

1 back at 1:00 o'clock.

2 (Court recess for lunch).

3 THE COURT: Call your next witness.

4 MR. ROGERS: At this time, State calls
5 Officer Manuel Ramirez.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Rogers?

7 MR. ROGERS: Thank you, Judge.

8 MANUEL RAMIREZ,
9 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. ROGERS:

12 Q. Good afternoon. Will you introduce yourself
13 to the Court, please?

14 A. Manny Ramirez, sir.

15 Q. And, sir, how are you employed?

16 A. I'm a Houston police officer.

17 Q. Is that with the Houston Police Department?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. How long have you been with HPD?

20 A. I've been with the Houston Police Department
21 for approximately nine years.

22 Q. In what capacity are you employed with HPD?

23 A. At this current moment, I'm a narcotics
24 investigator.

25 Q. And what would have been your job on June

1 18th, 2014?

2 A. I was a narcotics investigator.

3 Q. Can you explain in brief what being a
4 narcotics investigator -- what does that involve?

5 A. We investigate any type of crimes that
6 involves narcotics activity. Whether it's the sales
7 of, transportation of narcotics or possession of
8 narcotics.

9 Q. What kind of training did you have to go
10 through?

11 A. To be a narcotics officer, sir?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. We had to take a two-week -- initially have to
14 take a two-week -- what they call survival school. The
15 first week you go over administrative training in
16 regards to typing up search warrants, stuff like that.
17 Second week involved tactical training, which we were
18 trained in entering the residences to do active
19 narcotics search warrants.

20 Throughout the two years that I've been
21 in the division, we take several other trainings that
22 we do like carbine long rifle, flash bang training,
23 stuff like that.

24 Q. In particular in regards to the sale of
25 narcotics, do you have training in that?

1 A. We -- we're introduced to different types of
2 narcotics and what, I guess, their street values are
3 for the most part. We also do, I guess, hands-on
4 training once we become investigator by senior officers
5 in the division.

6 Q. In your experience have you had occasion to
7 make arrests for the possession and delivery of
8 narcotics?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And what kind of things have you noticed among
11 people who deliver or sell narcotics? What
12 characteristics do you find in those cases?

13 A. Of an individual --

14 MR. GAISER: Your Honor, I object to the
15 question. It's too vague. It's irrelevant to this
16 case.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 Q. (BY MR. ROGERS) Sir, have you made arrests
19 for someone who is selling narcotics who has an intent
20 to deliver narcotics?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Okay. And what kind of -- when you make those
23 arrests, what kind of things -- what kind of -- aside
24 from the actual narcotics, what kind of things do they
25 have -- do they -- I guess are they possessing as well

1 as in addition to the drugs?

2 A. They commonly have money. They commonly have,
3 I guess, little baggies and stuff like that that they
4 use to package their narcotics.

5 Q. In your experience have you found things like
6 scales?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. What's the purpose of that?

9 A. When an individual is selling narcotics, they
10 also want to make sure that they're selling the right
11 amount. They don't want to sell too much for not
12 enough money. So, they weigh out their narcotics by
13 the amount of money that their customers are buying.

14 Q. And in your experience have you found that
15 people tend to work individually or do they work with
16 multiple people?

17 A. For the most part, it's always more than one
18 person when you talk about the sales of narcotics.

19 Q. And do you have a reason or in your trainings,
20 have you learned as to why that is the case?

21 A. You know, there's a hierarchy. There's
22 individuals that may have moved up in the narcotics
23 world where they no longer are the ones that are
24 possessing -- possessing the narcotic themselves, but
25 they're calling the shots. It's not uncommon to have

1 an individual that is no longer actively on the street
2 corners, but he hires other individuals to sell his
3 narcotics for him.

4 Q. Now, in particular, Officer, I want to go
5 ahead and draw your attention to June 18th of 2014. Do
6 you recall if you would have been working that day?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And do you recall if you would have -- or what
9 capacity you would have been working that day?

10 A. Yeah. I was in the narcotics division at that
11 point, sir -- narcotics investigator.

12 Q. And on that particular day, did you come in
13 contact with a Chauncey Seymour?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And the person that you came in contact with,
16 Chauncey Seymour, do you see him present in the
17 courtroom?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And would you identify him by where he's
20 sitting by an article of clothing?

