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IN RE: INVESTIGATION

1 (hereupon, the following was heard on Tape 1,

2 Side 1.)

3 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. Before we get

4 started, I just (inaudible) last week so we don't have

5 to go through so much information.

6 I just want to update a couple things.

7 First of all, (inaudible).

8 MR. MISTLER: (Inaudible).

9 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Just to reiterate what was

10 on that, the one thing is we'll be making a tape of
what will go on here today so we have a permanent
record, just like we did before.

11 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. Just in the matter
of your background, just to see if we need to -- just
to confirm that there's no problems. Cause you look
as healthy as you did last week.

12 MR. MISTLER: Yes.

13 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. Just in the matter
of your background, just to see if we need to -- just
to confirm that there's no problems. Cause you look
as healthy as you did last week.

14 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.

15 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Have you had any physical
disorders in the last week?

16 MR. MISTLER: No.

17 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: You haven't. Okay.

18 MR. MISTLER: No.

19 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Have you begun taking any

20 Any injuries of any type?

21 MR. MISTLER: No.

22 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: You haven't. Okay.

23 MR. MISTLER: No.

24 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Have you begun taking any

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- medication that you weren't taking before?
- You were taking Tenormin and Lopzol last week.
- MR. MISTLER: I'm still taking that.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Anything else?
- MR. MISTLER: No.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And I'll make the jump, that you have not had anything to drink since last week.
- MR. MISTLER: What do you --
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Any alcoholic beverages.
- MR. MISTLER: No. I haven't for twenty-one years.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
- MR. MISTLER: I'd lose my designated driver status.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And have you used any drugs besides marijuana in the last week and a half?
- MR. MISTLER: On Sunday I had some marijuana.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
- MR. MISTLER: Since Sunday nothing.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: How about before Sunday,
- between -- I think we met last week it was on Tuesday,
- if I remember correctly.
- MR. MISTLER: I believe so, yeah.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. From Tuesday, to the

- 4 time you left here Tuesday afternoon, around noon-time,
5 Sunday's the last time you had some marijuana?
6 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.
7 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: How many other days last
8 week have you had --
9 MR. MISTLER: Probably every day.
10 You say you have marijuana, are you having just a
11 couple of joints in the evening or all day or --
12 MR. MISTLER: Oh, no, it's usually in the evening.
13 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
14 MR. MISTLER: Not that -- I mean, on Saturday I
15 might, you know, smoke one in the afternoon or
16 something.
17 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: But there has been no other
18 drug use besides marijuana; is that correct?
19 MR. MISTLER: No, I haven't -- I did cocaine maybe
20 ten -- ten years ago or something like that.
21 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
22 MR. MISTLER: Not very often even on that.
23 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. I just want
24 to run through the case facts just -- I want to go
25 through it briefly. And the issues -- As I understand

- 1 It --
- 2 Let's go through it briefly, real quick.
- 3 You were -- You were in the area of Sears on July
- 4 27th, 1981.
- 5 MR. MISTLER: The last Monday of July.
- 6 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. So we know -- We'll
- 7 use July '81 then for the purposes of the question --
- 8 MR. MISTLER: Right.
- 9 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- so there's no hang-up at
- 10 all on the exact date.
- 11 Okay. And at that time you were stuck in traffic
- 12 behind a lady, who you eventually found out was waiting
- 13 for another car to pull out of a spot and you were
- 14 stuck there six, eight minutes and during that time,
- 15 some really weird guy in a black over white, 1971
- 16 Cadillac, pulled up in the opposite direction you were
- 17 racing pretty near to right beside you.
- 18 He got out of the car --
- 19 MR. MISTLER: The front of his car would have been
- 20 with the front of her car.
- 21 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
- 22 MR. MISTLER: The lady in front of me.
- 23 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: So he was about a car
- 24 length or so ahead of you.
- 25 MR. MISTLER: Right. And it's possible --

- 1 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Packing your direction.
2 MR. MISTLER: Right. And it's a possibility that
3 that vinyl roof might have been a dark green. I told
4 Ralph that on that --
5 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
6 MR. MISTLER: -- I believe it's on that Saturday.
7 It may have been a dark green or a black. I'll say
8 black, because I think -- But, you know,
9 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: We'll use dark over white,
10 I don't want to --
11 MR. MISTLER: Okay. Dark over white. It was
12 definitely a white Cadillac four-door.
13 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. I don't want any
14 conflict.
15 It had a dark top, you're sure it was a dark top?
16 MR. MISTLER: Yeah, it was dark in color, it's
17 just I'm not a hundred percent one or the other. I
18 believe on my statement I gave the police I probably
19 said black, but there is a possibility it may have been
20 a dark green --
21 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
22 MR. MISTLER: -- top, but I told the detectives
23 that, also.
24 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. So we got this -- we
25 got this really strange guy gets out of a dark over

white 1971 Cadillac --

MR. MISTLER: 71 or '72, they're identical.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And he puts a shirt on, gets out of the car, he makes eye contact with you, his one eye drifts over to these kids.

He ends up going over, crouching down and talking to this one little boy. And after a period of time, he ends up walking that little boy over to his car. No sign of struggle or anything.

He puts the little boy in his car, you go --

MR. MISTLER: Adam got in his car on his own, I mean, he didn't pick him up and put him in there.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.

MR. MISTLER: And at one point he was standing alongside of him on the curb, I guess facing west --

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.

MR. MISTLER: Later on I started to pull off, but I looked in my mirror and I had a great big like -- I think they call them California mirrors --

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.

MR. MISTLER: -- and I looked in my mirror and I could see his back, because he had bent over. I

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thought they had both went back inside. I started to pull off, and I took one last glance in the mirror --

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

MR. MISTLER: -- and I saw his back. And he was -- he would have been down like this. If this was the hood of the car --

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.

MR. MISTLER: -- and I saw his back. And he was

-- he would have been down like this. If this was the hood of the car --

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.

MR. MISTLER: -- he would have been down like this, so his back was, you know, I mean --

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Level with the car.

MR. MISTLER: -- level with the car, yeah.

And apparently Adam was standing right there. I couldn't see Adam at all --

MR. MISTLER: -- at that point, I could only see

otis, back.

And I was still frozen at that point, you might say, you know. My body was shaking so bad. You know,

at one point I wanted to take my hand off the shift lever, and I couldn't do that, and that even made it worse, you know, then my body really, I mean, it just -- I couldn't move.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

MR. MISTLER: And I wasn't really sure why I

couldn't move, you know, I knew it had to do something

- 1 with the kid, you know. I didn't think I was having a
 2 heart attack or anything like that. It was -- You
 3 know, I couldn't explain that. You know, it was just
 4 my gut feeling kept telling me there's something wrong,
 5 there's something wrong.
 6 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
 7 MR. MISTLER: And my eyes kept saying, you know,
 8 what is it, what is it, you know.
 9 And then after he was back, you know, like that,
 10 that sort of unlocked me, you know.
 11 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
 12 MR. MISTLER: Then by that time I had moved back
 13 -- I'd started to pull away, and I'd moved to where his
 14 tag would have been right there, like only a few feet,
 15 you know, over from where I'm at.
 16 And that's when I caught a glimpse of his back and
 17 I stopped again.
 18 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
 19 MR. MISTLER: And I sit there maybe two minutes
 20 and then they start walking around the car, you know.
 21 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Was there still traffic
 22 lined up behind you at that point?
 23 MR. MISTLER: Oh, the whole parking lot was
 24 packed. I mean, nobody was going anywhere until I
 25 moved or until this old lady moved first. And then

- 10 until I moved.
- 11 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Well, she had already moved
- 12 a couple car lengths for you to get up there, right?
- 13 MR. MISTLER: But she eventually moved away,
- 14 on the point, you know, I was up there and nobody was
- 15 gonna move. Because what had happened, the other cars
- 16 had started come up where they should have been
- 17 exiting and even coming around the side of the
- 18 building, I could see the nose of one car, you know,
- 19 like the regular lane would have been here, well, this
- 20 way, I could see the nose of one car, you know,
- 21 would have been the lane that you would have gone this
- 22 way. But now there was a car with its nose coming out
- 23 MR. MISTLER: And back here were two lanes coming
- 24 up, one that would come this way and the other would
- 25 let you exit. Well, people would come up both sides
- back up and the line went all the way around.
- There used to be a post office, like a little mobile -- not a mobile post office, but it was -- it used to have a little post office there in Sears lot.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
- MR. MISTLER: Uh-huh.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
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- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Well, she eventually moved away,
- until I moved.

