

1 THE COURT: Raise your right hand, sir.

2 (Witness sworn.)

3 W I L L I A M T A Y L O R,

4 called herein on behalf of the State, after having
5 been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
6 as follows:

7 THE COURT: Please take the stand, sir.

8 MR. SZIGETVARI: May I proceed, your Honor?

9 THE COURT: Please, Mr. Szigetvari.

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. SZIGETVARI:

12 Q Sir, what is your name?

13 A William Taylor.

14 Q And your last name is spelled T-a-y-l-o-r?

15 A Yes, it is.

16 Q Sir, how old are you?

17 A 40.

18 Q And are you -- do you work, sir?

19 A Yes, I do.

20 Q And for whom do you work?

21 A Help Mate Incorporated.

22 Q And what kind of business is that?

23 A Temporary agency.

24 Q And how long have you worked for Help Mate?

1 A Two years.

2 Q And when was the last time you worked for
3 then in a capacity where they sent you out to a job?

4 A July.

5 Q Okay. Now, sir, drawing your attention to
6 August 15, 1982, were you in the vicinity of
7 Washington Park?

8 A Yes, I was.

9 Q In fact, you were in Washington Park itself
10 on that day, is that correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q At about 1:00 a.m. on the 15th of August,
13 1982, where within Washington Park were you?

14 A The swimming pools.

15 Q And had you gone there alone or were you
16 with someone else?

17 A I was with a friend.

18 Q Okay. What was his name?

19 A Henry Williams.

20 Q Incidentally, sir, is Washington Park in Cook
21 County, Illinois?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And what was the purpose of your going to
24 Washington Park?

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1 A For a swim in the pools.

2 Q Okay. And did you, in fact, enter the pool
3 area?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And how did you do that?

6 A Climbed over a fence.

7 Q And is that also how Mr. Henry Williams
8 gained entry?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Now, once in the pool area, sir, did the
11 two of you go for a swim?

12 A I did.

13 MR. GURSEL: Judge, at this time I have an
14 objection. I suggest leading. I allowed the State
15 to establish the basic perimeters but it's not the
16 witnesses' location. He is placing himself there.

17 THE COURT: Don't lead. Proceed.

18 MR. SZIGETVARI: Fine, Judge.

19 MR. GURSEL: Thank you.

20 BY MR. SZIGETVARI:

21 Q Do you know whether or not your companion
22 went for a swim at this time?

23 A No.

24 Q Okay. Now, sir, after you went for a swim,

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1 did you come out of the water?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. And when you came out, where did you
4 go?

5 A Towards the wall where my clothes were.

6 Q Okay. And where, sir, were your clothes
7 situated with respect to the bleachers or the
8 spectator area by the pool?

9 A Along the wall.

10 Q Okay. Along the wall. Which wall is that
11 now? Is this the wall that separates the pool area
12 from the bleachers?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Or another wall?

15 A No, the one that separates the pool from the
16 bleachers.

17 Q And what did you do once you reached the
18 point where your clothing was?

19 A I grabbed a towel and I was drying myself
20 off.

21 Q Okay. And did you have occasion to look
22 around the area at that point?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And could you see anyone?

1 out and describe what he is wearing?

2 A Right over there in the burgundy suit.

3 MR. SZIGETVARI: Indicating for the record the
4 defendant Anthony Porter, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: So indicated for the record.

6 BY MR. SZIGETVARI:

7 Q Now, when you first saw Porter where was he
8 situated in relationship to the man who was shot?

9 A I beg your pardon?

10 Q Where was Porter when you first saw him in
11 relationship to the man who got shot?

12 A He was standing over the man.

13 Q Would you please show -- stand up and
14 demonstrate how his arms were when you first saw
15 Porter.

16 MR. GURSEL: Judge, I have a continuing
17 objection as to the suggestiveness and leading. He
18 is telling this witness what to do and say. He has
19 a right to ask the witness a question to my
20 understanding and allow the witness to stand.

21 THE COURT: Make your objections. If you think
22 that lies as to each question, overruled as to this
23 question. Proceed.

24 MR. SZIGETVARI: Fine, Judge.

1 BY MR. SZIGETVARI:

2 Q All right. Mr. Taylor, --

3 A Yes.

4 Q (Continuing) -- when you first saw Porter
5 by this man who got shot, how close was Porter to
6 this man in terms of feet?

7 A Less than two.

8 Q Okay. And would you describe how his arms
9 appeared to you at the time of the shooting?

10 A One was extended out.

11 Q Okay. Now, which arm of the defendant
12 Porter was extended out?

13 A The left.

14 Q Okay. And did you see anything in his left
15 arm when it was extended?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What was that?

