

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case Number: 21-01099CFANO

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CORNELIUS TREVON WHITFIELD,
Defendant.

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EXHIBITS

(No exhibits were marked for identification.)

1 WHEREUPON,

2 LAQUANDA GREEN

3 (the deponent herein, being first duly sworn, was examined
4 and testified as follows:)

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. SEIFER-SMITH:

7 Q. Can you please state your name for the record?

8 A. Laquanda Green.

9 Q. We're here in the matter of State of Florida
10 versus Cornelius Whitfield. Our case number is 2101099CF.
11 My name is Julia Seifer-Smith. Together with Margaret
12 Russell and Lamark McGreen, we represent Mr. Whitfield in
13 this matter.

14 We had a short conversation off the record
15 before you were sworn in. This is just a conversation
16 about some things that happened at this point more than
17 five years ago. So what is really important is for you to
18 answer everything out loud on the record so that Tammy can
19 take it down. So if I ask you a question and you just
20 don't remember because so much time has passed but it's an
21 honest answer to say I don't remember, then that's what
22 your answer is.

23 Likewise, if I ask you a question and you don't
24 know the answer to it, I want you to tell me out loud I
25 don't know. Okay? Then I might ask you why you think you

1 don't know, but that's our starting point. You just need
2 to make sure that you answer out loud. Uh-huh, huh-uh,
3 shakes of the head, they just don't make it into the
4 record, and it becomes not very clear. Does that make
5 sense?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So, Ms. Green, can you just verify for me what
8 your date of birth is, please?

9 A. June 21, 1988.

10 Q. Okay. And I'm going to ask you a question that
11 I ask all civilians that come into my office. It's not
12 intended to embarrass you or anything like that. I just
13 want to make sure for conflict purposes. Have you ever
14 been arrested before?

15 A. I have not.

16 Q. So no conflict. You've never been represented
17 by the public defender's office.

18 Do you happen to remember what your phone number
19 was back in 2021?

20 A. 727-218-9206.

21 Q. Is it still the same phone number?

22 A. It is.

23 Q. Okay. That's why you remember it I guess. And
24 my understanding is that you are the wife of Deronrick
25 Green. Is that right?

1 A. That is correct.

2 Q. How long have you known him?

3 A. All my life.

4 Q. Oh, wow. That's very romantic. And when did
5 you all get married?

6 A. 2018.

7 Q. Do you have kids together?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How many?

10 A. Two.

11 Q. And how old are they?

12 A. Six and two.

13 Q. Okay. I don't need to get into their names or
14 anything else about them. And my understanding is that
15 right now, Deronrick is actually facing some charges of
16 his own. Is that right?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. And are you -- you're still married to him. Is
19 that right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And do you still maintain contact with him?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you know anything about the charges that he
24 is facing?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Okay. So you don't know what he's charged with,
2 what he's facing in terms of consequences?

3 A. No. I mean, we went to court yesterday, but I
4 don't know, like, what the sentencing guidelines or
5 whatever that is. I don't know what his charges are. I
6 guess it's a little different with the federal system than
7 it is state.

8 Q. And he's charged in the federal system. Is that
9 right?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. I'm sorry, that must be very stressful for you
12 and your family.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you know what happened yesterday in court?
15 Did he change his plea from a plea of not guilty to guilty
16 and set off sentencing? Is that something that was done?

17 A. I believe he pled guilty.

18 Q. But he has not been sentenced. Is that right?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. And was there anything said about, like, his
21 involvement in this case --

22 A. No.

23 Q. -- when they were talking?

24 A. Not while I was present. I was a little late.

25 Q. I understand. So you've known Deronrick all

1 your life. Have you known Rodney Green, his brother all
2 of Rodney's life?

3 A. Yes. Well, not all his life, but yeah. I've
4 been with him -- I've been with Deronrick for twelve
5 years, so the course of twelve years.