21 A. Individual sitting there with the orange
22 shirt.

23 MR. ROGERS: Your Honor, may the record
24 reflect that the witness has identified the defendant
25 in open court?

1 THE COURT: It will.

2 Q. (BY MR. ROGERS) Officer, what was it that
3 brought you in contact with the defendant?

4 A. We were executing a narcotics search warrant.
5 And I observed him exiting residence as we were
6 approaching.

7 Q. Who all was executing this narcotics search
8 warrant?

9 A. It was narcotics squad -- it was Narcotics
10 Squad 10, I believe. The current squad -- the squad
11 that I was on -- in when I executed the search warrant.
12 It included Officer Valle, Sergeant Roberts, Officer
13 Jeff Elkins, myself, Officer Gray Green. I think for
14 that warrant we also used assistance of Eric Trumile
15 (phonetic), he's one of the training officers. But
16 they just assisted with the execution of the warrant.

17 Q. Do you recall the address of where you went
18 that day?

19 A. I can't recall it off the top of my head at
20 this point.

21 Q. What did you do once you arrived at the scene?

22 A. I was tasked with being the point for
23 executing the search warrant. So, as the point, I
24 would be the first one to exit the vehicle and lead the
25 team to the front door. And I made -- make entry to

1 the door to the actual search warrant location. Be the
2 first one in the door.

3 Q. And as you got out of the vehicle, what
4 happened next?

5 A. I know that they have some individuals that
6 Officer Elkins had identified as individuals that were
7 going to be inside of the location. When we exit the
8 vehicle, he directed uniformed officers to detain those
9 individuals. And I proceeded towards the front of the
10 door of the residence.

11 Q. And what did you see as you proceeded towards
12 the front of the residence?

13 A. As we -- as we walk up to the actual
14 residence, we came up on the side of the house. When I
15 made that immediate left, I observed a camera that was
16 pointed towards the door. And immediately I saw -- I
17 observed Mr. Chauncey run out of the residence.

18 MR. ROGERS: Your Honor, may I approach
19 to retrieve evidence?

20 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

21 Q. (BY MR. ROGERS) Officer, I'm showing you
22 what's already in evidence as State's -- State's
23 Exhibit 4. Is that the camera that you were just
24 referring to?

25 A. No, sir. That's the camera that faces the

1 rear of the residence.

2 Q. Do you recall seeing that particular camera?

3 A. After the warrant was executed. I can't
4 remember as we're walking up, sir.

5 Q. You stated that you saw the defendant coming
6 out of the residence; is that correct?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Showing you what's already in evidence as
9 State's Exhibit 6. What is that?

10 A. It's Mr. Chauncey.

11 Q. And are you the individual that we see next to
12 him?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Now, would this have been taken immediately
15 upon your arrival or would it be after that -- after
16 everything?

17 A. No. It would have been taken after the
18 location was safe.

19 Q. And when you say you saw him coming out of the
20 residence -- now, I want to show you State's Exhibit 8.
21 Is that the residence you're talking about?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And can you explain for the Court what
24 direction it was that you would have approached and saw
25 the defendant coming out?

1 A. Yes, sir. We approached where this officer is
2 here.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. We walked up the side of this -- that house
5 there and made this -- I guess it was a left for us at
6 the time to walk towards the door.

7 Q. And where was it that you saw the defendant?

8 A. He was running outside of this door here as I
9 -- as I, I guess, engaged him and informed him that,
10 you know, we're police executing a search warrant. He
11 initially did not stop at that point. So, I had to
12 continue around these bushes. And I stopped at this
13 point. And he -- he finally stopped in this area when
14 he realized that there was, I guess, multiple officers
15 that were coming to the door.

16 Q. So, Officer, was it you that actually made the
17 -- I guess, the first contact then with the defendant?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. So, were you able to detain the defendant?

20 A. I didn't detain him as in put handcuffs on
21 him. My role in the search warrant, like I said, was
22 to enter the residence first. I had a long rifle with
23 me.