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but five boys.

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boy who drives me crazy, you know, how the hell she do

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say ing, jesus christ, five boys, you know, I got one

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boys with him, there were five boys, because I remember

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or ten foot away from her and there were four other

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when I first saw Adam, he was standing maybe eight

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girl there.

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was a lady here and there was about a fourteen year old

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when I first saw Adam, he was standing -- there

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And the actual door for Sears was in here.

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things in here.

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there would have been plants and there would have been

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MR. MISTLER: You would have walked through and

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INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

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SUPPLY -- like a walkway through here.

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this is the sidewalk. This would be the garden

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MR. MISTLER: A pencil would be better.

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Let me get you a pen.

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for me, okay. Let me see what you're talking about.

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INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Let me ask you to draw this

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- And originally the old lady's car would have been right here, where the two fronts are straight across from each other.
- It's car would have been right here.
- And originally the old lady's car would have been back here. That's where I'd seen the boys --
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Before we go any further,
- just for my clarification, when you drew the line here, does the street go around right here?
- MR. MISTLER: No, actually what it would have went down maybe a little bit further.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. What happens over here, does the sidewalk go --
- MR. MISTLER: The sidewalk followed the building around.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
- MR. MISTLER: And they had package pickup --
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
- MR. MISTLER: Okay. What happens over
- here, does the sidewalk go --
- MR. MISTLER: The sidewalk followed the building around.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
- MR. MISTLER: -- here. There would have been another like two lanes here.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
- MR. MISTLER: If I remember correctly, I think the sidewalk continued around here, but it wasn't as thick

- as this section.
INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: All right.
MR. MISTLER: So this would have been like the
sidewalk. Say that's the yellow line.
This would have been, if you were coming down
here, you'd want to go here for package pickup, you
would have made the turn here. There was a stop sign
here and I could see the front-end of this car here,
and at one time another car came around and his front-
end was sticking out here.
INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
MR. MISTLER: He's one of them special people that
just didn't want to wait.
INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: How far does it go to the
Back here --
street there approximately?
MR. MISTLER: From here out to the --
INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: No, from here behind you,
how many cars were backed up in here before you get to
the street?
INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. All right. Let's
MR. MISTLER: Oh, seventeen, twenty, maybe thirty.
INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: All right, maybe thirty.
Just --
MR. MISTLER: Maybe more.
INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Let me get this straight.
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were -- Before she started moving at all, you figure,

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And that's why you

that.

MR. MISTLER: It may have even been longer than

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.

minutes.

MR. MISTLER: Oh, at least. At least six to eight

taking six to eight minutes --

other day, you said that this woman stopped and you're

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Now, as I remember from the

MR. MISTLER: No, I understand.

This is just for me.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. Just let me clarify.

would have been on the south side of that building,

went down. And this would have been the other door, which

went here, another entrance that went here, and then on

MR. MISTLER: -- there'd be another entrance that

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.

entrance that went here --

would be parking places here. There would be like an

have had, let's see, you would have had like -- These

MR. MISTLER: Yeah, and then -- then you would

that way?

traffic coming this way and one lane of traffic coming

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- or during this whole time -- through the whole time period?
 MR. MISTLER: I didn't -- I'm sorry.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Were you -- Were you -- Was
 -- I mean, eight minutes is a long time to be sitting
 in, you know, it could have been six or eight.
 MR. MISTLER: She was here probably a good eight
 eventually moved and then you --
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. But then when she
 was waiting for a space to come open here,
 MR. MISTLER: What she was doing, apparently, she
 was waiting for a space to come open here.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
 MR. MISTLER: You know, they would have hit spaces
 along this side and this side.
 She was determined she was gonna get one of these
 spaces.
 When I was sitting behind her, you know, I
 couldn't understand why she was sitting there and I
 kept kinda like looking around, you know, trying to see
 maybe she hit a dog or maybe there was something laying
 in front of her car that, you know, kept her from
 moving, you know. Maybe like a shopping cart or
 something.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

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 She's gonna wait, you know, and I think what she's doing is she's waiting to go into this space here.
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 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
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 MR. MISTLER: That, or there's something in front of her car blocking her car.
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 and he was coming down here and he was going slow, too,
 because I kept wanting to go around and I said, well,
 I'll wait for this guy to go by and I'm waiting and
 waiting and I figure, well, he's gonna go by but he
 doesn't, he stops right here, which would have been --
 this would have been the front of her car.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
 MR. MISTER: And this is his car, and he stops
 right there. Now, I'm still right back there.
 Now, I think maybe she did hit something and this
 guy's getting out to help her.
 So I look up between the cars and I'm watching
 them to see -- and I fully expected him to go to the
 front of her car and maybe move a shopping cart or
 something like that.
 But he didn't do that.
 He got out of the car, put his shirt on and this
 shirt had like a brown spot here and it had like --
 when I went to high school they used to have gold
 ropes that the band wore. Well, he didn't have gold
 ropes, but the sweat from the perspiration, it almost
 looked like, you know, like gold ropes going around.
 I mean, they weren't ropes their self, but you
 know what I mean, the color, and around the neck and
 that from the sweat he had like a -- it's like a yellow

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18. And he got out and he put this shirt on and I'm sitting there and just watching him and I'm only a few feet away from him.
19. You know, really a few feet away from him.
20. He knew her or maybe she -- you know, maybe her motor had quit, you know, or for whatever reason.
21. Up to this lady's car and say something to her, maybe he knew her or maybe she -- you know, maybe her motor had quit, you know, or for whatever reason.
22. So I'm watching him, and as he goes past this old lady, she reaches over and pushes down on the -- the door lock.
23. At first I thought maybe she was opening it up 'cause she knew him. But he didn't even look at her, he started walking up between there, you know, alongside of his car, he left his car door open, the front door was open, he walked around that and start walking up and just start doing this as he was walking up.
24. And on -- He was faceting, it would have been this side of his head, it's like if you sleep on your hair, you know how it goes up.
25. MR. MISTLER: It looked like -- literally like a
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
- MR. MISTLER: She must have pushed it down because at first I thought maybe she was opening it up 'cause she knew him. But he didn't even look at her, he started walking up between there, you know, alongside of his car, he left his car door open, the front door was open, he walked around that and start walking up and just start doing this as he was walking up.
- And on -- He was faceting, it would have been this side of his head, it's like if you sleep on your hair, you know how it goes up.
- MR. MISTLER: It looked like -- literally like a

19 little plate of hair. In other words, I mean, if you
 took your hair and you laid and you slept on this all
 night and you got up, your hair would still be sticking
 straight up.
 But this was almost a perfect circle like.
 So that's the first thing that caught my attention
 and he's doing this and I'm kinda looking at that and
 I'm looking at this shirt and then he finally sees me
 and he goes like this. just like that.
 And then he smiled at me as he's turning this way.
 He give me a big smile and he had these green teeth.
 And I couldn't believe what I was seeing.
 My first impression when his head stopped was
 upright animal, mini-big foot, circus. Before I could
 analyze it anymore or think about it anymore, then he
 smiled. And I've seen -- I've never seen green teeth
 like this in my life. It reminded me of Justin
 McKnight, a kid I went to -- I was probably in the
 eighth -- seven, eight years old in school and a kid
 transferred in, his brother transferred in and they
 both had green teeth. Well, you know, as an eight year
 old, I thought that was really neat, you know.
 And I thought of Jessie McKnight. I hadn't
 thought of him since -- hell, I was eight years old or
 so. And then I thought of Christmas because even
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1 thought his hair looked brown in the sunlight, with his
2 beard and the rest of his hair sticking like up, I
3 mean, you know, you're talking bad hair, this was just
4 like frizzled all up, you know.
5 And you could see the red in his hair. I mean, if
6 he was sitting in the room with us, you'd think he had
7 brown hair and that, but it has like a red tint to it,
8 you understand what I'm saying?
9 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Yeah.
10 MR. MISTLER: Okay. So I thought of Christmas
11 because I had looked at Adam, and Adam had had -- and
12 when Adam was standing there with the boys and then
13 when he was standing there by himself, I kept looking,
14 he had these real wild pants on, it was green
15 pants, but it had like -- I believe the other two
16 colors were orange -- orange and yellow, pants and they
17 were way too big. You know, like you buy clothes for
18 your kids and you buy them a little bit big, these
19 were way too big on him.
20 And this hat he had on, it had to have been an
21 adult hat because I've seen the picture of him in the
22 paper, it was a hat like that, red and it had the white
23 on there, I can't say that I remember the C, but I
24 remember a logo or something on this red hat.
25 And this hat he had on came right down to here and

it was still too big on him, I mean, even if it had been, you know, adjusted up, it still was way too big. It probably was an adult hat from that same ball club notice came there and he's smiling like this, he's turning. His eyes did this. His one eye went over, you know, he was starting to look to the curb, but his one eye went over at first.

