

1 himself as kind of the flunky to these guys, so I don't know
2 if they are getting to him or what.

3 Now, I did see Brian Ware in town last Friday,
4 driving a rental car. I didn't approach him, and there was
5 reasons for that. So, you know, there again, I just, at
6 this point I don't know what they are doing to him, if
7 anything.

8 I came right out and asked him specifically, I said,
9 are they trying to intimidate you? And he said, well, I am
10 not going to answer that.

11 MRS. JENSEN: Anything else? Okay. You want to send
12 in Mr. Cooley?

13 A. Sure.

14 (Witness excused.)

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16 (Witness was sworn.)

17 TERRANCE COOLEY

18 called as a witness herein, having been duly sworn,
19 was examined and testified as follows:

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MRS. JENSEN:

22 MRS. JENSEN: Could you state your name, please?

23 THE WITNESS: Terrance Cooley.

24 Q. And where do you live?

1 A. Alton, Illinois.

2 Q. And what address?

3 A. 2411 Seminary Street.

4 Q. And how long have you lived there?

5 A. About three years.

6 Q. Do you live there with anyone?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And who is that?

9 A. My girlfriend.

10 Q. And what is her name?

11 A. Latricia Wilson.

12 Q. Has she lived with you for three years?

13 A. No, probably about two.

14 Q. Okay. And are you employed?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And where do you work?

17 A. Olin.

18 Q. How long have you worked there?

19 A. Thirteen years.

20 Q. Do you know a Brian Ware?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And how do you know him?

23 A. He is my cousin.

24 Q. And do you know James Evans?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And how do you know him?

3 A. He is a friend.

4 Q. Does he have a nickname that he goes by?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And what is that?

7 A. Raven.

8 Q. And how long have you been friends with Mr.

9 Evans?

10 A. I, I have known him since he was a kid. But, we

11 have been friends maybe, two, three, years.

12 Q. Okay. And Brian Ware is your cousin?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you have a close relationship with him?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And has Brian lived in Alton all of his life or

17 most of his life?

18 A. Most of his life.

19 Q. And Brian's father, it is my understanding, owns

20 a tavern in Alton?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And what is the name of that tavern?

23 A. The Warriors Club.

24 Q. Does it have another name, or did it have another

1 name in recent history?

2 A. Yes, No Doubt.

3 Q. Where is that located?

4 A. On Oakwood Street.

5 Q. And has it been there for awhile?

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. Did you have occasion to work there at any time?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What type of work do you do there?

10 A. I usually just work the door, and every now and
11 then I will help behind the bar.

12 Q. So Mr. Ware, Brian's father, is that Lester Ware?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Would he be your uncle then?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you still have close contact with those two
17 individuals, Mr. Ware and Mr. Evans?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you know Nekemar Pearson?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you hear that he was missing in 1995?

22 A. Yes, I saw the posters, that was when I first
23 found out that he was missing.

24 Q. Do you have any knowledge as to how he came up

1 missing or what happened to him?

2 A. No, only what I have heard.

3 Q. And what have you heard?

4 A. Well, I heard that he was missing. And that
5 they found him maybe like six months later. And that he had
6 been killed.

7 Q. Did you hear any of this from Raven?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you hear anything about his death or him
10 being missing from Brian Ware?

11 A. No.

12 Q. They have never had any conversation with you
13 about Nekemar Pearson?

14 A. Yes. Recently.

15 Q. And what was that?

16 A. That they were trying to say that they were the
17 ones that had something to do with it.

18 Q. And they never said anything to you other than
19 that?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did Raven tell you that his, that he had been
22 robbed by anyone or kidnapped or --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. When did that happen?

1 A. When did it happen?

2 Q. Uh-huh.

3 A. I have no idea. He just, he just told me about
4 that when all the other stuff started coming up.

5 Q. So he didn't tell you about it two years ago when
6 it happened?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Were you friends with him then?

9 A. Not really as close.

10 Q. So you weren't friends with him two years ago?

11 A. Yes, we were friends, but we weren't as close of
12 friends.

13 Q. And neither he nor Brian said anything about
14 Raven being kidnapped and duct taped?

15 A. No, not until just recently.

16 Q. And did just recently they tell you who they
17 thought did that, the home invasion and kidnapping?

18 A. Yes. Well, Raven told me, but he said he never
19 did even know that the kid had anything to do with it until
20 after he came up missing. This is what he told me.