24 So, I ordered him to get on the ground.
25 After that -- after he stopped, Sergeant Roberts came

1 up behind me and also ordered him to get on the ground.
2 After I saw that Sergeant Roberts was going to get him
3 to actually get on the ground, I continued to the front
4 of the residence and let the uniformed officers put
5 handcuffs on him.

6 Q. All right. And you said that's because your
7 job is to be point on this; is that correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. So, now once he's passed off to Sergeant
10 Roberts, what is your next up in this case?

11 A. I stack up at the front of the residence --
12 front of the door itself and wait for -- wait for the
13 team to be ready to enter the residence.

14 Q. And as you're stacked up at the front of the
15 residence, do you recall if the door was open or
16 closed?

17 A. I remember the burglar bar door was open. I
18 can't recall at this point if the actual door to the
19 residence was --

20 Q. And so, what happens next?

21 A. We enter the residence. I continue to the
22 residence and observe that there is a -- like a spiral
23 staircase with kind of like a half a floor upstairs. I
24 continued with -- I continued with the team. Myself
25 and another officer broke off and went up the spiral

1 staircase and cleared the top of the second floor of
2 the residence itself.

3 Q. And what's the purpose of that?

4 A. Just to ensure that there's no other
5 individuals that can pose a threat to officers while
6 they're searching the residence.

7 Q. And so, at this particular time, you're
8 specifically looking for other people; is that right?

9 A. Right. Right.

10 Q. And did you find any other people in the
11 residence?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. Do you recall seeing anyone else aside from
14 police officers leave the residence?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. So, at that point, Officer, now, what's the
17 next step for the team?

18 A. After the location has been deemed safe, where
19 there's no -- no other threats, then we do a secondary
20 search. And initially when we go in there, it's a
21 dynamic entry. So, we're moving at a faster pace to
22 try to clear every room. Then after that's done, we do
23 a secondary search, which is a slower methodical search
24 where we're searching under mattresses, behind couches
25 and stuff like that, to make sure that there's no

1 individuals there.

2 Q. So, this secondary search, you said that's at
3 a faster pace?

4 A. It's a slower pace.

5 Q. Excuse me, slower pace.

6 A. Right.

7 Q. And do you know who would have been involved
8 with that search?

9 A. The entire squad.

10 Q. So, Officer, what do you recall seeing upon
11 conducting this secondary search?

12 A. I know I had that secondary search of the top
13 floor. And like I said, we went again. Went through
14 the couches and the moved furniture around to make sure
15 there's nobody else there hiding. I don't -- there was
16 nobody else in the residence during the secondary
17 search. So, it was at that point it was declared safe.

18 Q. So, from there, what is the next step for your
19 team?

20 A. Then we begin to search for illicit narcotics.

21 Q. Particularly are you looking for any
22 particular kind of narcotics?

23 A. Well, when the search warrant is written,
24 there's a specific type of narcotics that is written in
25 the search warrant that we're looking for. But when we

1 do -- when we conduct these narcotics search warrants,
2 we're looking for any type of illegal narcotics.

3 Q. Do you recall where this search would have
4 began in the house?

5 A. Different officers take different areas of the
6 residence. So, it's not like we all stick to one room.
7 We break off. And, I guess, for timewise, we search
8 different areas of the room. So, that the search
9 itself for narcotics would have been taken all at once
10 with the officers that were present.

11 Q. Do you recall where you would have looked that
12 day?

13 A. Yes, sir. I went upstairs and searched for
14 any narcotics that may have been found.

15 Q. And do you recall finding any narcotics
16 upstairs?

17 A. No, sir, I did not.

18 Q. Now, while you may not have been searching the
19 first floor, did you see any narcotics though just from
20 being inside the residence?

21 A. Yes, sir. After I came back down after the
22 secondary search, officers had already stated that they
23 had found narcotics in plain view on the -- I guess,
24 you would call it the little breakfast bench area that
25 divides the living room with the kitchen.

1 Q. And you mentioned earlier about street value,
2 right?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Can you explain just briefly what exactly is
5 street value?

