE SET OF FACTS AND I'M STRUGGLING TO SEE HOW YOU FIND CONFLICT BETWEEN THE SECOND DISTRICT CASE AND THE -- 2nd AND THE 4th DISTRICT CASE.

BECAUSE THE PRINCIPLE IS WHAT THEY ARE BOTH APPLYING. NOW, THEY -- AND THE FACTS TO ME, ALTHOUGH YOU SAY, WELL, IT IS THE SAME BECAUSE -- I THOUGHT YOU WERE SAYING IS BECAUSE THE AGENT KEPT ON TURNING OVER INFORMATION, BUT IT'S NOTE THIS TURNING OVER THE INFORMATION THAT IS THE 4th AMENDMENT VIOLATION.

IT IS THE INSTIGATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE POLICE EXPRESSLY IN THE CASE THAT MADE THE 2nd DISTRICT SAY THIS APPLYING TREADWAY AND IN OUR VIEW, BASED ON THE TIP LATE FACTS AND OF COURSE YOU ARE SMILING BECAUSE THAT REALLY GETS THE STATE HERE, THE STIPULATED FACTS, THESE FACTS DO NOT SHOW THAT THEY WERE -- SHE WAS ACTING SOLELY FOR OR PRIMARILY OR A PRIVATE PURPOSE.

IT WAS -- AND THEY MAKE THE CONCLUSION SO I DON'T SEE WHERE THE CONFLICT IS. I'LL START OFF, YOUR HONOR, QUITE CANDIDLY, THE STATE DIDN'T STIPULATE TO THESE -- THESE ARE

NOT WRITTEN STIPULATIONS, THE STATE WANTED TO PRODUCE THE VICTIM AND THEIR -- ALL THE WITNESSES BUT THE TRIAL COURT DECIDED.

IT APPEARS THE TRIAL COURT WANTED TO APPLY A C4 PROCEDURE TO --

WHATEVER I WASN'T QUOTING THE STATE.

I'M SAYING WE HAVE -- THE FACTS ARE RIGHT NOW AS WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THEM IN THE 2nd DISTRICT. UNDER THESE FACTS, THE TRIAL -- 2nd DISTRICT STILL HEARD -- A FINDING THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE A DUAL PURPOSE, THAT SHE -- FIRST OFF.

NOW YOU ARE GETTING INTO THE MERITS.

FINISH WITH THE -- TREADWAY IS NOT SUSTAINABLE BECAUSE IN TREADWAY I GUESS WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS THAT IT WAS ACCESSED AND THE CONTINUATION OF TURNING OVER DOCUMENTS, ESSENTIALLY THAT THAT IS THE SAME AS THIS CASE.

THIS CASE IS WHAT THE 4th DISTRICT IN TREADWAY FOUND THAT IS A VICTIM OF AN OFFENSE HAS A DUAL PURPOSE, IN PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE POLICE TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIMS AND IN OUR CASE, THERE ARE OBJECTIVE PRIVATE INTERESTS FROM THE 15-YEAR-OLD VICTIM TO SHOW THAT THE -- WE COULD ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVE IF THE TRIAL COURT ALLOWED US TO BRINGING THE VICTIM FORWARD AND ALLOWED HER TO TESTIFY.

YOU HAVE SAID THAT A COUPLE OF TIMES, IF THE TRIAL COURT HAD ALLOWED IT.

WAS THERE AN OBJECTION MADE BY THE ATTORNEYS TO THE TRIAL COURT, WHETHER YOU CALL IT A STIPULATED FACT, THE PROPER FACTS, WHATEVER IT IS, DID THE STATE OBJECT TO THAT PROCEDURE.

THE STATE -- IF YOU READ THE TRANSCRIPT OF THAT HEARING, THE TRIAL COURT MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THIS IS A CASE BASED

ON THE FACTS AND HE WAS GOING TO GO WITH THESE FACTS AND THE STATE SAID, WELL, I HAVE MY WITNESSES HERE, CAN WE PUT THEM ON AND THEY ARE READY TO TESTIFY AND HE SAID, NO, AND HE SAID CAN I PROFFER WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE SAID AND SO, WHAT WE HAVE IS ONLY A PROFFER.

WE WERE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING FORWARD TO DEVELOPMENT -- THE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH THE PROFFER, EVEN, IS THAT ONE OF THE STATEMENTS I BELIEVE YOU WERE ABOUT TO MAKE IS THAT THIS WITNESS WAS SIMILAR, THIS VICTIM, SIMILAR TO THE TREADWELL CASE AND SHE WAS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THE CASE BEFORE THE POLICE -- WE DON'T HAVE THAT. AND THESE PROFFERED OR STIPULATED FACTS, THERE REALLY ISN'T ANY INDICATION AS TO WHO ACTUALLY WAS THE ONE WHO CONTACTED THE POLICE.

I KNOW IN THE BRIEF, THERE IS SOME DISCUSSION THAT A FRIEND OF THE VICTIM, YOU KNOW, WENT TO THE POLICE, AND THAT IS HOW THE POLICE GOT INVOLVED.

BUT THE FACTS DON'T SUPPORT THAT.

WELL, THE FACTS THAT -- HAPPENED AND THE FACTS IN OUR CASE, DO SHOW THE POLICE WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS ABUSE AND CAME TO THE HOME OF THE VICTIM, TO SPEAK TO HER TO SHE IF SHE'D VERIFY WHAT HAD BEEN REPORTED TO THEM BECAUSE THE THIRD-PARTY DID REPORT THE OFFENSE.

DIS THAT DIFFERENCE FROM TREADWAY WHERE THE -- IS THAT DIFFERENT FROM TREADWAY WHERE THE ACTUAL PERSON WENT TO THE POLICE?

THAT GUY WENT TO THE POLICE BECAUSE HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS INVESTMENT.

ACTUALLY, IN THE CASE -- TREADWAY, THE THIRD PARTY DID GO, HE WENT TO AN ATTORNEY AND THE ATTORNEY THEN WENT TO THE POLICE, THE VICTIM DID NOT GO TO

THE POLICE.

INITIALLY, WITHIN THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY, SO, WE HAVE A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO WENT THROUGH THE MOTHER OF HER BEST FRIEND TO GET TO THE POLICE TO GET TO --

AND THAT IS FACT -- THAT FACT IS IN THE RECORD.

IT WAS THAT THE POLICE WERE NOTIFIED.

I GUESS WE ARE DISCUSSING THE MERITS.

I MEAN, WE CAN READ TREADWAY AND DECIDE WHETHER THE FACTS ARE DISTINGUISHABLE OR NOT.

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THIS EXCEPTION.

THIS WAS A WARRANTLESS SEARCH INTO YES.

NORMALLY IT IS THE STATE THAT HAS THE BURDEN OF PROVING THAT IT WAS STILL LEGITIMATE UNDER THE 4th AMENDMENT.

AND DO YOU AGREE THAT THE STATE HAS TO PROVE THAT THERE WAS A DUAL PURPOSE IN THIS CASE.

NO, YOUR HONOR, THE BURDEN AT THIS POINT IS ON THE PARTY THAT BROUGHT THE MOTION TO SUPPRESS.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT.

BECAUSE IN EVERY OTHER CASE WHEN WHEN WE LOOK AT WARRANTLESS SEARCHES, THAT THE BURDEN OF SHOWING THAT IT WAS PROPER NOT WITHSTANDING THE ABSENCE OF A WARRANT IS ON THE STATE.

BECAUSE THE BURDEN IN THIS CASE IS NOT SHOWING THAT THE STATE COMMITTED A WARRANTLESS SEARCH, IS WHETHER THE DAUGHTER WAS A -- AN AGENT OF THE STATE.

DID SHE TRANSFORM FROM A PRIVATE -- YOU KNOW, PRIVATE SEARCH, BECAUSE -- PRIVATE SEIZURE, THERE WAS NO SEARCH AND THE POLICE ARRIVED AT THE TRAILER OF THE VICTIM.

WITH -- AND SHE --

THE DEFENDANT DURING THIS TIME, IS UNDER ARREST, RIGHT?

NO.

THE DEFENDANT ISN'T THERE?

HE IS THERE.

OUTSIDE THE HOME, AND THEY WERE TALKING TO HIM BUT HE WAS NOT UNDER ARREST.

AND WE WOULD BE, ALL THAT THE STATE HAD TO DO WAS ASK THE DEFENDANT, MAY I SEARCH YOUR HOME, AND IF HE SAID YES, THAT WOULD HAVE ENDED THE CASE.

YES.

WELL, --

OR --

THE DAUGHTER.

OR IF HE HAD SAID NO, WE --

THE POLICE ARRIVE AT THE TRAILER NOT HAVING ANY IDEA THAT THERE IS EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE A SEXUAL BATTERY.

AND WHEN THEY SAID NO, WHAT THEN

--

ONCE THE VICTIM SAYS, I BELIEVE THERE MAY BE CONDOMS, WE USED CONDOMS WHEN WE HAVE SEX AND I BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME IN THE TRAILER AND AT THAT TIME THEY HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO GET A SEARCH WARRANT, IF THEY HAD TO AND IF -- WHAT HAPPENS IS AND EVEN THE TRIAL COURT FOUND, THEY ENGAGED IN PROPER POLICE INVESTIGATION AND ASKED THE VICTIM IS THERE ANYTHING TO SUBSTANTIATE YOUR CLAIM AND SHE'S THIS ONE WHO VOLUNTEERS, YES, AND I BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME INSIDE.

