

been doing some washing for you. How long had she been doing the family washing?

A I don't know just how long, Mr. Chambers. Just a short while.

Q Where did she live?

A She lived out in the east end, I think.

Q What relation is she to Fanette Jones?

A I don't know, sir.

Q You came on down the street and went on duty, didn't you?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you were with Hibbard Hatfield and Bill Bruce in the forepart of the night, weren't you?

A Yes, sir.

Q What time did Bill Bruce leave you?

A Bill Bruce left about a quarter of twelve, I think.

Q Was that before or after you had called your home?

A That was before.

Q How long before?

A An hour, or a little more than an hour, something like that.

Q Then you say you called your home about a quarter of one?

A Something around one o'clock.

Q Had you been back to your home since you left at six o'clock, or had you called until about a quarter of one?

A No, sir, I hadn't been back.

Q Were you in the habit of calling your home about

A The wind was beginning to blow a little at that time, yes, sir.

Q And you called from Charley Small's place?

A Yes, sir.

Q And Hibbard Hatfield was with you at the time?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, after you called and got no response you asked Hibbard Hatfield to go along with you, didn't you?

A I did.

Q What for? A Just for company. We work together. I had went to the house of nights that he didn't go along.

Q How? A Sometimes he would say he didn't care, he would just wait down town. But he walked up with me.

Q But on this particular night he walked up with you?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where did you and Hibbard go after you got to your house?

A He waited and I went in and pulled the windows down and came out, and we went back to town.

Q Then where did you go?

A I think we went to the Pioneer Hotel.

Q What did you go there for?

A I called the second time--called Mrs. Booker.

Q You went to the Pinneer and there you called Mrs. Booker? A Yes, sir.

Q Mrs. Booker lived up on the hill here, didn't she?

A Yes, sir.

Q And is there where you called Dallas Morrison's wife from?

A I can't say which place I called from, but I called them.

Q You don't remember that?

A I don't remember that.

Q After you had gone to the Pioneer and called Mrs. Booker, where did you go?

A I think we went on on our beats for a short time.

Q Was that before or after the storm?

A That was-- It was raining then.

Q It was raining at the time you called from the Pioneer? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you stay with Hibbard Hatfield the rest of that morning? A Not all the time.

Q Well, after you left the Pioneer and went out on your beat, where did you leave Hibbard Hatfield that first time?

A I left him at the Pioneer Hotel and went back to the house and waited a while to see if she would come in home.

Q Went back to your home? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you go inside? A Yes, sir.

Q Were there magazines there then, or had you taken them in?

A I taken them in the first time I was up there.

Q How long did you stay the second trip you went back to your home?

A I don't know just how long. I stayed a good while. It rained awful hard while I was standing in the door.

Q Tell us about how many minutes or hours you stayed there.

A I might have stayed something like an hour.

Q Standing up or sitting down?

A I was standing up.

Q All the time? A Yes, sir.

Q Stood there in the door something like an hour?

A Yes, sir.

Q After you had stood there for an hour, where did you go?

A Came back to town.

Q Did you run into Hibbard Hatfield again?

A Yes, sir.

Q At what place?

A I don't remember just where I met him at that time.

Q How long did you stay with him that time?

A I don't know. Just a short while.

Q And then where did you go?

A I went back to the house. I told him I would go back to the house and watch, she might come in in a car or something. He said he would watch the streets.

Q You told him to watch the street, and that you would go back up to your home and watch, that she might come in in a car? A Yes, sir.

Q Were you expecting her to come in in a car?

A No, sir, I didn't know but what she had went out with some folks and they had a breakdown or something. It was a stormy night.

Q How long did you stay that third time you went back to your home?

A I don't know just how long.

Q Did you go in the house?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you sit down? A No, sir.

Q Can you give us some idea as to the number of minutes you stayed there that time?

A No, I couldn't.

Q Was it daylight then? A No, sir.

Q Well, whatever time you stayed, when you came out where did you go?

A Came back to town.

Q Did you get with Hibbard Hatfield again?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where? A I don't know just where I met him.

Q How long did you stay with him?

A With him the rest of the night--rest of the evening.

Q You mean the rest of the-- A Morning.

Q What time did you leave him?

A Around six-- He went home around seven o'clock. I didn't leave the town. I was still out.

Q How is that?

A I stayed down in the town until around six-thirty. He went home, I believe, along about that time.

Q Did you go home about six-thirty or stay down town?

