

1 Q. Of what the person looked like or a description  
2 of him?

3 A. As I said, got a black male. She stated in one  
4 of the statements that he was wearing a hoodie, so.

5 Q. And that was it?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. All right.

8 MR. TANNER: Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Further questions?

10 MS. OSWALD: No further questions, Your  
11 Honor.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Officer  
13 Sadowski.

14 Call your next witness.

15 MR. BURDETTE: State calls Officer Duran.

16 THE COURT: Come on up, Officer Duran.  
17 You're still under oath.

18 **J. DURAN,**

19 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

20 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

21 **BY MR. BURDETTE:**

22 Q. Good afternoon, Officer Duran.

23 A. Good afternoon, sir.

24 Q. How are you?

25 A. Fine. Thank you, sir.

1 Q. Good. I'd like to pick up where we left off  
2 yesterday after the defendant, Chad Collins, was  
3 identified by Mr. Castillo there near the Sellers  
4 Brothers as being the person that robbed him. Okay?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. After he is identified, is he placed under  
7 arrest for that aggravated robbery?

8 A. Yes, sir. At that point he's placed under  
9 arrest.

10 Q. Okay. So what do you do with the vehicle that  
11 he was driving?

12 A. After it was established that he was a suspect  
13 who committed the robbery by the complainant who  
14 identified him, we performed another search on the  
15 vehicle, a more thorough search where we knew what we  
16 were looking for at that time. So we were looking for  
17 other stolen items, the wallet and other stuff.

18 Q. I think you established yesterday you didn't  
19 find the wallet or a gun; is that right?

20 A. That's right.

21 Q. Did you find any other unique or suspicious  
22 items in the vehicle?

23 A. Yes. Sitting on top of the passenger seat of  
24 the vehicle, the front passenger seat, there was a cell  
25 phone. On the cell phone there was an open text message

1 that stated --

2 MR. TANNER: Excuse me. I'll object to  
3 anything in the text message as hearsay.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 Right now, is there an exception to it?

6 MR. BURDETTE: Well, at this point, Judge,  
7 it goes to the effect on the listener.

8 THE COURT: I think that anything that  
9 says it says would be hearsay. I would agree with the  
10 defense on that, unless you have an exception to the  
11 Hearsay Rule.

12 MR. BURDETTE: Well, I don't know that it  
13 is being offered for the truth of the matter asserted,  
14 Judge, so much as it being something that he came  
15 across.

16 THE COURT: Right now, I'm going to  
17 sustain it unless you have a proper exception.

18 MR. BURDETTE: Fair enough.

19 Q. (BY MR. BURDETTE) Did you see text messages on  
20 that phone?

21 A. I did, sir.

22 Q. What were the nature of those text messages?

23 MR. TANNER: I have the same objection,  
24 Judge.

25 THE COURT: He's not going to repeat what

1 it said, but you can tell us the nature of it.

2 A. It led me to believe that a follow-up  
3 investigation was necessary.

4 Q. (BY MR. BURDETTE) Well, did you find the  
5 statement suspicious?

6 A. I did, sir.

7 Q. And you said they were in the form of text  
8 messages. Were you able to determine a phone number  
9 from which those text messages were sent?

10 A. I did, sir. There was a phone number from the  
11 person who sent the messages.

12 Q. Okay. Did you document that phone number?

13 A. I did. I wrote it down on my notepad.

14 Q. At that point did you have any way of  
15 determining whether or not the phone in which you were  
16 reading was a stolen phone?

17 A. I did not, sir.

18 Q. At that point when you're just reading it,  
19 whose phone did you think it is?

20 A. I believed it was the defendant's phone.

21 Q. But you felt it warranted further  
22 investigation?

23 A. Yes, sir. I wanted to make sure it wasn't a  
24 prank or joke or something or something more serious  
25 that called for a follow-up investigation.

