

September 22, 1999

(Whereupon the Assistant State's Attorney informed the Grand Jury of its rights pursuant to Illinois Revised Statutes.)

WILLIAM MOFFITT

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

EXAMINATION BY MS. GRIFFIN:

Q Would you tell us your name please?

A William Moffitt.

Q You're in the custody of the Department of Corrections, is that correct?

A Yes Ma'am I am.

Q What are you currently serving time for?

A Criminal sexual assault on my wife.

Q And I want to ask you some questions about an individual by the name of Jamie Snow. Do you know Jamie Snow?

A Yes Ma'am I do.

Q How do you know Jamie Snow?

A I knew him from Bloomington/Normal a little bit on the streets, but he was my cellmate in Joliet.

Q Was that on the particular time that you're in now for or was it a previous time?

A Previous time Ma'am.

Q Do you know about when that was?

A Early 90's, '91 I think, might have been.

Q Could it have been '94?

A Oh in '94, it was the second case, yes Ma'am.

Q When you say he was in your cell in Joliet, was that at the reception area?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q Did you and he both end up getting sentenced about the same time?

A Yes Ma'am. He came in the morning I left.

Q He came in to Joliet?

A To receiving downstairs to go to Joliet that day.

Q You're talking about downstairs here at the jail?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q You left the same day he came in?

A Yes.

Q Then later, did he end up at Joliet receiving too?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q That's where you were cellmates at?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q Did he recognize you from knowing you back here?

A Oh yes Ma'am.

Q When you knew him back here in Bloomington before you were in DOC together, did you ever run with the same people or know the same people?

A No Ma'am. Just knew him.

Q From seeing him and talking to him?

A Yes Ma'am, knew his name.

Q So when he became your cellmate in Joliet, did you and he ever have any conversations about some other offenses he'd committed?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q And specifically did he ever discuss with you events about the Clark gas station armed robbery homicide?

A Not quoted like that but indirectly, yes

Ma'am.

Q And do you know when that was in relation to when you were both there at Joliet?

A How long before the case was?

Q Or how long--

A I knew it because all the advertisements and I knew when Billy was killed.

Q When you're talking about Billy, you're talking William Little?

A William Little, Billy Little. Everybody knew him.

Q So you were aware of the fact that he was killed at the Clark gas station back in 1991?

A Oh yes Ma'am.

Q So when Jamie became your cellmate at Joliet then, did he start talking about some things that you kind of put the picture together, is that right?

A Well I can be more specific if you'd like. He started talking about a armed robbery that had went wrong. It started out talking about a gas station and then he got a little more specific and then said when the guy dropped a pack of cigarettes, or dropped something, that that's when he pulled the gun out and shot him. And--I'm nervous. I'm sorry. I knew what he

was talking about. I knew who he was talking about.

Q Did you subsequently ask him if that's what he was talking about, if he was talking about the Clark station?

A Yeah, and he laughed. He laughed. I mean, you knew. I mean you had to be there but you knew. I mean he was talking about the Clark gas station, he wasn't alone but he didn't get specific with who was with him. He was trying to brag about it but not in such a way.

Q So when he's telling you about this, he's not emotional and upset about it?

A No, he was laughing. He was bragging.

Q Did he in fact end up telling you that there was three of them involved in this?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q But he never told you their names?

A No Ma'am. I can be more specific about that if you'd like.

Q Okay.

A I had a celly at the Illinois River named Eddy Hammond who had talked about the same case and in the same way, vague. But he messed up and said the name Billy, and the way he talked, he was the driver.

Now I don't know how true that is or if he was just trying to connect himself with something to sound big or tough or something, or cool, or whatever, but that's the way it sounded to me.

Q But when Jamie was talking to you, he just indicated there were three of them?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q And he said that somebody was driving the car?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q But didn't tell you who?

A No Ma'am.

Q And did he also tell you that the reason he did the robbery was because they needed money because they were smoking crack?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q And they needed more money for it?

A Yes Ma'am. I'm sorry, I forgot to say that. Yes Ma'am. Yes, that was the reason that he had done it.

Q Did he ever discuss with you anything about in terms of where the guy was inside, Billy Little was inside the station? .

A No, not really. Like I said, he just said

he dropped something and that when he came back up, that's when he shot him.

Q Did he make a statement that he knew the person that he shot and he didn't think the kid would come after him?

A Yeah.

Q Is that how he said it?

A Yeah. I couldn't quote because it's been a few years. It's been five years ago, but it was something to that effect that what I've already said.

Q Did he also speak of the person he shot by his initials?

A Yes.

Q What initials did he use?

A B.L.

Q Did he ever tell you anything in terms of how he shot him or how often he shot him or how many times he shot him?

A If I remember correctly, it was three. I'm not entirely sure though.

Q Did he ever express to you any concern about being seen or being identified?

A There was either a car that pulled up at the stop sign or that drove by or something to that

effect. But again, I'm not entirely sure. It was something to that effect.

Q But he was telling you that he was concerned about somebody was going to be able to identify him?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q Did he say anything about fliers being out or pictures being out or anything?

