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1. Continuation - Witness #3 - State Witness #3 - Stephanie Wilson - Crime Scene Analyst

[1:02:40]

- a. Direct Exam conducted by John Giordani
 - i. Stephanie Wilson testifies to the searches she did of the trash cans, the interior and exterior of the Chevrolet truck where she found no materials of evidentiary value.
 - ii. Stephanie Wilson testifies why it was a post mortem decapitation explaining what is meant by lability of the blood.
 - 1) She says it's the concentration of blood where the blood would settle in body for a period of time and would spike or be constant if body was moved. [1:10:24]
- b. Cross Exam conducted by Robert Draskovich [1:18:00]
 - i. Stephanie Wilson testifies that she is not a medical examiner and there is a lot of factors that can affect lability when she was asked that she does not know the time of death.
 - ii. Stephanie Wilson testifies that she has never been present for a dismemberment at a scene.
- c. Redirect exam conducted by John Giordani [1:41:30]
 - i. Stephanie Wilson says yes when asked that she is a crime scene examiner and only making deductions of what was observed on scene.
 - ii. Stephanie Wilson says no that she has never been present for someone that has been decapitated live.
 - 1) She says yes when asked that she has experience dealing mainly with autopsies.
 - iii. Stephanie Wilson says no when asked if you can see a cast off with a single blow.
- d. Recross exam conducted by Robert Draskovich 1:47:55
 - i. Nothing of note.

Established in this testimony

- Strong chemical smell upon entry into house which became overwhelming when approaching the foot of the bed.
- A pool of blood was found on the mattress where the victim was lying with the neck at the foot of the bed with its head decapitated.

Witness Function

- Establish the authentic facts of the documentation of the scene.
- Establish the chain of custody regarding the collection of materials such as DNA, fingerprints, bullet casings etc.
- Provide expertise and explain technical information about the scene and the victim before it was passed onto the coroner.

Interaction with previous testimonies

- Connects with Sergeant Seals about the strong chemical smell being overwhelming and no blood being found on the walls.

2. Witness #4 - State Witness #4 - Nickoleus Papacs - Detective HPD

- a. Direct exam conducted by John Giordani [1:49:00]
 - i. Nickoleus Papacs testifies to his 20 years experience at Henderson police department and that he was off duty when he was called to investigate the scene.
 - ii. Nickoleus Papacs testifies to the gathering stage of his investigation where he interviewed Devyn Michaels at 1pm on 7th August 2023 as an individual not a suspect saying that the name Nikki was mentioned and he had contacted the individual. The audio of the interview was played for the jury. [1:59:10]
 - 1) Follow up questions were asked by the state. [2:09:57]

- a) Nickoleus Papacs says yes when asked that Devyn indicated that John was alive and fine when she left.
 - b) Nickoleus Papacs says yes when asked She claimed that John had some guns but they'd been moved to her home.
 - c) Nickoleus Papacs says yes when asked that Devyn claimed that she did not have a safe at her home.
- 2) Devin says in the audio that Jonathon was with the ex fiancé and was trying to work things out with her and did not want to go through with his new girl the ex fiancé. She says he threw his engagement ring to the ground last night [2:10:45]
- 3) Devyn is heard saying that she left John and he was alive and had left the keys for Yoko. [2:10:55]
- 4) Devyn says that her and Johnathan were not physically intimate and says that she was married to Deviere his son. [2:15:50-2:17:57]
- iii. Nickoleus Papacs testifies that when he went to the house and into the bedroom, he saw the body on the bed with a decapitated head and blood pool on the mattress. [3:49:20]
 - 1) He says that he did not observing any blood trail that could indicate dragging.
 - 2) Photos of items collected from the scene were entered into evidence, including dozens of pages in a notebook where its written "Never again" and "broke my heart" [4:04:00-4:05:25]
- b. Cross exam conducted by Robert Draskovich [4:05:45]
 - i. Nothing of note.
- c. No redirect exam

Established in this testimony

- Devyn's first interview with the detectives at 1pm on the 7th August 2023
- Devyn states on audio that Jonathon was trying to work things out with her and did not want to be with his new girl, his ex fiancé and threw his engagement ring on the floor the night previously.
- Devyn states on audio that her and Johnathan were not physically intimate.
- Devyn states that Johnathan was alive when she last saw him.

Witness function

- Establish witnesses account of events before and after the victim was found.
- Establish whether their interviews and investigation were conducted lawfully.
- Create doubt about the defence story.

