

1 Strange.

2 THE COURT: And, ladies and gentlemen,
3 this witness was sworn outside of your presence.

4 TOM STRANGE,
5 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MS. VOLLMAN

8 Q Could you please tell the ladies and gentlemen
9 your name?

10 A Hi. My name is Tommy Strange.

11 Q Where do you work?

12 A I work with the Harris County District
13 Attorney's office.

14 Q How long have you worked for the Harris County
15 DA's office?

16 A Since October 2008.

17 Q And can you tell us what you do?

18 A My current position is in the DNA post
19 conviction review section.

20 Q And give us a little bit of background as far
21 as what did you do before coming to the District
22 Attorney's office?

23 A I was at the Harris County Sheriff's office for
24 approximately 16 years, and my main assignment over
25 there was in reference to residential burglary

1 investigations.

2 Q Okay. Prior to -- well, have you ever worked
3 on the Marcus Lee Jefferson trial that we're here about,
4 case?

5 A I've never worked on this trial, no, ma'am.

6 Q Okay.

7 MS. VOLLMAN: May I approach the witness?

8 THE COURT: You may.

9 Q (By Ms. Vollman) Let me show you what has been
10 marked State's 1280. And can you tell us what that is?

11 A Yes, ma'am. That's a J and S, we call them.

12 Q What is a J and S?

13 A It's a judgment and sentence, certified record.

14 MS. VOLLMAN: Judge, at this time we
15 would --

16 Q (By Ms. Vollman) Is it in reference to Marcus
17 Lee Jefferson?

18 A Yes, ma'am, it is.

19 MS. VOLLMAN: At this time we offer 1270,
20 which is a certified copy of a J and S regarding Marcus
21 Lee Jefferson.

22 MR. MARTIN: No objections, Judge.

23 THE COURT: It's admitted.

24 Q (By Ms. Vollman) Now, can you tell us what is
25 the case number on that exhibit?

1 A The case number is written as 179479501010.

2 Q Let me see if we could put this on the screen
3 so everyone can see it.

4 (Exhibit Published)

5 Q (By Ms. Vollman) Let's just go first to the
6 cause number. That's the cause number that you had.
7 And can you tell us who the defendant was?

8 A Yes, ma'am. It's Marcus Lee Jefferson.

9 Q Can you tell us what the title of the document
10 is called?

11 A It's a Judgment of Conviction by jury.

12 Q Okay. And can you tell us what the offense
13 was, the offense for which the defendant was convicted?

14 A Yes. It's interfere duties of a public
15 servant.

16 Q Okay. And can you tell us who was the public
17 servant that Mr. Jefferson interfered with?

18 A I was.

19 Q And do you see the Marcus Lee Jefferson that is
20 the defendant in the case involving that Judgment of
21 Conviction with interference of duties of a public
22 servant?

23 A Yes, ma'am, I do.

24 Q Can you point him out to us?

25 A He's sitting right here at this table wearing a

1 navy blue, looks like to me, with a red tie, suit.

2 MS. VOLLMAN: Judge, may the record
3 reflect that the witness has indicated the defendant in
4 this case?

5 THE COURT: The record will so reflect.

6 Q (By Ms. Vollman) Can you tell us, as far as the
7 plea to that offense, what was the defendant's plea?

8 A He pled not guilty.

9 Q And what was the verdict of the jury?

10 A Guilty.

11 Q And can you tell us what the punishment was?

12 A It was 180 days suspended sentence.

13 Q What does that mean?

14 A That means he was basically placed on probation
15 for that amount of time.

16 Q What was the date the sentence was imposed?

17 A 7/11/2012.

18 MS. VOLLMAN: Pass the witness, Judge.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Martin, you may proceed.

20 MR. MARTIN: Very brief cross, Judge.

21 CROSS-EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. MARTIN

23 Q Officer Strange, good morning.

24 A Good morning to you, sir.

25 Q Good to see you again.

1 To your knowledge, is this interferes with
2 the duty of a public servant a felony or a misdemeanor?

3 A It is a misdemeanor, sir.

4 Q And do you have any personal knowledge as to
5 Mr. Jefferson's conduct while he's been on probation for
6 this misdemeanor offense?

7 A No, sir, I do not.

8 Q Would you be the appropriate officer that would
9 bring such information to court if there were any
10 information regarding his conduct while on probation?

11 A No, sir, I would not.

12 MR. MARTIN: Pass, Judge.

13 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MS. VOLLMAN

15 Q During the time that this occurred, how were
16 you working?

17 A I was working in full uniform. We have a
18 police uniform and I was working at a local Walmart
19 store for their big, they call it Black Friday sale.

20 MR. MARTIN: Objection, Judge. Improper
21 form of impeachment by the conviction.

22 THE COURT: Overruled.

23 Q (By Ms. Vollman) Were you on duty or off duty?

24 A Off duty from --

25 Q From the DA's office but --

1 A But on duty, you know, representing my duties
2 as a police officer.

3 MS. VOLLMAN: Pass the witness, Judge.

4 MR. MARTIN: No recross, Judge.

5 THE COURT: May this witness be excused?

6 MS. VOLLMAN: Yes, Judge.

7 The State rests, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Martin.

9 MR. MARTIN: At this time the defense
10 calls Cntturyica Jefferson.

11 CNTTURYICA JEFFERSON,
12 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 Q Good morning.

15 A Good morning.

16 Q Would you be so kind as to introduce yourself
17 to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury and to spell
18 your first name?

19 A Cntturyica Jefferson, Marcuse's wife. The
20 spelling of my name is of C-N-T-T-U-R-Y-I-C-A.

21 Q You indicated that you're Marcus's wife. How
22 long have you known Marcus?

23 A Since I was 16 years old, 18 years.

24 Q And are you currently married to Marcus?

25 A Yes, sir.