Investigator Gardner: Hum.

Mr. Mistler: Now, I'm thinking Christmas and I trying to analyze what the hell I'm still even looking at that and I can't even do that because now this guy did eye tricks. I was thinking, holy shit, eye trick at this point if he would have vaporized, I wouldn't have been any more shocked than I was right now.

Now, my thought goes from I hope to hell this old lady moves is what I was thinking before, to now I hope she just stays where she's at.

So she stayed right there, she's still sitting there. And he went over to the curb and Adam -- five, four other boys had walked away. I don't know where they went. I think I remember seeing one other four went.

Adam went from here to where he stood right next
 to this lady and this fourteen year old. And this lady
 is digging in her purse with her right hand, she's
 digging in her purse, she's just digging, I mean she's
 digging in her purse, you know, she's going through this purse just
 digging. I'm still here, this old lady's still here. And
 I'm watching. Now Otis comes here and now he's on the
 street, but he doesn't touch the kid, he like crochets
 down and he's only about two feet away from the kid's
 face. Now he's eye level with the kid and he's like a
 catcher would kneel down. He's eye level with the kid.
 And I'm sitting there and I'm waiting to see this
 lady's reaction, because I know if it was my kid, the
 first thing I would do is look down and seen this guy,
 I would have pulled my kid back.
 So now I'm waiting, saying this lady's gonna shit
 when she sees what's talking with her. And she kept
 digging and digging and digging. So finally she stops
 digging and digging and digging. So finally she stops
 digging and digging and digging. Adam was
 standing only a few feet away from her.
 And when she had no reaction, I said she knows
 him, you know, it's kinda like Uncle Buck, you know, he
 always looks weird, but he's an all right guy or

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 24 knew. And something just told me that there's something wrong.

22 So now I'm here and I'm looking in this car and I
 23 can't really get a good view through because I have to
 24 look through his windshield, but I can still see the
 25 kid and him. When I had pulled off, he had gone up

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 19 were pillows, but they may have been like a blanket or
 20 some towels or something where he had probably had used
 21 that to sleep, because probably would have fit, you
 22 know, this perfectly sleeping in there.

16 MR. MISTLER: Some of them laying around.

17 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

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 19 were pillows, but they may have been like a blanket or
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 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
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 MR. MISTLER: When I let the clutch out and took
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 the curb --
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 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Standing up or still
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 crouching down?
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 MR. MISTLER: No, he was standing up now, and he
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 would have been, if you were the kid, I would have
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 been, you know, they were just like standing across
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 from each other.
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 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
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 MR. MISTLER: He took his arm and this is what
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 caught my eye and probably got my body shaking, was I
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 had just caught that out of my eye, he didn't reach
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 down and grab the kid's --
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 If You were Adam and I'm Otis and I'm standing
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 like stand up, maybe I can show you better.
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 next to you, what he did was he was he took this hand
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 and he put his hand up there like that.
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 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
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 MR. MISTLER: And that's what made me shake.
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 pulled forward and that's what made me shake.
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 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
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- MR. MISTLER: Now, I look around for that lady and that fourteen year old, 'cause I want to get out of the truck and say, do you know this man, you know, And I looked all around and I couldn't see them, They had to have gone back inside, there was no way so now he's standing alongside of him on the curb, these two are gone, those five boys -- the other four boys are gone. INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Were all of those people white -- MR. MISTLER: Yeah. INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- all of the boys? MR. MISTLER: Yeah. INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- all of the boys? MR. MISTLER: Yeah, all the boys were white, they looked like brothers. Yeah. INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. MR. MISTLER: I mean, not necessarily that they all looked facially alike, but it would have been like steps. INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh. MR. MISTLER: Adam being the smallest and then it would have just been like steps, you know. INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. MR. MISTLER: Now, the two of them are standing on

the curb here. I'm still right here where it's really
 tough for me to see, you know, what's going on there.
 And I'm trying to rationalize, wait a minute, maybe
 he's here to pick that lady up because now they're both
 just standing on the curb.
 They should have done been around the front of
 that car and down through there by now, but they
 weren't, they were just standing on the curb there.
 And so now I'm like saying to myself, wait a
 minute, you know, he just came to pick her up and it's,
 you know, she knows him, and she had to go back in the
 store for something, you know. There's no problem.
 But my gut kept saying, there's a problem, there's
 something wrong here.
 So they stood on that curb like that for, oh, had
 to be a good three minutes. But when I had thought,
 wait a minute, I'm trying to rationalize, you know, why
 wouldn't, you know, why didn't -- you know, of course
 she knew him. He pulled up there to pick him up, she
 forgot her credit card or something, went back in the
 store. And they're gonna come back out.
 And then I looked into the car and there was so
 much stuff piled up in that car, there was no way that
 he could have put them in the car.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

25 And at that point my body just really -- I was
24 something wrong.

23 to shake more, because I just kept saying, there's
22 MR. MISTLER: And that's when my body even began
21 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

20 fourteen year could have got in this car,
19 know, there. So there was no way this woman and this
18 And they were as high as the back of his seat, you
17 of -- looked like just clothes, you know,

16 there was clothes just piled up, clothes and all kinds
15 the handles -- I seen a lot of handles and stuff. But
14 over the seat. And then on the other side of the car,
13 of them, the wood handles would have been laying back
12 would have been laying on the dashboard, the saw parts
11 And the one was pointed towards him. But that
10 know.

9 watch out, pop, you forgot about your saws there, you
8 had got into the car, I remember thinking, you know,
7 rope. And one was in each direction, because when Adam
6 trim trees with, one had a rope, one didn't have a
5 on the back -- in the back. He had two of them you
4 equipment and stuff, you know, sitting back, you know,
3 in the back, you'd see the handles from different lawn
2 filled with stuff and on the other side of the back --
1 MR. MISTLER: Because he had the back seat was

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1 like pinned in the -- the more it shook, the worse it got.

2 And then it got to this point that this leg was

3 doing this and it was on the edge of the brake, and the

4 other foot, I was pushing so hard, the bottom of my

5 foot was hurting, but this leg's doing this and I had

6 my hand on the shifter and when I tried to take my hand

7 off the shifter to just keep my foot from slipping off

8 of that brake, cause there was no way I could have

9 picked it back up there. I couldn't release my

10 hand, I couldn't release the hand here and now I don't

11 know what's going on with me, I don't know why my

12 body's doing this and it's just like feeding itself,

13 it's making it worse, you know?

14 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

15 MR. MISTLER: And I'm just -- I was just pinned,

16 And I'm looking ahead and I can't even know, at this

17 point, I can't even move my head around to look into

18 the mirror and that, you know, somewhere along before

19 that I had adjusted that mirror out so I could get a

20 better view of them and that.

21 And now I can't even -- I can't even move my head,

22 I'm just looking straight and I'm going, this is

23 ridiculous, you know. Why -- why is your body doing

24 this, you know, what's going on.

