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307	3 x 5 A-101	Color	Photo	3385	4691
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309	3 x 5	Color	Photo		4691
400	3 x 5 T-3	Color	Photo		4691
401	3 x 5 T-4	Color	Photo		46 91
402	3 x 5 T-5	Color	Photo	3461	4691
403	3 x 5 A-91	Color	Photo	3461	4691
404	3 x 5 T-7	Color	Photo		4691
405	3 x 5	Color	Photo	3461	4691

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406	3 x 5 Color T-9	Photo	3496	46 91
407	3 x 5 Color T-10	Photo		4691
408	3 x 5 Color T-11	Photo		4691
409	3 x 5 Color T-12	Photo	3496	4691
410	3 x 5 Color T-13	Photo	3676	4691
411	3 x 5 Color T-14	Photo	3449	4691
412	3 x 5 Color T-15	Photo		4691
413	3 x 5 Color T-16	Photo	3451	4692
414	3 x 5 Color U-1	Photo	3424	4692
415	3 x 5 Color U-3	Photo	3424	4692
416	3 x 5 Color U-5	Photo	3424	4692
	3 x 5 Color U-7	Photo	3424	4692
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419	3 x 5 Color U-8	Photo	3424	4692
420	3 x 5 Color U-8	Photo	3424	4692
421	3 x 5 Color U-9	Photo	3424	4692
422	3 x 5 Color U-10	Photo	3424	4692

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423	3 x 5 Color Photo U-11	3424	46 92
424	3 x 5 Color Photo U-13	3424	4692
425	3 x 5 Color Photo U-14	3424	4692
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429	3 x 5 Color Photo W-1	3425	4692
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431-A	3 x 5 Color Photo W-5	3476	4692
	3 x 5 Color Photo W-6	3425	4692
432-A	3 x 5 Color Photo W-4	3425	4692
	3 x 5 Color Photo W-7	3425	4692
434	3 x 5 Color Photo W-8	3425	4692
435	3 x 5 Color Photo W-9	3425	4692
436	3 x 5 Color Photo W-10	3425	7104
437	3 x 5 Color Photo	3425	7104

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439	3 x 5 Color Photo W-13	3426	7104
440	3 x 5 Color Photo W-14	3426	7104
441	3 x 5 Color Photo W-15	3426	4692
442	3 x 5 Color Photo W-16	3426	7104
443	3 x 5 Color Photo W-17	3426	7104
445	3 x 5 Color Photo W-16	3426	7104
446	3 x 5 Color Photo W-19	3426	7104
447	3 x 5 Color Photo W-20	3426	7104
448	3 x 5 Color Photo W-21	3426	7104
449	3 x 5 Color Photo A-21	3426	7104
450	3 x 5 Color Photo W-23	3426	7104
451	3 x 5 Color Photo W-24	3426	7104
452	3 x 5 Color Photo W-25	3426	7104
453	3 x 5 Color Photo W-26	3426	7104
454	3 x 5 Color Photo	3422	4692
455	3 x 5 Color Photo I-2	3422	4692

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456	3 x 5 Color Photo	3422	4692
457	3 x 5 Color Photo I-5	3422	4692
458	3 x 5 Color Photo I-6	3422	4692
459	3 x 5 Color Photo E-3	3422	4692
460	3 x 5 Color Photo M-4	3422	4692
461	3 x 5 Color Photo M-5	3422	4692
462	3 x 5 Color Photo B-6	3422	4692
463	3 x 5 Color Photo B-5	3422	4692
464	3 x 5 Color Photo R-2	3428	
465	3 x 5 Color Photo R-3	3428	4692
466	3 x 5 Color Photo R-4	3428	4692
467	3 x 5 Color Photo R-10	3428	
468	3 x 5 Color Photo R-1	3428	
469	3 x 5 Color Photo R-12	3428	
470	3 x 5 Color Photo R-13	3428	4692
471	3 x 5 Color Photo LFP-1	3385	4692
472	3 x 5 Color Photo LFP-2	3385	4692

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473	3 x 5 Color Photo LPP-3	3385	46 92
474	3 x 5 Color Photo LPP-4	3385	4692
475	3 x 5 Color Photo LFP-5	3385	4692
476	3 x 5 Color Photo LFP-6	3385	4692
477	8 x 10 Color Photo A-59	3484	5088
478	8 x 10 Color Photo JR-5, Head	3358	7588
479	8 x 10 Color Photo JR- 2, Throat	3354	5003
480	8 x 10 Color Photo JR-7, Ear and Neck	3355	5003
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485	8 x 10 Color Photo Bilbia Bedroom Closet	3471	5003
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487	Bedsheet, Ryen Master Bedroom	3504	47 96
488	3 x 5 Color Photo I.D. #13	3470	4692

		Iden.	In Evd.
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490	3 x 5 Color Photo Stockwell Shoes	3524	4692
491	Chart- Butcher Paper Time Line	6730	7588
492	2943 Notes		7104
493	2943 Notes - Schechter	3756	7104
494	2943 Master Bedroom, DCS	3587	7104
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498	Drawing of DCS Shoe		7104
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500	Evidence Collection Summary	3561	
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501	Brown Paper Bag, Empty	7145	7588
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507	8 x 10 Black & White Photo Top Sheet		7104

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509	8 x 10 Black & White Photo Closeup - Bottom Sheet		7104
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511	3 x 5 Black and White Photo Sole Impression - Coronado	3780	7588
512	Diagram - DCS 7-5-83 42376 A-5 Bottom	3780	7594
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521	8 x 10 Color Photo Pickup Truck, English Road	3794	5088 7104
523	8 x 10 Color Photo of Nick in Fence	3 <b>79</b> 9	5088
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606	5 x 7 Black & White Photo PGM Run # 237	4631	7595
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		lden.	In Evd
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<b>625</b> .	Chart - Butcher Paper, Hair Characteristics	4816	5003
6 26	8 x 10 Color Photo Boat, Illa Tika	4983	5003
627	8 x 10 Color Photo Illa Tika	4847	5003
628	8 x 10 Color Photo Inside Illa Tika, Sala	4983	5003
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635	Poster Board Chart Tobacco Samples	4896	<b>759</b> 6
636	Poster Board Chart	5051	5088
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648	3 by 5 Color Photo - Blank	5285	7596

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650	3 by 5 Color Photo - Blank	5285	7596
651	3 by 5 Color Photo - Luminol No. 7		7596
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		Iden.	In Evd.
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666	Lineup Display	5348	7104
667	3 x 5 Color Photos Eucalyptus toward 2991	5425	7596
668	3 x 5 Color Photo - 2991 From Peyton Road		7596
669	3 x 5 Color Photo - Peyton Road		7596
670	3 x 5 Color Photo Eucalyptus from 71	5441	7596
671	3 x 5 Color Photo - Eucalyptus from 71	5449	7596
672	3 x 5 Color Photo - Highway 71 Looking North		7596
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674	3 x 5 Color Photo Eucalyptus & 71	5442	7596
675	3 x 5 Color Photo - Pipeline & 71		7596
676	3 x 5 Color Photo - Eucalyptus & 71		7596
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678	3 x 5 Color Photo - Eucalyptus Looking West		7596
679	Butcher Paper Diagram of CIM - Cooper	5331	7596
6 80	3 x 5 Color Photo - Driveway of 2991	5447	7596
681	3 x 5 Color Photo - 2991 Garage	5517	7596

		Iden.	In Evd.
682	3 x 5 Color Photo - 2991 Inside Garage	5520	7596
683	8 x 10 Color Photo - Kevin Cooper Braids		7596
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685	l Hand-rolled Cigarette Inside Envelope	5501	7596
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692	3 x 5 Color Photo Lang Bathroom	5816	7596
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693-A	Orange Cap	5880	7596
6 93 -B	Orange Cap	5880	7596
693-C	Strip of Denim (Headband)	5888	7596
6 93 <b>-</b> D	Green Terry Cloth Towel	5888	7596
693-E	Strip of Green Towel	5888	7596
693-F	Strip of Green Towel	5888	7596
6 93 <b>-</b> G	Jar - Hair Conditioner	5880	7596
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699	CC 2-Page Medical Record - Neurosurgery	5967	7119
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715	Chino Fire Dept. Resonse Activity Report	6426	7119
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717	3 x 5 Color Photo - 'Doug Ryen'		7597
718	8 x 8 B & W Photo - East Side of Road - Creek	6510	7104
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7 23	Jumpsuit Coveralls	6556	7597
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		Iden.	In Evd.
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7 27	Surgery Report	6632	7119
728	CAT Scan Report	6652	7119
729	Narrative Summary	67 43	7104
730	Inventory List Ryen Home	6744	7104
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743	3 x 5 Black & White Photo - Footwear, Schechter	•	7598
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745	White Box - A-19	7150	7598
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758-A	Transcript of Hauser	7708	7708
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760	Group IV Run dated 6-29-83	-	
761	3 x 5 Black & White Photo - Burrs	7369	7598
762	3 x 5 Black & White Photo - Beetle	7370	7598
763	8 x 10 Black & White Photo - Portion of A-8	- 7398	7598
764	3 1/2 x 3 1/2 Black & White Photo - Mascetti Footwear	7436	7598
765	3 x 5 Black & White Photo - McCarty Footwear	7436	7598
766	3 x 5 Black & White Photo - Tesselaar Footwear	7437	7598
<b>76</b> 7	3 x 5 Black & White Photo - Fields Footwear	-	7707
768	Haptoglobin Photo	7389	7599
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770	8 x 10 Diagram - Ryen Residence		7599
771	Box Containing Beetle C-12	7479	7599

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772	Brown Paper Bag - Nightgown, Panties, & Body Bag	7475	7599
773	Clear Plastic Container - Two Burrs	7477	7599
774	Clear Plastic Container - Hair and Foxtail	7480	7599
775	Plant Burrs in Plastic Bag	7542	7707
776	Plant Burrs in Plastic Box	7521	7707
777	Plant Burrs in Small Tin Can	7521	7707
778	Plastic Bac - Containing Knife	7583	7707
780	3 x 5 Color Photo - Handkerchief & Ruler	7616	7707
7 81	3 x 5 Color Photo - Handkerchief & Ruler	7616	7707
782	Brown Paper Bag & Blue Swim Suit	7616	7707
783	Brown Paper Bag & Pink Blanket	7677	7707
784	3 1/2 x 3 1/2 Black & White Photo - R. Hall Footwear	7628	7727
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788	Cassette Tape - Paramedic Sexton and Loma Linda Medical Center	7688	7707
789	Manille Envelope with Casa Vallarta Matchbook	7675	7709

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4	(Chambers conference reported.)
5	THE COURT: We are in chambers this morning, defendant
6	and all counsel.
7	MR. KOTTMEIER: Your Honor. we just wanted permission of
8	the Court to open a seam on one of the T-shirts where the lady
9	from the prison manufacturing thinks that maybe a tag has been
10	sewn underneath the hem line or whatever, so before we altered
11	the exhibit we wanted to get the approval of the Court.
12	I've checked with Mr. Negus; he has no objection.
13	THE COURT: Nor do I.
14	MR. NEGUS: My suggestion was he do it on the stand.
15	MR. KOTTMEIER: Well, I would prefer to have her at least
16	look at it without being under the focus of everything going on.
17	It will only take a minute for her to open it, for her to look
18	at it.
19	THE COURT: Yes. I won't delay the procedure and perhaps
20	distract the jurors by doing it on the stand. Let her do it
21	before we start outside. Is that all?
22	MR. KOTTMEIER: Yes.
23	(Chambers conference concluded.)
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25	(The following proceedings were held in
26	open court in the presence of the jury:)
27	THE COURT: Morning everyone.
20	Councel we are all accombled. Mr

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MR. NEGUS: Your Honor, we have a couple of stipulations
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       if we --
              THE COURT: Want to take those first?
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              MR. NEGUS: Or do you want to wait on those?
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             MR. KOCHIS: I would prefer to wait on those.
             MR. NEGUS: All righty.
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              THE COURT: Outside of your presence last night we did go
      over the exhibits and take care of some of the matters that
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      counsel spoke of when we adjourned and we are now ready to
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      proceed with the prosecution's witness in rebuttal.
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                   Mr. Kottmeier.
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             MR. KOTTMEIER: The first witness will be Dave Hayes.
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             THE COURT: Come forward, please.
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                             DAVID RALPH HAYES.
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      called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
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      been duly sworn, testified as follows:
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             THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.
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      Would you state your full name for the record and spell your
      last name.
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             THE WITNESS: David Ralph Hayes, H-a-y-e-s.
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             THE CLERK: Thank you.
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                            DIRECT EXAMINATION
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      BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
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                   Mr. Hayes, what is your occupation, please?
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I'm a police officer.

For which agency?

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- 1 A. City of Costa Mesa.
- Q. How long have you been in law enforcement work?
- 3 A. Approximately 20 years.
- Q. Going back to the date of June 7th, 1983, were you
- 5 working for Costa Mesa Police Department on that Tuesday?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. And at some point in time was your attention
- 8 directed to a telephone call which had been received from
- 9 someone identifying themselves as Bill?
- 10 A. Yes, it was.
- 11 Q. And did you talk to Bill on the telephone?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. And what was it that Bill told you?
- MR. NEGUS: Objection; hearsay.
- MR. KOTTMEIER: Only offered not for the truth of the
- 16 matter asserted, your Honor, but to explain the actions of this
- officer and the probable cause for what he does later on.
- 18 MR. NEGUS: That's irrelevant.
- 19 THE COURT: Counsel. I really don't know where we're
- 20 going, but I certainly don't think that probable cause is an
- 21 issue in this trial. Let's just go to his actions and perhaps
- later he can back up to explain if need be.
- 23 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- Q. After the telephone call, did you go somewhere?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.
- 26 O. Where was that?
- 27 A. Tambo's Bar, 690 West 19th Street.
- 28 Q. In which city?

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- Q. When you arrived at Tambo's did you contact
- 3 someone?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And did that person identify himself by name to
- 6 you?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. What was the name he gave?
- A. Bill.
- 10 Q. And during your conversations with Bill. did you
- 11 have him leave the bar?
- 12 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. And as you were leaving the bar, did you notice
- 14 whether he was armed in any way?
- 15 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. What did you notice as far as armaments?
- 17 A. A knife in a sheath on his right side on his belt.
- 18 Q. Now, as a result of Bill turning himself in, were
- 19 you going to take him into custody?
- 20 A. Yes, sir, I was.
- 21 Q. So, did you take any action in regard to the knife?
- 22 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. What did you do?
- 24 A. I removed the knife from the sheath and placed it
- 25 in my back pocket.
- 26 Q. Showing you what has been marked as Exhibit 778. if
- 27 you would take a moment and look at this item, please.
- 28 Do you recognize the knife in Exhibit 778?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And is that the knife that you took off of this
- 3 individual called Bill?
- A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. During your conversations did Bill identify himself
- 6 by another name to you?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. What was that name?
- 9 A. Milton August Bulau.
- 10 Q. As a result of your conversations with Mr. Bulau
- 11 did you book him into the jail in Costa Mesa?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And what charge was he booked for?
- MR. NEGUS: Objection; irrelevant.
- 15 THE COURT: Overruled.
- You may answer, sir.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Suspicion of robbery.
- 18 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 19 Q. Did you also add an additional charge later on to
- 20 Mr. Bulau's booking.
- 21 MR. NEGUS: Objection; irrelevant.
- 22 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Suspicion of burglary.
- 24 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- Q. And the date of the burglary?
- 26 MR. NEGUS: Objection. That would call for hearsay now.
- 27 THE COURT: Counsel, what exception?
- 28 MR. KOTTMEIER: As far as the booking process, we're only

- l discussing what this particular officer did in the filing of
- 2 charges against Mr. Bulau and it doesn't entail anything that
- 3 Mr. Bulau said. If anything it refers back to the testimony
- 4 yesterday.
- 5 THE COURT: Unless this can emanate from witnesses other
- 6 than this one, however, he doesn't have it of his own knowledge.
- 7 Sustained.

- 8 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 9 Q. You took the knife from Mr. Bulau and put it into
- 10 evidence in Costa Mesa?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. As a result of Mr. Bulau turning himself in, did
- 13 you go to the Ha Penny Inn?
- 14 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- 15 Q. To possibly check for additional evidence?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. And at the Ha Penny Inn, which took room did you go
- 18 to for the purpose of a search?
- 19 A. Room 809.
- Q. When you got there did you make contact with any
- 21 individuals at the Ha Penny Inn?
- 22 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. Who was that?
- 24 A. That was Mr. Lenahan, the assistant manager, and
- 25 Mr. Staubly from security.
- Q. And following conversations with them, did you go
- 27 to room 809?
- 28 A. Yes, sir. I did.

1	Q. Did you talk with anyone at room 809?
2	A. No, I did not.
3	Q. Did you look through the items removed from 809. as
4	far as trash and other contents of that particular room?
5	A. Yes, sir, I did.
6	Q. Did you take anything into your custody as evidence
7	from searching those materials in relation to Milton Bulau who
8	had turned himself in?
9	A. Yes, sir.
10	Q. What was that?
11	A. It was a black beret type cap.
12	Q. During the examination of the items at 809 Ha Penny
13	Inn, did you at any time see any bloody clothes?
14	A. No, sir.
15	Q. Did you see any bloody rags?
16	A. No, sir.
17	MR. KOTTMEIER: I have nothing further of Officer Hayes,
18	your Honor.
19	THE COURT: Thank you.
20	Counsel.
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22	CROSS-EXAMINATION
23	BY MR. NEGUS:
24	Q. Did Mr. Lenahan give you a sign-in sheet for room
25	809 under the name of Bill Hatfield?
26	A. Yes, sir.

MR. KOTTMEIER: Nothing further, your Honor.

MR. NEGUS: That's all I have.

1	THE COURT: Thank you very much. You may be excused.
2	MR. KOTTMEIER: Doug Silber.
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4	DOUGLAS ARTHUR SILBER.
5	called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
6	been duly sworn, testified as follows:
7	THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.
8	Would you state your full name for the record and spell your
9	last name.
10	THE WITNESS: Douglas Arthur Silber, S-i-l-b-e-r.
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12	DIRECT EXAMINATION
13	BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
14	Q. Mr. Silber, what is your occupation, please.
15	A. I am currently a civilian, selfemployed.
16	Q. Back in June of 1983 were you working for the Costa
17	Mesa Police Department?
18	A. Yes, sir.
19	Q. In what capacity?
20	A. As a patrol field officer.

27 A. Yes, sir.

burglary?

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Ha Penny Inn in Costa Mesa?

Yes, sir.

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Q. And having gone there to the Ha Penny Inn, did you

around Milton Bulau and him turning himself in for a robbery and

On Wednesday, June the 8th, 1983, did you go to the

And was that in conjunction with an investigation

- 1 receive three items?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. What were the three items you got?
- A. The two out of the three items were white T-shirts,
- 5 and the third item was a blue with yellow striped swim suit.
- 6 Q. When you say, "T-shirts", are you sure they are
- 7 T-shirts or handkerchiefs?
- 8 A. I'm sorry. They were handkerchiefs.
- 9 Q. Showing you first of all Exhibit 780 and 781, would
- 10 you look at these two photographs, please. Mr. Silber.
- 11 For the record those are two three by five,
- 12 approximate, color photographs.
- Do you recognize the two handkerchiefs that are
- 14 pictured one in each of those photos?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Are those the two handkerchiefs that you picked up
- 17 at the Ha Penny Inn?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. We've also had marked a paper bag as Exhibit 782.
- 20 Within the paper bag is what appears to be a swim suit.
- 21 With the exception of the section that has been cut
- out of, I guess what would be the front and the left side, do
- you recognize these particular swim shorts?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. Were those swim shorts given to you at the Ha Penny
- 26 Inn?
- 27 A. Yes, sir, they were.
- 28 Q. Now, these three items were given to you by whom?

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- Q. Mr. Staubly?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. And they came from the laundryroom?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. Did anyone say that they saw how these three items,
- 7 the two handkerchiefs and the pair of swim shorts, got into the
- 8 laundryroom?
- 9 MR. NEGUS: Objection. That calls for hearsay.
- 10 THE COURT: In the absence --
- 11 MR. NEGUS: Still it calls for an out-of-court statement
- or lack of statement; offered for the truth of the matter
- 13 asserted.
- 14 THE COURT: I think he is correct.
- 15 MR. KOTTMEIER: The fact that there is no statement is
- 16 hearsay?
- 17 THE COURT: You can communicate by silence as well as
- 18 verbally. Sustained.
- 19 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 20 Q. Did you conduct a search of the laundryroom?
- 21 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. Did you find any other indications of blood within
- 23 the laundryroom?
- 24 A. To my recollection I do not recall.
- 25 Q. Did you find any bloody rags other than the two
- 26 handkerchiefs and the pair of shorts that had been turned over
- 27 to you?
- 28 A. At this time I do not recall.

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Did you find any other clothing items within the
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       laundryroom?
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                    No, sir.
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              MR. KOTTMEIER: I have no further questions of Mr.
       Silber.
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      BY MR. NEGUS:
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                    Mr. Silber?
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                    Yes, sir.
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                    Mr. Silber, did you freeze any of the items that
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      you seized to preserve them for serological typing?
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                    That's all I have.
             MR. KOTTMEIER: Nothing further.
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             THE COURT: Thank you very much --
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             MR. KOTTMEIER: Maybe one item.
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      BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
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                    Those items though that you did take were logged in
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      in relation to the man that had turned himself in in regard to
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      the burglary and the robbery, Milton Bulau; is that correct?
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                   In the Costa Mesa Police Department?
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             MR. KOTTMEIER: Nothing further, your Honor.
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1	THE COURT: Anything else?
2	MR. NEGUS: No.
3	THE COURT: Thank you.
4	MR. KOTTMEIER: Robert Fate.
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6	ROBERT ARTHUR FATE,
7	called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
8	been duly sworn, testified as follows:
9	THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.
10	Would you state your full name for the record and spell your
11	last name.
12	THE WITNESS: Robert Arthur Fate, F-a-t-e.
13	THE CLERK: Thank you.
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15	ROBERT ARTHUR FATE,
16	called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
17	been duly sworn, testified as follows:
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19	DIRECT EXAMINATION
20	BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
21	Q. Mr. Fate. what is your occupation, please?
22	A. I'm a police officer for the City of Costa Mesa.
23	Q. How long have you been in law enforcement work?
24	A. Approximately seven years.
25	Q. Returning for a moment to the date of Tuesday, June
26	7th, 1983, about 1:00 in the afternoon, did you go to the Ha
27	Penny Inn?

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Yes, I did.

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1 Q. In conjunction with a man who had turned himself in
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- 2 for burglary and robbery, Milton Bulau?
- 3 A. Not for that reason specifically, no.
- 4 Q. In an effort to follow up based upon his stay at
- 5 the Ha Penny Inn?
- 6 A. No. I was contacted by the security officer.
- 7 Q. A Mike Staubly?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And did you talk with him?
- 10 A. Yes, I did.
- 11 Q. During your conversation with Mr. Staubly, did he
- in effect give you a description of three men that had stayed in
- Room 809 on the day before. Monday night or Sunday night, June
- 14 5th or 6th?
- 15 A. Yes, he did.
- Q. Referring first of all to suspect No. 1, what
- description did he give you of that particular person?
- 18 A. To be accurate of the description I would have to
- 19 refer to my notes.
- 20 Q. Do you have the notes that you took during that
- 21 particular conversation?
- 22 A. Yes, I do.
- 23 THE COURT: Feel free to refer to them unless there is
- 24 some objection.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 26 The first suspect -- or the subject that he
- 27 described to me was a male, White. approximately 30 years old,
- 28 five ten to five eleven, 150 to 155 pounds, collar length hair,

- blonde in color, light blue short-sleeved shirt, light blue
- 2 pants, and he was carrying a -- it was estimated as a 12 inch by
- 3 2 inch blade military type knife, bayonet type thing.
- 4 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 5 Q. Did he say where that was being carried?
- 6 A. On his right side on his hip in a sheath.
- 7 Q. Now, you noted as far as that suspect that he was
- 8 in custody at the time of the conversation?
- 9 MR. NEGUS: Objection. That calls for hearsay and for a
- 10 conclusion.
- 11 THE COURT: I don't know.
- MR. NEGUS: There's been no --
- THE COURT: If he knows. The question was "do you know."
- 14 Don't tell us what somebody told you. Do you know of your own
- 15 knowledge?
- 16 THE WITNESS: I did not know at that time, no.
- 17 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 18 Q. What description did you receive of suspect 2?
- 19 A. No. 2 was a male, appeared to be American-Indian,
- 20 late teens or early 20's, five seven to five eight, 160 to 165
- 21 pounds, wearing no shirt, muscular build. He had long dark hair
- 22 to the middle of his back, straight, not curly, tattoos on both
- arms, possibly a tattoo on his chest, wearing Levis, and no
- 24 facial hair, and possibly in charge of the three.
- 25 Q. The Indian person was?
- 26 A. Yes.
- 27 Q. And as far as the description of suspect No. 3?
- A. No. 3 was a male, White, mid to late 20's,

- 1 reddish-blonde hair, average length hair, full beard, and the
- 2 beard was long, five eleven to six foot, 180 to 200 pounds, red
- 3 short-sleeved shirt and Levi's.
- 4 Q. Now, after you received the description of these
- 5 particular suspects, did a detective from the San Bernadino
- 6 Sheriff's Office arrive and join your conversation?
- 7 A. Yes. There were I believe two investigators.
- 8 Q. And during the next portion of your conversation
- 9 was there a discussion by Mr. Staubly in regard to vehicles or
- 10 cars that he had seen in the area?
- 11 A. Yes, there was.
- 12 Q. What did Mr. Staubly say about a vehicle with a
- 13 license No. 2ALL731?
- 14 A. He stated that he believed that he had seen a
- 15 vehicle with that license number in the Ha Penny Inn parking lot
- 16 at approximately 0130 hours, which is 1:30 in the morning on
- 17 6-6-83.
- 18 Q. As far as the license plate description, did he
- 19 give you a description as to the color, background and letters
- 20 of the license plate?
- 21 A. Yes, he did.
- 22 Q. What did he tell you?
- 23 A. He stated it was a blue background with yellow
- 24 numbers and letters.
- 25 Q. Did Mr. Staubly have any information as to what
- 26 kind of a car that particular license plate was on?
- 27 A. The information that he told me was a white unknown
- 28 make or model vehicle.

- Q. Did he make any statement to you about the vehicle, the white unknown make or model vehicle, being a station wagon? A. He stayed that he did not -- he was not sure, but
- A. He stayed that he did not -- he was not sure, but it possibly could have been.
- 5 MR. KOTTMEIER: I have nothing further, your Honor.

#### CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 8 BY MR. NEGUS:
- 9 Q. Mr. Fate, in the report that you made of this, the
- 10 notes that you're referring to, you essentially, the
- ll descriptions that you read were just read, that is, you don't
- 12 remember exactly what they were from your present memory; is
- 13 that correct?
- 14 A. That's why I wrote the notes, right.
- O. Okay. And as far as the vehicle description, do
- 16 you remember the license plate number from your present memory?
- 17 A. Yes, I remember the 2ALL, but not the numbers.
- 18 Q. Okay. As far as the notes that you took on that
- 19 particular -- on that particular occasion, you wrote down:
- 20 \*First observed vehicle white unknown make or model California
- 21 license 2ALL731 on 6-6-83, 0130, in north parking lot"; is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Nothing about the color of the license plate?
- 25 A. No.
- 26 Q. You just happened to remember that?
- 27 A. The color of the license plate?
- 28 Q. Right.

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Why didn't you say make a note of that?
- 3 A. At that point the San Bernadino Sheriff's were
- 4 there and they were also taking notes I believe.
- 5 Q. But why did you -- if that's the case why did you
- 6 bother to take notes at all?
- 7 A. Because these notes were taken prior to their
- 8 getting there.

- 9 Q. So when Mr. Staubly first described the license
- 10 plate number to you he didn't say anything about color, is that
- ll right, when you were taking the notes from him?
- 12 A. As far as the plate?
- 13 O. Yeah.
- 14 A. No, he did not. I did not ask him.
- 15 Q. Do you remember the manner of questioning that the
- 16 San Bernadino officers asked about the -- about the color of the
- 17 plate?
- 18 A. They asked him what the color of the plate was.
- 19 Q. Did he express some hesitation, some feeling like
- 20 he wasn't quite sure?
- 21 A. No, he did not.
- 22 Q. Did you see him hesitate at all?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Have you -- have you reviewed the reports of those
- 25 particular officers?
- 26 A. Of the San Bernadino officers?
- 27 Q. Yeah.
- 28 A. No, I have not.

- 1 Q. Talked to anybody about the reports?
- 2 A. Not the reports, no.
- 3 Q. Well, I mean, did you talk to any of the
- 4 prosecutors here or Mr. Arthur about -- about, you know, what
- 5 the San Bernadino officers had seen?
- 6 A. What they had seen?
- Q. Yeah. And what he had heard.
- B A. No.
- 9 Q. Did he ask you -- did they ask you -- well, did Mr.
- 10 Staubly describe the license plate number as blue over gold?
- 11 A. Can you repeat that, please.
- 12 Q. Did any of the prosecutors ask you: "Well, did Mr.
- 13 Staubly describe the license plate as gold letters with a blue
- 14 background?"?
- 15 A. Sergeant Arthur asked me if he described the plate.
- 16 Q. Did he -- did he ask you to describe it as blue
- 17 background, gold letters?
- 18 A. He asked me what Staubly said the plate looked
- 19 like. He did not mention any colors when he asked me, no.
- 20 MR. NEGUS: Nothing further.
- 21 MR. KOTTMEIER: I have no further questions.
- 22 THE COURT: Thank you very much, sir.
- 23 MR. KOTTMEIER: Deputy Robert Hall.
- 24 THE CLERK: Would you raise your right hand.

- 26 ROBERT S. HALL.
- 27 called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
- 28 been duly sworn, testified as follows:

1 THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.	1	THE	CLERK:	Thank y	you.	Would	you	please	be	seated.
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THE WITNESS: Robert S. Hall, H-a-1-1.

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#### DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 5 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 6 Q. Mr. Hall, what is your occupation?
- 7 A. I'm a detective with San Bernadino County Sheriff's
- 8 Office Career Criminal Division.
- 9 Q. How long have you been in law enforcement?
- 10 A. Approximately 15 years.
- 11 Q. Have you spent all 15 years with San Bernadino
- 12 County law enforcement?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Going back to the date of June 7th, 1983, about
- 4:40 in the afternoon of that day did you go to the Ha Penny Inn
- 16 in Costa Mesa?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you talk to a Michael Richard Staubly?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. At that particular location?
- 21 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. During your conversations with Mr. Staubly, did he
- 23 talk to you about seeing a white station wagon with brown
- 24 pannelling on or about Monday June the 6th?
- 25 A. Yes, he did.
- Q. What did he tell you about that particular station
- 27 wagon?
- 28 A. He told me he had seen the station wagon. I

- l questioned him as to where and when, he could not recall the
- 2 exact time or location, saying he believed it he saw it on
- 3 Monday but he wasn't sure whether he saw it out driving around
- 4 or if he saw it at the motel.
- 5 Q. As a separate topic of conversation, was there a
- 6 discussion about a license plate 2ALL731?
- 7 A. Yes, there was.
- 8 Q. Now, did he say that he saw that particular license
- 9 plate on the station wagon?
- 10 A. No. I asked him about that because he didn't
- 11 mention it, and when I asked him if it had been on that station
- wagon he said, no, he doesn't remember what car he saw it on,
- 13 that he believes he saw it in the motel and read it because of
- 14 the -- he thought it was a personalized plate.
- 15 Q. Did he tell you in that conversation what colors
- 16 that particular license plate had?
- 17 A. Yes, he did.
- 18 Q. What did he say?
- 19 A. He said it was the blue with the yellow lettering.
- 20 Q. During the conversation did Mr. Staubly appear
- 21 certain in the manner in which he was describing the information
- 22 to you that you've just related?
- 23 A. Yes, he did.
- Q. In connection with your work at the San Bernadino
- 25 County Sheriff's Office, did you go to 2943 English Road, the
- 26 scene of the Ryen homicides?
- 27 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. What day was it that you went there?

- 1 A. I believe -- I believe it was on the 5th or 6th.
- Q. That would be Sunday, the 5th, or Monday, June the
- 3 6th?

- 4 A. Yeah. I believe it was on the 5th if I remember
- 5 correctly.
- 6 Q. What was your purpose in going to the Ryen scene?
- 7 A. I was assigned to go to that location to assist in
- 8 the investigation and conduct interviews.
- 9 Q. When you arrived at the scene did you at any time
- go into the area of the master bedroom?
- 11 A. Yes, I did at one point.
- Q. And when you went into the master bedroom for the
- 13 first time were the bodies in place or not?
- A. No, they weren't.
- 15 Q. They were gone?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. In your activities the day that you were first at
- 18 the Ryen scene, did you help move furniture and the rug and so
- 19 on out of the house?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. And that was your first day there?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. During the time that you were at that location,
- 24 were you on the patio area outside the master bedroom?
- 25 A. Yes, I was.
- Q. I would like to show you Exhibit 784. for the
- 27 record about a four by four black and white photograph.
- 28 Do you recognize the shoes that are pictured, at

- least the size of the shoes in that photograph, 784?
- 2 A. Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. Are those your shoes?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Are those the shoes that you were wearing when you
- 6 were there at the scene after the bodies had been removed from
- 7 the Ryen residence?
- 8 A. Yes, they are.
- 9 Q. In addition to being in the patio area of the Ryen
- 10 residence, did you also go to 2991 English Road, the hideout
- 11 house?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Do you remember what day that was done?
- 14 A. I believe that was -- I believe it might have been
- the morning of the 7th or else on the 6th; in the afternoon of
- 16 the 6th.
- 17 Q. You didn't make a report as far as those particular
- 18 visits to the scene, did you?
- 19 A. No, I did not.
- 20 Q. As far as the trip to the hideout house, what was
- 21 your purpose in going there?
- 22 A. To -- at the request of a Mr. Lease, to go check
- 23 the residence to see --
- MR. NEGUS: Objection, this is all covered in the
- 25 prosecution's case in chief. We went through Mr. Hall's
- 26 testimony; it's been asked and answered.
- THE COURT: Counsel?
- 28 MR. KOTTMEIER: I'm just trying to establish the time

- sequence within the witness' memory so that I can identify it
- specifically. with specificity the actions as far as movements
- 3 within.
- 4 THE COURT: But the objection is improper rebuttal, Mr.
- 5 Kottmeier. As far as I can tell it is a good objection. I will
- 6 sustain the objection.
- 7 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 8 Q. During the time that you were at the Ryen house,
- 9 did you step on the jacuzzi lid?
- 10 A. I may possibly have, yes.
- 11 MR. KOTTMEIER: I have nothing further your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Negus.

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#### CROSS EXAMINATION

- 15 BY MR. NEGUS:
- 16 Q. Mr. Hall, when you say you may possibly have
- 17 stepped on the jacuzzi lid. What do you mean by that?
- 18 A. Well, I was -- we were moving furniture out of the
- 19 room, and the jacuzzi was just a short distance outside the
- 20 sliding glass door area from the the master bedroom, and we were
- 21 standing around it, I was standing around it, I may have stepped
- 22 across it or may have put my foot onto it.
- 23 Q. Do you remember doing that?
- A. I don't have any specific recollection of actually
- 25 just standing on top of the jacuzzi lid, but --
- 26 Q. Well. were you -- was there anybody there to sort
- 27 of warn you maybe not to stand on the jacuzzi lid because there
- 28 might be some evidence on it?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Nobody suggested that to you at all?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Well, so it was assumed then at that particular
- 5 point in time that there was nothing of evidentiary value on the
- 6 jacuzzi lid?
- 7 A. We were in the process of actually removing the
- 8 items from the room and it was my understanding that the house
- 9 had already been processed. We were actually collecting
- 10 evidence and removing it from the scene.
- 11 Q. When you collect evidence, then, after it has been
- 12 as you say quote "processed", you figure you can step on it
- 13 without -- that it is okay to step on it?
- 14 A. If there is nothing that's been indicated that that
- particular item that I am stepping on is not a part of the
- 16 evidence, and I have not been told that, then I have no personal
- objection to stepping on it or any reason to avoid it.
- 18 Q. I see. So, as far as you were concerned that
- 19 particular jacuzzi top, there was nothing of evidentiary value
- on it; no reason to step all over it.
- 21 A. That's right.
- 22 Q. When you were at the Ryen house, did you go into
- any rooms other than the Ryen master bedroom?
- 24 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Which rooms were those?
- 26 A. Went into the master bedroom -- I believe that is
- 27 where I initially went into -- down the circular hallway area.
- 28 looked into the other bedrooms. There was a bathroom along down

- here at the -- in the corner, I'm sorry.
- I turned around here, going around the other way
- 3 towards the kitchen. I was in the kitchen area, and I believe I
- 4 might have gone into the living room area as well, but also that
- 5 center portion right there which I assume would like be a den.
- 6 Q. Trohpy room?
- 7 A. I assume that was a trophy room.
- 8 Q. Had pictures of horses and lots of ribbons on the
- 9 wall?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Well, were you investigating the scene when you
- were walking through the house like that?
- 13 A. Yes, I was.
- 14 Q. What were you investigating?
- 15 A. Just familiarizing myself with the scene itself so
- 16 that I would be aware of the residence and its condition.
- 17 Q. I see. Just to get a basic idea of the layout of
- 18 the house.
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, at that point in time you weren't actually
- 21 assigned to process the house, that is, look in the house for
- 22 evidence, right?
- A. No, I wasn't.
- Q. Just one of the people that was tromping through
- 25 the house looking around.
- 26 MR. KOTTMEIER: Objection, argumentative.
- THE COURT: Yes, sustained.
- 28 MR. NEGUS: Were there other people tromping through the

- house looking around?
- 2 MR. KOTTMEIER: Objection. argumentative.
- 3 THE COURT: With the phrasology, sustained. Rephrase.
- 4 BY MR. NEGUS:
- 5 Q. Were there other people besides yourself going
- 6 without any particular assignment through the house
- 7 familiarizing themselves with the scene?
- 8 A. I'm not aware of that.
- 9 Q. Did you seize any evidence while you were there?
- 10 A. I would assume you could say I seized evidence. I
- 11 helped collect some from the master bedroom.
- 12 Q. Okay. But that was later in the afternoon, was it
- 13 not?
- .14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. This was in the morning you were wandering around
- 16 the house?
- 17 A. I am not sure what time it was.
- Q. All the carpets were still in place.
- 19 A. I believe so, yes.
- 20 Q. Could you put "6-6" in column 30 for "Rest of
- 21 House" next to your name there. There's a column for "Rest of
- 22 House", there's your name, "R. Hall, 6-6".
- When you went down to Costa Mesa and talked to Mr.
- 24 Staubly, was there a Mr. Fate?
- 25 Q. Who, Mr. Fate?
- 26 A. Mr. Fate.
- 27 A. I don't recall the name Mr. Fate.
- Q. Well, there was -- when you were in here this

- 1 morning, before you testified, there was a rather tall dark
- 2 haired with a mustache officer from the Costa Mesa Police
- 3 Department sitting right in front of you. Remember him?
- A. He looked familiar.
- 5 Q. Did you hear him talking to Mr. Staubly?
- 6 A. I don't recall if I heard him talking to Mr.
- 7 Staubly or not.
- 8 Q. Do you remember a description given by Mr. Staubly
- 9 to Mr. Fate that the car with the license plate no. 2ALL731 had
- been parked in the north parking lot of the Ha Penny Inn?
- 11 A. I don't recall that, no.
- Q. Did you tape record the conversation you had with
- 13 Mr. Staubly?
- 14 A. No, I didn't.
- 15 Q. And did you take notes?
- 16 A. Yes, I did.
- 17 Q. Have you got the notes still?
- 18 A. No. I don't.
- 19 Q. What happened to them?
- 20 A. They are apparently in a notebook someplace. They
- 21 may have been destroyed, I really don't know.
- Q. The report that you did, that was prepared on June
- 23 the 9th.
- 24 A. Yes. Well. it was prepared on the 7th, apparently
- 25 was typed on the 9th.
- Q. You are sure it was prepared on the 7th?
- 27 A. I prepared it on the 7th.
- 28 Q. After you learned about the discovery evidence in

3 was probably afterwards because I think, I believe, if I remember correctly, I learned about that while I was in Costa 5 Mesa. Was that embarrassing to you? Q. A. No, it wasn't. 7 Well, you didn't want to go back and look in the 8 9 house at a later date to see what you'd missed, right? 10 I wanted to go back to see what they had found, 11 yes. MR. NEGUS: Nothing further. 12 13 MR. KOTTMEIER: I have no further questions, your Honor. 14 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Hall. 15 MR. KOTTMEIER: Oh, excuse me. Maybe one. 16 While you were at the Ryen scene, was the spa cover picked up and taken away in the truck with the other items? 17 18 I don't recall it having been picked up and taken 19 away. 20 MR. KOTTMEIER: Nothing further, your Honor. 21 THE COURT: Thank you. MR. KOTTMEIER: If I can step outside for a moment, your 22 Honor. Shirley Killian, your Honor. 23

I don't recall if it was after or before that. It

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25 SHIRLEY CATHERINE KILLIAN.

26 called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having

27 been duly sworn, testified as follows:

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THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.

