

By The Court:

Proceed, Mr. Ertel.

By Mr. Ertel:

Q. State your full name, please?

A. Dwayne F. Gleckner.

Q. Your occupation?

A. I am a life insurance agent.

Q. For whom?

A. For Baltimore Life.

Q. How long have you been a life insurance agent?

By Mr. Fierro:

Does that have a bearing on this case? Otherwise,

I object.

By Mr. Ertel:

Just to give background.

By Mr. Fierro:

I object to that.

By The Court:

I won't strike it, but let's proceed with what the offer was.

By Mr. Ertel:

Q. Mr. Gleckner, do you also have a part-time occupation or duty?

A. Yes, I am in the Civil Air Patrol Squadron Commander.

Q. What is your rate or rank?

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A. Captain.

Q. As part of the Civil Air Patrol, did you join in the search for Jennifer Hill?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. How long were you searching for her, do you recall?

A. A week, around that.

Q. Did you have the occasion on or about the 28th of October, 1974, to discover her body?

A. Yes, I did.

By The Court:

Would you change that date?

By Mr. Ertel:

Q. I beg your pardon, 1973, on or about the 28th of October, 1973?

A. Yes.

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change of statement*

Q. Would you describe where you found the body, what time and what day of the week it was?

A. Well, it was on a late Sunday afternoon, approximately just a little bit before 4:00 in the cornfield off of Sylvan Dell Road.

Q. Would you describe, if you will come down please, and ask you if you can identify what is marked as Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 37, which is a photograph on the board, if you can just stand over here where I am, can you identify that photograph?

A. Yes.

Q. What is that of?

A. That is of the field where I found her.

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Q. What is, all right, can you describe what your path of travel was just prior to the time you found the girl?

A. Yes, I was coming in a direction towards South Williamsport through the cornfield, probably about a half dozen of so rows until I came to the road that goes back through the field, and then I went back that road towards the tanks.

Q. What kind of boots were you wearing?

A. Jump boots.

Q. Did they have any nails or anything in them?

A. Not that I remember, I don't know.

Q. When you went back that road, what did you observe?

A. Approximately half way back and off to the left side of the road I seen the body.

Q. Looking now, can you point out on that photograph where the body was located approximately?

A. Yes, right here in this area.

Q. That shows there is a hole there, was that a hole there when you.....

A. No.

Q. Were you there when that hole was made?

A. Yes, I was there, I was not back in that area, but I was.

Q. In the vicinity?

A. Yes.

Q. If I put an "x", would that be the approximate location?

A. That would be the approximate location.

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Q. I will write the word "body", now turning to Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 36, can you identify that photograph?

A. Yes, that is also the same area taken from a different angle.

Q. Now, can you show the road you walked back on that particular photograph?

A. That one right here.

Q. Can you locate the location of the body where you saw it?

A. Yes, a little over half way back.

Q. I will mark an "x" again and the word "body". Turning to Exhibit No. 45, can you recognize that map of the area?

A. Yes, this is the Sylvan Dell Road along here.

Q. Can you identify the road which you identified on the previous Exhibit?

A. It would be back to the tanks.

Q. Now, if you will return to the stand. Where were you in the roadway when you observed the body?

X A. Along the left side of the road.

Q. What did you do when you observed the body?

X A. Turned around and went back out through, out to the center of the road and out to the Sylvan Dell Road.

Q. What was your next thing?

A. The next thing was to radio back to our Headquarters.

Q. What did you do as far as the area was concerned?

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A. Sealed it off at that point.

Q. Did you allow anybody to go back in there?

A. No, the only personnel that were back in there was Major Huntzinger, who is the Coordinator for the mission or Mission Commander and he came out right after I radioed to confirm what I had found. He went back in there, and turned around and came back. The next people to go back there were the Police.

Q. I show you what is marked as Commonwealth's Exhibit No., and ask you if you can identify that?

A. Yes, I can.

Q. What is it?

A. It is the body that I located.

Q. Can you tell me if there is any difference between that photograph and what you observed when you went back that road?

A. I can't see any difference, no.

Q. I show you marked as Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 2, and ask you if you can identify that?

A. Yes, that is also another picture, the same scene.

Q. (To The Court.). We move into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits Nos. 1 and 2 into evidence at this time.
By The Court:

Any objection?

By Mr. Fierro:

We have not had a chance to see them or cross examine.

By The Court:

I will reserve my ruling.

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By Mr. Ertel:

The photographs are available and he is available for cross examination.

CROSS EXAMINATION

By Mr. Fierro:

Q. Mr. Gleckner, whatever you testified to, is that your complete knowledge of this case?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you on foot when you discovered this body?

A. Yes, I was.

Q. Were you alone?

A. Yes.

Q. The area that was marked by the District Attorney on these two Exhibits, the photographs, it shows like an indentation in the cornfield, they were not there when you discovered the body, apparently that area was cleared out?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you there when that area was cleared out?

A. I was not at the area when it was cleared out, I know of it being cleared out.

Q. You walked along this, we will call it the cornfield road, it is a private road, isn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. The one you pointed out?