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1 And so they stood there, oh, a good, two to three
 2 minutes maybe, a couple minutes, I'd say maybe two
 3 minutes on that -- or possibly three minutes on that
 4 curb. And had they walked around there, then I
 5 couldn't even have gotten out of the damn truck. I
 6 mean, I was just pinned, you know, pinned.
 7 So they stood there on that curb and now I'm
 8 looking straight ahead and I can't -- I can't even look
 9 back over there at them. And then finally I'm able to
 10 move my body just enough to catch a view, look back
 11 over there again. And I don't see them.
 12 So that sort of freed me up a little bit and I was
 13 able to move a little more and get a little bit better
 14 of a view and I couldn't see them, you know.
 15 So now I thought, oh, they went back on inside,
 16 everything's fine. You really let yourself, you know,
 17 you really let, you know, yourself go crazy, here,
 18 really, you know. I'm going on vacation, you know, you
 19 get a little irritable and a little, you know, I
 20 thought maybe I was kinda blaming it on that. We were
 21 just getting ready to leave the next morning on
 22 vacation.
 23 And so then my body really calmed down because
 24 they were gone and I figured they went back inside,
 25 they were all together and I'm just making a mountain

- 1 out of a molochill here. So then I leave the clutch out
 2 and I started to pull out and I thought I'm gonna look
 3 back just one more time and I look in the mirror and
 4 that's when I saw his back.
 5 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
 6 MR. MISTLER: Now, I'm back -- I would have been
 7 the front of my truck, I would have been here, cause
 8 the tag of his car was right there. I would have been
 9 right about in that position.
 10 So now I see his back, I don't see the kid at
 11 all. So I stopped again. So now they're in front of
 12 that car and they must have been in front of that car
 13 for maybe -- maybe two minutes, which is a long time
 14 and he was bending down, I guess, in that position for
 15 over, you know, and I'm just looking around and the
 16 more -- because this guy just didn't fit in this Caddy.
 17 Even though it was ten years old, this Caddy was in
 18 good shape. He didn't fit inside of this thing.
 19 And I'm trying to make him fit, you know. So I'm
 20 looking for dents and dings, you know, I do like body
 21 work as a hobby, you know, and so I'm just looking in
 22 for -- the more I look, the better this Caddy's
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1 looking. I see no dents down this side, I see no
 2 dents, except in the bumper, there's a little dent in
 3 the rear bumper. And I remember thinking maybe what
 4 caused that dent. I said maybe a motorcycle run into,
 5 cause it was a dent that went like that, or he backed
 6 into a pole.
 7 So just, you know, it's just the way my mind's
 8 working, and I looked on the deck lid, because the
 9 innerfa of the motorcycle would have carried it under
 10 the deck lid. And he would have had scrapes or
 11 something if a motorcycle had hit it, he probably
 12 backed into a pole is what he did.
 13 The deck lid was here and the dent goes almost
 14 right up to the deck lid, but there was no -- no dents
 15 in this deck lid, I looked around the back widow for
 16 rust, because it should have been popping -- a ten year
 17 old car should have been popping around there. There
 18 was no rust on that and the car was in great shape.
 19 And I remember thinking, I wanted to get out at
 20 that point and look at the other side of the car and
 21 maybe if it was ripped out that would have made it a
 22 better and this guy would have it in it. I'm trying
 23 to make him fit in this car and nothing I'm doing is
 24 making sense now.
 25 In the meantime, I got Rocky back here who had to

be -- there was a gray van behind me and then Rocky
 would have been behind -- I call him Rocky because now
 this guy's getting out and he's walking up here calling
 me a son-of-a-bitch, I mean, he called me a son-of-a-
 bitch, move it you son-of-a-bitch, what are you waiting
 on, you son-of-a -- every ten or twelve seconds, you
 know, this guy's doing this, you know, and he's walking
 up, looking, you know, and he sees me looking in the
 mirror and I guess he thought I was staring at him,
 and, you know, and he's getting all huffy and puffy,
 and you know, and I'm not even trying to pay anything
 But what I'm thinking is if I have to get out of
 this truck, by this time my body's unlocked, I'm still
 shaking, but my body's unlocked.
 So he walks around the front of the car and they
 walked real slow, it seemed like it took them forever,
 right as he came around there, Adam had looked -- they
 both walked around -- Rocky was walking up there and I
 think Rock was -- I think -- kept walking up and he
 walked back to his car, he'd walk over here and look
 and see and he'd walk back and I'm watching him in the
 mirror, too, and he'd walk up, he's getting angry this
 guy, he wanted to know what the hell I'm doing sitting
 up here.

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And now he's getting ready to come up there and he's getting ready to say something to me, like, you know -- he'd been calling me a son-of-a-bitch for the last, you know, few minutes or so. But I wasn't even paying attention, I wanted to catch this eyes kid's -- this kid's eyes when he walked around that corner. And he come around that corner and he looked up at ours and ours took his hat and sort of like pushed it down. Well, I didn't like that, but I remember I did that to my own kid and that. So now I'm really watching, and I'm watching Adam's eyes, because I'm watching, and I'm watching Adam's eyes, because he may have kid's thinking; is he scared, is he afraid of what. He wasn't crying, he wasn't -- you know, he may have looked a little confused, but he -- he didn't look scared, he wasn't crying.

And they were walking so slow, I mean, they came around there, he wasn't rushing, you know, they're just walking slow and he's smiled at him and I thought of my grandfather then, because I remember walking with him and looking up at him and him just smiling for no reason, not saying anything, just smiling. I remember that so clear and that really calmed me down. That started to say to me everything was -- was fine,

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in the car and run, hell, he's going extra, extra slow.
 He's walking down -- they're walking -- I mean,
 literally just like, you know, he's smiling down at the
 Adam and that.
 So then they walk up to here and Adam stopped
 there for a second and the kid just like climbed up
 him and Adam was standing on the seat and that's when
 he walked towards those blades, and I remember
 thinking, you know, be careful, pop, you forgot about
 your garden equipment, you know, you're gonna cut your
 --cut the kid.
 And then Adam turns around right as Otis was
 sitting -- getting into the car and he was still -- now
 he's like facing him, but he's standing on the seat.
 So now I don't know whether Adam sit down on his own or
 it he reached over and, you know, sweeped his feet out
 from underneath him, which I've did with my kid to make
 him sit down, you know, when he was that age.
 And then Otis reaches over and takes that red ball
 hat off and he reaches back and he lays it on top of
 all this stuff that's in the back here.
 MR. MISTRAL: And then he turned back towards the
 front. And I'm watching to see if he's holding the kid
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down on the kid's arms are flaring or something like
 So then after about three, maybe five -- maybe ten
 seconds, let's say, Otsi's reaches back, takes the ball
 hat and he shoves it down in between the seat. And I
 figure, well, he didn't want it to blow out the window
 at that point I remember thinking, because I had
 thought of Christmas earlier, the red, the green, the
 red, the green -- you know, the red and the green,
 Adam's hat, and the pants, the other red and green was
 Otsi's, hat, which in the sunlight you see the red, and
 then the green teeth.

And when I had pulled around to the car, I had
 seen the green interior and I remember looking -- I
 just remember these little thoughts -- I looked around
 and I saw -- I was looking around for red, there was no
 red in there.

When he had did that, I remembered the thought I
 had earlier and said there's the red, which I don't
 know what that means, it doesn't really mean anything,
 it's just, you know, there's was little thoughts like
 you were parting stuff up and that.

So I wanted to pull here, that would have left the

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MR. MISTER: And I still wasn't a hundred percent

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INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

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out of a molehill here. There's nothing wrong.

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And I kept saying, Billy, you're making a mountain

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wouldn't that be that lady's kid, you know.

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kept saying why would he -- why isn't that -- why

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was something wrong. But the more I watched it, then I

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parking lot get unlocked, because until I moved, nobody
 was going anywhere. It was just that locked up.
 I wanted to pull here and then I saw a car
 starting to come down here. I said, now if I pull
 there I'm gonna block, you know, traffic coming this
 way.
 So then I looked over here and I see an open
 space, and it's only a few feet away, oh, thank God,
 you know, I already had my car started in that one, and
 I saw that space and I said, now, great, I can just --
 by the time I got over there, somebody had pulled into
 that space and the car that was coming down here, had
 pulled off anyway, so I could have parked either way.
 So now I'm already moving now, you know, and that
 space somebody jumped right in front of me, so I went
 to the next section, which would have been here, the
 next section, there's still not -- looking down, the
 next one and the next one and by the time I finally
 found a space, it would have been -- it this is that
 door, it would have been in this section, but almost
 three-quarters of the way down.
 I got out -- After I parked the truck, I got out
 and I ran back up to here, about like you would jog, I
 guess, You know, cause I'm still not sure what the
 hell I'm even seeing.