6 Q. Okay. So quite a while.

7 A. Right.

8 Q. And do you know somebody by the name of Darren
9 Barnes?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Can you tell me who that was?

12 A. That was my husband's best friend.

13 Q. Okay. So does that mean that you like -- you
14 knew him coming around the house? You knew him for those
15 twelve years you'd been together?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And do you know the name Brittney Barnes?

18 A. No.

19 Q. How about Selena Troupe?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Richard Hammonds?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Cornelius Whitfield?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. Can you tell me how you know Cornelius

1 whitfield?

2 A. He was a friend of my husband.

3 Q. When do you first recall first meeting
4 Cornelius?

5 A. I'm not sure of the exact year, but -- I don't
6 know because he was in jail a lot. So maybe about eight
7 years ago.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Maybe a little longer.

10 Q. Did your husband ever talk about Cornelius?

11 A. Not really, because he wasn't really around
12 much. He was in prison.

13 Q. Did you hear any stories from Deronrick about
14 Cornelius?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you know him by another name, like a
17 nickname?

18 A. Cornbread.

19 Q. Okay. And was he ever referred to as anything
20 but Cornbread?

21 A. Yeah, that was it.

22 Q. But you know Cornbread to be Cornelius
23 whitfield?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Is that something you learned in the course of

1 the investigation in this case, like with the police?

2 A. No, prior to.

3 Q. And when you initially met Cornelius or
4 Cornbread, what were your impressions of him, if you
5 remember what that was like?

6 A. I don't remember.

7 Q. Okay. Do you remember where it was that you
8 first met him?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Okay. And you mentioned a couple of moments ago
11 you thought it was about eight years ago, so certainly a
12 few years before all of this happened?

13 A. Yeah. It may have been longer.

14 Q. And did you know anything about him besides that
15 he was in and out of jail?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you know anything about his family?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. And did you feel any particular kind of
20 way about him when you were around him?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Were you familiar with an apartment 113 at
23 Emerald Pointe, which is 175 73rd Avenue South?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Do you know what your husband was doing for

1 money in 2020, 2021?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you just like not ask him any questions?

4 A. I did not. I have a job. He does whatever he
5 does. It's not my business.

6 Q. And what kind of job were you working?

7 A. I work from home for medical billing.

8 Q. Okay. Is that something you've been doing
9 steadily since 2020, or is that a new job?

10 A. No. It was steady.

11 Q. Okay. So it sounds like that's been pretty
12 consistent for you, like work from home, available to your
13 kids?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. In terms of the hours that Deronrick was
16 keeping, was he home every night?

17 A. Yes. He came home every night.

18 Q. Was he consistent about the time that he would
19 come home?

20 A. No.

21 Q. So it sounds like if he was inconsistent,
22 sometimes he would be home earlier than other times. Is
23 that fair?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Was he ever out all night?

1 A. I guess, maybe. I don't know.

2 Q. That's fine. I know this is a long time ago.

3 Did you have dogs?

4 A. I have, yes, one dog.

5 Q. And when did you get that dog?

6 A. Probably 2019.

7 Q. What kind of dog?

8 A. A Yorkie Terrier.

9 Q. So teeny-tiny.

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. What's its name?

12 A. Oreo.

13 Q. Excellent name for a dog. Did your husband ever
14 come home with any dogs?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. Can you tell me the circumstances of
17 that?

18 A. He just brought a dog.

19 Q. And when he brought a dog home, did the dog like
20 stay with you or --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did it become like the family dog or not so
23 much?

24 A. Not so much. I mean, we had the dog for a few
25 months, and then it was stolen.

1 Q. Oh, I'm sorry. That's awful.

2 A. Not Oreo. It was another dog.

3 Q. Yeah, I figured. Do you remember what kind of
4 dog that was?

5 A. I believe it was a pitbull. I'm not sure.

6 Q. And do you remember when he came home with the
7 dog?

8 A. I don't. I know maybe 20 -- 2023 maybe. I was
9 pregnant.

10 Q. So not the same time as all this with Darren?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Was that the first time that he had come home
13 with the dog?