A He said that there were pictures of the guy all over town. Well I knew that from the other gas station. I mean everybody knew that. It was all over town. Every gas station in town, every business in town had one of those fliers up. So I mean it was kind of self explanatory.

Q And you saw some of those fliers yourself?

A Yes Ma'am, at the other Clark gas station?

Q Did they appear to look like anyone you knew?

A Yeah, Billy Little. It was a good picture of him.

Q Billy Little or Jamie Snow?

A No, the fliers that I saw were of Billy Little. I'm sorry, I misunderstood you.

Q You didn't see the fliers with the composites of the suspect?

A Oh, with the hat on, yeah. That's, I'm sorry, I misunderstood because there was both up. Yeah, Jamie Snow.

Q Did he ever say anything about being a reward out for him or anything?

A That I can't recollect Ma'am, I'm sorry.

Q Would it be correct to say that you talked to the police a couple different times about what you knew?

A I made a phone call to them.

Q And I believe initially it was Charlie Crowe that came down and saw you maybe back in '95?

A At Illinois River. Ed Hammond was my celly then.

Q Then later, Detective Katz and I believe Barkes came down to see you?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q And you gave them a statement that was taperecorded?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q And you haven't reviewed that recently, is that right?

A Oh no, no.

Q You gave them all the details you could

recall at that time, is that correct?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q Is everything you told them on the tape interview the truth?

A Absolutely.

Q Is what you're telling us here today the truth as best you can remember it?

A Absolutely. I'm just a little nervous.

Q Is there anything else you remember as you're sitting here today specifically about your conversations with Jamie Snow about this case that you haven't talked about?

A I wish I had written things down because some things popped into my mind after the two detectives left Western down there. I'm sure after I leave here, that things will pop into my mind again and I'll be sure to write them down and I know the address here and if needed, I'll write those things down and send them to them, or if needed, if I need to be brought back up here or something because of those things, then that's fine too.

Q Right now, you're just not recalling exactly some of those other details?

A There was something about that other car

that pulled up or drove by or stopped at the gas station or stopped at the stop sign or something. There was something about that other car and I'm nervous. I don't recollect right now. There was something else about that. That sticks out in my mind right now that I wish I had written it down.

Q Now this period of time that you and Jamie were cellmates in Joliet, was that until you each got transferred to your actual institutions that you were going to be serving your time at?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q And did you get sent to separate places then after that?

A Yes Ma'am.

Q So have you seen him or talked to him since then?

A No Ma'am. That was the last time I ever saw him.

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

EXAMINATION BY GRAND JURY:

Q Yeah. Did Jamie Snow tell you how much money he got out of that robbery?

A No Sir. Just that they needed money to get high.

Q The conversation you had with Jamie Snow, you said that was probably around '94?

A It was '94. I misunderstood. I'm sorry. That was on my second admit.

Q Who did you say your cellmate was at Illinois River?

A Eddy Hammond.

Q Eddy Hammond?

A Yes Sir.

Q That was the conversation you think was probably about five years ago?

A Yes Sir. But I remember it well. It was the one that made me call those Detectives here in Bloomington/Normal.

Q Did you know Billy Little?

A Yes I did. We all did from that neighborhood down there.

Q You said Eddy Hammond confessed to driving

the car, but you don't think he did it?

A No, I believe he did. That's why I called those Detectives back again. I believe he did drive the car. I think he did.

BY MS. GRIFFIN: Just to clarify, and I'm sorry I don't have that report right in front of me, but as I'm recalling reviewing that report of the officers talking to you at that time, I thought you indicated to them that Eddy told you that the same person that drove the car when he did his bank robbery that he was in for was the same person--

A Person that drove the car.

BY MS. GRIFFIN: Is that what he said?

A Yes Ma'am.

BY MS. GRIFFIN: And you just assumed he meant it was himself?

A Yes.

BY MS. GRIFFIN: He never said he drove the car?

A No.

BY MS. GRIFFIN: That's the closest he said was--

A That's the closest, yes.

BY MR. GRIFFIN: The same person?

A Yes, I'm sorry.

Q You said that Jamie indicated that there was three of them involved in the robbery at the Clark station?

A Absolutely, yes Sir.

Q He didn't really give you any indication whether men, women? In other words, whether it was all three guys or might have been a gal involved in it or anything like that?

A No Sir. The way that it came across, if I remember correctly, was that it was three of his brothers. He is involved in a street gang and if I remember correctly, it was two of his brothers, three of them, or one of their sisters. I don't know if any women were involved I'm saying.

Q How long did the two of you spend together?

A We were in that cell together for three days and three nights, and then we were moved across the street from the annex, from the receiving building to Joliet where we were neighbors and we'd all go out to yard together and walk the yard together and stuff. But no more conversations like what he told me over in that annex. That annex made me believe what happened, that he was responsible for it, and I'm sitting here today and I'll come back from where I'm at. I'm sitting in

the worst place you can be for 13 years and I'm risking everything, and I'll come back here if I have to and testify again in a courtroom because he did it. That's a fact.

BY MS. GRIFFIN: Any other questions?

(No response.)

BY MS. GRIFFIN: Okay.

(Witness excused.)