

1 BALDEMAR RAMIREZ,
2 the witness, having first been duly sworn, testified as
3 follows:

4 THE COURT: You may proceed when you're
5 ready, ma'am.

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MS. MITCHELL:

8 Q Would you please identify yourself to us?

9 A Officer Baldemar Ramirez, Jr. with the Houston
10 Police Department.

11 Q How long have you been with the Houston Police
12 Department?

13 A 16 years.

14 Q What is your current assignment?

15 A Patrol Officer.

16 Q How long have you been with that assignment?

17 A 16 years.

18 Q What area of Houston do you patrol?

19 A The southeast area. It's Fuqua, Edgebrook, area I
20 grew up in pretty much.

21 Q And did you have any training to become a police
22 officer?

23 A Prior to joining the department I was in the
24 Marine Corps for 12 years.

25 Q Okay. And did you go to the police academy?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And do you do any continuing education?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Were you on duty December 14th, 2012?

5 A Yes, ma'am.

6 Q And what hours were you working that day?

7 A I was working Lakeside. It was 07 to 1500 or 7:00
8 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

9 Q And were you dispatched to a hospital?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Do you know approximately what time?

12 A It was in the early morning hours. I believe it
13 was a call regarding an assault that happened at the
14 hospital, and there was an officer needing some backup so
15 I responded and checked by with that officer.

16 Q Okay. Once you arrived at the hospital what did
17 you do?

18 A I checked by with Officer Morrison. If I remember
19 correctly, he already had the suspect in custody at that
20 time.

21 Q Were you asked to go locate the vehicle that was
22 used?

23 A Yes, ma'am.

24 Q Okay. And were you able to locate that vehicle?

25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q What type of vehicle was it?

2 A I want to say it was a -- you know, make and model
3 or?

4 Q Yeah. I can let you look at your offense report
5 if you need to.

6 A Sure. It's an Oldsmobile.

7 Q And what color is it?

8 A White.

9 Q Do you remember what condition the car was in when
10 you viewed it?

11 A Well, without looking at this I can say it was
12 parked -- you mean like where it was parked or what it
13 looked like?

14 Q Sure, where was it parked, where did you find it?

15 A In the parking lot of the apartment complex on
16 Beamer. And when I got there, the door was slightly open,
17 I believe, and there was blood on the inside as well as on
18 the outside of the vehicle.

19 Q Okay. Where it was parked, was that in Harris
20 County, Texas?

21 A Yes, ma'am.

22 Q And you say that you saw blood on the outside?

23 A Yes, ma'am. Blood smears on the outside of the
24 driver's door and passenger side door.

25 Q Okay. Did you look in the car?

1 A Yes, ma'am. I believe I did. Just peeked in. I
2 didn't go in physically, just slightly opened the door but
3 closed it back up because I didn't want to disturb
4 anything else that was in there because it was blood on
5 the vehicle. I didn't want to get it on my hands at the
6 time, either.

7 Q Okay. And what did you do after you located the
8 car and saw the blood?

9 A I advised dispatch and had a City wrecker come and
10 pick it up and I sat and pretty much waited till the City
11 wrecker came by to take the vehicle.

12 Q Okay. And did you do anything else in the case or
13 was that it?

14 A No, ma'am, that was it.

15 Q Okay. Do you know who the car belonged to? And
16 if you don't, that's okay.

17 A No, ma'am, I didn't run registration for the owner
18 of the vehicle. But I believe it belonged to the
19 complainant, I believe.

20 Q Okay.

21 MS. MITCHELL: Pass the witness, Your
22 Honor.

23 THE COURT: All right. Cross. Cross
24 examination.

25 MR. POPE: Thank you, Judge.

1 Actually, I don't have anything, Judge.

2 THE COURT: All right. Very good. Sir,
3 you're excused. Thank you.

4 All right. Call your next witness.

5 MS. MITCHELL: State calls April Palatino.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 Okay. You can take the stand.

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9 APRIL PALATINO,

10 the witness, having first been duly sworn, testified as
11 follows:

12 THE COURT: You may proceed when you're
13 ready.

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MS. MITCHELL:

16 Q Would you please introduce yourself to us?

17 A April Palatino.

18 Q Where are you currently employed?

19 A I work for the Houston Police Department with the
20 crime scene unit.

21 Q How long have you been with the crime scene unit?

22 A About eight years.

23 Q And how long have you been with HPD in total?

24 A 12 years.

25 Q And did you have any special training to become a