14 A. Yes, outside of Oreo.

15 Q. Oh, so he brought Oreo to you?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What a nice gift.

18 A. Right.

19 Q. And do you remember where -- if you knew where
20 that dog came from?

21 A. I did not.

22 Q. Do you remember what color it was by any chance?

23 A. Brown.

24 Q. Do you remember the night of like February 1st
25 into February 2nd, 2021? That's when this all happened

1 with Darren.

2 A. I was home asleep.

3 Q. Okay. And so your six-year-old would have been
4 an infant?

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. And two-year-old not yet born?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. So it was just you and your now six-year-old at
9 home. Is that right?

10 A. No, my niece was there as well.

11 Q. How old is your niece?

12 A. She's seventeen now.

13 Q. So about five years ago, she was like less than
14 twelve years old maybe?

15 A. Uh-huh. Yes.

16 Q. And where were you living at the time?

17 A. 5391 86th Avenue North.

18 Q. So just the three of you home. Is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you remember what you were doing that day,
21 like before you went to sleep?

22 A. No clue.

23 Q. Okay. Do you remember if Deronrick told you
24 anything about when to expect him home or what he was
25 going to be up to?

1 A. No. We never discussed what time he comes home.

2 Q. And at that time, did both of you have cars, you
3 and Deronrick?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you remember what kind of car you had?

6 A. I had a Nissan Murano, 2011.

7 Q. And do you remember what kind of car he was
8 driving?

9 A. I'm not sure if he had his Lincoln then. It was
10 a Lincoln MKZ I believe, but I'm not sure.

11 Q. A silver one?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. I saw on some paperwork that you were the
14 registered owner of a Lincoln. Is that the one?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. It also listed Rodney Green as being, I
17 guess, the emergency contact for that vehicle. Does that
18 seem right?

19 A. No.

20 Q. You hadn't registered a car in your name for
21 Rodney?

22 A. No, never.

23 Q. But you were the registered owner of the Murano
24 and Lincoln. Is that right?

25 A. That is correct.

1 Q. Any other cars that you were registered to?

2 A. Not at that time, no. Wait. No, we only had
3 two cars at the time.

4 Q. That makes sense. It's just two adults. So did
5 you have your car with you at home, the Murano?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. And your assumption would have been that
8 Deronrick had the Lincoln or another car?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. Do you know if he was driving something else
11 around that time?

12 A. No, he -- no.

13 Q. It would have been the Lincoln?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. And do you know what time you went to sleep?

16 A. I'm not sure. I don't remember.

17 Q. Okay. Do you know if you had gone to sleep and
18 then were awoken at some time like by a call or by
19 something else?

20 A. Yes, my husband called me.

21 Q. Do you know what time it was he called you?

22 A. I'm not sure. I want to say maybe after twelve.
23 It was pretty late.

24 Q. Did he call you on the phone number you gave to
25 us a few minutes ago?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. How did he sound when he called you?

3 A. Distraught.

4 Q. Do you remember what he said?

5 A. He said that Cornbread shot Rodney, which is his
6 brother -- we just call him Rod -- and shot D, which is
7 Darren Barnes.

8 Q. So "D" is like a shorthand name for Darren?
9 That's what he called Darren?

10 A. Yes. They both are called D.

11 Q. That's confusing.

12 A. Very.

13 Q. And you said he sounded distraught. What makes
14 you say that?

15 A. He was crying.

16 Q. And you could tell that over the phone?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you remember him saying anything else?

19 A. No. He just -- I just asked him where he was,
20 and he told me where he was going. He was driving. He
21 told me where he was going, and I met him there.

22 Q. Okay. So where did he say that he was when he
23 called you?

24 A. He was driving I want to say from Tampa, I
25 believe. I'm not one hundred percent sure.

1 Q. Did he say anything about where he was on the
2 way from Tampa?

3 A. No. I didn't ask either.

4 Q. And you said he told you where he was going?

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. Did he give you an address or a place?

