

1 Nobody know where my stuff is at home.

2 Q Well, don't you think if you were being threatened by
3 Fletcher and that there were letters that said that, that
4 those might become important?

5 A You already had some.

6 MR. HALE: Objection. He doesn't have the burden of
7 proof. The State has the burden of proof.

8 THE COURT: Well, --

9 MR. HALE: You're trying to shift the burden.

10 MR. JENSEN: They're in his exclusive possession.

11 THE COURT: Overruled.

12 MR. GREER: You already had them. You got two of them
13 yourself that you all stopped. You intercepted. He was
14 writing me. You all intercepted. You all got the letters.
15 You all -- as a matter of fact, listen, you and Brad Wells
16 came and told me that he threatened my life.

17 MR. HALE: I will object. There is no foundation.

18 THE COURT: Sustained. Well; sustained.

19 Just wait for a question, okay.

20 MR. GREER: Okay. Yes, ma'am.

21 MR. JENSEN: You testified in People versus James Evans,
22 didn't you?

23 MR. GREER: Yeah, you know I did. I did it for you and
24 Brad Wells. I was in jail when Nekemar Pearson was missing.

1 How I know about that. You all told me. You even told me to
2 change -- Brian Warr had told me the story. You all told me
3 to change my story because you can't use that because he
4 wasn't alive. You told me to say he told me, and I did it.

5 Q You made arrangements for Brian Warr to go up to the
6 police department -- the sheriff's department --

7 A I didn't make arrangements. I told him that would be
8 the best thing to do.

9 Q So, you told him to go up and give a statement
10 against James Evans?

11 A No, we sat down and we talked about it. I said if
12 they doing all this, you do the best thing you do. Don't go
13 down with him. If you ain't had nothing to do with it, don't
14 go down with him. That's what I said. I wasn't even aware
15 of the day that he went up there. He told me when he got
16 back.

17 Q He told you when he got back --

18 A And if Raven --

19 Q -- that he had given a videotaped statement, correct?

20 A He didn't tell me about the videotape. You all told
21 me about the videotape. You and Brad Wells. I didn't have
22 no idea he gave a videotape, but I had some knowledge of him
23 going up there, but only way Raven -- James Evans could have
24 found out unless one of you all did because how in the world

1 is James Evans going to find out that he came and testified
2 before the Grand Jury the next day and only -- ain't nobody
3 up in there but you and the Jury and the Judge.

4 Q Or maybe one of Mr. Evans' close friends --

5 A On the jury?

6 Q -- or one of Brian's close friends may have told Mr.
7 Evans, such as yourself?

8 A Maybe one of the -- maybe a close friend lied. Maybe
9 that's a close friend lie that's been orchestrated by you
10 all. You did --

11 Q You were --

12 MR. HALE: I'll object. Not a question on the floor.

13 MR. JENSEN: What possible incentive would Mr. Simmons
14 have to have you tell this concocted lie when, in fact, they
15 didn't even use you in the trial of Robert Fletcher? What
16 possible --

17 A Well, you wanted to use me. I refused. What would
18 -- well, ask him. Maybe he get his kicks off on sending
19 people to jail for crimes they didn't commit. You did. You
20 did it, and then you did it. Ask yourself --

21 Q Well, what possible incentive -- what possible
22 incentive do I have for having you make up this concocted
23 story --

24 A How would I know? I'm not in your mind. I just know

1. you done it. I'm living proof. I'm living proof of what you
2. do, and what he do, too. I know that. I'm living proof.
3. Everything start happen to me ever since I didn't corroborate
4. with you all. I'm living proof. I'm living it. This is my
5. life that you made possible for me. I'm living this.

