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DR. JERRY THOMAS FRANCISCO

The said witness, being first duly sworn, testified  
as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION  
BY MR. DWYER:

Q Will you state your name to this Court and Jury,  
please, sir?

A Jerry Thomas Francisco.

Q And your profession is what, sir?

A Physician.

Q Are you licensed to practice in the State of  
Tennessee, Dr. Francisco?

A Yes.

Q Dr. Francisco, I will ask you if you hold a position  
in our County government here?

A Yes.

Q And that position is what, sir?

A County Medical Examiner for Shelby County.

Q What field of medicine have you specialized in, Dr.  
Francisco?

A The field of pathology and forensic pathology.

Q Pathology is basically what, sir?

A Pathology in its simplest terms is defined as study  
of disease, that branch of medicine that concerns itself with

1 the causes of disease, the effects of disease upon the body,  
2 including trauma, injuries to the body.

3 Q Dr. Francisco, I will ask you if you were acting in  
4 that capacity as County Medical Examiner on April 4, 1963?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And I will ask you if around 8:47 P.M. on that date  
7 if you remember where you were, sir?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And will you tell us, please?

10 A In the medical examiner laboratories at the University  
11 of Tennessee.

12 Q I will ask you if at that time if you had an oc-  
13 casion to view a dead body?

14 A Yes.

15 Q I will show you a photograph that has been shown  
16 as an exhibit in this case and ask you if that is the body  
17 that you saw at that time at that location?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Dr. Francisco, I will ask you what if anything did  
20 you do in relation to that body?

21 A An autopsy was performed.

22 Q And an autopsy is what, sir?

23 A An autopsy is a scientific and systematic examination  
24 of the body after death in order to determine any wounds,

1 injuries, or diseases present on the body.

2 Q Will you tell us what your examination reflected,  
3 Dr. Francisco?

4 A The examination revealed a gunshot wound to the  
5 right side of the face, passing through the body into the  
6 neck, through the spinal cord at the base of the neck, with  
7 the bullet lodging beneath the skin near the shoulder blade  
8 on the left.

9 Q Cause of death was what, Dr. Francisco?

10 A A gunshot wound to the cervical and thoracic spinal  
11 cord.

12 Q In your medical opinion, how soon did death occur  
13 from that wound?

14 A Shortly after death, shortly after injury.

15 Q Did you recover anything from the body, Dr.  
16 Francisco?

17 A Yes.

18 Q I am going to show you an object and ask you if  
19 you can identify those, Dr. Francisco?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And what is that, please, sir?

22 A This is the bullet that was removed from the body  
23 at the time of the autopsy.

24 Q What, if anything, did you do with that bullet,

1 Dr. Francisco, that you recovered?

2 A This bullet was identified by number and delivered  
3 to representative of the police department.

4 Q Dr. Francisco, pursuant to the -- first, let me ask  
5 you, would you give me an angle or the gentlemen of the jury  
6 an angle of that wound, Doctor, say, on your own body, if  
7 you would, please, sir?

8 A The angle was from above downward, from right to  
9 left, passing through the chin, base of the neck, spinal  
10 cord into the back, an angle of something about like this  
11 on the body (indicating).

12 Q Pursuant to our instructions, Dr. Francisco, did  
13 you visit the scene, sir?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And did you make certain tests out there or observa-  
16 tions at the scene?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Dr. Francisco, I will ask you if you will step down  
19 please, sir, and come over to the mock-up, please?

20 (Thereupon, the witness complied  
21 with request.)

22 Q The tests, Dr. Francisco, were what, please, sir?

23 A The tests included going to the floor, going to  
24 the floor of the motel in this area and going to the room