3. Witness #4 - State Witness #4 - Deviere Willette - Son of victim [4:11:50]

- a. Direct exam conducted by John Giordani
 - i. Deviere Willette testifies to entering into a relationship with Nikki when he was 19. [4:16:30]
 - 1) He says that Nikki was still married with his dad when they started this relationship.
 - 2) He testifies to the father not learning about his relationship with Nikki.
 - ii. Deviere Willette testifies that Nikki was pregnant and he had to move back to Vegas from California or she was going to have that child.
 - 1) He no when asked if he did witness her go to a doctor or saw documentation of her pregnancy.
 - 2) He says that Devyn told him that she had gotten an abortion
 - a) He say yes when he was asked that he never saw documentation or anything like that.
 - iii. Deviere Willette testifies to his relationship with Nikki whilst he was living in the house with his dad and her. [4:29:15]
 - 1) He testifies to trying to leave the relationship saying he tried to fill some shoes he couldn't fill.
 - 2) He testifies he did not know that the father was going to move in.
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- iv. Deviere testifies to learning that his father was critically injured. [4:30:30]
 - 1) He says he went back to the house from work and says that his back was hurt from carrying a bunk bed and moving the girls stuff into the garage.
 - a) He says he closed the door.
 - Testimony about the father learning about his relationship with Nikki before this day -
- v. Deviere Willette testifies to the father learning that he was married with Nikki and says that he said I don't what you're doing, its not right and he responded saying half of what he knows is true and half isnt.
 - 1) He testifies to being formally married with Nikki
 - 2) He testifies to wanting to proceed with a divorce from Nikki after the trial had concluded..
- vi. Deviere Willette testifies to drinking heavily at the time of the murder.
- vii. Deviere Willette testifies to Nikki contacting him after the father had died from the detention centre. [4:43:55]
 - 1) The audio was played for the jury. [4:44:35]
 - a) Devyn is heard on audio saying they have nothing on me, they showed me a picture of a cleaning detergent, you have one at your house. [4:48:20
- viii. Deviere Willette testifies to the contents of the call and says that the jail call was their break up conversation.
- ix. Deviere Willette denies killing his father.
- b. Cross Exam conducted by Robert Draskovich [5:10:30]
 - i. Deviere Willette didn't answer when asked that he didn't tell the truth when he had testified in previous hearings. [5:11:10]
 - ii. Deviere Willette says yes when asked that Yoko did not know.
 - iii. Deviere Willette says no when asked if he told the detective that Devyn and him were intimate. [5:21:00]
 - 1) He says yes when asked if he lied
 - Credibility of previous testimonies regarding marriage with Devyn Michaels aka Nikki -
 - iv. Deviere Willette says yes when asked that his father was moving him out of the house.
 - v. Deviere Willette testifies to the detectives informing that he is good and not to worry.
 - vi. Deviere Willette grand testimony was read out where he says that the first year of the 3 years the relationship got intimate and kept being intimate until the death of his father. [5:43:10-5:45:50]
 - vii. Deviere Willette testifies that he took pictures of the security systems because he would need to send it in to his superiors to prove he got the job done. [5:50:00]
 - 1) He says not 2x4s it was just dry when asked that he would need a saw and electric power tools to cut through drywalls.
 - 2) He testifies to not owning power tools like a saw or mechanical saw.
 - viii. Deviere Willette testifies that he does drink and agrees that drinking can impair, and affect decisions but denies that he resented his father's drinking side.
- c. Redirect exam conducted by John Giordani
 - i. Deviere Willette testifies he wasn't aware of what was going on or knew Nikki was a suspect, he just didn't want people to know they were married.
- d. Recross exam conducted by Robert Draskovich
 - i. Deviere Willette testifies that he had seen a youtube video of the trial. [6:06:05]
- e. Rerredirect exam conducted by John
 - i. Deviere Willette testifies that he watched the video of the custody case months ago and not of the opening statements or anything pertaining to the trial.
- f. Rerecross exam conducted by Robert Draskovich
 - i. Nothing of note.
- g. Rererredirect exam conducted by John Giordani
 - i. Nothing of note

- h. Rererecross exam conducted by Robert Draskovich
 - i. Deviere Willette says yes when asked if that's the first time he has testified to being married with Devyn Michaels.

Established in this testimony

- Devyn and Johnathon were still married when Deviere and Devyn began their sexual relationship at the age of 19.
- Johnathon Willette had hurt his back whilst moving things to the garage and Deviere closed the garage door.
- Deviere was drinking heavily around the time of the murder.
- Devyn Michaels contacting him from the detention centre over the phone and saying that the police has nothing on her or him and they showed her a picture of a bottle of cleaning detergent and they have one at Deviere's house [Yoko's residence].
- Deviere had so many pictures of cameras on his phone because he had to submit his work to his bosses as proof the job was completed.

Witness Function

- Establishes motive for the defendant to lie.
- Creates doubt in defence theory in opening statements that Devyn Michaels was covering for him.

Court adjourned for the day!

[Timestamps from the Law & Crime Trials channel, see sources]