1	the decision whether to testify or not testify is yours
2	and yours alone to make. Do you understand that.
3	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
4	THE COURT: And is it your desire to testify in
5	this matter?
6	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
7	THE COURT: All right. Let's place the defendant
8	on the witness stand and bring the jury in.
9	(Jury enters the courtroom.)
10	THE COURT: You can be seated.
11	Ms. Chien, you next wish to call your client, John
12	Dobbs?
13	MS. CHIEN: Yes, Your Honor.
14	THE COURT: Could you raise your right hand to be
15	sworn, please, sir.
16	Thereupon,
17	JOHN DOBBS
18	was called as a witness and, having first been duly sworn,
19	testified as follows:
20	THE COURT: You may inquire.
21	MS. CHIEN: Thank you.
22	DIRECT EXAMINATION
23	BY MS. CHIEN:
24	Q Can you please tell the jury your name?
25	A John Dobbs.

- 1 **Q** And Mr. Dobbs, how old are you?
- 2 **A** Thirty-two.
- 3 **Q** And where are you from?
- 4 **A** Georgia.
- 5 **Q** And where do you live?
- 6 **A** Georgia.
- 7 On October 24th of 2006, what brought you to
- 8 Orlando?
- 9 A I came the day before to see my children.
- 10 **Q** Okay. And when did you get to Orlando?
- 11 A October 23rd.
- 12 And how long were you planning on staying in
- 13 Orlando?
- 14 A I was planning to stay for two days.
- 15 **Q** Umm, did you come with anybody else?
- 16 **A** I brought my then girlfriend.
- 17 **Q** And who was that?
- 18 **A** Deanna Washington.
- 19 Q Okay. Can you tell us the date that you were
- 20 planning to leave?
- 21 **A** I was planning to leave the morning of the 25th,
- 22 check out time at the hotel,
- 23 Q Okay. Now, let me take you back a bit and let's
- talk about the night of October 24, 2006. Were you with
- 25 anybody that night?

- 1 A I was with Deanna Washington.
- 2 Q Okay.
- 3 And DJ.
- 4 Q Okay. And what did you and Ms. Washington do that
- 5 night?
- 6 A Well, I dropped my kids off about 9:15 with their
- 7 mother and I went to see my friend DJ who I always see when
- 8 I come out here and we shot some pool until about 1:15 in
- 9 the morning. I met up with him about 10, so we shot pool
- 10 till like 1:15. We met up with him and his wife and then I
- 11 went to Thee Dollhouse.
- 12 **Q** Okay. And who went to Thee Dollhouse?
- 13 **A** Just me and Deanna.
- 14 **Q** When you got to Thee Dollhouse, approximately what
- time did you arrive at Thee Dollhouse?
- 16 **A** About 1:30.
- 17 And what did you both do once you went inside Thee
- 18 Dollhouse?
- 19 A First we got ready to park and they said you had
- 20 to pay to park in that area so we parked on the next row and
- 21 they said it is \$10 for this club and you get to go to the
- 22 club across the street for free if you pay to get, and then
- 23 we had a seat close to the door, not too far from the front
- 24 door because it was kind of packed.
- 25 **Q** Okay. Did you have anything to drink at Thee

- 1 Dollhouse?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q How much did you have to drink at Thee Dollhouse?
- 4 **A** One drink.
- 5 **Q** In total, how much did you have to drink all
- 6 night?
- 7 A About three.
- 8 Q Three drinks. What time did you have your first
- 9 drink, approximately?
- 10 A Approximately 11 something, 11:30.
- 11 **Q** Okay. And did you have anything to eat that
- 12 night?
- 13 A Chicken strips.
- 14 **Q** And could these drinks have an effect on you?
- 15 A Not really. I was just happy to see my kids.
- 16 Q Okay. So when you were inside Thee Dollhouse,
- 17 what did you and Ms. Washington do inside Thee Dollhouse?
- 18 A First I wanted to -- first, I had a funny feeling
- 19 about the time, and I said, find out what time they close.
- 20 So she found out what time they close and they said 2
- 21 o'clock, and I remembered they close early out here, at
- 22 2:00.
- 23 **Q** Does it close later in a different part where you
- 24 are from?
- 25 **A** Yes.