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    Would you state your full name for the record and
    spell your last name.
    THE WITNESS: Shirley Catherine Killian. K-i-l-l-i-a-n.
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## DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 6 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 7 Q. Miss Killian, returning for a moment to Saturday
- 8 night, June the 4th, 1983. Were you employed at a location that
- 9 particular night?
- 10 A. Yes, I was.
- 11 Q. What was your job?
- 12 A. I was manager of the Canyon Corral Restaurant.
- 13 Q. At some point during the afternoon of Saturday,
- June 4th, 1983, did you go to a horse show?
- 15 A. Yes, I did, in the evening.
- 16 Q. And did you return to the Canyon Corral Bar?
- 17 A. Yes, I did.
- 18 Q. About what time did you arrive back at the Canyon
- 19 Corral Bar?
- 20 A. I believe it was between 10:30 and 11:00.
- 21 Q. During the time that you were at the Canyon Corral
- 22 Bar, were you having something to drink?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. What was it that you were drinking?
- 25 A. I do believe I was drinking a beer.
- Q. During the time of June, 1983, was the Canyon
- 27 Corral Bar primarily a beer bar or a different type of bar or
- 28 restaurant?

1	A. It is a restaurant-cocktail lounge.
2	Q. During that particular period of time, who was the
3	bartender?
4	A. Ed Lelko.
5	Q. Did you know Ed Lelko for quite awhile?
6	A. About eight years.
7	Q. Had he worked at that time in the Canyon Corral Bar
8	for some period of time?
9	A. He worked part-time for me, he didn't have a full
10	shift at that time.
11	Q. Based upon your knowledge of Ed Lelko, do you have
12	an opinion as to whether he tends to exaggerate?
13	A. Yes, he does.
14	MR. NEGUS: Objection. Objection, calls for an opinion.
15	THE COURT: I think you are getting into custom and habit
16	and I'd like to perhaps maybe take an early recess and look at
17	this one, counsel.
18	MR. KOTTMEIER: Fine.
19	THE COURT: Let's do that, ladies and gentlemen, let's
20	take the morning recess, and remember the admonition, please.
21	You will have to return in about 20 minutes.
22	Counsel, I will see you in chambers.
23	(Recess.)
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25	(Chambers conference reported.)
26	THE COURT: All counsel are in chambers.
27	I think, Mr. Kottmeier. for foundational purposes,
28	you should give an offer of proof.

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       Killian, that she's known Ed Lelko for eight years, she's
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       familiar with his reputation in the community for truth or
      veracity, and exaggeration, and basically I was just taking a
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      shorter approach to asking that kind of a question as opposed to
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      being very formal in the foundation.
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             THE COURT: Anything, Mr. Negus?
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                   Might have made it easier for both Mr. Negus and
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      myself had you been more formal and laid your usual foundation
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      for it.
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      recollect matters about which they testify and attitude,
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                   So, unless you have something else, Mr. Negus, I
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      will let it in, particularly if he's going to prove it, okay?
      This trip really wasn't necessary then. You shocked me out
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      there. No comment?
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            MR. NEGUS: No, I didn't have anything to say, so --
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MR. KOTTMEIER: I have an offer as far as Shirley

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22 Have you got enough witnesses for this morning?

whenever you want to bring the jury in.

MR. KOTTMEIER: It depends. We're missing at least one,

THE COURT: Take a brief recess. I'm ready to go back

Mr. Rogokos, R-o-g-o-k-o-s. Supposedly he was going to be here

at 9:00 o'clock, he's not here. I think I have enough but then

26 you never know. And I have one minor problem in that Dr. Howell

will not be available until approximately 2:00 this afternoon.

28 She'll be the last witness. So, we can go right up to it, and

1	still we have enough witnesses that I cannot even predict with
2	any degree of certainty how long before Dr. Howell.
3	THE COURT: All right, gentlemen.
4	MR. NEGUS: We have got stipulations and stuff to do.
5	MR. KOTTMEIER: We have got a tape to play.
6	THE COURT: We have other jury instructions.
7	MR. KOTTMEIER: Hopefully we can get to the section of
8	the conversation to play.
9	MR. NEGUS: Okay. Are you going to play the whole tape?
10	THE COURT: All right, thank you.
11	(Chambers conference concluded.)
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13	MR. KOTTMEIER: Shirley Killian.
14	THE COURT: Your still under oath, just resume the stand
15	and state your name again.
16	THE WITNESS: My name is Shirley Catherine Killian.
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18	SHIRLEY CATHERINE KILLIAN.
19	called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
20	been previously duly sworn, resumed the stand and testified
21	further as follows:
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23	DIRECT EXAMINATION (Resumed)
24	BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
25	Q. Miss Killian, are you familiar with the reputation
26	of Ed Lelko within the community for truth, veracity or
27	avaggaration?

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Yes, sir.

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- A. He exaggerates.
- 3 Q. Now, during the evening of Saturday, June the 4th,
- 4 1983, was he drinking on duty?
- 5 A. Yes, he was.
- 6 Q. And about how many people were in the Canyon Corral
- 7 Restaurant-Bar?
- 8 A. Oh, at that time, probably it was Saturday night,
- 9 we're usually busy. I'd say 50, 60 people.
- 10 Q. Did you notice three young men that attracted your
- 11 attention because they were clean-cut?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And what was it about them that caused you to
- 14 notice them?
- A. One of the three gentlemen had his head down at a
- 16 table where the three were sitting.
- Q. Almost in a sleeping fashion?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. That is, did he have his arm up on the table?
- 20 A. No. He had his forehead on the table.
- 21 Q. And can you describe the three men that you saw?
- 22 A. The gentleman I'm referring to is about six foot,
- 23 maybe six foot one, slender, blond hair, sandy face, or light
- 24 complexion.
- Q. Was the hair long or short?
- 26 A. No. It was very short like a military cut.
- 27 Q. And the other two gentlemen?
- 28 A. I observed the one that was sitting on his left

- because I spoke to him. He was of medium build, probably five
- 2 eight to five ten, and dark complexion, dark hair and little
- 3 longer cut than the tall young man.
- 4 Q. But still kind of a crew-cut type of haircut?
- 5 A. Not a crew-cut, a normal haircut, probably for a
- 6 high school age. That is not right either.
- 7 Can I look around and give you --
- 8 Q. If you see anyone similar in court.
- 9 THE COURT: How about this. I'm as square as they come
- 10 in the courtroom.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Longer than yours, sir.
- 12 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 13 Q. The other one, do you recall any description?
- 14 A. I don't recall much of that gentleman because I
- 15 wasn't observing him.
- Q. Can you recall what they were wearing?
- 17 A. The blond tall gentleman was wearing a light
- 18 colored T-shirt, I believe to be short-sleeved.
- 19 Q. Anything else that you can recall about what these
- 20 people were wearing?
- 21 A. Just the two gentlemen. The other one had on a
- 22 T-shirt also with -- the sleeves were longer, probably
- 23 three-quarter length and they were dark colors, as I recall.
- Q. Down all the way to the elbow?
- 25 A. Yes.
- Q. But not all the way to the wrist.
- 27 A. No.
- Q. Looking at any of these individuals, did you see

1	blood	on any	of	them?
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- 2 A. No, sir, I did not.
- Q. Did you see any tears or cuts within their
- 4 clothing?
- 5 A. No, sir.
- 6 Q. Did you have any conversation with the three men or
- 7 one of the three men as you saw the one person with his head on
- 8 the table?
- 9 A. Yes, sir. I touched his arm as I walked by, and he
- 10 acted like he was going to raise his head, and put it back down
- 11 again, which didn't come very far off the table.
- I spoke to his partner on his left and I said, "Is
- 13 he sleeping or what?" And he said, "Yes. He's very tired."
- 14 Q. Were these men causing any kind of trouble at that
- 15 time?
- 16 A. No, sir.
- 17 Q. The kind you like to see at the Canyon Corral Bar?
- 18 A. In better condition, yes.
- 19 Q. Now, after you had this brief conversation, did you
- 20 go over and talk to Ed Lelko?
- 21 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And did you tell Ed Lelko that you didn't want
- 23 anymore alcohol served to the three men?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did Ed Lelko appear to notice them for the first
- 26 time when you pointed them out?
- 27 A. He didn't really even look then, he just said that
- 28 he was too busy to be worried about the tables and was going to

- find out from the waitress who was waiting on them.
- 2 Q. So did you go to the waitress?
- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 Q. And did you tell her no more alcohol --
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. -- for those three men?
- 7 Did you go and tell the three men that you had cut
- 8 them off?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. As far as -- how did they respond to you?
- 11 A. They just said okay.
- 12 Q. Not upset or mad?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Didn't get beligerant or argue?
- 15 A. No, they didn't.
- 16 Q. Did you see two of the three men leave the bar?
- 17 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- 18 Q. And what was it about them leaving that caught your
- 19 attention?
- 20 A. The tall. slim gentleman with the short haircut was
- 21 carrying a bottle of Budweiser that was open.
- Q. That is the one that had his head down on the
- 23 table?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. When you saw him carrying the bottle of Budweiser.
- 26 what did you do?
- 27 A. I approached him and told him he could not leave
- 28 the building with an open container, he would have to leave the

1 beer	with	me.
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- Q. And what happened next?
- 3 A. I reached down to take it and he really didn't want
- 4 to let go of it.

- 5 O. Then what?
- 6 A. I persuaded -- he finally let go of it.
- 7 Q. Did he argue with you at all?
- 8 A. No. He just stood there grinning.
- 9 Q. Was he still grinning after you took the beer?
- 10 A. Oh, yes. He didn't know what I was doing, he
- 11 didn't know where he was.
- Q. Did you visually follow them outside the bar?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Did you walk outside the bar with them?
- 15 A. I walked out behind them.
- Q. And what did you see next?
- 17 A. Well, they walked out and the door closed. I
- 18 waited possibly, I don't know, ten seconds or so, then I opened
- 19 the door. The very intoxicated gentleman was leaning up against
- 20 a small vehicle like he was going to get in it.
- 21 Q. Did you see the other gentleman, the one with the
- 22 longer darker hair?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. He was standing on the passenger side of another
- 25 vehicle.
- Q. What kind of a car or truck was that?
- 27 A. It looked like a white pickup truck.
- Q. Did he have the doors to the pickup truck open at

- 1 all?
- A. At first he didn't, he was talking to the gentleman
- 3 leaning on the car, and then he saw me and he said, "Come on,
- 4 let's go, we have got to get out of here.
- 5 He opened the pickup door and again told the other
- 6 man to get in the pickup, and finally reached down and pulled
- 7 him over, and at that point I went back into the restaurant.
- 8 Q. In regard to the gentleman that you saw that was
- 9 carrying the Budweiser in a tall bottle, was he virtually
- 10 falling down drunk at that time?
- 11 A. He was immobile for sure. He wasn't falling down
- 12 he was just in -- he would have if his buddy hadn't been with
- 13 him. He was being escorted from the table and his buddy
- 14 escorted him outside.
- 15 Q. Now, in regard to the third person, did he stay
- 16 inside the bar at this point?
- 17 A. Yes, he did.
- Q. And did you return back into the bar itself?
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And how long approximately, if you know, did the
- 21 third person stay in the bar?
- 22 A. I don't know, I didn't know he was still there.
- Q. But you did not see him leave with the others.
- 24 A. No, sir.
- Q. During your contact with these particular
- 26 individuals, you saw no stains whatsoever on any of their
- 27 clothing.
- 28 A. No, sir.

- 1 Q. And no injuries.
- 2 A. None at all.
- Q. No weapons.
- 4 A. No, sir.
- 5 Q. Did any of them smoke?
- 6 A. I don't know. I never observed them with a
- 7 cigarette.
- 8 Q. You didn't see any of them use hand-rolled
- 9 cigarettes?
- 10 A. No, sir.
- 11 Q. And you left approximately midnight or little
- 12 later?
- 13 A. Yes. I believe it was -- I really -- I don't
- 14 remember what time I left, I just -- I know what time it was
- 15 when I asked them to leave.
- 16 Q. Now, in regard to these three men that were at the
- 17 bar, these were what is know as happy drinkers?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 MR. NEGUS: Objection, that calls for a conclusion.
- 20 MR. KOTTMEIER: Well, in your experience.
- 21 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 22 MR. KOTTMEIER: In your experience have you seen people
- 23 that can respond differently?
- 24 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 25 MR. NEGUS: Objection, leading, move to strike.
- 26 THE COURT: All right. Ordered stricken. Sustained.
- 27 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- Q. Have you seen, as manager of the Canyon Corral Bar,

- 1 the reactions of individuals who consumed alcohol?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. And do different people have, in some instances,
- 4 different ways of responding to alcohol?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. And are you familiar with the term "mean drunk"?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. As far as your observation of these three men, were
- 9 any of them what you would call a mean drunk?
- 10 A. No, sir.
- 11 Q. No swearing?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- Q. No verbal abuse?
- 14 A. No, sir.
- 15 Q. No arguments?
- 16 A. No, sir.
- 17 Q. Just having a good time?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. As best that you can recall, what period of time
- 20 did you see the three men in the bar? What time to about what
- 21 time?
- 22 A. When I first returned I sat in a booth with some
- 23 friends, and I went to the office to get some change. When I
- 24 came out of the office, as I went to the restroom, that is when
- 25 I first noticed the three at the table.
- Q. So that would be what, 11:45 or in that area?
- 27 A. Somewhere in that area, between 11:00 and 11:30, I
- 28 believe.

- 1 Q. And the total amount of time that you saw them, at
- 2 least the three together in the bar, would have been about how
- 3 long?
- A. Thirty -- less than 30 minutes. By the time I
- 5 contacted them until they left, I would say less than 30
- 6 minutes.
- 7 MR. KOTTMEIER: I have nothing further, your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: Cross.

- 10 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 11 BY MR. NEGUS:
- 12 Q. Mrs. Killian, do you exaggerate yourself?
- 13 A. I hope I don't. I try very hard not to.
- Q. Okay. Well, according to your recollection then,
- if Mr. Lelko had described one of the men as extremely drunk,
- 16 would he have been exaggerating?
- 17 A. No, sir.
- 18 Q. If he had said that there were three persons there,
- 19 would he have been exaggerating?
- 20 A. No, sir.
- 21 Q. If he had said that they had left at 11:30. maybe
- 22 11:30, -35 that particular night, would he have been
- 23 exaggerating the time?
- 24 A. I'm not sure he would have known the time.
- Q. Would he have been exaggerating? Would that have
- 26 been accurate according to your recollection?
- 27 A. Yes, sir. Possibly.
- 28 Q. If he had described the T-shirt that one of the

- l persons were wearing as possibly beige, possibly yellow, would
- 2 he have been exaggerating?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. You can say then in the lighting you had in there
- 5 that particular night that it was not a white T-shirt, correct?
- A. Right.
- 7 Q. At 9:00 o'clock, if Mr. Lelko had said that the
- 8 lighting in the Canyon Corral was better prior to the arrival of
- 9 the band, would he have been exaggerating?
- 10 A. No, sir.
- 11 Q. Did you in fact provide the San Bernardino
- 12 Sheriff's office and in the person of Mr. Bedana with Mr. Lelko
- as a person who had been at the Canyon Corral Bar that night??
- 14 A. I provided my bartender's name, yes, sir.
- 15 Q. As the person who had been at the Canyon Corral the
- 16 night three young men had been there.
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Now, the vehicle that you saw the person leaning up
- 19 against, was he trying to get into that vehicle?
- 20 A. At first I thought he was but he was just leaning
- 21 on it.
- Q. Did you actually see some individuals from that
- 23 group enter a vehicle?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 0. And what kind of vehicle was that?
- 26 A. It was a light-colored pick up.
- 27 Q. Now, when you described that vehicle as a pickup,
- 28 are you exaggerating?

- 1 A. No, sir.
- Q. When -- when you were first interviewed about this
- 3 particular event, you were interviewed on the 5th, the 6th, and
- 4 the 8th of June, is that correct, by different officers?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. And on the 8th there was an officer by the name of
- 7 Phil Danna who came out to interview; is that right?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. And at that point in time you described the vehicle
- in question as possibly a pickup truck; is that right?
- 11 A. I believe so.
- 12 Q. As time has gone on it's become a pickup truck; is
- 13 that correct?
- 14 A. I do believe in my testimony as I was interviewed I
- said it was larger than an automobile. And they asked me if it
- 16 was as big as a station wagon. I said bigger cause it was
- 17 taller. I said as far as I can recollect it was possibly a
- 18 pickup.
- 19 Q. Then as time has gone on from that initial
- 20 statement, you came out to California from Colorado last spring;
- 21 is that right?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And at that point in time you talked to a Gary
- 24 Woods?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And by that point in time it was definitely a
- 27 pickup; is that right?
- 28 A. I do believe I said it was possibly a pickup.

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                    Didn't say it was definitely a pickup?
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                    I don't remember saying I said it was definitely a
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      pickup.
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      didn't say, "possibly a pickup", right?
                   I do believe it was a pickup.
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                   Is that an exaggeration from "possibly" to "I do
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      believe"?
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                   I don't think so.
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             A.
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                   Thank you.
             Q.
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                   I'm recalling as best I can.
             A.
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             MR. NEGUS: Nothing further.
             MR. KOTTMEIER: No further questions, your Honor.
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             THE COURT: Thank you, Mrs. Killian.
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             MR. KOTTMEIER: Larry Lease. your Honor.
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             THE CLERK: Raise your right hand.
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                                LARRY LEASE,
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      called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
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      been duly sworn, testified as follows:
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THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you be seated please.

22 Would you state your full name for the record and spell your

23 last name.

24 THE WITNESS: Larry Lease, L-e-a-s-e.

25 THE CLERK: Thank you.

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27 DIRECT EXAMINATION

28 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:

- 1 Q. Mr. Lease, you've previously testified in this
- 2 case. I'd like to direct your attention to the home at 2991
- 3 English Road, sometimes referred to the Lease house, the Bilbia
- 4 house or the hideout house, and ask you to mentally go back to
- 5 June of 1983, the very first part of June -- the 1st through the
- 6 4th or 5th, and recall for us some of the conditions at the
- 7 hideout house, that is, your home in the Chino Hills.
- 8 First of all in the first part of June. 1983, was
- 9 the garage door of the hideout house fully functional?
- 10 A. It had broken springs but you could open it.
- 11 Q. In what fashion?
- 12 A. With the electric garage door opener.
- 13 Q. Assuming that you did not use the electric garage
- door opener, that the garage door opener had the door in the
- 15 shut position?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. What could you do as far as opening the door by the
- 18 handle from the outside?
- 19 A. With the garage door connected, you mean just
- 20 trying it by hand?
- 21 Q. Yes.
- 22 A. You couldn't move it but a couple inches.
- Q. Has the garage door spring on that particular door
- 24 since been fixed?
- 25 A. Yes, it has.
- Q. So, that in the first part of June one side was
- 27 without a spring?
- 28 A. That's correct.

- Q. Which side was that?
- 2 A. I believe that would have been the left -- it would
- 3 be on the right side as you stood outside facing the door.
- 4 Q. That would be the side closest to the fence?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Within the bathroom of the hideout house, now I'm
- 7 referring to the -- I will point toward the bathroom that
- 8 adjoined the bedroom of Roger and Vickie Lang, in this area,
- 9 there was a door between the hall and the vanity area?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Which was a full swinging normal type door?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And the door between the vanity and the
- 14 bathroom/toilet area of that particular house is what kind of a
- 15 door?
- 16 A. That was a sliding door.
- Q. And when you say, "a sliding door", it disappeared
- into the wall that was closest to the Lang bedroom?
- 19 A. Yes, into the bathroom -- or the bathtub side.
- 20 Q. What was the condition of that particular door in
- 21 the first part of June, 1983?
- 22 A. It was broken at the track and the handle was
- 23 broken.
- Q. As far as your knowledge, could you open that door
- 25 at that time?
- 26 A. No.
- 27 O. In that same bathroom next to the toilet there is a
- 28 window that has kind of amber colored louvers, do you recall

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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And in the first part of June, 1983, was there a
- 4 screen on that window?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And as far as the removal of the screen, how would
- 7 that be accomplished?
- 8 A. It would take a Philips screw driver.
- 9 Q. Is there any way to pull that screen off without
- 10 using a Philips screw driver to remove the clamps?
- 11 A. Not without damaging the screen.
- 12 Q. That particular screen though is actually on the
- inside of that bathroom?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. So that you, from the bathroom itself, cannot reach
- 16 the louvers without taking the screen off?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. During the tour that was taken last week there were
- 19 certain wires or strings across that particular screen; were
- those in place in the first part of June. 1983?
- 21 A. No. That's part of a new burglar alarm system.
- 22 Q. So, as far as the strings or wires that were across
- 23 the screen, those were put in recently?
- 24 A. Yes, they were.
- Q. Were some screws added for the purpose of attaching
- 26 those particular strings or wires?
- 27 A. Yes, they were.
- Q. However, the rusty screws that were the ones

- 2 first part of June '83?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. In addition to the string on that particular
- 5 window, another change was the fence along the garage side of
- 6 the property that ran from your corral area virtually up past
- 7 the driveway section, do you recall that?
- 8 A. Yes, I do.
- 9 Q. In the first part of June 1983 did that fence have
- 10 all of the white slats in place?
- 11 A. Yes, it did.
- 12 Q. Did you remove some of those slats for convenience
- 13 purposes for the jury tour last week?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And showing you a photograph, Exhibit 144. does
- 16 that depict the location of the television and the stand as it
- 17 appeared in the room that had the fireplace?
- 18 A. Yes, it does.
- 19 Q. In the first part of June 1983?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Now, that is not the same television nor stand that
- 22 was present in the home when the tour was taken last week, is
- 23 it?
- 24 A. No, it is not.
- Q. But that is a fair and accurate picture of the
- 26 television stand and location within that room of those two
- 27 items in the first part of June 1983?
- 28 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. You have since changed the interior of that
- 2 fireplace room to resemble something of a meeting place; is that
- 3 correct?
- A. Yes, I have.
- 5 Q. And you've also changed the Lang bedroom into an
- 6 office?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. There is furniture of course in the Bilbia bedroom?
- 9 A. Yes, there is.
- 10 Q. And different furniture in what has been referred
- ll to as the living room, that's the room directly opposite the
- 12 front door?
- 13 A. Yes, there is.
- 14 Q. When we go to the hallway and move down the hall to
- 15 the room next to the front door, that and it contents are
- 16 different?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And the middle bedroom has now become what appears
- 19 to be a little girl's bedroom?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And that wasn't the same condition?
- 22 A. No, it wasn't.
- Q. On the June -- returning for a the moment to the
- 24 television in the fireplace room in the corner, was that
- 25 particular television on a cable in June of 1983?
- 26 A. Yes, it was.
- 27 Q. And is there some difficulty with reception in the
- 28 Chino area?

- 1 A. Yes, there is.
- Q. Do you have any knowledge, personal knowledge as to
- 3 whether you could get reception by taking the cable off of that
- 4 television and moving it to a different room?
- 5 A. The reception is very snowy and difficult without
- 6 it.
- 7 Q. And does that also effect the sound?
- 8 A. Yeah, it would be a staticky sound.
- 9 Q. Did you personally take the television from the
- 10 hideout house when the items were removed after the murders of
- 11 Doug and Peggy Ryen, Chris Hughes?
- 12 A. Yes -- yes, I did.
- 13 Q. And can you describe the things that you did to
- 14 remove that particular television?
- 15 A. I believe we used a pair of pliers or a small
- 16 wrench to remove the cable on the back and just unplugged it.
- 17 Q. Was that particular cable very tight on the
- 18 television?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 O. You needed tools to undo it?
- 21 A. Yes; yes, I did.
- Q. Now, as far as the foliage around the area, and I'm
- 23 indicating now, that is, next to the TV window, which would be
- 24 the window as you face the television from the fireplace room to
- 25 the left and virtually forward, has the foliage in this
- 26 particular area remained the same as it existed in the first
- 27 part of June '83?
- 28 A. Yes, it has.

- 1 Q. Have you cut down foliage or changed foliage as far
- 2 as the front portion of the house in the area near the Lang
- 3 bedroom, the middle bedroom and then the storage bedroom?
- A. Yes, we have.
- 5 MR. KOTTMEIER: I have no further questions of Mr. Lease.
- 6 your Honor.

### CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 9 BY MR. NEGUS:
- 10 Q. Mr. Lease, when the garage door opener is
- 11 disconnected on the garage, is it possible to lift up the garage
- 12 door with just one spring?
- 13 A. It's possible, yes, it would be possible if you're
- 14 strong enough.
- 15 Q. Was there a period of time when the garage door
- 16 was -- the garage door opener was disconnected?
- 17 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 18 Q. How often did you personally use that garage door?
- 19 A. Not very often. We went through the back entrance
- 20 just because of the difficulty of it.
- 21 O. Was it an electrical device?
- 22 A. Yes, it was.
- 23 Q. And where did the -- where did the -- where would
- 24 it get plugged in?
- 25 A. The button was in the second wall as you enter from
- 26 the outside.
- 27 0. Where was the -- where was the actual electrical
- 28 hookup to the opener itself, to the machine, is that --

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1	A. I have no idea.
2	MR. NEGUS: I have nothing further.
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4	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
5	BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
6	Q. Mr. Lease, even if you unplug the garage door
7	opener, that doesn't make it easier to open the garage door,
8	does it?
9	A. No. You have to physically disconnect the chain
10	from the bracket on the door.
11	Q. So that the door in effect does not slide across
12	the track?
13	A. No. It is a chain-driven piece.
14	Q. Okay.
15	I have nothing further, your Honor.
16	MR. NEGUS: Nothing further.
17	THE COURT: Thank you.
18	MR. KOTTMEIER: Bob Glenn.
19	THE COURT: He's in here.
20	THE CLERK: Would you raise your right hand, please.
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22	ROBERT EDWIN GLENN,
23	called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
24	been duly sworn, testified as follows:
25	THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you be seated. Would you

THE CLERK: Thank you.

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state your full name for the record and spell your last name.

THE WITNESS: Robert Edwin Glenn, G-l-e-n-n.

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2		DIRECT EXAMINATION
3	BY MR. KOTTM	MEIER:
4	Q.	Mr. Glenn, returning to Sunday, June 5th. 1983,
5	were you the	owner of Southwest Body Removal Service at that
6	time?	
7	A.	Southwestern Mortuary Services, yes.
8	Q.	All right. Well, that's the more businesslike
9	title?	
10	A.	Right.
11	Q.	And on Sunday June the 5th were you called to go to
12	2943 English	Road?
13	A.	I went to that location. I'm not positive of the
14	address with	out referring to some type of records, but I went
15	there. yes.	
16	Q.	You went to a home that had four bodies in it?
17	A.	Yes, sir.
18	Q.	In a bedroom?
19	A.	Yes basically.
20	Q.	In regard to your arrival at the scene, did you
21	contact some	one and receive directions into the home?
22	A.	Yes.
23	<b>Q.</b>	And were you brought in or ushered in to the murder
24	scene by a sl	iding grass door off of a patio?
25	A.	Yes, we entered through that door.
26	Q.	And while you were at the scene you removed the
27	four bodies?	

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# COMPUTERIZED TRANSCRIPT

Yes, sir.

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              Q.
                     One of an adult male, one of an adult female, a
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       little girl, and a little boy?
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                    Yes, sir.
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                    During the time that you were at that particular
       murder scene, were you careful where you stepped?
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              A.
                    Yes, sir.
                    Showing you Exhibit 785. do you recognize the shoes
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       that were pictured in that photograph as far as the soles?
                    They are a pair of shoes. I can't --
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                    All right. Did you turn your shoes over to the
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      Sheriff's office for photography?
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                    Yes, sir.
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                    The shoes that you were wearing during the time
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      that the bodies were removed?
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                    Yes. sir.
                    Were those shoes smooth-soled shoes?
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                    Yes, sir.
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                   Yes, sir.
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                   With no pattern on the bottom?
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                   No, sir.
             MR. KOTTMEIER: I have nothing further of Mr. Glenn, your
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                              CROSS-EXAMINATION
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Mr. Glenn, when did the Sheriff's request your

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BY MR. NEGUS:

shoes from you?

- 1 A. I don't honestly remember.
- 2 Q. 1984?
- 3 A. I don't honestly remember.
- 4 Q. While you were at the house, did you go into any
- 5 part of the house other than the master bedroom or the hall area
- 6 where the young girl was?
- 7 A. I'm going to answer yes.
- 8 Q. Did you go to the kitchen?
- 9 A. No, sir.
- 10 Q. Where did you go?
- 11 A. I -- in that hallway, I moved about two steps in
- 12 the direction of the kitchen. I could see into the kitchen. I
- moved about two steps from where the little girl lay towards the
- 14 direction of the kitchen.
- 15 Q. So you could actually see part of the kitchen; is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 A. Yes, sir. I believe it was the kitchen. I could
- 18 see a counter. I'm fairly sure it was the kitchen.
- 19 Q. What was on the counter?
- 20 A. The only thing I remember specifically, I did see a
- 21 telephone. saw a counter and telephone. I don't remember what
- 22 else was there.
- Q. Was there -- was there a bunch of stuff piled on
- 24 the floor?
- 25 A. I don't remember.
- 26 Q. Assuming that there is a counter and telephone down
- 27 here where it says "purse", and the kitchen is the room in which
- 28 there is an "X", could you mark on this diagram, 6-J, with the

-	ted market where it was ende for were beauting when you but ene
2	kitchen?
3	A. Okay. Apparently I was not in the kitchen. if
4	that's the way the layout is. I moved from this point to this
5	doorway (indicating) and that's as far as I went.
6	I did see stairways to the right, and I thought I
7	saw a counter with a telephone somewhere in this area.
8	Q. Right where it would say "purse" then?
9	A. Possibly. It was to my left. Like I said I
10	stepped to this doorway and saw what I thought was a counter
11	with a telephone on it. I'm not sure where it was there, and I
12	did see the stairs after looking at the diagram.
13	MR. NEGUS: I have nothing further.
14	MR. KOTTMEIER: Nothing further, your Honor.
15	THE COURT: Thank you, sir.
16	MR. KOTTMEIER: Rodney Parish.
17	THE COURT: Raise your right hand, sir.
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19	RODNEY PARRISH.
20	called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
21	been duly sworn, testified as follows:
22	THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.
23	Would you state your full name for the record and spell your
24	last name.
25	THE WITNESS: Rodney Parish, P-a-r-r-i-s-h.
26	THE CLERK: Thank you.
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DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 1 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- Q. Mr. Parish, going back to Sunday June 5th, 1983, by
- 3 whom were you employed?
- 4 A. For Glenn Private Patrol or Southwestern Service.
- 5 Q. And did you go with Mr. Glenn to 2943 English Road,
- 6 the scene of a quadruple murder?
- 7 A. I believe that was the address. Yes, I did go.
- 8 Q. And when you arrived at the scene did you enter:
- 9 into the scene of the homicide through the master bedroom?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And once inside did you assist Mr. Glenn and others
- in taking the four bodies from the scene to the morgue?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Were the bodies packaged at the scene?
- 15 A. No, sir.
- 16 O. By "packaged" I mean did you put them into body
- 17 bags?
- 18 A. Yes, sir, we did.
- 19 Q. During the time that you were present within the
- 20 home itself. what kind of shoes were you wearing?
- 21 A. I was wearing black slipon boot.
- 22 O. Did they have any sole pattern on the bottom?
- 23 A. No, sir.
- Q. Just smooth?
- 25 A. Yes.
- 26 Q. Have you ever owned a pair of high-topped Pro Reds
- 27 type tennis shoes?
- 28 A. No. sir.

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Just for illustration I'm showing you from Exhibit
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     51 a pair of tennis shoes that have this crisscross or diamond
     type pattern on the bottom. Have you ever had a pair of tennis
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     shoes like this?
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- No, sir. A.
- 6 During the time that you were assisting with the 7 removal of the four victims, were you being very careful where 8 you stepped?
- 9 Yes. A.
- 10 Q. And during the time that you were present at this 11 particular scene, did you have any cuts or injuries to yourself?
- 12 No. A.
- 13 Q. Did you lose any blood anywhere that you know of?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 MR. KOTTMEIER: I have no further questions of Mr.
- 16 Parish.

#### 18 CROSS-EXAMINATION

- BY MR. NEGUS: 19
- 20 Q. Mr. Parish, did you enter the house through a spa
- or a patio behind the master bedroom? 21
- Yeah. there was a concrete slab I believe. 22
- 23 Did you go to any part of the house other than the
- 24 spot where the young girl and three other victims were found?
- 25 No. I didn't. A.
- 26 Giving you Exhibit 227, just do it here on the
- thing, there is a spot that has your name on it and it says 27
- 28 "patio outside master bedroom", could you put a check mark under

1	that column there to indicate that you did cross over that
2	patio.
3	A. (Witness complied.)
4	Q. Thank you.
5	That's all I have.
6	MR. KOTTMEIER: No further questions.
7	Thank you, Mr. Parrish.
8	THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Parish.
9	MR. KOTTMEIER: Scott Fields.
10	THE CLERK: Will you raise your right hand.
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12	SCOTT FIELD,
13	called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
14	been duly sworn, testified as follows:
15	THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.
16	Would you state your full name for the record and spell your
17	last name.
18	THE WITNESS: Scott Field, F-i-e-l-d.
19	THE CLERK: Thank you.
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21	DIRECT EXAMINATION
22	BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
23	Q. Mr. Field, you've testified earlier in this case,
24	haven't you?
25	A. Yes, sir.
26	Q. Were you present at the scene of the Ryen homicide
27	on Sunday June the 5th, 1983?

Sunday, sir?

- 1 Q. Yes.
- 2 A. No, sir, I don't believe so.
- Q. And were you present then on Monday, June the 6th,
- 4 1983?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. Showing you Exhibit 767, a photograph about three
- 7 by five, do you recognize the soles of the shoes that are
- 8 pictured in that photograph?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Are those the shoes that you were wearing when you
- 11 were present Monday the 6th, 1983, at the Ryen homicide scene?
- 12 A. I don't recall specifically if I was wearing those
- 13 shoes. I may have had them on some time during that week.
- Q. When you say, "those shoes", you are referring to
- 15 them as what kind of shoes?
- 16 A. The tennis shoes.
- 17 Q. As far as the places that you walked within the
- 18 Ryen homicide scene. were you in the area of the patio with the
- 19 spa cover?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And were you also in the master bedroom area?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did you look in each of the rooms by following the
- 24 hallway around through the house?
- 25 A. At some time during the week I had.
- Q. And you're not sure which day that was?
- 27 A. No, sir.
- Q. Do you know whether that was before or after Marty

- 1 Smith of the Sheriff's office was present at the scene?
- 2 A. At the Ryen residence?
- Q. Yes.
- A. I'm not sure, sir.
- 5 Q. Did you wear those particular shoes that are
- 6 pictured in the photograph at 2991 English Road, the hideout
- 7 house?
- 8 A. I may have. I don't recall specifically any day
- 9 that I had them on specifically.
- 10 Q. Do you recall the route that you took within the
- 11 hideout house?
- 12 A. Partially. but there again not specifically.
- Q. Directing your attention to Exhibit 5, if you could
- 14 maybe with the pointer indicate at least the areas that you
- 15 recall that you went within the hideout house.
- 16 A. Primarily I was in the master bedroom, the living
- 17 room, and down the hallway.
- Q. Excuse me. I'm -- I was distracted for a minute.
- 19 Where were you?
- 20 A. Primarily in this hallway, the living room and the
- 21 master bedroom area.
- 22 Q. Did you go into the area where the fireplace is
- 23 located within the portion of the house to your left as you face
- 24 the diagram?
- 25 A. At some time I had been there, yes, sir.
- 26 Q. You can resume your seat.
- 27 Have you ever owned or had access to a pair of Pro
- 28 Keds tennis shoes similar to the ones that I'm holding from

- A. Not in my adult life.
- Q. Did you see Marty Smith in the two scenes?
- A. I recall her -- seeing her at the Lease residence.
- 5 Q. That would have been on the 7th of June, Tuesday?
- 6 A. I believe it would have been the 7th.
- 7 Q. Did you -- did she arrive after your arrival?
- 8 A. I believe that she did.
- 9 MR. KOTTMEIER: I have nothing further of this witness,
- 10 your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Questions, counsel?

## 13 CROSS EXAMINATION

- 14 BY MR. NEGUS:
- 15 Q. Showing you Exhibit 116, with an attached diagram.
- 16 116-A. I would like you to look through that.
- Do you have any -- did you ever wear any shoes
- inside the 2991 residence that matched any of those patterns?
- 19 A. This one looks a little bit like it but it is still
- 20 not exactly like mine.
- 21 Q. This one that you are referring to is No. B?
- 22 A. It looks like a "B".
- 23 Q. It would differ in that it had a different line --
- 24 the different pattern of lines up near the top of it?
- 25 A. My shoes don't have -- the pattern doesn't go all
- 26 the way to the toe nor way up to the heel. This shows it goes
- 27 all the way up.
- 28 Q. Showing you Exhibit 787.

- 1 Is that a diagram of the Lease house that was
- 2 marked on by yourself at the preliminary hearing?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. And does that indicate in different colors the
- 5 areas of the house that you went into on June 7th and June 8th?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Which color indicates June 7th?
- 8 A. I don't see where it indicates it.
- 9 Q. Do you recall?
- 10 A. No, I don't, not at this time.
- 11 Q. Do you recall if you were in the rest of the Ryen
- 12 house on the first day that you were there?
- 13 A. The Ryen residence?
- 14 Q. Yeah.
- 15 A. I believe that it was just the master bedroom.
- 16 Q. Okay. When did you go into the rest of the Ryen
- 17 house?
- 18 A. It would have been at sometime later. I am not
- 19 sure what day it would have been right now.
- 20 Q. Do you remember what you were doing?
- 21 A. Just generally searching the residence for possible
- 22 evidence.
- Q. Did you find anything?
- A. No, sir.
- 25 MR. NEGUS: Thank you. I have knowing further.
- 26 MR. KOTTMEIER: No further questions.
- 27 THE COURT: Thank you again, sir.
- 28 MR. KOTTMEIER: Marie Robles.

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2		MARIE A. ROBLES.
3	called as a	witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
4	been duly sw	orn, testified as follows:
5	THE C	LERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.
6		Would you state your full name for the record and
7	spell your l	ast name.
8	THE W	ITNESS: Marie A. Robles. R-o-b-l-e-s.
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10		DIRECT EXAMINATION
11	BY MR. KOTTM	EIER:
12	Q.	Mrs. Robles, by whom are you employed?
13	, <b>A.</b> ,	Prison Industry Authority.
14	Q.	And in which prison do you have your job?
15	A.	California Mens Colony.
16	Q.	In which community?
17	A.	San Luis Obispo.
18	Q.	Do you have a particular assignment at that prison?
19	A.	Yes. I am a textile production superintendent.
20	Q.	What kind of textile production are manufactured in
21	the San Luis	Obispo prison for men?
22	A.	Jackets, gloves, T-shirts, briefs and shirts.
23	Q.	Is one of the production manufactured at the prison
24	a T-shirt tha	at is issued to the inmates within the California
25	prison system	a <b>?</b>
26	A.	Yes.
27	Q.	And who is it that physically makes those

particular shirts in San Luis Obispo?

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- Q. Themselves?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Under supervision from people like yourself?
- 5 A. Yes. My supervisors.
- 6 Q. Directing your attention to a T-shirt from Exhibit
- 7 160.
- 8 You have had a moment this morning to take a look
- 9 at this particular T-shirt?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And based upon your examination of the T-shirt, do
- 12 you have an opinion as to whether that T-shirt was prison
- 13 manufactured for prison issue T-shirt versus a commercial
- 14 T-shirt?
- 15 A. Yes, because of the tail hemming is very crooked,
- 16 the workmanship.
- Q. And ways is your opinion?
- 18 A. That it appears to have been sewn by an inmate.
- Q. Prison issue type T-shirt.
- 20 A. Yes. It is poor quality.
- 21 Q. The prison T-shirts that you make, do they follow
- 22 the same type with the stitching that in effect runs along the
- 23 back of the neck and then down the sleeve?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Have you also checked other areas of stitching for
- 26 the consistency of seams and straightness and so on on that
- 27 particular shirt?
- 28 A. Yes, I did, and there's several things that have

- 1 been eliminated due to the supervisors. The inmates tried to
- 2 push out the production and sometimes forget to bar tack
- 3 shoulder seams and underarm seams. Bounding in this one area
- 4 here in the other one also.
- 5 Q. At least as far as the some of the mistakes that
- 6 have been made in these particular T-shirts that were
- 7 manufactured in the prison system. your people have tried to
- 8 correct those mistakes at the present time?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Showing you Exhibit 694. a second T-shirt. Would
- 11 you take a look at this T-shirt also.
- 12 You did have a chance to look at that T-shirt
- earlier this morning as well; is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And what is your opinion as to whether that T-shirt
- is a prison issue, prison considered T-shirt?
- 17 A. It appears to be prison manufactured.
- 18 Q. For the same types of reasons as you have
- 19 expressed --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- in regard to 160?
- 22 A. Yes. Irregularity of the hem, it is poor quality.
- 23 This is not done in private industry.
- 24 0. That is the kind of shirt that wouldn't even be
- sold as a second in private industry.
- 26 A. Right.
- 27 MR. KOTTMEIER: Nothing further of Miss Robles.
- 28 MR. NEGUS: No questions.

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1	THE COURT: Thank you very much.
2	THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
3	MR. KOTTMEIER: The next thing that we would like to do
4	is enter into a stipulation with regard to an exhibit that has
5	yet to be marked. Maybe it would be easier, your Honor, to take
6	an early recess so as we can set up and make sure the volume is
7	not too high. We will have the tape and then at least Dr.
8	Howell at approximately 2:00 o'clock.
9	I offer that as a suggestion, either that we can
10	try and play the tape at this time. Whatever is the Court's
11	convenience.
12	THE COURT: Counsel, do you would you all return at
13	1:15?
14	MR. NEGUS: No problem.
15	MR. KOTTMEIER: Let's do it.
16	THE COURT: Return 15 minutes early. Remember the
17	admonition at all times. Enjoy your lunch. 1:15, please.
18	(Noon recess taken.)