A. Yes.

Q. On both of these Exhibits they look like indented black marks and this indentation here which forms sort of a short

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"T", that is the area that was cleared out of the cornfield where the body was found?

A. Yes.

Q. You walked along this road, and you looked in between these rows of corn and saw this body?

A. Yes.

Q. You did not approach the body?

A. No, I did not.

Q. What did this Major do when he came upon the scene, did he walk along the same road?

A. Yes.

Q. Walk approximately up to the same position where you were and saw the body?

A. Yes.

Q. And he did not walk into that area?

A. No.

Q. Of course the Police came, were you there when the Police came?

A. Yes, Sir, I was.

Q. Did they also walk along this private road between the cornfields?

A. Yes.

Q. Did they walk towards the body?

A. Not to the best of my knowledge, I don't know for sure.

Q. You don't know?

A. I don't know.

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Q. Did you see them walking along this private cornfield road?

A. Yes.

Q. You did see them walking along there?

A. Yes.

Q. How many of them were there, just give me an idea?

A. Chief Smith from South Side was the first one to arrive and shortly after that the State Police arrived and in total, I don't know.

Q. Half dozen or so?

A. At least, minimum.

Q. At 4:00 P.M., you said it was around 4:00 P.M. when you said you saw the body, did it start to rain?

A. Shortly after that, yes.

Q. What is "shortly after"?

A. Well, at least a half hour.

Q. About 4:30?

A. I would say 4:30, quarter of five.

Q. At that time were the Police there?

A. Yes.

Q. At that time was the area around the body, was it being stripped of the corn, if you personally know?

A. I don't know what time the corn was taken out, I know it was taken out, but as far as the time, I am not sure.

Q. Mr. Gleckner, you were asked by the District Attorney about your jump boots, there were a lot of people in this search wearing the jump boots or that type of boot?

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A. Yes.

Q. That you know of?

A. Yes.

Q. You were asked about whether you had any nails in your boots and you said, "Gee, I don't know."?

A. I don't.

Q. Now, when you saw the body in this cornfield, about how far to the left and, of course, as we are looking at these photographs, it is to the left of this private road, how far to the left that is off of the private road did you see the body, just give me an idea?

A. Three to four feet, I would say, off of the side of the road.

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Q. And how was it lined; that is with respect to, let's see, there appears to me to be corn, the rows of corn appear to be on this photograph going north and south?

A. No, they were running at right angles to the road.

Q. On this picture they are running at right angles to the road?

A. Yes.

Q. This is Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 36. That is the one where the cornfield runs at right angles to the road, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. I can't tell, can you tell me on Exhibit No. 36 how do these rows of corn run, because in this area I can't tell?

A. They would run from top to bottom on the picture

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the rows.

Q. On No. 36 they would run from top to bottom?

A. Yes.

Q. That is the same in the area where the body was found, running from top to bottom?

A. The rows ran parallel to Sylvan Dell Road.

Q. All of the fields of corn shown in this picture?

A. Yes, that I was in.

Q. Run parallel, and this is Sylvan Dell Road shown on No. 36?

A. Yes.

Q. She was found just a few feet in, in one of these rows?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you notice how was she laying?

A. Her feet were towards the road.

Q. And was her body parallel and running in the same direction as the rows of corn? — Impossible!

A. Yes.

Q. Parallel to the rows?

A. No, parallel to Sylvan Dell Road, but not to the farm road.

Q. The rows of corn also run parallel to Sylvan Dell?

A. Yes.

Q. Her body was also lying parallel to Sylvan Dell Road like the rows of corn?

A. Yes.

Q. Do I take it she was found in between two rows of

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A. Yes.

Q. Not on top of any corn stalks?

A. No, not to the best of my knowledge.

Q. When you first saw this body, did you see whether or not there were any corn stalks that were broken?

A. I did not notice any.

Q. You didn't notice any?

A. No.

Q. Well, the body was only a few feet off of the road, you didn't notice any, did you?

A. I didn't notice any broken corn stalks.

Q. Of course, when you first saw this body, Mr. Gleckner or Captain, whatever you want to have me call you, I don't care, do you want me to call you "Captain"?

A. No.

Q. All right, when you first saw this body, Mr. Gleckner, you must have been only a few feet away from it?

A. I was.

Q. I would suspect two or three feet?

A. Probably not more than five, at the very most.

Q. Did you enter onto the cornfield itself?

A. No, I did not.

Q. You know something, I forgot what I was going to ask you, but I will take this one picture of the girl, I am looking at Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 2, I am looking at Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1 and I am wondering whether they are

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one and the same with the exception of perhaps one of them being a clearer picture, or more enlarged picture?

A. One is probably closer, a little more larger.

Q. That is No. 1?

A. Yes.

Q. No. 1 and 2 are identical, so the Jury will know except No. 1 is a better close-up view of what you saw on October 28th at 4:00?

A. Yes.

X Q. Were you there when this picture was taken?

X A. No, I was not, I was still in the general area, but I was not there at the scene when the picture was taken.

X Q. Well, if you will look at No. 1, Mr. Gleckner, you notice the righthand side of the picture there appears to be something that is white, I don't know what it is, did you see that there at the time you found this body?

