

KAREN STRONG

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

EXAMINATION BY MS. GRIFFIN:

Q Would you tell everyone your name please?

A Karen Strong.

Q Did you use to be Ballinger?

A Yes.

Q Where do you live?

A At Number 55 Willowcreek North in Bloomington.

Q Do you live there with anybody else?

A My husband.

Q What's his name?

A Kevin.

Q Strong?

A Uh-huh.

Q I want to ask if you know an individual by the name of Mark McCown?

A Yes I do.

Q How do you know Mark McCown?

A We had a relationship 10 or 15 years ago.

Q Do you know about what that time period was when you had the relationship with him?

A From '80 to '84--or '90 to '94. I'm sorry.

Q I want to ask you if you're familiar with some other individuals, in particular Jamie Snow. Do you know Jamie Snow?

A Yes.

Q How do you know Jamie Snow?

A He was a friend of Mark.

Q Is that how you got to know him?

A Uh-huh.

Q You didn't know him before you knew Mark?

A No.

Q Did you ever do things with Jamie Snow?

A I never did.

Q Did Mark do things with Jamie Snow?

A Yeah I guess as far as drinking and going out, partying and stuff like that, but I never went with them.

Q What about Tmamy Snow, do you know her?

A I got to know her after I met Jamie. Knew her as Jamie's wife.

Q Did you guys ever do anything together?

A Well we drank a few beers together, all of

us you know. That was about it.

Q What about Susan Powell, do you know Susan Powell?

A I know her face, but don't know her personally.

Q What about Julie Knight?

A Yes.

Q How do you know Julie?

A I work with her.

Q So you know how long you've known her?

A Three or four years.

Q I want to take you back to the timeframe around the spring of 1991.

A Uh-huh.

Q And ask if you know who you were living with and where you were living around March 31st, 1991?

A I was living with Mark McCown in Greenwood Trailer Court.

Q Were you actually living in the trailer court or somewhere--

A It's an apartment building out there.

Q Are you familiar with the armed robbery shooting that occurred at the Clark gas station at the corner of Linden and Empire on March 31st, 1991?

A Yes.

Q In which William Little was shot and killed?

A Yes.

Q Did you ever have any conversations with either Jamie Snow or Mark McCown about that?

A I had a conversation with Mark about it.

Q Do you know about when that conversation occurred?

A I'm not sure on the timeline but it was before Jamie was arrested for the incident.

Q Now what was the nature of that conversation you had with Mark about?

A He had told me that Jamie had killed someone.

Q You know how that conversation came up or what brought that up?

A Jamie had come to our apartment and wanted to know if he could stay there for a few days before going to his sister's.

Q And basically at that time did you learn or get the impression that Jamie was on the run from something?

A Yes I did.

Q Did you ask what he was on the run from or what was going on?

A I did but didn't really get any straight answers.

Q When you say that he wanted some place to stay before he went to his sister's in Missouri, that was when he was still running?

A Uh-huh.

Q Did you become aware at some point that he did get arrested in Missouri at his sister's?

A Yes.

Q So this all happened before he got arrested at his sister's in Missouri, is that correct?

A Uh-huh.

Q Was it after William Little was shot?

A Yes.

Q At the Clark station.

A Yes.

Q Now did Mark have any other conversations with you then about Jamie shooting somebody?

A Yeah. He said that Jamie shot him because Jamie knew that the kid could identify him.

Q Did he indicate what Jamie got out of it or what--

A Just a minimal amount of money is what he said.

Q And so Mark is the one telling you that Jamie shot the attendant at the Clark gas station?

A Yes.

Q And saying he did it because Jamie knew the guy could identify him?

A Uh-huh.

Q Has anyone else had any conversations with you about who did this or who was involved?

A Yes. Julie Knight has.

Q What has she told you?

A She told me the same thing, that Jamie shot the kid because he could identify him and had just gotten a little bit of money.

Q Did she tell you about anybody else that was involved?

A She said that Susan Powell was driving the car and she said there was other people in the car but she didn't say who.

Q When would be the last time that you would have seen Jamie Snow?

A The day that he came and asked Mark if he could spend a couple days there.

Q And the last time you would have talked to Mark about this shooting?

A Just shortly after Jamie was arrested for it we split up.

Q When you say shortly after Jamie's arrest, are you talking about when he was arrested in Missouri at his sister's?

A Yes.

Q Have you had any conversations with anybody else about the Clark station shooting?

A No.

Q Do you have any other information that you think is important or any information at all about the Clark station and who was responsible for the shooting?

A No.

Q Do you have any information which would be important in showing Jamie Snow was not involved in the shooting?

A No.

Q Do you have any information which would show whether or not Mark McCown was involved in this?

A No.

BY MS. GRIFFIN: I don't believe I have any

other questions. Anybody else?

EXAMINATION BY GRAND JURY:

Q How did Mark know that Jamie Snow shot--

A Jamie told him.

Q Did Mark allow him to stay at the apartment?

A I didn't allow it.

Q You didn't?

A No.

Q Do you know how he got to your apartment? You didn't see whether he came in a car?

A No. Somebody brought him there but I didn't see who it was.

Q You didn't see a vehicle even?

A No.

BY MS. GRIFFIN: Anything else?

(No response.)



BY MS. GRIFFIN: Thank you.

(Witness excused.)