- Okay. So when you and Deanna were inside, what
- 2 did you do?
- 3 **A** We was seated for a while, and, you know, I
- 4 smoking a blacky mount. (sic)
- 5 Q And did you happen to see what Deanna was doing?
- A Yeah, she went to the bathroom and came out with
- 7 the waitress with the same name as her, and she introduced
- 8 me to the waitress.
- 9 Okay. And at any point when you were inside Thee
- 10 Dollhouse, did you have any kind of interaction with William
- 11 Troy?
- 12 A The first interaction with him I didn't recognize
- 13 him. Umm, the girls were talking and I was watching the
- 14 girls that were dancing and he said something to them and
- they were talking, the three of them, but I wasn't really
- 16 paying -- because Deanna is a dancer also, so, umm, I am
- 17 used to her talking in that environment. So they was
- 18 talking and I was -- I didn't notice anything until somebody
- 19 got -- like, the waitress said something to him, like, she
- 20 was offended and then Deanna said something, and I just
- 21 looked at him and I said -- I couldn't even -- I didn't even
- 22 look at his face, and I said they just talking to --
- 23 **MS. LASKOFF:** Objection.
- 24 **THE WITNESS:** I said, no, they just talking
- because they have the same name. And I didn't pay

- attention to them anymore.
- 2 BY MS. CHIEN:
- Okay. Who were you paying attention to?
- 4 **A** The dancers.
- 5 **Q** Did that interaction bother you with William Troy?
- 6 **A** No.
- Well, at any point after that, did you have any
- 8 further interaction with William Troy?
- A After that is the first time I really saw his
- 10 face.
- 11 **Q** Okay. And when was that?
- 12 **A** Umm, when we was leaving and she was, Deanna was
- 13 talking to the first waitress and another waitress and they
- 14 were exchanging numbers, and the girls were talking about
- 15 coming to see us in Georgia.
- 16 Okay. And can you tell me about William Troy?
- 17 A William Troy, okay. What I noticed is he
- 18 walked -- I was standing maybe about three or four feet from
- 19 the girls while they was talking and, umm, he walked up to
- 20 the girls and he was standing like, like trying, standing in
- 21 front of the two waitresses face and they were just talking
- 22 to Deanna. They seemed like they was ignoring him. I was
- 23 just watching him.
- 24 **Q** Okay. And did he say anything to you?
- 25 A He didn't say anything to me until Deanna said,

- 1 daddy, let me introduce you to this girl. That was the
- 2 second girl.
- 3 Q All right. Did you ever end up speaking with
- 4 William Troy at any point?
- 5 A Yes. Then he said to me, umm, he said, where the
- 6 'ho's (sic) at.
- 7 Okay. What was your response?
- 8 A I said, I am not from around here, you tell me.
- 9 Q Okay. And was that it?
- 10 A No. He asked me again, where the 'ho's at. He
- 11 said, yeah, man, tell me where the 'ho's is at.
- 12 **Q** Okay. And then was that it?
- 13 A No, I said just 'cuz my girl calls me daddy
- 14 doesn't mean I got 'ho's.
- Did that interaction with William Troy bother you?
- 16 A No, I stopped talking to him, though, because
- 17 after that he said 'cuz me and my boys want to --
- 18 MS. LASKOFF: Objection, hearsay.
- 19 **THE COURT:** Sustained.
- 20 BY MS. CHIEN:
- 21 **Q** Well, did he leave, essentially leave?
- 22 A I saw another man walk up to him and say, let's
- 23 go.
- 24 Q And so were you and Ms. Washington still at Thee
- 25 Dollhouse?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Okay. And when did you leave in relation to --
- 3 A Probably about half a minute, a minute after.
- 4 Q Okay. And once you walked outside to Thee
- 5 Dollhouse, what happened?
- A My girl just grabbed me by the arm and we was
- 7 walking to the car and I saw about five guys standing out
- 8 there, you know, I noticed he was one of them but it didn't
- 9 seem like anything to me because he was --
- 10 MS. LASKOFF: Objection, narrative at this point,
- 11 Your Honor.
- 12 **THE COURT:** Overruled.
- 13 **THE WITNESS:** It seemed like, you know, it didn't
- 14 seem like anything to me. I just saw the five guys
- 15 standing around each other like they was having a
- 16 conversation and then he noticed me and he said, you
- need security to walk you and your girl out and that
- was it. I didn't really, umm, it wasn't nothing. I
- was getting in my car, unlocked the car. My girl is
- 20 getting in the car.
- 21 BY MS. CHIEN:
- 22 **Q** Well, let's just move back. Who was talking to
- 23 who as you were walking about?
- 24 A I believe that was William Troy. Yeah, it was
- 25 William Troy because I --

