

1 Q I meant to ask him this just a second ago.
2 Do you remember telling Corey Jacobs back in December
3 -- it would have been, I guess, '99 -- no, December
4 of 2000. I don't know when it was. When was the --
5 when y'all went riding around, did you ever tell
6 Corey Jacobs that Mark Free had told you that he was
7 there?

8 A That he was where?

9 Q That Mark Free was with Joey Watkins when
10 they shot Isaac Dawkins?

11 A Yes, ma'am.

12 Q You had already told Corey Jacobs that?

13 A Yeah, I told Corey before I told anybody.

14 MS. COLSTON: Thank you.

15 THE COURT: Anything else?

16 MR. O'DELL: I am going to leave it alone.

17 No, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Step down. Call your next
19 witness.

20 MS. COLSTON: We call Meka Rogers.

21 THE COURT: Meka Rogers.

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23 **MEKA ROGERS**

24 was called as a witness by and on behalf of the
25 State, and after being first duly sworn, was examined

1 and testified as follows:

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MS. COLSTON:

4 Q If you will, speak up so the jury can hear
5 you and tell us your name.

6 A Meka Rogers.

7 Q Where do you live at, Meka?

8 A Toward Floyd College.

9 Q Okay. At what?

10 A Toward Floyd College.

11 Q You are in college. All right. Do you
12 know Mark Free?

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q How do you know Mark Free?

15 A I dated him a long time ago. I have known
16 him for years.

17 Q You have known him for years?

18 A Yes, since I was little.

19 Q When did you date him?

20 A We started dating October of 2000.

21 Q October of 2000. Were you dating when
22 Isaac Dawkins was killed?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. So maybe you started dating October
25 of 99?

1 A Uh-huh, it was '99, Yeah.

2 Q If Isaac was killed in February.

3 A Yeah.

4 Q I mean January of 2000. How long did you
5 date? from October '99 till when?

6 A Till about the middle of January, a little
7 bit after.

8 Q The middle of January or thereafter. Now
9 do you remember when Isaac Dawkins was shot and
10 killed on January 11th, 2000?

11 A Yes.

12 Q You are nodding, and the court reporter
13 can't hear you. Is that a yes?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. Do you remember if that night
16 between the hours of seven, seven thirty, were you --
17 or any time that night, were you with Mark Free?

18 A Well, I know that the night that it
19 happened, it is around about the time that his niece
20 ran away. And I was with him that night, the whole
21 day and that night.

22 Q Okay. How do you know what day and night
23 that was?

24 A They have got reports on it.

25 Q Okay. Who has got reports on it?

1 A I am not sure who has them, but I remember
2 that.

3 Q Was that the night that he was arrested?

4 A That evening.

5 Q That evening he was arrested?

6 A I am not real sure on that, of when he was
7 arrested.

8 Q All right. Do you remember him talking to
9 you? Did he talk to you about this and ask you and
10 tell you he was with you? Don't you remember? Don't
11 you remember I was with you?

12 A He asked me if I remembered being with him,
13 yeah.

14 Q And what did you tell him?

15 A I told him I didn't know. I couldn't
16 remember.

17 Q Did you tell him, no, you didn't remember
18 being with him?

19 A Yeah, I told him I didn't remember at the
20 time, you know.

21 Q How many times did you tell him you didn't
22 remember being with him?

23 A I don't remember how many times it was. I
24 mean --

25 Q Did you tell the police about -- you told

1 them about a hundred times?

2 A Yeah, I wrote that in the statement.

3 Q That he -- you told him about a hundred
4 times that you didn't remember if you were with him
5 on that day?

6 A He told me to try to remember that day.

7 Q Okay. And do you remember telling me out
8 in the hallway just a few minutes ago that you were
9 not with him the night before? You were with him the
10 night that he got arrested?

11 A No, I didn't remember being with him the
12 night before, but I was with him at David's house,
13 and we watched "The Snake" movie, which was the 12th.
14 I do remember that day clearly.

15 Q Okay. So you were with him the night --
16 the day that you watched "The Snake" movie which was
17 --

18 A Yes, my son was with me.

19 Q Okay. And you know that you were with him
20 on that day?

21 A Right.

22 Q Did you not tell me and Mr. Harkins out in
23 the hallway that you were not with him the night
24 before?

25 A Not that I remember.

1 Q You were not with him that you remember?

2 A Right.

3 Q You don't remember being with him on the
4 11th?

5 A Right.

6 Q It was on the 12th, the day that you
7 watched "The Snake" movie. He got arrested later
8 that night.

9 A I know I was with him that day, yes.

10 Q Okay.

11 A But I was not with him when he got
12 arrested.

13 Q Okay. That is fine. So you and he didn't
14 go over to his sister's house or anything like that -
15 -

16 A We used to go over there all the time.

17 Q Well, I mean on the 11th, the day before
18 you watched "The Snake" movie with David Jones --
19 David Brown?

20 A I don't remember.

21 Q You don't remember or no?

22 A I don't remember.

23 Q You don't remember. Do you remember
24 telling me out in the hallway, you said, no, you were
25 not? You were with him the day that you watched the

1 movie at David Brown's house, and he was arrested
2 later that night?

3 A No, I don't remember.

4 Q You don't remember telling me that?

5 A I remember the 12th because of "The Snake"
6 movie.

7 Q Okay.

8 A And that is when the call we received at
9 David's house.

10 Q So you can't say you were with him on the
11 11th?

12 A No.

13 MS. COLSTON: All right. Thank you.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Abernathy.

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16 CROSS-EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. ABERNATHY:

18 Q Ms. Rogers, do you remember getting a call
19 at David Brown's house about Isaac being killed?

20 A Yes.

21 Q When was that? Do you remember that?

22 A It was the day we watched "The Snake"
23 movie.

24 Q It was the next day then, the 12th?

25 A Right.

1 Q That is what you have been trying to tell
2 her. Now when did you first start to tell the police
3 about all this? Do you remember?

4 A Eight or nine months later.

5 Q Eight or nine months later?

6 A It was a long time.

7 Q And they were asking you to go back and try
8 to see if you were with Mark or not; weren't they?

9 A Right. And I don't remember.

10 Q And you have tried to do that?

11 A Yeah.

12 Q And Mark didn't have driver's license back
13 then; did he?

14 A Uh-uh.

15 Q And how did he get from place to place?

16 A Me.

17 Q You carried him?

18 A Or somebody, his sister, dad or somebody.

19 Q Were y'all together every day?

20 A Just about, yeah, every day --

21 A Just about every day?

22 A Yeah.

23 Q Where was he working?

24 A At Governor's as a bouncer, and before that
25 he worked for some lawn care service.

1 Q Was he working at Governor's as a bouncer
2 then?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q And did you sit down with him and try to
5 remember where y'all were and this is how you come up
6 with the "The Snake" movie on the 12th and his niece
7 being sick and all that?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q But that was a long time afterwards?

10 A Yeah.

11 Q And did you have an interview with
12 Investigator Sutton or any other police about this?

13 A The Sutton and the Shiflett brothers. I
14 guess they are brothers, Bill and Tommy.

15 Q And were they trying to get you to say you
16 were not with him?

17 A They just told me to write a written
18 statement that day and try to remember and --

19 Q You just don't remember is what you are
20 saying?

21 A I don't remember.

22 MR. ABERNATHY: All right. Thank you.

23 MS. COLSTON: That is okay, Meka. Thank
24 you so much for coming.

25 THE COURT: All right. You are free to