21 Q. So Raven told you just recently?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. That he didn't know that Nekemar Pearson was the
24 one involved, until after Pearson was missing?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you have contact with Detective Wells from
3 the sheriff's department about this case?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did he give you messages to deliver to Brian Ware
6 to contact him?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did you give Brian Ware those messages?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did he say, that being Brian Ware, why he wasn't
11 going to contact Detective Wells?

12 A. Well, he told me that he had talked to his
13 lawyer, and had his lawyer get in touch with him. And that
14 Detective Wells was supposed to be calling the lawyer, but
15 never did.

16 Q. Who is the lawyer?

17 A. Charlie Shaw.

18 Q. Who is Raven's lawyer?

19 A. Charlie Shaw.

20 Q. Do you know of Brian Ware having guns in the
21 past?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What kind of guns?

24 A. A forty-five, a nine millimeter.

1 Q. Did you have occasion to give him guns in the
2 past?

3 A. I sold him a gun.

4 Q. One gun? What kind of gun was that?

5 A. A nine millimeter Beretta.

6 Q. Beretta? When did you sell him that?

7 A. Maybe about a year and a half ago.

8 Q. And you never gave him or sold him any other
9 guns?

10 A. Yes. I sold him a forty-five.

11 Q. And when was that?

12 A. And that was maybe four years ago.

13 Q. Did you at any time give him guns or lend him
14 guns and expect to get them back?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Was there any time when he was supposed to give
17 you a gun and didn't give it back to you?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Has Brian Ware been in the area in the last few
20 months? In the Alton area?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. He has been around?

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. Does he work?

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A. I don't know.

Q. He is your cousin and you don't know whether he works?

A. He doesn't live here any more.

Q. Where does he live?

A. In Texas.

Q. Whereabouts?

A. As far as I know, Houston.

Q. But he has been in this area in the last few months?

A. Yes.

Q. What is he doing up here?

A. I don't know, his family is up here.

Q. When did he move to Texas?

A. I am really not sure, but I think it would be probably about two years ago.

Q. How often does he come to this area?

A. Maybe three, four times a month.

Q. How long does he stay?

A. He stays a few days, a week. It varies.

Q. What does he do while he is up here?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you see him when he is up here?

A. Yes.

1 Q. Regularly?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you recall telling Detective Wells that if you
4 know anything about the death of Nekemar Pearson that you
5 would not tell him?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Why did you say that?

8 A. Well, I didn't exactly say it like that.

9 Q. What did you say?

10 A. He asked me would I tell if I knew anything, and
11 I said that, depending on who it is.

12 Q. What does that mean?

13 A. That means that I really wouldn't want to tell on
14 somebody that was close to me.

15 Q. Like Brian Ware?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you wouldn't tell if it was Brian Ware?

18 A. I would now, since I am under oath.

19 Q. Was Brian Ware living in the Alton area at the
20 time that Nekemar Pearson was missing?

21 A. I think so.

22 Q. And where was Raven living?

23 A. I don't know.

24 Q. You don't know where Raven lives?

1 A. I know he was living on Powahattan. I think he
2 might have been living there at the time.

3 Q. In a red house?

4 A. Yes. I guess it is red. I thought it was
5 brown, but it might have been red.

6 Q. You never had anything to do or never saw or
7 never heard anything about Nekemar Pearson's body?

8 A. No.

9 Q. You never had anything to do with the
10 transporting of that body, or moving it to a location other
11 than a house in Alton?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Nekemar Pearson's body was never in your home?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Never in your car?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And you never had any conversation where Brian
18 Ware and Raven talked about Nekemar Pearson's death?

19 A. Yes. They talked about it. They never talked
20 about doing it, though.

21 Q. And they never talked about moving the body?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Any questions?

24 GRAND JUROR: Did you ever loan your car to them?

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A. Yes.

MRS. JENSEN: When?

A. My cousin uses it regularly.

Q. Brian?

A. Yes.

Q. What kind of car do you have?

A. A Z-28 Camaro.

Q. Would he have borrowed it during this time period that Nekemar Pearson was missing?

A. Maybe. But, he didn't use it as often then.

Q. When does he use it?

A. Huh?

Q. When does he use it now?

A. Sometimes when he comes into town.

Q. How does he get into town?

A. Flies, I guess. I have picked him up at the airport before.

Q. Anything else? Okay.

(Witness excused.)

(Which was all the evidence offered and received, and statements made.)