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GRAND JURY NUMBERS

VS:

107 and 108

WILLIAM ERNEST KUENZEL  
and HARVEY LEONARD VENN

Grand Jury testimony of CRYSTAL EPPERSON taken before the January 1988  
Grand Jury on March 9, 1988.

BY NELSON G. CONOVER:

Q. Raise your right hand please. Do you solemnly swear to tell  
the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help  
you God?

A. I do.

Q. State your name, Please.

A. Crystal Dawn Epperson.

Q. This'd be number 15. What's your home address, please?

A. Route 4, Box 133, Sylacauga, Alabama.

Q. Okay, and I believe back on September the -- excuse me --

BY DENNIS SURRETT:

Q. Okay, back some time ago on November the 9th, of '87, you  
and April had gone to see somebody over there in --

A. Hollins.

Q. Hollins?

A. Uh hmm (positive)

Q. Which is over near Coosa County on Highway 511?

A. Uh huh (positive)

Q. Okay, and about what time did y'all leave going over there?

A. It was between 9:30 and fifteen till eleven.

Q. Okay, now on the route that you take to Hollins -- is on  
Highway 511 which passes directly in front of Joe Bob's  
Crystal --

A. The Goodwater Highway.

Q. And that gives you -- going up that road that gives you  
a full frontal view of the store?

A. Uh huh (positive)

Q. And coming down the road it gives you the full side view --

A. And come in front.

Q. and full front view?

A. Yeah.



- Q. Okay, and the side is nothing really but large windows on the side, is that right?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Alright, so y'all had gone over there and I believe you met somebody and you came back into Sylacauga to go get something to eat, is that right?
- A. I think so.
- Q. And about what time would that have been?
- A. I'm not really sure but it was between, -- I think it was somewhere like ten, I think -- if I'm not mistaken.
- Q. Alright, now I believe after you got into Sylacauga, you went back to Hollins and dropped the friend off?
- A. Uh huh (positive)
- Q. And y'all came on back into Sylacauga?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay, and in your judgment about what time would that have been?
- A. Back to Sylacauga?
- Q. On your way home. this time.
- A. On my way home? Between 10:30 and fifteen till.
- Q. Okay, and did you see or recognize anything sitting there at Joe Bob's?
- A. Harvey's car.
- Q. Okay, and what type of car does Harvey have now?
- A. It's a purple gray Regal or Oldsmobile or one of those kind of cars.
- Q. Would it be one like that right there?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay, and you know this particular car belonged to Harvey Venn?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay, and were you able to see Harvey or anyone else at the car or in the car?
- A. I could have seen one of them but I'm not really sure because the head rest in the car -- cause I was driving and I just glanced and I knew it was his car because he had showed it to us, and I -- I just glanced and, I mean, I couldn't really get a good view because I was driving.

Q. In fact, you have a habit of writing things down, don't you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you happen to bring your little calendar with you today?

A. No, sir.

Q. You in fact, went home and either that night or the next morning you wrote it down you saw Harvey or saw Harvey's car?

A. Yes,--

Q. Okay, on the 9th. And that's the reason you're sure its that particular day --

A. Yes, sir.

Q. -- you saw his car.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is that right?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Okay.

BY ROBERT RUMSEY:

Q. We appreciate your coming.