- 1 Q Did you talk back to him?
- 2 A No, I was really close to my car and, you know, I
- 3 was just, like, whatever, you know, I don't really know him
- 4 that well but he was talking to me like I was a player or
- 5 something.
- 6 Q Okay. And your reaction, like, did you -- even
- 7 though William Troy was talking to you, where did you head?
- 8 A Well, I opened the door and my girl sat down and I
- 9 was getting ready to sit down and then she said, one of them
- 10 is walking over to the car. So I -- I was, like, might have
- 11 been my butt just touching the seat for a second and then I
- 12 got up and I looked and I seen the guy walking so I came
- 13 around the car to meet him.
- 14 And didn't you -- could you see who was coming to
- 15 the car?
- 16 A I seen him now and I know him to be Andre Blanco.
- 17 Q Okay. And what happened when Andre Blanco came up
- 18 to you?
- 19 **A** I -- first I was thinking maybe I was going, you
- 20 know, I am a musician, so I was going to give him some CD's
- 21 because I haven't got a chance to promote. I was only there
- 22 for two days, but I saw the way he was walking and his shirt
- 23 was coming off and it seemed like he wasn't interested in,
- 24 you know, fixing it. So then I was, like, this guy's got
- 25 too much energy coming with him. I said, I hope you are not

- 1 coming here to fight.
- 2 Q Okay. And then what happened once Andre Blanco
- 3 walked up to you?
- A As I was saying I hope you are not coming here to
- 5 fight, when I finished the word, he swinging. I kind of
- 6 blocked, but it still hit me in my ear.
- 7 Q Okay. So, did he hit you?
- 8 **A** Yeah. He hit me.
- 9 Q Okay. And where did -- where exactly did he hit
- 10 you?
- 11 **A** On my ear.
- 12 **Q** Was it a closed fist or was it an open fist?
- 13 **A** It was a closed fist, wide swing.
- 14 **Q** Okay. And did anybody else get involved?
- 15 A After he made that move, I hit him, and
- 16 immediately behind him was another man who I know now to be
- 17 Fransisco Gotay who swinged (sic) twice and I blocked his
- 18 punches and I hit him.
- Okay. And, I mean, how many were there that were
- 20 coming up to you?
- A Actually, umm, I was only seeing one step at a
- 22 time at that moment. So it was Andre Blanco first, and when
- 23 I hit him, somehow he had end up on this side of me and
- 24 Fransisco Gotay was in front of me swinging. And I just
- 25 happened to be, you know, sharp enough to block his hits and