1	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1985, 1:20 P.M.
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3	THE COURT: Do you have the tape?
4	MR. KOTTMEIER: I think we are going to do Mr. Ogino. We
5	adjusted the volume and everything for when we do it.
6	We will call, first of all this afternoon, Craig
7	Ogino.
8	THE COURT: Somewhat less than a stranger to the action.
9	Let's be sworn again, please.
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11	CRAIG OGINO.
12	called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
13	been duly sworn, testified as follows:
14	THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.
15	Would you state your full name for the record.
16	THE WITNESS: My name is Craig Ogino.
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18	DIRECT EXAMINATION
19	BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
20	Q. Mr. Ogino, we've had marked a manila envelope as
21	Exhibit 789.
22	For the record it has certain identifying letters
23	and numbers on the outside, and inside a matchbook cover, Casa
24	Vallarta.
25	Would you look at this item that is noted as J-8.
26	please. Do you recognize that particular exhibit?

## COMPUTERIZED TRANSCRIPT

And where did it come from?

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A.

Q.

Yes.

- 1 A. From the Lease house.
- 2 Q. Showing you a photograph that has previously been
- 3 marked as Exhibit 45; do you see that particular item within
- 4 Exhibit 45?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Would you point to it please.
- 7 A. It's right at the bottom of the sliding door, the
- 8 left sliding door here.
- 9 Q. Now, at the time that you found that particular
- 10 matchbook cover, was it in the condition that it appears in the
- 11 manila envelope?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Based upon your training and expertise, does it
- 14 look as though that particular matchbook cover has been tested
- 15 for fingerprints by a variety of means?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. What type of means does that particular matchbook
- 18 cover look as though it's been tested with?
- 19 A. Possibly black powder and possibly ninhydren.
- 20 Q. Ninhydren?
- 21 A. Ninhydren.
- Q. And that's a substance that will help lift or bring
- 23 up fingerprints on paper products?
- 24 A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. That's what causes that kind of orangey
- 26 discoloration to the matchbook cover?
- 27 A. Yes.
- Q. As far as the number of matches in the matchbook,

- 1 we are down to one.
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Was that the same condition as when you received it
- 4 or found it at the hideout house?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. No, matches have been torn out or taken out by
- 7 laboratory personnel for testing of any sort?
- 8 A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- 9 Q. In addition to the matchbook cover, did you remove
- 10 a pink blanket from the hideout closet that is pictured in
- 11 Exhibit 44?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And is that the pink blanket that is shown within
- 14 what would be the closet doors to the right side of that
- particular closet as you face the closet?
- 16 A. Yes, it is.
- Q. We've had marked a brown paper bag as Exhibit 783.
- 18 There is a tear in the side of the particular bag, but do you
- 19 recognize that paper bag?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Is that the bag that you packaged the pink blanket
- 22 in after it was picked up at the hideout house?
- 23 A. Yes, it is.
- Q. At some point after you picked up that particular
- 25 blanket, did you examine the blanket for the possibility of
- 26 trace evidence being on it?
- 27 A. Yes.
- 28 Q. Now, what number for the laboratory did you give

- the pink blanket when you picked it up?
- 2 A. J-15.
- 3 Q. Showing you Exhibit 776. do you recognize that
- 4 particular Petri dish?
- 5 A. Yes, I do.
- 6 Q. And you've got certain identifying information on
- 7 the outside of the Petri dish?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What is it that the dish contains?
- 10 A. It is contains numerous fibers, hairs, vegetation,
- 11 feathers, and looks like a green carpet tuft.
- 12 Q. Did you personally collect those particular trace
- 13 items from Exhibit J-15 for your laboratory use, and I believe
- 14 for our purposes 783?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Particularly the burrs that are present within that
- 17 dish, did you collect those?
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. And how were they distributed on the blanket?
- 20 A. Pretty much throughout the blanket. There were
- 21 some in clusters, but pretty much throughout the entire blanket.
- 22 Q. Mr. Ogino, was the burr material on one side of the
- 23 blanket or on both sides of the blanket?
- A. I don't remember. I believe they were on both
- 25 sides.
- Q. As far as the burrs that were collected, other than
- 27 placing them in the Petri dish that you have in front of you,
- are they in the same condition as when you picked them off of

- 1 the blanket, the pink blanket?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Now showing you Exhibit V-6, for the record a pill
- 4 box that's been previously identified, do you recognize that?
- 5 A. Yes, I do.
- 6 Q. And where was that collected?
- 7 A. From the Ryen station wagon.
- 8 Q. That's the station wagon pictured in Exhibit 46?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. From what area of the Ryen station wagon?
- 11 A. May I refer to my note?
- 12 Q. Yes, if you would, please.
- 13 A. They were in the middle portion with the back
- 14 folded down of the vehicle.
- Q. And how many burrs approximately are in that
- 16 particular pill canister. V-6?
- 17 A. Can I open the canister?
- 18 O. Yes.
- 19 A. There are two what look like pretty much whole
- 20 burrs, and one that's -- looks like it's partially falling
- 21 apart.
- Q. Are those in the same condition generally as when
- you removed them from the car?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. We've had marked a plastic bag that's previously
- 26 been referred to as Exhibit 775 with certain vegetation in it.
- 27 Do you recognize Exhibit 775?
- 28 A. Yes, I do.

- Q. And where did you get those particular items from?
- 2 A. Just outside the Ryen residence.
- 3 Q. Directing your attention to the very large
- 4 photograph that we've placed on the board, Exhibit 4. do you see
- 5 within this photograph the area were where you found the
- 6 vegetation?

- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. Would you take the red pen and point to the. first
- 9 of all, where it was collected from.
- 10 A. Along this stretch, mainly between the two trees in
- 11 this picture.
- Q. Would you write in red, Mr. Ogino, the number 775
- 13 and vegetation in that area.
- A. (Witness complied.)
- 15 Q. What was your purpose in collecting Exhibit 775?
- 16 A. To have laboratory standards of the vegetation in
- 17 this particular area of the -- behind the Ryen residence.
- 18 Q. So, you were careful to try and get a cross-section
- 19 of the various kinds of vegetation, at least in that area by the
- 20 two trees?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, within that particular Exhibit 775. did you
- 23 find any plant burrs of the type similar to what we had found in
- 24 the pink blanket and also in the Ryen car?
- 25 A. Yes.
- 26 Q. Do you have samples of those contained within 775?
- 27 A. Yes.
- 28 Q. Did you perform within the laboratory an

- examination wherein you compared Exhibit 775, the vegetation
- from outside the Ryen house, with the vegetation found on the
- 3 pink blanket?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And what were your results?
- 6 A. Macroscopically and microscopically they were
- 7 similar.
- 8 Q. In addition did you perform a comparison between
- 9 the 775 vegetation and the burrs that were removed from the Ryen
- 10 car?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. And what was your result?
- 13 A. Same results, macroscopically and microscopically
- 14 they were similar.
- 15 Q. Mr. Ogino, at some point in time did you package
- 16 and release to Mr. Thornton C-12, a nightgown, and C-13, the
- 17 body bag of Jessica Ryen?
- 18 A. It was released to him, yes.
- 19 Q. Do you know when that was?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. When was that?
- 22 A. July 30, 1984.
- 23 MR. KOTTMEIER: I have no further questions of Mr. Ogino,
- 24 your Honor.

- 26 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 27 BY MR. NEGUS:
- Q. Mr. Ogino, when you were collecting vegetation

- 1 samples, did you collect any from this field area back along to
- 2 the south of the two residents?
- A. No, sir.
- 4 Q. Do you recall what kind of plant that the burrs
- 5 that are similar to V-6 and J-15 came from?
- 6 A. It looked like some sort of weed.
- 7 Q. How -- how big was it?
- 8 A. They were various sizes.
- 9 Q. Three feet tall some of them?
- 10 A. No, they weren't that big.
- 11 Q. How tall were they?
- 12 A. I'd say approximately a foot. the larger ones.
- Q. Okay. Were they these weeds that are showing here
- in the field down closer to the 2991 residence, same sort of
- 15 creatures, the same plants?
- 16 A. It's hard to tell from the photograph.
- Q. Well, when you were --
- 18 You looked for a Viceroy pack up here at the top of
- 19 this incline; is that correct?
- 20 A. I believe so, yes.
- 21 Q. Were there weeds of that nature that had the burrs
- 22 in it up there?
- 23 A. I don't recall.
- Q. How about, did you ever look --
- 25 You collected evidence down here in the driveway
- 26 somewhere too; is that right?
- 27 A. Yes.
- Q. Were there burrs of that nature down there?

- 1 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Did you ever collect any vegetation samples from
- 3 the -- from the hill as you come up from Peyton Road up along
- 4 the fenceline up to the -- to the 2991 residence?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. The only vegetation samples you collected were
- 7 right in there?
- B A. Yes.
- 9 Q. So, you have no way of knowing whether the same
- 10 vegetation that is in that spot, 775, existed all over the rest
- ll of the hill?
- 12 A. Is that correct.
- 13 Q. The -- this particular bag that seems to have some
- 14 writing on it with your name on it, on the side of it, was that
- placed there on the night of June the 7th or was that placed
- there at some other time?
- 17 A. I believe it was placed on there on June the 7th.
- 18 Q. There is some writing in, appears to be Mr.
- 19 Stockwell's handwriting. Does that look like Mr. Stockwell to
- 20 you?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do you know whether that was placed on there at the
- 23 same time?
- A. No, I do not.
- 25 Q. This item is now referred to in the laboratory no
- 26 longer by the number J-15 but J-15A, is that correct, that is,
- 27 the pink blanket?
- A. I believe it's still referred to as J-15.

- 1 Q. Do you have a Supplement there, Supplement No. 3?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And would you look at the first page of Supplement
- 4 No. 3.
- 5 Maybe I can help you. Showing you a Xerox copy.
- 6 A. Okay, I have it.
- 7 Q. That was renumbered -- the pink blanket was
- 8 renumbered J-15A because of the mix-up with the missing green
- 9 plaid blanket; is that right?
- 10 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 11 Q. Do you know whether or not when you removed the
- 12 vegetation materials and hairs and whatever it is, what have you
- in the Petri dish, from the pink blanket?
- 14 A. It was from the pink blanket.
- Q. When, I said "when"?
- 16 A. June 16, 1983.
- 17 Q. Was the pink -- I take it the pink blanket had not
- 18 been stapled into the bag at that point in time?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. Well. did you have -- normally if something were
- 21 stapled would you put your initials on the outside like Mr.
- 22 Stockwell did on August 31st there to indicate that you'd
- 23 unstapled it?
- 24 A. Usually yes.
- 25 Q. And there's no -- there's no such indication on
- 26 this particular bag, correct?
- 27 A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. When the stuff was collected from 2991 English

1	Road,	was	it	kept	for	а	period	of	time	back	at	the	laboratory	in
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- 2 containers other than the ones that it finally ended up in?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. None of it was packaged back at the laboratory?
- 5 A. Some of the evidence was, yes. I thought you were
- 6 referring to these burrs.
- 7 Q. No. I'm talking about the blanket right now, that
- 8 is, the blanket as it existed before you took the burrs off it,
- 9 was it packaged in something other than that bag back at the
- 10 laboratory at that time?
- 11 A. I don't believe so. I think we put this blanket in
- 12 this particular bag at the scene.
- Q. Do you remember whether that was all --
- But it wasn't sealed to your knowledge?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Do you remember if any other items were placed on
- 17 top of it?
- 18 A. No.
- Q. During the same time period when this -- within the
- 20 same hour that this particular item was collected, that was when
- 21 you and Mr. Stockwell rushed outside to collect the animal blood
- that was found in the driveway; is that correct?
- 23 A. Yes. It was approximately 45 minutes later.
- Q. Well, in fact, right after you had picked up J-16
- 25 the -- a belt that was there, the next thing you did was to go
- outside and eventually collect the blood by -- by 10:00 o'clock;
- 27 is that right?
- 28 A. Yes.

1	Q. And showing you Exhibit 740, is that a picture of
2	you and Deputy Hill from the Career Criminal Division in the
3	process of collecting that particular blood sample?
4	A. It is appears to be, yes.
5	Q. There appears to be some vegetation sample some
6	vegetation there along the driveway where you are standing, any
7	of that vegetation the type of stuff that had the burrs on it?
8	A. Most of this vegetation looks like more like the
9	cattail type weeds. You can see them in the picture here.
10	It's possible that those that type of vegetation
11	is in here, but the majority of this vegetation looks like the
12	cattail weed.
13	Q. Do they also call those foxtails?
14	A. Foxtails.
15	Q. Did you also, after you found the blood drop, did
16	you also go walking around that particular area in the off
17	the driveway looking for other signs of evidence?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Any burrs in that particular area where you were
20	walking off the off the driveway?
21	A. It was hard to tell. It was very dark.
22	Q. Thank you.
23	I have nothing further.
24	
25	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
26	BY MR. KOTTMEIER:

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the vegetation in this small gully-type area that was just above

Mr. Ogino, did you have an opportunity to look at

- 1 the driveway toward the Ryen house?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Was it similar in type to the vegetation up at 775
- 4 that you took?
- 5 A. There was vegetation there, I can't recall whether
- 6 it was the same type.
- 7 Q. Now, Mr. Ogino, when you first saw the pink blanket
- 8 in the closet, did you notice whether or not there were any
- 9 burrs on it?
- 10 A. Yes, I did.
- 11 Q. And were there burrs?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. You maintained a blanket, whether it was J-15 or
- 14 J-15A, within the laboratory after it was taken from the hideout
- house and transported to the laboratory, didn't you?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And specifically. like other items of evidence from
- 18 the hideout house, was maintained in an unchanged condition
- 19 until someone like yourself could do laboratory work on it?
- 20 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 21 Q. And you were paying particular attention to avoid
- 22 any problem of contamination from any other sources or the
- 23 possibility of burrs being put on it?
- 24 MR. NEGUS: Objection; leading.
- 25 THE COURT: Yes; sustained.
- 26 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- Q. What was your purpose in trying to package them in
- separate bags and so on and take them to the crime laboratory?

1	A. To prevent contamination.
2	MR. KOTTMEIER: I have nothing further, your Honor.
3	MR. NEGUS: Nothing further.
4	THE COURT: Thanks again, sir.
5	THE WITNESS: Thank you, your Honor.
6	MR. KOTTMEIER: We will have Sergeant Arthur after we
7	have a stipulation in regard to the tape recording.
8	MR. KOTTMEIER: The People would offer to stipulate with
9	the defendant, through his attorney Mr. Negus, that the male
10	voice on Court's Exhibit 788 is that of Mr. Sexton, the parmedic
11	who was communicating with the Ryen scene. The female is an
12	unidentified female who worked at Loma Linda Medical Center.
13	And that this particular exhibit, 788, a tape recording of the
14	radio traffic between Mr. Sexton and the representative of the
15	Medical Center be played for the jury.
16	MR. NEGUS: So stipulated, with the further provision
17	that I understand that there's a lot there's long gaps of
18	silence on it. and Sergeant Arthur is going to go just to the
19	spoken portions and not play the gaps.
20	MR. KOTTMEIER: That's correct. There are a couple
21	locations on the tape itself where, for example, Mr. Sexton
22	would say, "This is 1651." There would be no response or
23	anything, and we are going to just skip over those.
24	THE COURT: All right. Accepted.
25	Want him to go ahead and play it?
26	MR. KOTTMEIER: Yes.
27	(The following is a transcript of Exhibit 788.
28	a tape recording, transcribed to the best of my

1	ability.)
2	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: This is Loma Linda
<b>3</b> ·	University. Who's trying to get in touch with us?
4 .	*MR. SEXTON: Loma Linda University, Chino Fire
5	1671. How do you copy?
6	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Chino Fire. this is Loma
7	Linda. We copy you 10-2
8	*MR. SEXTON: Loma Linda University, 1671. We are
9	on a hill overlooking Chino at the scene of a
10	multiple homicide. We have three fatal victims.
11	They are all nonresuscitatable correction
12	We have four fatals, nonresuscitatable.
13	"We have one victim approximately eight years of
14	age. He has suffered multiple gunshots wounds:
15	One entering the midsternal area at the clavicle
16	notch. Well. correction. We don't know if that's
17	entrance or exit. The other side of the wound is
18	right scapular.
19	*Lungs are expanding adequately. They are clear.
20	The rate is 24.
21	We also have a head wound. The superior occipital
22	region, with no noticeable exit wound as of yet.
23	*Our blood pressure is 160, 160 systolic. Pulse is
24	130.
25	"UNIDENTIFIED MALE-1: Loma Linda University, this
26	is Courtesy Unit 9
27	*MR. SEXTON: would fall under your jurisdiction
28	so we prefer to contact directly.

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2	minute.
3	"Courtesy 9, this is Loma Linda, I'm in the middle
4	of a run with Chino. Could you contact another
5	base station please?
6	"UNIDENTIFIED MALE-1: Courtesy 9 clear with Loma
7	Linda.
8	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Go ahead Chino Fire?
9	*MR. SEXTON: Loma Linda University, 1671
10	requesting orders on our one patient.
11	*UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Chino Fire, this is Loma
12	Linda. I need more information as to whether the
13	patient is conscious or alert or what kind of
14	trauma score we have on this patient.
15	*MR. SEXTON: Okay. Patient's color appears to be
16	pale. He is dry. Temperature is cool. Pupils
17	are dilated, sluggish.
18	"Respiratory efficiency appears to be normal.
19	*Capilliary refill appears to be delayed.
20	*Our opening is the eyes are open, however there
21	is no response.
22	"Verbal response is none and motor response is
23	none.
24	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Chino Fire. this is Loma
25	Linda, go ahead and start a lactate of Ringer's
26	just to keep vein open at the moment. Are you
27	assisting ventilations or what have you got on
28	ventilations?

\*UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Standby, Chino, for one

1	*MR. SEXTON: Loma Linda University, 1671,
2	respirations do not appear to be labored. We do
3	have the patient on oxygen, approximately four to
4	five liters.
5	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 10-4. Then go ahead start
6	the lactated Ringer's TKO.
7	*What's your ETA to our facility?
8	*MR. SEXTON: Loma Linda University, 1671. Our air
9	ambulance will be here in approximately ten, five
10	minutes to load and eight minutes transport time.
11	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 1671. do you have this is
12	an eight year old child. Do you have a Pete's
13	MAST suit?
14	"MR. SEXTON: We do have a Pete's MAST suit,
15	however we do not have it in place with the
16	pressure of 160.
17	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Go ahead and place the MAST
18	suit under the child and then put the child on a
19	backboard for C-spine precautions and start your
20	iv.
21	"MR. SEXTON: Loma Linda, 1671. I copy. Under the
22	MAST suit C-spine precautions and spine board.
23	All right. The victim's a ways away from me. I'm
24	going to relay information and be back to you in a
25	few minutes.
26	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 10-4."
27	(Brief pause in tape.)
28	*MR. SEXTON: Loma Linda University, this is 1671.

1	"MR. SEXTON: 1671, this is Loma Linda University,
2	go ahead.
3	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We are having a problem
4	getting veins on this patient, would like to pump
5	up the MAST suit temporarily in order to get veins
6	10-4.
7	*UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Also, once you have a line
8	in give the patient ten milligrams of Decadron.
9 .	*MR. SEXTON: Loma Linda University, 1671. copy.
10	Ten milligrams of Decadron. Apparently the
11	patient just briefly came to and was able to tell
12	us that he is in fact eight years old.
13	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 10-4."
14	(Brief pause in tape.)
15	*MR. SEXTON: I'm adding another wound to the
16	patient below the left ear, approximately two and
17	a half to three inches long a deep gashing type.
18	A lot of the injuries in a lot of these patients
19	looks like it was sustained with a machete or meat
20	cleaver type of an instrument. The patient's
21	lying supine is experiencing difficulty breathing.
22	We are going to be propping him up with a pillow.
23	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 10-4. 1671. have you been
24	able to get an IV in?
25	"MR. SEXTON: We are still working on that. Loma
26	Linda.
27	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 10-4."
28	(Brief pause in tape.)

1	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 1671 this is Loma Linda, can
2	you repeat?"
3	(Brief pause in tape.)
4	*MR. SEXTON: Still loud and clear also. Standby
5	to copy.
6	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 1671. this Loma Linda I'm
7	unable to copy you.
8	(Brief pause in tape.)
9	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 1671, this is Loma Linda.
10	*MR. SEXTON: Loma Linda, this is 1671. We were
11	unable to establish an IV. Our Patient has been
12	loaded on a Life-Flite. has a ETA your facility,
13	your time approximately six minutes. They should
14	be contacting you on approach.
15	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 10-4. Do you have the MAST
16	suit inflated or was it deflated?
17	*MR. SEXTON: Affirmative. MAST suit was inflated
18	for to try and get veins out, but we are still
19	unable to get any.
20	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Did you go ahead and deflate
21	the MAST suit then when you not longer got the IV
22	in?
23	*MR. SEXTON: Copy. I'll advise the ship.
24	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 10-4."
25	(Brief pause in tape.)
26	"UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We copy. What kind of vital
27	do you have right now and how is the respiratory
28	status?"

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                    (Brief pause in tape.)
                    *UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Life-Flite. go ahead and
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                     open up the IV."
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                    (Brief pause in tape.)
                    "UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 10-4."
             MR. KOTTMEIER: That concludes the tape, your Honor.
                    There are a series of stipulations I think that
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       both sides are interested in discussing -- we have discussed
      them -- but offering at this particular point, so --
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             THE COURT: You may step down, Sergeant.
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             MR. NEGUS: Yes, we would offer to stipulate that the Pro
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      Keds tennis shoes identified by William Baird as having been
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      received in the laboratory on November 8th, 1984, were seized
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      during an investigation of a man who was released from prison
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      during 1977.
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             THE COURT: Accepted.
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             MR. KOTTMEIER: We join in the stipulation, your Honor.
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             MR. NEGUS: We would also stipulate that if Dan Gregonis
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      were recalled to testify he would testify that he conducted an
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      examination of the rope sample, A-3, from the Ryen driveway and
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      the rope, J-9, from the closet inside the Bilbia bedroom. Both
      ropes had the same color and were made of the same material,
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      however one of the ropes had a center chord and the other did
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      not.
             MR. KOTTMEIER: So stipulated, your Honor.
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             THE COURT: Likewise accepted.
             MR. NEGUS: We would further stipulate that according to
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the National Weather Service the -- on June 2nd, 1983, the moon

- 1 was in the last quarter and rose at 2400 hours; on June 3rd it
- was in the last quarter and rose at 0026 hours; on June 4th it
- 3 was in the last quarter and rose at 0056 hours; and on June 5th
- 4 it was in the last quarter and rose at 0125 hours.
- 5 Further, that according to the Ontario Airport
- 6 records which are held at the National Weather Service, on June
- 7 lst, 1983, the temperature range was 56 degrees to 67 degrees
- 8 Fahrenheit; visibility was a sky cover of scattered clouds;
- 9 visibility 15 to 20 miles.
- June 2nd, 1983, temperature range 55 to 64 degrees
- 11 Fahrenheit; visibility, overcast; visibility 15 or 20 miles.
- June 3rd, 1983, temperature range 48 degrees to 71
- degrees Fahrenheit; visibility, overcast, scattered clouds;
- 14 visibility, five to ten miles.
- June 4th, 1983, temperature range 50 degrees to 74
- 16 degrees Fahrenheit; visibility, overcast. hazy sunshine in the
- 17 afternoon -- excuse me, let me repeat -- visibility, overcast in
- 18 the morning, hazy sunshine in the afternoon; visibility from
- 19 four to five miles with haze and smoke.
- 20 And on June 5th. 1983, temperature range 51 to 71
- 21 degrees Fahrenheit; fog in the morning, hazy sunshine;
- 22 two-and-a-half to five miles visibility.
- 23 MR. KOTTMEIER: Join in the stipulation, your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: All right, the jurors may consider all such
- 25 matters stipulated to as being conclusively proved.
- MR. NEGUS: We would further stipulate that pursuant to
- 27 court order, Court's Exhibit 118, a pair of blue denim jeans,
- 28 was released to Daniel Gregonis on January 14. 1985. and was

- 1 returned on February 5th, 1985, the markings on the jeans
- 2 indicate certain stains which were tested, all but one of those
- 3 was tested for blood and was negative. Another one was
- 4 inconclusive.
- 5 MR. KOTTMEIER: So stipulate. your Honor.
- 6 THE COURT: Accepted.
- 7 MR. NEGUS: The records should also reflect that on 228,
- 8 over the break, in the presence of Mr. Kochis, I placed on the
- 9 list of people in the Ryen crime scene, certain additional
- 10 information which we stipulated to last week.
- 11 MR. KOCHIS: So stipulated.
- 12 THE COURT: Thank you.
- MR. KOTTMEIER: We have one more witness, your Honor. Dr.
- 14 Howell, who could not be here until she said between 2:00 and
- 2:30. and we do have some additional matters to introduce as far
- 16 as evidence and we have not discussed those particular items,
- 17 outside the presence of the jury.
- 18 But, with the exception of Dr. Howell, the
- introduction of exhibits, the People will be resting in
- 20 rebuttal.
- 21 THE COURT: Do you have any further witnesses to present
- 22 at this time?
- 23 MR. NEGUS: No.
- 24 THE COURT: Why don't we give you a recess, ladies and
- 25 dentlemen. Counsel, I would like to discuss a few matters in
- 26 chambers at some point during the recess after you have had a
- 27 chance to or I can come back out here, either way.
- 28 But if you will take your recess now, ladies and

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gentlemen, we will get back to you. I won't keep you too much
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      longer this afternoon. I believe one of the things that I can
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      tell you is we're going to give you tomorrow off and then
      commence argument. It will give counsel a chance to prepare for
      argument primarily and give us a chance to firm up instructions
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      and things and start with argument Thursday morning and conclude
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      it either that day or on Friday and send you out to commence
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      deliberations. I would expect that when you commence
      deliberations that we will or you will work and we will work
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      five days a week, that is, Monday through Friday, and we will
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      talk about that more a little bit later.
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                   Remember still. however, at this point the
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      admonition.
                  Take your afternoon recess early if you would.
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                   (Recess.)
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                   (Chambers conference reported.)
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             THE COURT: Again, defendant and all counsel are in
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      chambers.
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- 21 MR. NEGUS: Dr. Howell.
- THE COURT: How many do you have?
- 23 MR. NEGUS: Possibly, I suppose, Mr. Forbush depending on

What remains with the jurors as far as evidence is

24 what Dr. Howell says.

concerned?

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- 25 THE COURT: Is she here yet?
- 26 MR. KOTTMEIER: No.
- 27 THE COURT: And after that you are going to rest your
- 28 rebuttal. You still have some more exhibits.

- 1 MR. KOTTMEIER: Yes, but there is no objection to any of
- them. I imagine we could do that out in the courtroom before
- 3 the jury comes back in for Dr. Howell.
- 4 THE COURT: All right.
- 5 MR. NEGUS: We have transcripts of tapes and the
- 6 expurgated of Linda Headley to handle. There is also a
- 7 transcript of Linda Headly which I will have but I will have
- 8 that Thursday morning, which we can substitute in at that point
- 9 in time.
- 10 THE COURT: We spoke of some tapes yesterday, conversion
- 11 of tape. Did you bring those in this morning?
- MR. NEGUS: I have had the edited versions of the Linda
- 13 Headley and edited version of the Dr. Howell tape. I don't -- I
- 14 didn't edit the other one, I edited Mr. Hauser, the ones they
- 15 just have tapes of.
- But we have transcripts that we can stipulate to on
- 17 the record.
- 18 THE COURT: In any event. whatever remains to be done
- 19 with reference to any tapes you are going to have all that in
- 20 first thing Thursday morning.
- 21 MR. NEGUS: I can do it all except the one transcript
- 22 this afternoon. Then I will have one transcript to bring in on
- 23 Thursday morning.
- 24 THE COURT: Then when you -- when we finish with Dr.
- 25 Howell, you may or may not have Mr. Forbush on surrebuttal then.
- 26 MR. NEGUS: There is an extremely unlikely chance that I
- 27 would. But that would only be depending on -- that would be as
- 28 to Dr. Howell.

- 1 THE COURT: Both sides rest?
- 2 MR. NEGUS: As it stands now, nothing.
- 3 THE COURT: Both sides would then rest?
- 4 MR. NEGUS: Yes.
- 5 THE COURT: Few questions.
- I have checked with the executive office here, they
- 7 have the same procedure that we do in San Bernardino County as
- 8 far as feeding jurors during deliberations, they don't. So,
- 9 when I admonish the jurors and send them out, I will give them a
- 10 kind of an all-encompassing admonishment, tell them that they
- 11 will be permitted simply to knock on the door and tell the
- 12 bailiff when they want to go to lunch at lunch time and not to
- 13 talk about it during, outside the deliberation room, that sort
- 14 of thing. That goes also to everytime they break for lunch or
- in the evening hours. Is that satisfactory?
- 16 MR. NEGUS: Fine with me. Better tell them not to drink
- 17 during lunch.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay. How about breakfast? Okay.
- 19 MR. NEGUS: Don't know of any cases on that.
- 20 THE COURT: My usual practice as well is to permit the
- 21 alternates to work, or her, subject to telephone recall with
- 22 admonishments. Is that satisfactory?
- 23 MR. NEGUS: I don't have any problem with that.
- 24 THE COURT: I would like to have Mr. Cooper's personal
- 25 assent.

- I believe the code requires, Mr. Cooper, when a
- jury is out the alternates are kept in the charge of another
- 28 bailiff here at the courthouse, so they're kept in a separate

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       room. We Keep another bailiff there just on standby.
                    But what I am suggesting is that we permit those
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      people to go home and tell them not to talk about it, don't read
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      anything about it, listen or anything else, and remain subject
      to coming back to court when we call for them, if we do.
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                   Mr. Negus, do you have any questions? You wish to
      discuss it with him first.
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             MR. NEGUS: Do you need to discuss that, Mr. Cooper?
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             MR. COOPER: Nope.
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             MR. NEGUS: Is that okay with you?
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             MR. COOPER: If it is all right with you.
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             MR. NEGUS: It is all right with me.
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             THE COURT: Okay. With reference to time of jurors
      deliberating, I guess I don't need to have this on right now, as
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      long as I am right here. I generally suggest that they not come
      in before 9:00 o'clock nor later than 9;30. and that they can
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      pretty much dictate their own hours with the bailiff, as far as
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      lunchtime is concerned and breaktime in the evening, but I
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      suggest to them they not break before 4:00.
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                   Is that satisfactory as well?
             MR. NEGUS: It is okay with me.
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             MR. KOTTMEIER: Sure.
             THE COURT: But if they want to work later or something
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      like that we keep us all on standby. I kind of leave that up to
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Is Dr. Howell here.

that require us to go through them.

MR. ARTHUR: Yes, sir.

the jurors. I have a number of modifications of instructions

COMPUTERIZED TRANSCRIPT

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1	THE COURT: We might as well go ahead and dismiss the
2	jury and come back at our leisure and go through those.
3	MR. KOCHIS: You might want to advise or look at the
4	Court's calendar, there are apparently two legal holidays, one
5	which falls next week and one which falls the following week, so
6	they won't be deliberating five days in any of the first two
7	weeks.
8	THE COURT: That is true. That you. I'll do that. If I
9	omit to do any of these things, please remind me.
10	Let's get the jurors back in.
11	MR. NEGUS: Could I have just a second to go to the
12	bathroom before we do?
13	THE COURT: Certainly.
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15	THE COURT: Everybody is present?
16	Your next witness.
17	MR. KOTTMEIER: Recall Dr. Mary Howell, your Honor.
18	THE COURT: Dr. Howell, please.
19	It has been so long since some witnesses testified
20	we have been having them all be sworn again.
21	THE WITNESS: That's all right.
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23	MARY A. HOWELL.
24	called as a witness on behalf of the People in rebuttal, having
25	been duly sworn, testified as follows:
26	THE CLERK: Thank you. Would you please be seated.
27	Would you state your full name for the record,
28	please, and spell your last name.

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes. Mary A, is my middle initial, Howell.
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## DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 5 BY MR. KOTTMEIER:
- 6 Q. Dr. Howell, as Josh's grandmother, have you had
- 7 occasion to be with him on almost a continuous basis with some
- 8 breaks in between since his release from the hospital in 1983?
- 9 A. Yes, I have.
- 10 Q. And during the time that you have spent with Josh,
- ll on occasion has there been some statements or exchanges as far
- 12 as what happened when his parents, Jessica and Chris Hughes were
- 13 murdered?
- 14 A. Some.
- 15 Q. Has Josh basically told you the same story
- 16 throughout all of the conversations?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And you were present during the time that he made
- 19 his statement for the jury on video tape?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. At any time has Josh said that he saw more than one
- 22 attacker present in the bedroom or anywhere in the Ryen house
- 23 the night of the attack?
- 24 A. No, he hasn't.
- 25 Q. Has Josh ever told you that he saw that attacker
- 26 well enough to describe the attacker?
- 27 A. No.
- Q. Has Josh ever said that he saw more than one

- attacker the night of the crime at his house?A. No.
- 3 Q. Has Josh ever said that he heard more than one
- 4 attacker the night that his parents, Jessica and Chris Hughes
- 5 were murdered?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Has Josh ever said that he in any way sensed the
- 8 presence of more than one attacker during the night that his
- 9 mother. father. sister and close friends were murdered?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 MR. KOTTMEIER: Nothing further, your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Negus.

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#### CROSS EXAMINATION

- 15 BY MR. NEGUS:
- Q. Dr. Howell, the last day that Josh was in the
- hospital, did there come an incident where he saw his picture on
- 18 the television?
- 19 A. It was the night before.
- 20 Q. Okay. And after Josh's picture came on the
- 21 television, did Kevin Cooper's come on television?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ask Josh at that point in time whether he
- 24 had ever seen that man, meaning Kevin Cooper?
- 25 MR. KOTTMEIER: Objection, asked and answered.
- 26 MR. NEGUS: I didn't --
- 27 THE COURT: I don't recall that. If it has I will permit
- 28 it again. Go ahead.

- BY MR. NEGUS:
- Q. Did you ask if he had ever seen Kevin Cooper
- 3 before?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Did he answer no?
- A. He said no.
- 7 MR. NEGUS: That is all I have.
- 8 MR. KOTTMEIER: No further questions, your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: Doctor, thank you once again.
- MR. KOTTMEIER: With the admission into evidence of the
- ll exhibits that have been marked for the proceedings today, the
- 12 People will rest in rebuttal.
- THE COURT: Before we brought the jurors back in I
- intended to come back out and we were going to cleanup some
- exhibits to which there was no objection, I believe.
- 16 Can one of you state those now?
- 17 MR. NEGUS: There's -- as far as the ones that were
- 18 marked today, I think the prosecutor can -- there is certain
- exhibits with respect to just cleaning -- having a cleared
- 20 record as far as tapes that we didn't transcribe, which we still
- 21 have to do outside the presence. But I have no objection to the
- 22 other ones coming in at the present time.
- 23 I intend to call no further witnesses and mark no
- 24 further exhibits. We will be resting subject to the admission
- of what we still have left to do?
- 26 THE COURT: Subject to us working on exhibits which we
- 27 perhaps can do, about 9:15 on Thursday morning,
- 28 MR. KOCHIS: Your Honor, I'd prefer to do that today.

1 MR. NEGUS: Today.

2 MR. KOTTMEIER: It just entails a listing of all the

3 numbers which the jury doesn't need to listen to.

4 THE COURT: All right. Then subject to reciting into

5 evidence formally of those exhibits, both sides then rest?

6 MR. NEGUS: That's true.

7 MR. KOTTMEIER: Yes, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: All right, ladies and gentlemen, a long

9 awaited day is here.

As I indicated to you, I am going to excuse you for

11 the rest of the day now, and tomorrow, and I'd ask you to come

back at 9:30 Thursday morning, when we hopefully will go

13 directly into argument of counsel.

14 As far as the alternates are concerned stay right

15 with us, you will be here Thursday, listen to all the arguments

16 and instructions of the law, and then so that you will have some

idea as to what's going to happen to you, we will permit you to

18 separate and go back to your respective homes or jobs, and be on

19 telephone call just in case something happens to one of these

20 other people.

So, you will probably not be returning when we

22 finally submit the matter to the jurors on Friday, nor the

23 following week, until and unless we call you. And then if there

24 is need for one of you, we will take the four names, put them

25 into the wheel and shuffle it up and reach in and pull one out.

26 We don't know which one that will be. I'd admonish you very

27 strongly when we permit you to separate with the same type of

28 admonition.

1	I told you we would be working five days a week,
2	that's somewhat in error. because we do have some holidays here
3	in the month of February. As you can see, the 12th has been
4	crossed out, the 18th is in red, both of those are holidays.
5	The government code, somewhere in these blue books,
6	proscribes the days the court shall be closed and it is
7	mandatory that it is closed, we cannot conduct any judicial
8	business on those days. So, you will not work those days.
9	But contrary to our usual practice of not working
10	you on Friday, you will be working on Friday hereafter until the
11	matter is concluded, but not on Saturdays or Sundays.
12	Further, we don't expect to sequester you or keep
13	you separate in any hotel rooms or anything of that nature.
14	As I indicated early in the selection process,
15	something could happen, I suppose, to change that, heaven
16	forbid, I hope it doesn't. At this time we have no plans
17	whatever for that.
18	I plead with all of you to be particularly careful
19	at this stage of the case to don't talk about it, don't let
20	anybody discuss it, don't express or form an opinion on the
21	matter as yet. It is not yet submitted to you. You have yet to
22	receive the instructions of law, you have yet to hear comments
23	of counsel in argument, which is designed to assist you in
24	making decisions in the case. It is simply not submitted to you
25	yet, so the admonition in all respects still applies, like they
26	would if there were some news from the media about the case.
27	Don't read it, watch it, listen to it in any way, or do anything

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to affect your integrity or that of the trial.

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When I send you out, I will admonish you further
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       and more precisely as to the hours that we keep and how you are
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       going to conduct yourself at that time. Please be tolerant
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       again, patient and cooperative with us, ladies and gentlemen.
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       You have been wonderful so far.
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                    Okay. With that the jurors are excused for the day
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       and counsel, if you can come to chambers at your convenience, we
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       will do some more work.
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             MR. NEGUS: Could we do the exhibits out here.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Court will be -- the jurors are
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      excused, but the Court will remain in session.
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                    (The following proceedings were held in
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                    open court out of the presence of the jury:)
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             THE COURT: All right, the jurors or alternates have all
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      departed.
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                   Counsel, are you ready to do that right now?
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             MR. NEGUS: Yes, I believe so.
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             MR. KOCHIS: I have a list that I have gone over with Mr.
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      Negus of the following exhibits, which the People are moving
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      into evidence at this time. he has no objection.
             MR. NEGUS: Yes.
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             MR. KOCHIS: They are exhibits 478, Exhibit 767. 478 was
      an eight by ten color photograph of Joshua Ryen, an injury to
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      the top of his head. 767.
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                   And then the exhibits which were used this morning
      including Exhibit 775, 776, 777 through and including 783, as
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     well as 788. 777. 776. and the exhibits between 777 and 783,
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- 2 MR. NEGUS: No objection.
- 3 THE COURT: All right. All of those will be received in
- 4 evidence.
- 5 MR. NEGUS: In addition, your Honor. I would be moving
- 6 into -- well, first of all, I have had marked, pursuant to a
- 7 previous discussion 757-A and 757-B, which are respectively
- 8 transcripts marked in pink as to the part which was played for
- 9 the jury of the statements by Richard Sibbitt and Roger Lang.
- 10 with the stipulation that those can be used in lieu of an
- 11 official reporter's transcript for appeal purposes.
- The same thing with 758-A, a transcript of a
- conversation between Mr. Forbush and Tom Hauser. and 759-A, the
- 14 transcript of the conversation between Monsignor Gaulderon and
- 15 Ron Forbush. Those will be the records on appeal.
- I would move into evidence then a tape, 707-A,
- 17 which is a copy of the portion of the conversation between
- 18 myself and Dr. Mary Howell which was played for the jury, the
- 19 other part being omitted; a tape, 758, which is a portion of the
- 20 conversation with Mr. Forbush and Mr. Hauser; a tape, 757, which
- 21 has both -- it has part of an interview with Mr. Sibbitt, part
- 22 of an interview with Mr. Lang, with the understanding that only
- 23 a certain portion of that was played which is indicated in the
- transcript. The same for 756, Linda Headley, and 759, Monsignor
- 25 Gaulderon.
- In addition, I would be providing for the court on
- 27 Thursday morning, a transcript which will be, at that point in
- 28 time, marked as 756-A being a transcript of the portions of the

- 1 statement of Linda.
- 2 MR. KOCHIS: No objection from the People.
- 3 THE COURT: All right. The ones that you offered into
- 4 evidence will be received then.
- 5 Counsel, we had two classifications of exhibits
- 6 there. didn't we?
- 7 MR. NEGUS: Yes.
- 8 THE COURT: One that is a record for appeal, not for use
- 9 of the jurors, the other one going into evidence for the jurors
- 10 consideration.
- 11 MR. NEGUS: Right. I would suggest that all the tapes we
- 12 keep separate and not send into the jury, but if they request to
- 13 hear them. that we then in open court, or however we agree at
- 14 the time, play them for them, and I would suggest that the same
- 15 with respect to the video tape of Josh and the tape recordings
- 16 of Josh as well.
- MR. KOCHIS: That is acceptable.
- 18 THE COURT: I think that what the clerk is probably going
- 19 to do, I haven't discussed this with her, for Thursday's use,
- 20 put the various exhibits on the table, and then she may have a
- 21 separate stack of matters that were referred to marked but not
- 22 admitted into evidence. You might review those one final time
- 23 to see if you have have overlooked anything or for that matter
- 24 that are now into evidence, and sometimes we have matters in
- 25 evidence that counsel says he didn't know that should have been
- 26 excised or something like that. Watch for anything like that.
- 27 MR. KOCHIS: Your Honor. I neglected on one Exhibit, 789
- 28 the matchbook removed from the Lease closet, I believe there is

no objection. 1 MR. NEGUS: No objection. 3 THE COURT: Received. MR. KOCHIS: Perhaps the clerk can look at let counsel know if we omitted any that were used. 5 THE COURT: It is so extensive, I am not sure we can. 6 7 She can try. 8 Anything further before that, before we go back and 9 have a final session on instructions? 10 MR. NEGUS: No. MR. KOCHIS: No. 11 12 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, those of you that have been watching the trial in process, I don't know what we're 13 going to do for seats in argument. I'm going to reserve two 14 rows of seats. I suspect I have got to discuss this somewhat 15 with counsel for the media, and then I certainly want to have 16 17 room for members of the family, and I can even have the bailiff 18 put a couple of rows of folding chairs there to try and expand 19 the courtroom. But I suspect we will be turning people down 20 that want to hear argument. So, I hope you won't be too unhappy with us if that occurs. 21 22 All right, counsel, would you come into chambers. (Recess.) 23 24 25 26 (Chambers conference reported.)