AND SHE THEN GOES IN, YOU KNOW, TO PACK HER BAGS BECAUSE SHE WAS TOLD CHILD PROTECTIVE INVESTIGATOR WILL TAKE HER TO A SHELTER.

AND WHAT DID THEY HAVE -- GIVE HER A BAG TO GET THE CONDOMS?

WELL, SHE WAS TOLD THAT IF SHE WANTED TO, SHE COULD BRING THOSE OUT.

THE NATURE OF THE ITEM THAT SHE WAS GOING TO BRING OUT THE POLICE GAVE HER A BAG TO PUT THEM IN, YES.

WELL, ACTUALLY, I THINK UNDER THIS COURT'S CASE LAW, THAT IF THIS CHILD HAD BEEN ASKED FOR CONSENT TO SEARCH THAT THE CHILD

COULD HAVE GIVEN THE CONSENT.
AND -- BUT THAT WANT DONE,
CORRECT.

WE DIDN'T ASK FOR CONSENT
BECAUSE WE DID NOT KNOW SHE WAS
GOING TO BRING OUT THE CONDOMS,
WE DIDN'T COMPEL HER, DIDN'T
COERCE HER, THE POLICE ASKED --
SUGGESTED TO HER, IF SHE WANTED
TO SHE COULD BRING THEM OUT --
BUT THE QUESTION IS, THE
STATE DIDN'T BRING THIS AS A
CONSENT CASE.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT PART -- BASED
ON THIS RECORD, BECAUSE --
WHETHER SHE HAD JOINT CONTROL
OVER THE -- HOW MANY BEDROOMS
AND WE DON'T KNOW AND THAT IS
ANOTHER REASON, BECAUSE THE
RECORD DOESN'T GIVE AN
ALTERNATIVE BASIS TO SHOW THAT
CONSENT WOULD HAVE BEEN
APPROPRIATE.

UNDER THE STIPULATED FACTS
THEY DID CONCEDE SHE HAD JOINT
ACCESS TO THE BEDROOM, THE
BEDROOM.

THERE IS ONE BEDROOM, YOUR
HONOR, THAT SHE HAD JOINT ACCESS
AND NEVER HAD BEEN DENIED
ACCESS.

THAT WAS PART OF THE DEFENDANT'S
STIPULATION, OF THE FACTS THEY
BROUGHT FORWARD.

YOU KNOW, THE OFFICIAL
CONSENT, IN THE SECOND DCA --
WE DIDN'T HAVE TO.

SHE BROUGHT THEM OUT FIRST.
IF SHE HAD NOT BROUGHT THEM OUT,
BEFORE SHE WAS YOU KNOW -- LED
TO THE SHELTER SHE COULD HAVE
GIVEN US -- AT LEAST CONSENT TO
GO IN BUT BROUGHT THEM OUT AND
IT IS A CONUNDRUM AT THIS POINT.

WE HAVE TO SHOW SHE ACTED
WITHOUT A DUAL PURPOSE IN GOING
AND GETTING THOSE.

YOU KNOW, REDUCED EXPECTATION OF
PRIVACY BECAUSE SHE LIVED IN
THAT HOUSE.

SHE HAD FULL ACCESS.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR ARGUMENT.

MY QUESTION IS WHETHER YOU MADE
IT IN THE SECOND DCA.

WE TRIED, YOUR HONOR.
THE PROBLEM I'M HAVING, YOU
ARE TRYING TO PEEL THE ONION AND
YOU NEED TO ADDRESS THIS HEAD ON
AS TO -- DANCING AROUND WITH THE
LAW ENFORCEMENT ENCOURAGED OR
THE DO THIS IS DISINGENUOUS

MONINGER MONINGER.

THEIR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR AS A
RESPONSE.
IF THERE ARE CRIMINAL CASES
ON DOMESTIC -- I AGREE.
THE JURY SHOULD BE THE ONES TO
LOOK AT THE WITNESS AND DECIDE
WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE
CREDIBILITY AND AT WHAT LEVEL.
THE PROSECUTOR, THROUGHOUT ALL
OF THIS, IS TRYING TO CHANGE A
BURDEN OF PROOF TO BEYOND A
REASONABLE DOUBT TO WHETHER OR
NOT YOU HAVE A GUT FEELING
WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THE
WITNESSES, WHICH IS NOT THE
BURDEN OF PROOF.
BECAUSE THAT'S THE KIND OF CASE
HE HAS.
I WAS A CREATE -- THIS CASE IS A
WEAK CASE.
IT'S BASED UPON THIS TESTIMONY.

TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST
TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST
TEST.
I WOULD SUBMIT THAT EVERY
PETE OF TESTIMONY, ESPECIALLY --
AND WITH THAT, YOU'VE BOTH
USED YOUR TIME PLUS ADDITIONAL
TIME.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
WE'LL TAKE THE CASE UNDER
ADVISEMENT.
THE NEXT CASE ON THE CALENDAR IS
THE STATE OF FLORIDA VERSUS
MONINGER.
CHANDRA DASRAT.

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THE NEXT CASE ON THE CALENDAR

THIS MORNING IS THE STATE OF
FLORIDA VERSUS MONINGER, IF I'M
PRONOUNCING THAT CORRECTLY.
TEST TEST.
TEST TEST.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, I
REPRESENT THE STATE IN THIS
APPEAL.

THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT IN THE
CASE ERRED IN FINDING THE VICTIM
CAN NEVER HAVE A DUAL --
BEFORE YOU --
WOULD YOU --

[LAUGHTER]

I THINK WE'RE BOTH PROBABLY
GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.
THE MORE I LOOK AT THE THIS
CASE, I THINK YOU REALLY NEED TO
GO FORWARD IS THERE REALLY
CONFLICT HERE AND EXPLAIN IN
SOME DETAIL, THE MORE I LOOK AT
IT AND ANALYZE IT, IT SEEMS WE
HAVE SOME DIVERGENT FACTUAL
PREDICATES WE'RE DEALING WITH,
AND DO WE REALLY HAVE
JURISDICTION HERE.

JUSTICE, I THINK IN THIS CASE
THE FACTS ARE MORE SIMILAR THAN
THEY WOULD APPEAR ON IMMEDIATE
GLANCE.

UNDER TREADWAY, WHICH IS WHERE
WE'RE LOOKING FOR CONFLICT, THE
OWNER OF AN INSURANCE AGENCY
SETS UP AN ANNUITY PROGRAM.
ONE OF HIS AGENTS INVESTS HIS
OWN MONEY IN IT, BUT ALSO MONEY
FROM SOME OF HIS CLIENTS.
HE GOES INTO FILES HE DID NOT
HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LOOK AT TO
CHECK ON THROUGH HIS CLIENT'S
FILES AND --

BEFORE YOU GO FURTHER, DID
ANY STATE AGENT ASK THAT PERSON
TO GO INTO THE FILES?

NO, NOT AT THAT APPOINTMENT,
YOUR HONOR.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS IS HE DOES GO
INTO THOSE FILE, HE THEN COPIES
FILES, GOES TO AN ATTORNEY, AND
HIS ATTORNEY GOES TO THE STATE
AND OFFERS THIS EVIDENCE.

ISN'T THAT SIGNIFICANTLY --
SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT WHEN

SOMEONE'S ACTING FROM
ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE STATE?
IF IT HAD HAPPENED RIGHT
THERE, I BELIEVE YOU'RE RIGHT,
BUT IT DIDN'T.

THIS PERSON ENGAGED IN A MONTH
LONG INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO
PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO THE STATE
AGAINST HIS EMPLOYER.

WHO INITIATED THE CONTACT?
WAS IT THE AGENT INITIATING
CONTACT WITH THE STATE?
EXACTLY AS IN MONINGER.

WE HAVE A VICTIM INITIATING
CONTACT WITH THE STATE.
DID THE VICTIM SAY I'VE GOT
THESE DOCUMENTS?

YES.
AND WHETHER THIS CASE IS
RIGHT OR WRONG, DOESN'T THAT
MAKE THAT A DIFFERENT FACTUAL
CASE THAN THIS ONE?

NO BECAUSE IN THIS CASE IT
DIDN'T STOP THERE.
HE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE MORE
EVIDENCE, HE CONTINUED.
THIS WAS AN ONGOING EXCHANGE
OVER A SERIES WHERE THE AGENT
ACTUALLY PROVIDED MORE EVIDENCE.
THEN I GUESS, AND WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT THE FOURTH
AMENDMENT.

IF, IN THIS CASE, IN MONINGER,
IF THE YOUNG GIRL VICTIM HAD
HERSELF GONE AND WITHOUT
DISCUSSION OR URGING OR
ACTUAL -- OF THE POLICE AND
SEARCHED THE HOUSE AND BROUGHT
THIS TO THE POLICE, WE WOULDN'T
BE HERE BECAUSE SHE'S NOT A
STATE ACTOR.

WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT AN
APPLICATION FOR PRINCIPLE OF LAW
WHICH IS -- [INAUDIBLE] THE
COUNTRY WHICH IS THAT IF A
PARTICULAR PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL
BECOMES, IN ESSENCE, AN AGENT,
THEN THE FOURTH AMENDMENT
APPLIES.