And I ran back up to there because I wanted to see now he would have been with this guy for a minute or two and if there's nothing wrong, if it is Uncle Buck, the kid would have been fine. That way I could have went up alongside of the car and looked in the car and seen the kid's reaction and he would have been with this guy for several minutes.

So when I got back up to here, the Caddy was gone. And I looked all around and then I walked over to get up onto the curb, just to give me that much more height and I looked all around and I could see the Caddy.

Investigator GARDNER: Uh-huh.

MR. MISTLER: I had no idea where he went.

He may have went around this corner and then he could have got out through the back part there. They may have got this straightened out where this guy backed up out of that, I don't know whether they had that straightened out or not.

Or I don't know where he went, you know.

Investigator GARDNER: Okay.

MR. MISTLER: So then I stood up on that curb up here about four or five minutes maybe, I guess, I don't know, I was up there quite a while. And I was analyzing everything, I'm going, why wouldn't that kid

1 belonging to that lady. Of course that had to be her kid,
 2 And -- And this guy looked so weird, he would have
 3 scared this kid. You know, I mean, this guy was so
 4 weird looking that day, that, You know, I'm thinking it
 5 would have scared this kid, this guy would have cried
 6 just at the sight of him unless he was a family member
 7 or something.
 8 And then I'm standing there, I'm just trying to
 9 make sense of this whole thing and kept saying, why
 10 wouldn't that be that lady's kid. Of course that's
 11 that lady's kid.
 12 MR. MISTLER: Uh-huh.
 13 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
 14 MR. MISTLER: This is Uncle Buck, he just came
 15 here and he picked him up, everything's fine and thank
 16 God I didn't release this junk yard dog on him, because
 17 horns are blowing and everything and I wanted out of
 18 that truck. I mean, if this kid needed help, I was
 19 gonna be out of truck and it wasn't till the
 20 gonna be out of truck and it wasn't till the
 21 exterminator coming out of that truck, it was a junk
 22 yard dog I was gonna release on this guy.
 23 And I literally was gonna grab him in a bear hug,
 24 spin him 90 degrees and drop to the ground and pile
 25 drive his head into the ground and probably break his

- 1 fuckin', arms. So I knew what would happen if I
 2 released that dog, so I had to be sure. I just had to
 3 be sure before I jump out of there and throw some guy
 4 to the fuckin' pavement, because I don't like the way
 5 he's dressed.
- 6 So I stood up on that curb and I'm thinking this
 7 over and now I think, thank God I didn't do that,
 8 because I know what I was gonna do to him. I know what
 9 I was gonna do, and thank God I didn't. Oh, thank God,
 10 everything's fine. You know, everything's fine.
 11 You let yourself, you know, make a mountain out of
 12 a molehill, you know, there's nothing wrong, the kid
 13 wasn't pulling away, jerking or nothing. I thought,
 14 So I walked back up to here, I went in the store
 15 and by the time I got in the store I was happy I didn't
 16 do anything, because I'm now I'm just so sure
 17 everything was just fine.
- 18 And I looked there for lantern bags, which were
 19 right inside this doorway, I mean, as soon as you
 20 walked in the door over here, about halfway up on the
 21 rack, and I got a couple lantern bags and then I went
 22 over here and looked at a badminton set and a few --
 23 looked around a little bit.
- 24 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
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- MR. MISTLER: And then I came back and there was a checkout counter, about like here. So I got in line on his checkout counter and there was like four or five people ahead of me. And that was back before they had the computer scanners and that and what they would do is list each number and, you know ---
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right. That's when this lady came out and she was screaming.
- MR. MISTLER: Yeah, that's ---
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
- MR. MISTLER: I had ---
- (Thereupon, Tape 1, Side 1 concluded.)
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- 15 MR. MISTLER: -- there maybe -- I've been in the store maybe eight or ten minutes.
- 16 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
- 17 MR. MISTLER: And about that time, and it -- there was a -- the main walkway went up through this way and this would have been a walkway that went this way. And then lady come screaming through here, you know,
- 18 Cootie, Cootie, Cootie, and she kinda -- I'm like --
- 19 there's like four people ahead me and I'm really almost close to that door there.
- 20 And she's going Cootie, Cootie and then she spins
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around -- it kinda reminded me, I used to fly them model airplanes, but her purse was literally straight out. INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

MR. MISTLER: And she's spinning around and she don't know which way to go, you know, she's just like -- You know, she don't know whether to run this way, this way, this way or what to do. She's just like spinning and she's holllering Cootter, Cootter, Cootter, Cootter, and you can hear it getting less -- in running down this way. And now she's holllering, stops and she throws the purse down and she bolts off and she's spinning this purse and then finally she apparenlty she must have went out of the door, because you could hear it getting like Cootter, Cootter. And she must have went out of that door and holllered Cootter outside, because now -- now you can hear her running back up the aisles doing the same thing, but now it's getting louder as she's coming.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.

MR. MISTLER: Her purse is still laying right here on the floor, you know, right where she threw it down at. Because me and the guy in line, we looked and

1 I think I might have said to him, You know, this is
 2 like Candid Camera or something, You know. You know,
 3 it's just a trick to see it, You know, some will go
 4 over and, You know, little through this purse or, You
 5 know, I bet there's no money in that or, You know.
 6 And then she came up and now I'm thinking, she's
 7 on a one-day pass from a nut house and she got
 8 separated from her chaperons. That's the only thing
 9 that would explain this terror, You know.
 10 And she wasn't very -- And I'm thinking, she isn't
 11 very stable and that's what I thought. I literally
 12 thought she was on a one-day pass from a nut house.
 13 And she's yelling, Cootie, Cootie and she's
 14 spinning around and they had this table here, and I
 15 believe they had shirts on this table, and they didn't
 16 have them laying flat, they had them laying up like
 17 this and they, You know, they stack them. And she's
 18 just like thrashing herself on this -- on this -- on
 19 these shirts, this -- the counter about the size of
 20 your desk.

21 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

22 MR. MISTLER: And she's just like thrashing

23 herself on this and she hollered Cootie and she'd spin

24 around. Then about that time, two gray haired old

25 women, looked like grandma types, come up here, and one

- on this side of her and one that side and they were talking to her. And as they're talking to her, she calmed down some. I thought one of them was Gooter. The other one reached over, picked up her purse, handed her her purse, she threw her purse down again, the old lady reached down picked up her purse this time and just held it. And she -- they were like talking now she calmed down and she's talking to these two people and by that time I had gotten my change and paid for my thing and I thought, well, everything's fine here, You know. And boy what a strange day this turned out to be in Sears, you know.
- So I just turned around and walked on out.
- Investigator Gardner: All right. And as I understand from that point, I mean, you went back to Sears that day and then on vacation, came back the next week, you find out about Adam Walsh, don't really make any connection with anything until 1983, when the chapter shows up on the TV announcing about this Ots's Tool or Ots's Tool individual and you -- as soon as you saw his picture, you recognized him as the guy.
- Mr. Mistler: Oh, instantly.
- Investigator Gardner: Okay.
- Mr. Mistler: I was laying in bed --
- Investigator Gardner: That's the guy that was