THE COURT: In chambers, the defendant and all three

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Did we clarify and make firm any waivers with
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       respect to lesser included, second degree particularly?
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              MR. NEGUS: I don't know if we clarified. I think our
       position was that it's pretty clear that we're against it.
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              THE COURT: You don't want it, you want just --
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             MR. NEGUS: I want.
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             THE COURT: -- guilty or not guilty of first degree.
             MR. NEGUS: You got it. I think we need a --
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             MR. KOCHIS: I think we need a waiver from the defendant.
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             MR. NEGUS: From Mr. Cooper? We did it all but I'll do
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                   Mr. Cooper. in this particular case the Court
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      believes there's evidence which will support a second degree
      finding. I disagree, but that is the Court's -- the Court
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      want's to give the instruction.
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             THE COURT: I am not sure that I expressed that kind of
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      an opinion, but I think that almost -- I would feel duty bound
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      to give it nevertheless because it is always considered to be
      such an integral part of murder one.
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             MR. NEGUS: Well, there may or may not be evidence which
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      would justify a second degree verdict finding, I believe that
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      there is not.
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                   We have discussed between ourselves that the only
      role that I could see a second degree verdict playing in this
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      particular case is to give a jury a compromise verdict.
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according to the present law as it is interpreted by -- at least

for the penalty phase in this particular case is concerned,

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by most of the courts, it says in the statute that a verdict of
second degree is the same as a first degree if you find two
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- 3 second degrees, then we're into the penalty phase. In order not
- to encourage a compromise verdict, I believe that it is in your
- 5 best interest to only give the jury two choices: First degree
- 6 or nothing. Do you agree to do that?
- 7 MR. COOPER: Yes.
- 8 THE COURT: Do you join in the waiver?
- 9 MR. NEGUS: I Certainly do.
- 10 THE COURT: All right, I accept it.
- 11 You objected to, in one of our initial talks, to
- 12 the instruction on flight, Mr. Negus. And as I got into CALJIC,
- 13 I believe 2.52, it has a use note in there. Let me read it to
- 14 you. Just a second. I have modified that flight instruction.
- 15 All right. "It is suggested in People versus
- 16 Guzman that if the defendant offers evidence of reasons for
- 17 flight other than consciousness of guilt, the following
- 18 sentences, approved in People versus Hill. certiorari denied, be
- 19 substituted for the present second sentence. 'Whether or not
- 20 evidence of flight shows a consciousness of guilt and the
- 21 significance to be attached to such circumstances are matters
- 22 for your determination. \*\*
- 23 And so I have deleted the shorter sentence, "The
- 24 weight to which such circumstance is entitled is a matter for
- 25 the jury to determine\* and substituted the People versus Hill
- 26 sentence, longer sentence.
- 27 Anything further on that point?
- 28 MR. NEGUS: Just I think that what you have done is

- better than what we did before, and I still object, however, to
- 2 the flight instruction.
- 3 THE COURT: Well. I think that you have a good
- 4 explanation as to flight, but you are a little more hard put to
- 5 explain the extent thereof, and I think that that might be
- 6 considered for consciousness of guilt. And so I think that the
- 7 instruction as I have got it now is more proper.
- 8 I have -- also you will note in the second page
- 9 that I gave you there. I have modified a statement of offenses
- 10 to indicate the names of the victims, relate them to the various
- 11 Counts One through -- Two through Six, I guess.
- 12 Any objection to that?
- MR. NEGUS: No.
- 14 THE COURT: It won't be in the verdict form but I think
- in some way we ought to tell them formally who is involved in
- 16 each count.
- 17 MR. KOCHIS: No objection.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay. And then I have got a number of notes
- here. and I would simply like to run through my tentatively
- 20 approved instructions briefly and see if there is anything else
- 21 mentioned, any other modifications. So, bear with me.
- MR. NEGUS: Do you have a copy of the CALJIC there?
- 23 THE COURT: You bet. Counsel, for instance, CALJIC 1.01,
- 24 instructions to be considered as a whole, I'm making it in the
- 25 present tense and eliminating "was" and making making it "is".
- 26 that sort of thing. Those are standard.
- 27 I assume you have no objection to any of that.
- 28 Considering for a second. Can I go ahead, Mr. Negus, while you

- 1 are looking there?
- 2 MR. NEGUS: No, because I want to have that to follow
- 3 along.
- 4 THE COURT: Credibility of Witnesses, 2.20. I think
- 5 probably every single one of them should be given. Any comment?
- 6 Often times we take out the "character" portion or something
- 7 like that.
- 8 MR. NEGUS: I object to the character portion. I admit
- 9 that we did have it as far as Lelko is concerned, but that
- really wasn't a heavy part of the case, and I don't want the
- jurors to assume that they can somehow have an opinion of Mr.
- 12 Cooper's character and use that as somehow evidence of his
- 13 guilt.
- 14 I would submit that in this particular case that
- 15 because of the very, very limited nature of the character
- 16 testimony, that it would be misleading.
- MR. KOCHIS: The problem I have with that, your Honor, is
- 18 I think through the testimony, at least indirectly of the
- 19 Handys, people from the mens prison, even the defendant himself,
- 20 his character is not truthful, he lies about who he is all the
- 21 time.

- That was brought out, in addition to his
- 23 admissions, which are covered by the statement on the second
- 24 page, it was proved indirectly by the Handys, by the Handys, by
- 25 the people at CIM.
- 26 MR. NEGUS: It seems like Mr. Rochis is building in
- 27 reversible error if that's his position. The defendant's
- 28 character for honesty or veracity cannot be put in issue unless

- 1 the defendant first puts it in issue himself. That is, the
- 2 People are not allowed to introduce evidence that the defendant
- 3 has a character for not having honesty or truthfulness and
- 4 that's reversible error right there.
- 5 THE COURT: That perhaps would be covered, Mr. Kochis,
- 6 under admission of untruthfulness.
- 7 As far as using aliases, somethings of that nature
- 8 are concerned, it clearly. however. counsel applies to the one
- 9 witness, was it today only?
- MR. NEGUS: Mr. Lelko. But I am saying, that if he puts
- 11 that in, because of the nature of the prosecution evidence, it
- invites speculation as to there might be evidence of character
- 13 for honesty or truthfulness on the part of the defendant. And
- 14 it is plain that unless the defendant brings in character
- evidence himself, the prosecution is not allowed to try and
- 16 impeach his character.
- 17 THE COURT: I think that is his argument.
- MR. NEGUS: Where I --
- 19 THE COURT: When he gets on the stand and admits on
- 20 direct examination the number of falsehoods --
- 21 MR. NEGUS: Judge, that is not -- what they mean by that
- is if I bring in somebody to sit and say, oh, yeah. I've known
- 23 Kevin Cooper for a long time, he's an honest man in the
- 24 community, then they can rebut it. But they're not allowed to
- 25 do that unless I do.
- 26 THE COURT: I know where you are coming from Mr. Negus,
- 27 I'm just thinking that character may be proven in other --
- 28 MR. NEGUS: But it is not -- you can't do it, the jury

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l can't consider that unless I put it in issue. I didn't put it
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- 2 in issue. I mean. I never introduced character witnesses on
- 3 behalf of Mr. Cooper, they are not allowed to attack the
- 4 defendant's character unless I do that.
- 5 THE COURT: That is, they couldn't call a witness and
- 6 say --
- 7 MR. NEGUS: They can't put on evidence.
- 8 THE COURT: I know his reputation for truth and honesty,
- 9 I know it to be bad, they can't do that.
- MR. NEGUS: They can't use -- you can't use character
- ll evidence at all unless I do it. You know, you guys want a
- 12 reversal.
- 13 MR. KOCHIS: Let's take it out so that there is no --
- 14 first of all, I understand that the Court feels that it is a
- proper instruction sua sponte based on testimony of Shirley
- 16 Killian, but Mr. Negus is asking the Court to delete that one
- 17 sentence. Is that correct? Can I get indications from counsel?
- 18 MR. NEGUS: Yes, that's correct.
- MR. KOCHIS: While we're on the issue --
- 20 THE COURT: Then let's take it out then.
- 21 MR. KOCHIS: While we're on the issue --
- 22 THE COURT: That is, I am taking out the last sentence on
- 23 the first page of that instruction. The character of the
- 24 witness for honesty or truthfulness or their opposites.\*
- MR. KOCHIS: Without at any time referring to the word
- 26 "character", it is possible the prosecutor in argument could
- 27 mention that based on the testimony of the Handys and the people
- in the state prison that Mr. Cooper lies about a number of

- things including who he is. That is not going to be
- 2 objectionable.
- MR. NEGUS: I think it is but --
- 4 THE COURT: Offhand I would certainly permit such
- 5 argument.
- 6 MR. NEGUS: That evidence came in over objection, and I
- 7 think that --
- 8 THE COURT: It is in evidence, sir. If there was error
- 9 made, it was made long ago. I don't think it was.
- Turning -- turn if you would, to 2.12. which reads,
- 11 \*In this case testimony given by a witness at a prior proceeding
- who was unavailable at this trial has been read to you from the
- 13 reporter's transcript of that proceeding.\*
- I would suggest that we strike the words "who was
- 15 unavailable at this trial.
- MR. NEGUS: Okay.
- 17 THE COURT: We have an abundance of such evidence
- 18 otherwise.
- MR. KOCHIS: No objection.
- 20 THE COURT: Okay. CALJIC 3.00, "Principals Defined."
- 21 MR. NEGUS: Object.
- 22 THE COURT: I understood that you previously had
- 23 indicated that you were so inclined to object. I will be happy
- 24 to hear you, and at the very least if we give it, the last
- 25 paragraph ...liable for the natural and reasonable probable
- 26 consequences\* should be stricken, I believe.
- 27 MR. NEGUS: There's a couple of problems you have got
- 28 first with it.

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First of all, you have Edmonds versus Florida,
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      E-d-m-o-n-d-s, if I am not mistaken, in that if you are going
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      under some theory that somebody else did the acts, with the axe,
      and Mr. Cooper was just there or somehow aiding and abetting,
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      you have got a real problem as far as the rules about personally
      committing murders. That's a fair constitutional problem, and
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      not all of it has been resolved.
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                   In this particular case I don't know how the heck
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      you are going to instruct them on it in order to not get
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      yourself in a big constitutional box. I think that particular
      argument points out the other problem with it, in that there is
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      no evidence that there was any; if Mr. Cooper is the one that
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      did the crime, all the evidence points Mr. Cooper did it alone.
      If somebody else did the crime then that's something else again.
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      But as far as the evidence in this particular case, there is no
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      evidence that would --
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             THE COURT: I am not insisting upon giving these two
      instructions. I suggested it because it is the defense that all
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      the time says, hey, it wasn't me it was three other guys, and I
      think that there is evidence that the jurors could say, hey, it
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      could have been more than one guy there. If there was anybody
      else there, I don't know, but I am certain that the defendant
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     was right there in the middle of it.
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                  On that basis, I asked your consideration of it.
                  What's the prosecution position?
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            MR. KOCHIS: We're not asking for it. We have called the
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     an attorney general on it, he thinks in this case that it is
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somewhat a close call, that if the Court feels that there is

- evidence of other people there, we should be considering it as
- 2 we are now.
- 3 However, based on the strong objection by the
- 4 defense counsel, on the record, I am sure he's aware of the
- 5 recent cases on jury instructions in capital cases, if he's
- 6 expressly asking it not be given, then our position would be it
- 7 not be given. I can't see how it would prejudice Mr. Cooper.
- 8 If he's going to be found at the scene they're going to convict
- 9 him anyway. I wouldn't get into the issue of jury feeling,
- 10 well, he encouraged someone else to do it.
- 11 THE COURT: You want me to take out 3.00 and 3.01, Mr.
- 12 Negus?
- MR. NEGUS: I do.
- 14 THE COURT: I'm willing to do so.
- In the statement of offense, I'm going to have the
- 16 typist modify Doug Ryen's first name, 1-y-n, I believe is it.
- 17 That is the way the Information reads 1-y-n.
- 18 Going to 8.10 if you would for a moment.
- You modified this, counsel,
- 20 MR. NEGUS: That was at your suggestion. That's one that
- 21 has premeditation and deliberation added to it, is it?
- THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. NEGUS: That is fine with me.
- 24 THE COURT: That's all right. Right above the
- 25 itemization one through five, at the very least I'd put murder
- 26 in the first degree. But we're mixing up garden variety murder
- 27 with murder of the first degree. He's talked about charged with
- 28 murder in the first degree. Then we define murder generally, or

- 1 second degree murder. Then we go through and give the elements
- 2 for first degree murder. That maybe ought to be revised.
- 3 MR. NEGUS: I like the way you have it modified.
- 4 MR. KOCHIS: I have no objection to the modification, my
- 5 practical problem is the Court can appreciate I'm 120 miles from
- 6 the typist.
- 7 THE COURT: I appreciate it. I can get my secretary to
- 8 type it if you simply tell me. Do you think maybe the second
- 9 paragraph instead of just defining -- oh, another thing before I
- 10 get into that. You want us to take out implied malice, too; is
- 11 that correct?
- 12 MR. NEGUS: No evidence of implied malice.
- MR. KOCHIS: I believe I did that.
- 14 THE COURT: Okay. In the 8.11 instruction. I notice that
- 15 it is not taken out in 8.10.
- 16 Well. I would prefer to say in the second
- 17 paragraph, "The crime of murder in the first degree is the
- 18 unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought.
- 19 MR. NEGUS: Premeditation and deliberation. That is fine
- 20 with me.
- 21 THE COURT: With premeditation and deliberation. Okay.
- 22 I will get you a fresh clean copy of that for Thursday morning.
- 23 Going to 8.11. I am going to strike the words "or
- 24 implied" in the third paragraph of that. "When it is shown that
- 25 the killing resulted from the intentional doing of an act, with
- 26 express malice, no other mental state need be shown to establish
- 27 the state of malice aforethought."
- 28 Satisfactory?

- 1 MR. KOCHIS: Yes.
- 2 MR. NEGUS: Yes.
- Now, 8.55, Proximate Cause.
- 4 MR. NEGUS: I am not asking for it, I have never had it.
- 5 The only case I ever had it given is when I was alleging that
- 6 medical malpractice was an intervening cause.
- 7 THE COURT: What does CALJIC say about 8.55?
- 8 MR. NEGUS: "Where proximate cause is an issue,
- 9 instruction thereon must be given sua sponte.\*
- I have never had anybody give it in any situation
- 11 where we didn't have some sort of intervening conflict. I don't
- 12 care.
- THE COURT: I'm willing. I think if I give it I have got
- 14 to also define -- for instance, tell them what assault with a
- 15 deadly is.
- MR. NEGUS: I think it is confusing.
- 17 THE COURT: So if you want me to take that out and you
- have no objection to it, why, I think that we all agree there's
- no issue; but what he died of, the wounds from the perpetrator,
- 20 whoever that maybe.
- 21 MR. NEGUS: I agree.
- MR. KOCHIS: I will withdraw it provided there is a
- 23 waiver from Mr. Negus.
- 24 MR. NEGUS: I don't want it.
- 25 THE COURT: All right. 8.55 is trashed.
- 26 MR. KOCHIS: And his client does not want it as well?
- MR. NEGUS: Mr. Cooper. there is a very complicated legal
- 28 issue involving proximate cause. I don't think it adds anything

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to this particular case. Is it okay with you if we take it out?
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- 2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 3 MR. KOCHIS: And the other issue I neglected to cover.
- 4 your Honor, is if Mr. Cooper waives his request to have CALJIC
- 5 3.00 and 3.01.
- 6 MR. NEGUS: CALJIC 3.00 and 3.01 are the ones that have
- 7 to do with aiding and abeting. We discussed that previously
- 8 between the two of us.
- 9 You agree with me that we don't want those
- instructions; is that correct?
- 11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. On all of these waivers so far I
- 13 find that Mr. Cooper knows and understands his rights, and he
- 14 freely voluntarily waives and gives them up.
- I found Mr. Cooper to be an intelligent,
- 16 articulate. thinking individual. And I think he certainly knows
- 17 what's going on during the trial here as much as any defendant
- 18 that I've had in sometime.
- Turn for a moment. please. to 8.8C and 8.81.3
- 20 relating to special circumstances. I wonder why we need both.
- 21 Aren't three duplicative?
- 22 MR. NEGUS: I think -- I think that the other one is --
- 23 MR. KOCHIS: It's 8.81.
- 24 THE COURT: 8.81.3 and 8.80, both submitted to me by you.
- MR. NEGUS: May I see the copy that you are -- that you
- 26 have of 8.80?
- THE COURT: Wait a minute. We would have to change 8.80
- 28 to be consistent, "has in this proceeding been convicted of more

- than one offense of murder in the first degree." 1 2 I think I could take out -- with that modification. 8.81.3, yes, see if that adds anything. 3 MR. NEGUS: Okay. 5 MR. KOCHIS: I thought that was simply a sua sponte instruction and the 8.81 point -- the 8.80 was the reasonable 6 7 doubt as it applies to special circumstance, and the 8.81.3 was 8 simply the statement of the special circumstance of multiple 9 murder? THE COURT: Does it say sua sponte on 8.81.3? 10 11 MR. NEGUS: No. It just says Penal Code Section 190.2. THE COURT: I think it's all covered in 8.80. 12 MR. NEGUS: I have no problem. 13 14 THE COURT: All right. We will take out 8.81. It's not long, but there's no point in trying to confuse it. 15 In the concluding instruction I would probably add: 16 \*As soon as all of you have agreed upon a verdict as to each
- 20 MR. NEGUS: Are you giving 17.47?
- 21 THE COURT: Beg your pardon?

returned to this courtroom."

- 22 MR. NEGUS: Is 17.47 in amongst the ones that we're
- 23 giving?

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THE COURT: What I was going to do now? That's the one 24

count and the special allegation, you shall have them dated and

- about if I send in jury instruction. 25
- MR. NEGUS: No, that's 17.45 I assume that you're going 26
- 27 to do that.
- THE COUPT: What's 17.47? 28

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MR. NEGUS: Not to give the balloting.
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             THE COURT:
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             MR. KOCHIS: Not to tell how they are split or decided
      until requested by the Court, how they have cast their ballots.
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                   In the past we have usually decided that was
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      somewhat confusing. I have no objection to it.
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             MR. NEGUS: Well, the reason was -- Well, I have had in
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      the past situations where I wished it would be given. In this
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      particular case I think it would be nice to give it.
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             THE COURT: I had a beaut come up on that point with Mr.
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      Zabado. The jurors came back said, "We are hung up eleven to
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      one for guilty." something like that.
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             MR. NEGUS: I realize that. I was there when that
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      happened with Mr. Zabado. And I have had the same thing happen
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      with myself in the past. And it's my position that that one --
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      as soon as that happens you are precluded further deliberations,
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      and --
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             THE COURT: It creates problems, no doubt about it.
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             MR. KOCHIS: The only problem I have with it is, one,
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      it's somewhat confusing. It -- If you read it literally it
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      stands for the proposition that you don't tell us if you've
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      reached a decision until we ask you. And then the other one,
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     statement that you should be split on your decision and when
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     you're split, you can't reach an unanimous decision, we will
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     contact you and you let us now how you're split.
            THE COURT: I have to study it. Okay. I think it's
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clear now. I will get -- I will get the secretary to type it.

- 1 So if he wants it, we will give it.
- What I thought I would do at this time is simply
- 3 run through all of them that I now have in order, let you simply
- 4 make a list of them. then you can review at your leisure. You
- 5 will know pretty much how I'm going to give them, the order as
- 6 well as the numbers.

- 7 MR. NEGUS: Okay.
- 8 THE COURT: 1.00. 17.45. 1.01. 1.02. 1.10. People versus
- 9 White. 2.20. 2.23, 2.21, 2.13, 2.12. 2.80, 2.82. 2.81, 2.62,
- 10 2.22, 2.11, 2.27, 17.30, 4.71, 2.09, Crime Scene Changes.
- 11 You got a copy of that. Mr. Negus?
- MR. NEGUS: Did I?
- THE COURT: I assume the prosecution gave it to me.
- MR. KOTTMEIER: In case you don't.
- 15 MR. NEGUS: Okay, that's fine. I think I do.
- 16 THE COURT: 2.00, 2.01, 2.51, 2.52, Flight After Crime,
- 2.90. Presumption of Innocence, Statement of Offense, 8.10.
- 18 Murder Defined, 8.20, Deliberate and Premeditated, 8.11, Malice
- 19 Aforethought.
- Now that Malice Aforethought instruction says:
- 21 "Malice maybe express or implied," and then thereafter we're
- 22 talking only about expressed malice.
- MR. NEGUS: Why don't we just scratch the "implied"?
- MR. KOCHIS: Delete "implied".
- 25 THE COURT: And just start it off: "Malice is expressed
- 26 when there is manifested an intention unlawfully to kill a human
- 27 being. \*\*?
- MR. NEGUS: Yes.

- 1 MR. KOCHIS: Yes.
- THE COURT: So ordered.
- 3 Defendant is charged in Count Six with Attempt,
- 4 Attempt Defined, 6.00.
- 5 3.31. Concurrence of Act and Intent, 2.02.
- 6 Sufficiency of Circumstantial Evidence to Prove Intent, 17.20,
- 7 GBI.
- 8 And then entitled Instruction Defining Not Trivial
- 9 or Insignificant, 17.02 Several Counts, Jury Must Find on Each.
- 10 8.20. Special Circumstances, Multiple Murders.
- 11 MR. NEGUS: 8.20?
- THE COURT: 8.80 excuse me.
- 13 MR. NEGUS: Okay.
- THE COURT: 8.83, 8.83.2. Jury Must Not Consider Penalty.
- I keep wanting to preface that by saying, "in this
- phase.\* but I don't think I can.
- MR. NEGUS: I don't think that's a good idea.
- THE COURT: 17.31. All Instructions Not Necessarily
- 19 Applicable, 17.40, Individual Opinion Required, 17.41, How
- 20 Jurors Approach Their Task.
- 21 And then the form of verdicts. As to each of these
- 22 counts, four counts of murder in the first degree or not guilty
- 23 and then the special allegation, and then guilty or not guilty
- 24 as to the attempt and that's special allegation of GBI.
- 25 And then 17.50. concluding instruction.
- 26 All of the instructions, while some have been
- 27 suggested I believe by Mr. Negus, all have been supplied by the
- 28 prosecution.

1	MR. NEGUS: Are you going to stick 17.47 in there
2	somewhere at the end?
3	THE COURT: Indeed, yes. Thank you. I don't know where
4	yet, but I'll put it in there.
5	MR. NEGUS: If I could just have a second here.
6	THE COURT: We have other things to do apart from
7	instructions. So do we have anything else on instructions?
8	I would like to have you here at 9:15, please. I'd
9	like us to be in chambers, give you a last minute to give me any
10	later thought of instructions or admonitions or anything, and
11	then so we can start at 9:30.
12	So we're going to have one more session on
13	instructions, but I think we are pretty well formed up here.
14	You have the verdict forms for the clerk and all of
15	the aliases have been deleted. I want to get over get into
16	the argument thing when we finish with the instructions.
17	MR. KOCHIS: Your Honor. on the matter of exhibits, the
18	Court has the clerk has informed me that between Mr. Negus
19	and myself we have not addressed Exhibit 784. 785. and 787. At
20	this time I would move 784 and 785 into evidence. I believe
21	there's no objection by Mr. Negus. He wishes 787 moved into
22	evidence and I have no objection to that.
23	MR. NEGUS: That's true.
24	THE COURT: All three of them then will be received into
25	evidence.
26	Thank you. That was prompt work.
27	Anything else on instructions?

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Going to argument and number of counsel and the

1	methods and procedures therefore. I read the Bandhauer case and
2	Penal Code Section 1095. Bandhauer is 66 Cal.2d 524. And I've
3	read also the Deskbook published by West. None of them are
4	right on point anywhere on the line. So, do you wish to be
5	heard further, counsel?
6	MR. KOCHIS: Yes. There are three cases which are not
7	specifically on point, and those are People vs. Jackson, which
8	is a 1980 Supreme Court case found at 28 Cal.3d 264. People vs.
9	Keenan, I believe, 31 Cal.3d 428 1982 case, and then the third
10	case is also a 1982 case. It's People vs and I will spell
11	it as opposed to attempting to pronounce it
12	G-z-i-k-o-w-s-k-i.
13	They all deal with a collateral issue of when it is
14	mandatory upon a court to appoint two attorneys to represent the
15	defendant in a capital case free of charge, but all three of the
16	cases are recent cases and they all talk about Penal Code
17	Section 1095. And when they quote it, the quote that they rely
18	upon mentions again in black and white the elements of in a
19	capital case each side may have two attorneys to argue the case.
20	They don't mention sit at counsel table, examine witnesses. The
21	language that they use is always "argue" or "argument".
22	Specifically in Jackson it says:
23	"It is readily apparent from the language" this
24	is I believe 287 "of the section that it does
25	not purport to authorize or mandate the
26	appointment of additional counsel at public
27	expense, but only to permit the argument of the
28	case by two counsel."

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And a literal reading of Penal Code Section 295-1090
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      interestingly states that "each side," and that would imply the
      prosecution and the defense, has a right to have two attorneys
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      to argue the case.
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             MR. NEGUS: It would seem again that's something for the
      penalty phase. If we are going to have two counsel argue it
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      would seem that the defense then, as in the penalty phase,
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      should have the right to respond to both. So if they want to
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      have Mr. Kochis open or Mr. Kottmeier. whichever. then I believe
      I should have the final say. Other than that I think it should
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      be just one because there is -- that's the --
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             THE COURT: Even Bandhauer goes into the burden of proof
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      and the reason why the prosecution has to --
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             MR. NEGUS: But let's assume that I bring in Mr. Zabado
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      here tomorrow or Thursday and he's going to argue as the second
      attorney in this case, do I have to sandwich both of us in
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      between them? That doesn't seem right. So logically. if in
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      fact you have this -- if in fact it applies to a situation other
      than the situation where you go 1.2.1.2. then it doesn't make
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      sense. I think that's why there should just be one at the guilt
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      phase. If there's going to be two, then I should get two shots
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      too. That's not fair.
             THE COURT: Well, it's true that there's an easier
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      division of counsel's responsibilities when you have two
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      attorneys for the prosecution than there is for the defense, and
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Bandhauer is not in point. It's still apparently

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- 2 penalty phase. and we will get to that point as to how that
- 3 should be done if we ever get to a penalty phase, but reasons
- 4 why I think that I'm going to let the prosecution have their two
- 5 attorneys speak. Bandhauer is simply not persuasive analogy
- 6 with the argument that you made more specifically in open court
- 7 before, counsel.
- 8 MR. NEGUS: Well. when if I bring down Mr. Zabado to
- 9 argue, when would he get to argue?
- THE COURT: That's speculative. You bring him here I
- 11 will quickly make the rules for it. We will have to devise
- 12 rules if that comes up. I don't see any need to get to into an
- advisory position. I would think, however, if you want to talk
- 14 about that for a minute. that clearly there are certain parts of
- the trial that a division could be broken down between the two
- of you, and we could easily devise rules for that if it occurred
- 17 but the statute in this case specifically permits two counsel in
- 18 argument.
- 19 There's much discretionary language. They use
- 20 "may" twice; they used "discretion" once, and seeming to invest
- 21 the Court with a great deal of discretion.
- 22 Mr. Negus, you and your client were well aware of
- 23 the two versus one. that is, two prosecutions versus one defense
- 24 counsel from the very beginning. You've not requested any
- 25 assistance. You may have even declined it.
- 26 Four: The prosecutors have been actively involved
- 27 at all parts of this trial ab initio, and it doesn't seem
- logical to me that I would exclude one of them from commenting

- 1 on the evidence at this stage.
- Five: We will follow the usual rules, I assure
- 3 you, of rebuttal argument.
- 4 Six: I don't find any unfair advantage with two
- 5 prosecutors arguing in the guilt phase.
- 6 Seven: The uniqueness of each counsel's
- 7 personality has long since become evident to the jurors, and I
- 8 don't think that's a significant factor.
- 9 And eight: Likewise, the ability of defense
- 10 counsel to cope with the two of them has similarly long since
- ll become evident to the jurors as well as the Court.
- 12 So overruled.
- How do you want to do it then? One of you going to
- 14 take opening argument the other close?
- MR. KOCHIS: Yes. Unless -- Yes, regardless of what
- 16 happens with Mr. Zabado on Thursday, if he appears.
- 17 THE COURT: If he appeared and wanted to argue the case,
- 18 I would give you a lot of leeway, but I would imagine you'd have
- 19 to talk back to back.
- 20 Anything further, gentlemen?
- 21 MR. KOCHIS: Not at this point, other than closing
- arguments are going to be in Department 30 and not in any other
- 23 location?
- 24 THE COURT: I have made absolutely no -- Yes.
- 25 MR. KOCHIS: And if it's necessary in the use of closing
- 26 arguments to use visual aids and -- visual aids and I'm stuck
- 27 with a choice between blocking the media and Mr. Negus and his
- 28 client. I'm going to opt for the former. And it may be

- 1 necessary to have an easel in a location that the media is not
- 2 as pleased with as they could otherwise be, but we've tried.
- 3 THE COURT: What are you thinking about, the screen or
- 4 something like that?
- 5 MR. KOCHIS: No. Just simply an easel that a chart is
- 6 going to be on.
- 7 THE COURT: Well, can't you put it up and block the
- 8 Court? Don't worry about the Court because I'm subject to
- 9 moving. I can get out both sides of my bench. Don't worry
- 10 about me. If you put it towards the back of the courtroom, then
- 11 everybody can see in the back of the courtroom.
- MR. KOCHIS: I'm having trouble visualizing the back of
- 13 the courtroom.
- 14 THE COURT: Where you've always had your diagrams and
- 15 photographs.
- 16 MR. KOCHIS: Oh, there's going to be exhibits at that
- 17 location. And to do somewhat of a cohesive closing I'm going to
- 18 have to have something in another location. I will work on it
- 19 and I will try not to interfere.
- 20 THE COURT: Probably opposite behind where Mr. Negus has
- 21 been sitting I believe.
- MR. KOCHIS: No. It would be at the end of the jury box
- 23 closest to the railing.
- 24 THE COURT: Between the jury box and the audience?
- 25 MR. KOCHIS: It would be between where the jurors are
- 26 seated and where we usually. the prosecution leaves it's cart in
- 27 the morning, where the gate is, where no one would be walking
- any way. No one is allowed to walk in or out of that area.

- 1 THE COURT: Before you close off the audience or the
- 2 media, consider usurping part of my bench or something if that
- 3 will help you, because I don't think I'm going to be
- 4 particularly needed there. I can squeeze into one corner or sit
- 5 down with the clerk or something, if necessary, but I don't want
- 6 to you close off the audience or the media.
- 7 MR. KOCHIS: That would be as close to the bench as I may
- 8 have ever get, so I we may take advantage of that.
- 9 THE COURT: There is a lot of -- as I've studied this
- 10 case there's a lot of ways the prosecutor can get involved in
- 11 misconduct that's prejudicial. I hope that you studied some of
- 12 those arguments.
- MR. KOCHIS: Simply the evidence, your Honor. That's all
- 14 we're going to talk about.
- 15 THE COURT: Anything further?
- 16 MR. KOCHIS: Not at this time.
- 17 THE COURT: You've all done a wonderful job. Very
- 18 professional, Mr. Kottmeier. You have shown no rustiness at
- 19 all. sir. I remember you from many years ago. You are right
- 20 back in the saddle.
- 21 MR. KOTTMEIER: I can say that I have the scars on my
- 22 heart and my stomach from trying to get back into it in a hurry.
- 23 THE COURT: In that regard, by gosh, I have been getting
- 24 annual physicals all my life, and I've come out with a clean
- 25 bill of health. And I've gone up apparently, since this case
- 26 started, from 160 over 130 to 190 over 170. I don't know see
- what you've done to me. something like that.
- 28 MR. NEGUS: I'm sorry, Judge.

# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

DEPARTMENT NO. 30

HON. RICHARD C. GARNER, JUDGE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff.

vs.

KEVIN COOPER,

Defendant.

NO. OCR-9319

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1	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1985 9:15 A.M.
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4	(Chambers conference reported.)
5	THE COURT: Mr. Cooper is present with all the three
6	counsel. We're in chambers out of the presence of the jury.
7	MR. NEGUS: First off, I neglected to introduce last week
8	529, 530, and 531. They are a part of a package of knives
9	catalogs. They were the three exhibits that were separate from
10	the other ones. The other ones were all admitted over the
11	objection by the prosecution.
12	THE COURT: I recall.
13	MR. NEGUS: I request that they be admitted at this point
14	in time.
15	MR. KOCHIS: As I recall I objected to those last week
16	and I would continue to object. I think I was overruled.
17	THE COURT: Well, I know you were. All right. They will
18	be received.
19	MR. NEGUS: The prosecution, I believe, wants you to give
20	CALJIC 2.06. I object.
21	THE COURT: Well, referring to what, gentlemen?
22	MR. ROCHIS: The destruction of certain items of
23	evidence, in particular, the state prison Pro Ked tennis shoes
24	which there is no conflict in the evidence but that Mr. Cooper
25	received in state prison by his own admissions took to the Lease
26	house, wore in the Lease house, and when he leaves the Lease
27	house sometime on Saturday, when it is dark, he has those in his

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possession, as he does the camp jacket, as he does the prison

- l clothes, and we know from all the evidence that Mr. Cooper
- 2 destroys those items.
- 3 THE COURT: He didn't testify to destruction, did he?
- 4 MR. KOCHIS: He testified, as I recall, that one night on
- 5 the Illa Tika, when it was dark, when everyone else had gone to
- 6 sleep, while he smoked a cigarette, one at a time he put them
- 7 overboard.
- 8 THE COURT: Mr. Negus.
- 9 MR. NEGUS: Well, the thing is that they weren't evidence
- 10 of the crime except the escape, and we have already pled guilty
- 11 to that. I mean, it is sort of bootstrapping. You have to have
- 12 a belief Mr. Cooper did it in order for it to be destruction of
- 13 evidence.
- 14 MR. KOCHIS: With one major exception, the Pro Ked tennis
- 15 shoes and dye machine pattern they contain.
- 16 THE COURT: I think it's an appropriate instruction and
- 17 we should take out "Intimidation of a witness or to compensate a
- 18 witness." I will have it typed.
- 19 MR. NEGUS: Could you next turn your attention to CALJIC
- 20 2.50.
- 21 THE COURT: Yes, sir.
- 22 MR. NEGUS: Is that sua sponte? I forgot to look.
- 23 THE COURT: It probably should be given whether it is sua
- 24 sponte or not.
- 25 MR. NEGUS: Okay. In my opinion the first two paragraphs
- are all that are particularly relevant to this particular case.
- 27 The other crimes of evidence which we're dealing is the escape.
- The only relevance of escape in this particular

- 1 case was brought forward by the prosecution to try and connect
- 2 certain items of physical evidence in with the crime scene, so
- 3 we'd know where Mr. Cooper came from, and the San Ysidro
- 4 purse-snatch which is just to show how he got the money.
- I don't believe the enumerated ones normally apply,
- 6 but I would suggest that --
- 7 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 8 MR. KOCHIS: Your Honor, the problem I have with the
- 9 instruction is I don't think it is that simple. There's a
- 10 number of pieces of evidence in the case which point toward Mr.
- 11 Cooper's involvement in the murder which have to do with the
- 12 theft of the Lease house of certain items. There are a group of
- 13 items that were kept at a particular location that are now
- 14 missing. I don't think it is as simple as Mr. Negus would lead
- us to believe. The instruction probably should be given, but
- not limited simply to the first two paragraphs.
- 17 MR. NEGUS: I don't think -- none of the other paragraphs
- 18 they have in that instruction applies to the facts of this
- 19 particular case.
- MR. KOCHIS: Well, the defendant had knowledge or
- 21 possession, possessed the means that might have been useful and
- 22 necessary for the commission of the crime charged. The hatchet,
- 23 the knife that's missing.
- 24 MR. NEGUS: But that is normally given in narcotics
- 25 cases, and I don't think that that particularly applies in this
- 26 particular case.
- 27 MR. KOTTMEIER: Another aspect of that particular thought
- 28 process is the defendant had worn glasses throughout the trial

- and then indicated that he didn't wear his glasses in the
- 2 earlier burglary and didn't really needed glasses inside.
- 3 MR. NEGUS: I missed the connection between the glasses
- 4 and the crime.
- 5 THE COURT: We should probably tailor-make that paragraph
- 6 to that. The reason that the purse came out is the theft out of
- 7 the Lease house.
- 8 MR. NEGUS: It was all just to show connection of certain
- 9 items of physical evidence with Mr. Cooper.
- 10 THE COURT: We should put a paragraph in then.
- 11 MR. NEGUS: How about, the purpose of it was to show the
- connection of certain items of physical evidence with Mr.
- 13 Cooper.
- 14 THE COURT: Such evidence was received and maybe
- 15 considered by you only for the limited purpose.
- 16 MR. NEGUS: Connecting certain items of physical evidence
- 17 with Mr. Cooper.
- 18 MR. KOCHIS: To the crimes charged.
- 19 MR. NEGUS: I think that whether it is to the crime
- 20 charged or not is a matter that shouldn't be part of the
- 21 instruction.
- 22 MR. KOCHIS: Your Honor, my experience with this court is
- 23 you do not preinstruct, and I'm confident you are not going to
- 24 do so.

- You do not preinstruct, do you?
- 26 THE COURT: No, I am not going to.
- MR. KOCHIS: I'm confident you are not going to get to
- 28 instructions prior to noon because we're not going to be done

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1 arguing the case by noon. If I could have the lunch hour to
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- 2 look more closely at that instruction.
- 3 MR. NEGUS: I would like to have the instructions
- 4 prepared before we argue and know what they're going to be
- 5 before we argue.
- 6 THE COURT: Well, that is the rule.
- 7 MR. NEGUS: Then just skip the two paragraphs. The first
- 8 one about a limited purpose and then the last one.
- 9 THE COURT: Well the theft of some of the items from the
- 10 Lease house is circumstantial evidence of identity, so we
- 11 probably should have that. The identity of the person who
- committed the crime, of which the defendant is accused, as one
- 13 of the paragraphs.
- 14 MR. NEGUS: That particular paragraph has got to do -- is
- when you have prior similars. I don't think that applies.
- 16 THE COURT: That is the usual. But let's tailor-make it
- 17 and consider this specific case. And further, that he had
- 18 knowledge or possessed the means. That would refer --
- MR. NEGUS: But I would suggest as a paragraph that I
- 20 already suggested.
- 21 THE COURT: I've got that in also.
- 22 MR. NEGUS: But I'm -- what I am saying is that one
- 23 does -- argues the case for the prosecution. The real
- 24 connection is the connection of items of physical evidence with
- 25 the defendant. If that establishes identity, fine; if it
- 26 doesn't, fine.
- 27 THE COURT: That is not the issue. You have to go from
- 28 that why we are connecting the items with the defendant. We're

- doing it to show (a) identity, or (b) explain conduct on his part.
- 3 MR. NEGUS: But the point of the instruction is to let
- them know that we're not dealing with a bad character of the
- 5 defendant.
- 6 THE COURT: That's true.
- 7 MR. NEGUS: The particular thing is that it is not a
- 8 Sears instruction for the prosecution. The particular thing
- 9 that I have explained is what the limited purpose is without
- 10 getting argumentative.
- THE COURT: Should I leave the identity part and just put
- in the one of the possession -- he possessed knowledge or the
- 13 means?
- 14 MR. KOCHIS: That would be acceptable to the People.
- 15 THE COURT: The other one says that "... the defendant
- 16 had knowledge or possessed the means that might have been useful
- or necessary for the commission of the crime charged."
- 18 Let's go. I suggest to you Mr. Negus, that it
- 19 wasn't introduced to show bad character, "... such evidence was
- 20 received and maybe considered by you only for the limited
- 21 purpose of determining if it tends to show or tends to connect
- 22 certain items of physical evidence to Mr. Cooper and to explain
- 23 certain conduct of the defendant, and further.
- MR. NEGUS: I object to the explaining of the certain
- 25 conduct of the defendant. I mean, that's --
- 26 THE COURT: Why did you bring out the purse-snatch?
- 27 MR. NEGUS: Just as sort of physical evidence to the
- 28 defendant, the quarters, that is all. I am not explaining the

THE COURT: All right. The meat of it really is all right. We'll put in, "... that tends to connect certain items of physical evidence to Mr. Cooper, and that the defendant had

conduct. I think that could be misused.

