

1 BY MR. SERMOS: We release her also, Your Honor.

2 BY THE COURT: You'll be released from your  
3 subpoena. You may go.

4 (witness steps down.)

5 BY THE COURT: Who does the State call as your  
6 next witness?

7 BY MR. ROSENBLATT: Rebecca Britt.

8 BY THE COURT: Rebecca Britt.

9 **REBECCA BRITT,**

10 having been duly and legally sworn, answered  
11 questions on her oath as follows, to-wit:

12 BY MR. ROSENBLATT: May I proceed, Your Honor?

13 BY THE COURT: Yes, sir.

14 BY MR. CLARK: Could we approach the bench?

15 BY THE COURT: Sure.

16 (After a bench conference about the placement of the easel  
17 in relation to the witness, the following was made of  
18 record, to-wit:)

19 BY THE COURT: Let the record show that in the  
20 event that the State shows any of the photographs or  
21 the evidence, that the counsel for the defendant and  
22 the defendant will be allowed to move to an area of  
23 the courtroom so that they may be able to see that  
24 also.

25 BY MR. ROSENBLATT: Thank you, Your Honor.

26 BY THE COURT: You may proceed, Mr. Rosenblatt.

27 DIRECT EXAMINATION

28 BY MR. ROSENBLATT:

29 Q. You're Rebecca Britt?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. How old are you, Rebecca?

3 A. Twenty-three.

4 Q. Where is your home?

5 A. I live in Baton Rouge right now.

6 Q. Where did you grow up?

7 A. In Ferriday.

8 Q. Went to school in Ferriday?

9 A. At Huntington. Yes, sir. At Huntington.

10 Q. What year did you graduate?

11 A. '97.

12 Q. What did you do after you graduated, Rebecca?

13 A. I went into the air force about six months

14 later.

15 Q. What was your intention on joining the air  
16 force? What did you want to do?

17 A. Security forces, law enforcement.

18 Q. What happened to your air force career?

19 A. Three weeks in the basic training, I had broken  
20 my foot, and in tech school I found out about it and they  
21 sent me home.

22 Q. Your discharge was fully honorable in every way;  
23 was it not?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Rebecca, we're here talking about Chloe Madison  
26 Britt. Who is Chloe Madison Britt?

27 A. She was my daughter.

28 Q. And when was she born?

29 A. August 29th, 2000.

1 Q. And how old was she when she died?

2 A. She was six months.

3 Q. Now, the three weeks before that date, February  
4 21st, 2002, where were you living?

5 A. 33 Montgomery Road.

6 Q. And where is that?

7 A. In -- it's near Cloverdale.

8 Q. Ms. Britt, I am going to hold up what's been  
9 marked as Exhibit Number 1. This is a city map of  
10 Natchez. Would you point out where Montgomery Road, where  
11 Cloverdale is.

12 (Witness points.)

13 Q. You're pointing to the green dot at the bottom  
14 of the map?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Who were you living with?

17 A. Jeffrey Havard.

18 Q. How long had you known Jeffrey Havard?

19 A. About two months.

20 Q. Was Jeffrey the father of your child?

21 A. No, he wasn't.

22 Q. Did you even know Jeffrey when Chloe was born?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. How did you meet Jeffrey?

25 A. We met through a mutual friend.

26 Q. Like at a party or date or what? How did  
27 y'all --

28 A. No. We just -- he just kind of hooked us up.

29 You know, he knew we were both looking for a relationship.

1 Q. How long were you -- how long have you known  
2 Jeffrey before you moved in with him?

3 A. About a month and a half.

4 Q. And you moved in with him down on Montgomery?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Rebecca, I am going to show you what's been  
7 marked as Exhibit Number 3 and ask if you can identify  
8 that for me.

9 A. That's the trailer that we were living in.

10 Q. And whose trailer was that?

11 A. Jeff's grandfather's.

12 Q. Where did his grandfather live?

13 A. Kind of caddy-cornered across the street.

14 Q. Right close by?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. How long had anyone been in that mobile home  
17 living there? Do you know?