1 Q. Okay. So what did you do with the phone after  
2 documenting the sender's phone number?

3 A. I placed it back onto the seat where I found it  
4 and continued my thorough search of the vehicle.

5 Q. Knowing what you know now, would you have done  
6 that with that phone?

7 A. No. I would have taken custody of it.

8 Q. Well, let's talk about what you did with the  
9 information you wrote down. What did you do with the  
10 sender's phone number and when?

11 A. The next day after that day, which was  
12 April 13th, I dialed the phone number that I recorded  
13 onto my notepad.

14 Q. Okay. Who did you speak with when you called  
15 that phone number?

16 A. I spoke to Ms. Kathryn Scurry.

17 Q. What did you ask her?

18 A. I identified myself as a Houston police officer  
19 and I asked her if she had -- can I tell her what I  
20 said?

21 Q. Absolutely.

22 A. I asked her if she had been robbed the day  
23 before or anytime soon.

24 Q. Okay. Did she answer you?

25 A. She --

1 MR. TANNER: Object, hearsay.

2 THE COURT: Okay. The question is yes or  
3 no.

4 A. Yes. She did answer, yes.

5 Q. (BY MR. BURDETTE) So based on -- well, did you  
6 ask any further questions of her?

7 A. Yes. I asked her if she knew the suspect who  
8 had robbed her and she stated no.

9 MR. TANNER: Object.

10 THE COURT: When he objects, you have to  
11 stop. We can't repeat what other people said unless we  
12 have an exception to it.

13 MR. BURDETTE: At this point, Judge, I'm  
14 just asking him the questions he asked.

15 THE COURT: That's right, but he was about  
16 to say what she said.

17 Q. (BY MR. BURDETTE) After that, what was your  
18 next question?

19 A. I asked her if she could meet me at the police  
20 station so I could present her with a photo array.

21 Q. Okay. At that point what type investigation  
22 are you conducting?

23 A. At this point I'm conducting a follow-up for a  
24 previous robbery.

25 Q. Were you able to get a case number from

1 Ms. Scurry?

2 A. Yes, sir. I asked her if she had called the  
3 police and filed a police report and she stated that she  
4 had and I asked her to give me the case number.

5 Q. Did you get that case number?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. Did you pull the report?

8 A. I did pull the report.

9 Q. Before speaking to her, did you read about the  
10 surrounding facts?

11 A. I did, sir.

12 Q. Did you familiarize yourself with the event?

13 A. I did familiarize myself with the event, yes,  
14 sir.

15 Q. At some point did you ask her to come and meet  
16 you?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. Did you tell her how you had come across her  
19 phone number?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. Okay. Did she ever give you any indication  
22 that it was odd that you had her phone number?

23 THE COURT: That calls for a yes or no.

24 A. That it was odd? I'm sorry. Would you repeat?

25 Q. (BY MR. BURDETTE) Well, did she seem surprised

1 that you're --

2 A. Yes, sir. She did, yes, sir.

3 Q. So when do you make arrangements for her to  
4 come down to the station?

5 A. I had asked her if she can meet me that same  
6 day. It was my day off, but I would go in for this  
7 special occasion. And she stated that it wasn't.

8 THE COURT: Sir, he'll ask you another  
9 question.

10 Q. (BY MR. BURDETTE) So were you able to agree  
11 on a day when she could come down and speak to you?

12 A. Yes, sir. We agreed for April 18th.

13 Q. Okay. Did you speak to her?

14 A. I did.

15 Q. Did you determine that she had been a victim of  
16 a crime?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What type of crime?

19 A. A robbery, aggravated robbery with a deadly  
20 weapon.

21 Q. From what date?

22 A. From April 10th.

23 Q. Of what year?

24 A. 2011.

25 Q. How many days before the aggravated robbery of

1 Jose Castillo was that?

2 A. Two days.

3 Q. Now, at that point you had met the defendant,  
4 Chad Collins, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. When you read the initial report that was taken  
7 involving Ms. Scurry, did you find similarities in the  
8 description that was given?