- 5 knowledge or possessed means that might have been useful or
- 6 necessary for the commission of the crime charged.\*
- 7 MR. NEGUS: Okay. Can we put in "or", "and/or", or
- 8 something like that?

- 9 THE COURT: How about one and two.
- 10 MR. NEGUS: Okay.
- 11 THE COURT: All right. I will give it to the typist and
- 12 distribute it at the next opportunity.
- MR. NEGUS: Fine.
- 14 THE COURT: Anything further?
- MR. KOCHIS: Not at this time.
- 16 THE COURT: Then give 2.06 as well.
- 17 MR. KOCHIS: As modified, striking the section on
- 18 intimidation of witnesses.
- 19 THE COURT: Yes. All right.
- 20 Have you got your matters together? Are you going
- 21 to make the opening argument?
- MR. KOCHIS: Yes, I am.
- 23 THE COURT: Are you ready to go?
- 24 MR. KOCHIS: Yes, I am.
- THE COURT: All right go out and get started.
- 26 MR. NEGUS: Can I just just go down to the bathroom and I
- 27 will circle around if I can get in again.
- 28 (Chambers conference concluded.)

1	(The following proceedings were need in
2	open court in the presence of the jury:)
3	THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Happy to
4	see all of you here.
5	The defendant's present with all counsel, the
6	jurors and the alternates.
7	Ladies and gentlemen, as indicated to you
8	previously, both sides have now rested their case, all the
9	exhibits are in, all the evidence is in, now what remains is
10	what we call argument, or attorneys comment on the evidence, and
11	the instructions of the court, which will be given to you, the
12	principles of law that will apply to the case, or may apply to
13	the evidence.
14	So, what the attorneys say now is not evidence, but
15	as comment designed to assist you in evaluating the evidence.
16	Please continue to give us your full attention.
17	The District Attorney may commence, then the
18	defense, and the District Attorney will close argument.
19	Go ahead, counsel.
20	MR. KOCHIS: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.
21	One of the issues that is often overlooked in a
22	trial of this nature is that the victims, young Christopher
23	Hughes, the Ryen family, Doug Ryen, his wife Peggy, their young
24	daughter Jessica, they were each unique individuals; each with
25	their own set of hopes and dreams and plans for the future. All
26	those hopes and dreams were lost in the nightmare which Kevin
27	Cooper brought to Chino Hills.
28	Numerous items of evidence have been introduced in

- 1 this trial. This morning we are not going to discuss each and
- every one of those types of evidence. Many of you will recall
- 3 certain pieces of evidence which establishes for you Kevin
- 4 Cooper's guilty beyond any doubt. Simply because we do not
- 5 discuss that evidence this morning is not, does not mean that it
- 6 is to be forgotten.
- When we discuss the evidence today we will discuss
- specific items of evidence not in the abstract, not in a vacuum,
- 9 but items of evidence as they pertain to two homes and a car,
- 10 the Ryen home and the hideout home. Two homes which, because of
- 11 Kevin Cooper, and the tragedy he brought to Chino Hills, have
- 12 become bound together perhaps for all time.
- We will discuss items, including a hatchet, prison
- 14 shoeprints, blood, tobacco, plant burrs and hair. All of that
- 15 evidence, after we discuss it, will lead you to the only one
- 16 conclusion that you can arrive after reviewing the evidence, and
- 17 that is, that Kevin Cooper is the killer. The evidence will
- 18 prove beyond any doubt that Kevin Cooper is guilty of the crimes
- 19 which are charged.
- 20 We will start first with two items of evidence
- 21 which we will discuss together, because before Kevin Cooper came
- 22 to Chino Hills they were kept together; they were one item.
- 23 Exhibit 43, the hatchet sheath, and Exhibit 42, the hatchet, one
- of the murder weapons. With these two items of evidence alone,
- 25 we will be able to follow Kevin Cooper from the hideout to the
- 26 murder scene, to the Ryen car.
- 27 You know from the testimony of numerous witnesses
- 26 that before Kevin Cooper arrived, this exhibit, this weapon, was

- kept in the the hideout house.
- 2 We know from the testimony of the owners of the
- 3 home, Roger and Vickie Lang, from Kathy Bilbia, the girl that
- 4 lived in that home, from Richard Sibbitt, from Perry Burcham,
- from Larry Lease, that the hatchet was kept in the hideout house
- on the fireplace in the area of the game room. Numerous persons
- 7 have identified that hatchet as being the hatchet which was kept
- 8 in the hideout house.
- 9 We also know from the evidence that Kevin Cooper
- 10 was involved with the particular hatchet, this particular
- ll hatchet. We know that because of the location at which it was
- 12 kept. It was kept by the fireplace within feet from the TV, in
- a room that during the two and a half days Kevin Cooper
- 14 dominated the hideout house, he would be in numerous times. He
- 15 would walk up to the window, to the TV numerous times during
- 16 that two and a half days, passing the hatchet.
- 17 We know from Perry Burcham that within days prior
- 18 to the time Kathy moved out, there was an incident involving the
- 19 snake. He saw the hatchet on the fireplace, with the sheet at
- 20 that time -- with the sheath.
- 21 You know from Richard Sibbitt that on May the 30th,
- 22 two days before Kevin Cooper gets to the home, the hatchet is on
- 23 the fireplace, with the sheath.
- 24 What else do we know about the hatchet? We know
- 25 that the hatchet sheath gets separated from the hatchet, the
- 26 hatchet sheath comes to rest in a room at one time occupied by
- 27 Rathy Bilbia. but between June the 2nd and June the 4th it has
- 28 become Kevin Cooper's bedroom.

2	room, after Kathy moved out, was brought into the room by Kevin
3	Cooper, and that includes the hatchet sheath.
4	What else do we know about Kevin Cooper's removal
5	of the sheath in that bathroom, or bedroom? The sheath was on
6	the hatchet for a purpose, so it could be used as a tool and not
7	a weapon; so a person wouldn't get hurt with it, even
8	accidently. When Kevin Cooper took the sheath off the hatchet
9	in the bedroom, it was as if he took a safety off a loaded gun.
10	It is not a casual act, it is not something you can do
11	accidentally, it takes thought, it takes intent, it takes some
12	deliberation, it takes premeditation in his action of removing
13	the sheath from the hatchet and leaving it behind in the
14	bedroom. He committed an intentional, a deliberate and
15	premeditated act; he armed himself with the most deadly weapon
16	in the Lease house, in the hideout house, a weapon not of
17	choice, but a weapon of opportunity.
18	We could follow the hatchet with Kevin Cooper from
19	the hideout to the murder scene. This can be accomplished a
20	number of ways.
21	Dr. Thornton, the defense's own witness, agrees
22	this is one of the murder weapons used in the Chino Hills
23	massacre. The victims, the victims that did not survive at all,
24	though they cannot testify, they can tell you that hatchet was
25	one of the hatchets was the hatchet used in this massacre.

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Every item of evidence which was brought into the

he came to rest in his own bedroom, with hatchet blows from that

hatchet, which came from the home Kevin Cooper dominated to the

Doug Ryen, a chiropractor, horse raiser, father, as

- 1 side of his head.
- Peggy Ryen, his wife, a doctor, a chiropractor,
- 3 hatchet wounds to her head, to her face with the same hatchet
- 4 Kevin Cooper brought to the Ryen home.
- Jessica, their daughter, as she came to rest in the
- 6 hallway with hatchet blows to the top of her head, and the side
- 7 of her face.
- 8 Young Christopher Hughes, with the series of blows
- 9 administered to his head as he was on the ground in place,
- 10 helpless, and defenseless.
- 11 Dr. Root has testified that this hatchet is
- 12 consistent with the weapon that administered all the chop wounds
- 13 to the victims.
- 14 You also know from the physical evidence, Josh
- Ryen's blood was found on the head of this hatchet; Doug Ryen's
- 16 hair was found on the head of this hatchet.
- 17 There is no doubt in anyone's mind, there is no
- 18 conflict in the evidence but that that hatchet was in the Ryen
- 19 home.
- We can also follow the hatchet to the Ryen car.
- 21 The hatchet last seen in the hideout house used next in the
- 22 murder scene is found on the only paved road out of Chino hills,
- 23 the only paved road available to the Ryen car to travel in past
- 24 the Ryen home and the Lease home, found on the north side of the
- 25 road, the left-hand side of the road as you drive down the
- 26 street, the position it had to be found in for Kevin Cooper, as
- 27 he drove down the road in the Ryen car, to roll down the
- 28 driver's window and throw the hatchet out of the car in an

- 1 effort to separate himself from the murder weapon, and in an
- 2 effort to get the hatchet into a field as far away from the road
- 3 as possible so it would not be discovered.
- 4 It was dark and perhaps he didn't see the chainlink
- fence. We know from the photographs that the hatchet hit a
- 6 post, that it came to rest in the grass next to the road and
- 7 that's where it was discovered.
- 8 Again, the hatchet tells us more the identity of
- 9 the attacker, tells you the intent of the attacker, that when he
- 10 completed the murders, you know what his intent is from the
- ll location of the blows to the victims, struck in the face, and in
- 12 the head.
- 13 We know his intent due to the number of blows, due
- 14 to the number of victims. We know that each of the murders was
- an intentional, deliberate and premeditated killing; that they
- 16 were each murdered in the first degree.
- 17 Weapons -- a knife -- also link Kevin Cooper to the
- 18 hideout and to the Ryen home. We know from the testimony of Dr.
- 19 Root that a knife was used on each of the victims; that there
- 20 was a knife which pierced Doug Ryen's body, his wife's body,
- 21 Jessica's body, Christopher's body and even Josh was stabbed.
- 22 We know from that there were knives in the hideout
- 23 house, but more than that, knives that are now missing. A
- 24 weapon, which was drawn by Roger Lang, a hunting knife which he
- owned, which is now, after Cooper's flight from the home,
- 26 missing.
- 27 We know from Dr. Root that the knife that Roger
- 28 Lang is missing, the hunting knife which was kept in Roger

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1 Lang's closet, according to Dr. Root, could inflict this type of
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2 knifewound; all the stab wounds which the victims suffered.

3 You also know from the evidence, and there is no

4 conflict in the evidence, it has been proven beyond any doubt,

5 that Kevin Cooper used knives inside the hideout house.

How do you know that? He was altering clothes, he was cutting the hems out of Roger Lang's pants, pants which were too short for him; pants which would — he would cut in his bedroom, the bedroom once belonging to Kathy Bilbia.

We also know that the knife that is missing that once belonged to Roger Lang was kept in a closet from which Kevin Cooper stole shirts, from which Kevin Cooper stole pants.

It was kept in a room from which Kevin Cooper also stole sweatpants, the canvas bag, gloves, which we will discuss in a moment, and a belt. Everything that was taken from that bedroom was taken by Kevin Cooper, and that would include the knife which Dr. Root says would be sufficient to inflict all stab wounds.

What do we know about the belt? The belt which belonged to Vickie Lang, a belt which when found would be on top of Kevin Cooper's bed in Kevin Cooper's closet. Vickie Lang testified that the belt was kept in a closet in the room she shared with her husband, in the same room that Mr. Lang is now missing the knife from. When she last saw it it had no holes that were not in it when it was purchased.

We know from Vickie Lang's testimony, her demeanor, that she was a slender woman, and you know that the belt that she had would not do a six foot tall, 160 pound man with a 32

- inch waist any good if you relied simply on the holes that the
- 2 belt came. But you know there was a whole added with a sharp
- object, with a knife such as the knife that Kevin Cooper brought
- 4 into the room, to all the other pants. With the alteration in
- 5 the belt. The belt was fine for Kevin Cooper.
- 6 Also access to the knife, the knife missing from
- 7 the room where all the other items were stolen by Kevin Cooper;
- 8 his use of the knife in the home to cut the belt and to cut the
- 9 pants shows that it was Kevin Cooper who took the knife which is
- 10 now missing from the hideout to the Ryen home.
- 11 Shoeprints. Not just any type of shoeprint, but a
- 12 diamond impression on the bottom of a Pro Red tennis shoe, a
- 13 tennis shoe that you can't purchase in a store anywhere in this
- 14 country; a tennis shoe that is manufactured only for
- 15 institutions; a tennis shoe such as this which was sent to state
- 16 prison in Chino; a tennis shoe which all the evidence
- 17 establishes beyond any doubt, a tennis shoe of this type was
- 18 given to Kevin Cooper at the prison in Chino. Kevin Cooper
- 19 fled, escaped from the prison wearing prison clothes, including
- 20 this type of tennis shoe.
- 21 We know from the evidence that Kevin Cooper brought
- 22 the shoeprint -- brought the shoe with him to the hideout house.
- 23 We know that he left them for a short time in the garage, but we
- 24 know that he wore them in the Lease house; we know that for a
- 25 number of reasons including a complete impression of a shoeprint
- 26 which was found in the Lease home. And you'll have the
- opportunity to observe in the jury room that it is not a single
- impression, sole impression, there are a number of Pro Ked

- tennis shoeprints left in that location by Kevin Cooper, but the
- one with the ruler in it is the complete impression of a U.S.
- 3 made Pro Ked tennis shoe, left foot.
- 4 Where was it found? It was found in the game room
- 5 next to the pool table, in the room with the telephone. We know
- from the phone records Kevin Cooper made numerous calls from
- 7 that phone. This impression establishes beyond any doubt that
- 8 Kevin Cooper was moving through this home, the hideout home,
- 9 with that tennis shoe on. Not only is it in the room with the
- 10 pool table and the phone but it is in the same room where on the
- 11 other side of the wall is the hatchet, the murder weapon, and
- 12 the windows from which you see the Ryen home.
- 13 With the tennis shoe, with the state prison tennis
- 14 shoe, that Mike Newberry says has a patent on it, and a pattern
- 15 that was not sold on the bottom of the tennis shoe anywhere in
- 16 country, with this pattern you can follow Kevin Cooper from the
- prison, from the hideout to the murder scene.
- 18 Two types of impressions at the murder scene. The
- 19 first an impression which is shown on Exhibit 17, which you will
- 20 have a chance to look at more closely in the jury room, an
- 21 impression on the spa cover, an impression on the spa cover on
- 22 the door that led into the master bedroom into the scene of the
- 23 massacre.
- 24 However, another impression, an impression that
- 25 even Dr. Thornton agrees was left by the murderer, an
- 26 impression, a Pro Ked tennis shoe impression on a sheet, on the
- 27 top sheet of the Ryens master bed.
- 28 Even Dr. Thornton, the defense's own witness,

- agrees with two things: One, that impression, that impression
- 2 in blood that is on the Ryen bed sheet, which the photographs
- 3 will show was in approximately the location that I'm indicating
- 4 on the diagram, in a location between Doug, Peggy and Chris
- 5 Hughes, that impression, according to the defense's own witness,
- 6 was made by the killer; it was made by a person wearing Pro Red
- 7 state prison issue tennis shoes.
- 8 Kevin Cooper is the only person that brought prison
- 9 issue tennis shoes to Chino Hills; he's the only person that
- 10 brought prison issue tennis shoes into the hideout house; he's
- 11 the only person that brought the prison issue tennis shoes into
- 12 the murder scene.
- 13 We know from Doctor -- from Mr. Baird, excuse me,
- 14 that a comparison of size 10, which is Mr. Cooper's size, tennis
- shoes, Pro Ked, U.S. made, when compared to the impression in
- 16 the Lease home, and the impression in blood, and from Mr. Baird
- 17 you know that the killer had to have his feet wet in almost
- 18 liquid-flowing blood to make that impression.
- 19 We know from Dr. Thornton that that puts the killer
- 20 in the scene while the victims are dead and dying, the
- 21 impression in blood, the impression in dust, and the Pro Ked
- 22 impression are all the same.
- 23 And more than that, Mr. Baird will tell you that
- 24 the impression in blood, the impression in dust, were not only
- 25 made by Pro Ked tennis shoes they were made by U.S. manufactured
- 26 tennis shoes, both left foot, both approximately the same size,
- 27 both by the same shoe.
- That piece of evidence alone places Kevin Cooper in

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the center of the slaughter, in the center of the murder scene
while the victims are dead and dying.
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What else do you know about tennis shoes as they 3 pertain to Kevin Cooper? He was a person that went through some trouble to get a pair of tennis shoes at the state prison. He 5 6 does not like to wear hard-soled shoes; he prefers soft-soled shoes. Mike Newberry knows these aren't sold on the street, but 7 8 they're not stamped anywhere with CIM, Chino Prison, Men's 9 Institution. They are a pair of tennis shoes which, once you get your hands on them, if you want to wear them there is 10 11 nothing to make you get rid of them unless they are evidence which links you to a crime. 12

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You know from Dr. Thornton, we know from the impression in blood, that these shoes worn by Kevin Cooper were saturated with blood when he was in the murder scene. And where are they now? They are gone. Kevin Cooper has disposed of them. There was no reason for him to get rid of a pair tennis shoes unless they linked him to a crime. And you know we linked him to this crime because they were wet with blood, the blood of the victims when he left that particular scene.

When we talk about the prison and the clothes that Mr. Cooper took from the prison, we must always keep in mind how they relate to the two locations, the hideout and the Ryen home.

Another type of prison clothing will link Kevin

Cooper not only to the hideout but to the Ryen home. That's the

state prison camp jacket and the button.

27 Again, the evidence in this case has shown beyond 28 any doubt that Kevin Cooper had a camp jacket in the state

- prison. We know from Gary Fletcher when shown Exhibit 54, this
- 2 was the type of jacket Kevin Cooper was wearing or David
- 3 Trautman was wearing on that Thursday in the morning on June the
- 4 2nd when Mr. Fletcher caught Kevin Cooper out of bounds. You
- 5 know from Lieutenant Shephard that this is the type of jacket,
- 6 the camp jacket that is given out at the prison, and this is the
- 7 jacket you saw on Kevin Cooper when Kevin Cooper was
- 8 approximately a mile from Chino en route to Chino Hills,
- 9 unbeknownst to the victims. We know from the evidence that
- 10 Revin Cooper brought that jacket into the hideout house. The
- 11 jacket will link Kevin Cooper further to the hideout house, not
- anywhere in the hideout house, but in Kevin Cooper's bedroom,
- and it will link Kevin Cooper to the murder scene because of
- 14 buttons.
- You'll have a chance to examine Exhibit 54 more
- 16 closely in the jury deliberation room. And you'll note that the
- 17 jacket has both buttons and a zipper, buttons up the front of
- 18 the jacket, buttons on the collar of the jacket. You also know
- 19 from the evidence that one of the items of evidence found in the
- 20 hideout house, not anywhere in the hideout house but found in
- 21 Cooper's bedroom, was a button, a green button. Not just any
- 22 button. A button that had blood on it. A button that had human
- 23 blood on it. A button which had Doug Ryen's blood on it. A
- 24 button which is shown in Exhibit 98.
- The button, Exhibit 97, was seized. And you'll
- have a chance in the jury room to open the container, take the
- 27 button out. And you won't need an expert, you won't need anyone
- 28 to tell you that the button found in Cooper's bedroom is the

- same type of button that came off the state prison camp jacket.
- 2 And this button had blood on it, Doug Ryen's blood on it.
- 3 You know from Dr. Thornton that the killer, after
- 4 this attack, would have blood on the front of their bodies, of
- 5 course, where the buttons on this jacket would be, and blood on
- 6 the sleeve. You you know from that evidence that Kevin Cooper
- 7 got blood not only on his tennis shoes but on his jacket, on the
- 8 buttons on that jacket. That the button became loose in some
- 9 fashion, and that the button was left in his bedroom. Why? It
- 10 was dark. He was in a hurry. With the lights out he got
- ll careless. The carpeting is green. You will see from the button
- in the jury deliberation room that it was green. And he
- overlooked it, as he did a number of other items in the bedroom
- 14 which had blood on them when he fled. But the button and the
- 15 camp jacket allows to you follow Kevin Cooper from the prison to
- 16 the hideout to the Ryen home.

- 17 Tobacco: Proof beyond any doubt that Kevin Cooper
- 18 took tobacco with him when he fled the state prison; not just
- 19 any tobacco, Role Rite, free prison issued tobacco, tobacco you
- 20 use to hand roll a cigarette. All the evidence shows beyond any
- 21 doubt that Kevin Cooper brought that Role Rite tobacco into the
- 22 hideout house. You know that from the photograph which shows
- 23 the position of a book of matches, some loose tobacco, and not
- just any loose tobacco, tobacco which Mr. Aubrey Evelyn and
- 25 Craig Ogino has told you is Role Rite tobacco. It's not the
- 26 type of tobacco that is kept in manufactured cigarettes. That's
- 27 in Kevin Cooper's closet, within inches of some rope that has
- 28 human blood on it, Doug Ryen's blood on it. You know Kevin

- 1 Kevin Cooper brought the tobacco into the hideout.
- The tobacco, however, also links Kevin Cooper to
- 3 the Ryen car. Two items, V-15 and V-12. Just as Kathy Bilbia
- 4 did not smoke, just at Kevin Cooper brought the tobacco into the
- 5 hideout house, so did the Ryen family not smoke cigarettes.
- 6 Peggy Ryen smoked no tobacco. Doug Ryen smoked a pipe, never
- 7 manufactured cigarette and no one has ever seen him smoke a
- 8 hand-rolled cigarette in his life.
- 9 V-12, hand-rolled cigarette in the Ryen car, a
- 10 cigarette containing Role Rite state prison issued free tobacco.
- 11 Same tobacco Kevin Cooper brought into the hideout house. Same
- 12 tobacco Kevin Cooper in his haste left behind in the box. And
- when he left behind the box, he left behind the mechanism to
- 14 catch the loose tobacco when he rolled it.
- V-15, on the floor of the Ryen car, loose, spilt
- 16 Role Rite, state prison free issue tobacco. You'll have it to
- 17 compare. You know from Mr. Ogino that both macroscopically and
- 18 microscopically, you know from Mr. Evelyn, that's Role Rite,
- 19 that's state prison free issue tobacco, it's not pipe tobacco.
- 20 The only person that would have brought that into
- 21 the Ryen car is the same person that brought it into the hideout
- 22 house: Kevin Cooper.
- 23 Exhibit 586, a photograph of a hand-rolled
- 24 cigarette butt, the hand-rolled cigarette butt Kevin Cooper left
- 25 behind in the Ryen car.
- 26 We know more about tobacco than simply Role Rite
- 27 state prison free issued tobacco. Kevin Cooper alternated when
- 28 he smoked. Depending on what he could find, what he could bum

- off other people, he would smoke manufactured cigarettes. We
- 2 know Roger Lang smokes, and he left behind in the hideout house
- 3 Viceroys in the drawers in the kitchen, in the kitchen that
- 4 Kevin Cooper would use for two days, the kitchen he would use to
- 5 make coffee, to eat, to search.
- 6 We know that a manufactured cigarette butt was
- found in his bedroom, the bedroom that once belonged to Kathy,
- 8 but for two days was no one's room but himself. That cigarette
- 9 butt was left by Kevin Cooper.

- 10 There's a cigarette butt in the Ryen car. And
- 11 again, it's in a car that belongs to a family that does not
- 12 smoke cigarettes. And you know from Brian Wraxall that when
- 13 they analyzed that cigarette butt it contained saliva, which
- meant obviously it had been in someone's mouth at some point
- that smoked. And the ABO blood type of the person that left
- their saliva on that cigarette was and A, and now from every
- 17 serologist that testified in this trial, whether it's Blake,
- 18 Gregonis or Wraxall, that Kevin Cooper is an ABO type A.
- 19 One of the first things Cooper does upon breaking
- into the hideout is sit down and have a beer. We know that one
- 21 of the first things Kevin Cooper did after the homicides was to
- 22 do the same thing in the Ryen home, to go into the refrigerator,
- 23 to take one of the Oly Golds out of the refrigerator, one -- two
- 24 of the cans are missing. One of the cans has the blood of Josh
- 25 Ryen on it. The other beer can is found in a field, and not
- 26 just any field but the field between the hideout house and the
- 27 murder scene, in the same field where we find a piece of
- 28 evidence that links Kevin Cooper to the car, to the homes,

- specifically to Jessica's clothing, to the hideout house, to his
- 2 bedding.
- 3 Plant burrs: We know from J-15A, the pink blanket,
- 4 that blanket was not brought into the Lease house by anybody but
- 5 Kevin Cooper. We know from the photographs that when the
- 6 officers found the closet, that's the way it appeared.
- 7 Vickie Lang's belt, the belt which had human blood
- 8 on it, the belt which was modified with a knife so that it would
- 9 fit Kevin Cooper's waist, and the pink blanket, the closet in
- 10 which he slept, the blankets which he brought into the closet,
- 11 and on that pink blanket, plant burrs, not just any plant burrs,
- 12 but the plant burrs which were found in the field between the
- 13 two homes.
- 14 By the the way, even Dr. Thornton, the defense's
- own expert, agreed that the burrs that were found in the hideout
- house are the same type of burrs that were found on Jessica's
- 17 clothing, that they were the same type of burrs found in the
- 18 Ryen car, that they were the same type of burrs which Mr. Ogino
- 19 collected in the field between the two homes.
- 20 And Dr. Thornton agreed with another -- two other
- 21 things, the presence of burrs on J-15, on Cooper's pink blanket.
- 22 An interpretation of that evidence is that Kevin Cooper brought
- 23 the burrs into the closet on to the blanket.
- 24 Dr. Thornton also agreed that an interpretation of
- 25 the fact that there are plant burrs in the car which match plant
- burrs on Jessica, which we'll discuss in a moment, that match
- 27 the burrs in the hideout, that match the burrs in the field, is
- 28 simply that Kevin Cooper in walking in the field between the two

- l homes, brought plant burrs into the Lease home, into the hideout
- 2 home, on to Jessica, and finally into the car.
- 3 We know from Dr. Thornton and the evidence as to
- 4 how Kevin Cooper put the burrs on Jessica in the murder scene.
- 5 She's found in the hallway. From the testimony of Dr. Root you
- know that after Jessica was dead, and you also know from one of
- 7 the photographs that the killer, Kevin Cooper, cut into Jessica
- 8 after she was dead. As you can see from one of the wounds to
- 9 her right leg, a wound that didn't bleed, a post-mortem wound.
- 10 You know from Dr. Root as he testified through the
- dolls that Jessica had a number of cuts, of carvings on her
- 12 chest, all that were administered, because there was no
- 13 bleeding, after she was dead.
- Now from the defense's own witness, from his
- examination of the pajama top, that those wounds could not have
- been placed on Jessica Ryen while her pajama top was in the
- position it was in in this photograph; that the pajama top,
- 18 according to the defense's own witness, was moved up to
- 19 Jessica's neck, the killer carved into her chest and then put
- 20 the pajama top back down.
- 21 The plant burrs, the burrs which match the burrs
- 22 that Cooper brought into the closet, that Cooper brought into
- 23 the car, are found on Jessica's clothing, on the same side of
- 24 the garment that Dr. Thornton has testified the killer would
- 25 raise to carve into her chest.
- 26 Dr. Thornton also told you that from the position
- 27 of Jessica in the hallway that the killer would be kneeling next
- 28 to her, very close to her when he would do that to her, inflict

- 1 those post-mortem wounds on her. And it was at that time, in
- that position, at that location that Kevin Cooper would transfer
- 3 the burrs which he picked up in the field on his clothes to
- 4 Jessica in the Ryen home. And he would later leave the same
- 5 type of burrs behind in the Ryen car.
- 6 The rope: Again, at two locations. Rope in the
- 7 hideout house, not just anywhere in the hideout house, again,
- 8 rope in Cooper's bedroom, in Cooper's closet, in the closet
- 9 where Cooper slept, within inches of Cooper's state prison
- 10 tobacco, within inches of the matches Cooper brought into that
- ll closet.
- 12 What else do you know about the rope? It has blood
- on it, which we'll discuss in a moment, Doug Ryen's blood on it,
- in the same closet where we have Kevin Cooper's semen, Kevin
- 15 Cooper's bedding. We have Doug Ryen's blood were Kevin Cooper's
- 16 tobacco.

- 17 There's no question from the evidence at this trial
- 18 that Kevin Cooper brought the rope into that closet, as he did
- 19 every other item which was brought into the closet after Kathy
- 20 Bilbia moved out.
- 21 Rope again at the Ryen scene. Rope with blood on
- 22 it at the Ryen scene. Rope in the driveway, in the driveway
- 23 where the Ryen station wagon which Cooper takes from Chino Hills
- 24 was usually parked. Rope with the blood of the victim. Rope
- 25 which is of the same color and the same material as the rope in
- 26 the Lease closet. One of the ropes, however, has a cord in the
- 27 center and one does not; but both of the ropes is the same
- 28 color, same material, brought into the closet in the hideout

1 house.

2 And you know from the testimony of Larry Lease that

rope was kept in the hideout house in a box that was used in

4 which the show horse material was kept, in a box in which the

5 sunglasses which Larry Lease identified as being his which were

6 stolen were also kept.

7 Hair: Kevin Cooper's hair, his known hair, V-19,

8 in the Ryen car. You know from two experts, from Mr. Morton and

9 Mr. Lightfoot, V-19 could not have come from any of the victims,

any of the persons that would have had a reason to leave behind

11 hair in the Ryen car.

12 You know from those witnesses that that hair

13 belonged to Kevin Cooper. It was the same color, same texture,

14 same buckling, same medulla, same pigment form, same pigment

15 color, same pigment distribution. Why? Why did it agree in all

16 those characteristics with Kevin Cooper's hair? Because it is

17 his hair, some of his pubic hair, which as Mr. Morton testified

18 to, would be left behind if you did something as simple as

19 change clothes in a car. That's not where the hair stops,

20 however.

21 You know from the photographs, the testimony of Dr.

22 Root, that all the victims were struck, in addition to the face,

in the head. You will be able to see from the photographs the

24 chop wounds to the sides of their head, how their hair was cut.

25 You also know from the hatchet, Exhibit 42, that that happened

26 because we find Doug Ryen's head hair on the hatchet stuck to

27 the hatchet in blood when it's in the field.

28 But where else does the victims hair turn up? Of

- 1 course, it turns up where you would expect it, with Kevin
- Cooper. In the shower, Doug Ryen's head hair. In the sink,
- 3 Jessica's hair. Of course, not just any shower, not just any
- 4 sink.
- 5 P-2, Doug Ryen's head hair is found in the shouwer
- 6 in the bathroom next to Cooper's bedroom, in the shower in which
- 7 we find Kevin Cooper's footprint.
- 8 Jessica's hair, HH-3, is found in the sink in the
- 9 bathroom next to Cooper's bedroom, in the bathroom in the sink a
- 10 few short feet away from where we find Kevin Cooper's footprint,
- 11 in the bathroom he used.
- Doug Ryen's head hair in the shower; Jessica's hair
- in the sink. Why? Because Kevin Cooper when he would wash
- 14 himself in the sink and in the shower would leave behind the
- 15 hair of two of his victims.
- 16 Blood: The type of evidence which will forever
- 17 stain Kevin Cooper with the guilt of these crimes. We know from
- 18 the photographs that all of the victims shed blood at the scene.
- 19 And when we look at the other two locations that Kevin Cooper
- 20 was at, the car and the hideout, we find, as you would expect,
- 21 the victims' blood.
- In the hideout house, blood, human blood, on the
- 23 belt in Cooper's closet on Cooper's bed, the belt he modified.
- 24 Blood, not just anyone's blood, Doug Ryen's blood on the rope in
- 25 Cooper's closet inches from Cooper's tobacco, feet from Cooper's
- 26 bedding. Blood on the button, Doug Ryen's blood.
- The only person that brought the tobacco, the rope,
- 28 the button, and the belt into Cooper's bedroom was Kevin Cooper,

- and he's the one that brought the blood into that room as well.
- The Ryen car, as would you expect, in the driver's
- 3 seat where Kevin Cooper sat, blood in a number of locations.
- 4 blood in the driver's door, seatbelt housing, blood on the
- 5 driver's door, all of it human. Some of it Jessica's and
- 6 Peggy's blood, in the driver's section of the car in the same
- 7 seat, the same front seat where we find the hand-rolled
- 8 cigarette butt and the state prison free issued tobacco.
- 9 The items of blood which Kevin Cooper brought back
- into the hideout house link him not only to the hideout house,
- 11 but to the murder scene as well. But that's not the only way
- 12 blood links Kevin Cooper to the Ryen home, to the scene of the
- 13 murder.
- 14 A-41: A drop of blood found in the hallway of the
- Ryen home, a drop of blood found within feet of where Jessica
- 16 was killed, a drop of blood which belongs to Kevin Cooper.
- 17 Dr. Ed Blake, the defense's own witness, the
- 18 defense's own serologist. He will tell you that based on his
- 19 joint analysis with Mr. Gregonis of that drop of blood, based on
- 20 his study of the photographs of the electrophoretic runs that
- 21 Mr. Gregonis did, that drop of blood in the hallway could not,
- 22 and did not come from anyone that was Caucasian.
- 23 That drop of blood could not under any
- 24 circumstances have ever come from any one of a group of three
- young men who happened to be at Canyon Corral on the night of
- 26 the murders having a glass of beer.
- 27 You know from Dr. Blake, the defense's own witness,
- 28 that he can also exclude, he can tell you that there was no way

- that drop of blood came from anybody who is Mexican-American.
- 2 It never came, it never could have come from anyone of the three
- 3 men who may have been in Chino Hills looking for a job working
- 4 on a ranch on that Friday night.
- 5 Dr. Blake, however, when asked if he could tell you
- 6 that that blood did not come from Kevin Cooper, said he would
- 7 not, he would not exclude that drop of blood which has the same
- 8 profile as Kevin Cooper as coming from Kevin Cooper.
- 9 And why not? Because it comes from Kevin Cooper.
- 10 What do we know about his profile, Kevin Cooper's
- 11 profile, and Dr. Blake? Dr. Blake has been doing this as he
- 12 tells you for a long time, since 1972. He's looked at thousands
- of samples of blood. He's never seen a profile like the profile
- of Kevin Cooper, and you know with what frequency that appears
- 15 in the population.
- 16 Kevin Cooper has a type of blood, A-41, which is so
- 17 rare it occurs in 11 out of every ten million persons of Black
- 18 heritage. One out of every every one million persons of Black
- 19 heritage has that type of blood and Kevin Cooper's profile
- 20 matches the profile of the drop of blood in the Ryen home, the
- 21 drop which could not have come from the victims, which could not
- 22 have come in this case from anybody but Kevin Cooper. It puts
- 23 him in the Ryen home as sure as the shoeprint does, as sure as
- 24 the knife does, as sure as the camp jacket does.
- 25 Two other elements which link Cooper to the
- 26 hideout, to the home and to the car, elements of place, elements
- of time, one of which you have considerable firsthand experience
- 28 in viewing. That will be the former, place.

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1 Kevin Cooper was at the hideout house. And let's
2 talk about that location in terms of its proximity, its
3 closeness to the car and to the home. You know in terms of
4 place that the Ryen car was kept in the driveway outside the
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5 Ryen home, within feet, within yards. They certainly are

6 incredibly close in terms of place.

What do you know about the hideout house and your firsthand opportunity to look at that house while you were in the Chino Hills area? You know from your own observations that day or night, any time you walk around that house, the hideout house, any time you get up close to that TV and look to your left through that window, there's the Ryen house. There's no way you can miss it.

You know from your own observations that at night with the lights on inside the Ryen home you can actually see people, as you saw Mr. Kottmeier and some of the deputy sheriffs moving around in the living room of that particular home.

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Now your view of the hideout house and the murder scene is somewhat distorted when you compare it to Mr. Cooper's. Let us consider this: You were bused. You were taken to a location approximately 100, 150 yards away from the hideout house. And you walked up and visually, I'm sure many of you, were comparing the distance between where you were let off from the bus and the distance between the two homes. But that's not the way Kevin Cooper found it.

27 He escaped from a prison three miles away, over 28 fences, the lumberyard, evading 150 officers, through fields,

- through streets. By the time he gets to the hideout house after
- 2 covering that two-and-a-half to three miles, the murder scene,
- 3 the murder home and the Ryen car is really just another step
- 4 away.
- 5 What do you know about time? You know from the
- 6 Blades and Dr. Root, you know from Dr. Root that the victims
- 7 died somewhere between one and three hours after they last ate.
- 8 You know from Mr. Blade that the victims showed up
- 9 at the barbeque sometime between 6:30 and 7:00. They were gone
- 10 by 8:30 or 9:00, and this is all of course on June the 4th.
- We know that according to Dr. Root the victims died
- somewhere between 9:30 p.m. and midnight on the 4th.
- 13 And the evidence would -- the evidence indicateS
- 14 the car was taken shortly after their death.
- We know that Kevin Cooper on the 4th is in Chino
- 16 Hills, but it's not just any time on the 4th, we know Kevin
- 17 Cooper is there all day.
- 18 You know from the phone records that Kevin Cooper
- 19 makes a long distance phone call from the hideout house on
- 20 Saturday, June the 4th, to Pittsburg, a call which starts
- 21 shortly before 8:00 p.m., a call which will last 34 minutes,
- which will end about 8:30, just as the Ryens are getting ready
- 23 to leave and to come home. They are ten minutes away.
- 24 Kevin Cooper on that evening is in Chino Hills.
- 25 And it's more than that Kevin Cooper is in the home. You know
- 26 from all the evidence that sometime after the phone call, when
- 27 it was dark, Kevin Cooper has no car, no money, nowhere to turn,
- and he steps out of the hideout house with his camp jacket on,

- with Vickie Lang's gloves on, with his state prison tennis shoes
- on with some Role Rite in his pocket.
- 3 And the victims, the Ryen family and young
- 4 Christopher Hughes, when he steps out of the house they are
- 5 still alive. What would happen next?
- 6 Doug and Peggy Ryen would be surprised by Kevin
- 7 Cooper in the sanctity of their own bedroom. Asleep at first,
- 8 startled second, unarmed, completely nude, relaxed, defenseless.
- 9 They would be no match for Kevin Cooper who had a hatchet and a
- 10 knife. They would both die quickly. Dr. Root has told you that
- 11 they would die within minutes of the infliction of the first
- 12 blow.
- Peggy's screams would draw Jessica down the hallway
- 14 to the door where there Jessica Ryen, a young girl armed only
- 15 with her nightgown and her love for her parents, would meet
- 16 Kevin Cooper with the hatchet. She too would die quickly.
- 17 The screams in turn awakened Josh who would awaken
- 18 his friend Chris. They would go down to the master bedroom,
- 19 find Jessica in the hallway already dead. They would become
- 20 separated. Josh would hide. Chris Hughes would meet Kevin
- 21 Cooper in the bedroom, without his parents, without the Ryens to
- 22 assist him, unarmed, and he would die very quickly. Many of the
- 23 blows inflicted while he was on the floor helpless.
- Josh Ryen, feeling that perhaps it was safe, would
- 25 come down the hallway, enter the bedroom, find everybody dead
- 26 and be struck from behind.
- 27 Cooper, careless and now tired would leave Josh
- 28 Ryen for dead.

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                   You know from Dr. Root's testimony that Kevin
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      Cooper inflicted fewer blows on Josh Ryen than any other victim.
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      Why? Because Josh came last because Cooper is tired.
                   Josh Ryen would live, live always with the memory
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      of two things: His mother screaming and the single figure, this
      single attacker in his parents' bedroom.
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                   Now Kevin Cooper told a story. He got on the
      witness stand and he testified at this trial. And how do we
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      evaluate that? Every day in courts throughout this country
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      people stand in front of a witness stand. They raise their
             They take an oath and they sit down and they answer
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      questions. Some people tell the truth, the whole truth; some
      people tell lies, nothing but lies. Some people say things
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      which are partly true and partly false.
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                   The way our system works the witness stand is not a
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      lie detector. We don't have a green light that goes on when
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      someone tells the truth. We don't have a red light that goes on
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      when someone lies. The way our system works is that you, the
      jurors, each and every one of you, you are the exclusive judges
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But the law doesn't simply cast you adrift. The
law gives you an outline which Judge Garner will read at the end
of argument, an outline which contains a series of factors
through which you are to view the testimony of every witness
that testifies at this trial.

in the trial, and that includes Kevin Cooper.

of the credibility of every witness that takes the stand in a

criminal case. You and each of you will decide who to believe

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The outline will include whether or not the witness

- has been convicted of a felony. Well now, Kevin Cooper has, a
- 2 burglary and escape. The list will include whether or not the
- 3 witness has admitted in the past that he's been untruthful.
- 4 What do you know about Kevin Cooper and his telling
- 5 the truth? You know that Kevin Cooper lies about who he is,
- 6 what he is and what he's done, whether it's coming to
- 7 California. Starting with the Department of Motor Vehicles he
- 8 is David Trautman, through the prison system. He's David
- 9 Trautman to the prison officials, the prison doctors. He is
- 10 David Trautman. The guy is not David Trautman. He has never
- 11 been David Trautman.
- 12 To the Handys next, after another crime, a new
- 13 identity, Angel Jackson. For 60 days he is Angel Jackson. The
- 14 guy is not Angel Jackson.
- 15 He lies about what he has done whether it's to
- 16 Diane Williams on the telephone from the hideout house: "I'm
- 17 out because they passed a new law in California. They didn't
- 18 pass any new law in California. That's a lie. He escaped.
- 19 Whether it's to the Handys: "I'm Angel Jackson,
- 20 art student visiting from Pennsylvania. He's not a visiting
- 21 art student from Pennsylvania. He is an escaped burglar, a
- 22 murderer and he's good at it.
- 23 For two months he fools Angel, he fools the Handys
- 24 Angelica and Owen Handy, every day of their life then they are
- 25 dealing with a guy named Angel Jackson. He is good at lying.
- 26 He fooled them. Don't let him fool you.
- 27 You may also consider anything which has a tendency
- in reason to prove or disprove the witness' testimony. What do

- l you know about Cooper's testimony as it pertains to the crimes
- 2 in this particular case?
- 3 His song and dance about the bathroom, the Lang
- 4 bathroom. That door doesn't close. He never closed it. That
- 5 wasn't an avenue of escape for him. The window with the
- 6 louvers. The screen with the rusted screws in place. That
- 7 never happened. You know that from your view at the scene.
- Not seeing the hatchet. You know that couldn't
- 9 have happened, not from someone that dominated or controlled the
- 10 house for two days with the TV within feet, never seeing the
- 11 Ryen house. You know that's a lie. From that window and from
- 12 walking around that house, there's no way you could miss the
- 13 Ryen house. That is a lie.
- 14 Kevin Cooper told you he didn't kill the Ryens.
- 15 That's a lie.