- 1 I hit him. And then I am standing between him and these two
- 2 and another guy that was standing over there and --
- 3 Q That other guy, was he from the group of the four
- 4 gentlemen, in the group that was standing, talking to
- 5 themselves?
- 6 A I believe so. I believe -- because the way he was
- 7 trying to get to me, but I think, umm, the valet or somebody
- 8 was standing there in front of them for a second and was,
- 9 like, he didn't have his hands blocking but he had it, like,
- 10 why you doing this man, and the guy was trying to move
- around, but I seen him stop when he saw my eyes.
- 12 **Q** Okay. So how many in total were there that were
- 13 trying to -- I mean, were all of these people trying to hit
- 14 you?
- 15 A At that point there were just those three that I
- 16 noticed.
- 17 Q Okay. And what happened after that?
- 18 A Well, umm I -- the guy, pointed at the guy and I
- 19 said, he's not fighting. I said it loud so that I could get
- 20 the other two that I had in the process that they had been
- 21 coming in. And every time they move in, I try to beat them
- 22 to the punch.
- 23 **Q** Okay. But these men, they were able to get
- 24 punches in and punch you, right?
- 25 **A** Yes. Yes.

- 1 Q And how were those punches, I mean, can you
- 2 describe?
- 3 A Every time I got hit -- every time I looked one
- 4 way I would get hit from the other side, basically.
- 5 **Q** And why was that, was it -- why was that?
- 6 A Because I was surrounded.
- 7 And how many people -- do you recall how many
- 8 people were surrounding you?
- 9 A that point I only was paying attention to those
- 10 three because somehow the guy that was in front of the other
- 11 guy wasn't there anymore.
- 12 **Q** Okay.
- 13 And then -- do you want me to proceed?
- 14 **Q** Yeah, go ahead.
- 15 **A** Then I heard Deanna scream, so then I -- it
- 16 occurred to me that somehow she had got out the car because
- 17 I had told her to stay in the car, you know. I just told
- 18 her, because, you know, I didn't want her around the guys
- 19 but I heard her scream, get off him. And I looked and I saw
- 20 her in a position where, like, she was pushing somebody who
- 21 I know now to be Anthony Riollano.
- 22 Q Okay. Did that kind of concern you?
- 23 **A** Yes.
- 24 **Q** And why was that?
- 25 **A** Because I didn't understand why they were trying

- 1 to fight me in the first place. And then it made me think
- 2 that they wanted to, like, kidnap her.
- Okay. And at any point in time, you know, did you
- 4 see them trying to fight her or do anything to her?
- A Actually, at that point I saw who I know to be
- 6 William Troy, he was standing and he said, get her, get her.
- 7 **Q** I mean, what did you do when you heard that?
- 8 A When I heard that, I was trying to get closer to
- 9 her, but I didn't really see anybody, like, really, you
- 10 know, when I saw her push the other guy, you know, they were
- 11 both looking at me, you know, she wasn't looking at me but
- 12 the guy that she pushed and William Troy. So I tried to
- 13 spin around before the other guys that I, that was, that I
- 14 was surrounded by, because it was all split seconds, right?
- 15 I tried to spin around before that, they could see that and
- 16 make a move on me. But they started hitting me in my head
- 17 at the same time I was spinning around, and I was hunched
- 18 over.
- 19 **Q** Okay.
- 20 **A** Excuse me.
- 21 **Q** And were they hitting you hard?
- 22 A Yeah. They were hitting me basically with
- 23 everything they had.
- Q Okay. And where were they hitting you?
- 25 **A** On my head. It was, like, you know, they really

- 1 were intending on trying to knock me out or something.
- 2 Q Okay. And at any point in time did you have, I
- 3 mean, did you have a knife?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 And what kind of knife was it?
- A It was the same knife that they have been showing
- 7 all day here.
- 8 Q And when did you open up that knife?
- 9 A I opened up the knife when I was hunched over.
- 10 That's when I opened up the knife.
- 11 **Q** And you know, why did you open up the knife?
- 12 A I opened up the knife, you know -- first of all, I
- 13 did see something like a shiny thing come over one hand. I
- 14 couldn't see anything on their hand, so it was, like, all of
- 15 it was fists in my face every second, and I did see
- 16 something, and I was blocking with my left hand and I guess
- 17 that's how I got the cut.
- 18 MS. LASKOFF: I am going to object to speculation,
- 19 Your Honor.
- 20 **THE COURT:** Overruled.
- 21 **THE WITNESS:** I don't know. I know it was just
- something shiny and I assumed it was a knife.
- 23 BY MS. CHIEN:
- 24 **Q** And did you get cut that night?
- 25 **A** Yes.