6 A. Just what --

7 Q. In general.

8 A. What normally the narcotics is sold for out on
9 the streets.

10 Q. And what kind of things, if you know, are
11 taken into consideration to determine what they're sold
12 for?

13 A. They're sold in regards to weight. For
14 example, a \$20 crack rock would be sold -- it would
15 probably weigh approximately .2 grams -- .02 grams.
16 I'm sorry. And that's how they go -- I guess that's
17 how they charge their customers in regards to weight.

18 Q. And do you recall if any -- do you recall what
19 narcotics were found in this residence?

20 A. Not -- not all of the narcotics. I know there
21 was crack cocaine, powder cocaine, methamphetamines and
22 MDMA, Ecstasy pills, from what I remember.

23 Q. And did you actually personally see this
24 yourself as well?

25 A. After I came back down, the officers, like I

1 said, had already discovered it. It was in plain view
2 and I did see the tray on the counter.

3 Q. Officer, I'm showing you what's in evidence as
4 State's 13. Is this the tray you were referring to?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. All right. Is that where you said that you
7 saw narcotics?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And do you recall about how much in terms of
10 weight was recovered at the residence?

11 A. No, sir. I didn't process the narcotics.

12 Q. Do you have any idea about the value or the
13 estimated street value for the narcotics that were
14 found in the location?

15 A. In its total weight, no, sir. But like I
16 said, I mean, these are --

17 MR. GAISER: Objection, nonresponsive.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 Q. (BY MR. ROGERS) And in regards to the
20 narcotics found, what would be the next step for the
21 process for the team once the narcotics are found?

22 A. Well, once narcotics are found, for the most
23 part, the case agent will start collecting his
24 evidence. There's obviously pictures that are going to
25 be taken prior to anything being moved for the most

1 part. And it's -- as we're continuing to search, if
2 there's something that is discovered after pictures
3 have been taken, then we call the individual who is
4 assigned with the camera to come take pictures prior to
5 us removing it or tagging it.

6 Q. And do you recall in this particular case,
7 Officer, if things besides narcotics were found at this
8 location?

9 A. Yes, sir. There were firearms found at the
10 location.

11 Q. Now, based on your experience, have you seen
12 or have you had occasion where firearms are found along
13 with narcotics on cases like this?

14 A. It's very common. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And do you know why?

16 A. They use it for protection. Most of the
17 individual that I've talked to in regards to executing
18 search warrants, you know, they fear getting robbed
19 just as anybody else. Sometimes they have a large
20 amount of money or individuals coming after their
21 narcotics. So, they use these firearms to protect
22 their property, for the most part.

23 Q. And on that same line, do you recall if any
24 paraphernalia was discovered at the location?

25 A. Yes, sir. I do believe there was several like

1 little plastic baggies that are used -- commonly used
2 to package these narcotics up.

3 Q. When you say to package the narcotics, to
4 package the narcotics for what?

5 A. For sale, sir.

6 Q. Is that based on your experience that you've
7 seen?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Do you recall whether or not scales were
10 recovered at that residence?

11 A. I don't recall off the top of my head, no,
12 sir.

13 Q. And we talked earlier about multiple people,
14 how they're sometimes involved in these kind of cases;
15 is that right?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Now, the purpose of -- what is the purpose of
18 having multiple people involved in a case like this if
19 there's a residence involved and other people living
20 there?

21 A. Like I said, in regards to individuals selling
22 narcotics, sometimes it's an organized group where
23 people move up the chain -- chain of command where they
24 start selling narcotics from a street level, selling
25 \$20 rocks at a time. And once they move up their chain

1 of command, an individual can -- like I said earlier --
2 have multiple individuals selling drugs for them. They
3 can acquire residences where they have an individual
4 stay at the residence. And the individual that has
5 moved up the chain of command brings narcotics to the
6 house and has that individual sell it for them.

7 Q. And isn't it uncommon for people to work in
8 shifts on things like that?

9 A. Not at all, sir.

10 Q. And so, again, we're looking at State's 13,
11 which you see there on the screen.

12 So, do you see narcotics in this picture?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And are these narcotics in plain view?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Now, Officer, in your experience is it common
17 for narcotics to be left in plain view with --
18 unknowingly by a person?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. And why is that?

