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RAYMOND ABEL,

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having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

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BY MR. JONES:

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Q. Would you state your name for the Court,

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please?

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A. Raymond Abel.

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Q. Officer Abel, are you employed?

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A. With the Houston Police Department, sir.

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Q. And back on October the 12th, 2011, how

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were you employed?

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A. With the Houston Police Department, sir.

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Q. To what unit were you assigned?

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A. Westside Tactical Unit.

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Q. And in connection with your assignment to

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the Westside Tactical Unit, did you have occasion to

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come upon -- to be dispatched to -- to be dispatched

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to a scene where you stopped a vehicle on traffic?

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A. I was not dispatched, I was called by an

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officer who was in an unmarked vehicle.

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Q. Would that have been in connection with a

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vehicle that would have been occupied by a Mr.

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Hollie?

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A. Yes, sir.

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Q. Travoy Hollie. Now, what information did

1 you have at the time that you were -- at the time you
2 were directed to make contact with that vehicle?

3 A. My supervisor and lieutenants witnessed
4 what could possibly be an abduction or assault. They
5 were communicating on the radio. They're advising us
6 males were flashing gang signs at which time they
7 jumped into a vehicle. Another unmarked vehicle with
8 officer in plain clothes sees the vehicle take off at
9 which time he was advising us directions and
10 violations.

11 Q. You didn't witness any gang signs?

12 A. No, sir, I didn't.

13 Q. You didn't witness any abduction?

14 A. No, sir, I didn't.

15 Q. You did not pursuant to your investigation
16 that day arrest anybody for making any gang signs?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. You didn't arrest anybody for any
19 abductions or kidnapping?

20 A. That would be up to the complainant. Since
21 it's not family violence, the complainant has the
22 right to prosecute or not. If she did not we did
23 not.

24 Q. So the answer to your question --

25 A. Is no.

1 Q. Now, you stopped the vehicle. Did you have
2 any information relevant to -- well, when you stopped
3 the vehicle, how close were you to the vehicle when
4 you first saw it?

5 A. We came up fast behind the vehicle, sir, as
6 the unmarked was by it.

7 Q. All right. And the reason you were coming
8 up behind the vehicle was to detain it based on
9 information you'd received on the radio or at least
10 from the other officers?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. You at that time had received no
13 information relevant to any traffic violations at the
14 time?

15 A. We were advised over the air by Officer
16 Chaffin no seat belts were on anybody in the vehicle.

17 Q. You didn't stop anybody because they're not
18 having any seat belts?

19 A. We were told about the possible abduction
20 or possible assault and the no seat belts over the
21 air, sir.

22 Q. Did you make an offense report?

23 A. Did I do the offense report?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. No, sir, I did not.

1 Q. I take it there's no where where you
2 recorded what it was you just described?

3 A. In the offense report Officer Chaffin does
4 put there are no seat belts. He's the one that
5 witnessed it in our unit, the unmarked, witnesses the
6 violations, the marked units come up and stop the
7 vehicle.

8 Q. So you personally did not witness any seat
9 belt violation?

10 MS. BARNETT: Objection, asked and
11 answered.

12 THE COURT: Sustained.

13 MR. JONES: I haven't asked that
14 question. Did he observe himself the seat belt
15 violation?

16 THE COURT: He answered that minutes
17 ago.

18 MR. JONES: Was his answer no?

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 MR. JONES: I pass the witness.

21 MS. BARNETT: I don't have any
22 questions.

23 THE COURT: You may wait in the
24 hallway. Call your next witness.

25 MR. JONES: I would call Cockrill.