9 A. Yes, very similar chain of events occurred,  
10 which means robberies.

11 Q. And did you feel that that warranted your  
12 investigation?

13 A. Yes. I felt that it warranted further  
14 investigation.

15 Q. Did you refer this to robbery or did you  
16 conduct this investigation yourself?

17 A. I asked my sergeant for permission to follow up  
18 on the investigation. And then I called robbery  
19 division and spoke to a robbery detective and he gave me  
20 authorization to follow up on the investigation as long  
21 as he can supervise my work.

22 Q. So did he do that?

23 A. He did.

24 Q. So when you have Ms. Scurry come down, is she  
25 the only person that you have asked to come down with

1 her?

2 A. No, sir. She stated that her friend was with  
3 her and Ms. Rachel Dorval came along with her.

4 Q. So did you request her presence as well?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. Were you able to determine who owned that phone  
7 that you had found in the vehicle?

8 A. I did, sir.

9 Q. Who was that?

10 A. That vehicle belonged to Rachel Dorval.

11 Q. Not the vehicle but the phone?

12 A. The phone? I'm sorry. Yes, the phone belonged  
13 to Ms. Rachel Dorval.

14 Q. So you requested her presence as well?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. What day did you meet with Ms. Dorval and  
17 Ms. Scurry?

18 A. That was April 18th, 2011, at 1530 hours.

19 Q. 1530 is 3:30 p.m.?

20 A. 3:30, yes.

21 Q. Where did you meet them?

22 A. At the police station where I'm assigned.

23 Q. And what is the purpose of the meeting that you  
24 are going to have with these two women?

25 A. I asked them to meet me at the station so I

1 could present them with a photo array.

2 Q. Let's talk just generally. What is a photo  
3 array and how is it used?

4 A. A photo array is a -- there is six different  
5 pictures of six different suspects with similar  
6 characteristics as far as looks so that they can pick  
7 out who the person was that committed a crime.

8 Q. Did you have -- well, did you generate a photo  
9 array?

10 A. Yes, sir, I generated it with the assistance of  
11 Officer Santiago.

12 Q. Was it a six-person photo array?

13 A. It was.

14 Q. Was there six black males in the photo array?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Did they all have the same hair color?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Were they generally same size and build?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Did they all have similar facial features?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And similar hairstyles?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Were they all -- were any of them in jail  
25 clothing?

1           A.    No, sir.

2           Q.    And was there anything unique -- well, was  
3           there anything unique with any of the individuals that  
4           would suggest to someone who they had to pick out of the  
5           photo array?

6           A.    No, sir.

7           Q.    Did you place the defendant in the photo array?

8           A.    I did, sir.

9           Q.    So it would be the defendant with five other  
10          similarly situated males?

11          A.    Yes, sir.

12          Q.    Now, how many photo arrays did you have  
13          generated?

14          A.    Two.

15          Q.    Are they the same photos?

16          A.    Yes, sir, same photos.

17          Q.    How did you pick out where to place the  
18          defendant in the photo array?

19          A.    The mug shot database gives you the option to  
20          place the suspects wherever you want or the computer  
21          database would do it itself.  So the computer random  
22          picks what position they're placed in.

23                       MR. BURDETTE:  Judge, may I approach the  
24          witness?

25                       THE COURT:  You may.

1 Q. (BY MR. BURDETTE) Officer Duran, I have here  
2 what's been marked as State's Exhibit 16 and 17. Please  
3 take a look at them and tell me if you recognize them?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Are they fair and accurate?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Are these the originals or exact duplicates of  
8 the photo arrays that were shown to Kathryn Scurry and  
9 Rachel Dorval?

10 A. Those are the originals.

11 Q. Okay. These are the originals or duplicates?  
12 Take a look at them.

13 A. These are the duplicates.

14 Q. Okay. Where are the originals generally kept?

15 A. In the property room.

16 MR. BURDETTE: Judge, at this time the  
17 State offers State's Exhibit 16 and 17 into evidence.  
18 I'll tender to opposing counsel for inspection.