18 A. I am not sure.

19 Q. Had they fixed it up just for Jeffrey?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. What occasion -- I mean, how did you come to  
22 live down there at that mobile home?

23 A. At the current time, I was living with a friend  
24 of mine, and it turned into a bad situation. So I got out  
25 and moved in with Jeff.

26 Q. Had you ever lived with your mother?

27 A. Yes, sir.

28 Q. What period of time prior to all this had you  
29 been with your mother?

1 A. I moved in with her from the four month of my  
2 pregnancy until October after she was born.

3 Q. So you and your mother had a close relationship  
4 during this delivery time?

5 A. Definitely. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And who is your mother?

7 A. Lillian Watson.

8 Q. Where does she work?

9 A. She works at Natchez Community Hospital.

10 Q. Doing what?

11 A. She's an RN in ICU.

12 Q. In ICU?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Does your mother close -- was your mother close  
15 to Chloe as you call her?

16 A. Oh, yeah. Yes, sir.

17 Q. What were some evidences of that?

18 A. She loved her. She kept her for me sometimes,  
19 and she was always getting her and my niece together. My  
20 brother's daughter.

21 Q. Did your mother help with the day care at all?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. In what way?

24 A. She paid for it.

25 Q. That was your mother's doing?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. And where was Chloe in day care?

28 A. She was in the nursery.

29 Q. At where?

1 A. At Grace United Methodist.

2 Q. When you moved in with Jeffrey on Montgomery  
3 Road, were either of y'all working?

4 A. He was working before we moved in, and he had  
5 quit his job about a week before.

6 Q. Were you working?

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. So neither one of y'all was working when you  
9 moved in down there?

10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. Rebecca, I am going to ask you to step down  
12 here, if I may, and look at this chart with me if you  
13 would.

14 BY MR. ROSENBLATT: And, Your Honor, would the  
15 record reflect that I've flipped over Exhibit Number  
16 1 to show a floor plan. And if you'd step to the  
17 side so the jury can see.

18 BY MR. ROSENBLATT:

19 Q. Would you identify this floor plan for me,  
20 please.

21 A. This is the trailer.

22 Q. You have to speak up so they can hear you in  
23 the back.

24 A. This is the trailer that we were living in.  
25 This is our bed, and right here was Maddie's crib. The  
26 bathroom and the living room, the kitchen, the washer and  
27 dryer, and another bathroom and bedroom over there.

28 Q. What were y'all doing with this end of the  
29 trailer?

1 A. Nothing. It was just empty, storage.

2 Q. So the three of y'all lived basically at this  
3 end of the trailer?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And when you say master bedroom, who stayed in  
6 there?

7 A. Me and Jeffrey.

8 Q. And y'all shared the same bed?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And bedroom number two it shows on the chart,  
11 whose room is that?

12 A. That was Maddie's room.

13 Q. What else was in there with her?

14 A. Her crib and dresser and clothes and toys.

15 Q. Who had furnished all those things?

16 A. My mother.

17 Q. Jeffrey didn't furnish?

18 A. No.

19 Q. What had you brought to the trailer with you  
20 when you moved in?

21 A. My things. My clothes, Maddie's crib, and  
22 dresser and clothes and toys.

23 Q. The bed linens, for example, whose were they?

24 A. Those were my sheets.

25 Q. Your bed linens?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. And the bathroom at the end of the mobile home  
28 on the right, who used that bathroom?

29 A. Me and Jeffrey and Maddie.

1 Q. I'm sorry. Would you repeat what you said.

2 BY THE COURT: Be sure to speak up so the court  
3 reporter can take this down.

4 A. Me and Maddie would take baths, and Jeff would  
5 use the bath also.

6 Q. I'll let you return to the witness stand now.

7 (Witness returns to the witness stand.)

8 Q. What was the relationship between Jeffrey and  
9 your baby?

10 A. It was -- it was, I guess, your typical  
11 relationship. He didn't spend much time with her. I  
12 mean, other than her being at the house after day care, he  
13 didn't really go out of his way to do things with her or  
14 things like that but --

15 Q. To your knowledge, did he ever bath the baby?

16 A. He never did except for the night in question.  
17 He said he had given her a bath.

18 Q. He never bathed her before that, did he?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Did he ever change the baby?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. Did he ever have any extensive interaction,  
23 playing with her, that sort of thing, for that length of  
24 time?