- What else do you know about Kevin Cooper? Dr.
- 17 Thornton said it's as if pieces to the puzzle are missing. Some
- 18 of the pieces are missing. Those state prison tennis shoes, the
- 19 tennis shoes with the diamond pattern, the tennis shoes only
- 20 Cooper had. The camp jacket. Two items which were obviously
- 21 sustained with blood, his clothing, none of which would have CIM
- on it, none of which would have state prison on it, none of
- 23 which he would have any reason to destroy unless they linked him
- 24 to the crimes. He destroyed that evidence so you wouldn't have
- 25 all of the pieces to evaluate in this particular case.
- 26 Based on all the evidence which has been introduced
- 27 at this particular trial, we urge you to reach the only
- 28 conclusion which the evidence allows you to reach. That

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1	conclusion that is Kevin Cooper is the man responsible for the
2	Chino Hills killing, that Kevin Cooper is guilty of each charge
3	in the Information.
4	Thank you.
5	THE COURT: Thank you, counsel.
6	Get up here where you can see me. Let's take the
7	morning recess at this time, ladies and gentlemen. The
8	admonition previously given to you still applies. We will be in
9	recess about 15 minutes.
10	(Recess taken.)
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12	THE COURT: Everybody is here. Mr. Negus, please.
13	MR. NEGUS: In a case which involves circumstantial
14	evidence, I suspect that it is almost an inevitable thing that
15	lawyers, investigators of the various parties will refer to the
16	case as a jigsaw puzzle, and Mr. Kochis has done that, Dr.
17	Thornton has done that, and I'm afraid that I am going to do it,
18	too.
19	One of the things that we have in this particular
20	case, in trying to sort out the evidence, is that we have
21	several puzzles that were involved in this case, in which I
22	would suggest that the boxes were dropped, the pieces were all
23	mixed up, some of the pieces were carted away, some of them were
24	left behind, some of ther were now forced into place, some of
25	them have actually been changed, altered, cut down, painted
26	over, lied about, according to the evidence.
27	The reason why the puzzle analogy is something that

we deal with in a criminal case involving circumstantial

- evidence, is because it seems to fit the law of circumstantial
- evidence as Judge Garner is going to give it to you after Mr.
- 3 Kottmeier and I finish talking to you.
- 4 They talk in the law of circumstantial evidence,
- 5 about what is -- each fact which is essential to complete a set
- of circumstances necessary to establish the defendant's guilt
- 7 must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.
- 8 The key, I suppose, in the puzzle analogy is the
- 9 word "set of circumstances." That is, you're dealing with not
- just one isolated fact, but a bunch of facts and how those facts
- 11 fit together, how like the individual pieces of a jigsaw puzzle,
- 12 they interlock, the reconstructive pattern of the prosecution
- 13 appears in Mr. Kochis chart, but according to the law, each of
- 14 those facts which are necessary to come to the conclusion that
- 15 Mr. Kochis would like to have you draw to be proved beyond a
- 16 reasonable doubt.
- 17 As a whole, the way that you can readjust the
- 18 pieces and put them back together, has not only to be consistent
- 19 with a word that we've heard time and time again in the
- 20 prosecution case, "consistent with", the prosecution's theory,
- 21 but it has to be consistent with no other rational
- 22 interpretation.
- 23 If there are two interpretations of the evidence,
- 24 one of which points towards innocence, the other towards guilt,
- 25 it is your duty, under the law of circumstantial evidence that
- 26 we have in the State of California and throughout the United
- 27 States, to adopt that which points to the defendant's innocence
- 28 and not that which points to his guilt.

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I told you at the beginning of the case, that I was
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       not going to be able to -- there I do it again -- prove Mr.
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       Cooper's innocence, and I wasn't going to be able to prove who
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       did the crime. I think that the reason that I'm not going to be
       able to do that has become clear: There are too many pieces
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       that have been changed, too many pieces that have been forced
       together, too many pieces that are missing.
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                    Let me start with, in my analogy, the pieces that
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      have been changed. Basically, in that particular -- on that
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      particular issue we're dealing with the credibility, as Mr.
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      Rochis said, of some of the witnesses who have testified here
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      before you.
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                   In judging the credibility, the believability of
      the various evidence, consider what the people said on the
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      witness stand, consider what they said at other points in time,
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      and you can also consider the type of evidence that we have
      about their statements at other points in time.
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                   In this day and age, one of the cheapest and most
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      accurate ways to preserve evidence in a criminal case or any
      case is a tape recording. We all have them, everybody carries
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      them, police officers also. Cassettes are easy, plug it, push a
      button. Doesn't take any smarts whatsoever to make this machine
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fashion, in a fashion which is designed to bring out a certain

what was said, you know something about how it was said, the

inflection, the various ways the people said, you know how

questions were asked, whether they were asked in a leading

You have a tape recorder, then you not only know

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answer, or in a way that is open-ended, designed to try and see
what the witness knows.
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The one thing that is painfully lacking about some

of the prosecution's interviews were some of the most critical

witnesses in this particular case, is the absence of that most

simple but basic tool of modern investigations, a tape

recording. Dale Sharp had one in his car when he went in to see

8 Josh; certainly an 8 year old sole survivor of a mass murder is

9 an important enough witness to tape record.

Certainly, if you're talking to that type of witness you want to see whether or not the questions that are being posed to the young witness are the type which are going to elicit what he knows, or are going to suggest an answer to you.

Now, of course Josh couldn't talk when young Dale Sharp went into see him. Dale Sharp didn't know when he went in, when he didn't bring his tape recorder, and that doesn't mean that the -- that the enterprise of tape recording the questions would have been in vein.

We have a situation where there is, in this particular case, some direct evidence about the crime. Josh's statements, what he saw, is direct evidence; something that he saw. It is certainly, as the prosecution attempted to show in the cross-examination of the various hospital personnel from Loma Linda University, Josh fitted in the statement, but we will never know; the reason that we will never know is because they failed to use even a simple tool such as a tape recorder in order to record the talking.

We know that he was in the emergency room when

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there are other people around, the only statements that were
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- 2 made about, were there's three White males that are involved in
- 3 the attack.
- 4 In the CAT Scan room when there is no other people
- 5 around listening, it gets changed. Maybe there were three
- 6 Mexicans involved in the attack. Or is Dale Sharp mixing up
- 7 three Mexicans that were at the house earlier with the three
- 8 males that Josh described as being his attackers? We will never
- 9 know. That simple, basic tool of investigation was not used.
- Week and a half later, a formal interview, with the
- 11 most critical witness in this particular case, Mr. O'Campo
- doesn't even see fit to bring in a tape recorder. Mr. Kottmeier
- 13 goes down and talks to Josh at his grandmother's home last
- 14 December, in order to make a tape in order to show you. We take
- a video tape. That's better probably and certainly justified
- 16 given the situation of a first formal interview. But, even if
- 17 you can't get a video camera together, in order to talk to Josh,
- 18 surely you could bring in a simple little tape recorder.
- 19 We know that Mr. O'Campo knows how to use a tape
- 20 recorder. He certainly tape recorded his complete conversation
- 21 with Yolanda Jackson. If it suits his purpose, Mr. O'Campo,
- 22 like any modern detective, is going to use a tape recorder.
- 23 Maybe Dale Sharp, he's a patrol officer, he's not experienced,
- 24 maybe inadvertance on his part or negligence.
- O'Campo had to make a deliberate decision, that is
- 26 a decision that investigating officers make. Why did Mr.
- O'Campo not bring in a tape recorder? Because the evidence
- 28 shows that Mr. O'Campo has consistently lied about his

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1 conversations with Josh.
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When I was learning something of how to try 2 lawsuits, they always used to tell me, never, never say a police 3 officer lies, people don't like to here that; they distort the 5 truth or they misrecollect or something like that. People don't 6 like to hear the words "lie" in connection with police officers. But in this particular case there is no other rational 7 8 conclusion that you can come to from the evidence but that Mr. 9 O'Campo lied. Two witnesses in this particular case contradict 10 Mr. O'Campo about a very important point. 11 Now, one of the things that you can deal with in 12 looking at the witnesses, civilians don't take around tape 13 recorders with them. We don't expect them to have the same sort 14 of memory that police officers do, so we have to determine in 15 looking at those witnesses, where are they coming from, what 16 their particular interests are in this particular situation. In this particular case, the defense evidence has 17 18 been presented to you, almost without exception, witnesses who 19 have no particular interest in Kevin Cooper whatsoever, 20 witnesses who just as soon get rid of Kevin Cooper. We don't 21 even have Kevin's family and friends coming into court to 22 testify for him. 23 The only persons that could be accused of any bias whatsoever towards Mr. Cooper is Mr. Cooper himself and the 24 professional people that have assisted me in the case. 25

Fortunately the professional people that assisted me in the case

27 have tape recorded their statements that they took, photographed

their bloodwork, left clear-cut.

- Back to Mr. O'Campo. Two witnesses, Linda Headley,
- and Dr. Mary Howell, contradict clearly, unmistakably Hector
- 3 O'Campo. Hector O'Campo said under oath, enumerable times, that
- 4 he never ever talked to Josh about the crime, Mexicans, people
- 5 who had been at the house, suspects whatsoever prior to that
- formal interview on June the 14th.
- 7 That just isn't so. He's lying. You don't forget.
- 8 It's not a failure of recollection, it is not just a mistake on
- 9 his part. If you're talking to the sole survivor of a mass
- 10 homicide, you don't forget that you did it. Mr. O'Campo is
- ll lying.

- Why is he lying? Again, we will never know, he's
- 13 not going to tell us. The inference you can draw from it is
- 14 that the information he got from Josh when Josh was in that
- impressionable state is not going to help the prosecution in
- 16 this particular case. The inference is that it will establish
- 17 another rational interpretation of the evidence, one which
- 18 points towards innocence.
- There are other people involved in the case who,
- 20 because of various aspects of their credibility, have changed
- 21 some of the pieces so that we can't recognize them anymore. Dan
- 22 Gregonis. He didn't document in a form which another
- 23 criminalist can interpret but one, but one of all the testing,
- on A-41 that he did prior to the arrival of Dr. Blake, who
- 25 looked over his shoulder.
- 26 The Peptidase A photograph was sufficiently clear
- 27 so you could tell it, what it is, the PGM, the EsD, the ABO, the
- 28 EAP, all those other tests of A-41 we have to rely on the

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expertise and the judgment of Mr. Gregonis because he was too
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- 2 busy to even compare his photographs with his plate to see if it
- 3 turned out; to see whether the photograph showed what the plate
- 4 showed. He didn't even look.
- 5 We know that Mr. Gregonis has demonstrated some
- 6 areas of significant ignorance. Some he admitted, some he
- 7 didn't about the biochemistry that's involved in trying to make
- 8 these particular calls.
- 9 We also know that there's a more serious bias on
- 10 the part of Mr. Gregonis. Three times prior to his getting on
- 11 the witness stand he testified that A-41 was an EAP type B and
- 12 no other type. No other type. At that point in time he had,
- 13 was under a mistaken belief about what type Kevin was. He
- 14 thought that he was testifying that they were consistent; turns
- 15 out he was wrong about Kevin.
- 16 What does he do? Even though he's testified EAP,
- 17 no other type but B, we know, you know if it is a B it could not
- have come from Mr. Cooper. He changed it, it's got to be
- 19 consistent with Mr. Cooper. Is that bias or is that bias?
- 20 Mr. Stockwell. A lot of -- Mr. Stockwell also
- 21 changes in memory, his credibility, I would suggest are not
- 22 anything, not even for the most part based on bias, but just
- inexperience, ignorance. It's not his fault, he didn't assign
- 24 himself, it's Mr. Baird's fault. He shouldn't assign somebody
- 25 that young, that inexperienced to do that kind of job.
- 26 But as you look at some of Mr. Stockwell's
- 27 testimony you can see how that ignorance, that inexperience
- 28 starts in itself creating a bias.

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At the preliminary hearing -- well, let's back-up.
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- 2 The prosecution tried to show through circumstantial evidence
- 3 that Kevin Cooper took a shower in the Bilbia bedroom to wash
- 4 the blood off. The problem is that it is evidence that they had
- 5 that really wasn't consistent with that particular
- 6 interpretation.
- 7 When Mr. Stockwell was asked, after the preliminary
- 8 hearing, about the test which would distinguish algae, fungi and
- 9 blood, on the one hand, from bleach on the other, he said that
- 10 he got an immediate reaction. That's the way you do it, if you
- ll do the test in a one-step manner.
- 12 If you will recall back to those chemistry charts
- 13 that we had at the beginning, the one-step ortho-tolidine test
- 14 will not distinguish between bleach and blood. Immediate
- 15 reaction. Mr. Stockwell becomes educated and his testimony
- 16 changes, two-step. He doesn't want to admit that he made a
- 17 mistake.
- 18 At the preliminary hearing he testifies that all
- 19 the reaction on the shower is between the knee and the shoulder
- 20 of a six foot tall person. Which six foot tall person did he
- 21 have in mind? Why, Mr. Cooper, of course. That's what he's
- 22 trying to prove. All that reaction would have been between the
- 23 knee and the shoulder of Mr. Kevin Cooper.
- 24 He learns a little bit more, finds out that though
- 25 that may be consistent with what Kathy Bilbia said she did in
- 26 washing down the shower with bleach, in approximately those
- 27 distances, if you had blood washing off an individual, it
- 28 wouldn't look like that. He changed it. Then it becomes, oh,

- 1 well, there was not this band around the shower anymore, it is
- 2 going all the way down and out the cracks.
- 3 Ignorance. He made a mistake. He didn't know what
- 4 he was doing, he changes his testimony, probably not
- deliberately, but there's a natural tendancy in all of us to try
- 6 and cover up our mistakes.
- 7 But, as far as our role as people trying to figure
- 8 out what happened is concerned, the pieces change. They didn't
- 9 draw diagrams at the time so that we could go back and
- 10 reevaluate them; they didn't take photographs like they did when
- 11 they were doing tests of the luminol in September, all they did
- was rely upon the testimony of Mr. Stockwell. The pieces
- change, we can't go back and put them together again.
- 14 Mr. Shephard. Mr. Kochis mentioned Mr. Shephard,
- 15 Cornelius Shephard, a correctional lieutenant from the
- 16 California Institution for Men. Somewhat important witness for
- 17 the prosecution, because they want to show that Mr. Cooper was
- 18 wearing a camp jacket like that.
- 19 Mr. Shephard orginally, when he wrote his report
- 20 about the inmate that he saw running down the street, described
- 21 the jacket as brown in color. Surprise, that's what Mr. Cooper
- 22 had testified to. It is brown. But, these camp jackets and
- 23 this Exhibit No. 56, is the camp jacket Teresa Cordua testified
- 24 that somewhat later in preparation for this case Mr. Shephard
- 25 picked out of the bin of camp jackets as being the closest one
- 26 in color. That is nowhere near brown.
- 27 Mr. Shephard starts hedging his testimony. It
- 28 becomes brownish, it becomes tan, it becomes any color other

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than the brown which would indicate that Kevin is telling the
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- 2 truth when he says that it may not even have been that type of
- 3 jacket that he had.

- 4 Mr. Shephard, he's sure that the person he saw
- 5 running down the street was wearing this distinctive type of
- 6 jacket, an inmate jacket, some of them even have California
- 7 Institution For The Men on the back of them, some of them don't,
- 8 but he was sure about that.
- 9 Except that when he testified in front of the Grand
- 10 Jury before we began our criminal proceedings, grand jurors were
- asking him, "Hey, do you think that if we had the inmates wear
- 12 distinctive type of clothing like the -- like the -- like the
- 13 stripes that I guess they have in the movies or something like
- 14 that, would that do any good?"
- And Mr. Shephard said that he didn't even notice
- 16 the clothing on the individual that he saw, he didn't -- that
- 17 wasn't what struck him as distinctive. What struck him as
- 18 distinctive was that there was a Black man in a White
- 19 neighborhood. That caused him to wonder. Complete change of
- 20 testimony. Perhaps not deliberate, but it's a result of
- 21 suggestibility. It's a result of having one's testimony fit the
- 22 prosecution's puzzle rather than the actual facts.
- 23 Bow does it work? People start thinking about what
- 24 they must know was the case, not what they actually saw, and
- 25 their testimony changes.
- 26 Mr. Shephard on prior occasions has testified under
- oath several times that he would be unable to identify the
- 28 person that he saw running down the street. By the time he gets

- 1 to court, after the defense's opening statement, he realizes
- 2 that it must have been Kevin Cooper, so he testifies under oath
- 3 that he can identify the person as Kevin Cooper. That
- 4 particular fact is probably of no particular significance in the
- 5 lawsuit because in fact it was Kevin Kevin Cooper, but it shows
- 6 how witnesses, especially when they are not interviewed with a
- 7 tape recorder at the beginning of the case, change their
- 8 testimony, how it seems to drift towards the prosecution's
- 9 theory of the case and away from their original memory.
- You even saw on the witness stand. As an example
- of that, in this very case, Dr. Howell I'm sure was doing her
- 12 best when she testified to tell what she remembered, but it's
- 13 been a time since all the events happened. And Mr. Kottmeier,
- 14 the District Attorney of my particular county, certainly a
- person that everybody would expect to trust, started putting
- 16 words into her mouth, started saying, "Well, could this
- 17 conversation with Mr. O'Campo actually have occurred after the
- 18 formal interview on the 14th?"
- Dr. Howell, not wishing to dispute the elected
- 20 District Attorney of our county, the man charged with
- 21 prosecuting and investigating in the murder of her family, said,
- 22 \*Of course. Of course.\* Fortunately there was a tape recording
- 23 of Dr. Howell's testimony at a time when it was clearer in her
- 24 mind.
- 25 Mr. Rottmeier suggested that in that particular
- 26 conversation leading questions were asked, reversing them, not
- 27 Mr. Nottmeier asking leading questions but the defense. If you
- 28 listen to the tape, the question that was asked was: "What was

- 1 said?\* Hardly leading. Memories change.
- 2 Finally, I noted that the prosecution is no longer
- 3 relying apparently upon James Taylor, but they did at one point
- 4 in time. Why would they rely on James Taylor, a man who I don't
- 5 think I, in the interest of time, I won't even go through all
- 6 the different evidence which shows that he lies, but I think you
- 7 will all agree that he did? Because -- because they have to
- 8 exaggerate just a little bit in the evidence.
- They want it to be tight, to be pat, to be
- 10 consistent with no other rational interpretation.
- 11 Not enough that they have a chrono that says Kevin
- 12 Cooper was issued tennis shoes, they have to have somebody come
- in and say, "Oh, yes, those brand new Pro Keds." But Mr. Taylor
- 14 was -- had so many contradictory statements you could almost
- 15 trap him as he adds more and more depending upon what's being
- 16 suggested to him.
- The problem is that when you -- when you're doing
- 18 that sort of thing, sure, it's going to fit together at the end.
- 19 You're making sure that the puzzle fits together at the end the
- 20 way you want it, but you are distorting. Youre taking, you're
- 21 change the pieces. And the important thing about circumstantial
- 22 evidence, again, it's not the individual pieces, but how they
- 23 fit together.
- In forcing the pieces into place, the next category
- of the evidence I'd like to talk to you about, one of the -- one
- 26 of the things that we've tried to do in forcing the pieces into
- 27 place is to, as Mr. Kochis says, demonstrate that Mr. Cooper is
- 28 a liar. That's what they're trying to prove.

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- 2 close of the case. The instruction will tell you that
- 3 deliberate misrepresentation, deliberate lies are such that you
- 4 can just -- you can disbelieve the whole testimony of a witness
- if you want to, but also tells you that innocent misrecollection
- 6 is common. And the significance of misrecollection has got to
- 7 do with how significant the facts are in the case.
- 8 On the one hand we have facts, lies, about what
- 9 Josh Ryen said about suspects early on in the investigation.
- 10 The type of thing that the prosecution has attempted to prove,
- 11 Mr. Cooper has got nothing to do with the Ryen homicide.
- Whether or not he misremembered about a bathroom door, a garage
- door, things of that nature, even the garage door --
- 14 Even the garage door incident, they claim in their
- 15 cross-examination of that Mr. Cooper suggested, and then they
- 16 brought in Larry Lease to try and verify that there's no way
- 17 that Kevin Cooper could have opened that garage door on his way
- 18 into the house. Prove he's a liar. And Larry Lease comes in
- 19 and says, "No way." He also says that that garage door opener
- 20 works by a chain, and so the garage door would be pulled up or
- 21 let down by the chain.
- Doesn't take a lot of mechanical knowledge to
- 23 figure out if you have that kind of a garage door opener, maybe
- 24 you can lift the door even if the garage door opener is in
- 25 place.

- 26 But there is another witness to the case who's
- 27 likewise testified about the garage door, and that was Kathy
- 28 Bilbia. The question was asked her:

1	"The garage door, the front garage door that was
2	one of those kind you just lift up with your hand?
3	"Answer: Yes.
4	"Question: Didn't have a garage door opener or did
5	it?
6	"Answer: Yeah, it did, but it didn't work.
, <b>7</b>	*Question: So basically if you looked into there
8	you'd have to open it up with your hand?
9	*Answer: Yes.
10	Larry Lease, according to the testimony of Mr.
11	Sibbitt, hardly ever got up to the 2991 residence. Kathy Bilbia
12	lived there for over a year.
13	There are people that in a criminal investigation
14	they want to help. They want to help the prosecution, so their

memories jog. There are also people that want to be part of it,

to get involved. Perhaps there's in evidence that Larry Lease

was one of those individuals.

18 We've heard Detective Swanlund, or Sergeant 19 Swanlund, testify at great length that the day that the evidence was collected, while the evidence was collected they were 20 21 tightly controlling entrance into the Lease house, they kept out the civilians, they kept out their own people. Yet Larry Lease 22 testified that he walked through that house pointing out what 23 24 was missing, and he saw the sheath sitting right there in the Bilbia bedroom. Did he remember that or is that an exaggeration 25

26 wanting to be in the picture a little bit more than he actually

27 was?

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He testified that he went into the Ryen house at

- 1 the time the crime was discovered. Everybody else said he
- didn't. Exaggeration, wanting to be in the picture a little bit
- 3 more?
- 4 He also testified that there were a pair of jeans
- or Levi's that were wadded up in the dryer right there in the
- 6 Ryen bedroom. Sergeant Swanlund said there wasn't. If there
- 7 were, that could be significant evidence. Is Larry Lease
- 8 imagining things or is Sergeant Swanlund suppressing evidence?
- 9 Probably in that particular instance Larry Lease is imagining
- 10 things. He is perhaps that type of fellow.
- 11 Mr. Kottmeier, when he was cross-examining Mr.
- 12 Cooper, was making a big deal of the creek. Said he -- said to
- 13 Mr. Cooper, "Isn't it a fact," he said, "that the creek that you
- 14 fell into was dry? You couldn't have fallen into it? There's
- 15 been no evidence as to that. You yourself saw a line of trees
- 16 at approximately the spot where Kevin crossed it. A line of
- 17 trees doesn't suggest that the creek was running underground at
- 18 that particular point in time. We have had testimony that there
- 19 was water in the creek at the other end. Sounds like Mr.
- 20 Rottmeier is trying to cross-examine to prove a fact. Is it
- 21 true? Kevin, what Kevin said is, in fact, is true.
- Mr. Kochis made a point that, you had to have seen
- 23 the Ryen house from inside 2943 (sic). Well, you remember the
- 24 testimony, that when we were out there, the television, if you
- 25 recall, was pushed back in the corner there, couldn't get around
- 26 behind it. You look at the picture and remember the testimony.
- 27 At the actual time of the crime the television was out here so
- 28 that you could step around behind it. There is, in fact, a

- 1 footprint that is behind that television, No. D on Exhibit 116.
- 2 That footprint was not a Pro Keds. Somebody may have gone
- around there to take a peek. But that's the spot that you have
- 4 to be in order to get a clear view of the Ryen house.
- 5 Mr. Kochis has said if Mr. Cooper is in there at
- 6 the television headed, was the word he used, there is no other
- 7 way but that he saw the Ryen house.
- 8 Marty Smith, Career Criminal deputy, was in that
- 9 house for six or seven hours. She was studying, drawing,
- 10 sketching, the footprint right over here behind the television.
- 11 She didn't see it. She didn't even notice the Ryen house. Mr.
- 12 Cooper had to be lying.
- Mr. Kochis suggested that there had -- Mr. -- Mr.
- 14 Cooper had to have destroyed some gloves. Now on this
- 15 particular -- this particular point neither counsel was really
- 16 all that skilled in our examination as I went back to look at
- 17 it. You know that we have one of the two pair of gloves that
- 18 were taken from Vickie Lang here in court. The implication I
- 19 suppose is that the other ones were destroyed because they had
- 20 blood on them, except that Owen Handy testified that the gloves
- 21 that Kevin Cooper was wearing when he worked on the boat wore
- 22 out pretty fast.

- The ones we have left are not worn out. It would
- 24 suggest that there was another pair of gloves, as Mr. Cooper,
- 25 testified that were worn out, Mr. Handy saw it, and discarded it
- in Ensenada, not because they had blood on them but because
- 27 working with the ropes destroyed them.
- 28 Finally Mr. Kochis has suggested that Mr. Cooper

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had to have seen the hatchet that he says was right there, right
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- on the fireplace. That is an example, I think, of how facts
- 3 tend to, in the prosecution's mind, be the way they want them to
- 4 be.
- 5 Was the evidence all that clear as to where the
- 6 hatchet was kept? I would submit to you that it wasn't. Mr. --
- 7 Vickie Lang said that the hatchet was normally kept by the
- fireplace, but she recalled putting it away in a drawer and she
- 9 never took it out again. Nobody else ever had taken the hatchet
- 10 out of a drawer during the period of time that it was there.
- The one person that had the most detailed
- recollection of when he saw it was Perry Burcham. At that point
- in time when Perry saw it, it was standing right with a bunch of
- 14 kindling on the fireplace. Look at the picture we have taken of
- 15 the crime scene, there's no kindling left on the fireplace. The
- 16 implication is that the hatchet was put away.
- 17 The prosecution's attempt to say that Mr. Cooper
- had to be lying, he had to have seen that hatchet, there's
- 19 conflicting evidence on that. It hasn't been proven beyond a
- 20 reasonable doubt. The probabilities are that the hatchet was
- 21 put away. Doesn't mean that it's impossible for Mr. Cooper to
- 22 have found it or anybody else to have found it, but the had
- 23 to's, Mr. Cooper has to be lying.
- The only rational conclusion is one which points
- 25 towards guilt. That's not true. The evidence is not so clear
- 26 as the prosecution would have you believe.
- 27 Forced pieces. One of the things that is most
- 28 interesting about the evidence in this particular case is that

- as to the major pieces of prosecution evidence there is
- 2 something fishy about each one. Let's go through them one by
- 3 one.
- 4 A-41: Mike Hall does an exhaustive report, doesn't
- 5 mention A-41 in the report. Dan claims that he's testing A-41
- 6 blind, but doesn't document it. We can't tell whether his test
- 7 results are correct. He wastes samples by his own admission so
- 8 that we can't go back and retest, but what were the conclusive
- 9 results? He makes mistakes. He sees what he wants to see.
- 10 He tells us that the cigarette butt from the
- 11 automobile is consistent with coming from Mr. Cooper. That's
- 12 true, it is. But according to Mr. Wraxall it could have been
- any person on the face of this earth that could have smoked that
- 14 cigarette butt. Dan wants us to believe it's consistent with
- 15 Kevin. But the facts are that Dan's ignorance, his
- 16 inexperience, his incorrect techniques, make it impossible for
- 17 us to distinguish between anybody on the face of the earth as
- 18 the person that smoked V-12. That was the testimony of Mr.
- 19 Wraxall.
- 20 The testimony about A-8, shoe impression on the
- 21 bedspread in the Ryen home: One of the interesting things about
- 22 that particular shoe impression is it's right next to the little
- 23 bit of sheet that Dr. Blake analyzed. There is no dispute but
- 24 that there is blood on that sheet that is post-mortem blood.
- 25 How did it get there? There's two rational
- 26 interpretations. One, that Doug Ryen was moved. Well, we know
- 27 that he was moved later in the day when the people from the body
- 28 service came. But if you look at the photographs you can see

- that the post-mortem blood was already in place on the sheet
- 2 before the removal of Doug from the scene. The other rational
- 3 interpretation is that the sheet was moved. If the sheet was
- 4 moved after the death of Doug Ryen, then the tennis shoeprint
- 5 that appears on the sheet probably was made after the death of
- 6 Doug Ryen, 15 to 20 minutes, 10 to 15 minutes, I don't remember
- 7 the exact testimony, at least after the death of Doug Ryen.
- 8 That particular shoe impression is not mentioned in the report,
- 9 the exhaustive report of Mike Hall.
- 10 There's a shoe impression on the spa. Marty Smith
- 11 goes out to that spa to diagram all the footprints on it. She
- 12 doesn't see it. It's not there. She didn't -- she didn't
- 13 notice it. It was pointed out to her later.
- 14 There are photographs of the spa cover when the
- police arrive at the scene showing the spa cover in a
- 16 nondislodged state. Sometime along that afternoon it gets
- 17 dislodged. We don't know how. Not mentioned again in Mike
- 18 Hall's report of the crime scene supposedly they are taking such
- 19 care of these valuable pieces of evidence, that shoe impression
- 20 on the spa -- on the spa cover.
- 21 But Mike -- Robert Hall testifies that, oh, he was
- 22 tromping all over, he didn't pay any attention to it nobody
- 23 thought the spa cover was of any great significance. There was
- 24 no evidence worth preserving on that spa cover.
- 25 2991: Steve Moran and Bob Hall go into this house
- on June the 6th. Steve Moran testifies that they are just going
- in there to look for suspects; they are not going in to look for
- 28 evidence. Why does he say that? Why does he say that? Is it

- likely that they expect to find a suspect still there two days
- 2 after the killings?
- 3 He makes statements to John Hagen indicating that
- 4 there was nothing -- there was no evidence there, nothing about
- 5 suspects in the statement to John Hagen after he gets through
- 6 with the search. The Ryen car is gone. Likely that there is
- 7 still suspects there? No.
- 8 I would suggest to you that the reason that Mr.
- 9 Moran tells you that he was going there looking for suspects was
- 10 because he didn't see any evidence in the Bilbia bedroom when he
- 11 was in there searching it for evidence at a time when we know
- 12 that his fingerprints ended up on the inside of the closet door
- in the Bilbia bedroom. If the reason -- if the axe sheath were
- 14 still there at the time why didn't Steve Moran see it?
- The car, the testimony about the car was that
- 16 according to the prosecution's witness the car had to be there
- 17 Sunday morning. That witness was James Gordon, a man who was
- passing out thousands of handbills, and he just happened to
- 19 remember this particular car, a man that knows it was this
- 20 particular car in that particular location because he remembers
- 21 it being a blue Ford station wagon.
- 22 Mr. Staubly saw the car, or at least a car having
- 23 that license plate number, in Costa Mesa at a time when Kevin
- 24 Cooper we know was in Tijuana. The car is still moving when
- 25 Revin Cooper is in Tijuana. That is evidence that it was not
- 26 Kevin Cooper who took the car, it was somebody else. It was not
- 27 Revin Cooper who took the car, it was somebody else.
- 28 Each piece of the puzzle piece that Mr. Kochis is

1	trying to fit together for you has something strange about it,
2	something that doesn't quite add up, something that doesn't
3	quite fit. They have been forced together. But it is a joinde
4	of force rather than a joinder of reason. I cannot explain to
5	you and I don't know the answer to the various mysteries about
6	those pieces of evidence, but in evaluating whether or not
7	there's only one rational interpretation of the evidence that
8	points to guilt, I think that, and I would submit to you, that
9	those particular mysteries, something fishy, something not quite
10	right about the most significant prosecution evidence is
11	something you should keep into account.
12	I have a little bit more to say after lunch, but I
13	think this would be a great breaking point.
14	THE COURT: Sure, that's fine, all right.
15	Ladies and gentlemen, when you leave would you
16	kindly go back here and let the bailiff escort you out of the
17	building. And during the noon period, be mindful still of the
8	admonition. Be particularly careful at this critical stage of
.9	the case.
20	We will take the noon recess and resume at 1:30
21	this afternoon.
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4	THE COURT: The Court finds the jurors present.
5	Mr. Negus.
6	MR. NEGUS: Thank you.
7	Mr. Cooper pointed out to me one mistake I made in
8	my statement of the evidence earlier. Larry Lease testified
9	that he saw jeans in that washer, not in the Ryen house, which I
10	may have stated.
11	Continuing on then with the evidence I was trying
12	to bring to your attention which has to do with bootstrapping
13	the actual facts of the case into the kind of evidence which is
14	required under CALJIC 2.01, the instruction on circumstantial
15	evidence. There is a substantial number of exggerations in the
16	rhetoric around this particular case. Pro Keds have been
17	described as prison tennis shoes over and over and over again.
18	There are a number of contracts that have been
19	introduced for you into evidence from the Pro Ked Corporation.
20	Pro Reds are available to the Navy, to the forestry, to all
21	kinds of different people besides prisoners.
22	We have had testimony that a man who wasn't in
23	prison since 1977 just coincidently had a pair of Pro Ked tennis
24	shoes which haven't even come into the San Bernardino County
25	crime laboratory.
26	Mr. Kochis referred to a hair from the drain in the
27	bathroom as being Doug Ryen's hair. That particular and he
28	likened it to the hairs that were on the hatchet. The problem

l with that particular theory is that Dr. Morton testified that

2 that particular hair had not yet been -- the type of that hair

3 that was chopped with a hatcet, but was a type of hair that had

fallen naturally of a human's head. No way he can say whether

5 it was Doug Ryen's. Numerous other people may have use of that

shower during the time that Kathy Bilbia was living there.

7 He referred to a hair in the Ryen vehicle as Kevin

8 Cooper's hair. Testimony of his own expert, Dr. Morton, was

9 that he could not even positively say that the hair came from a

10 black person, much less that it was Kevin Cooper's hair.

11 He referred to the knife that was allegedly used by

Mr. Cooper, pointed to his version, of course, that had been

proved as having come from the Lease house. The problem with

14 that particular theory is that there was a strap from that

15 scabbard found in the Bilbia bedroom, it got there at some point

16 in time.

17 There's an inference perhaps that that strap was in

18 fact from a knife that was used in the murder. The problem is

19 that the strap does not match the scabbard that Roger Lang said

20 that he had in the house. The scabbard that he last remembers

21 seeing -- Roger Lang last remembers seeing in that closet was a

22 dark brown. You can look at it yourself. This is obviously is

23 a black scabbard. Sheath or strap, I should call it.

24 There was lots of testimony about knives that were

25 supposed to have been missing from the house. Roger Lang,

26 however, when he first talked on tape to Mr. Forbush, indicated

27 that nothing other than the axe, which could be used as a

28 weapon, was missing from the house.

1 Richard Sibbitt testified about some missing 2 It turns out when Roger Lang was asked about the same 3 knife that he in fact did not have it at the 2991 residence but had it at his home. Exaggerations in order to try and make the 5 case tighter than in fact it is. The rope that was in the closet, Mr. Kochis says 7 that that's the type of rope that Larry Lease described as 8 having been in one of the bedrooms. The problem with that 9 particular thing is Mrs. Bilbia, who lived in the house, whereas 10 Larry Lease didn't, indicated she never had seen such a rope in the house, the rope was kept down in the artificial insemination 11 12 room at the very far end, end of the property. 13 You will recall that when we went there, right 14 through the middle of Larry Lease's property, according to the 15 testimony, the artificial insemination room was always to your 16 left, as you went down the rail face down the hill, the hill at 17 the very -- very far removed from the 2991 residence. 18 There was some testimony that changed over time, 19 that according to Mr. Lease, that when he testified in court, 20 this particular door, the front door was locked when he and the officers left the 2991 residence on June the 6th. After Mr. 21 22 Moran and Mr. Hall searched the house for evidence. Obviously the purpose at that particular point in testimony is to try and 23 show that no one could have gotten in there to tamper with the 24 scene after that particular point in time. The problem is, Mr. 25 Lease had previously testified -- excuse me -- previously said 26 to Mr. Forbush on tape that the door was left unlocked. 27

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Mr. Kochis, when he was talking to Mr. Sibbitt and

- 1 Mr. Burcham, the two hired hands that had come up and discovered
- the evidence in the house on June 7th, tried to make a point
- 3 that it must have been unlooked because there was a key that was
- found in the door. But if you look at the photographs carefully
- 5 you will see that there is also another set of keys that are
- found on the front counter there.

- 7 Mr. Burcham and Mr. Sibbitt testified that they
- 8 found a key inside the residence on that particular day that had
- 9 been there all along and they tried it in the front door. The
- 10 evidence does not show that the front door was locked when Mr.
- 11 Lease, Mr. Moran and Mr. Hall left the house on June the 6th;
- 12 rather that Mr. Burcham and Mr. Sibbitt had left the key in the
- door when they attempted to try it out.
- 14 In addition to the pieces of the puzzle that had
- 15 been forced together, there also are the pieces that are
- 16 missing. There are some pieces of the puzzle that I think we
- 17 can deduce are missing because of a deliberate act on the part
- 18 of law enforcement. That one particular piece, for example, is
- 19 the rote that Hector O'Campo, on June the 6th, 1983, when he
- 20 first tried to get information from Josh Ryen.
- 21 Both Dr. Howell and Mrs. Headley have observed Mr.
- 22 O'Campo to be taking notes. Mr. O'Campo now tries to say that
- 23 the notes that he was taking, were -- the only notes he took was
- 24 the one statement that was written out by Josh Ryen, how is mom
- 25 and dad, on a piece of paper. The Problem is, Mrs. Headley saw
- 26 him taking notes. Mrs. Headley was not even in the room at
- 27 12:20, the time that Mr. O'Campo says that had Josh made that
- 28 statement at the time, the time he said he took the notes. He

obviously was taking notes from Josh at a point other than -
other than those.

3 He orginally testified at preliminary hearing that

4 what happened as to the notes, I might have destroyed them, and

5 then he realized what he had said, and changed his testimony,

6 oh, there never were any notes. That Fraudian slip, however, I

7 think, indicates that there were notes that corroborates the

8 testimony of Dr. Howell and Mrs. Headley through the own mistake

9 of Officer O'Campo. They are his notes.

Why were they destroyed? Because they would have helped Kevin Cooper. Mr. O'Campo had strong opinions, he didn't want that to happen, he did not want you to have that piece of

13 the puzzle.

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There is one piece of the puzzle that is missing
because there is no evidence on it. That is motive. Mr.

Kottmeier, in his opening statement, Mr. Kochis in his closing
statement, have both indicated that we had the act of a
desperate man who had been turned down, he couldn't get a car,
he couldn't get money, and therefore the Ryens were murdered.

20 The problem is that doesn't compute.

There was money in Peggy Ryen's purse, there was money on the counter, in plain view, in the living room of the house right near the spot where the killers took the beer. Had the crime been one of robbery, the money was available; had the crime been one to try and get something valuable for a person like Mr. Cooper, who had no money at that point in time, there were many valuable things in the Ryen house which were not

28 disturbed which were not taken.

to the lumber yard while people were searching all around him.