THAT'S THE PRINCIPLE.
NOW, I THINK WE'RE TALKING,
THEN, ABOUT AN APPLICATION OF
PRINCIPLES TO A VERY DISCREET

SET OF FACTS, AND THAT'S WHY I'M STILL STRUGGLING TO SEE WHY YOU FIND CONFLICT BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THE --

FOURTH.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

THAT'S RIGHT.

BECAUSE THE PRINCIPLE IS WHAT THEY'RE BOTH APPLYING.

NOW, THEY -- AND THE FACTS TO ME, ALTHOUGH YOU SAY, WELL, IT'S THE SAME BECAUSE WHAT I THOUGHT YOU WERE SAYING WAS BECAUSE THE AGENT KEPT ON TURNING OVER INFORMATION.

IT'S NOT THE TURNING OVER OF INFORMATION THAT IS THE FOURTH AMENDMENT VIOLATION, IT'S THE INSTIGATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE POLICE EXPRESSLY IN THIS CASE THAT MADE THE SECOND DISTRICT SAY THIS, APPLYING TREADWAY AND IN OUR VIEW BASED ON THE STIPULATED FACTS, AND THAT, OF COURSE -- YOU'RE SMILING BECAUSE THAT REALLY GETS THE STATE, YOU KNOW, HERE, THE STIPULATED FACTS, THESE FACTS DO NOT SHOW THAT THEY WERE, THAT SHE WAS ACTING SOLELY OR PRIMARILY FOR A PRIVATE PURPOSE. AND THEY MAKE THAT CONCLUSION. SO I DON'T SEE WHERE THE CONFLICT IS.

MAY I START OFF, YOUR HONOR, QUITE CANDIDLY, THE STATE DIDN'T STIPULATE TO -- THIS IS NOT A WRITTEN STIPULATION.

THIS WAS -- THE STATE WANTED TO PRODUCE THE VICTIM AND ALL THE WITNESSES, BUT THE TRIAL COURT DECIDED, WANTED TO APPLY C4 PROCEDURE TO MOTION -- AND I WASN'T FAULTING THE STATE.

WHAT I'M SAYING, THOUGH, IS THE FACTS ARE RIGHT NOW AS WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THEM IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OPINION.

UNDER THESE FACTS THE TRIAL, THE SECOND DISTRICT STILL ERRED IN FINDING THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE A DUAL PURPOSE, THAT SHE -- FIRST OF ALL --

NOW YOU'RE GETTING INTO THE MERITS, AND I GUESS FINISH WITH SAYING THAT TREADWAY ISN'T ADMISSIBLE BECAUSE IN TREADWAY, I GUESS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS IT WAS THE CONTINUATION OF TURNING OVER DOCUMENTS.

ESSENTIALLY WITH -- THAT THAT'S THE SAME AS THIS CASE.

THIS CASE IS, WHAT THE FOURTH DISTRICT IN TREADWAY FOUND IS THAT A VICTIM OF AN OFFENSE HAS A DUAL PURPOSE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE POLICE TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIMS.

AND IN OUR CASE THERE ARE OBJECTIVE, PRIVATE INTERESTS FROM THE 15-YEAR-OLD VICTIM TO SHOW THAT WE COULD HAVE FOUND MORE SUBJECTIVE IF THE TRIAL COURT HAD ALLOWED US TO BRING THE VICTIM FORWARD.

YOU HAVE SAID THAT A COUPLE OF TIMES.

WAS THERE SOME OBJECTION MADE BY THE STATE TO THE TRIAL FOR WHETHER YOU CALL IT STIPULATED FACTS OR PROPER FACTS, WHATEVER IT IS, DID THE STATE OBJECT TO THAT PROCEDURE?

THE STATE, IF YOU READ THE TRANSCRIPT OF THAT HEARING, THE TRIAL COURT MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THIS WAS BASED ON THE FACTS, AND HE WAS GOING TO GO WITH THESE FACTS.

AND THE STATE SAID, WELL, I HAVE MY WITNESSES HERE, CAN WE PUT THEM ON?

AND HE SAID, NO, AND HE SAID, WELL, CAN I AT LEAST HAVE A PROFFER OF WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE SAID?

THE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH THE PROFFER, EVEN, IS THAT ONE OF THE STATEMENTS I BELIEVE YOU WERE ABOUT TO MAKE IS THAT THIS WITNESS WAS SIMILAR TO, THIS VICTIM WAS SIMILAR TO THE TREADWELL CASE IN THAT SHE WAS THE ONE THAT BROUGHT THIS CASE BEFORE THE POLICE?

WELL, WE DON'T HAVE THAT.

IN THESE PROFFERED FACTS OR

STIPULATED FACTS, THERE ISN'T ANY INDICATION AS TO WHO ACTUALLY WAS THE ONE THAT CONTACTED THE POLICE.

I KNOW IN THE BRIEFS THERE'S SOME DISCUSSION THAT A FRIEND OF THE VICTIM, YOU KNOW, WENT TO THE POLICE AND THAT'S HOW THE POLICE GOT INVOLVED, BUT THE FACTS DON'T SUPPORT THAT.

WELL, THE FACT THAT, WHAT HAPPENED AND THE FACTS IN OUR CASE [INAUDIBLE] DO SHOW THE POLICE WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS ABUSE AND CAME TO THE HOME OF THE VICTIM TO SPEAK TO HER TO SEE IF SHE WOULD VERIFY WHAT HAD BEEN REPORTED TO THEM BECAUSE A THIRD PARTY DID REPORT THE OFFENSE.

SO IS THAT DIFFERENT FROM TREADWAY WHERE THE ACTUAL PERSON WENT TO THE POLICE?

THAT GUY WENT TO THE POLICE BECAUSE HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS INVESTMENT DEAL.

ACTUALLY IN THIS CASE, IN TREADWAY, YEAH, A THIRD PARTY DID GO.

HE WENT TO AN ATTORNEY, AND THE ATTORNEY THEN WENT TO THE POLICE.

THE VICTIM DID NOT GO TO POLICE INITIALLY.

WENT THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY.

SO WE HAVE A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO WENT THROUGH THE MOTHER OF HER BEST FRIEND TO GET TO -- AND THAT FACT IS IN THE RECORD?

IT WAS JUST THAT THIS POLICE THE POLICE WERE NOTIFIED.

IS IT YOUR -- I GUESS WE'RE JUST DISCUSSING THE MERITS.

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THIS EXCEPTION.

THIS WAS A WARRANTLESS SEARCH. YES.

NORMALLY, IT IS THE STATE THAT HAS THE BURDEN OF PROVING THAT IT WAS STILL LEGITIMATE UNDER THE FOURTH AMENDMENT. DO YOU AGREE THAT THE STATE HAD

TO PROVE THERE WAS A DUAL
PURPOSE IN THIS CASE?

NO, YOUR HONOR.

THE BURDEN AT THIS POINT IS ON
THE PARTY THAT BROUGHT THE
MOTION TO SUPPRESS.

SEE, I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT
BECAUSE IN EVERY OTHER CASE WHEN
WE LOOK AT WARRANTLESS SEARCHES
THAT THE BURDEN OF SHOWING THAT
IT WAS PROFFERED,
NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABSENCE OF A
WARRANT, IS ON THE STATE.

BECAUSE THE BURDEN IN THIS
CASE IS NOT SHOWING THAT THE
STATE COMMITTED A WARRANTLESS
SEARCH, IT'S WHETHER THE
DAUGHTER WAS A AGENT OF THE
STATE.

DID SHE TRANSFORM FROM A
PRIVATE, YOU KNOW, AS A PRIVATE
SEARCH BECAUSE -- I MEAN, A
PRIVATE SEIZURE.

THERE WAS NO SEARCH.

THE POLICE ARRIVED AT THE
TRAILER OF THE VICTIM WITH THE
IDEA -- AND SHE CONFIRMED --
THE DEFENDANT DURING THIS
TIME IS UNDER ARREST, RIGHT?

NO.

THE DEFENDANT ISN'T THERE?

HE IS THERE.

HE'S OUTSIDE THE HOME.

THEY WERE TALKING TO HIM, BUT HE
WAS NOT UNDER ARREST.

AND HE WOULD BE IF ALL THE,
ALL THAT THE STATE HAD TO DO WAS
ASK THE DEFENDANT, MAY I SEARCH
YOUR HOME?

AND IF HE SAID, YES, THAT WOULD
THEN HAVE ENDED THIS CASE?

YES.

WELL, OR IF THEY --

OR --

OR ASK THE DAUGHTER.

OR IF HE HAD SAID NO -- THE
POLICE ARRIVED AT THE TRAILER
NOT HAVING ANY IDEA THERE'S
EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE A
SEXUAL BATTERY.

WHEN THEY SAID NO, THEN --

WE KNOW, ONCE THE VICTIM SAYS
I BELIEVE THERE MAY BE CONDOMS,
WE HAD CONDOMS WHEN WE HAVE SEX,

AT THAT TIME THEY HAVE PROBABLE
CAUSE TO GET A SEARCH WARRANT.
WHAT HAPPENS IS, AND EVEN THE
TRIAL COURT FOUND THEY ENGAGE IN
IMPROPER POLICE INVESTIGATION,
AND SHE'S THE ONE WHO
VOLUNTEERS, YES, WE USE CONDOMS.
I BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME
INSIDE.

