

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO.: 90-3339-CF
DIVISION: CR-B

STATE OF FLORIDA

vs.

JOHN HATCH

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO.: 90-3340-CF
DIVISION: CR-B

STATE OF FLORIDA

vs.

RONALD CLARK

EXHIBIT H

Sworn statement of BILLIE JO BEEMAN, taken on
behalf of the State herein, at the Duval County Courthouse,
Room 612, Jacksonville, Florida, on Tuesday, June 26, 1990,
at 2:00 p.m., before Pamela Chafin Roach, Registered
Professional Reporter-CP, and Notary Public in and for the
State of Florida at Large.

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PRESENT:

HOWARD M. MALTZ, ESQ.
Assistant State Attorney
Duval County Courthouse, Sixth Floor
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

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1 BILLIE JO BEEMAN,
2 having been produced and first duly sworn as a witness on
3 behalf of the State, testified as follows:

4 EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. MALTZ:

6 Q Can you state your full name, please.

7 A Billie Jo Beeman.

8 Q And is Beeman spelled B-e-e-m-a-n?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q What is your home address, Miss Beeman?

11 A 2942 Spring Park Road, Apartment 406.

12 Q 2943?

13 A Spring Park Road.

14 Q What's your date of birth?

15 A 5/4/72.

16 Q And who do you live with at that address?

17 A My boyfriend and my Uncle Chris.

18 Q Who is your boyfriend?

19 A Bobby Hatch.

20 Q The reason we had you come down here today is
21 about a case involving John David Hatch and Ronald Clark
22 where they're accused of killing one man here in
23 Jacksonville and another man in Nassau County, as I'm sure
24 you're aware of.

25 A Yes.

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1 Q The court reporter has just sworn you in to tell
2 the truth, and that means just that: you need to tell the
3 truth.

4 This is an official investigation under the
5 Florida Statutes. More specifically, what that means is
6 that your failure to speak the truth regarding any material
7 matters constitutes the crime of perjury. Do you understand
8 that?

9 A Yes.

10 Q If there is anything that I ask you that you don't
11 understand and you want me to rephrase it, be sure to let me
12 know and I'll be glad to do so. Okay?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Are you under the influence of anything today
15 which would cause you to be unable to understand any of my
16 questions?

17 A No.

18 Q Do you know John David Hatch?

19 A Yes.

20 Q How do you know John David Hatch?

21 A He's my boyfriend's brother.

22 Q How long have you known him?

23 A Four years.

24 Q Do you know a person by the name of Ronald Clark,
25 Ronnie Clark?

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1 A Yes. I've only met him twice, though.

2 Q And how do you know him?

3 A I met him through my boyfriend.

4 Q Do you know if he and John David Hatch hang out
5 together?

6 A . Yes, they have.

7 Q I had the opportunity to discuss this with you a
8 little bit before we got started, and you told me about a
9 situation back early to middle of January of 1990 where both
10 John David Hatch and Ronald Clark came over to your
11 apartment. Do you recall the incident that I'm talking
12 about?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And is that when you recall it taking place,
15 middle or the beginning of January?

16 A Yes.

17 Q About what time was it when John David Hatch and
18 Ronald Clark came over?

19 A It was about 9:30.

20 Q What were they driving when they came over?

21 A A black truck.

22 Q Pickup truck?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Let me show you a photograph and ask you if that's
25 the pickup truck that you saw.

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1 A Yes, that's the one.

2 Q For the record -- and correct me if I'm wrong --
3 it's a black pickup truck with a white utility box in the
4 back with some side rails and a stripe going along it. And
5 it's a Dodge pickup truck, Dodge Ram pickup?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Is that the truck you saw them driving in?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Who was driving the truck when they came up and
10 who was the passenger?

11 A David was driving and Ronnie was a passenger.

12 Q Is "David" John David Hatch?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Tell me what happened when they came up, what they
15 did and what transpired.

16 A They came over to see my aunt and her boyfriend
17 Chris. David came over to talk to her and get some stuff
18 settled between them that happened before.

19 And Ronnie, Ronnie had already been drinking. And
20 he said something to David. Because they wanted to get out
21 of the apartments.

22 And Chris and my aunt went downstairs and followed
23 them around to the truck. And Ronnie got in the truck, but
24 he -- he was stumbling while he got in the truck. And David
25 started the truck up and they went around by where -- to the

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1 apartments, in the front of the apartments where I live.

2 And my aunt and Chris followed them around there.
3 And David and my aunt were talking and Ronnie was sitting
4 there making hostile words to everybody, threatening to
5 shoot them. And David...

6 Q You said something about Ronnie making hostile
7 words towards people and threatening to shoot them. Did he
8 threaten to shoot them with any gun, or did he just say he
9 was going to shoot them?