25 A. No, sir.

26 BY MR. ROSENBLATT: Now, the record would  
27 reflect I'm flipping my Exhibit 1 back over to show  
28 the map of Natchez.

29 BY MR. ROSENBLATT:



1 Q. Ms. Rebecca, if you'd come down here and let me  
2 show you the map again and let you trace for us the events  
3 of the date of the 21st. You have to speak up so Mrs.  
4 Melanie can hear you and all the jurors can hear you. On  
5 the 21st, what time, if you recall, did you pick Chloe up  
6 from day care?

7 A. I picked her up at 5:30.

8 Q. Was that typical for you?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And what did you do after that?

11 A. I went back home.

12 Q. And home, would you point it out.

13 (Witness points.)

14 Q. Is the green dot down in Cloverdale.

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And what happened at home?

17 A. We just stayed there for a while and played with  
18 her like I usually do after day care. I fed her about  
19 6:30, 7:00.

20 Q. Do you remember what you fed her?

21 A. Bananas. She loved bananas.

22 Q. Okay. Did she take anything else?

23 A. A bottle.

24 Q. I am sorry?

25 A. A bottle.

26 Q. Okay. What about any medications?

27 A. She had medicine that I put in her bottle.

28 Q. And what was that --

29 A. For ear infection and a cough.

1 Q. Was that a prescription medicine?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Who had prescribed that for her?

4 A. Dr. Dar.

5 Q. And by Dr. Dar, who are you referring to?

6 A. That was her pediatrician.

7 Q. Do you know her whole name?

8 A. Ayesha Dar.

9 Q. Where does she work?

10 A. She worked at the Family Medical Center.

11 Q. Where is that?

12 A. Right across from Natchez Community.

13 Q. Was that Chloe's regular pediatrician?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Okay. So you fed Chloe, gave her a bottle and  
16 her medicine, and then what?

17 A. About 7:30 or almost 8:00, Jeff had asked me to  
18 go to the grocery store, and I drove from the house to --  
19 down Lower Woodville to the red light and went to the  
20 grocery store.

21 Q. What's the name of the grocery store if you  
22 recall?

23 A. Natchez Market.

24 Q. Okay. Jeff gave you the money.

25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. Now, was that typical? I mean, did he pay for  
27 the groceries, or did you contribute anything to the  
28 groceries?

29 A. We usually both contributed.

1 Q. On this occasion, he gave you how much?

2 A. Twenty dollars, I believe.

3 Q. Okay. And sent you to the grocery.

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Did he make any specific requests of you?

6 A. Not for the grocery store. No.

7 Q. What did he say?

8 A. He just said go get some supper.

9 Q. Okay. And you did?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Do you remember what you got?

12 A. I believe I got some drinks and some things to  
13 make burritos with.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. And after that I went home.

16 Q. Same route?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Okay. And what did you find when you got home?

19 A. I checked on Maddie, and she was sleeping. And  
20 Jeff had taken the sheets off the bed and told me he was  
21 washing them and that he had given her a bath and put her  
22 to bed. And when I checked on her, I went in and she made  
23 a little noise in her throat.

24 Q. Did it kind of surprise you that Jeffrey --

25 BY MR. SERMOS: Objection, Your Honor. Leading  
26 question.

27 BY THE COURT: I'll sustain as to that  
28 question.

29 BY MR. ROSENBLATT:

1 Q. What was your reaction to Jeff giving the baby a  
2 bath?

3 A. At first, you know, I thought it was nice, you  
4 know. Trying -- you know -- he was trying to help me out,  
5 and then it was surprising because he hadn't done anything  
6 like that before but -- (pause)

7 Q. Now, tell me again about checking on Chloe.

8 A. When I went in and checked on her, she made a  
9 little noise in her throat.

10 Q. Did you turn the -- I am sorry. What was the  
11 lighting condition like in the room when you went and  
12 checked on her?