A I went back to the house about six-thirty.

Q You went back to your home about six-thirty?

A Somewhere along there.

Q Where did you leave Hibbard Hatfield?

A I left him on the corner at Middelberg.

Q Which corner, rear end of the building, or front?

A Down on that street.

Q You mean on Dingess Street?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was it on the corner next to the bus terminal, or was it on the other corner that you left Hatfield?

A It was on the corner, on the Middelberg Theatre corner.

Q You mean at the entrance or front of the building?

A Yes, sir.

Q Had you and Hatfield been up and down Main Street that morning?

A We had.

Q You know that all traffic coming down Island Creek

like your wife had been murdered?

A I did about daylight. I might have along later in the night.

Q Where did you first tell Hibbard you thought she had been murdered?

A I don't remember.

Q Well, it was about daylight, wasn't it?

A Only one I remember telling that was Frank White.

That was after daylight.

Q And where was that?

A That was down at the oil station.

Q Down at the fire station?

A Oil station. He worked at the Aracoma.

Q That was the Aracoma Oil and Gas Station, wasn't it?

A Yes, sir.

Q That was about daylight that you told Frank White that?

A Yes, sir.

Q You deny telling Hibbard Hatfield that earlier?

A I don't remember whether I did or not. I might have told him.

Q You know about the time in the night, then, you first came to the conclusion your wife had been murdered, don't you?

A I didn't know what had happened to her.

Q You didn't know. To refresh your memory, do you recall telling Hibbard Hatfield and others that some car

came out of Stratton Hollow with blood in it, and you went and examined some red Ford car? Do you remember that?

A No, I didn't tell him that.

JUDGE DAMRON: Wait a minute. Will you please wait. Your Honor, I want to object to that. He says "Hibbard Hatfield and others." We are entitled to know who the others are. The Court is entitled to that, and the jury is entitled to it.

MR. CHAMBERS: I will withdraw my question if you object to it.

JUDGE DAMRON: I object to it from that point.

BY MR. CHAMBERS:

Q I will except to it and ask you this question in lieu of the other one: If on that night, somewhere near midnight, you were not looking at a Ford car that was supposed to have come out of Stratton Hollow, and then told Hibbard Hatfield that you felt like your wife had been murdered?

A Not out of Stratton Hollow.

Q You saw a red Ford car that night, didn't you?

A No, sir.

Q Well, you saw a red car of some kind, didn't you?

A I saw a car that was between Mr. Alderson's and McDonald's.

Q What kind of car?

A Well, it was raining so hard, I was standing in the

door, I just supposed they had drowned out, come down this street. One was pushing the other.

Q What kind of car?

A And that was a Ford coupe.

Q What did you tell Hibbard Hatfield about that car?

A I told him-- I went up and looked at it. The rain had kind of slacked a little. There was two wheels off of it. I went back and told him there was a car wrecked, let's go up and look it over, so we did. There was two wheels gone off the car, and it was setting up there.

Q Did you tell him that you believed there had been a murder committed?

A No, sir.

Q Didn't do that? A No, sir.

Q Now, where were you at about five-forty-five that morning that your wife's body was found?

A I was somewhere on the street.

Q How long before that had you left your house?

A I don't know just how long, Mr. Chambers.

Q Can you give us some idea as to the number of minutes it had been since you left the house?

A No, sir, I couldn't.

Q Weren't you about five-forty-five that morning-- that was a considerable while after daylight--standing up in front of your residence, on the river bank?

A Not that early.

A Not that night. The next morning.

Q What time did you go home and go to bed next morning?

A I stayed with him in the car. We drove different places around over the town, went down and looked down the river bank.

Q With whom? A With Mr. Smeltzer; and I was awful sleepy and tired, so along up in the day, I don't know what time it was, he told me to go to bed and he would get the State Police and they would do everything they could to locate her.

Q Well, you went on to bed? A Yes, sir.

Q And went to sleep?

A I didn't sleep much.

Q When did you get up? A Along about noon.

Q About twelve o'clock? A Yes, sir.

Q Then, after you got up at twelve o'clock, you went over to Harry Robertson's home?

A Yes, sir, in the afternoon.

Q And you called for Stephenson?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did he come down? A He didn't come. Mrs. Robertson said she would call him.

Q In a short while he came? A Yes, sir.

Q Where were you when he came?

A I was in the house.

for Clarence Stephenson?