7 A. He told me the name of the apartments.

8 Q. Do you remember what that was?

9 A. I want to say they were called Enclave, if I
10 remember correctly.

11 Q. Does that mean you had to look it up in terms of
12 how to get there?

13 A. Well, I know where it was.

14 Q. Oh, okay. So when he told you where he was
15 going, did you ask him why he was doing that?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you assume why he was going to that place?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. What was your assumption?

20 A. He was going to see about his brother and his
21 best friend.

22 Q. Did he tell you how he knew that Cornbread had
23 shot --

24 A. He told me that Rodney called him.

25 Q. Did he describe anything about that call, the

1 call that he had received from Rodney?

2 A. We didn't discuss that.

3 Q. Okay. And did he say anything about when he had
4 received that call?

5 A. I didn't ask.

6 Q. Did he say anything to you about calling the
7 police or emergency services?

8 A. I believe he did. Well, honestly, I take that
9 back. I'm not sure. I know that I was on the phone with
10 him when he arrived to the apartments, and the ambulance
11 and everything was there, and he was trying to direct them
12 to the correct place to go.

13 Q. Okay. About how long do you think you were on
14 the phone with him?

15 A. Maybe five minutes.

16 Q. Okay. And you said he sounded very upset. Were
17 you trying to keep him focused during the call?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So were you talking about what happened, or were
20 you just trying to keep him busy on the phone?

21 A. Just kind of talking about what happened and
22 then just trying to calm him down as well.

23 Q. Okay. Did he say anything else to you about
24 cornbread, about anything that evening that he'd noticed?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Did he give you any other information about
2 either what had happened or what he saw, what he assumed,
3 what he heard?

4 A. No. I kind of pulled in a little bit after him.
5 He walked up to the scene, but I wasn't able to be up
6 there with him. So that was pretty much the end of the
7 conversation.

8 Q. Okay. So while you were on the phone with him,
9 it sounds like you were getting ready to drive over to the
10 apartments?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And you said you were still on the phone with
13 him when he arrived at the apartment complex?

14 A. That is correct.

15 Q. How did you know that? Did he say something
16 like I've gotten here?

17 A. No. He was talking to the ambulance.

18 Q. Oh, okay. So you could hear that?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Do you remember what you heard him say to those
21 folks?

22 A. He was just trying to direct them to where to
23 go. Just telling them his brother was shot, please hurry
24 up.

25 Q. Okay. And was there a certain point when the

1 call that you had with Deronrick ended?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Was it before you got there?

4 A. I think maybe -- I got there literally maybe a
5 few minutes after him, a few seconds. He wasn't there
6 long before I arrived.

7 Q. How do you know that?

8 A. Because I was on the phone with him.

9 Q. Okay. And when you got there, what did you see?
10 what was the first thing that you saw?

11 A. Just a lot of police, ambulance. There was an
12 ambulance pulling out as I was pulling in. That's pretty
13 much it. They were taping things off, but my husband was
14 up by the scene.

15 Q. Did you see Rodney at all while you were there?

16 A. I did not.

17 Q. So probably safe to assume that he left in the
18 ambulance?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. And when you got there, I'm assuming you had to
21 park your car somewhere. Is that right?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Were you directed to park somewhere specific?

24 A. No.

25 Q. So you just found a spot?

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. Did you see your husband before you got out of
3 the car?

4 A. No.

5 Q. So you had to go look for him?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Where did you find him?

8 A. At the apartment.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Well, at the scene. He was standing outside of
11 the apartment.

12 Q. Okay. And how did you know that it was the
13 scene? Was it already taped off?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So you said earlier, I think, that you had never
16 been there before. Is that right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. So this was your first time?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. You were just generally kind of familiar with
21 where this apartment complex was?