13 A. The light was off. I had a lamp in the corner  
14 that was dim, and I didn't turn the lights on when I went  
15 in there. I checked on her. After she made the noise, I  
16 picked her up and made sure that there wasn't nothing in  
17 her throat, and she seemed fine. She opened her eyes a  
18 little bit and kind of went back to sleep, and then I put  
19 her back into her bed, and I walked out and sat down and  
20 Jeff insisted on me going to the video store.

21 Q. You had just gotten back from the grocery; is  
22 that correct?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And what does he tell you to do?

25 A. Go to the video store.

26 Q. And do what?

27 A. Pick up some videos.

28 Q. Is that the only means of entertainment y'all  
29 had?

1 A. No, sir. We had just bought a satellite a few  
2 days before.

3 Q. Can you get movies on your satellite?

4 A. Pay per view. Yes, sir.

5 Q. But he wanted you to do what?

6 A. Go to the video store.

7 Q. And so what did you do?

8 A. I went to the video store.

9 Q. Now, trace your route for us from the home in  
10 Cloverdale up to the video store.

11 A. I went from the house down Highland and went to  
12 the video down Sergeant Prentiss.

13 Q. And do you remember how long you stayed there?

14 A. Not long at all. Maybe ten or fifteen minutes  
15 at the video store.

16 Q. Do you remember what you got? I mean, like how  
17 many? One movie, three movies.

18 A. Three, I think. Three or four.

19 Q. Okay. And then what did you do?

20 A. I went back home.

21 Q. And what happened when you got home?

22 A. I got home and Jeff was in the bathroom.

23 Q. Let me just stop you. You can have a seat.

24 (Witness returns to witness stand.)

25 BY MR. ROSENBLATT:

26 Q. Rebecca, when you got back home --

27 A. I got back home.

28 Q. What happened?

29 A. And Jeff was in the bathroom, and I went to

1 check on Maddie.

2 Q. When you say he was in the bathroom, was the  
3 door open or closed?

4 A. It was closed.

5 Q. So he didn't see you when you got home.

6 A. No, sir. When I walked in, I called for him and  
7 he said that he was in the bathroom.

8 Q. Okay. So what did you do then?

9 A. I went and checked on Maddie.

10 Q. What did you find?

11 A. She was blue. She wasn't breathing.

12 Q. I am sorry. I didn't hear you. She was what?

13 A. She was blue and not breathing.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. And I picked her up and called for Jeff. I took  
16 her to the living room and did CPR. I tried to  
17 resuscitate her.

18 Q. Did you know what had happened to Chloe?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Did Jeff tell you what had happened to Chloe?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. Did you ask him what happened to Chloe?

23 A. I didn't ask about what had happened. I was  
24 just trying to get her to breath.

25 Q. Okay.

26 A. And I couldn't. I couldn't resuscitate her.

27 Q. You couldn't get her to breath. So what did you  
28 do?

29 A. At first I told him to go to his grandparents

1 and call for the ambulance, and he talked -- he said let's  
2 go to the hospital. And so I picked her up and took her  
3 outside and was going to get in the car, but he was still  
4 inside putting on clothes and trying to get shoes and  
5 trying to put on his shirt. And he finally came outside,  
6 and we got the car, and we started driving to the  
7 hospital.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. And --

10 Q. And you mentioned when you went out, you would  
11 go down Highland Road --

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Is that how Jeffrey went?

14 A. When we got to the stop sign to turn right at  
15 Highland, he kept going straight.

16 Q. Toward Lower Woodville Road?

17 A. Right. I asked him what he was doing because  
18 there were no hospitals that way, and he turned around and  
19 started going towards the hospitals.

20 Q. Which hospital did you want to go to?

21 A. I wanted to go to Community.

22 Q. Of course, the hospitals are how far apart  
23 anyway?

24 A. They're not very far apart.

25 Q. Why did you want to go to Community?

26 A. Because that's where my mother worked.

27 Q. Do they have an emergency room there?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. Are you acquainted with some of the personnel

1 there?