- Rather than make a move, which would draw attention to himself, 1 2 he lay low on top of the lumber. He then went up to the 2991 residence. Rather than seek to escape from that residence 3 immediately, he lay low until the search had died down for him. A person that takes that kind of care to avoid 5 6 directing attention to himself, Mr. Kottmeier is going to 7 believe, have you believe that for some reason, which we have no 8 evidence about whatsoever, Mr. Cooper did the one thing in the world that would insure that at some point in time he would be 9 10 caught. Mr. Cooper is supposed to, after lying low for so long, 11 have committed a crime which would cause international pursuit 12 for him to be launched. Mr. Cooper, who, had this crime not 13 occurred, probably still would be at loose, did something for no 14 reason, which is going to make sure that he's caught and severely punished. That doesn't make sense. There is no 15 evidence -- there may be speculation, there may be rhetoric, but 16 17 there is no evidence to explain why Mr. Cooper would have done 18 that. There is an instruction that should be given that 19
- 20 the prosecution does not have to prove motive. That is the law. 21 However, there is also in that instruction the following language: "You may consider motive or lack of motive of 22 23 circumstances in this case. Presence of a motive may tend to 24 establish guilt, absence of motive may tend to establish 25 innocence. You will, therefore, give its presence or absence, 26 which the case may be, the weight to which you find it 27 entitled."
- In this particular case, the failure of the

- 1 prosecution to produce any evidence of motive is a factor which
- 2 I think you have to take into account in weighing on the side of
- 3 the defense.
- 4 Finally, there are the missing pieces which are
- 5 missing because the San Bernardino Sheriff's office found
- themselves with a crime you normally have which in this
- 7 particular day at that time, that particular time they were
- 8 unequipped to handle. Physical evidence from a crime scene as
- 9 both the prosecution's criminalists and as Dr. Thornton tells
- 10 you, can answer various questions. They don't necessarily
- answer the questions, but they can tell you how many people were
- 12 involved in an assault.
- 13 Was it one, as the prosecution contends, or was it
- 14 three, as Josh orginally said? What are the motives of the
- victims from room to room? Which of Josh's different statements
- is more likely to be true? Physical evidence would have allowed
- us, had it been properly preserved, had there not been gaping
- 18 holes in the evidence which is available, allowed us to piece
- 19 that together. It would have allowed us to determine the issue
- 20 as to were there three assailants or one. Now, you are left to
- 21 speculate, you don't know. You don't know.
- The law does not require you, nor should it, punish
- 23 the prosecution for doing a lousy investigation, but the law
- 24 does say that the prosecution has the burden of bringing
- 25 evidence into court, sufficient to convince you beyond a
- 26 reasonable doubt that the charges are true.
- When they fail to preserve, to bring in, to produce
- 28 the evidence which would have allowed us, not through

- 1 speculation, not through rhetoric, not through theater, not
- 2 through fudged testimony, but allowed us, scientifically both
- 3 sides having an opportunity to examine it, so that any conflicts
- 4 could be brought to your attention scientifically to decide the
- 5 case, that in itself is going a long way to establish a
- 6 reasonable doubt.
- 7 There was evidence in this particular case, in
- 8 addition to the initial statement of Josh, that there was more
- 9 than one assailant. There are footprints, shoeprints, that
- 10 appear. A wavy patterns appears.
- So, here in the living room, a wavy pattern appears
- on the spa, a wavy pattern appears in luminol here, and here
- inside the Ryen crime scene. We are at a loss to evaluate just
- 14 how significant that evidence is. We are at a loss as far as
- that particular footprint is concerned, because the prosecution
- 16 didn't make any sketches, didn't take any photographs of it at
- 17 the scene.

- 18 We are at a loss for those particular patterns
- 19 because the prosecution criminalists were too inexperienced to
- 20 realize if it they took it back to the lab the pattern would be
- 21 destroyed by the capillary action of the luminol seeping into
- 22 the carpets. I don't know why we don't have those particular
- 23 patterns. We have a sketch, we have a sketch of the one in the
- 24 Lease bedroom.
- The prosecution has attempted, through the course
- of the evidence, perhaps to try and explain these particular
- 27 footprints, to try and show that this does not indicate another
- 28 set of footprints, a different possible assailant.

How have they tried to do that? They tried to say,
well, you can't be sure about those particular footprints
because we botched the scene, we had 80 people tromping through
the house at various times.

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First, we had Mr. Coins, who was supposed to be a

- likely suspect. Fortunately he wasn't in the right places at
  the right time. Then we had Mr. Coronado, who may had the wavy
  shoes, another Sheriff's officer, but he wasn't in the right
  places at the right time. Finally we had Mr. Fields who perhaps
  would be the person who would clean up those footprints as far
  as the prosecution is concerned.
- However, Mr. Fields' shoes don't quite match the
  patterns that were found and sketched by Marty Smith as she
  indicated. There are some evidence that there were at least
  three, maybe four, maybe five weapons used during the course of
  this particular attack.
- Now, obviously that doesn't prove anything beyond a reasonable doubt, but it is certainly suggestive that Mr.

  Cooper, at the most, no matter what Mr. Arthur attempted to ackowledge about him being ambidextrous, might show at the most, two hands.
- Dr. Root, at the autopsy, described to Mr.
- 23 Stockwell, the most likely knife and the knife that could not
- 24 have made all the stab wounds. Dr. Root then at the preliminary
- changed his mind. Why did he change his mind? Because Mr.
- 26 Kottmeier suggested to him, showed him, whatever, a photograph
- 27 which Dr. Root claims that he had never seen before, never
- 28 thought of that particular type of knife. The type of knives --

- and you can see the photographs in evidence -- were common Buck
- 2 knives; the type that are found in all kinds of hardware stores
- 3 all over the country. And the testimony was that those very
- 4 knives were shown to Dr. Root himself. Dr. Root would appear to
- 5 be switching his testimony. He wants to make it consistent with
- 6 Kevin Cooper's. It doesn't matter if the facts are a little bit
- 7 off, we will change them a little bit to make it consistent with
- 8 one assailant.
- 9 The patterns. There are patterns on the various
- 10 victims of the wounds. It just so happens that they tend to
- ll group into a shorter knife and a longer knife.
- Dr. Root says, of course, the nature of the
- 13 patterns is -- well, it could have been a knife not going all
- 14 the way in. Look at some of the groupings of those wounds. I
- 15 warned you at the beginning of the case, I don't wish to be
- 16 morbid and dwell upon this sort of thing, but unfortunately the
- 17 physical evidence in this case is not pleasant; we have to
- 18 consider it.
- Jessica, 8, 9 and 10, all the same depth, all given
- 20 one, two, three, right in a row because they're all grouped
- 21 together. Is it likely that a knife longer than ten centimeters
- long is going to penetrate the exact same depth each time if it
- 23 is not being thrust in all the way? Many other type of patterns
- 24 like that suggest that there are weapons coming from right and
- 25 from the left.
- 26 Look at the patterns that were developed by Dr.
- 27 Root. Doesn't prove it beyond a reasonable doubt, that's true,
- 28 but they are suggestive that we have more than one attacker

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involved in this particular case. Being able to try and compute
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       some of these wounds with the blood patterns on the walls, could
       well have allowed us to distort that question out with greater
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       certainty than we can from the autopsy evidence alone.
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                    But we don't know where any of the various patterns
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       of blood even that we have samples of came from in that
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       particular room. Mr. Stockwell and Ms. Schechter didn't bother
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       to make annotations of where they got the blood sufficient to
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      allow anybody, including themselves, to interpret those patterns
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      even from the patterns from which we still have blood.
                   There is some evidence attempted, by Dr. Thornton,
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      that Jessica may have been outside during the course of the
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      attack. Mr. Rochis has suggested an alternate explanation.
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      These burrs leaped off of one assailant and got transferred to
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      her while the assailant bent over her. You can look at the
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      burrs yourself, they're all in evidence, and see if those are
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      the kind of burrs that easily fall off a piece of cloth once
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      they become attached to it.
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                   Somehow, if that's the case, somehow those burrs
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      managed to attach themselves to the assailant during the time
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      that a hundred blows were being struck during the time that
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      intense struggle was going on in that master bedroom, and
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There was even evidence that might have permitted an inference from the bathroom. We know that there was some blood around that bathroom; we know that there was some blood around that bathroom; we know that officers were using this

off. Suggestions that that is extremely unlikely.

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- particular bathroom before anybody got around to inspecting it
- on the morning of June the 6th. We'll never know whether the
- 3 blood in the second bathroom came from Dr. Root in washing his
- 4 hands or came from another assailant washing his hands, because
- 5 the scene was not properly protected.
- 6 How does the prosecution try and get around that
- 7 evidence of two bathrooms, more than one assailant? They say,
- 8 well, we will -- we don't know because we botched the crime
- 9 scene. We let Dr. Root wash his hands when he had blood on
- 10 them.
- 11 Their defense to the evidence was, would suggest
- 12 that there is physical evidence which supports Mr. Cooper's
- innocence is, we botched the crime scene. The very thing that
- they have steadfastly so long tried to dissuade you of during
- 15 their cross-examination of the various witnesses called by the
- 16 defense.
- 17 Finally, there is other pieces of physical evidence
- 18 that have become somewhat fudged. We know that footprint, the
- 19 Pro Red foot impression, that was found inside the Lease house,
- 20 according to the testimony of Bill Baird, came from a nearly new
- 21 shoe. In an investigation there was a form of timing that one
- needs to have that is different from the dramatic timing, that
- 23 comes out in court.
- 24 One needs to interview witnesses after one witness
- 25 has been pinned down but before another witness testifies. That
- 26 is what happened in this particular case. Mr. Baird testified
- on, I believe, December 11th or 12th of 1983, that it was in the
- 28 early -- excuse me. Mr. Cooper testified on January 2nd, 1983,

- excuse me, back off, I'm in the wrong year.
- 2 Mr. Baird testified in December of 1984, for the
- 3 first time that it was a nearly new shoe that was involved. Mr.
- 4 Cooper testified for the first time on January 2nd, 1985, that
- 5 he had been given a new pair of shoes before Mr. Cooper
- 6 testified, before the Department of Corrections could see
- 7 exactly where we were coming from. Mr. Forbush went down on
- 8 December 27, 1984, and talked to Sidney Mason, the man pointed
- 9 out from a lineup card of all the different officers in the
- 10 California Institution for Men as the person who had given him a
- ll pair of used Pro Ked tennis shoes.
- 12 Lo and behold, on tape, in the presence of Teresa
- 13 Cordua, the California Department of Corrections interviewer,
- 14 Mr. Mason read that he had given a tall thin black inmate a pair
- 15 of used Pro Ked tennis shoes. Of course, Mr. Mason comes into
- 16 court and says, oh, they're new Pro Ked tennis shoes a month
- 17 later. But the taped statement indicates that his original
- 18 statement before he had an opportunity to be prepared, before
- 19 anybody had an opportunity to recognize the significance was
- 20 that they were used shoes given to Mr. Cooper on May the 3rd,
- 21 1983.
- 22 If that is the case, of course, then unless for
- 23 some reason -- well, if that is the case then those could not
- 24 have been the tennis shoes that made the foot impression in the
- 25 pool room, they were not nearly new, and Mr. Mason at that point
- 26 corroborated. The prosecution evidence about it, however,
- 27 tended to shift it to become consistent with the theory that Mr.
- 28 Cooper was the person responsible for the crime.

the instructions of law which we've had in this country for many

years was designed, the instruction that you do not find anybody

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     considerable amount of evidence which points to his quilt. We
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This is the kind of case with an unpopular

defendant where there is rational evidence not concocted by the

defense, coming out of witnesses who were even hostile to the

defense, where there is a reasonable doubt as to Kevin Cooper's

guilt.

I hope that you will all go back, talk it over amongst yourselves for however long it is and come up with a just result, which is a verdict of not guilty.

18 Thank you.

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19 THE COURT: Mr. Negus, thank you very much.

Mr. Kottmeier, you may conclude.

21 MR. KOTTMEIER: Thank you, your Honor.

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, there is a term that Mr. Negus has repeatedly used throughout this trial that is a term of his own making. It is a term that says that law enforcement in this particular case botched the scenes, that law enforcement is responsible for the destruction of evidence, that law enforcement has some ulterior motive in the way in which evidence and witnesses were handled in this case. Those

- are only the words of a defense attorney.
- What about his own expert? What did Mr. Thornton
- 3 say about the law enforcement agencies of San Bernadino County?
- 4 Mr. Thornton said he was somewhat critical, but he never used
- 5 the term "botched." And to that most important question that
- 6 was asked of Dr. Thornton, he said that there was professional
- 7 law enforcement which was openminded regarding the investigative
- 8 leads that were available to the San Bernadino County Sheriff's
- 9 Office.
- 10 The only interest the San Bernadino County
- 11 Sheriff's Office had in the approach to the particular crime
- 12 that occurred June the 4th, 1983, was to investigate it and to
- find the person responsible for that terrible murder.
- Mr. Negus, when he first addressed Mr. Kochis'
- 15 chart, said everything was fishy with this chart. It's
- 16 interesting that Mr. Negus did not deal with the tobacco. He
- 17 did not discuss with you at all the tobacco found both at the
- 18 hideout and at the Ryen car. He did not talk to you about the
- 19 hand-rolled cigarette that was present in the seat of the Ryen
- 20 automobile.
- 21 In this particular case Mr. Negus suggests to you
- 22 that there is a need to show motive. You will be instructed, as
- 23 he suggested, that motive is not an element of the crime. Why a
- 24 crime occurs is something that is very difficult, at times
- 25 impossible to explain.
- I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that this is
- 27 a crime of extreme violence. It is a crime involving the
- 28 frustrated lashing out, the exhbition of anger that virtually

- knows no bounds. There is no explanation. There can be no
   explanation for such a crime.
- The defendant in this case is the kind of man that
- 4 lays low and waits for his chance, waits for his opportunity,
- 5 maximizes the chances that he has available to himself to
- 6 accomplish his goals for his own end.
- 7 The defense has discussed multiple assailants. He
- 8 says that there may have been more than one assailant. There is
- 9 no reasonable evidence that you've heard in the past four months
- 10 to show that any multiple group of individuals is responsible
- 11 for this particular crime.

- 12 Let's discuss for just a moment some of the
- 13 thoughts in regard to multiple assailants. We have present in
- each victim hatchet wounds, chops, as well as stab and incision
- 15 wounds. Is that consistent with more than one attacker? I
- 16 submit for your consideration that it is not.
- 17 Why is that? If you have more than one attacker,
- 18 one carrying a hatchet, one carrying a knife, would you expect
- 19 to see an equal distribution of wounds over each victim? Would
- 20 you expect to see both chop and stab marks to everyone that is
- 21 attacked? Would you expect that the last victim that is
- 22 attacked would receive two chop wounds and two stab wounds? Are
- 23 the multiple attackers, as the defense might ask you to infer,
- 24 exchanging off the victims so that each victim gets the
- 25 advantage of the particular weapon that they are carrying? Of
- 26 course not. But it is consistent with someone who has a hatchet
- in one hand and a knife in the other hand.
- 28 If you have more than one attacker, is it likely

1	that all of the attackers would decide that they would leave the
2	valuables behind, such as the video camera, such as the money?
3	We will go one step further. There are many
4	situations that are just absolutely intolerable to individuals,
5	and I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that the killing of
6	children is something that you will not find multiple
7	individuals casually out to commit a crime such as this that
8	they could agree on or even let one of their group accomplish.
9	There is a special coldness associated with killing
10	children. It is the kind of frustrated anger that lashes out
11	from a mind of a single person.
12	One of the questions that you heard raised by Mr.
13	Negus, and I want to put it in terms of a question, was a
14	suggestion that, well, what about the groupings of the wounds,
15	from Dr. Root we've got similar depths and so on. All of those
L <b>6</b>	are artificial categories created by the defense. The depth of
17	wounds just out of sheer happenstance may at times agree, be the
8	same with other wounds. It tells you nothing about the
9	sequence. It tells you nothing about the particular motion that
20	was used to make those wounds.
21	All of you I'm sure realize that in this case the
22	number of wounds involved could be inflicted very quickly by
23	someone wielding both a hatchet and a knife.
4 -	Dr. Root specifically told us that in regard to
.5	some of the wounds the victim would virtually be rendered
6	defenseless with the first blow if that was the one that was
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I would suggest to you, ladies and gentlemen, that

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- if you look at the victims you will see with the blood on the
- 2 pillow, with the blood distributed over the bed, that it is
- 3 likely that Doug and Peg Ryen were first attacked in the head
- 4 within the bed.
- 5 More than that, you won't find any cut marks other
- 6 than those taken for testing on the top sheet. You didn't hear
- 7 any testimony in regard to cut or stab marks in any of the
- 8 blankets or the sheets, no, because the blows that first
- 9 received their attention were the blows to the head.
- 10 What about one killer? Is there any question in
- anyone's mind about the ability of one killer to commit this
- 12 particular crime? Let me offer you some thoughts in that
- 13 regard.
- 14 You have adults in bed, a hatchet blow to each of
- 15 them would make each defenseless. There are no cuts to the
- 16 bedding. They are naked adults, which cuts down their ability
- 17 to respond. They had been drinking, which gives them a deeper
- 18 sleep than normal. I'm sure even some of you have had the
- 19 experience that in a deep sleep someone could come into the
- 20 room, walk in, move the bed even, call to you more than once,
- 21 and you still do not wake up, fully able to fight and defend
- 22 yourself.
- On the side of the defendant in this case was fear.
- 24 The fact that the victims were unarmed. The confusion of what's
- 25 happening: Are one of the children sick? Is that what's going
- on here? The last thing that a parent would think of is that
- 27 there is a deadly attack underway in that particular bedroom.
- 28 Maybe any other kind of emergency, but not a deadly attack.

The sequence of arrival as described by Josh. The
people coming in at different times, not all in the bedroom at
the same time. Children are easy victims. The difficulty of
adjusting your eyes to the dark once you have been awakened.
And the fact that I will refer to a little bit later on, that
Josh saw only one attacker.

Within this particular case an area that was dealt

Within this particular case an area that was dealt with very casually and quickly that came from the defense' own expert is the area of plant burrs. The question that was raised by Mr. Negus is: My goodness, how do did these burrs just jump off on Jessica.

Do you recall the testimony of Dr. Thornton? It was a description of a terrible thing, of a little girl who, after she is dead, having her nightgown pushed up around her neck so that the individual that committed that killing could literally carve on her chest after she was dead.

Look at the number of wounds on the plastic model if you have any question about the amount of time that the individual that did these killings, Kevin Cooper, spent with his victims. And keep in mind, that to carry out that kind of an operation after the victim was dead on the floor, the defendant would have to kneel down next to her and virtually bring his clothing in contact with her clothing. Those particular burrs on the inside of Jessica Ryen's nightgown are the same type of burrs found in the defendant's bedding and in the Ryen automobile, and are very strong evidence of the guilt of Kevin Cooper.

One of our instructions, Mr. Negus talked in terms

- of circumstantial evidence, but he neglected to talk to you
- 2 about the bottom paragraph of that particular instruction. And
- 3 I'd like to at least direct your attention to it for a moment
- 4 now and ask that all of you, when the judge reads the
- instruction, pay close attention to them and think of them as a
- 6 whole not as a piecemeal approach.
- 7 The bottom paragraph of the instruction referred to
- 8 by Mr. Negus is:

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9 "If, on the other hand, one interpretation of such
10 evidence appears to you to be reasonable and the
11 other interpretation appears to be unreasonable,
12 it will be your duty to accept the reasonable
13 interpretation and reject the unreasonable

interpretation.

- Mr. Negus has tried to ask a number of questions
  about the various items of evidence referred to by Mr. Kochis in
  his first conversation with you this morning. The thing that I
  would suggest that you do is understand that when you're dealing
  with the evidence in this case you're dealing with all of it,
  not one item, not just one piece, but all of it.
  - When you take all of the evidence together that we have talked about, there's only one reasonable interpretation, and that is that Kevin Cooper is the man responsible for killing the Ryen family, Chris Hughes, and trying to kill Josh Ryen.
  - It is that combination of evidence, all of the factors coming together that make the difference. It is not one item, one single item, but a combination, and that combination of evidence has only one reasonable interpretation and that is

- that Kevin Cooper is guilty of murder.
- 2 It's kind of interesting as you look at some of the
- 3 things that go on in a trial. I'm somewhat surprised at the
- 4 almost disdain that Mr. Negus referred to Cornelius Shephard.
- 5 In fact, Cornelius Shephard received a great deal of Mr. Negus\*
- 6 attention during the argument.
- 7 How did Cornelius Shephard know what the defendant
- 8 was going to say? Did he look to you like a man that was trying
- 9 to tailor his testimony or maybe a man that had a
- 10 forerecollection and doing his best to recall? Yet despite what
- 11 the defendant has said in this particular case, Cornelius
- 12 Shephard virtually verified what the defendant was saying: That
- 13 he saw the defendant running away from prison; that the
- 14 defendant had a camp type jacket or one that looked like it.
- 15 What the defendant was doing? Waving at Mr. Shephard. You
- 16 won't forget that statement, I'm sure, and yet the defense in
- 17 this particular case wants to paint Cornelius Shephard as
- 18 someone that is, for lack of a better term, untruthful.
- The same kind of handling of Mr. Fletcher occurred.
- 20 Well, you didn't write a report about the violation of seeing
- 21 Mr. Cooper out of bounds, did you? And then the defendant tells
- 22 us, "Yeah, he was out of bounds. Yes, he was confronted by Mr.
- 23 Fletcher. It was an illustration that I suggest that you keep
- 24 in mind when evaluating the statements of the attorneys in this
- 25 case.

- 26 What is the attitude of the attorneys as far as
- 27 their handling of the questioning of witnesses and their
- 28 handling of the arguments that are being presented to you?

Let's discuss some specifics. First of all, the 1 2 Ryen house. Now, ladies and gentlemen, you've been out at the Ryen house and you know that in effect when you walk around that 3 house you just can't miss the Ryen house from the hideout house. 5 What about seeing the Ryen house from inside? I 6 submit to you that once you've noticed it on the hill and once 7 you're an escaped convict, that particular residence, the same 8 as the Lease residence, the same as the Edwards' house, are 9 going to receive your attention as long as you hope to stay free 10 from custody. 11 Well, what about Marty Smith? She's assigned to do diagrams of footprints. She's not in that house for the purpose 12 of trying to case it, for the purpose of assuring her own 13 14 security. But more important, you have to consider the 15 perspective of an individual that is looking for a way, for a 16 way out of Chino Hills. Now there is a concern that has been raised, for 17 example, about the location of the hatchet. According to Mr. 18 19 Negus' argument, whether it was in the drawer, whether it was on 20

the fireplace. I want to offer you an illustration at this point. There's no need to argue over details such as whether 21 it's on the fireplace or in a drawer when in effect the hatchet, 22 23 Exhibit 42, is the murder weapon. Does it make much different 24 whether it was in the drawer or whether it was on the fireplace? Kevin Cooper said he was in the same drawer that Vickie Lang 25 testified that she had put it in a few weeks earlier. Does it 26 make any difference whether Mr. Cooper removed the hatchet from 27 the drawer or he took it from the fireplace? Of course not. 28

- 1 There's no issue in this case. Even Dr. Thornton says Exhibit
- 2 42 is the murder weapon.
- 3 Mr. Stockwell it was suggested is inexperienced,
- 4 ignorant; he has biases, motives. For example, as he becomes
- 5 educated, I gather by the form of that particular argument, Mr.
- 6 Negus is taking some credit for education. I submit to you,
- 7 ladies and gentlemen, that when an expert testifies, you may
- 8 communicate your information at different levels of detail.
- 9 Dr. Root can give you a general opinion which will
- 10 have one form or he can literally, and I mean literally, discuss
- 11 each cut, slice, and so on, of an autopsy. Is it necessary? Of
- 12 course not. Does the fact that he leaves out some of the
- 13 details in an early opinion mean that he is being untruthful
- 14 with you? Of course not. It only means that the expert is
- 15 trying to gauge the level of simplicity to the task at hand. It
- does not mean that because he becomes more detailed later on in
- 17 his explanation that that he is based or untruthful.
- In addition, something that was ignored or left out
- 19 by Mr. Negus in this particular discussion is that not only was
- 20 it Mr. Stockwell, but Craig Ogino that performed the tests in
- 21 this Bilbia bathroom as well as the area in the hallway with the
- 22 footprints, the area in front of the closet, and the circle
- 23 area, that you will recall the closet that Mr. Cooper used as a
- 24 hideout bedroom and the sink next to the shower. And what else
- was in that sink, an area that wasn't discussed by the defense?
- 26 Human blood, as found by Dr. Morton, and the hair of Jessica
- 27 Ryen.
- In regard to the defendant's statements, the

- defense would have you suggest or think that Mr. Cooper may have
  just had an innocent misrecollection. Was that the tone of his
  testimony as he talked to you from this witness stand? Every
  item that had any blood on it the defendant denied knowledge of
- or even seeing in that particular bedroom.

  I am not sure what is being suggested. It may be
  that maybe the defense is suggesting that someone else came
  along of after Mr. Cooper left and found that such a desirable
  location that they moved in right behind Mr. Cooper, went up,
  did the murders, came down and used that as a headquarters.

That's as unreasonable as it sounds when you first say it.

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crime scene.

- There is only one reasonable interpretation of all
  the evidence in that bedroom. Mr. Kochis referred you to it,
  that is, the defendant brought those items there. That was a
  vacant bedroom, not the kind of location that anyone would
  return to after the commission of a crime, unless you were an
  escaped criminal that was now putting together the remnants of
  the items that he wanted to take with him from the particular
  - Notice something else very interesting. When you compare these two homes, the hideout house with the Ryen house, what is it that you find? Neither house is ransacked. The drawers aren't pulled out and dumped upside down. And only the items that the defendant needs specifically for that particular point in time are missing after Saturday, June the 4th.
- 26 What items are missing from this particular house, 27 the hideout house? Clothes. From the Ryen house? A car. Who 28 else in the Chino Hills on Saturday, June the 4th, had the need

for those kinds of items? 1 But in addition, Mr. Cooper in his testimony I 2 3 submit to you gave you the opportunity to see him. You were able to see the killing countenance of Mr. Cooper. You could look into his eyes. You could see the change between the time 5 that Mr. Negus is asking the questions and the time that I am asking the questions. You could see, I submit to you, each time 7 8 Mr. Cooper felt that he was damaged, each time that it looked like the lie was not going to work. 9 10 The defendant took his first chance to escape from 11 Chino Institution for Men. He left there known as David Anthony Trautman. 150 law enforcement officers combed the area looking 12 for him. 13 The defendant said that he had available friends in 14 15 Los Angeles who would help. He didn't tell us who they were. In addition, he tells us and asks you to believe that based upon 16 17 and Azure Seas commercial, he changes his location from Los 18 Angeles where his friends are to Mexico. Reasonable or 19 unreasonable? 20 The only reason I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that he changed the location of his destination after 21 22 escape is because he had committed such a terrible crime. United States could no longer be his home. But in addition, 23 24 when offered the opportunity to gc to Costa Rica, even Mexico was too close to the scene of his crime to stay around. 25

Williams in a phone call to the defendant, or by the defendant

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to her on Monday night.

Consider in addition the statement of Diane

1	MR. NEGUS: Objection. This is definitely beyond the							
2	scope of rebuttal.							
3	THE COURT: Counsel, I have been waiting for an							
4	objection.							
5	Stick to rebuttal argument, Mr. Kottmeier.							
6	Sustained.							
7	MR. KOTTMEIER: Shift to another area. Let's talk about							
8	blood for a moment.							
9	Within the blood, all along that sample of blood							
10	which came from the Ryen home, A-41, here in the hallway, Dan							
11	Gregonis in his analysis of that was consistent. Each time that							
12	he analyzed the blood he found it to be the same as Kevin							
13	Cooper. What was it, if anything, that was changed in regard to							
14	his opinion? Only the name. He found the results from A-41 and							
15	Kevin Cooper's blood the same. All he did was change the label.							
16	But more than that, recall that in analysis done by							
17	Brian Wrzxall of not only the victims' blood but the defendant's							
18	blood as well? He verified the results of Dan Gregonis.							
19	Recall in addition the defense expert which said							
20	that based upon his analysis he could not exclude the defendant							
21	in this case as the donor, the person that left the blood behind							
22	in the murder scene.							
23	At no time did you hear Dr. Blake say Dan Gregonis							
24	was wrong. At no time did you hear Dr. Blake say, "I have an							
25	opinion that is different than Dan Gregonis's."							
26	I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that as far							
27	as the blood results are concerned the evidence is clear.							
28	An area that has been glossed over as far as its							

- 1 importance to this particular case is the shoe impression. In
- 2 listening to what Mr. Negus had to say, I submit to you, ladies
- 3 and gentlemen, that you may have had a similar difficulty in
- 4 understanding what he was saying about the bloody shoe
- 5 impression on the sheet, as I did.
- 6 You recall even Dr. Thornton said that this
- 7 particular shoe impression would have had to have been done when
- 8 the blood was wet and flowing, not coagulated. You recall that
- 9 Dr. Thornton agreed with the prosecution that that print was
- 10 left by the killer, and in addition that it is consistent with a
- 11 prison type tennis shoes.
- In regard to the statements, though, of Mr. Negus,
- 13 the issue here is not how the defendant got his prison tennis
- 14 shoes, it's what the defendant did with those prison tennis
- 15 shoes on his feet.
- It is the defendant that has prison tennis shoes at
- 17 the hideout house, and it is the defendant that is able to walk
- 18 with those prison tennis shoes up the hill and leave the bloody
- 19 signature on the sheet of the Ryen bedroom during the time that
- 20 his crime is being committed.
- 21 The defense wants to discuss new versus used and
- 22 Mr. Mason, and suggests that this is the prosecution developing
- 23 somehow Mr. Mason to our uses. Mr. Mason was a defense witness.
- 24 He was a witness that you heard testify. In addition, Mr. Mason
- 25 said he hadn't talked to Sergeant Arthur, he hadn't talked to
- 26 any representative of the prosecution whatsoever. It's very
- 27 interesting to hear the suggestion that somehow the prosecution
- 28 has been able to manipulate Mr. Mason. I submit to you, ladies

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and gentlemen, for your consideration the thought that Mr. Mason
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- 2 is just giving you his best recollection of the situation as he
- 3 recalls it now. But more importantly, this is really not much
- 4 of an issue because Mr. Baird said that the tennis shoes were
- 5 nearly new, not brand new, but nearly new, and further that they
- 6 were not heavily worn. That gives you a great range of ability
- 7 to deal with the particular issue without getting involved in
- 8 Mr. Mason or Mr. Taylor or either of the two gentlemen.
- A couple of minor notes referred to by Mr. Negus
- is, well, maybe business that strap was from the knife sheath.
- 11 Obviously the strap is black; Mr. Lang said that his sheath was
- 12 brown. You recall also the testimony of the Langs that maybe
- 13 that strap has to do with holding gloves together or with horse
- 14 paraphernalia, that is, a portion of a saddle or something such
- 15 as that. You are dealing with a number of items within that
- 16 particular house as you saw it that are not necessarily the
- 17 kinds of items that you would normally find around your house or
- 18 my house.
- 19 As far as the knife is concerned, Mr. Lang said
- 20 that he saw it within his closet and that it is missing, and he
- 21 adheres to the fact that the diagram that he drew here in court
- 22 is a diagram of a knife he no longer has in his possession.
- 23 And that particular diagram is one which Dr. Root
- 24 says in shape is consistent with having made all of the stab and
- 25 incision wounds that he found on the victims in this particular
- 26 case.
- 27 As far as the rope and Kathy Bilbia. You recall
- 28 that Kathy Bilbia lived only in a portion of the house. Kathy

- 1 Bilbia did not necessarily go into the Lang bedroom and see what
- things they had. She wasn't like a Kevin Cooper. She didn't
- 3 use the middle bedroom or the bedroom closest to the front door.
- 4 In fact, we have no evidence that Kathy Bilbia even had any
- 5 association with the garage.
- 6 Final area that I'd like to refer to as far as the
- 7 evidence, the statements of Josh Ryen. It is amazing at times
- 8 to hear what can be made of a little boy, a little boy that has
- 9 survived a tragedy. In fact, if you recall, ladies and
- 10 gentlemen, as you listened to the tape of Mr. Sexton and their
- ll efforts to save Josh's life, you could almost hear in Mr.
- 12 Sexton's voice the feeling that this child is not going to
- 13 survive.
- In regard to Josh, we heard suggestions of, well,
- 15 Mr. Sharp should have recorded his questions. You heard the
- description of the hospital personnel as to the emergency state
- 17 that the emergency room was in.
- This particular case, it was very early in the
- 19 discovery of the crime. Is Mr. Sharp, Deputy Sharp making an
- 20 effort to hide things, to change things? Of course not. He's
- 21 making an effort to find as best he can the information that
- 22 Josh has available. You almost get the impression from
- 23 listening to the defense argue that Deputy Sharp goes upstairs
- 24 to the CAT Scan room to get Josh's story straight in some form
- or fashion. Is that consistent with the gentle man that you saw
- 26 here testify?
- 27 In fact, speaking of that, let's talk about Hector
- 28 C'Campo, kind of a big bear of a man, a man who treated Josh

- with concern and gentleness. Do you think that Linda Headley or
- 2 Dr. Howell would have allowed Hector O'Campo to begin
- 3 questioning Josh the first day that he comes in contact with
- 4 him? And did Hector O'Campo look like the type of person who
- 5 would do that?
- I know, I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that
- 7 he is the kind of man that takes a note from a little boy: "How
- 8 is mom and dad?", and at that particular point in time doesn't
- 9 even have the ability to answer the question much less try and
- 10 discuss with that little boy in that condition the attackers or
- 11 the assailants.
- 12 Yet we've heard Hector O'Campo called a liar with
- 13 ulterior motives. And there's no middle ground in the way in
- which Mr. Negus has dealt with Hector O'Campo, both as a witness
- on the witness stand and in front you, ladies and gentlemen, no
- 16 middle ground whatsoever.
- 17 And yet when we listen to Dr. Hoyle, who was
- 18 present during O'Campo's later interview, what does Dr. Hoyle
- 19 tell us about Hector O'Campo's style? He is a man just looking
- 20 for answers, asking questions, making no suggestions, not
- 21 leading the child at all.
- 22 What does Dr. Hoyle say about Josh's initial
- 23 statement of three Mexicans? Remember, with O.C. Josh left that
- 24 portion out? Dr. Hoyle says it's a little boy trying to make
- 25 sense of a senseless act.

- 26 Hector O'Campo did not alter Josh's memory. We
- 27 have Dr. Hoyle's observations. We have from Josh the same basic
- 28 story to different people at different times that have been both

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                    Even in the Forbes tape, the audio tape, Josh
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      doesn't recall what he said to O.C.. During the entire time
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      and gentlemen got a chance to hear, the story that shows that
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      there was just just one attacker: Kevin Cooper with a hatchet
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      victims, and even Josh Ryen, depend on you to apply the
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                   And for those innocent victims, I submit to you
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      that the law and the evidence means that Kevin Cooper is guilty.
             THE COURT: Counsel, we thank you all. Ladies and
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      gentlemen, I have about 30 minutes of instructions to give to
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      you, and I think I shall give them to you today and then let you
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      go out and at least select a foreman today before you break.
                   I don't want to give them to you now. I think you
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      need a recess before we go with that. So let's take one more
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      recess when all 16 of you shall continue to be together, and
      following that I will give you the instructions, then we will
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      adjourn later today.
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     mind. Let's take a 20 minute recess, please.
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27 (Chambers conference reported.)

28 MR. ROCHIS: It's my initiation.

- 1 THE COURT: I believe Mr. Kottmeier is missing.
- 2. MR. KOCHIS: It appears that way. I can speak on his
- 3 behalf.
- 4 THE COURT: For the record, the defendant is present with
- 5 Mr. Negus and Mr. Kochis. Yes, sir.
- 6 MR. KOCHIS: The lawyers as well as the members of the
- 7 victims family and the members of Chino Hills have some concern
- 8 about the verdict.
- 9 Mr. Negus wants to know what the Court is going to
- 10 require from the counsel in term of availability.
- 11 The members of the family of the victims and
- 12 friends want to know what steps can be taken so that they can be
- 13 here for the verdict.
- 14 THE COURT: I would expect that no verdict will be
- 15 quickly forthcoming, and that the jurors will work long and hard
- 16 and agonize before a verdict is arrived at one way or or the
- other, if one is ever arrived at. And I do not intend once it
- is obtained to wait for a matters of hours for people to come
- 19 from San Bernadino or something like that and keep the jurors in
- 20 a secluded position during that time.
- 21 You know, I can understand their desire, but we can
- 22 wait for an hour, perhaps, but that's about the maximum that I'd
- 23 like to wait.
- MR. KOCHIS: Three of the people are in this courtroom at
- 25 the present time.
- I believe Mr. Negus expressed some interest, if I'm
- 27 not putting words in his mouth, to be in Ontario. He could be
- in this courtroom within a certain period of time.

- I can make myself available. I can stay in San
  Diego. Mr. Kottmeier has a more difficult situation.
- THE COURT: Counsel, I think Mr. Negus should be here,
- and I think at least one prosecutor should be here throughout
- 5 deliberations. In this kind of a case I can foresee all sorts
- of inquiry from the jury to where we need you. And while I'm
- 7 sure we could work out a telephonic communication on the record,
- 8 that's not the very best. I would prefer you be here.
- 9 It may mean that -- I'm going to go ahead with
- 10 another case or two in the meantime -- that you would have to
- 11 twiddle your thumbs, but there may be other things you can do
- 12 from here.
- MR. KOCHIS: I don't think Mr. Negus is aware that you
- 14 have agreed to sit on other criminal cases in San Diego. I
- 15 don't know why he is upset.
- 16 THE COURT: I don't know why is it any particular concern
- 17 with him.
- 18 MR. NEGUS: As long as we can start with the penalty
- 19 phase immediately after we get the verdict, if there is a
- 20 penalty phase, I have no problem. We can do it however you
- 21 want.
- 22 THE COURT: How soon would you be ready to go into a
- 23 penalty phase if we get a verdict?
- 24 MR. NEGUS: Half an hour.
- 25 MR. KOCHIS: The problem is I can't do it that fast
- 26 because although Monday morning I will have in my hand a series
- of travel orders ready to sign, they involve travel orders for a
- 28 series of witnesses that are in Pennsylvania. They can't be

- here in a half hour unless the Court wants to gamble on when the
- 2 jury is going to come back.
- 3 THE COURT: I think it unreasonable to start within 24
- 4 hours such a phase if we get to it.
- 5 MR. NEGUS: We have plenty of time to prepare.
- 6 MR. KOCHIS: It's not a question of preparation. I'm not
- 7 asking for time to prepare. I need time to put them on a plane
- 8 and fly them to the West Coast.
- 9 MR. NEGUS: It would seem like -- I can't imagine the
- 10 penalty phase taking more than a day. Mine is not going to take
- ll more than a day. Mine will probably take less than half a day.
- 12 It's not going to be a lengthy thing.
- THE COURT: Counsel, I think about the jurors in that
- 14 type of a situation. They just can't immediately shift gears to
- 15 that extent. They need a night's sleep and a few moments to
- 16 reflect before we resume, if we ever do. It may all be
- 17 premature for all I know.

- 18 MR. NEGUS: Well, that may be true; on the other hand it
- 19 may not. But what I'm suggesting, if they come back with a
- 20 verdict on Wednesday or if they come back with a verdict on
- 21 Thursday, we start on Friday. What if it turns out to -- Can we
- 22 get the people from Pittsburg here the next day.
- 23 TRE COURT: I'm not going to waste a lot of time, but it
- 24 may be 24 hours or a day or two, I don't know. I think it's
- 25 unreasonable to start -- to say everybody be Johnny on the spot
- 26 and come here from Pennsylvania, wherever, and be waiting right
- 27 here. In this type of a case with that heavy subject matter,
- 28 that's not realistic. So that's -- does that answer your

- 1 question?
- MR. KOCHIS: Yes. I have got stuck acting as the
- 3 intermediator -- intermediary for the lawyers now. I know we
- 4 are going to be in San Diego.
- 5 MR. NEGUS: Could I -- They will be out tomorrow?
- 6 THE COURT: Counsel, as far as the two of you being in
- 7 San Bernadino or Ontario, you are two hours roughly from the
- B Court -- from Ontario. If it was all right with Mr. Kochis
- 9 and --
- We don't have a conference phone here, do we? Or
- 11 do we?
- 12 THE CLERK: There's not one in here, but in some judges'
- 13 chambers there are.
- 14 THE COURT: I will have them check on that. If there's
- some way that we could set Mr. Cooper down where he can hear, a
- 16 reporter and I can hear us, converse with you two on the phone,
- 17 some way where we can set up a conference call and I can read
- you an inquiry from the jury, you can say instruct them in this
- 19 fashion in that manner, maybe we can work something out. I
- don't particularly like to do it, but in this case this jury
- 21 could be out for a week or more.
- MR. NEGUS: Yes, and my office is greatly understaffed
- 23 right now, so that's one of the reasons why I'm anxious to at
- 24 least lend a hand if I can.
- 25 THE COURT: You don't expect to get tied up in another
- 26 case in an actual court, do you?
- 27 MR. NEGUS: Not to be in trial, no, but there's a lot of
- 28 administrative things that need to be done.