MR. CHAFIN: We object.

THE COURT: I sustain the objection.

MR. CHAMBERS: All right. Stand aside.

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REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY JUDGE DAMRON:

Q Mr. Thurman, all the time you were with the defendant when he was hauling you about, you were inquiring about your wife?

MR. CHAMBERS: We object, because it is leading.

THE COURT: I am going to sustain the objection.

BY JUDGE DAMRON:

Q Mr. Thurman, would you do anything else all the time that you were with the defendant that morning and that day, and the various places you went, other than to inquire about your wife?

A No, sir.

JUDGE DAMRON: That is all.

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RECROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. CHAMBERS:

Q Mr. Thurman, how long was it after your wife's body was found until your home was searched?

JUDGE DAMRON: Wait a minute. We object. There is no proof it was ever searched.

THE COURT: I am going to sustain the objection.

(Exception saved by the defendant.)

BY MR. CHAMBERS:

Q Well, was your home searched after your wife's body was found?

JUDGE DAMRON: By whom, your Honor, and for what purpose?

BY MR. CHAMBERS:

Q Well, was it searched by the officers?

A I don't know of it being searched. I think officers and a good many people was around there. I don't know whether they searched my house.

Q Isn't it true some of your wife's clothing was missing from your home? A No, sir.

Q None missing? And who did you get to clean up your home? A The same colored woman. That was her day.

Q How? A The same colored woman come that day and cleaned up.

Q That was Fanette Jones, wasn't it?

A Yes, sir.

BY JUDGE DAMRON:

Q What did you add to that? "That was her day," I got it.

A That was the day she came once a week. I think that was the day. Anyway, I told her to go ahead and clean up the room.

BY MR. CHAMBERS:

Q When did you tell her that?

she was found on the mountain?

A Yes, sir, I was there that night.

Q Did you take anything to her home that night?

A I taken a basket of clothes.

Q Was her husband at home, or anybody there besides her?

A No, sir, her husband wasn't there. He was gone to work.

Q What time in the evening was it you went there?

X A About seven or eight o'clock. Between seven and eight.

Q Did she go any place with you?

A Yes, sir, Piggly Wiggly.

Q Is that the Piggly Wiggly store here in town?

A Yes, sir.

Q What did you go there for?

A She went to get money--I don't know whether she got money changed or a check cashed, but she went there to get money to pay me for the laundry.

Q Did she pay you? A Yes, sir.

Q How much? A \$1.50.

Q Did you leave, did you and she separate at the Piggly Wiggly store?

A Yes, sir, she went on back up in the store and I went out the back door.

Q Did you see her any more alive? A No, sir.

A Yes, sir.

Q On Wednesday, June 22nd? A Yes, sir.

Q Tell the jury whether or not you saw Mamie Thurman the night before that.

A Yes, sir, she was in the drug store that evening.

Q What time, Miss Maloney?

A Somewhere around eight o'clock; between eight and eight-thirty.

Q Did she make any purchase in your drug store?

A She bought a package of cigarettes.

Q What brand cigarettes?

A I would not be certain.

Q Do you have an idea?

A I think she got Lucky Strikes, but I couldn't be positive. It has been a long time ago.

Q Did she leave your drug store after she made the purchase of the package of cigarettes?

A She was in there--oh, she was in there a while, I imagine about twenty minutes. She was just around there talking, and just leafing in the store a few minutes.

Q Did she then leave? A Yes, sir.

Q Was there anyone with her? A No, sir.

Q You don't know where she went?

A No, sir.

Q Was that the last time you saw her alive?

A Yes, sir.

A I have lived there nine years.

Q Did you live there in June of this year?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you remember of hearing of Mrs. Mamie Thurman being found killed up on 22 Mountain up here on Trace Mountain? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you live out there on High Street then?

A Yes, sir.

Q Were you at home on the night before she was found dead--killed? A Yes, sir.

Q Tell the Court and jury whether or not you saw a woman coming to the home of Fanette Jones on the night before Mamie Thurman's body was found up on the hill?

A Yes, sir, I saw one go in there.

Q White woman or colored?

A It was a white woman.

Q What time in the evening was it?

A It was right about eight-thirty, just a little bit before dark.

Q Was that on Tuesday night?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was there anyone at home at Fanette Jones' house?

A I didn't see anybody.

Q Do you know where this woman went from there?

A She came back out. She wasn't in there but just a little bit, and she came back out and came around this