2 A. All of them.

3 Q. What happened when you got to Community  
4 Hospital?

5 A. When I got there, I walked in and I told the  
6 first person that I saw that my baby wasn't breathing, and  
7 she took her from me and took her to the back.

8 Q. Do you know who that person was?

9 A. Shelley Smith.

10 Q. She works there?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Did you ever see Chloe again, Rebecca?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. I am sorry?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. You never saw her again?

17 A. Not until the funeral.

18 Q. Did anyone ever come out and talk to you?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Who came out and talked to you?

21 A. Dr. Dar came out for a minute. Pat Murphy had  
22 come out to let me call my mother.

23 Q. Who is Pat Murphy?

24 A. As far as I know, she was the director of the  
25 ER at the time.

26 Q. Did Shelley Smith ever come back out and ask you  
27 what had happened to the baby?

28 A. She came out and asked me who had been with her  
29 before we brought her to the hospital.





1 Q. He never told you about any injury that Chloe  
2 had gotten?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. Did you have occasion to talk with the deputies?

5 A. I didn't talk with the deputies. No, sir.  
6 Until after I left the hospital.

7 Q. All right. How did you leave the hospital?

8 A. The deputy took me to the sheriff's department.

9 Q. What did you do at the sheriff's department?

10 A. I answered questions and filled out statements.

11 Q. How many times did you do that? Do you recall?

12 A. A few. Two or three times that night, and I  
13 couldn't finish. I had to come back the next day.

14 Q. Did you ever tell them anything other than what  
15 you've told these ladies and gentlemen here today?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. And is that what happened that evening?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. When you got back from Blockbuster, where was  
20 Jeffrey?

21 A. In the bathroom.

22 Q. With the door closed.

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And where was Chloe?

25 A. In her bed.

26 Q. And what was Chloe doing?

27 A. Nothing.

28 Q. This six-month-old child that we've been talking  
29 about that lived with you and Jeff at that mobile home,

1 I'm going to show you this picture and ask you to identify  
2 it?

3 A. That's my daughter.

4 Q. Your daughter who?

5 A. Maddie.

6 BY MR. ROSENBLATT: Your Honor, I'd ask  
7 permission to publish this exhibit to the jury at  
8 this time?

9 BY THE COURT: The Court will allow you to  
10 publish Exhibit 2 to the jury.

11 (Mr. Rosenblatt passes Exhibit 2 to the jury.)

12 BY MR. ROSENBLATT: I tender the witness, Your  
13 Honor.

14 BY THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, let me tell  
15 you this. Whenever matters are published or given  
16 to you to look at, whether it be photographs or other  
17 things, we'll go ahead and proceed, but you just take  
18 your time and look at it and pass it down, and when  
19 you get through with it, you can just set it up on  
20 the edge there, but don't let it interfere with you  
21 hearing what the witness has to say. So just take  
22 your time. Mr. Sermos, you may proceed.

23 BY MR. SERMOS: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 CROSS-EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. SERMOS:

26 Q. You stated that a lot of those furnishings you  
27 talked about that were in that mobile home that they  
28 belonged to you personally; is that right?

29 A. And Maddie's room.

1 Q. Right. In Maddie's room. Do you know who  
2 actually owned that mobile home?

3 A. Jeff's grandfather.

4 Q. And that would be Mr. William Havard?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. So he -- basically you and Jeff were staying  
7 there rent free; is that right?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And were all the bills paid in that mobile home  
10 like the electric and power bill? Was that paid by Mr.  
11 Havard, William Havard?

12 A. I am not real sure.

13 Q. When you got back that afternoon at about  
14 5:30 when you picked the baby up, what did you do for that  
15 two hours before you went to the grocery store?

16 A. I played with Maddie and sat there with her and  
17 fed her.

18 Q. Okay. Did you go out for any ride in the car or  
19 anything?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. And while you were there, was Jeff asleep or was  
22 he up also?

23 A. He was up.

24 Q. And then you stated -- you were describing what  
25 we know when you got back from the video store that you  
26 found the baby wasn't breathing and her throat was very  
27 tight, you attempted to or gave her CPR inside the mobile  
28 home; is that right?