SHE THEN GOES IN TO PACK HER
BAGS BECAUSE SHE'S TOLD HE'S
GOING TO A SHELTER.

AND WHAT DID THEY HAVE, DID
THEY GIVE HER A BAG TO GET THE
CONDOMS?

SHE WAS TOLD THAT IF SHE
WANTED TO, SHE COULD BRING THOSE
OUT, BUT THE NATURE OF THE ITEMS
SHE WAS GOING TO BRING OUT, THE
POLICE DID GIVE HER A BAG TO PUT
THEM IN, YES.

WELL, ACTUALLY I THINK UNDER
THIS COURT'S CASE LAW THAT IF
THIS CHILD HAD BEEN ASKED FOR
CONSENT TO SEARCH, THAT THE
CHILD COULD HAVE GIVEN THE
CONSENT.

YES, YOUR HONOR.

BUT THAT WASN'T DONE,
CORRECT?

WE DIDN'T ASK FOR CONSENT
BECAUSE WE DID NOT KNOW IF SHE
WAS GOING TO BRING OUT THE
CONDOMS.

WE DIDN'T COMPEL HER, WE DIDN'T
COERCE HER, THE POLICE SUGGESTED
TO HER IF SHE WANTED TO, SHE
COULD BRING THEM OUT.

BUT THE STATE DIDN'T BRING
THIS AS A CONSENT CASE.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT PART OF --
BASED ON THIS RECORD.

RIGHT, BECAUSE --

WHETHER SHE HAD JOINT CONTROL
OVER THIS HOUSE, HOW MANY
BEDROOMS, WE DON'T KNOW IT.

AND THAT'S ANOTHER REASON THIS
CASE -- BECAUSE THE RECORD
DOESN'T GIVE AN ALTERNATIVE
BASIS TO SHOW CONSENT --

UNDER THE STIPULATED FACT
THEY DID CONCEDE SHE HAD JOINT
ACCESS TO THE BEDROOM, THE
BEDROOM.

THERE'S ONE BEDROOM, YOUR HONOR.
SHE HAD JOINT ACCESS, AND SHE'D
NEVER BEEN DENIED ACCESS.
THAT WAS PART OF THE DEFENDANT'S
STIPULATION OF FACTS THEY
BROUGHT FORWARD.

YOU KNOW OUR ISSUE OF CONSENT
IN --

SHE BROUGHT THEM OUT FIRST.
IF SHE HAD NOT BROUGHT THEM OUT
BEFORE SHE WAS, LEFT FOR THE
SHELTER, SHE COULD HAVE GIVEN
THE POLICE CONSENT TO GO IN, BUT
SHE BROUGHT THEM OUT SO IT'S
SORT OF A CONUNDRUM AT THAT
POINT.

WE HAVE TO SHOW SHE ACTED
WITHOUT A DUAL NUMBER GOING AND
GETTING THOSE.

IT'S A REDUCED EXPECTATION OF
PRIVACY BECAUSE SHE LIVE INSIDE
THAT HOUSE, SHE HAD FULL ACCESS.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR ARGUMENT,
MY QUESTION IS WHETHER YOU MADE
IT IN THE SECOND DCA.

WE TRIED, YOUR HONOR.

THE PROBLEM I'M HAVING WITH
TRYING TO, YOU'RE TRYING TO PEEL
THE ONION.

DANCING AROUND WITH THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT ENCOURAGED HER TO DO
THIS, I THINK, IS REALLY VERY
DISINGENUOUS.

OF COURSE THEY DID.

THEN THEY GAVE HER A BAG.
ASSUMING THOSE FACTS, THAT'S HOW
THIS ARGUMENT NEEDS TO FLOW
RATHER THAN TRYING TO PEEL THE
ONION DIFFERENT WAYS.

THEY REALLY DIDN'T, I MEAN,
REALLY AS ANY THINKING ADULT
THERE'S A YOUNG PERSON THERE,
AND THERE'S SOMETHING HAS
OCCURRED, AND THERE'S EVIDENCE
INSIDE, AND THE POLICE, WELL,
YOU CAN GET THOSE ON YOUR WAY
OUT, AND HERE'S A BAG TO PUT
THEM IN.

TO STAND HERE AND ARGUE TO THIS
COURT THAT THAT'S REALLY NOT, I
MEAN, THAT'S JUST NOTHING,
THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND
THIS CASE, AND WE REALLY NEED TO
GET TO WHAT THIS CASE IS ABOUT

RATHER THAN ALL THESE TANGENTS.
YOUR HONOR, YOU'RE RIGHT.
WHAT WE HAVE, THIS HAS TO BE
ABOUT SPECIFIC FINDING.
WHAT WE HAVE IS A 15-YEAR-OLD
CHILD WHO HAS BEEN SEXUALLY
ABUSED BY HER FATHER FOR EIGHT
YEARS.
IT'S NOT -- WE NEED TO HAVE A
LITTLE, A LITTLE FOUNDATION
HERE.
THAT'S NOT THIS COURT LOOKING AT
THE FOURTH AMENDMENT IS NOT
CONDONING WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT
HAVE HAPPENED, AND THAT'S AN
INAPPROPRIATE ARGUMENT TO TRY TO
SET THIS TONE.
THE QUESTION IS WE HAVE LAW
ENFORCEMENT THAT COME TO A
SCENE, THAT SOMETHING HAS
OCCURRED AND GO FROM THERE.
BUT DON'T WE HAVE TO ALSO
LOOK AT THE VICTIM THEMSELVES?
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE THE POLICE
CAME TO YOUR HOUSE, YOUR HONOR,
OR TO THE HOUSE OF AN ADULT AND
SAID, YOU KNOW, IS THERE ANY
EVIDENCE --
YOU CAN CONTINUE ON ANY WAY
YOU WANT.
I'M TRYING TO GET -- IT'S NOT
GOING TO SERVE YOUR PURPOSE.
THAT'S MY ONLY CONCERN.
I DON'T THINK THIS IS AN
EMOTIONAL ARGUMENT, I THINK THIS
IS AN OBJECTIVE ARGUMENT.
YOU LOOK AT THE COMMON KNOWLEDGE
OF A MINOR CHILD THAT THE POLICE
TALKED TO.
SHE WASN'T TOLD SHE HAD TO.
THERE WAS NO COMPELLING, THERE
WAS NO COERCING.
I DON'T KNOW --
DOES THE, DO THE CASES
REQUIRE THAT TYPE OF COERCION,
DIRECTION, COMPULSION?
OR DOES IT SAY WHERE THE STATE
HAS ENCOURAGED, INITIATED THE
ACTION THEN IT'S STATE CONDONED
AND IT'S AN ILLEGAL SEARCH?
THE COOLIDGE CASE GIVES YOU
THE COMPELLING, COERCE LANGUAGE.
IN THE TREADWAY THEY FOUND THAT
EVEN WHERE THERE IS A MODICUM OR

A PORTION WHETHER GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES THAT IF THE VICTIM HAS A DUAL INTEREST, IT STILL CAN COME IN AS A PRIVATE SEARCH, YOUR HONOR. EVEN WHERE THE GOVERNMENT HAS ENCOURAGED -- UNDER YOUR ARGUMENT ANY TIME IT'S THE VICTIM OF A CRIME, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO FIND THAT THERE IS A DUAL PURPOSE. NO, YOUR HONOR.

[INAUDIBLE] EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE IN THIS CASE THEN. SHE WAS THE VICTIM OF THE CRIME, AND YOU'RE SAYING BECAUSE OF THAT OR WHAT OTHER REASON DOES SHE HAVE OTHER THAN BEING THE VICTIM TO HAVE CRIME DO YOU SAY SHE HAD A DUAL PURPOSE? ON THE CASE OF THIS RECORD WE HAVE A 15-YEAR-OLD MINOR CHILD. FATHER IS THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR OF THE OFFENSE, AND IF HER CASE IS NOT PROVEN AND EVEN IF SHE'S SHELTERED AT THAT POINT, SHE COULD FACE THE REAL-LIFE PROBABILITY OF BEING PUT BACK IN THE CUSTODY OF HER FATHER. SHE'S ONLY 15. I MEAN, THERE'S AN OBJECTIVE INTEREST RIGHT THERE. IS THAT ARTICULATED AT SOME POINT BY HER? I MEAN, BECAUSE MOST OF THE TIME WHEN WE SEE THESE DUAL PURPOSE CASES, THERE'S BEEN AN ARTICULATION OF WHAT THE VICTIM OR -- [INAUDIBLE] MAY HAVE BEEN. DO WE HAVE ANY ARTICULATION IN THIS RECORD OF THIS VICTIM'S PURPOSE?

NO, WE DON'T BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE, WE DID NOT ALLOW HER TO TESTIFY. WE WERE NOT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HER TO TESTIFY AT THE TRIAL COURT. WELL, BUT THE JUDGE GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROFFER THE

TESTIMONY WHICH IS PROBABLY BETTER THAN THE ACTUAL TESTIMONY BECAUSE IT'S NOT BEING CROSS-EXAMINED, AND THE DEFENSE AGREED TO IT.