6. Q When --

7. MR. HALE: I'm going to object again. There's not a
8. question on the floor.

9. THE COURT: He's answering. Overruled.

10. MR. JENSEN: Wait a minute. You said everything started
11. happening with you because you didn't cooperate. These other
12. arrests that you have talked about --

13. MR. GREER: I was being --

14. Q -- the gun -- did someone give you a gun so that you
15. got set up by the Alton Police?

16. A Listen, I told you I got caught with a gun in my
17. trash can, and then when I got up here, I asked you to give
18. me probation. You said I was holding back. I ain't blamed
19. you for having the gun in my trash can. I had the gun. I
20. just thought you might give leniency on me cause I went along
21. with all these crazy stories you made --

22. (Q) Well, don't you think you got leniency when your
23. attorney arranged for you to have release on recognizance and
24. you got your bond back --

1 A My attorney didn't arrange that. You --

2 Q Could I finish my question, please?

3 THE COURT: Yeah.

4 MR. JENSEN: Don't you think you got leniency when your
5 own attorney made a motion, got bond money back, and your own
6 attorney released that bond money that he was entitled to to
7 you? Don't you think you got leniency there?

8 MR. GREER: Okay, listen, --

9 Q That's a yes or no question.

10 MR. GREER: -- to say -- okay, here's -- here's what you
11 don't know --

12 THE COURT: Okay, --

13 MR. HALE: No, I think Mr. Jensen said --

14 MR. GREER: Okay, I'm going to answer it -- I can answer
15 his question entirely.

16 MR. HALE: You think --

17 MR. GREER: Okay, when me, you and Brad Wells -- you all
18 brought me over here from the detective part in handcuffs, we
19 was in the room where they hold the people for preliminary
20 hearing, I looked out the hall and I seen Brad -- I mean, I
21 seen Thomas Hildebrand and you -- I asked you to get him for
22 me. You got him for me, and you brought him in here and you
23 all made the deal right then. Prior to that, Thomas
24 Hildebrand wasn't even my attorney, and you know that. You

know that was spur of the moment thing. You know that.

(A short pause in the proceedings).

MR. GREER: Can I have another cup of water, please?

THE COURT: A.C., get him some more water.

(A short pause in the proceedings).

MR. JENSEN: Is there anyone else that you feel is tied up in this conspiracy to have you tell us an untruthful story?

MR. GREER: I wouldn't put it past you. I wouldn't put it past you.

MR. HALE: I have -- I'm going to --

MR. JENSEN: I'm asking for some names.

MR. HALE: I'm going to object.

MR. GREER: Okay, well, --

THE COURT: Wait. Wait, let your lawyer --

MR. HALE: I'm going to say it's not relevant to what -- the proceeding that's before the Court.

MR. JENSEN: He's saying the prosecution put him up to a gigantic lie and that's not relevant?

THE COURT: Overruled. Overruled.

MR. GREER: Okay, what were you saying?

MR. JENSEN: Who else are you saying is tied in with this whole conspiracy?

MR. GREER: You know who all tied in with it. You know

1 more about it than me. It ain't -- it's a big old Madison
2 County Jail story. You got people that go along with the
3 story, and you're letting them out all the time. They go
4 along with the story. I know this guy did a home invasion,
5 had two charges, and that's a Class X Felony, 6 to 30. He
6 then went in somebody's house, kidnapped the kid, locked them
7 in the bathroom with the babysitter and you got him four
8 years, and you got a murderer eight years for killing his own
9 little brother in agreement to say something about me and
10 it's all over the jail. You know how it is. Just, Keith,
11 tell the truth. They don't live in the jail. I got to tell
12 -- I'm going to tell them what's going on in the jail.

13 Q You are certain about this big conspiracy as you are
14 that you were told in front of Mr. Hildebrand in this
15 courthouse that you were offered six years if you'd tell this
16 concocted story, correct?

17 A Yes, but you know what, I think that he'd go along
18 with you all before he'd stay with me. You know you got
19 him. That's yours. He's yours. He's not mine. He's yours.

20 Q Well, according to the jail then, how many lawyers
21 does the State's Attorney's Office have on their payroll that
22 are these defense lawyers that do whatever they --

23 A You really want me to give my educated guess?

24 Q Well, sure, I think the Jurors should know.