29 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Was that on the living room floor that you did  
2 that?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Would you please describe basically as you can  
5 what kind of -- how did you try to deliver CPR to her?

6 A. CPR. I gave five breaths and four pushes and  
7 checked her throat.

8 Q. So you had her laying on the floor?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. On her back?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And then so you tried to breath into her mouth  
13 five times and tried to push on her chest; is that right?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And that didn't work?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. And then shortly after that, you all got into  
18 the car to drive to the hospital, right?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. And who was driving the car?

21 A. Jeff was.

22 Q. And you were sitting in the right passenger's  
23 seat; is that right?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And you were holding the baby?

26 A. Yes, sir.

27 Q. Did you try to do any CPR while you were in the  
28 car on the way to the hospital?

29 A. I tried but it was hard to do.

1 Q. Okay. And that would have been breathing again  
2 into the mouth --

3 A. Right.

4 Q. And mashing on the baby's chest. Do you  
5 remember talking to a Deputy Ray Brown. I mean, you  
6 probably talked to several deputies that night, but do you  
7 remember talking to him in particular? Excuse me.

8 BY MR. SERMOS: May I approach the witness, Your  
9 Honor?

10 BY THE COURT: Certainly. Certainly.

11 (Mr. Sermos hands the witness a document.)

12 BY MR. SERMOS:

13 Q. First, is that your signature at the bottom?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Did you write that statement?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay.

18 BY MR. SERMOS: One moment, please, Your Honor.

19 BY THE COURT: Yes, sir.

20 (Mr. Sermos and Mr. Clark and the defendant confer.)

21 BY MR. SERMOS:

22 Q. When you went to the sheriff's office, do you  
23 remembering talking to the Sheriff Ferrell?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. How did he treat you?

26 A. He treated me like he might have thought that --  
27 you know -- he wanted to make sure I didn't have anything  
28 to do with it.

29 Q. In other words, was he very formal with you?

1 A. He was very straight forward.

2 Q. Okay. And do you remember talking to the  
3 district attorney, Mr. Ronnie Harper?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And that was also at the sheriff's office,  
6 right?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Had you -- when was the last time that you had  
9 been working?

10 A. I worked last in Baton Rouge right before I  
11 found out that I was pregnant.

12 Q. And so is it fair to say that when you met Jeff  
13 and then you moved in there into the mobile home with him,  
14 you really needed a place to live; is that right?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And while you were there for that three weeks,  
17 you were basically there three weeks before this incident  
18 happened; is that right?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Is it fair to say that you always felt safe and  
21 secure there?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 BY MR. SERMOS: Nothing further, Your Honor.

24 BY THE COURT: Any redirect?

25 BY MR. ROSENBLATT: Your Honor, we have nothing  
26 further of Ms. Britt.

27 BY THE COURT: You may step down. I assume  
28 she'll remain under the subpoena?

29 BY MR. ROSENBLATT: I would assume so.

1 BY MR. SERMOS: Yes, Your Honor. We would ask  
2 that she be held on standby status, if you will.

3 BY THE COURT: You will still be under subpoena  
4 but you may leave the courtroom.

5 (Witness steps down.)

6 BY THE COURT: Who does the State call as your  
7 next witness?

8 BY MR. HARPER: Call Ms. Shelley Smith, Your  
9 Honor.

10 BY THE COURT: Shelley Smith.

11 SHELLEY SMITH,  
12 having been duly and legally sworn, answered  
13 questions on her oath as follows, to-wit:

14 BY THE COURT: Excuse me. Mr. Harper. You may  
15 proceed.

16 BY MR. HARPER: May I proceed?

17 BY THE COURT: Yes, sir.

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. HARPER:

20 Q. Would you state your name, please, ma'am.

21 A. Shelley Ann Smith.

22 Q. And, Ms. Smith, where do you live?

23 A. Tara Apartments.

24 Q. That's here in Natchez?

25 A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. And where are you employed, Ms. Smith?

27 A. Natchez Community Hospital.

28 Q. And in what capacity are you employed there?

29 A. I am a phlebotomist in the laboratory.