- 1 MR. MISTLER: That was in the guy in the white
 with the Cadillac.
- 2 MR. MISTLER: See, I went away on vacation --
- 3 CADILLAC.
- 4 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
- 5 MR. MISTLER: -- and we came back the following
 Sunday and that, and before we even got out of the
 truck, some of the neighborhood boys that knew my son,
 had run up there and said Adam Walsh is missing, you
 know, he's been missing.
- 6 MR. MISTLER: -- and we came back the following
 Saturday and that, and before we even got out of the
 truck, some of the neighborhood boys that knew my son,
 had run up there and said Adam Walsh is missing, you
 know, he's been missing.
- 7 MR. MISTLER: And my wife and I said, oh, my God, because we
 were up at Sears like between two and four on that
 afternoon and I had saw Mrs. Walsh, who I didn't make
 the connection because I thought the lady in the
 morning was Spanish.
- 8 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
- 9 MR. MISTLER: And Mrs. Walsh said something to --
 to, I believe it was John, you know, where could he
 be, you know.
- 10 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Exactly.
- 11 MR. MISTLER: And so that's why I didn't think
 those two people were connected at all, because I
 thought that was Spanish.
- 12 MR. MISTLER: Because I had went home, I went out to the
 motorcycle shop, I had picked up a chain and some other
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- parts I'd ordered for them ATC's and then I went back home and I told my wife about this story, you know, and I kept asking her, what does Cootier mean and she didn't know what Cootier meant.
- And there was an old lady that -- that used to walk up and down, you know, on our street and we would like talk and we knew she spoke Spanish, but not very good English, and I even wanted to go to see it, you know, I could go to her and find out what the hell Cootier meant.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
- MR. MISTLER: I was that curious what Cootier meant, you know.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: All right.
- MR. MISTLER: So, then we went ahead and went on our vacation, we left about probably five o'clock in the morning --
- 16 MR. MISTLER: So, then we went ahead and went on our vacation, we left about probably five o'clock in
- 17 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
- 18 MR. MISTLER: -- which would have been normal so we can get out of Broward County and that before the traffic gets bad.
- 19 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. What I'd like to do usually takes about five hours, you know.
- 20 We got up to Nashville (phonetic) Forest, it
- 21 usually takes about five hours, you know.
- 22 INVSTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. What I'd like to do
- 23 today on this test, the question -- a lot of the
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- questions are gonna be the same questions you heard before.
- MR. MISTLER: Uh-huh.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay? It's a similar type test, I'm still interested in these same type issues.
- I want to direct a couple questions a little more specific towards exactly what you're telling me. Let me just change a couple of words here.
- Let me review all the questions with you.
- MR. MISTLER: Okay.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Once again, I'll do it them in -- with types, and they're really simple questions.
- If you'd just answer these out loud,
- were you born in Kentucky?
- MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Do most people call you Bill?
- MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Is today Thursday?
- MR. MISTLER: No.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Is today Wednesday?
- MR. MISTLER: No.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Is today Wednesday?
- MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Is today Thursday?
- MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Do most people call you Bill?
- MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- were you born in Kentucky?
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Do most people call you Bill?
- MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Once again, I'll do it them
- in -- with types, and they're really simple questions.
- If you'd just answer these out loud,
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Do most people call you Bill?
- MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Do most people call you Bill?
- MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Is today Wednesday?
- MR. MISTLER: No.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Is today Wednesday?
- MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: You're looking forward to the weekend.

- 1 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: No, I just had a week like
 2 You read about, we even worked Monday, it was a
 3 holiday, and I just kinda -- we're the only ones that
 4 worked in the whole courthouse, so it just kinda throws
 5 -- when those weeks happen, sometimes it just throws
 6 your day calendar off.
 7 So, okay. Did you ever go to school?
 8 MR. MISTLER: Yes.
 9 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: And are you completely
 10 convinced I will only ask you questions on this test we
 11 have reviewed?
 12 MR. MISTLER: Yes.
 13 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. I'm just reviewing
 14 old questions
 15 okay. Regarding the abduction of Adam Walsh, do
 16 you intend to answer the questions about that
 17 truthfully?
 18 MR. MISTLER: Yes.
 19 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you said
 20 that you personally observed Otis Toolie in a dark over
 21 white Cadillac in July of 1981?
 22 MR. MISTLER: No.
 23 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you said
 24 that you personally observed Otis Toolie put a young
 25 boy in his dark over white Cadillac in July of 1981?

- 1 MR. MISTLER: No. And once again, I'm gonna
 2 get into a couple of questions regarding your veracity
 3 and truthfulness, we've already discussed that before.
 4 That type of question needs to be included in this
 5 test.
 6 Between the ages and 26 and 30, do you remember
 7 ever telling a serious lie to someone who trusted you?
 8 MR. MISTLER: No.
 9 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And other than what
 10 you have told me, because you mentioned a couple things
 11 about when you were younger, during the first 30 years
 12 of your life, do you remember ever lying to someone in
 13 authority?
 14 MR. MISTLER: Well, I'm sure I did, yeah.
 15 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Yes.
 16 MR. MISTLER: The first 30 thirty years?
 17 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Well, I'm sure I did, yeah.
 18 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Well, you told me there was
 19 a time right around when you were nineteen --
 20 MR. MISTLER: Well, from nineteen -- the way you
 21 asked it last time, from nineteen to 30.
 22 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: No, I asked -- the first
 23 question is 26 to 30 and this one's during the first 30
 24 years.
 25 MR. MISTLER: No, I mean, when we met last time I

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- thought it was like --
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: No, I got the question
sheet right over here.
- MR. MISTLER: No, I just remember that question
from last week was 19 to 30, because I did time and I
got out and I might have lied to people beforehand.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: This is the first sheet
from the first day, this is the second. I just copied
-- I copied them back over the same way.
- CAUSE put other than what you told me, because I
remember you specifically told me there were a couple
instances around the time when you were maybe eighteen,
- MR. MISTLER: Yeah, I did time for strong-armed
robbery.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right, you got bounced
around a little bit with the police --
- 17 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.
- 18 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- and you're sure that you
told them.
- 19 But you said other than that incident, you had
never lied to anybody in authority.
- 20 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: So that's why I'm practicing
MR. MISTLER: No, No, No.
- 21 never lied to anybody in authority.
- 22 But you said other than that incident, you had
never lied to anybody in authority.
- 23 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: So that's why I'm practicing
MR. MISTLER: No, No, No.
- 24 never lied to anybody in authority.
- 25 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: So that's why I'm practicing