YOU CAN SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT IN THE PROFFER, THIS IS WHAT SHE'S GOING TO TESTIFY, TO YOU COULD HAVE PUT ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO TO JUSTIFY YOUR POSITION.

TO SAY THERE'S NO TESTIMONY, I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE DETRIMENTAL TO HAVE HER SUBJECT TO CROSS-EXAMINATION.

WE DON'T KNOW THAT, YOUR HONOR.

YOU DIDN'T SAY, JUDGE, WE WANT HER TO TESTIFY, LET HER BE SUBJECT TO CROSS-EXAMINATION, WE THINK THAT WILL BE MORE POWERFUL THAN TO PROFFER.

THE TRIAL COURT MADE IT CLEAR THEY DIDN'T NEED TO HEAR TESTIMONY.

AND AT THAT POINT, YOU DIDN'T NEED TO HEAR TESTIMONY, THE STATE WANTED TO PUT THEM ON, INFORMED THE COURT THAT THEY WERE THERE, AND THE --

AND SO DID YOU SAY, WELL, WE WOULD PROFFER, THEN, THAT THE VICTIM WOULD TESTIFY, THAT SHE WAS ACTING IN HER PRIVATE INTERESTS BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSE WITH THIS FATHER.

AND FINDING THESE CONDOMS AND GIVING THEM TO POLICE WOULD PROVE HER CASE, AND THEN SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE, TO GO TO SHELTER SOMEWHERE ELSE AND NOT HAVE TO LIVE WITH THAT FATHER.

DID YOU PROFFER THAT?

NO, YOUR HONOR.

BUT YOU COULD HAVE.

IF WE KNEW WHAT HER SUBJECTIVE REASONS WERE --

I ASSUME YOU --

THE POLICE DIDN'T SHOW UP, SHE INITIATED THE CONTACT WITH THE POLICE.

I ASSUME YOU INTERVIEWED THE VICTIM BEFORE?

THE OFFICER DID.

NO, I'M SAYING BEFORE THE SUPPRESSION HEARING.

I ASSUME THAT A PROSECUTOR, AS NORMALLY WOULD DO BEFORE A HEARING, WOULD INTERVIEW THE WITNESS.

YES, YOUR HONOR.

AND SO IF YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN HER SUBJECTIVE FEELINGS FROM THAT SITUATION, AT THAT POINT YOU COULD HAVE PROFFERED IT TO THE JUDGE.

IF THEY KNEW THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT THING TO, YOU KNOW, DEVELOP.

AS A SUBJECTIVE REASON, WHY WOULD --

WELL, YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S SAYING THAT PART OF THE LAW IS WHETHER YOU'RE ACTING IN YOUR OWN PRIVATE INTEREST.

SO THAT SEEMS TO ME WOULD SUPPORT YOUR POSITION.

WELL, YES, IT WOULD HAVE.

AND IF THE TRIAL -- AND THE TRIAL COURT, THE ONUS WAS ON THE DEVELOP, I MEAN, THE DEFENDANT WAS SAYING THAT SHE WASN'T, SHE WAS ACTING SOLELY AS A GOVERNMENT AGENT.

AND AT THAT POINT WE NEEDED TO HEAR TESTIMONY FROM THE VICTIM.

AND IT HAS TO BE A SUBJECTIVE CASE BY CASE IF YOU'RE GOING TO ASK, WHAT WAS YOUR SUBJECTIVE REASON FOR GIVING THAT?

DID YOU EVER SAY DURING THE HEARING, JUDGE, AT THIS POINT THE DEFENSE IS ARGUING THAT SHE WAS ACTING IN THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST, AT THIS POINT WE REALLY NEED TO PUT ON THE TESTIMONY OF THE VICTIM?

NO, YOUR HONOR.

IF YOU LOOK AT THE RECORD, THERE WAS, THE STATE STATED BASED ON THEIR READING OF THE MOTION TO SUPPRESS THERE WAS AN ERRONEOUS ALLEGATION THAT SHE HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED FROM MR. MONINGER'S HOME PRIOR TO HER GETTING CLOTHING, THAT SHE HAD ALREADY BEEN AT SHELTER.

SO THE STATE WAS GOING FORWARD

UNDER THE BELIEF THEY THOUGHT SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THE HOME AT ALL BECAUSE SHE'D ALREADY BEEN REMOVED, AND THE STATE SAID THAT ON THE RECORD.

MY READING OF THIS MOTION, YOUR HONOR, IS THAT THEY'RE ALLEGING SHE DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS ANYMORE TO THAT HOUSE BECAUSE PRIOR TO HER MEETING WITH THE POLICE, SHE WAS NO LONGER LIVING IN THE RESIDENCE.

AND THE STATE SAID TO THE TRIAL COURT, THAT'S HOW I READ THIS MOTION, AND THIS IS WHAT I UNDERSTAND THE MOTION TO BE.

AND THE TRIAL COURT SAID, WELL, THIS IS A FACTUAL MATTER BASED ON WHAT'S STIPULATED IN THE MOTION TO SUPPRESS, I'M GOING TO GO ON THOSE FACTS, AND IT'S GOING TO BE AN EASY ISSUE FOR ME.

AND YOU'LL SEE THEY DEVELOP INSIDE A DIFFERENT WAY.

THE STATE THOUGHT THAT THE WHOLE MOTION WAS THAT SHE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO BE IN THE HOME. WITH OUR ASSISTANCE, YOU'VE USED ALL YOUR TIME, PLUS ADDITIONAL TIME.

SO GO AHEAD AND BRING YOUR ARGUMENT TO A CONCLUSION FOR YOUR LAST STATEMENTS.

WELL --

I'LL GIVE YOU A MINUTE.

THANK YOU.

I WOULD ASK THAT THIS COURT FIND THAT THE SECOND DISTRICT ERRED IN FINDING THAT THE VICTIM DID NEVER HAVE A DUAL PURPOSE.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, MY NAME IS RON GURALNICK, AND I REPRESENT MR. MONINGER IN THIS CASE.

I THINK THE KEY HERE IS THE -- AS YOUR HONOR INDICATED, IT GAVE THE STATE AN ADVANTAGE BECAUSE WE HAVE TO ASSUME THEY KNEW WHAT THE INFORMATION WAS ANT, THEY PREPARED FOR THE MOTION, THEY KNEW THE FACTS OF THE CASE, THEY

DID NOT PROFFER ANYTHING TO THE COURT, AND THAT WAS INDICATED IN THE TRIAL JUDGE'S MOTION TO SUPPRESS.

THEY DID NOT PROFFER ANYTHING THAT WOULD LEAD ANYONE TO BELIEVE THERE WAS A DUAL INTEREST IN THIS CASE.

THEY HAVE AN ADVANTAGE BECAUSE, AS YOUR HONOR INDICATED, THERE WAS NO CROSS-EXAMINATION OF THE STATE'S WITNESSES.

THE STATE COULD HAVE SAID ANYTHING THAT THEY WANTED TO, THEY ARE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA REPRESENTING THIS YOUNG LADY AND THE STATE, AND I WOULD ASSUME THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO KNOW THE INFORMATION, AND IF THEY HAD THE INFORMATION, THEY SHOULD HAVE PROFFERED IT, AND THEY DIDN'T. SO THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE PROFFER WHICH COULD LEAD ANYONE TO BELIEVE THERE WAS A DUAL INTEREST, THAT'S WHAT THE TRIAL JUDGE SAID, THAT'S WHAT THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS SAID.

I ASSUME FROM YOUR COMMENTS THAT YOU AGREE THE TEST THAT SHOULD APPLY.

WHAT I WANT?

THAT YOU AGREE WITH WHAT TESTS SHOULD BE APPLIED IN THESE CASES.

YES, I DO, ABSOLUTELY.

THAT'S THE STATE V. TREADWAY, AND THAT IS THAT THE STATE CANNOT SECURE EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE FROM THE INTERIOR OF A HOME WHERE THEY HAVE NOT SORT A SEARCH WARRANT, NEVER EVEN ATTEMPTED TO GET A SEARCH WARRANT.

BOTH THE FATHER AND THE DAUGHTER WERE PRESENT, AND NEITHER ONE OF THEM WAS ASKED FOR CONSENT TO ENTER THE HOME OR SEARCH THE HOME.

WAS THERE PROBABLE CAUSE AT THAT POINT TO ARREST THE FATHER? AT THE TIME THAT THE POLICE CAME

AND THE DAUGHTER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SEXUAL ACTIVITY, WAS THERE, THEN, PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST MR. MONINGER?

I WOULD HAVE TO SAY, YOUR HONOR, THAT WHEN THE DAUGHTER SAID THERE WAS SEXUAL ACTIVITY AND SHE'S A 15-YEAR-OLD MINOR AND THAT'S HER FATHER, THAT THEY HAD PROBABLE CAUSE.

I WOULD SAY THAT.

IF THEY HAD PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST HIM AT THAT POINT, COULD THEY HAVE SEARCHED THE RESIDENT PURSUANT TO THE ARREST?

NO.

THEY HAVE TO GET A SEARCH WARRANT.

OR THEY WOULD ALSO THEN HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO GET THE SEARCH WARRANT.

THEY WOULD HAVE HAD PROBABLE CAUSE TO GET THE SEARCH WARRANT IF THEY ATTEMPTED TO DO SO, BUT THEY NEVER DID.

