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DR. JERRY THOMAS FRANCISCO

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

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5 DIRECT EXAMINATION
6 BY MR. DWYER:

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

9 A Jerry Thomas Francisco.

10 Q And your profession is what, sir?

11 A Physician.

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

14 A Yes.

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

17 A Yes.

18 Q And that position is what, sir?

19 A County Medical Examiner for Shelby County.

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

22 A The field of pathology and forensic pathology.

23 Q Pathology is basically what, sir?

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

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

1 over here, viewing from this point in the room to this lo-
2 cation on the motel balcony, and in viewing from back of
3 the room in this area adjacent to the motel (indicating).

4 Q In other words, then, Doctor, you were angling from
5 the room in the rooming house to the balcony; is that cor-
6 rect, sir?

7 A That is correct.

8 Q And then angling from the back on the ground of the
9 rooming house to the balcony; is that correct?

10 A That is correct.

11 Q Which one was consistent with the angle of wound,
12 Dr. Francisco?

13 A The location of the window.

14 (Thereupon, the witness resumed
15 the witness stand.)

16 MR. DWYER: That is all. Thank you,
17 Dr. Francisco. You may come down, sir.

18 (Witness Excused)

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20 MR. DWYER: Inspector Zachary.

21 MR. BEASLEY: Your Honor please,
22 could I step over by Mr. Carlisle to pass
23 him ---
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