/ A. I don't remember seeing it.

X Q. You don't remember seeing it?

X A. No.

X Q. And you don't know what it is, do you?

/ A. No, I don't.

X Q. You can't even tell by looking at this picture which is Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1, you can't even tell what it is, can you?

X A. No, Sir, not for sure.

X Q. Well, I don't mind if you want to guess, do you think if you guess you can tell us what this white object is that

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was not there when you found the body?

By Mr. Ertel:

I object to that statement that it wasn't there.

By Mr. Fierro:

That is what is, what he said.

By Mr. Ertel:

He said he does not remember, and there is quite a difference.

By The Court:

Reword your question.

Mr. Fierro:

Q. Do you remember seeing that white object there that appears on Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1 when you discovered the body?

A. No, I don't remember seeing it there.

Q. Even on this picture, Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1, it is as close to the road as the body, isn't it?

A. It appears to be, yes.

Q. Well, according to the picture, if you say it is different, say so?

By Mr. Ertel:

I object to the interpretation of the picture.

By The Court:

Well, it is what he recalls at the scene. Proceed, Mr. Fierro.

By Mr. Fierro:

Q. Is the body of Jennifer as shown in this Exhibit

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substantially accurate as you saw it at the time, that day at 4:00?

A. Yes.

Q. And as far as you are concerned, this Exhibit No. 1 substantially and accurately reproduces what you saw?

A. Yes.

Q. Except for one thing, isn't that correct, and that is this white object on the righthand side of the picture?

A. It could have been there, I don't know for sure.

Q. Did you see it?

A. I don't remember seeing it.

Q. Well, it is a rather large, white object, isn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. And it is prominently displayed in this picture, isn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. And it is close, at least on this picture, as Jennifer's feet are to the road, isn't that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And yet you say you did not see that white object?

A. No.

By Mr. Ertel:

I object, he did not say he didn't see it.

A. I said I don't remember seeing it.

By Mr. Fierro:

Q. You don't remember seeing it, you remember seeing the body?

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A. I will never forget that.

Q. Now, by looking at this do you know what that white object is, or don't you?

A. No, Sir, I don't know for sure.

Q. Do you want to guess?

A. It looks like it could be a "t" Shirt or something like that.

Q. Could be a "T" shirt or something like that?

A. Yes.

Q. It is white, isn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. And even on this photograph it is in plain view, isn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, you discovered the body, and if you look at this photograph, tell the Jury how far away from the body that white object is?

A. Probably about four feet.

Q. Do you know what happened to this white article?

A. No, Sir, I have no idea.

Q. Do you know if the Major saw this white article?

A. I have no idea whether he saw it or not.

Q. Well, then, Mr. Gleckner, is your role, this is your role and your knowledge of this case?

A. Yes, Sir.

Q. That is all.

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By The Court:

Mr. Ertel?

By Mr. Ertel:

I would like to offer the photographs at this time and have them shown to the Jury.

By Mr. Fierro:

I have no objection to them being received in evidence, but I don't like, the Court of course will decide, but I don't like the idea of the photographs, or any exhibits being passed around the Jury while testimony is being taken.

By Mr. Ertel:

If you don't mind, I will let them look and pass them around, and I won't ask any questions.

By Mr. Fierro:

This will dissipate time as well.

By The Court:

You have no objection to the photographs?

By Mr. Fierro:

None.

By The Court:

The Court has not seen the photographs yet, I will reserve my ruling. Proceed.

By Mr. Ertel:

I think that it is important that the Jury be able to see what we are talking about as we go.

By The Court:

Are your next witnesses going to talk about the same

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thing?

By Mr. Ertel:

Yes, Sir, and that will give them some explanation of what he is talking about and make it easier for them to visualize.

By The Court:

May I see Counsel at Side Bar?

(Side Bar consultation not made a part of record.).

By The Court:

They are admitted, but the request of passing them through the Jury at this time is denied.

(Commonwealth's Exhibits Nos. 1 and 2 admitted into evidence.)

By The Court:

Any further questions of this witness?

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Ertel:

Q. What was the tread like on your shoes, if you recall?

A. Fairly worn. It was at one time a square design on the sole.

Q. What do you mean by "square"?

A. It had little squares or diamonds, something similar to that on the sole.

Q. No further questions.

By Mr. Fierro:

None, your Honor.

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By The Court:

The Court instructs you that you are prohibited from talking about your testimony in this case to anyone except the District Attorney or Defense Counsel or one of their staff.

(Excused from witness.)

By The Court:

Mr. Fierro, do you excuse this Gentleman?

By Mr. Fierro:

Yes.

By The Court:

If the District Attorney excuses you, you are excused.

LOUIS HUNSINGER, being duly sworn according to law, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Ertel:

Q. State your full name, please?

A. Louis E. Hunsinger.

Q. Your occupation?

A. I am Field Manager for an Insurance Company.

Q. Do you do something as part time?

A. Yes, I am in the Civil Air Patrol, I am Mission Coordinator.

Q. What is your rate or rank?

A. Major.

Q. Mr. Hunsinger, did you have the duties of