WHAT THEY DID WAS, THEY SAID GO INTO THE HOUSE, YOUNG LADY, GATHER YOUR CLOTHING, AND, OH, AND BY THE WAY, IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE PREMISES THAT COULD SUBSTANTIATE YOUR ALLEGATION?

SHE SAID, THERE'S TWO CONDOMS IN A TRASH CAN IN MY FATHER'S BEDROOM IN HIS HOUSE.

WHAT I WAS GETTING AT -- YES.

WAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST THE FATHER AND THEN PROBABLE CAUSE TO HAVE GOTTEN A SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE HOUSE.

IF THE POLICE COULD, IN FACT, HAVE AT THAT POINT GOTTEN A SEARCH WARRANT, DOES THIS THEN FALL UNDER THE INEVITABLE DISCOVERY?

THEY WERE TAKING THE CHILD OUT OF HOME, THE FATHER'S GOING TO BE ARRESTED, A SEARCH WARRANT COULD HAVE ISSUED, AND THEY COULD HAVE HAD, IN FACT, FOUND THIS EVIDENCE PURSUANT TO THE SEARCH WARRANT?

LET ME TRY AND ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

UNDER THE INEVITABLE DISCOVERY DOCTRINE, THE STATE WOULD HAVE TO SHOW TWO THINGS.

ONE, THAT THEY MADE SOME ATTEMPT TO GET A SEARCH WARRANT SO THAT THEY COULD LEGALLY ENTER THE PREMISES, AND THEY NEVER DID.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT --

WHAT CASE ACTUALLY SAYS THAT? I'M SORRY?

WHAT CASE SAYS THAT YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE PROCESS OF GOING TO GET THE WARRANT BEFORE THE INEVITABLE DISCOVERY DOCTRINE APPLIES?

YOUR HONOR, PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR NOT REMEMBERING THE EXACT CASE.

IT IS MENTIONED IN MY BRIEFS, IN THE BRIEFS.

BUT THERE'S ANOTHER THING THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO.

THE STATE WOULD HAVE TO AT THE HEARING ON THE MOTION TO SUPPRESS SHOW THAT BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE, IN THE CASE -- I'M SORRY, I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE CASE, BUT THEY WOULD HAVE TO SHOW BY THE PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THEY COULD HAVE FOUND THIS EVIDENCE IN THE HOUSE, AND THAT WAS NEVER ATTEMPTED AT THE MOTION TO SUPPRESS HEARING.

SO WHAT HAVE WE GOT?

WE'VE GOT NO SEARCH WARRANT, NO ATTEMPT TO GET ONE, WE HAVE NO CONSENT FROM EITHER THE YOUNG LADY OR HER FATHER TO ENTER THE PREMISES AND SEARCH THE PREMISES.

COULD SHE ACTUALLY, WITH THE PARENT ACTUALLY PRESENT, IS THE MINOR STILL -- IF THE PARENT IS THERE, DOES THE POLICE HAVE TO ASK THE PARENT, OR CAN THE POLICE CIRCUMVENT THE PARENT GO DIRECTLY TO THE MINOR?

I BELIEVE THAT THE POLICE, IT WOULD BE THE PARENT OR THE

PERSON THAT ACTUALLY OWNS THE HOUSE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO ASK.

AND, REMEMBER, SHE WASN'T EVEN IN THE HOUSE AT THAT TIME BECAUSE SHE WAS STAYING WITH A FRIEND'S MOTHER WHO ORIGINALLY NOTIFIED THE POLICE THAT THAT COMPLAINT HAD BEEN MADE TO HER. SO I BELIEVE THEY WOULD HAVE HAD TO ASK THE FATHER, BUT REALLY, RESPECTFULLY, IT'S NEITHER HERE NOR THERE BECAUSE THEY NEVER ASKED THE FATHER, THEY NEVER ASKED THE DAUGHTER, AND SO THAT ISSUE IS NOT PRESENT IN THIS CASE.

THEY DIDN'T DO IT, IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

AND FOR SURE WHAT THEY DID DO WAS THEY SAID, GO INTO THE HOUSE AND BRING OUT YOUR BELONGINGS, AND, BY THE WAY, IS THERE ANYTHING THAT COULD SUBSTANTIATE THE FACT OF THIS ALLEGATION?

THIS CASE HAS BEEN --

I'M SORRY, YOUR HONOR?

THIS CASE HAS ESSENTIALLY BEEN IN LIMBO SINCE, WHILE THIS MOTION TO SUPPRESS IS GOING ON? THAT'S CORRECT.

IT WENT TO THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, THEY AFFIRMED BASED UPON --

WAS THE, WERE THE CONDOMS EVER TESTED?

I'M SORRY?

WAS DNA EVER DONE?

LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY, I

WASN'T THE TRIAL LAWYER AT THE TIME, JUDGE.

I'M HANDLING THE CASE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY ACTUALLY -- BECAUSE THE CASE STOPPED ONCE THE MOTION WAS GRANTED.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY TESTED IT OR NOT, BUT CERTAINLY IF THE CONDOMS ARE SUPPRESSIBLE FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH BEFORE THIS COURT, SO WOULD THE DNA.

BUT IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS AN EVENT THAT OCCURRED IN

DECEMBER OF 2004, AND HERE WE ARE IN 2008.

YES.

AND THE MATTER HAS JUST BEEN IN LIMBO.

YES, IT HAS BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN PAST THE MOTION TO SUPPRESS ISSUE.

WELL, THE STATE, CERTAINLY THIS WOULD BE A QUESTION FOR THE STATE.

IF THE CONDOMS WITH TESTED AND NO DNA WAS FOUND, THE VALUE OF THIS EVIDENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN MARGINALIZED ANYWAY.

WE DON'T KNOW THAT.

THAT'S CORRECT, JUDGE.

THAT IS CORRECT.

WELL, THE STATE STILL HAS, OBVIOUSLY, THE TESTIMONY OF THE VICTIM.

YES, THEY DO.

WHICH IS --

YES, THEY DO.

IT'S JUST A MATTER THAT THE STATE HAS NOT CHOSEN TO BRING IT TO TRIAL, I ASSUME.

UNTIL THIS IS RESOLVED.

THAT'S CORRECT.

THAT IS CORRECT.

ALL RIGHT.

BUT THEY HAVE AT LEAST TESTIMONY --

WELL, LET'S SAY THAT THE YOUNG LADY SAID, WELL, WE RECENTLY HAD SEX, AND THESE ARE THE CONDOMS THAT MY FATHER USED, AND NO DNA WAS TAKEN OF THE FATHER FROM THOSE EXHIBITS, I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT HER CREDIBILITY WOULD BE LESSENERD EXTREMELY.

WELL, IT'D BE PRETTY IRONIC IF THESE GET TESTED AND SOMEBODY ELSE'S DNA IS ON THEM.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, THEN, TO THE DEFENSE, NOT TO THE STATE.

AGAIN, THIS IS ALL VERY SPECULATIVE, WE'RE DEALING WITH A DISCREET LEGAL ISSUE, BUT IT ACTUALLY, AS I THINK ABOUT IT, COULD HELP THE DEFENSE THE IT DIDN'T -- IF IT DIDN'T REVEAL

YOUR CLIENT'S DNA OR IT SHOWS
SOMEBODY ELSE'S DNA INTERMIXED.
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY DENY.
THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DNA
WOULD SHOW.

WE'RE STARTING TO GET FAR
AFIELD.

YOU SAID A MOMENT AGO PART OF
THE FACTS WERE, AND AGAIN THIS
IS PART OF THE DIFFICULTY I'M
HAVING WITH COMPARING THIS TO
THE TREADWAY CASE.

THE OTHER CASE IS THAT WE,
APPARENTLY, DON'T HAVE A CASE
HERE WHERE THERE WAS TESTIMONY
AND EVIDENCE OFFERED, AND THE
JUDGE HAS TO MAKE EVALUATIONS
ABOUT INFERENCES AND CREDIBILITY
AND, YOU KNOW, AND THEN FINDINGS
OF FACT, YOU KNOW, BASED ON --
DISPUTED IN THE EVIDENCE.

BUT YOU SAID THE VICTIM WAS NOT
LIVING --
WHAT?

WAS NOT LIVING IN THE MOBILE
HOME RESIDENCE AT THE TIME?

NO, AS I UNDERSTAND IT --

WELL, AS YOU UNDERSTAND IT.

WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IS IN
THE -- WAS THIS A STIPULATION OR
A PROFFER OR JUST EXACTLY WHAT
WAS THIS?

IN TERMS OF GETTING INFORMATION
TO THE TRIAL JUDGE FOR THE TRIAL
JUDGE TO MAKE A RULING?

WAS THERE A STIPULATION BETWEEN
THE TWO SIDES THAT, JUDGE, WE
STIPULATE TO THESE FACTS THIS IS
WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED
IF WE DID HAVE A HEARING IN
WHICH THE OFFICERS AND THE
VICTIM AND WHOEVER ELSE
TESTIFIED?

OR WAS THERE A PROFFER BY EACH
SIDE?

HOW DO WE GET TO THIS, THESE
FACTS THAT THE TRIAL COURT FACED
A RULING ON?

YOUR HONOR, TO ANSWER THAT
QUESTION I DON'T WANT TO MAKE A
MISSTATEMENT, OKAY?