- 1 this, but I am doing the whole 30 years of your life,
 first 30.
- 2 The question is, other than what you have told me
 about during the first 30 years of your life, did you
 ever lie to someone in authority?
- 3 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 4 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And another question
 will be, is there something else you're afraid of I'll
 ask you a question about during this test?
- 5 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And another question
 will be, is there something else you're afraid of I'll
 ask you a question about during this test?
- 6 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 7 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And another question
 will be, is there something else you're afraid of I'll
 ask you a question about during this test?
- 8 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And another question
 will be, is there something else you're afraid of I'll
 ask you a question about during this test?
- 9 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. And another question
 will be, is there something else you're afraid of I'll
 ask you a question about during this test?
- 10 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 11 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. The -- The incidents
 that you've told me about today, the -- when I -- the
 follow-up information I've gathered, you know, from
 last week to today, (inaudible) vacation, you know,
 there's nothing to suggest there's anything has created
 you to be in a situation now where you would be
 unsuitable to do the test.
- 12 I do have to put a make-up lie in every -- in
 every test series that I do, just to confirm that
 you're -- that you are responding and reacting as you
 should.
- 13 For the purposes of this test, what I'd like you
 to do is pick a letter between C and H.
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- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. For this test I will ask you in alphabetical order. Did you pick the letter B, did you pick the letter C, did you pick the letter D, --
- 5 MR. MISTLER: D.
- 6 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- B and C. Okay.
- 7 MR. MISTLER: Yeah. And you want me to answer --
- 8 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Truthfully to every question, except the one you picked.
- 9 MR. MISTLER: You want me to lie on D?
- 10 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: So I'll say did you pick the letter C?
- 11 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 12 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter D?
- 13 MR. MISTLER: Okay.
- 14 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: So I'll say did you pick the letter B?
- 15 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 16 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter C?
- 17 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 18 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter D?
- 19 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 20 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter B?
- 21 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 22 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter B?
- 23 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 24 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay. That's what we're gonna do.
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- Just lean forward just a little bit.
Raise your arms a little higher this time.
Relax your arm, bend your elbow.
Okay. Just relax. Feet flat on the floor as you
are. If you'd race off toward the brown chair.
I'll let you know when I'm gonna inflate the cuff
on your arm. The first question will come about ten
seconds after that. I'll space the remaining questions
about fifteen seconds apart.
As we reviewed, I'll start the questions with the
letter B and I will go in alphabetical order. I need
you to answer each question truthfully. I need you to
remember your letter and I need you to remember to lie
when we come to yours, and answer truthfully to all the
rest.
- Close your eyes. I'll let you know in just a
moment when I'll be inflating the cuff.
I'm inflating the cuff on your arm now.
The test is about to begin.
Did you pick the letter B?
MR. MISTER: No.
INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter C?
MR. MISTER: No.
MR. MISTER: No.
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 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter D?
 MR. MISTLER: No.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter E?
 MR. MISTLER: No.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter F?
 MR. MISTLER: No.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you pick the letter G?
 MR. MISTLER: No.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Test is over. Open your eyes. Don't move yet, please.
 MR. MISTLER: No.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Test is over. Open your eyes, I have one, but (inaudible) knows what day it says on it.
 MR. MISTLER: No, (inaudible).
 Yeah, I have one, but (inaudible) knows what day this (inaudible).
 Once, again, just (inaudible) everything's working the way it's supposed to. What we end up with -- we've got the largest reaction in the green line comes up. This is what we call in polygraph a double saddle. It comes up to the point of the line at D and then actually increases again off of that. And then afterwards it relaxes, you see it's just on a steady trend down afterwards.
 MR. MISTLER: Uh-huh.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Plus up here we have what we call a staticase (inaudible). If you look at this,
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1 right there in that little notch, that's a -- that's at
2 the point of your answer, and then we end up, you can
3 just see, it's just a staircase.
4 MR. MISTLER: That's D at the top.
5 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Exactly.
6 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.
7 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: That's the one that you
8 lived about. So you're still -- I showed you on the
9 last one time --
10 MR. MISTLER: Yeah. (Inaudible).
11 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Yeah, your charts are very
12 good. There's not a whole lot of problem reading your
13 charts.
14 So what we'll do now is we'll go into the
15 questions about this incident on July of '81 and we'll
16 run through those questions at least two times.
17 Okay. Bill, if you'll get yourself seated as
18 comfortably as you can. Feet flat on the floor, face
19 forward toward the brown chair, close your eyes.
20 I'll let you know the moment I'm gonna be
21 infiltrating the cuff (Inaudible).
22 I'm infiltrating the cuff on your arm.
23 The test is about to begin.
24 Were you born in Kentucky?
25 MR. MISTLER: Yes.

- 1 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Regarding the abduction of
Adam Walsh, do you intend to answer truthfully to the
best of your (inadmissible)?
- 2 MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- 3 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Are you completely
convinced I will only ask you questions on this test we
have reviewed?
- 4 MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- 5 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Are you completely
convincing I will only ask you questions on this test we
have reviewed?
- 6 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Between the ages of 26 and
30, did you ever tell any serious lie to someone who
trusted you?
- 7 MR. MISTLER: Yes.
- 8 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you personally observe
you personally observed Orlis Toolie in a dark over white
Cadillac in July of 1981?
- 9 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Between the ages of 26 and
30, did you ever tell any serious lie to someone who
trusted you?
- 10 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you said
you personally observed Orlis Toolie in a dark over white
Cadillac in July of 1981?
- 11 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Other than what you have
told me, during the first 30 years of your life, have
you ever lied to someone in authority?
- 12 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 13 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you said
you personally observed Orlis Toolie in a dark over white
Cadillac in July of 1981?
- 14 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you have
told me, during the first 30 years of your life, have
you ever lied to someone in authority?
- 15 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 16 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Other than what you have
told me, during the first 30 years of your life, have
you ever lied to someone in authority?
- 17 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 18 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you have
told me, during the first 30 years of your life, have
you ever lied to someone in authority?
- 19 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 20 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you have
told me, during the first 30 years of your life, have
you ever lied to someone in authority?
- 21 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 22 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you said
that you personally observed Orlis Toolie put a young boy
in a dark over white Cadillac in July of 1981?
- 23 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 24 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Is there something else
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- 1 You're afraid I'll ask you a question about during
 2 this test?
 3 MR. MISTLER: No.
 4 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: The test is over, open your
 5 eyes. Don't move yet, please.
 6 If you'll close your eyes, (inaudible) cutt on
 7 your arm.
 8 I'm infiltrating the cuff on your arm now. The test
 9 is about to begin.
 10 Do most people call you Bill?
 11 MR. MISTLER: Yes.
 12 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Regarding the abduction of
 13 Adam Walsh, do you intend to answer truthfully each
 14 question about that?
 15 MR. MISTLER: Yes.
 16 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Are you completely
 17 convinced I will only ask you questions on this test we
 18 have reviewed?
 19 MR. MISTLER: Yes.
 20 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Other than what you have
 21 told me, during the first 30 years of your life, have
 22 you ever lied to someone in authority?
 23 MR. MISTLER: No.
 24 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you said
 25 that you personally observed this tool in a dark over

- 1 white Cadillac in July of '81?
- 2 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 3 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Between the ages of 26 and
- 4 30, do you remember lying to someone who trusted you?
- 5 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 6 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Did you lie when you said
- 7 that you personally observed Otto's tool put a young boy
- 8 in a dark over white Cadillac in July of 1981?
- 9 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 10 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Is there something else
- 11 you're afraid I'll ask you a question about during this
- 12 test?
- 13 MR. MISTLER: No.
- 14 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: The test is over. Open
- 15 your eyes, don't move yet.
- 16 I can get you to sign (inaudible) please.
- 17 One thing I'm curious about, Bill, (inaudible)
- 18 who's Uncle Buck?
- 19 MR. MISTLER: That's that movie. Haven't you ever
- 20 seen that movie?
- 21 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: No.
- 22 MR. MISTLER: Uncle Buck's a real sloppy dressed
- 23 guy, and he's always going to the track and got a cigar
- 24 and got a car that burns oil and just like, you know --
- 25 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Who was he?

- 1 MR. MISTLER: John Candy played the part.
 2 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Oh, okay.
 3 (Inaudible) a few minutes while I take a look at
 4 these?
 5 MR. MISTLER: Sure.
 6 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: (Inaudible).
 7 MR. MISTLER: Okay.
 8 (Thereupon, Tape 1, Side 2 concluded.)
 9 (Thereupon, the following was heard on Tape 2,
 10 side 1.)
 11 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I've got some activity on
 12 these charts that I'm gonna take some time and do some
 13 detailed analysis on before I do anything else, having
 14 any conversations with you. Okay?
 15 MR. MISTLER: So what's that mean?
 16 You know one way or another, Terry, you know.
 17 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I got my -- I have my -- I
 18 have some opinions, but before I really pursue them, I
 19 really do -- I'm not jerking you around.
 20 MR. MISTLER: Yeah. All right.
 21 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I want to do some -- I want
 22 to do some detailed -- look at these things. I want to
 23 do a little conferencing with an associate to take a look
 24 and, you know -- I candidly don't -- I don't like
 25 everything I see, but I don't want to jump to a

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- 1 conclusion in the same respect.
- 2 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.
- 3 I just came here -- You know, when you get done
- 4 here, you want either a yes or no, you know --
- 5 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I understand. And I'm not
- 6 trying to leave --
- 7 MR. MISTLER: But I understand your side too.
- 8 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- you hear disappointed,
- 9 I -- this is too important to --
- 10 MR. MISTLER: Oh, I know.
- 11 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: You know, so that's why I
- 12 am where I am.
- 13 What I would like you to do -- I don't know you,
- 14 the detectives here, you know, Detective Smith and Mr.
- 15 Black, none of us really know you, okay, we don't know
- 16 your background or anything else. And what I'm -- what
- 17 I'm trying to say, there's a lot of different things
- 18 that can cause problem -- that can cause memories to
- 19 reflect a difference in what actually might have been
- 20 to what -- to what is perceived fourteen years later
- 21 as it definitely was.
- 22 And I need you to do some self-analysts and that
- 23 kind of thing just between now and the next time we
- 24 talk to you about this, if you would.
- 25 MR. MISTLER: Uh-huh.