19 MR. TANNER: Same objection as to  
20 relevance.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Then my same ruling on  
22 that and State's Exhibit 16 and 17 are admitted over  
23 objection.

24 MR. BURDETTE: May I publish these?

25 THE COURT: You may.

1           Q.     (BY MR. BURDETTE) Now, Officer Duran, when  
2 Ms. Scurry and Ms. Dorval are coming down to the  
3 station, do you bring them into the room together with  
4 the photo arrays?

5           A.     No, sir.

6           Q.     Okay. How is a photo array shown to a witness?

7           A.     You separate any witnesses and you present them  
8 at different times.

9           Q.     Okay. Why do you separate them?

10          A.     So that they don't feel compelled to have to  
11 pick the same person.

12          Q.     Is that standard procedure?

13          A.     Yes, sir.

14          Q.     Did you follow that procedure in this case?

15          A.     I did, sir.

16          Q.     Before you showed them the photo array, did you  
17 tell them that the suspect was in the photo array you  
18 were about to show them?

19          A.     No, sir. I made them aware that the suspect  
20 may or may not be in the photo array and that they did  
21 not have to choose somebody if they did not feel  
22 comfortable with their choices.

23          Q.     Are there standard admonishments that are given  
24 to witnesses before you present a photo array to them?

25          A.     Yes, sir.

1 Q. And there's departmental guidelines that  
2 require that as well?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Did you follow those guidelines?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. Did you admonish both Ms. Scurry and Ms. Dorval  
7 that they were under no obligation to pick out anyone  
8 from the lineup?

9 A. I did, sir.

10 Q. Did they both understand those admonishments?

11 A. They did.

12 Q. Do you recall who you met with first?

13 A. I believe it was with Ms. Scurry.

14 Q. Okay. Did you show her a photo array?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. Now, did you have a conversation with her  
17 before you showed her the photo array about the event of  
18 April 10th, 2011?

19 A. Yes, sir. I asked her to briefly take me  
20 through what happened one more time.

21 Q. And did she?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And based on what she told you, did you believe  
24 that she would be able to pick out the defendant?

25 A. I didn't believe she would make a very good

1 witness, but I thought it was necessary to attempt it.

2 Q. When you say "witness," do you mean someone  
3 that could identify the defendant or someone who could  
4 tell what happened?

5 A. Someone who could identify.

6 Q. Okay. Did she ever indicate to you she got a  
7 good look at the defendant?

8 MR. TANNER: I'm going to object to  
9 hearsay.

10 THE COURT: He knows how to ask the  
11 question so we don't repeat what they said, but there  
12 are many other ways to get the same evidence out there.  
13 So just listen to his questions.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

15 Q. (BY MR. BURDETTE) Did she ever give you an  
16 indication that she would be able to pick out the  
17 defendant?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. Okay. Did you decide to show her a photo array  
20 nonetheless?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Take a look at State's Exhibit 16 here. Is  
23 this the photo array that you showed her?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Do you see the defendant in this photo array?

1           A.    Yes, sir.

2           Q.    Where do you see him?

3           A.    He's No. 5.

4                    THE COURT:   You can circle it.

5           Q.    (BY MR. BURDETTE)   The person we have here in  
6 the photo array as No. 5, do you see him in the  
7 courtroom as well?

8           A.    I do, sir.

9           Q.    Could you point to him and identify him by an  
10 article of clothing?

11          A.    Yes, sir.   He's sitting over here wearing a  
12 black suit.   He's a black male with black hair.

13                   MR. BURDETTE:   Okay.   Judge, may the  
14 record reflect the witness has identified the individual  
15 in the photo array as being the defendant, Chad Collins?