AND IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE
PROFFER FROM EITHER THE STATE OR
THE DEFENSE, I REALLY DON'T

RECALL.

I MUST SAY MOST RESPECTFULLY I
DON'T THINK THAT THAT HAS
BEARING ON THE ISSUE BEFORE THIS
COURT, RESPECTFULLY.

AND THAT IS THAT THIS GIRL WAS
USED AS A POLICE AGENT TO
ACQUIRE THAT WHICH THEY COULDN'T
LEGALLY ACQUIRE --

WELL, CLARIFY FOR ME, THOUGH,
WHAT THE STATUS OF HER RESIDENCE
WAS IF THERE IS ANY INFORMATION
IN THE PROFFER, STIPULATION,
WHATEVER THERE WAS.

WHAT IS SET OUT IN THE PROFFER
ABOUT WHETHER SHE WAS RESIDING
AT THE TIME?

HE TOLD HER GIRLFRIEND, HER
BEST GIRLFRIEND, ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED.

THAT GIRLFRIEND TOLD HER MOTHER.
THE GIRLFRIEND'S MOTHER.

BUT THAT ACTUALLY WAS
INCLUDED IN THE PROFFER?

IS THAT IN THE PROFFER?

I'M NOT SURE, JUDGE.

I DON'T WANT TO MISSTATE.

ACCORDING TO THE SECOND DCA,
THE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO
MONINGER'S RESIDENCE WHERE HIS
DAUGHTER ALSO LIVED.

CPI MORGAN WAS PRESENT AND WAS
GOING TO REMOVE THE DAUGHTER TO
SHELTER CARE.

OKAY.

I HAD TAKEN THAT SHE HAD LIVED
THERE PRIOR, SO I MAY HAVE
MISSTATED, AND IF I DID, I
APOLOGIZE.

THEY ALSO REFER TO THE
PARTIES STIPULATED TO THE FACT.
THAT'S WHAT THE SECOND DCA SAYS.

I WOULD HAVE TO AGREE THAT
PORTION IS CORRECT.

BUT I STILL DON'T FEEL THAT HAS
BEARING ON THE ISSUE BEFORE THE
COURT.

THEY USED HER AS A STATE AGENT
NOT ONLY DID THEY SUGGEST THAT
SHE BRING THE CONDOMS OUT, BUT
THEY SAID, AND HERE IS A BAG TO
BRING THEM OUT IN WHICH,

NATURALLY --

LET ME ASK A QUESTION.

YES.

THE TRIAL JUDGE HERE SAID IT DOES NOT SEEM LOGICAL TO FIND THE PRIVATE INTERESTS OF THE VICTIM IS ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE STATES.

DO YOU NOT SEE THAT THERE'S AN INDEPENDENT INTEREST OF SOMEBODY WHO WANTS TO LIVE IN A HOME SAFELY WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO SEVERE ABUSE, THAT THAT IS NOT SOME INDEPENDENT INTEREST, THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE STATE'S?

I WOULD SAY, AS JUSTICE QUINCE DID, THAT WOULD MEAN THAT THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE AN INDEPENDENT INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE VICTIM IN EVERY SINGLE CASE, AND THAT IS NOT THE CASE.

WE HAVE A --

BUT, OF COURSE, IT'S NOT ALWAYS THE VICTIM THAT'S ASKED TO PERFORM THESE TASKS FOR THE STATE TO GET EVIDENCE AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE COOLIDGE CASE FROM THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IT WAS NOT THE VICTIM WHO DID IT, IT WAS THE, IT WAS THE SUSPECT'S WIFE.

SO THERE ARE A WIDE VARIETY OF FACT PATTERNS.

SO, YES, SURE THE VICTIM MAY ALWAYS HAVE AN INTEREST, BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS THE VICTIM INVOLVED IN OBTAINING THE EVIDENCE.

WELL, I WOULD SAY THIS, THAT I THINK THE STATE HAS ALREADY INDICATED THERE WAS NO PROFFER MADE, IT WAS NOT PART OF THE PROFFER THAT THERE WAS A DUAL INTEREST HERE.

THE COURT COULD ONLY GO BY WHAT IS IN THE RECORD, THE APPELLATE COURTS CAN ONLY GO BY WHAT'S IN THE RECORD, AND WHAT IS IN THE RECORD IS THE ABSENCE OF ANY DUAL PURPOSE IN THE PROFFER MADE BY THE STATE.

THEY FAILED TO MAKE THAT PART OF

THE PROFFER, AND THEY SHOULD HAVE DONE IT IF THERE WAS A DUAL PURPOSE.

WE CAN ONLY GO BY THE RECORD, THE APPELLATE COURTS, AND THE TRIAL COURT AS WELL.

THERE IS NO DUAL PURPOSE IN THE RECORD.

IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO DRAW AN INFERENCE THE STIPULATED FACT THAT SOMEBODY WHO'S BEEN A MINOR WHO'S BEEN A VICTIM OF SEXUAL BATTERY BY HER FATHER WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN REMOVING HERSELF FROM THAT RESIDENCE AND THAT ANY EVIDENCE SHE COULD OBTAIN TO HELP HER GET REMOVED WOULD ASSIST HER, WOULD FURTHER THOSE INTERESTS?

THE STATE COULD HAVE MADE THAT PART OF THE PROFFER, JUDGE, AND THEY DIDN'T.

AND HOW CAN WE SPECULATE AS TO WHAT THAT WITNESS WOULD HAVE SAID?

DID YOU ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE BURDEN OF PROOF, AND THAT MAY BE IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF -- IF WE CONTINUE TO TAKE THIS CASE -- WHERE WE'D COME OUT.

DO YOU AGREE THAT SINCE SHE WAS AT LEAST ON THE FACE SHE OBTAINED THE CONDOMS PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL SO THEN IT'S YOUR, THE DEFENDANT'S, BURDEN TO PROVE SHE WAS ACTING AS A STATE AGENT? IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

ALL RIGHT.

AND I WOULD SAY THAT IT'S CLEAR.

SO YOU THEN PRODUCE AND SHOW THAT SHE WAS ACTING AS A STATE AGENT.

WHOSE BURDEN IS IT TO SHOW, THEN, THAT THERE WAS ALSO A DUAL PURPOSE?

WOULD THAT GO BACK TO THE STATE TO HAVE TO ESTABLISH THERE WAS A DUAL PURPOSE?

WHAT I WOULD HAVE TO SAY IS IF THERE'S A PROFFER MADE TO THE COURT --

NOT TALKING ABOUT LEGALLY SO

IF WE TAKE THIS CASE AND WE TALK ABOUT IT WHERE BURDENS ARE, BURDEN ON THE DEFENDANT TO SHOW THAT THE PERSON WAS ACTING AS A STATE AGENT.

IS IT THEN BECAUSE THEY WERE DOING IT AT THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE, IS IT THEN THE STATE COME FORWARD AND SHOW THERE WAS ALSO A LEGITIMATE PRIVATE INTEREST?

I WOULD SAY IF THAT'S, IF THAT IS -- IT'S GOING TO SUPPORT THE DECISION, THEY WOULD HAVE -- I MEAN, IN OTHER WORDS -- OBLIGATION TO DO SO.

THE DEFENDANT WOULDN'T HAVE TO ESTABLISH THE LACK OF A DUAL PURPOSE.

OR WOULD THEY?

IF THE STATE DOESN'T PROFFER IT, I DON'T SEE HOW -- IF THE STATE DOESN'T PROFFER IT -- LET'S LOOK AT THE PROFFER.

THE DETECTIVE TOLD THE VICTIM THAT WHILE INSIDE SHE COULD GET THE CONDOM IF SHE CHOSE TO.

RIGHT.

DO YOU AGREE THAT IF THE DETECTIVE HAD NOT MADE THAT STATEMENT, THAT IF INDEPENDENTLY SHE HAD, WHILE SHE WENT IN TO GET HER STUFF, SHE HAD CHOSEN TO GET THE CONDOMS, COULD SHE HAVE DONE THAT IF THE OFFICER HAD SAID NOTHING?

THIS IS PURELY CONCLUSIONARY, YOUR HONOR.

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN KNOW THAT. I'M SAYING THAT IF SHE HAD ON HER OWN DECIDED TO GO AND GET THE CONDOMS AND GO AND HAND THEM TO THE OFFICERS, SHE WOULD HAVE HAD THE FREEDOM AND ABILITY TO DO SO?

ABSOLUTELY, I AGREE WITH THAT.

AND SO THE KEY HERE IS YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE OFFICER SAID TO THIS YOUNG LADY, WHEN YOU GO GET YOUR STUFF, IF YOU CHOOSE, YOU CAN GET THE CONDOMS, THAT THAT TURNS HER INTO A STATE AGENT?

WE DON'T KNOW -- DIRECTED.

YES.
BY THE STATE.
NOT ONLY THAT, THAT WAS A
MERE SUGGESTION.
BUT WHEN HE HANDED HER THE BAG
TO BRING THEM BACK IN, THAT WAS
DIRECT PARTICIPATION BY THE
POLICE.
WHICH IS EVEN MORE THAN --
BUT YOU AGREE THE STIPULATED
FACT, SHE HAD THE CHOICE WHETHER
TO GET THE CONDOMS OR NOT GET
THE CONDOMS?

