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Direct

Taylor Hudson

Sona Jain (Prosecution Attorney)

Your honor, the prosecution would like to call Taylor Hudson to the stand.

Ms. Hudson. Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Taylor Hudson. H.U.D.S.O.N

May I proceed, your honor?

Thank you.

Ms. Hudson, good evening.

Good evening.

Ms. Hudson, what is your current occupation?

I am a Hollyville Coffee Shop server.

And to what extent, if any, do you know the defendant Mr. Jordan Bratton?

I know him. He'd come into the shop now and then.

And to what extent, if any, did you know the deceased, Mr. Preston Palmer?

I knew him too. Like Mr. Bratton, he would also come into the shop now and then.

On the night of April 12, the night before the murder in question, to what extent if any do you recall Mr. Bratton having come into the shop?

I remember it real well.

Good. Then please. Go ahead, tell us what you remember, as it relates to Mr. Bratton, on the night before the murder in question beginning at the point in time when Mr. Bratton first came into the shop

Well, for starters, I remember Bratton coming into the shop at 5:25 PM. That's about a half hour before Mr. Palmer usually gets there.

And what do you recall Mr. Bratton doing once in the shop?

Well, he didn't order a drink, but instead I remember him oddly looking around the place, inspecting the layout of the shop is how I would describe it.

And then what did he do?

He snapped at me. It was weird. You see, after he had finished looking around, I went up to him and asked him if I could help him with anything and to that he said: When I want something, I'll order it."

Then what happened?

Then Mr. Bratton came to the register, bought a bottle of water, stormed out, and got into a maroon 4 door Buick Century, where he sat for roughly 45 minutes until 6:15. He then drove off.

Notice anything either unusual or interesting about that maroon 4 door Buick Century?

Sure did. On the back window, there was this sticker of a joker card.

What about the next night, the night of the murder? Mr. Bratton come into the shop that night?

No. Not into the shop. But the same car that Mr. Bratton had been driving the night before, the one with the joker sticker on the back window, it did come into the parking lot of the shop at about 8:45. No one ever came out of the car, though. The driver just sat there until 9:15 and then took off.

What about Mr. Palmer? He come into the shop the night of the murder?

Yes he did. He came in at 6:00 PM, as he usually does.

And at what time did he leave?

He left at 9:15.

Before or after the car with the sticker sticker in the back window?

Mr. Palmer left just before the car with the joker sticker in the back window. In other words, the maroon 4 door Buick Century, the car with the joker sticker in the back window, it stayed in the shop's parking lot until Mr. Palmer's lime-green Beatle pulled out of the parking lot.

Thank you Ms. Hudson