21 A. They don't want to get their narcotics either
22 stolen or they don't want to have somebody that is not
23 in favor of their illicit narcotic sales call the
24 police on them.

25 Q. Is it common for them to leave narcotics with

1 people that they do not trust?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. And do you know why that is?

4 A. Same reason. If they don't trust the
5 individual, they're scared that they're going to call
6 the police on them or they may themselves get robbed of
7 the narcotics.

8 Q. And you stated that once the narcotics are
9 recovered, they're then given to a case agent; is that
10 right?

11 A. The case agent for the most part begins to
12 process the narcotics, taking it in his possession and
13 recovering them.

14 Q. Did you know who the case agent would be for
15 this case?

16 A. Yes, sir, Officer Jeff Elkins or Elkin.

17 Q. And these different pictures that you've seen
18 that you've testified about, do you recall who would
19 have taken these pictures?

20 A. I believe it was Sergeant Bobby Roberts in our
21 squad. He -- our sergeant is normally the one who
22 takes the pictures.

23 Q. And do you know if these pictures that we see,
24 would they have been taken -- in other words -- well,
25 let me ask this: Are these picture taken -- do you

1 know, is that the way that they're found or are they
2 rearranged for that purpose?

3 A. No, they're -- like I said, when we -- once we
4 clear the residence, pictures are taken. And if
5 something is in plain view, they're taken at that
6 moment. The entire scene -- the entire residence is
7 photographed. And then if we can -- once we continue
8 the search, if there's narcotics or any type of
9 evidence that's found that may have been hidden at the
10 time of the pictures, then he will follow up with
11 pictures of where it was found.

12 Q. So, Officer, after you search the residence
13 and after narcotics were found, did anyone else --
14 again aside from the police officers -- come inside
15 residence?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. Did anyone else, aside from the police
18 officers, leave the residence?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. So, once the evidence is collected and given
21 to the case agent, what would then be your next step in
22 this case?

23 A. After everything has been documented and the
24 individuals that are in custody, they would be taken to
25 jail, all their paperwork is done and we collect that

1 and we clear the residence. We either try to secure it
2 or leave it with somebody that the owner of the
3 property wishes to leave it with.

4 Q. And during this case, did you find out who was
5 the owner of this property?

6 A. I don't recall who the actual owner was, sir.

7 Q. Well, do you know what the defendant was
8 ultimately arrested for?

9 A. I believe possession of controlled substance
10 with intent to deliver.

11 Q. And what was -- and what circumstances or what
12 kind of things with the intent to deliver was that
13 based off of?

14 A. For the most part it was based on the weight.

15 MR. GAISER: Object, calls for a legal
16 conclusion.

17 THE COURT: Overruled.

18 A. For the most part, the weight is considered.
19 And also the fact that it's individually packaged up
20 for sale and stuff like that.

21 Q. (BY MR. ROGERS) And the weight and packaging,
22 just to be clear, in regards to the intent to deliver,
23 is that for the cocaine, the methamphetamine or both?

24 A. For both. I mean, depending on -- each drug
25 carries -- can carry its own charge.

1 MR. ROGERS: Pass the witness.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Gaiser?

3 MR. GAISER: I need some exhibits, Judge.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 CROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. GAISER:

7 Q. Officer Ramirez.

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. I'm going to show you State's Exhibit No. 2.

10 Do you remember that scene?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Okay. Can you explain to me why that scene
13 was relevant to this case?

14 A. This is the back of the residence where we
15 executed the search warrant.

16 Q. Okay. So, this would be on the north side of
17 the residence, the rear of the residence?

18 A. The rear of the residence, yes, sir.

19 Q. Okay. And what happened with regard to that
20 automobile with the open door?

21 A. There was, I believe, three individuals in the
22 vehicle. One of which the case agent had informed
23 uniformed officers that was one of the individuals that
24 he had possibly identified that was going to be inside
25 of the residence.

