

# FL vs. Daisy Link Day 4

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## Day 4 Witnesses:

1. **Witness #18 - State Witness #18 - Detective Joseph Cruz - Lead Investigator**
2. **Witness #19 - Defence Witness #1 - Leileinne Gonzalez - Daisy's niece**
3. **Witness #20 - Defence Witness #2 - Crystal Barreto - Daisy's Sister**
4. **Witness #20 - Defence Witness #3 - Josephina Perez - Daisy's mother.**

## Testimonies:

1. **Witness #18 - State Witness #18 - Detective Joseph Cruz - Lead Investigator - [44:45]**
  - a. Direct exam conducted by [Male 1]
    - i. He gives testimony regarding what happened when he was arrived at the scene and the personnel he was with. [54:50]
      - 1) He testified that Danny Morales, Subaya Hubbard and Melanie Denoris were with him when he was investigating the shooting and arrived on the scene on the 25th June 2022. He says that he arrived at 6:30am.
      - 2) He testified to speaking with Officer Nicholson at 6:33am and Officer Rodriguez around the same time.
      - 3) He testified to briefing the homicide team when they arrived around 7:05am
      - 4) He testified to being informed that the firearm was found around 5:30pm
    - ii. He gives testimony about the approximate times of events based on his investigation.
      - 1) He testifies that the shot was at 3:12 am approximately, 3:23am was when the call to 911 was placed and officers arrived at 3:27am.
      - 2) He testified the firearm was found but didn't find any bullet casings.
    - iii. The police interview was played where Daisy was giving an account of the events that night.[1:09:00]
      - 1) He testifies that the interview began at 5:03 pm
      - 2) He testifies that Daisy speaking with him at 5pm about what
      - 3) He testifies that during the interview, Daisy told him about the gun and that she had shot Pedro. She told him this at around 5pm [1:13:20]
      - 4) On the interview video, Daisy was interrogated about walking with the gun from the house and her statements saying "I didn't hit an artery, you'll be fine" [1:16:50]
  - b. Cross exam conducted by Antonio Tomas
    - i. Nothing of note!
  - c. Redirect exam conducted by [Male 1]
    - i. He says yes to the question about if he had given Daisy adequate care whilst she was being held for 13 hours
    - ii. He says yes that she was allowed to sleep whilst she was being held.

### **Established in this testimony**

Daisy's actions after the shooting, focusing on the inconsistent statement and denial made by her that she didn't offer adequate care for Pedro. It was established that after she had shot him, Daisy was walking with the gun in her hand, walking by the tree where Pedro's blood was found by the crime scene technician and detective.

2. **Witness #19 - Defence Witness #1 - Leileinne Gonzalez - Daisy's niece [1:28:49]**
  - a. Direct Exam conducted by Antonio Tomas
    - i. She gives testimony to her relationship with her aunt Daisy and her homelife.
      - 1) She testified that she lives in Texas with her grandmother.
      - 2) She testified that she went to Florida to go and take Daisy and her kids back

- to Texas in June 2022.
- ii. She gave account about potential domestic violence between Daisy and Pedro where Daisy had visited her in Texas. [1:35:30]
  - 1) She testified to seeing the picture of an injury to Daisy's head.
  - 2) She testified that Daisy had wounds on her head similar to the pictures that was shown to her.
- iii. She gave an account of her visit to Daisy's residence with her family and some of the behaviour's that was exhibited by Pedro. [1:40:30]
  - 1) She testified that she could see Pedro pacing back and forth and exited the house.
- b. Cross exam conducted by [Male 1] - [1:42:30]
  - i. She was examined on her knowledge regarding the purpose of her visit to Daisy's residence.
    - 1) She testified that her grandmother did not want her to initially go to the house because she wanted an adult present so she didn't know at first why she went to the house. But she knew about the pictures.
  - ii. She was examined on her knowledge about the relevance of the photos.
    - 1) She testified that the photos would have the time and date on them but she doesn't know the date and time of the photo and she disagrees that it could have been taken at a different time and sent to her at the time she received it despite her answering she doesn't see the time on the photos in front of her. [1:45:30]
  - iii. She was caught in an inconsistency of accounts where she said that she had not seen Pedro on the day of the incident but the day before, however, her account changed saying it was at 2am in the morning on the day of the incident. [1:51:20]
- c. Redirect exam conducted by Antonio Tomas - [1:54:48]
  - i. She testified that it was 1 or 2am in the morning on the day of the incident to pick up the kids and were there for about 5 or 10 minutes, and Pedro was walking and circling outside.
- 3. Witness #20 - Defence Witness #2 - Crystal Barreto - Daisy's Sister [3:15:40]**
  - a. Direct exam conducted by Antonio Tomas
    - i. She gave testimony about Daisy's severe injuries after an incident.
      - 1) She testifies to being sent a pictures of Daisy's injuries. [3:16:25]
      - 2) She testifies that she went to Daisy's residence after receiving the pictures and inspected the injuries, she believed it was quite severe and she could see a bone in her skull.
      - 3) She testifies to seeking further treatment and "sought her to get medical treatment because anyone that would have seen those injuries would have been concerned for her life"
      - 4) She testified that she advised Daisy to take her kids to Texas and from her knowledge, Daisy was not living with Daisy.
      - 5) She testifies that she went to go to pick up her mother Josephina Perez at around 12 midnight or 1am [3:13:11]
    - ii. She testified speaking with the detectives
      - 1) She testified that she didn't remember telling the police that Daisy had said that "if Pedro was dead, she must have shot him"
      - 2) She testified that the female detective told her she is not interested in the pictures of Daisy's injuries, that "she was only interested in what happened that day" of the incident.
  - b. Cross exam conducted by Jennifer Deleon - [3:30:49]
    - i. She was confronted about her statements to the police regarding what she told investigators about Daisy [3:31:20]
      - 1) She testifies that she does remember making the statement to law enforcement when asked,
      - 2) She doubled down saying she 100% didn't make the statement because she is not psychic. [3:33:25]
  - c. Redirect exam conducted by Antonio Tomas - [3:37:46]