22 A. That is correct.

23 Q. And when you saw Deronrick, were you able to go
24 and be with him and speak to him?

25 A. I was not.

1 Q. Were you prevented by police officers?

2 A. Yes. I wasn't able to go up to where he was.

3 Q. How did he look when you saw him?

4 A. He was crying.

5 Q. Okay. Were there any officers around him?

6 A. I can't remember.

7 Q. Okay. Was there an officer that specifically
8 told you that you can't be with your husband?

9 A. It was a few officers that told me that I
10 couldn't approach.

11 Q. Okay. And so what did you do at that point?

12 A. I just stood there.

13 Q. Did Deronrick know that you were there?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. He could see you?

16 A. Yeah. I called his phone.

17 Q. And what happened next?

18 A. Eventually, he came from up there, and we were
19 together just at the scene.

20 Q. Were you able to talk to him then?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. What did you talk about?

23 A. Nothing really. I was just telling him I'm
24 sorry for, you know, what was happening and that I loved
25 him. Just trying to keep him calm.

1 Q. Did he say anything about what had happened that
2 night?

3 A. I didn't ask.

4 Q. But did he volunteer anything?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did he say anything at all that you remember, or
7 was he mostly silent?

8 A. He was mostly silent, crying.

9 Q. And then I think it was pretty cold out?

10 A. It was freezing, yeah.

11 Q. I think you guys were allowed to go to your cars
12 to sit and stay warm?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Were you separated in the cars?

15 A. We were.

16 Q. Were you in touch with anybody during that time?

17 A. I called my mom.

18 Q. Your baby, did you leave that with your niece?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So did you call your mom to maybe go check on
21 the kids? Is that what that was about?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Because I think probably at that point you
24 realized it was going to be a long night?

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Did the police talk to you at all while you were
2 still, like, waiting there at the apartments?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Okay. At a certain point in time, did they have
5 you brought to the station?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Do you remember about what time that was?

8 A. I have no idea.

9 Q. But just some time later?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Still, I guess, early in the morning?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you remember the conversation that you had
14 with the detectives?

15 A. A little.

16 Q. Okay. Can you just tell me what you remember of
17 it?

18 A. They just asked me how did I know where to go,
19 like why was I there basically, and I explained that my
20 husband called me.

21 Q. Okay. Do you remember talking to them at all
22 about anything else?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Okay. Do you know if the conversation with the
25 detectives was recorded in any way? Did you see an audio

1 recording device on the table or see a video camera?

2 A. I don't remember.

3 Q. And you don't remember them telling you whether
4 or not it was recorded?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Do you -- did you speak with them at all about
7 Cornelius or Cornbread?

8 A. I don't remember.

9 Q. Okay. Had you seen -- I know you told me that
10 you think you met Cornelius about eight or so years ago,
11 so well before this incident?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. Had you seen him closer in time to Darren's
14 death?

15 A. I don't believe so.

16 Q. Did Deronrick ever mention anything to you about
17 seeing Cornbread like anywhere between November and
18 February when Darren passed?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay. And it sounds like now you don't really
21 have any particular impressions of Cornbread. Is that
22 right? You don't really remember meeting him or speaking
23 with him?

24 A. When?

25 Q. Like, ever.

1 A. I mean, I've met him and spoke with him before,
2 but it's -- it was just my husband's friend.

3 Q. So no particular impressions of him?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Any kind of odd or bizarre behavior that you
6 noted?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And it sounds like that was quite some time ago.
9 It wasn't close in time to February 2021?

10 A. That is correct.

11 Q. Okay. Do you remember if the police ever showed
12 you any photographs purporting to be Cornelius?

13 A. I can't remember.

14 Q. Okay. But you had met him a number of times
15 before, so you knew what he looked like?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Did you know him when you guys were kids?

18 A. Vaguely. We went to elementary school together.
19 we all did. But outside of that, as an adult, no.

20 Q. So it sounds like you would have known him for a
21 very long time?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Did you go and see Rodney when he was in the
24 hospital at all?

