

1 A No.

2 Q What about from South Spruce back down to Lovett
3 Street did anybody walk that?

4 A No, no.

5 MS. SMART: That's all I have thank you.

6 MR. LOCKARD: That's all I have right now
7 Officer. We will probably use you again later
8 this afternoon. I appreciate it very much.

9 THE COURT: You may step down.

10 (Witness excused.)

11 MR. LOCKARD: Your Honor, could we take a
12 minute for Ms. Brown to find out if one of my
13 witnesses is upstairs or out in the hall if
14 not, we will use Mrs. Twitchell.

15 THE COURT: You may.

16 MR. LOCKARD: Your Honor, the State now
17 believes that one through five has been
18 properly identified in this case and would
19 offer those into evidence at this time.

20 MS. SMART: We have no objection to what
21 has been offered except for number two for the
22 objection that we stated previously this
23 morning.

24 THE COURT: So noted. Those exhibits are
25 admitted and filed.

26 MR. LOCKARD: Your Honor we call Ms.
27 Twitchell at this time.

28 SYBIL TWITCHELL

29 being first duly sworn to tell the truth, the
30 whole truth and nothing but the truth
31 testified as follows:

32 MR. LOCKARD: This lady is taking

1 everything we say down. Now if you would
2 ma'am, ready for me to proceed Your Honor?

3 THE COURT: You may.

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. LOCKARD:

6 Q Please give me your full name?

7 A Sybil Self Twitchell.

8 Q And what is your age at this time?

9 A I will be seventy-two next month.

10 Q All right. And ma'am last July, specifically July
11 28th of 1996 then you would have been seventy would that
12 be correct?

13 A That's correct.

14 Q Okay. And what is your address please, ma'am?

15 A 501 South Spruce, Vivian, Louisiana.

16 Q And that's in Caddo Parish?

17 A Right.

18 Q And how long -- this is an area map of Vivian. How
19 long have you lived in the Vivian area?

20 A Since '47.

21 Q So fifty years?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And have you lived at that location the entire
24 time?

25 A About forty years.

26 Q Okay. And how did you go about acquiring that
27 place at 501 South Spruce?

28 A Well, my husband and I had started our house out on
29 the Tree City Road and we decided we wanted to live in
30 town so we found a lot and we moved our house to town.

31 Q Moved a house or build a house or what did you do?

32 A Well, we finished it there at 501 South Spruce.

2 did it? the contractors or you and your husband

3 A No, my husband and a carpenter friend.

4 Q Okay. You still live there?

5 A Still live there.

6 Q Okay. Now and so you figure you have lived there
7 forty years, did I understand that correctly?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And is your husband still alive?

10 A No. My husband is deceased. He died, it will be
11 seven years in August.

12 Q Okay. And how long were you married to your
13 husband?

14 A About forty years.

15 Q Okay. And you had children?

16 A Three.

17 Q All right. And would you tell us their names and
18 approximately ages and what they do now and where they
19 live?

20 A Michael Ray lives in Greenville, South Carolina and
21 he's a chemical engineer. Don't ask me his age.

22 Q Okay. That's fine.

23 A And Daniel Wayne Twitchell lives in Monroe. He's a
24 doctor. And my daughter, Rebecca Eileen lives in
25 Coppell, Texas between Dallas and Fort Worth.

26 Q Okay. And so I assume then is it fair to say at
27 least almost seven years August you have been living at
28 that address by yourself?

29 A Yes.

30 Q And taking care of yourself?

31 A Yes.

32 Q Do you have a particular church there in Vivian

1 that you attend?

2 A First Baptist Church right up the street from where
3 I live.

4 Q And how long have you attended that church?

5 A Since I was a bride.

6 Q Okay. And you are pretty faithful about your going
7 and coming to Sunday school service?

8 A Every Sunday that I can.

9 Q All right. Now if you would Ms. Twitchell thinking
10 about Sundays in general give me say in the last five or
11 six years what is your normal routine on Sunday morning
12 to prepare and get up for church?

13 A I usually, before I go outside I usually put on
14 what I call my work clothes, a shirt and jeans and you
15 know, socks and shoes and I go out and get the paper,
16 look around and come back in the house and eat my
17 breakfast and read a little of the paper and get ready to
18 go to church, Sunday school.

19 Q What time just normal do you normally try to get up
20 on Sunday mornings?

21 A About six thirty.

22 Q And then you dress and eat and read the paper for a
23 while. When do you think you started getting ready for
24 church and leave for church?

25 A Well, usually about eight-fifteen.

26 Q Is when you start getting ready?

27 A Uh-huh.

28 Q And what time do you need to be at church?

29 A I go a little after nine to Sunday school.

30 Q And that's your normal routine?

31 A That's my normal routine.

32 Q Now Ms. Twitchell I want to take you back to July

1 28th, 1996, Sunday morning there in Vivian, Caddo Parish,
2 and do you recollect that day?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And can you tell me to the best of your memory
5 approximately what time you arose that morning?

6 A Six thirty.

7 Q And to the best of your memory what did you do
8 after you arise, what is the first thing you do?

9 A Well, I went in and the usual, getting your face
10 ready and brushing your teeth and combing your hair and
11 so forth and then I went outside.

12 Q Let me just stop you. I assume, you told us you
13 dressed, so I'm assuming you dressed do you recollect
14 what you had on that particular morning?

15 A I had on, it was a checked blue and white shirt
16 just about like this color that I have on now.

17 Q Buttoned or --

18 A Buttoned.

19 Q Okay.

20 A All the way and I had on blue jeans.

21 Q Describe the blue jeans what type of blue jeans?

22 A Well, just pull-ons. They have elastic. They are
23 easy to get in, you don't put to button them or anything.

24 Q So there are no buttons or belt or anything like
25 that?

26 A No.

27 Q And they are just bluish colored?

28 A Right.

29 Q All the way to your shoes?

30 A Right.

31 Q All right. What kind of socks and shoes did you
32 have on?

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1 A I had on white socks and I had on tan lace up shoes
2 that you lace up and tie.

3 Q Just the very comfortable kind of casual soft
4 leather shoe?

5 A Right.

6 Q Now at that time -- do you normally wear glasses?

7 A To read and I always have to have sunglasses
8 outside.

9 Q Because of your eyes. I think you use a parasol or
10 whatever?

11 A Doctors orders.

12 Q Now you don't need your glasses except to read is
13 that what you are telling me?

14 A Generally.

15 Q Okay. And what do the sunglasses, are they
16 prescription also?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. Now do you have a normal routine, do you
19 normally wear your glasses outside when you go to get the
20 paper?

21 A I always wear my sunglasses outside.

22 Q Okay. Was it sunny yet that particular July 28th
23 morning?

24 A It was just coming up good. It was a little sunny
25 but I wear them, habit anyway.

26 Q All right, ma'am. So you had them on when you went
27 outside?

28 A Yes.

29 Q Do you know the approximate time you went outside?

30 A I imagine it was around seven.

31 Q Okay. Is that give or take, you are not sure
32 exactly?