16                   THE COURT:   It will.

17          Q.    (BY MR. BURDETTE)   Now, did Mr. Scurry identify  
18 the defendant, Chad Collins?

19          A.    No, sir.

20          Q.    Did she select somebody else?

21          A.    She did.

22          Q.    What position?

23          A.    Position No. 3.

24          Q.    Is that what we see here?

25          A.    Yes, sir.

1 Q. Are these her initials?

2 A. They are, sir.

3 Q. And this is not the defendant; is that correct?

4 A. It is not, sir.

5 Q. How much time did she spend looking at the  
6 photo array before she made this identification?

7 A. She spent a good minute, minute and a half  
8 deciding.

9 Q. Did you observe her to be hesitant when she  
10 made her identification?

11 A. Yes, sir, she was hesitant.

12 Q. Did she appear to be confident in her  
13 identification of this person?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. Do you recall her explaining that to you?

16 A. I do, sir.

17 Q. After meeting with Ms. Scurry -- well, just for  
18 the record, No. 3 was never under any investigation for  
19 this case, right?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. So after meeting with Ms. Scurry, who did you  
22 meet with?

23 A. I met with Ms. Dorval?

24 Q. In the same room?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Was Ms. Scurry present?

2 A. No. I asked her to step out.

3 Q. Earlier you said you determined that the phone  
4 you found belonged to Ms. Dorval.

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Did you get that information from her or from  
7 Ms. Scurry?

8 A. First from Ms. Scurry.

9 Q. Okay. So at this point when you meet with  
10 Ms. Dorval, did you talk to her and suggest to her that  
11 you had her phone or any of that information?

12 A. I stated to her that I had come in contact with  
13 her phone.

14 Q. Okay. Did you ever tell her where, in whose  
15 car it was or who was arrested with it?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. Did you in any way suggest to her Chad Collins  
18 was in possession of her phone?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Why not? Why don't you do that?

21 A. We're not supposed to give any complaining  
22 witness any type of suspect information.

23 Q. Are you careful to keep that information from  
24 them before they make their ID?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Is the purpose to ensure you have a good  
2 identification?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Did you do that in this case?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. When you bring Ms. Dorval in, do you give her  
7 the same admonishment?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Did you present her with the same photo array?

10 A. I did.

11 Q. Do you talk to her about the facts of the  
12 robbery from April 10th, 2011?

13 A. I did, sir.

14 Q. Did you feel like she would be a better person  
15 to identify the defendant based on what she had told  
16 you?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. So you decided to present the photo array to  
19 her. Is this that photo array?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And the defendant again is Position No. 5?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Did Ms. Dorval positively identify the  
24 defendant?

25 A. She did.

1 Q. Okay. How did she indicate that to you?

2 A. She circled the suspect she observed to rob her  
3 and she initialed.

4 Q. This RD?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Those are her initials?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. How long did it take for Ms. Dorval to  
9 positively identify the defendant?

10 A. It was an immediate identification.

11 Q. Did she appear to be hesitant in her  
12 identification?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. Did she appear to be confident in her  
15 identification?

16 A. Very confident.

17 Q. At that point after she identifies the  
18 Defendant, do you tell her anything about the case?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Okay. Why is that?

21 A. We're not -- again, we're not supposed to give  
22 them any information about the suspect or any  
23 circumstances concerning the investigation.

24 Q. Okay. Were you able to determine from speaking  
25 to them that property was taken from them on April 10th,

1 2011?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Okay. Were you able to determine that a weapon  
4 was used?

5 A. I was.

6 Q. Okay. So did you have the elements for an  
7 aggravated robbery at that time?

8 A. I did, sir.

9 Q. So what did you do after you received this  
10 positive identification by Ms. Dorval?

11 A. I contacted the Harris County District  
12 Attorney's Office where I received a charge of  
13 aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

14 Q. Aggravated assault?

15 A. I'm sorry. Aggravated robbery with a deadly  
16 weapon.

17 Q. Okay. At that point is your investigation of  
18 that case pretty much done?

19 A. Yes, sir, pretty much.

20 Q. Okay. Did you ever speak to -- well, when you  
21 spoke to Ms. Scurry, did you confirm with her that she  
22 had sent those text messages?