25 A. I did.

1 Q. were you able to speak with him?

2 A. He was not able to speak.

3 Q. Do you remember how long he was in the hospital?

4 A. I don't remember.

5 Q. And was he not able to speak just because of
6 physically his injuries or because of medication, if you
7 know?

8 A. Both.

9 Q. Did he try to speak with you all?

10 A. He was trying to say something to my husband,
11 but he was unable to speak.

12 Q. Okay. Was he ever writing any kind of notes
13 down for people?

14 A. Not when I was there.

15 Q. Did Deronrick ever say anything about Rodney
16 writing notes or trying to communicate that way?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What did he say?

19 A. I don't remember what was said, but I know he
20 was concerned about my husband.

21 Q. Rod was concerned about Deronrick?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. That's really awful. It sounds like they were
24 very close.

25 A. They are.

1 Q. Did you ever speak with Deronrick about what
2 happened, like after that night?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. Can you tell me about those
5 conversations?

6 A. He wasn't there either, so I don't -- he just
7 was kind of going off of what Rod had said.

8 Q. Well, what did he say?

9 A. He was just saying that Rod told him that
10 Cornbread shot D first, I believe, and then shot him. I
11 guess he was looking for money or something.

12 Q. Was it your impression that Deronrick heard that
13 directly from Rodney?

14 A. That is correct.

15 Q. Do you know about when it was that Deronrick
16 told you this?

17 A. I don't remember.

18 Q. Okay. Do you know if it would have been shortly
19 after Rodney was released from the hospital or closer to
20 now?

21 A. It was maybe shortly after because not now.

22 Q. And do you know if -- it sounds like they did,
23 but do you know if Deronrick and Rodney talked about what
24 happened?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. Do you know if they spoke about what
2 happened like often, like a lot or if it was just like
3 confined to that short period of time after the shooting?

4 A. I'm not -- I don't know. I wasn't present
5 during the conversations.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. And I didn't really want to keep pushing my
8 husband about that situation because it really affected
9 him.

10 Q. How did it affect him?

11 A. His best friend died. His brother was shot. He
12 was very depressed. He was very hurt.

13 Q. Did he do anything? Did he seek any help for
14 the depression?

15 A. He was taking medication. He does take
16 medication, yes.

17 Q. Was he taking medication prior to this incident?

18 A. I don't remember. I want to say yes, but I'm
19 not one hundred percent sure.

20 Q. Do you know what kind of medication it would
21 have been that he was taking prior, if he was?

22 A. It would be for -- I think he's bipolar,
23 schizophrenic. He has PSD [sic] and something else. I
24 can't remember what it is. Yeah.

25 Q. Do you happen to remember the names of the

1 medications he was taking?

2 A. No.

3 Q. So he would have seen a psychiatrist at some
4 point --

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. -- for a prescription?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And do you know, was he regular about taking his
9 medication?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. When he was taking it, did he carry it with him,
12 or did he leave the medication at home?

13 A. I'm not sure.

14 Q. Okay. That was just something that was like his
15 personal business?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Did you ever talk to Rodney about what happened?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Do you know -- have Rodney and Deronrick stayed
20 in touch since Deronrick was arrested?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Like, stayed in touch over the phone or other
23 means?

24 A. I'll call Rodney from time to time for my
25 husband, but they don't talk a lot.

1 Q. Do you know, now that there are tablets and
2 everything at the jail, do you know if they stay in touch
3 by text messages or e-mails?

4 A. I don't know.

5 Q. And do you know anything about the conversations
6 that they've had? Basically, my question is whether or
7 not they've spoken about this particular case.

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. Okay. Do you know anything about the shooting
10 of which Cornelius is accused on February 16th regarding
11 his family?