YES, I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT
TRUTHFULLY.
AT ANY RATE, WE MUST GO BY THE
RECORD.
THERE IS NOTHING IN THE RECORD
BECAUSE OF THE PROFFER THAT WAS
MADE BY THE STATE TO SHOW THAT
THERE WAS ANY DUAL PURPOSE HERE.
WHAT IS IN THE RECORD IS THE
IMPROPRIETOUS, ILLEGAL SEARCH
AND SEIZURE BY THE POLICE IN A
SEARCH THAT THEY COULDN'T HAVE
MADE THEMSELVES.
BUT THEY DID SECURE THE CONDOMS
BECAUSE THEY USED THE MINOR AS A
STATE AGENT.
WOULD YOU GO BACK TO THE
BURDEN OF PROOF?
I THINK YOU WERE INTERPRETED
WHEN THE JUSTICE WAS TRYING TO
ADDRESS THE THE BURDEN.
YOU FILED A MOTION TO SUPPRESS,
AND YOU'D HAVE A BURDEN TO SHOW
SOMETHING WHICH IS THAT ENTRY
OCCURRED, RIGHT?
THAD BE NUMBER ONE, THAT THERE
WAS NO CONSENT OR WARRANT,
NUMBER TWO, AND THEN YOU'D HAVE
TO SHOW THAT IT WAS THE STATE
DOING IT --
YES.
OKAY.
THEN THEN AT THAT POINT THE
BURDEN WOULD SHIFT, WE HAVE A
SHIFTING BURDEN, THEN THE STATE
WOULD BE REQUIRED TO GO FORWARD
TO SHOW THE VALIDITY, SO THERE'S
A SHIFTING BURDEN, IS THAT A
CORRECT APPROACH?
I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT.

HOW THE ANALYSIS SHOULD FLOW?

YES.

THEN THEY WOULD HAVE THE BURDEN OF DEMONSTRATING THIS WAS A PRIVATE INTEREST OR SOME OTHER KIND OF INTEREST THAT IT DOES NOT VIOLATE.

SO THEY DO HAVE A BURDEN -- YES.

THAT'S THE ANALYSIS FLOW.

AND BY THE WAY, AS FAR AS THE TREADWAY CASE IS CONCERNED, IT'S ON ALL FLOORS OF THE TRIAL COURT AND THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL.

THE FACTS IN THAT CASE WERE MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THIS CASE BECAUSE THERE THE INSURANCE AGENT HAD HIS OWN MONETARY INTEREST AT STAKE, AND SO HE DID MAKE AN ACT OF HIS OWN VOLITION TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE STATE.

THAT IS NOT THE CASE HERE.

IT IS JUST THE OPPOSITE.

SO IT'S THE PROMPTING, IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

THIS CASE RISES AND FALLS ON THE LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND THE BAG.

YES.

THAT PRETTY MUCH BOILS IT DOWN TO THAT.

I WOULD SAY THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.

SO IN THE INSURANCE CASE, TREADWAY BELOW, IF THIS PERSON HAD GONE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SAID, YOU KNOW, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, THE EVENTS HAPPENING, AND THE OFFICER SAID, WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY EVIDENCE.

IF YOU HAD SOME PROOF, MAYBE WE COULD GO FORWARD, AND THE INSURANCE AGENT DEVELOPS THAT PROOF AND GETS IT AND HANDS IT OVER.

UNDER YOUR SCENARIO THAT WOULD BE ACTING AS AN AGENT OF THE STATE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

THAT'S RIGHT.

IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET IT, SO THEY SEND SOMEBODY

ELSE IN TO GET THAT WHICH THEY
DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET
THEMSELVES --
BEFORE THERE'S EVEN ANY
[INAUDIBLE] UNDER ARREST?
RIGHT.
CORRECT?
CORRECT.

WITH THAT, YOU HAVE EXHAUSTED
ALL OF YOUR TIME WITH OUR
QUESTIONING.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
INDULGENCE.
I APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.
NICE APPEARING BEFORE YOU AGAIN.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE USED YOUR
TIME UP, GIVE A COUPLE OF
MINUTES, PLEASE, MR. MARSHALL.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
I WOULD LIKE TO JUST STRESS
SOMETHING VERY QUICKLY, AND THE
BURDEN WOULD BE ON THE PARTY
BRINGING THE MOTION TO SUPPRESS
THAT THE PRIVATE ACTION OF THE
VICTIM IN GOING INTO THE HOUSE
AND RETRIEVING THE CONDOMS WAS
DONE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE AND
THE SAME INTEREST AS THE POLICE,
AND THAT'S WHAT THE TRIAL COURT
FOUND.
BECAUSE THERE WAS NO HEARING ON
THE MATTER, THIS COURT IS
ACTUALLY IN THE SAME POSITION AS
THE TRIAL COURT TO DETERMINE
WHETHER OR NOT THE FACTS
ESTABLISH THAT THERE WAS
UNCONSTITUTIONAL POLICE ACTION
THAT WARRANTED THE APPLICATION
OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT
SUPPRESSION.
THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE.
WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS --
SO YOU'RE ARGUING THAT IT'S
THE DEFENDANT'S BURDEN TO SHOW
THAT THE VICTIM WAS NOT ACTING
IN HER PRIVATE INTERESTS?
WAS THAT HER SOLE INTEREST IN
DOING SO.
THE PROBLEM IS EVEN UNDER
TREADWAY, THE FOURTH DISTRICT
FOUND THERE WAS POLICE, THEY
SUGGESTED IT WAS AN ONGOING

EXCHANGE, AND EVEN WHERE THEY FOUND THERE WAS POLICE INTERVENTION OR ENCOURAGEMENT, THEY LOOKED ALSO TO WHETHER THERE WAS A SOLE PURPOSE.

AND THEY SAID BECAUSE THE AGENT WAS A VICTIM OF THE CRIME, BECAUSE HIS MONEY WAS IN THAT -- I UNDERSTAND.

I ACTUALLY HAD A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION.

HOW IS THE DEFENDANT SUPPOSED TO PROVE THAT IF YOU SAY THAT WHETHER THERE WAS A PRIVATE INTEREST YOU SAID EARLIER WAS A MATTER OF SUBJECTIVE INTENT OF THE VICTIM, HOW IS THE DEFENSE SUPPOSED TO SHOW THE VICTIM'S SUBJECTIVE INTENT?

IN THIS CASE THERE'S ALSO AN OBJECTIVE.

HERE WE HAVE A VICTIM WHO'S REACHED OUT TO THE POLICE.

THIS IS HER OBJECTIVE INTENT TO GET, TO GET THE POLICE INVOLVED IN HER SITUATION.

THERE IS AN OBJECTIVE INTEREST THAT WE CAN DISCERN ON THE FACT THAT SHE REACHED OUT TO THE POLICE, SHE REPORTED HER FATHER AND THE OFFENSE, AND WHEN THE POLICE CAME --

WE DON'T KNOW THAT FROM THE STIPULATED FACTS.

WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED, SHE TOLD THEM ALL THAT WAS GOING ON --

THAT'S NOT IN THE STIPULATION EITHER.

THAT'S HOW --

ALL THAT WAS GOING ON.

WELL, IN THE STIPULATED FACTS --

IT SAID THEY HAD AN INTERVIEW, IS ALL IT SAYS.

THEN IT SAYS AT THAT POINT THAT THERE WAS THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL, THE CPI MORGAN THERE, AND IT WAS DECIDED TO REMOVE THE CHILD FROM THE RESIDENCE AT THE CONCLUSION, WHEN THE INTERVIEW WITH THE CHILD WAS DONE.

AT THAT POINT THEY'D ALREADY MADE THAT DECISION.

RIGHT.

THE STIPULATION WAS THAT IT WAS UPON HER THAT THE OFFICER ASKED HER DID SHE HAVE ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HER ALLEGATIONS.

SO THERE IS SOME TO SUPPORT THAT SHE MADE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HER FATHER TO THE OFFICER, AND THAT WAS HER, I MEAN, SHE REACHED OUT TO THE POLICE AT THAT POINT.

AND WE HAVE TO FIND AT THE VERY LEAST THAT IF WE CAN'T REVERSE ON THE FACE OF THIS RECORD, THAT AT THE VERY LEAST THE OPINION OF THE SECOND DISTRICT SHOULD BE QUASHED AND THIS MATTER SHOULD BE REMANDED TO THE TRIAL COURT TO HOLD A PROPER HEARING TO ESTABLISH THAT.

DID THE STATE RAISE AS AN ISSUE AT THE SECOND DISTRICT THAT THE TRIAL COURT IMPROPERLY DENIED THE STATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT LIVE TESTIMONY AND OTHER EVIDENCE?

IT WAS NOT SET FORWARD EXACTLY IN ASKING FOR A QUASH. WELL EXACTLY OR INEXACTLY. WELL, INDIRECTLY, YES, YOUR HONOR, THEY DID SAY -- BUT THAT WASN'T RAISED AS AN ISSUE?

WITH THAT, WE'VE USED ADDITIONAL TIME, SO WE THANK YOU BOTH FOR VERY GOOD ARGUMENTS, AND WE'LL TAKE THIS CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT.

THANK YOU.

COURT WILL STAND IN RECESS.

ALL RISE.