18 A A gun.

19 Q All right. And did you hear anything after
20 you observed his arm extended with the gun in it?

21 A Yes.

22 Q What did you hear?

23 A A shot.

24 Q Okay. And after you heard that shot, did

1 you see what happened to the man from whom Porter
2 was two feet away?

3 A He fell back.

4 Q Okay. Now, what is the next thing that you
5 saw?

6 A I saw another shot.

7 Q Okay. And, now, did you see -- did you see
8 what Porter was -- what was the defendant doing
9 when you saw another shot?

10 A The man was on his back.

11 Q Now, which man was on his back?

12 A I mean -- I beg --

13 Q Which man was on his back?

14 A The victim.

15 Q Okay. Now, did you see what Porter was
16 doing after the first shot was fired?

17 A There was another shot.

18 Q Okay. And how would you characterize his
19 stance or his appearance, his stance or appearance?

20 A The left arm was extended down.

21 Q Which way was it pointed?

22 A Down towards the victim.

23 Q Okay. And then did you hear anything at
24 this point?

1 A Another shot.

2 Q Okay. All right. Now, what happened after
3 you heard the second shot?

4 A I saw the defendant run down the bleachers
5 and out the gate.

6 Q Okay. Now, in relationship to where you
7 were standing, in which direction was the defendant
8 running? Was he running towards or away from you?

9 A Towards me.

10 Q Okay. And how close did he run to you when
11 he was on his way out of the bleachers?

12 A About three feet.

13 MR. GURSEL: Judge, objection. He never said
14 the man was --

15 THE COURT: Your objection is what?

16 MR. GURSEL: I will withdraw it, Judge. I will
17 straighten it out on my cross-examination.

18 THE COURT: Fine. I'm sorry. I don't think
19 the witness completed his answer or did you? What
20 were you saying, sir? You want to repeat what you
21 were saying?

22 Read it back.

23 (Whereupon, the court
24 reporter read back the
answer.)

1 THE COURT: Go ahead.

2 BY MR. SZIGETVARI:

3 Q Now, this three feet, the distance he ran,
4 is the distance from him to you when he was going
5 out?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And were you able to see the defendant's
8 face when he was running by you?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Now, did you see the defendant's arms as
11 he was running by you?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And was there anything that you saw in
14 either of his hands?

15 A Yes.

16 Q What was that?

17 A A gun.

18 Q And could you tell whether or not that gun
19 was an automatic or a revolver?

20 A It was a revolver.

21 Q Okay. And did you see in which -- in which
22 compass direction the defendant ran?

23 A South.

24 Q Now, incidently, sir, had you known the

1 defendant Porter -- had you seen the defendant
2 Porter prior to this date?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And over what period of time in terms of
5 months or years had you seen the defendant?

6 A Two, approximately three years.

7 Q Okay. And over that two or three year span,
8 how often would you see the defendant?

9 A Probably once or twice, maybe once a month
10 or so.

11 Q Once or twice a month?

12 A Or so.

13 Q Or so.

14 And where was it that you would see the
15 defendant?

16 A On Garfield Boulevard.

17 Q Did you -- you didn't, in fact, know the
18 defendant intimately as a friend, did you, or did
19 you not?

20 A No.

21 Q Now, would you describe the lighting
22 conditions that existed in that pool area on the
23 early -- in the early morning hours of the shooting?

24 A It was floodlit.

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Q I'm sorry?

A Floodlit.

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Q Would you describe the source of the floodlights?

A There are two twin towers about, I guess, 30 feet in height, 10 banks on each tower, 10 banks of lights.

Q Ten lights on each tower?

A Yes.

Q These are -- are these the type of lights that you see at baseball and football games at night?

A Yes.

Q Would you describe the type of visibility that you had in this area?

A You can see inside the pools, the poolhouse, and who was sitting in the bleachers.

Q Incidentally, when you saw the defendant Porter with his upraised arm in the bleachers, what part of the bleachers was he in?

A The top row.

Q And as far as -- withdraw that.

1 Did these bleachers run in a north and
2 south direction?

3 A Yes, they did.

4 Q Okay. Was this in the top north or top
5 southern part of the bleachers?

6 A Top north.

7 Q Now, sir, after the defendant Porter ran out
8 of the bleacher section, what did you do?

9 A I put on my clothes. I climbed the fence.
10 I went around up into the bleachers and I looked
11 down and saw the victim lying there.

12 MR. SZIGETVARI: Okay. For the record, your
13 Honor, People's Exhibits 1 and 2 are in my hand. I
14 showed counsel these exhibits prior to trial and we
15 are showing them to him again.

16 THE COURT: Okay. What purports to be
17 photograph Exhibits 1 and 2 for identification or
18 now being tendered to defense counsel. He is
19 examining same for the record.

20 MR. GURSEL: Fine, Judge.

21 THE COURT: You may now approach the witness
22 with those exhibits.

23 MR. SZIGETVARI: Thank you, Judge.

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