

MICHAEL DWAYNE HIGGINS

having been first duly sworn, was examined upon oral interrogatories and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY MS. GRIFFIN:

Q Would you tell everybody your name please?

A Michael Dwayne Higgins.

Q Where do you live?

A I live at 920 West Grove. I own the house and I've lived there for 10 years.

Q And that's in Bloomington?

A Yes.

Q You live there with anybody else?

A Well my kid's mother.

Q Who's that?

A That's Barbara Childs. Well I mean she's remarried now and got in a bunch of trouble, but you know, that's you know after me so.

Q Now do you have any kind of a street name or any kind of a nickname?

A Yes Ma'am I do.

Q What's your street name?

A White Mike.

Q And have you ever gone by the name or been known as, just used the street name Nigger Mike?

A No Ma'am I haven't.

Q So nobody's ever called you that?

A Nobody's ever called me that at least to my face or any knowledge that anybody's told me about.

Q You've lived in Bloomington most of your life if not all your life?

A Well all my life. It's just because my great-grandfather, James Owen, he had a condominium in Fort Lauderdale right on Fort Everglade so he liked to spend his winters in Florida so that way I had to be taken out of school here and go there.

Q Now do you have any kind of a problem with alcohol?

A Well there we go with that again. If it wasn't for Kay Lewis, I wouldn't have a problem with alcohol because see the thing is with it is that Jack Lewis that owns Jack Lewis Jewelry Store--

BY MR. REYNARD: Mr. Higgins--

A Yes Sir, yes Charles.

BY MR. REYNARD: We had a conversation earlier. Why don't you just stick with the questions.

A Yes Teena I do.

Q Is that a problem you've dealt with for many years?

A Well I'm a functional alcoholic.

Q I want to ask you if you know any of these names that I'm going to throw out to you, okay.

A All right.

Q Do you know anybody by the name of Denny Hendricks or Dennis Hendricks?

A No I don't.

Q Do you know anybody by the name Bobby Hendricks?

A No I don't.

Q Know anybody by the name of William or Billy Hendricks?

A No, no I don't.

Q What about Todd Hendricks?

A No.

Q Tim Hendricks?

A No.

Q What about Jamie Snow?

A He might have went to high school with me years ago because that name sounds like I might remember him from a yearbook or something, but other than that, no I don't know him.

Q What about Frankie Turner?

A No.

Q What about Dave Shepperson?

A No.

Q What about Bill Gaddis?

A No, not to my knowledge, no.

Q Garen Bradford or Franklin Roberts?

A What was the first name?

Q Garen Bradford.

A No. I went to Jr. High with a Darryl Bradford but no, I don't.

Q And are you familiar with an apartment house, a red apartment house that's on the corner of Lee and Market Street in Bloomington near the Pub?

A Charles, is that the one we were discussing earlier?

BY MR. REYNARD: It might be. Why don't you ask her to clarify her question.

A That would be on the--the small one, not the big one, right? Well yeah, back in high school I was there because my friend, Michael Spinks and his wife had the downstairs apartment, but that was in high school and my graduating class was '85 so that would have been before that.

Q So you're saying to the best of your knowledge the last time you were ever at an apartment

on the corner of Lee and Market would have been '85?

A Well the one in question, yeah, of course, yeah.

Q Were you at any other apartment buildings there at the corner of Lee and Market?

A Well see, my friend George Walker that I went through Jr. High and High School with, the one that was killed--well sorry. Yes.

Q Which apartment is that?

A That is in--oh yeah, it's a duplex I believe. It's not an apartment building. It's the second one from the corner on the other side of the street.

Q Besides that apartment there at that intersection, would you have been at any other apartment buildings in that area right there at the corner of Lee and Market?

A No, not to my knowledge not that I can remember.

Q Is it possible you've been in any of those places and because of your drinking or any other reason you might not remember that?

A No, I don't think so. I really don't believe so.

Q Are you familiar with there having been an armed robbery and a shooting at the Clark gas station on Linden and Empire Street back on Easter Sunday, March 23st, 1991?

A Well once they told me about that, yeah I remember reading about it in the Pantagraph, and then they had all the composites up on the, you know, at the liquor store, west side.

Q Do you know now, do you recall ever having any conversations with anybody about that armed robbery murder?

A No, I ain't never hung around any of those people. Like I say, I even have police as references that I haven't, you know.

Q So this list of people that I read to you earlier, you're saying that you don't know any of them?

A Not unless they were in high school with me and I don't remember them.

Q You would not have any conversations with any of them about--

A No.

Q The shooting at the Clark gas station?

A No Ma'am.

Q You don't have any information about the

Clark gas station?

A No Ma'am I don't.

BY MS. GRIFFIN: I don't think I have any other questions. Does anybody else?

(No response.)

BY MS. GRIFFIN: Okay.

(Witness excused.)