- THE COURT: There's some more work that needs to be done
  with reference to penalty phase instructing.
- 3 MR. NEGUS: Penalty phase instructions, I don't think we
- 4 even -- I will probably have it. If we get to that I will
- 5 probably have a set of them totally different from CALJIC. I
- 6 think CALJIC are probably unconstitutional and they have been
- 7 given in prior cases, so I didn't submit penalty phase
- 8 instructions till we get there.
- 9 THE COURT: I understand. That's one thing that you
- 10 could be working on both of you.
- 11 MR. NEGUS: I will be prepared for the penalty phase, as
- 12 I say, whenever the jury -- if they come back with a verdict
- 13 tomorrow, I'm ready.
- 14 THE COURT: Well, they are not going to come back with a
- 15 verdict tomorrow. They can't sift through almost 800 items of
- evidence by tomorrow, and that looks to me like a hardworking
- jury. However, I certainly know that I can't predict what a
- jury will do. I never know. So that's the best I can do for
- 19 you.
- 20 Anything else?
- 21 MR. KOCHIS: No.
- 22 MR. NEGUS: If we could -- if we could -- I know Judge
- 23 Ziebarth will normally allow us to use his conference phone in
- 24 his chambers --
- 25 THE COURT: Just one second.
- 26 This is from Roselyn Aguinaga, the alternate juror,
- 27 to me:
- 28 Please, would it be possible for the alternates

- once the jury deliberates to remain in the courtroom or stay
- 2 around the jury lounge? I feel for myself coming this far along
- 3 I would very much like to come every day until the verdict is
- 4 reached. Also, I only have a message phone and would feel
- 5 better being here even as an observer in the courtroom.\*\*
- 6 MR. NEGUS: I'm uncomfortable having her as an observer
- 7 in the courtroom.
- 8 MR. KOCHIS: In the jury lounge is no problem, but with
- 9 us meeting informally in the courtroom, no matter what it's
- 10 about, there would be a danger that something could happen that
- 11 would influence her and she would be the very name we draw.
- THE COURT: Would it be all right then to let her wait in
- 13 the courthouse at the jury lounge without having her under
- 14 guard?
- MR. NEGUS: That's fine. I don't have any problem with
- 16 that.
- 17 THE COURT: I will so instruct, otherwise they can go as
- 18 long as they can be telephone close.
- 19 Anything else?
- 20 MR. NEGUS: Until I get word otherwise, I will be then at
- 21 my apartment which is ten minutes from here. And I would
- 22 like ---
- 23 THE COURT: I assume the clerk has your phone number.
- 24 MR. NEGUS: I think she does. But if it's at all
- 25 possible it would be nice if I could go to Ontario.
- 26 THE COURT: Counsel, I feel real confident about letting
- 27 you both go back to on Ontario tomerrow. I just can't conceive
- 28 of them coming back with a verdict on this case tomorrow. If I

- 1 had to have you back, why, I'm sure we could work it out.
- MR. KOCHIS: That's possible. I would prefer that Mr.
- 3 Negus and I be here tomorrow simply because oftentimes the first
- 4 day of deliberation is when they have questions, and it may be a
- 5 question that is not going to be able to be handled over the
- 6 telephone. I mean, we're here today we might as well be here
- 7 tomorrow.

- 8 MR. NEGUS: How about this? Could we be sure to go on
- 9 Monday because -- there is a gap between Monday --
- 10 We are going to be off on Tuesday, right?
- 11 THE COURT: Yes. We will be here Monday. I Will be here
- 12 Monday will be here, probably Tuesday too.
- MR. NEGUS: I have to be in Ontario on Tuesday anyway to
- do some other stuff which I have set up because we are not going
- 15 to be in court that day. Monday would be the day I would most
- 16 like to have off.
- 17 THE COURT: You mean not be here on Monday?
- 18 MR. NEGUS: Yeah.
- 19 THE COURT: I don't know how Mr. Cooper would feel about
- 20 it, but I want to continue to be able to conduct business as
- 21 much as possible. So if you want to get a waiver from your
- 22 client to the effect that we can -- I can speak with counsel on
- 23 the telephone or have Mr. Rochis present and you by phone,
- 24 however, that I can instruct the jury in your absence, then you
- 25 can be in Ontario, but you got to agree to all that.
- 26 THE DEFENDANT: Can I talk to you outside of the presence
- of everybody else, please?
- 28 MR. NEGUS: That seems like a good idea. Let me talk to

- 1 Mr. Cooper first. I can see that could raise a problem. I will
- 2 try and be here.
- 3 THE COURT: Nothing will be done off the record, of
- 4 course. It's hard.
- 5 MR. NEGUS: I will change my mind. I will be here.
- 6 There was one other thing. Oh, while we are -- while we are
- 7 in -- while the jury is deliberating can Mr. Cooper be kept over
- 8 at the San Diego County jail rather than brought to court every
- 9 day, because we can always get him within a very short time I
- 10 understand if needed.
- 11 THE BAILIFF: I've already discussed that with the
- sheriff's and they tell me that they can leave him right in his
- 13 cell.
- MR. NEGUS: That's fine. That's -- that way he can talk
- 15 to me on the phone. Everything is fine.
- 16 MR. NEGUS: As far as readbacks is concerned, if any
- 17 testimony is needed to be read back I would waive my presence
- 18 and Mr. Cooper's presence while the reporter, that is Mr. Roach
- 19 or --
- 20 THE COURT: Or Mrs. Beard.
- 21 MR. NEGUS: Mrs. Beard -- Donna, reads it back to the
- 22 jury, either in the jury room or in the open court, preferably
- 23 in the jury room, and that just involves them reading back parts
- 24 of the testimony.
- 25 THE COURT: What I would do in that case, if that's all
- 26 right with you, I would on the record first tell the jurors that
- 27 I will put her in there, not talk to her, don't ask any
- questions, don't discuss in it her presence. She will read

- until the foreperson tells her to stop. Then I would go on
- 2 about my business if that's all right.
- 3 MR. NEGUS: That's fine with me.
- 4 Is that okay with you, Mr. Cooper?
- 5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 6 THE COURT: And, Mr. Kochis, how do you feel about that?
- 7 MR. KOCHIS: My initial reaction is to waive my presence
- 8 as well. If he's not going to be there and the defendant is not
- 9 going to be there, I won't be there, and just let me talk to Mr.
- 10 Rottmeier about that.
- 11 THE COURT: I won't do this at all on any occasion
- 12 without us straightening it out first what I'm going to do.
- 13 MR. NEGUS: Fine.
- MR. KOCHIS: But I think to make clear what Mr. Negus
- said, if at any time the jury wants anything read back, before
- 16 it's read back we want to be made aware what's going to be read
- 17 back.
- 18 THE COURT: Of course.
- MR. NEGUS: All right. We don't need to be there.
- 20 THE COURT: I've got this already. I don't know how I
- 21 wound up with that.
- 22 MR. KOCHIS: Because the special verdict form did not
- 23 have specific -- the special allegation did not have murder in
- 24 the first degree. It was just one count of murder and it has to
- 25 be murder in the first degree.
- 26 THE COURT: I have the original of that, apparently,
- 27 murder in the first degree.
- 28 MR. KOCHIS: This is a copy.

1	THE COURT: These are just your copies.						
2	THE CLERK: I gave you that.						
3	MR. NEGUS: You gave me that?						
4	THE CLERK: I put the original those are your copies.						
5	THE COURT: The verdicts seem to be proper.						
6	MR. KOCHIS: Then the staff would like a five to ten						
7	minute break, as would the lawyers.						
8	THE COURT: Have they retained you as, counsel,						
9	MR. ROCHIS: Yes.						
10	THE COURT: to speak for them? All right.						
11	MR. NEGUS: Thank you.						
12	THE CLERK: I have a question about the exhibits. None						
13	of the tapes or none of the transcripts are to go into the jury						
14	deliberating room; is that correct?						
15	MR. NEGUS: That's correct.						
16	(Chambers conference concluded.)						
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19	THE COURT: Counsel, would you stipulate that throughout						
20	all sessions of the trial that the defendant, the alternates and						
21	the jurors have all been present with counsel?						
22	MR. NEGUS: Yep.						
23	MR. KOCHIS: Yes.						
24	THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I am going to instruct						
<b>2</b> 5	you as to the law and then have the jurors go back to the jury						
26	room. and then I will give the alternates special instructions						
27	after that.						

All right. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury:

Now that you have heard the evidence we come to that part of the trial where you are instructed as to the applicable law.

I am required to read the instructions to you in open court. In addition, you will have these instructions in their written form in the jury room for use during your deliberation, if you request.

Whether a defendant is to be found guilty or not guilty depends upon both the facts and the law.

10 As jurors you have two duties to perform. One duty
11 is to determine the facts of the case from the evidence received
12 in the trial and not from any other source.

The word "fact" means something that is proved

directly or circumstantially by the evidence, or by an agreement

of counsel. Your other duty is to apply the rules of law that I

state to you to the facts as you determine them, and in this way

to arrive at your verdict.

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It is my duty in these instructions to explain to you the rules of law that apply to this case. You must accept and follow the rules of law as I state them to you.

As jurors you must not be influenced by pity for a defendant, or by prejudice against him. You must not be biased against the defendant because he's been arrested for these offenses, or because he's been charged with a crime, or because he's been brought to trial. None of these circumstances are evidence of his guilt and you must not infer or assume from any or all of them that he's more likely to be guilty than innocent.

You must not be swayed by mere sentiment,

- 1 conjecture, sympathy, passion, prejudice, public opinion or
- 2 public feeling. Both the People and the defendant have a right
- 3 to expect that you will conscientiously consider and weigh the
- 4 evidence and apply the law of the case and that you will reach a
- 5 just verdict regardless of what the consequences of such verdict
- 6 may be.
- 7 The written instructions now being given will be
- 8 made available in the jury room during your deliberations if you
- 9 so request. They must not be defaced in any way.
- You will find that the instructions may be either
- 11 printed, typewritten or handwritten. Some of the printed or
- 12 typewritten instructions may be modified by typing or
- handwriting. Blanks in the printed instructions may be filled
- in by typing or handwriting. Also, portions of the printed or
- 15 typewritten instructions may have been deleted by lining out.
- 16 You are not to be concerned with the reasons for
- 17 any modifications that have been made. Also, you must disregard
- 18 any deleted part of an instruction and not speculate either what
- 19 it was or what is the reason for its deletion.
- 20 Every part of an instruction, whether it is
- 21 printed, typed or handwritten, is of equal importance. You are
- 22 to be governed only by the instruction in its final wording
- whether printed, typed or handwritten.
- 24 If any rule, direction or idea in these
- 25 instructions is repeated or stated in varying ways, no emphasis
- is intended and you must not draw any inference because of its
- 27 repetition. You are not to single out any certain sentence or
- 28 any individual point or instruction and ignore the others. You

should not take precedence over your independent recollection.

If any of you did not take any notes you should rely on your

independent recollection of the evidence and should not be

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1	influenced by the fact that another juror has taken notes.
2	Notes are for the note-takers own personal use in
3	refreshing his or her recollection of the evidence. If any
4	discrepancy exists between your notes and your recollection of
5	the evidence, you may request the record be read to you since
6	the transcript will prevail over your notes.
7	For sake of convenience, the masculine pronoun is
8	used in these instructions applies equally to all persons.
9	Every person who testifies under oath is a witness.
10	You are the sole judges of the believability of the witness, of
11	a witness, and the weight to be given the testimony of each
12	witness.
13	In determining the believability of a witness you
14	may consider anything that has a tendency in reason to prove or
15	disprove the truthfulness of the testimony of the witness
16	including, but not limited, to any of the following:
17	The extent of the opportunity or ability of the
18	witness to see or hear or otherwise become aware of any matter
19	about which the witness has testified.
20	The ability of a witness to remember, or to
21	communicate any matter about which the witness has testified.
22	The character and quality of that testimony.
23	The demeanor and manner of the witness while
24	testifying.
25	The existence or nonexistence of a bias, interest
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1	The attitude of the witness toward the action in
2	which testimony has been given by the witness, or toward the
3	giving of testimony.

A statement previously made by the witness that is consistent or inconsistent with the testimony of the witness.

An admission by the witness of untruthfulness.

A witness' prior conviction of a felony.

The fact that a witness has been convicted of a felony, if such be a fact, may be considered by you only for the purpose of determining the credibility of that witness.

The fact of such conviction does not necessarily destroy or impair the witness' credibility. It is one of the circumstances that you may take into consideration in weighing the testimony of such a witness.

A witness wilfully false in one material part of his testimony is to be distrusted in others. You may reject the whole testimony of a witness who wilfully has testified falsely as to a material point unless from all the evidence you shall believe the probability of truth favors the testimony in other particulars.

However, discrepancies in a witness' testimony, or between his testimony and that of others, if there were any, do not necessarily mean that the witness should be discredited. Failure of recollection is a common experiences, and innocent misrecollection is not uncommon.

It is a fact, also, that two persons witnessing an incident or a transaction often will see or hear it differently. Whether a discrepancy pertains to a fact of importance or only

- to a trivial detail should be considered in weighing its
  significance.
- 3 Evidence that on some former occasion a witness
- 4 made a statement or statements that were consistent or
- 5 inconsistent with his testimony in this trial may be considered
- 6 by you not only for the purpose of testing the credibility of
- 7 the witness, but also as evidence of the truth of the facts as
- 8 stated by the witness on such former occasion.
- 9 In this case, testimony given by a witness at a prior proceeding has been read to you from the reporter's
- ll transcript of that proceeding. You are to consider such
- 12 testimony in the same light and in accordance with the same
- rules which you have been given as to the testimony of witnesses
- 14 who have testified here in court.
- 15 A person is qualified to testify as an expert if he
- has special knowledge, skill, experience, training or education
- 17 sufficient to qualify him as an expert on the subject to which
- 18 his testimony relates.
- Duly qualified experts may give their opinion on
- 20 questions in controversy at a trial. To assist you in deciding
- 21 such questions, you may consider the opinion, with the reasons
- 22 given for it, if any, by the expert who gives the opinion. You
- 23 may also consider the qualifications and credibility of the
- 24 expert.
- In resolving any conflict that may exist in the
- 26 testimony of expert witnesses you should consider the relative
- 27 qualification and credibility of the expert witnesses as well as
- 28 the reasons for each opinion, and the acts and other matters

upon which it was based.

You are not bound to accept an expert opinion as conclusive but should give to it the weight to which you find it to be entitled. You may disregard any such opinion if you find it to be unreasonable.

In examining an expert witness counsel may propound to him a type of question known in the law as a hypothetical question. By such a question the witness is asked to assume to be true a set of facts and to give an opinion based upon that assumption.

In permitting such a question the Court does not rule and does not necessarily find that all the assumed facts have been proved. It only determines that those assumed facts are within the probable or possible range of the evidence.

It is for you, the jury, to find from all the evidence whether or not the facts assumed in a hypothetical question have been proved. And if you should find that any assumption of such a question has not been proved, you are to determine the effect of that failure of proof on the value and weight of the expert opinion based on the assumed facts.

In determining the weight to be given to an opinion expressed by any witness, who did not testify as an expert witness, you should consider his credibility, the extent of his opportunity to perceive the matters upon which his opinion is based, and the reasons, if any, given for it. You are not required to accept such an opinion but should give it the weight, if any, to which you find it to be entitled.

In this case the defendant has testified to certain

- 2 If you find that he failed to explain or deny any
- 3 evidence against him introduced by the prosecution, which he can
- 4 reasonably be expected to deny or explain because of facts
- 5 within his knowledge, you may take that failure into
- 6 consideration as tending to indicate the truth of such evidence
- 7 and as indicated that among the inference that may reasonably
- 8 drawn therefrom, those unfavorable to the defendant are the more
- 9 probable.
- In this connection, however, it should be noted if
- 11 a defendant does not have the knowledge that he would need to
- deny or to explain evidence against him, it would be
- 13 unreasonable to draw an inference unfavorable to him because of
- 14 his failure to deny or explain such evidence.
- 15 The failure of a defendant to deny or explain
- 16 evidence against him does not create a presumption of guilt or
- 17 by itself warrant an inference of guilt, nor does it relieve the
- 18 prosecution of its burden of proving every essential element of
- 19 the crime and the guilt of the defendant beyond a reasonable
- 20 doubt.
- 21 You are not bound to decide in conformity with the
- 22 testimony of a number of witnesses which does not produce
- 23 conviction in your mind as against the testimony of a lesser
- 24 number, or other evidence which appeals to your mind with more
- 25 convincing force.
- This does not mean that you are at liberty to
- 27 disregard the testimony of the greater number of witnesses
- 28 merely from caprice or prejudice or from a desire to favor one

- side as against the other. It does mean that you are not to 1 2 decide an issue by the simple process of counting numbers of witnesses who have testified on the opposing side. It means 3 that the final test is not in the relative number of witnesses 5 but in the relative convincing force of the evidence. Neither side is required to call as witnesses all 6 7 persons who may have been present at any of the events disclosed by the evidence, or who may appear to have some knowledge of 8 9 these events, or to produce all objects or documents mentioned 10 or suggested by the evidence. 11 Testimony which you believe given by one witness is sufficient for the proof of any fact. However, before finding
- sufficient for the proof of any fact. However, before finding
  any fact required to be established by the prosecution, to be
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I have not intended by anything that I have said or done or by any questions that I may have asked or by any ruling that I may have made to intimate or suggest what you should find to be the facts on any questions submitted to you or that I believe or disbelieve any witness. If anything that I have done or said has seemed to so indicate, you will disregard it and form your own opinion.

When, as in this case, it is alleged that the crime charged was committed on or about a certain date, if the jury finds that the crime was committed, it is not necessary that the proof should show that it was committed on that precise date. It is sufficient if the proof shows that the crime was committed on

- 1 or about that date.
- 2 Certain evidence was admitted for a limited
- 3 purpose. At the time this evidence was admitted you were
- 4 admonished that it could not be considered by you for any
- 5 purpose other than a limited purpose for which it was admitted.
- 6 You are again instructed that you must not consider
- 7 such evidence for any purpose except the limited purpose for
- 8 which it was admitted.
- 9 Evidence has been introduced for the purpose of
- 10 showing that the defendant committed crimes other than that for
- 11 which he's on trial. Such evidence, if believed, was not
- 12 received and may not be considered by you to prove that he's a
- 13 person of bad character, or that he has a disposition to commit
- 14 crimes.
- Such evidence was received and may be considered by
- 16 you only for the limited purpose of determining if it tends to
- 17 show:
- 1. A connection of certain items of physical
- 19 evidence to Mr. Cooper;
- 20 2. That the defendant had knowledge or possessed
- 21 the means that might have been useful and necessary for the
- 22 commission of the crimes charged.
- 23 For the limited purpose for which you may consider
- 24 such evidence you must weigh it in the same manner as you do all
- other evidence in the case. You are not permitted to consider
- 26 such evidence for any other purpose.
- 27 Evidence has been introduced that changes have been
- 28 taken place at the Ryen home and the 2991 residence since June

.1	5, 1983.	You sh	ould eva	luate all	of the	evidence	in light	of
2	the condit	tion of	the two	homes in	June of	1983.		

Evidence consists of testimony of witnesses,

writings, material objects or anything presented to the senses

and offered to prove the existence or nonexistence of a fact.

6 Evidence is either direct or circumstantial.

7 Direct evidence is evidence that directly proves a

8 fact without the necessity of an inference, and which, by

9 itself, if found to be true, establishes that fact.

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10 Circumstantial evidence is evidence that if, found
11 to be true, proves a fact from which an inference of the
12 existence of another fact may be drawn.

An inference is a deduction of fact that may logically and reasonably be drawn from another fact or group of facts established by the evidence.

It is not necessary that facts be proved by direct evidence. They may be proved also by circumstantial evidence or by a combination of direct evidence and circumstantial evidence. Both direct and circumstantial evidence are acceptable as a means of proof, neither is entitled to any greater weight than the other.

However, a finding of guilt as to any crime may not be based on circumstantial evidence, unless the proved circumstances are not only consistent with the theory that the defendant is guilty of the crime, but cannot be reconciled with any other rational conclusion.

27 Further, each fact which is essential to complete a 28 set of circumstances necessary to establish the defendant's

- guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.
- In other words, before an inference is essential to
- 3 establish guilt may be found to have been proved beyond a
- reasonable doubt, each fact or circumstance upon which such
- 5 inference necessarily rests must be proved beyond a reasonable
- 6 doubt.
- 7 Also, if the circumstantial evidence as to any
- 8 particular count is susceptible of two reasonable
- 9 interpretations, one of which points to the defendant's guilt
- and the other to his innocence, it is your duty to adopt that
- interpretation which points to the defendant's innocence and
- 12 reject that interpretation which points to his guilt.
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  If, on the other hand, one interpretation of such
- 14 evidence appears to you to be reasonable, and the other
- interpretation to be unreasonable, it would be your duty to
- 16 accept the reasonable interpretation and to reject the
- 17 unreasonable.
- 18 Motive is not an element of the crimes charged and
- 19 need not be shown. However, you may consider motive or lack of
- 20 motive as a circumstance. In this case, presence of motive may
- 21 tend to establish guilt; absence of motive may tend to establish
- 22 innocence. You will therefore give its presence or absence, as
- 23 the case may be, the weight to which you find it to be entitled.
- 24 The flight of a person immediately after the
- 25 commission of a crime, or after he is accused of a crime is not
- 26 sufficient in itself to establish guilt, but is a fact which, if
- 27 proved, may be considered by you in the light of all other
- 28 proved facts in deciding the question of his guilt or innocence.

1	Whether or not evidence of flight shows a consciousness of
2	guilt, and the significance to be attached to such a
3	circumstance are matters for your determination.
4	If you find that the defendant attempted to
5	suppress evidence against himself in any manner, such as by
6	destroying evidence, such attempts may be considered by you as a
7	circumstance tending to show a consciousness of guilt. However,
8	such evidence is not sufficient in itself to prove guilt and its
9	weight and its significance, if any, are matters for your
10	determination.
11	A defendant in a criminal action is presumed to be
12	innocent until the contrary is proved and in case of a
13	reasonable doubt, whether his guilt is satifactorily shown, he's
14	entitled to a verdict of not guilty.
15	This presumption places upon the state the burden
16	of proving him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
17	Reasonable doubt is defined as follows:
18	It is not a mere possible doubt; because everything

19 relating to humans affairs, and depending on moral evidence, is open to some possible or imaginary doubt. It is that state of 20 the case which, after the entire comparison and consideration of 21 all the evidence, leaves the minds of the jurors in that 22 condition that they cannot say they feel an abiding conviction, 23 to a moral certainty, of the truth of the charges. 24 The defendant is charged in Count Two of the 25 Information with the crime of Murder in the First Degree of 26 27 Franklyn Douglas Ryen.

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The defendant is charged in Count Three of the

Information with the crime of Murder in the First Degree of 1 2 Jessica Ryen. The defendant is charged in Count Pour of the 3 Information with the crime of Murder in the First Degree of 5 Peggy Ann Ryen. The defendant is charged in Count Five of the 6 7 Information with the crime of Murder in the First Degree of 8 Christopher Hughes. 9 It is further alleged that the defendant has in 10 this proceeding, been convicted of more than one offense of murder. 11 12 The defendant is charged in Count Six of the 13 Information with the crime of Attempt To Commit The Crime Of 14 Murder in the First Degree of Joshua Ryen. It is further alleged in the commission of the 15 above offense the said defendant, Kevin Cooper, with the intent 16 17 to inflict such injury, inflicted great bodily injury on a 18 person other than an accomplice, to wit, Joshua Ryen. The defendant is charged in Counts Two, Three, Four 19 20 and Five of the Information with the commission of the crime of 21 Murder in the First Degree, a violation of section 187 of the 22 Penal Code. 23 The crime of Murder in the First Degree is the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought and 24 with deliberation and premeditation. 25 In order to prove the commission of the crime of

Murder in the First Degree each of the following elements must

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be proved:

1	1. That a numan being was killed;
2	<ol><li>That the killing was unlawful;</li></ol>
3	3. That the killing was done with malice
4	aforethought;
5	4. That the killing was done with deliberation;
6	and,
7	5. That the killing was done with premeditation.
8	All murder which is perpetrated by any kind of
9	willful, deliberate and premeditated killing with malice
10	excuse me with express malice aforethought is murder of the
11	first degree.
12	The word "willful" as used in this instruction,
13	means intentional.
14	The word "deliberate" means formed or arrived at or
15	determined upon as a result of careful thought and weighing of
16	considerations for and against the proposed course of action.
17	The word "premeditated" means considered
18	beforehand.
19	If you find that the killing was preceded and
20	accompanied by a clear, deliberate intent on the part of the
21	defendant to kill, which was the result of deliberation and
22	premeditation, so that it must have been formed upon preexisting
23	reflection and not under a sudden heat of passion or other
24	condition precluding the idea of deliberation, it is murder of
<b>2</b> 5	the first degree.
26	The law does not undertake to measure in units of
27	time the length of period during which the thought must be
28	pondered before it can ripen into an intent to kill which is

- truly deliberate and premeditated. The time will vary with 1 2 different individuals and under varying circumstances. The true test is not the duration of time, but 3 rather the extent of the reflection. A cold, calculated judgment and decision may be arrived at in a short period of 5 time, but a mere unconsidered and rash impulse, even though it 6 include an intent to kill, is not such deliberation and 7 premeditation as will fix an unlawful killing as murder of the 8 first degree. 9 10 To constitute a deliberate and premeditated the 11 killing, the slayer must weigh and consider the question of killing and the reasons for and against such a choice and, 12 having in mind the consequences, he decided to and does kill. 13 14 Malice is express when there is manifested an 15 intention unlawfully to kill a human being. 16 When it is shown that a killing resulted from the
- intentional doing of an act with express malice, no other mental state need be shown to establish the mental state of malice aforethought.

  The mental state constituting malice aforethought
- The mental state constituting malice aforethought
  does not necessarily require any ill will or hatred of the
  person killed.
- 23 "Aforethought" does not imply deliberation or the 24 lapse of considerable time. It only means that the required 25 mental state must precede rather than follow the act.
- The defendant is charged in Count Six of the
  Information with the crime of Attempt to Commit the Crime of
  Murder in the First Degree.

An attempt to commit a crime consists of two 1 2 elements, namely, a specific intent to commit the crime, and a direct but ineffectual act done towards its commission. 3 In determining whether or not such an act was done, it is necessary to distinguish between mere preparation, on the 5 6 one hand, and the actual commencement of the doing of the 7 criminal deed, on the other. Mere preparation which may consist 8 of planning the offense or of devising, obtaining or arranging the means for its commission, is not sufficient to constitute an 9 10 attempt; but acts of a person who intends to commit a crime will 11 constitute an attempt where they themselves clearly indicate a 12 certain, unambiguous intent to commit that specific crime, and, 13 in themselves, are an immediate step in the present execution of 14 the criminal design, the progress of which would be completed 15 unless interrupted by some circumstance not intended in the 16 original design. 17 In each of the crimes charged in Counts Two, Three, 18 Four, Five and Six of the Information, namely, murder, and 19 attempt to commit the crime of murder, there must exist a union or joint operation of act or conduct and a certain specific 20 21 intent in the mind of the perpetrator, and unless such specific intent exists, the crime to which it relates is not committed. 22

The specific intent with which an act is done may be shown by the circumstances surrounding the commission of the act. But you may not find the defendant guilty of the offense charged in Counts Two, Three, Four, Five and Six, unless the

premeditated intent to kill.

The specific intent required is the deliberate and

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- proved circumstances not only are consistent with the theory
- 2 that he had the required specific intent, but cannot be
- 3 reconciled with any other rational conclusion.
- 4 Also, if the evidence as to such specific intent is
- 5 susceptible of two reasonable interpretations, one of which
- 6 points to the existence of a specific intent, and the other to
- 7 the absence of a specific intent, it is your duty to adopt that
- 8 interpretation which points to the absence of the specific
- 9 intent. If, on the other hand, one interpretation of the
- 10 evidence as to such specific intent appears to you to be
- 11 reasonable and the other interpretation to be unreasonable, it
- would be your duty to accept the reasonable interpretation and
- 13 to reject the unreasonable.
- 14 It is charged in Count Six that in the attempted
- 15 commission of the crime therein described, the defendant, Revin
- 16 Cooper, with the specific intent to inflict such injury,
- 17 personally inflicted great bodily injury on Josh Ryen.
- 18 If you find the defendant guilty of attempted
- 19 Murder in the First Degree, it then will be your duty to
- 20 determine whether or not the defendant, with the specific intent
- 21 to inflict such injury, did personally inflict great bodily
- injury, as herein defined, on Josh Ryen in the attempted
- 23 commission of murder in the first degree. The burden is on the
- 24 People to prove this beyond a reasonable doubt.
- 25 The term "great bodily injury" as used in this
- 26 instructions means a significant or substantial physical injury.
- 27 Minor or moderate injuries of a temporary nature do not
- 28 constitute great bodily injury within the meaning of this

-	Institution.
2	You will include a finding on that question in you
3	verdict using the form that will be supplied for that purpose.
4	Great Bodily Injury refers to significant or
5	substantial bodily injury or damage; it does not refer to
6	trivial ior insignificant injury or moderate harm.
7	Each count charges a distinct offense. You must
8	decide each count separately. The defendant may be found guilty
9	or not guilty of any or all of the offenses charged. Your
10	finding as to each count must be stated in a separate verdict.
11	If you find in this excuse me. If you find the
12	defendant in this case guilty of murder of the first degree, you
13	must then determine if the murder was committed under the
14	following special circumstances:
15	That the defendant, Kevin Cooper, has in this
16	proceeding, been convicted of more than one offense of Murder in
17	the First Degree.
18	A special circumstance must be proved beyond a
19	reasonable doubt.
20	If you have a reasonable doubt as to whether a
21	special circumstance is true, it is your duty to find that it
22	not true.
23	In order to find the special circumstance charged
24	in this case to be true or untrue, you must agree unanimously.

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will be supplied your finding as to whether the special

circumstance is or is not true.

You will include in your verdict on a form that

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- circumstances charged in this case to be true based on
- 2 circumstantial evidence unless the proved facts are not only
- 3 consistent with the theory that the special circumstances are
- 4 true, but cannot be reconciled with any other rational
- 5 conclusion. Each fact which is essential to complete a set of
- facts necessary to establish the truth of the special
- 7 circumstances must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.
- 8 Also, if the circumstantial evidence is susceptible
- 9 of two reasonable interpretations, one of which points to the
- 10 truth of the special circumstances and the other to their
- 11 untruth, it is your duty to adopt that interpretation which
- 12 points to their untruth, and reject that interpretation which
- 13 points to their truth.
- 14 If, on the other hand, one interpretation of such
- evidence appears to you to be reasonable and the other
- 16 interpretation to be unreasonable, it would be your duty to
- 17 accept the reasonable interpretation and to reject the
- 18 unreasonable.
- In your deliberations the subject of penalty or
- 20 punishment is not to be discussed nor considered by you. That
- 21 is a matter which must not in any way affect your verdict or
- 22 affect your finding as to the special circumstances charged in
- 23 this case.
- You have been instructed as to all the rules of law
- 25 that may be necessary for you to reach a verdict. Whether some
- of the instructions will apply will depend upon your
- 27 determination of the facts. You will disregard any instruction
- 28 which applies to a state of facts which you determine does not

- l exist. You must not conclude from the fact that an instruction
- 2 has been given that the Court is expressing any opinion as to
- 3 the facts.
- 4 Both the People and the defendant are entitled to
- 5 the individual opinion of each juror.
- 6 It is the duty of each of you to consider the
- 7 evidence for the purpose of arriving at a verdict if you can do
- 8 so. Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but should
- 9 do so only after a discussion of the evidence and instructions
- 10 with the other jurors.
- 11 You should not hesitate to change an opinion if you
- 12 are convinced it is erroneous. However, you should not be
- influenced to decide any question in a particular way because a
- 14 majority of the jurors, or any of them, favor such a decision.
- The attitude and conduct of jurors at the beginning
- of their deliberations are matters of considerable importance.
- 17 It is rarely productive of good for a juror at the outset to
- make an emphatic expression of his opinion on the case or to
- 19 announce a determination to stand for a certain verdict. When
- one does that at the beginning, his sense of pride may be
- 21 arroused, and he may hesitate to change his position even if
- 22 shown that it is wrong. Remember that you are not partisans nor
- 23 advocates in this matter, but are judges.
- 24 We'll give you all the various possible verdict
- 25 forms but they will read as follows, and each of them have a
- 26 number.

- 27 Verdict form II-A says, \*We, the jury in the above
- 28 entitled action, find the defendant, Kevin Cooper, guilty of the

- 1 crime of Murder in the First Degree as charged in the
- 2 Information as to Count Two"; or
- Form II-B says, "We, the jury in the above entitled
- 4 action, find the defendant, Kevin Cooper, not guilty as to Count
- 5 Two."
- 6 With respect to Count Three, we have one form that
- 7 says, "We, the jury in the above entitled action, tax find the
- 8 defendant Kevin Cooper, guilty of the crime of Murder in the
- 9 First Degree, as charged in the Information, as to Count Three\*;
- 10 or
- 11 And another form representing that Count III-B
- says, "We, the jury in the above entitled action, find the
- defendant, Kevin Cooper. not guilty, as to Count Three.\*
- 14 And with respect to Count Pour, form IV-A says,
- "We, the jury in the above entitled action, find the defendant,
- 16 Kevin Cooper, guilty of the crime of Murder in the First Degree,
- as charged in the Information as to Count Pour"; or
- 18 IV-B says, "We, the jury in the above entitle
- 19 action, find the defendant, Kevin Cooper, not guilty as to Count
- 20 Pour.
- In this case your verdict may be in one of the
- 22 following forms as to Count Five.
- V-A, "We, the jury in the above entitled action,
- 24 find the defendant, Kevin Cooper, guilty of the crime of Murder
- 25 in the First Degree, as charged in the Information as to Count
- 26 Five"; or.
- 27 V-B says, "We, the jury in the above entitled
- 28 action, find the defendant, Kevin Cooper, not guilty as to Count

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- 2 In this case your finding may be in one of the
- 3 following forms as the special allegation.
- 4 Special Allegation-True: "We, the jury in the
- 5 above entitled action, find the allegation that the defendant
- 6 has in this proceeding, been convicted of more than one offense
- 7 of Murder in the First Degree to be true"; or
- 8 Special Allegation-Not True: A different form
- 9 says, "We, the jury in the above entitled action, find the
- 10 allegation that the defendant has in this proceeding been
- 11 convicted of more than one offense of murder, to be not true.\*
- "In this case your verdict may be in one of the
- 13 following forms as to Count Six.
- 14 VI-A says, "We, the jury in the above entitled
- action, find the defendant, Kevin Cooper, quilty of the crime of
- 16 Attempt to Commit the Crime of Murder in the First Degree, as
- 17 charged in the Information as to Count Six"; or
- 18 VI-B says, "We, the jury in the above entitled
- 19 action, find the defendant, Kevin Cooper, not guilty as to Count
- 20 Six."
- In this case your finding may be in one of the
- 22 following forms as to the Great Bodily Allegation as to Count
- 23 Six.
- 24 Great Bodily injury allegation to that Count Six
- 25 -True.
- 26 "We, the jury in the above entitled action, find
- 27 the allegation that in the commission of the above offense, the
- 28 said defendant, Kevin Cooper, with the intent to inflict such

1	injury, inflicted great bodily injury on a person other than an
2	accomplice, to wit, Joshua Ryen, to be true as to Count Six"; or
3	The other form relating to that special allegation
4	says, "Great Bodily Injury Allegation as to Count Six-Not True.
5	"We, the jury in the above entitled action, find
6	the allegation that in the commission of the above offense, the
7	said defendant, Kevin Cooper, with the intent to inflict such
8	injury inflicted great bodily injury on a person other than an
9	accomplice, to wit, Joshua Ryen, to be not true.
10	Ladies and gentlemen, you shall now retire and
11	select one of your number to act as foreman who will preside
12	over your deliberations. In order to reach a verdict, all
13	twelve jurors must agree to the decision and to any finding you
14	have been instructed to include in your verdict.
15	As soon as all of you have agreed upon a verdict as
16	to each count and the special allegation, you shall have them
17	dated and signed by your foreman and then return them to this
18	courtroom.
19	Please swear the bailiff.
20	(The bailiff was duly sworn.)
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22	THE COURT: Does the jury have a button or a buzzer that
23	is connected with the courtroom?
24	THE BAILIFF: They have a phone where we can call back.
25	THE COURT: Okay. Let me give you some special
26	instructions then before you go out.
27	To some extent I am going to let you make your own

hours, so to speak, except that since the Court is not

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convening, he has to find twelve of you before he will let you in and before you go into the deliberation room.
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So, you can caucus there and decide, except do not come in later than 9:30 please, do not go home before 4:00, the hours that we have been keeping heretofore, and other than that you can decide when to go to lunch, when to adjourn in the evening, when to return, and you will simply have the foreman or foreperson, forelady, wherever, tell the bailiff on each occasion your intention.

All right. And the bailiff will also tell you where to meet and how to conduct yourself. All you do is phone him when you want to leave, then he will come and let you out on each occasion.

You know, I have told you I guess a hundred times now, or more, the admonition about talking to anybody outside of court. This specially applies now. It is perfectly all right now for you to talk back in the jury room and you can finally talk about the case in the deliberation room, but when that door opens and you separate, when you go home at night or you walk to your bus stop together, or when you meet the next morning, or when you are at home or any place else except locked up in the deliberation room, you don't talk about the case, you don't let anybody else discuss it with you.

Do your very best, do not read about it, listen to the radio about it, or watch it on TV, or in any way get contaminated with outside sources. And as I indicated, you can only discuss it when there is twelve of you behind closed door meetings. When you are divided up and into smaller numbers, you

-	just don't tark about it with anybody of ite them tark to just
2	about it. Okay?
3	We're going to work tomorrow. I would expect you
4	can now go back to the jury room and for your first session it
5	can be very brief. If you want to elect a foreman, if you wish,
6	or save that until tomorrow. Tell the bailiff when you wish to
7	go home today, that is personally fine, then you can start off
8	promptly tomorrow morning at that time. You can likewise tell
9	them when to report in this.
10	Counsel, have I omitted admonishing in any way the
11	jury? It seems like I am forgetting something.
12	We probably won't take all the evidence back there
13	until tomorrow for you to start reviewing the evidence. Okay?
14	Ladies and gentlemen, would you go with the
15	bailiff, please. Would the alternates remain seated, please.
16	(The jury retires from the courtroom.)
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18	THE COURT: I want to address my words now to the four
19	alternates who are stronger standbys in this case. I am hoping
20	that we will never have to use anyone of the four and I am just
21	rather amazed that we have gone all the way through a trial
22	without any need for you.
23	MR. KOCHIS: Your Honor, did the Court include 17.47, one
24	of the instructions I think Mr. Negus asked for, about not
25	advising anyone how they were polled?
26	THE COURT: No. Somehow we missed that one. We talked
27	about it. Would you like me to bring them back?

MR. NEGUS: Yes. You might as well. You can just read

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1 it out of the book as far as I am concerned.
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- THE COURT: Tell the bailiff -- go ahead, I will have the
- 3 alternates here. Yes, bring them back in here.
- (The jury convenes in the courtroom.)

- 6 THE COURT: Sorry about that. We're going to permit you
- 7 to separate. I appreciate -- well, they're back already. All
- 8 right.
- 9 I forgot one matter. Please come back in just
- 10 briefly, if you would. The jurors are back, with the alternates
- in open court.
- 12 I told you before that the order in which the
- instructions are given is of no significance nor should you
- 14 emphasize one part of an instruction over another.
- The fact that I am going to give you one more
- instruction that should have been worked in with the others, it
- is just my omission, I neglected to have it typed.
- 18 Let me give it at this time to you, now. But you
- 19 should give it no special note but consider it along with all
- 20 other instructions.
- You shall not disclose to anyone outside the jury,
- 22 not even to the Court or any member of its staff, either orally
- or in writing, how you are divided numerically in your balloting
- 24 as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, or as to any
- 25 offense charged, until specifically directed to do so by the
- 26 Court.
- 27 I will have that typed up and inserted with the
- other instructions, ladies and gentlemen. I'm sorry, I just

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omitted to do that, kind of a false start. Would you retire once again please.
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One of the alternates has requested the right to stay in the courtroom, to come to court everyday. That is all right, except not in the courtroom. I am going to be trying other cases commencing tomorrow morning, another jury, another case, a short one, much shorter, three or four day case probably, and we would rather you not be in court. Something might happen to effect you if you are in court.

10 Each of you have to remain ready at all times to 11 step into the seat of one of the other people in case something 12 happens to one of them, so you have to quard against becoming 13 contaminated in any way, so to speak. But, if you wish to come 14 down, that is fine, simply let my clerk know where you will be, 15 give a phone number or something like that she could contact you down in the jury lounge, for instance, if you wanted to wait 16 17 there. Other than that, if you could get to court within 45 minutes or an hour, it would be perfectly all right for you to 18 19 be either by the telephone close at home or at work, to where 20 you can go about your usual life with expectations of not ever having to be called. But in case we need you, we will call you 21 22 and then you will have to kind of drop things and come running. But since we don't know which one of you would, or 23 24 more would have to be used, you all have to be careful that you don't read about it, don't watch it on the news, you don't talk 25

27 All right, any questions from any of you?

28 The clerk will give you a phone number in case you

about it, or let anybody discuss it with you.

1	haven't gotten it. You can write what number, should they call
2	it.
3	THE CLERK: This number.
4	THE COURT: She'll furnish to you that when we adjourn,
5	to where you can call in if you need to call the clerk or with
6	any message at all. If you are not going to be at one of your
7	phone numbers that we have, make sure you give her the numbers
8	where you can be reached.
9	And, in case we don't see you, any of you again, I
10	will, at some point I will being doing something I have never
11	done in 19-plus years, at least I am presently intending doing
12	that, is write a letter of appreciation to each and everyone of
13	you. Other than that I expect not to see you again.
14	On behalf of all counsel, everybody concerned here,
15	and the staff. I want to thank you most sincerely for your
16	patience, your promptness. It's been absolutely incredible that
17	all of you have stayed with us so long.
18	That you all, everyone of you. You are now free to
19	leave. Court will be in adjournment until some need from the
20	jury is indicated.
21	(Adjournment.)
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7	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1984, 1:39 P.M.
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4	(The following is a reported phone conversation
5	between the bailiff and the Court:)
6	THE COURT: "Per instructions from the Court, I will play
7	the tape cassette for you of the conversation between Dr.
8	Lorna Forbes and Joshua Ryen in its entirety or until the
9	foreman tells me to stop. Do not discuss the case in my
10	presence or make any comments in my presence, nor ask any
11	questions. And then as soon as the tape is finished or
12	we are finished, I will take the tape back outside
13	together with the machine. This is all pursuant to
14	stipulation and agreement of counsel."
15	Would you type that up right away so she can get
16	the concurrence of counsel and read it back, and tell Dodie to
17	call me back there if there is any further question.
18	(End of conversation.)
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