10 A He threatened to shoot them with the gun he had
11 between his legs.

12 Q Did you actually see him reach down and pick up a
13 gun?

14 A Yeah. He reached between his legs, and I saw
15 something come up and I figured it was a gun. And he had
16 pointed it out the window in front of David. And I told
17 Ronnie to put the gun down because we didn't need any
18 shooting in the apartments. And he threatened to shoot
19 Chris with it.

20 Q Let me show you another picture of a gun. Is this
21 the gun that you saw? Does it appear to be the gun that you
22 saw?

23 A Yes, that's the one that he picked up.

24 Q For the record, it's a photograph of a 380
25 semiautomatic pistol with brown handles and stainless steel

1 or silver in color.

2 A Right.

3 Q When Ronnie and David came over, did either Ronnie
4 or David indicate whose truck it was that they were in?

5 A All Ronnie said was that he borrowed it from a
6 friend.

7 Q What happened after Ronnie had picked up this gun
8 and threatened to shoot some people with it?

9 A I looked -- I told Ronnie to put it down, because
10 we didn't need any shooting. Because it's bad enough where
11 we live now. And I asked David to ask him to put the gun
12 down. And Ronnie wouldn't listen.

13 And then he went to click the part back, and I
14 told Ronnie to put the gun down because, you know, there's
15 little kids around here. And then that's when he clicked it
16 back and put it back between his legs.

17 And then I told David that they just needed to
18 leave, because we don't need any trouble around here.

19 Q Did Ronnie and David eventually leave?

20 A Yeah, they left as soon as his brother pulled up.

21 Q Do you remember what day of the week this was?

22 A It was a Friday night.

23 Q Do you remember what time it was on Friday night?

24 I understand that it would be an approximation on your
25 behalf, but approximately what time was it on Friday night

1 that Ronnie and David were over there in the truck?

2 A It was about 9:30.

3 Q Is that when they first arrived?

4 A Yes.

5 Q About what time was it when they left?

6 A It was about 11:30, because my boyfriend gets off
7 at 11. He usually don't get home till 11:30.

8 Q You talked about Ronnie staggering. Did Ronnie
9 appear to you as if he had been drinking?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Did he appear impaired to you from alcohol or some
12 other substance?

13 A I knew he was drinking, but he probably had smoked
14 some pot or something, too.

15 Q Despite him being under the influence of some type
16 of controlled substances, did he appear as if he knew what
17 was going on around him? For instance, when people were
18 talking to him, he was able to understand what they were
19 saying and when people were up near him, he knew there were
20 people near him and was able to recognize the people?

21 A Yeah.

22 Q So he did appear to know what was going on around
23 him?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q Is that a "yes"?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Did Ronnie or David say where they had been
3 earlier?

4 A No, he said that they came from their mama's to
5 come see my aunt.

6 Q Who said that?

7 A David said that.

8 Q And whose mama was he talking about, Ronnie's or
9 David's?

10 A His mama, David's mama.

11 Q And did they say where they were going after they
12 left?

13 A No, they just skid out of the apartments and went
14 down the road.

15 Q Did they say anything about robbing anybody or
16 taking any money?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you notice them with any unusual large amount
19 of money?

20 A No.

21 Q Did David appear to be under the influence of some
22 type of substance?

23 A He said he was drinking a little. You can tell by
24 -- when he was drinking. But he said he wasn't doing
25 nothing but drinking. Because usually Ronnie has some pot

1 and that on him when he goes somewhere.

2 Q Did David also appear to know what was going on
3 around him?

4 A Yes, David knew what was going on.

5 Q Did you notice anything unusual in the back, the
6 bed of the pickup truck or the interior cab of the pickup?

7 A The only thing I saw was a crowbar in the back of
8 the truck. There probably was some beer in cans back in
9 there.

10 Q Do you know anything else about this case?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Have you talked to either Ronald Clark or John
13 Hatch?

14 A I've talked to David one time on the phone. And
15 that was just to call about his kids.

16 Q Did he discuss the case at all?

17 A No, sir.

18 Q Is everything I've asked you to your
19 understanding; do you understand everything I asked you?

20 A Yes.

21 MR. MALTZ: I don't have any further questions.
22 Thanks.

23 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.

24 (Witness excused)

25 (The statement was concluded at 2:12 p.m.)


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COUNTY OF DUVAL)

I, Pamela Chafin Roach, Registered Professional
Reporter-CP, do hereby certify that the foregoing
proceedings were recorded by me in stenotype shorthand
and that the foregoing pages numbered 1 through 10,
inclusive, constitute a true and correct transcription
of my stenotype notes taken at the time and place
indicated therein, and that I am a duly authorized
notary public in and for the State of Florida at Large.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my notarial seal this 3rd day of July 1990.


Pamela Chafin Roach, RPR-CP
Notary Public, State of Florida
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My commission expires 12/11/93.

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