12 A. I know about it.

13 Q. How did you hear about it?

14 A. The news.

15 Q. Okay. Did you happen to be with Deronrick when
16 you saw the news?

17 A. I was with Deronrick. We went to the scene.

18 Q. Okay. Was Rodney with you too, if you know?

19 A. I want to say Rodney was there, but he wasn't
20 with us.

21 Q. Tell me what you saw, what you heard.

22 A. At the scene?

23 Q. Yeah.

24 A. It was just roped off. We didn't go, like, up
25 to the scene. There was just a lot of people standing

1 around, spectating.

2 Q. Did anybody talk about what had happened?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Okay. What did you hear?

5 A. That he shot -- that Cornelius shot his mom,
6 grandmother, and uncle I believe.

7 Q. How did that make you feel?

8 A. I mean, I was sad for his family.

9 Q. Yeah. Did you know his family?

10 A. I did not.

11 Q. And do you know if Deronrick knew anybody in his
12 family?

13 A. I'm sure he did.

14 Q. Okay. Did he talk about that with you?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did he ever mention any kind of contact with
17 Cornelius' brother or sisters?

18 A. No. I had no idea he had siblings.

19 Q. Okay. What's your mother's name?

20 A. Brenda.

21 Q. Do you know if she ever had any contact with the
22 police when this investigation was happening?

23 A. I don't believe so.

24 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: Okay. I don't know that I
25 have more questions at this point. Ms. Russell or

1 Mr. McGreen?

2 MR. MCGREEN: None for me.

3 EXAMINATION

4 BY MS. RUSSELL

5 Q. I just have one question, Ms. Green. Have you
6 had any contact or heard anything about Cornelius
7 whitfield since that time to the present?

8 A. No. I don't care to know anything about him.

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY MS. SEIFER-SMITH:

11 Q. Do you have any particular feelings one way or
12 the other about this case?

13 A. I do want justice for my brother-in-law and my
14 husband's best friend and also his family because that was
15 very unfortunate.

16 Q. Did you know Darren's family?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you're still in touch with them?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Are you in touch with his mother at all?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Has she told you anything about what she wants
23 to have happen?

24 A. No. I don't ever want to bring that
25 conversation up to her.

1 Q. Of course. Our impression is she just very much
2 wants this to be over.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. She's exhausted.

5 A. Yeah.

6 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: I don't think I have any
7 further questions. How about you, Theo?

8 MR. TAKTIKOS-DANZIG: I don't.

9 BY MS. SEIFER-SMITH:

10 Q. Ms. Green, thank you so much for coming in
11 today. I'm going to close it out today with a few more
12 just kind of ground rules. Sorry about that. Have you
13 understood all the questions that we've asked you today?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Have you had an opportunity to answer everything
16 fully and completely?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Anything that you wish to add or change
19 regarding the testimony that you've given?

20 A. No.

21 Q. If something jogs your memory, like a
22 conversation with Rodney, with your husband, even if you
23 just run into a detective, something like that and you
24 feel like you need to let us know about it, please let
25 Theo know, or you have Crystal's number. You can let

1 Crystal know at my office.

2 what we're going to do is, we're going to
3 reserve your right to read. That means our conversation
4 is going to be taken down in black and white, and it's
5 going to be made available to you before you would give
6 any kind of testimony in court, which I don't know if the
7 State is going to call you or not. If you see any errors
8 in the transcription, you just need to let us know before
9 you give testimony so we can make sure they're corrected.

10 A. Okay.

11 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: Otherwise, that's it. We'll
12 conclude the deposition and reserve your right to read.

13 THE DEPONENT: Okay.

14 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: Thank you very much for
15 coming in.

16 (Deposition concludes at 10:14 a.m.)

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1 COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

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3 CERTIFICATE OF OATH

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5 I, the undersigned authority, certify that LAQUANDA
6 GREEN personally appeared before me and was duly sworn.

7 witness my hand and official seal this 28TH day of
8 February, 2026.

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I, Tamara M. Pacheco, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the Deposition of LAQUANDA GREEN; that a review of the transcript was requested; and that the transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

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