23 A. I did.

24 Q. Did she tell you why she had sent those  
25 messages?

1 A. She did.

2 Q. And the description that was given to you by  
3 Ms. Dorval and Ms. Scurry, was that consistent with what  
4 you knew about the defendant at the time he was arrested  
5 April 12th, 2011?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Besides Ms. Scurry's misidentification here,  
8 was there any other evidence that someone else other  
9 than the defendant had robbed those two women?

10 A. No, sir.

11 MR. BURDETTE: I'll pass the witness at  
12 this time.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Tanner.

14 MR. TANNER: Thank you, Judge.

15 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

16 **BY MR. TANNER:**

17 Q. Officer, how are you?

18 A. Fine, thank you, sir.

19 Q. So you filed charges on Chad Collins on that  
20 aggravated robbery, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. So there are two aggravated robbery charges,  
23 the one that we're trying now and the other one,  
24 correct?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1           Q.    The other one is pending in this court.  Do you  
2 have knowledge of that?

3           A.    Yes, sir.

4           Q.    And it has not been tried yet?

5           A.    Yes, sir.

6           Q.    Officer, are you familiar with what a gunshot  
7 residue test is?

8           A.    Somewhat, yes, sir.

9           Q.    What do you know it to be?

10          A.    When somebody fires a gun and they will have  
11 gunpowder traces on their person, their clothing, their  
12 hands.

13          Q.    Could you actually get the various elements on  
14 your hand just by holding the gun?

15          A.    I believe it's possible.

16          Q.    It is possible that if I hold a real firearm  
17 that's been fired, I could get some of the elements on  
18 my hand, correct?

19          A.    Yes, sir.

20          Q.    When you arrested this defendant, did you or  
21 anybody else at HPD attempt to do a gunshot residue  
22 test?

23          A.    No, sir.

24                   MR. TANNER:  Thank you.

25                   THE COURT:  Okay.  Thank you, Mr. Tanner.

1 Mr. Burdette, further?

2 MR. BURDETTE: Yes, Judge, briefly.

3 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**

4 **BY MR. BURDETTE:**

5 Q. Officer Duran, at any point did you receive  
6 information that maybe the defendant had fired a weapon  
7 or any -- either of these two robberies involved  
8 discharging of a weapon?

9 A. No shots fired, sir.

10 Q. So in those cases when you arrest them on an  
11 aggravated robbery, do you do a gunshot residue test on  
12 their hands?

13 A. There's no need to, sir.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Tanner.

15 **RECROSS-EXAMINATION**

16 **BY MR. TANNER:**

17 Q. There was an issue here because you guys didn't  
18 find a gun in the car, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. You had witnesses who said the person who  
21 robbed them was holding a gun, correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. So possibly if y'all had done a gunshot residue  
24 test, elements may have shown up, is that correct,  
25 possibly?

1           A.     Possibly.

2                     MR. TANNER: All right. Thank you.

3                     THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Tanner.

4                     Mr. Burdette, anything further?

5                     MR. BURDETTE: Nothing further from this  
6 witness.

7                     THE COURT: Thank you, Officer Duran.

8 You're excused subject to maybe an hour or two-hour

9 recall if we need you again.

10                    THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

11                    THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

12                    Call your next witness.

13                    MS. OSWALD: State calls Kathryn Scurry to  
14 the stand.

15                    THE COURT: Come up, ma'am. You're still  
16 under oath.

17                                   **KATHRYN SCURRY,**

18 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

19                                   **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

20 **BY MS. SCURRY:**

21           Q.     Will you please introduce yourself to the jury?

22 Say your name?

23           A.     Kathryn Scurry.

24           Q.     Ms. Scurry, how long have you lived in Houston?

25           A.     I got here when Katrina hit.