- i. The defence focused on the state highlighting that Daisy had told her about the injuries
    - 1) She testifies that she has seen the pictures of the injury, the blood, the skull for herself.
- 4. **Witness #20 - Defence Witness #3 - Josephina Perez - Daisy's mother.** - [3:54:30]
  - a. Direct exam conducted by Antonio Tomas
    - i. She explains why she had gone down to Florida:
      - 1) She testified that she went down to Texas was when she saw photos of Daisy's injuries
      - 2) She testified her concern was to move the children to safety after seeing the photos July 4th 2022 was when she originally planned to visit Daisy and Pedro was never supposed to know about this.
        - a) She testified that the photos were sent by her daughter Christa.
      - 3) She testified that she had bruises on her arm and a giant injury on her head [3:59:30]
      - 4) She testified that she went to Daisy's on 24th June 2022 at 1:30pm and left Daisy's residence at 1 or 2am the morning of the 25th. [4:02:20]
        - a) She testified that she saw Pedro when she arrived and was waiting outside the house for Daisy. She said that Pedro was surprised to see her and she had confronted him saying why would you do that to Daisy.
        - b) She says she went to her daughter Gloria's house and came back to Daisy's house.
        - c) She says that she left Gloria's house around 10 or 11pm to return to Daisy's
      - 5) She testifies that Daisy came back with Pedro to the house - [4:06:40]
        - a) She said that Daisy and Pedro came back into the house.
        - b) She said that Pedro had choked Daisy and she had cautioned him that she "was going to call the police". She says that Pedro responded saying "don't call the police, he would lose his career" and he ran out of the house
        - c) She said that Pedro came back the second time into the house after breaking the locks said "to get out of my house"
        - d) She testified that he took Daisy's phone from her red purse, grabbed the whiskey and left the second time.
        - e) She said that Daisy had told her that she is going to pick up her purse and when she went out, she witnessed Pedro clotheslining Daisy and grabbing her hair.
        - f) She testified to leaving Daisy's residence after witnessing all of this and only returned to the residence the next morning after being asked to by the investigators, around 8am.
  - b. Cross exam conducted by Jennifer DeLeon [4:13:50]
    - i. She was confronted about her deposition with the police interview [4:14:30, 4:24:20]
      - 1) She testified that she didn't tell the police that she told Pedro to get out of the house.
        - a) After legal arguments by the lawyers, she was asked presented with the transcript of the interview and she testified that it was not the context as there wouldn't be a chance to speak with Pedro.
    - ii. The state focused on the events before the incident
      - 1) She testified that Daisy and Pedro were driving around and when he had told Pedro what
      - 2) The judge intervenes when the state asked if it would surprise her to learn that Daisy told the police she went at her own free will.
    - iii. The state made the argument to judge in open court, out of the jury's presence, that the witnesses are violating their sequestration order as they are communicating with each other. The judge says that she needs solid proof to back

up such allegations.

- 1) Texts were presented a text message sent to the mom to come and take the kids away, arguing whilst it does mention Pedro in the subsequent messages, the initial message said she was going to take the kids from Daisy being an unfit mother, not because she was scared of Pedro. [4:48:40]
- 2) The judge reminds that the context does include Pedro's bad behaviour and complained about Pedro and says that its not opening the door. The judge says she is frustrating the court as if she is to accept her argument, it would lead to reversible errors with prior bad acts. She denied the motion.
- 3) The judge denies the states persistent motions to disqualify the witnesses and Alex Berniga argues he has the youtube feed where the family were watching the live feed and the person was watching the case and speaking about the case. [5:05:25]
  - a) Alex argues that there are many instances where the family had violated sequestration and there is no remedy other than the exclusion of her testimony.
- 4) The Judge brings in Daisy's mother to be questioned
  - a) When asked by state attorney Jennifer asked Perez what she had in her hand and she said it was deposition transcript and she said she doesn't know she wasn't supposed to have it [5:14:20]
  - b) Defence lawyer Antonio Lomas cleared up that he had given her the deposition transcript before her testimony. He clarified with her had she viewed it after her testimony, she said "no, she wanted to look at it but she didn't".
- 5) Someone from the DA's office was brought in to describe the events of what he saw when he had seen one of the witnesses watching youtube livestream
  - a) He says he could see the youtube and comments scrolling which was consistent with a youtube when he was walking around the office [5:30:00]
- 6) The judge ruled that their motion is denied and that the testimonies of the witnesses remain. ]#
- iv. Testimonies resume and Josephina Perez is back on the stand and was confronted about the deposition she was given by her daughter Leilanne who testified earlier [5:55:00]
  - 1) She says that she didn't read it and was only given it.
- v. She was asked questions about the night.
  - 1) She testified that she didn't see Daisy and Pedro driving around and she didn't see anything.
- c. Redirect exam conducted by Antonio Tomas [5:58:20]
  - i. She testified that her intention was to move Daisy back to Texas without Pedro finding out.

**Court adjourned for the day!**

[Timestamps based on Law & Crime trials stream. See sources]