1 Q. So, one -- at least one of the targets of the
2 investigation was supposedly in this vehicle?

3 A. That's correct, sir.

4 Q. And you got that information from whom?

5 A. The case agent, sir.

6 Q. And that would be Officer Elkins?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Now, I'm showing you State's Exhibit No. 3. I
9 take it you advanced down that fence line toward the
10 front of the house.

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And you were in the lead, I take it.

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And who was behind you?

15 A. I don't recall, sir.

16 Q. You were -- you were the lead officer?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And I take it you went around -- this is
19 State's Exhibit No. 7.

20 You went around the corner there of
21 State's Exhibit No. 7 and observed Mr. Seymour coming
22 out that burglar barred door.

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Prior to that time, had you ever seen
25 Mr. Seymour before?

1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. Were you involved in the surveillance of the
3 residence there?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. Now, as soon as you saw Mr. Seymour come out
6 of the residence, you attempted to detain him; am I
7 correct?

8 A. I attempted to have him stop, yeah.

9 Q. Okay. How did you go about that?

10 A. Say again, sir.

11 Q. How did you do that? How did you go about
12 that?

13 A. I told him police officer, search warrant,
14 stop, multiple times.

15 Q. And ultimately, he stopped I take it?

16 A. After several times of me saying it, yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay. And then it was Sergeant Roberts --

18 A. Right.

19 Q. -- who took over for you and -- as you went
20 into the residence.

21 A. Correct, sir.

22 Q. Okay. So, it's natural to assume that
23 Sergeant Roberts was right behind you.

24 A. Not necessarily, sir. There was -- could have
25 been other officers that would broken over to post

1 security at the door. I can't tell you whether he was
2 right behind me, two people behind me, three people
3 behind me.

4 Q. But he was somewhere behind?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Who deployed the flash device in the house?

7 A. I don't recall who it was that actually
8 deployed it.

9 Q. Was that before you entered the house or
10 after?

11 A. Yes, sir. It would have been before.

12 Q. Now, you're -- you're pictured with
13 Mr. Seymour outside the residence -- a photo was taken
14 of you and Mr. Seymour?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Did you have occasion to search Mr. Seymour?

17 A. Do I have what sir?

18 Q. Occasion to search Mr. Seymour?

19 A. I don't understand your question.

20 Q. Well, was he searched incident to his arrest?

21 A. Yes, sir. I myself didn't search him. He was
22 already in handcuffs when we came back out of the
23 house.

24 Q. So, someone else handcuffed him and may or may
25 not have searched him at that point in time?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Did it come to your knowledge whether or not
3 he had any contraband or any narcotics on him?

4 A. No, sir, not that I recall.

5 Q. Now, apparently there are cameras outside this
6 residence.

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. I guess you are somewhat fearful of that he
9 would -- someone could detect your presence as you
10 approach the house.

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Did you discover where the monitor was for
13 those cameras in the house?

14 A. I don't recall myself discovering it, no, sir.

15 Q. Did you see a monitor for those cameras?

16 A. I don't recall seeing a monitor myself, no,
17 sir.

18 Q. So, you don't know whether those cameras were
19 actually functional or not?

20 A. I don't recall at this point, sir.

21 Q. You don't remember any of the research that
22 may have been done during the investigation to
23 determine who owned or leased this premises?

24 A. I didn't do any research. It wasn't my case.

25 Q. Okay. Do you recall seeing a cell phone there

1 at the residence?

2 A. I can't say that I recall seeing a specific
3 cell phone, no, sir.

4 Q. Did you conduct any kind of search to
5 determine who was connected to the residence, mail or
6 documents?

7 A. I personally did not.

8 MR. GAISER: I pass the witness.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Rogers?

10 MR. ROGERS: No further questions, Your
11 Honor.

12 THE COURT: All right. Thank you for
13 your time, sir. You can step outside.

14 Call your next witness, please.

15 MR. ROGERS: Your Honor, the State calls
16 Officer Valle to the stand.

17 MAURICIO VALLE,
18 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

19 THE COURT: Mr. Rogers?

20 MR. ROGERS: Thank you, Judge.

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. ROGERS:

23 Q. Good afternoon. Will you introduce yourself
24 to the Court, please?

25 A. Yes, sir. Good afternoon. My name is