- 1 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: It's --
 2 MR. MISTLER: What do you mean?
 3 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Well, there's -- okay. I
 4 understand.
 5 MR. MISTLER: Give me an example.
 6 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Well, an example is, you've
 7 seen the old story, you've probably haven't experienced
 8 in your own life, but I know back in school, I can
 9 remember when I was in grade school, one thing they
 10 would -- they'd tell somebody in the back corner of the
 11 room a sentence and then ask them to tell the next
 12 person --
 13 MR. MISTLER: Yeah, by the time it gets to the
 14 front it's --
 15 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: It doesn't even relate to
 16 what happens there.
 17 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.
 18 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Well, we can do the same
 19 things to ourselves individually, okay, over a period
 20 of time, reflecting back on something, reflecting back
 21 on something. Picking up on a thought, well, this was
 22 -- Yeah, there was this thing, too, when maybe this
 23 thing -- this thing, too, wasn't necessarily with this
 24 incident, it was with a similar incident but they can
 25 follow in to it.

And it's just a possibility. And those things can happen.

All I'm asking you to do is just do some serious self-analyses of the incident. Don't try -- I'm not asking you to dig up new facts about what happened back in 1981, I'm just asking you to do some -- do some -- do some sincere self-analyses of all the times you'd thought about this over the years and try to -- try to, as best you can take yourself back, and this is a damn difficult thing to do, but try to put a litter up there and litter out everything from -- from February 21st, 1996 back to the first week of August 1981, and try to see -- try to look at that, you know, when you first came back from that camping trip when you heard that.

MR. MISTLER: Uh-huh.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: When you came home from Beers that day, you talked to your wife. Try to look at that because there's been a lot of things that you have, from what you told me last time, there's a lot of things that you have come up with that has -- Your memory's been jogged and you've come up with it,

the license plate number --

MR. MISTLER: Uh-huh.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- and things of that sort,

that has come to you years after the fact.

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- So the things -- And if there's -- The problem we have in polygraph and the reason I'm asking you to do this, if there's things that have come into your memory of that, okay, that may not necessarily have been accurate, but you have rehashed it in your mind so it becomes part of your scenario of that event, and you consciously -- you confessiously have been relating that story to Detective Smith and to Mr. Ray and myself.
- 10 MR. MISTLER: It'd be the same story, Terry, a month from now --
- 11 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay, I'm just asking you,
- 12 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay, I'm just asking you,
- 13 that's all I can do is ask.
- 14 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.
- 15 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: You know, I'm just -- you know, I'm just --
- 16 MR. MISTLER: It's -- Really it's crystal clear
- 17 in my mind.
- 18 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
- 19 MR. MISTLER: You know, I have no problem with it.
- 20 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
- 21 I really don't.
- 22 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Okay.
- 23 MR. MISTLER: I have nothing gain by making the story up like this.
- 24 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I'm not suggesting you do.
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25 -- that's what -- that's what I have to interpret.

24 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: You know, and that's what

23 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.

22 only a reproduction of what's happening inside of you.
21 charts to react the way they are. And the charts are
20 figure out what the hell's causing, you know, the
19 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- you know, until we can

18 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.

17 ALL I have is you and me to discuss it --

16 right inside, I don't have that.

15 questions, (inaudible) and I'd have the answers written
14 that baby up right now, you know, I'd ask you a few
13 crystal ball, I'd be -- I'd be in fat city. I'd crack
12 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: If my equipment came with a
11 MR. MISTLER: No, I can appreciate that.

10 crystal ball.

9 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: 'Cause I don't have a

8 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.

7 week, I'm at a loss.

6 up with the story I've been told, like it did last
5 conclusion and then when the conclusion doesn't match
4 with, I can read the charts and I can come to a
3 polygraph, I have to try to -- once a test is over
2 I'm just trying -- You see, I have a problem in
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1 Today's thing, though, like I say, I don't want to address anything, cause I want to take a long, hard look at these, I'm gonna put some good numbers to them. I have an associate I want to show a couple things to just get an independent opinion, just on charts. Take a look, what do you think. You know, I've been doing it twelve years, you know, and I trust my opinion, this one associate, he's brought stuff to me before. You know, you get (inaudible), hey, you ever seen anything like this before, exactly what do you think, you know. You don't even tell him what you've got, just let them look at it and see what they come up with. MR. MISTLER: Yeah, that's fine with me. But like I say, it's certain little things that made me lock in --
 2 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
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 4 MR. MISTLER: I mean, like the thought of
 5 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
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 7 MR. MISTLER: -- what I, you know, what I
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 13 And I really want to do that with this.
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 22 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
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 24 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
 25 MR. MISTLER: -- made me lock that in.

1 mean, like the other day you were saying, you
 know, about maybe he didn't have that hat on. I mean,
 that is so crystal clear in my mind, you know, what I
 saw there, you know.
 I mean, it's like one little thought will lead to
 another, and it'll -- and it kind of confirms,
 I mean, if I were to live to a hundred, I'll still
 you he had a red hat on that day with green pants and
 the same way with those, with the --
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I wasn't there that day and
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 MR. MISTLER: I realize that.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- once again, I mentioned
 this to you last week, but I have been told, and I
 haven't read the whole file, I haven't had that luxury,
 I haven't had the time to do that. I've been doing
 other stuff -- to make myself familiar with this, I
 went over the incidents --
 MR. MISTLER: Yeah, I remember --
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: But I have been -- I have
 been told by those that are closely involved in this
 case, that it is documented from the day that that
 little boy was missing, that Adam was missing, he
 didn't have a hat on. I mean, that was way back then,
 and I remember your comment last week, something to the

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effect, you don't care if his mother said he did or
 MR. MISTLER: (Inaudible) mother said, really.
 didn't.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: But the reality is, of all
 the things that are -- you know, that are important or
 unimportant and why would someone, you know, say
 something that wasn't, why the hell would she say he
 had a blue hat if he had a red hat on. You know what
 I'm saying?
 MR. MISTLER: Yeah.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: So, you know, I don't doubt
 -- I see the sincerity in your eye when you tell me
 that and when you make the comments about it after the
 test even last week, but in the same respect, that is
 one -- one factual thing --
 MR. MISTLER: Well, he was -- I'll tell you, it
 was an adult's hat. It isn't the hat that you see on
 him in the paper.
 INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.
 MR. MISTLER: It was an adult size hat, because it
 came right down to here. Now, whether he went to the
 mall with a different hat on and maybe his dad had a
 hat that was in that car, you know, maybe his dad was a
 couch, I don't know.
 You know, I mentioned that to Detective Smith

- also, but that is so crystal clear in my mind that --
- whether it's ten years from now, it'll still be the same because, I mean, of the different little pieces that lock that in.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.
- MR. MISTLER: You know, where you'll remember one little place and then that looks in two or three different things.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right. Like I said, I'm not --
- MR. MISTLER: Yeah, no, I can appreciate it.
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I'm not questioning your sincerity when you say it, cause I can see in your eye when you're telling me the whole story, but that is just one little thing that, from what I've been told from those who have lived this case --
- MR. MISTLER: Yeah,
- INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: -- since, you know, since '81, that that is one that -- that there is a conflict between your recollection and what they were told tactually at the time when they filed their initial reports.
- MR. MISTLER: I mean, it's -- You know, a mother can tell you -- I can't tell you what my kid had on yesterday either, but, I mean, you know, there has to be 25
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be an explanation somewhere for that.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right. Exactly.

MR. MISTLER: And you're not gonna bend me on that.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I'm not trying --

MR. MISTLER: Nobody would ever bend me on --

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Bill, I'm not trying to bend you on anything.

MR. MISTLER: -- because my mind has got that locked in there so tight because of the Christmas thoughts.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right.

MR. MISTLER: The red, the green -- the red, the green with him, the -- even though his hair looks brown, if you look at it and you see the red in it if you put him in the sun.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Uh-huh.

MR. MISTLER: And the green on his teeth, you know. And, I mean, that's like it was yesterday.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: Right,

MR. MISTLER: I mean, truthful, and I've been over this millions of times in the last four years.

You know, I've been through four years of this already.

Truly, you know.

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INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I know that. I appreciate

you coming in.

MR. MISTLER: Thank you, sir.

INVESTIGATOR GARDNER: I'll let you on

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