- Okay. And well, let's go back and talk about the
- 2 knife. When you opened up your knife, what did you do with
- 3 it and why?
- 4 A When I opened up my knife, I tried to go like this
- 5 because I was hunched over and I was swinging it, so that
- 6 somebody might back up.
- 7 Q Okay. And during that time when you opened up the
- 8 knife, were you still surrounded by these men?
- 9 A I was surrounded for the entire time.
- 10 **Q** Okay. And during this time, what were they doing
- 11 to you?
- 12 **A** They were punching me in my head.
- Okay. And at any -- I mean, did you eventually
- 14 fall, I mean, fall to the ground or anything like that?
- 15 A Yes. The guy who I know now to have been Anthony
- 16 Riollano, he came up behind me and grabbed me and had me by
- 17 my shirt like this, and he was banging me on my head, like,
- 18 he was banging me on my head so hard that I could barely
- 19 feel anybody else's hits now because his was so hard.
- 20 Q Okay. And can you describe for us, like, how you
- 21 were on the floor?
- 22 **A** I was on the floor hanging from his arm. My left
- 23 arm was pinned down, so all I had was my right arm. And,
- 24 like, I was, he was holding me up, but I was still hitting
- 25 the floor, and I was trying to get up at the same time. But

- 1 every time I tried to get up, he would hit me back to the
- 2 floor, but he would not let me fall.
- 3 Q Okay. Did your knees touch the floor?
- 4 A Yeah.
- 5 **Q** And then so did you just -- were you just
- 6 kneeling, I mean?
- 7 A No, during the entire time, you know, I was
- 8 just -- I was just seeing punches and I was just swinging
- 9 the knife trying to make sure, hoping somebody would see it
- 10 and get away from me or whatever, back up or whatever, and
- 11 so I can get some room at least, you know. But I was
- 12 bouncing off my knees because I kept trying to get up.
- 13 **Q** Okay. And they kept pushing you down?
- 14 **A** They kept knocking me down.
- 15 Okay. Knocking you down to your knees again. Is
- 16 that what you are saying?
- 17 A Basically. Basically there was a point, though,
- 18 that I was down and I was down longer than the other times,
- 19 and I couldn't really -- I don't really see myself getting
- 20 up, but somehow God with was with me and I just got up. And
- 21 I was looking at the tire of my car. That's what scares me,
- 22 and I heard my girl screaming in the background, and I was
- looking at the tire and I was, like, I am going to die, be
- 24 under the car.
- 25 **Q** Why did you think you were going to die that

- 1 night?
- 2 A Because they wouldn't stop. They already cut me
- 3 and there was no reason for me -- I don't know them. They
- 4 had no reason to do that. I just felt nothing but hate
- 5 against me. So I thought they was going to kill me.
- 6 **Q** Were you scared of them?
- 7 **A** I was scared at that time.
- 8 Q And is that part of why you opened up your knife?
- 9 A Yes. Also because my girl, I mean, you know, I
- 10 wasn't able to think most of the time. I was just trying to
- 11 stay focused, but I had feelings, and the feelings that I
- 12 had told me certain things and less time than it took time
- 13 to think it.
- 14 **Q** Tell us how the fight ended.
- 15 A The fight ended? Basically I had, like I said, I
- 16 was looking at my tire. I believed this is when I made like
- 17 stabbing motions and I was hunched over and I was down low.
- 18 My face was right by my tire and they were still hitting me
- 19 and I just gave it all I had just to go at them where I
- 20 imagined them to be, because I could never see above like
- 21 this area of their body because I was so low.
- 22 **Q** Okay. And when you say that you were on eye level
- 23 with the tire, was it because you were on -- not eye level,
- 24 but you could see the tire, was it because you were low to
- 25 the ground?

- A A couple more inches and my face would have been
- 2 hitting the tire, because during the process I was bouncing
- 3 off my car.
- 4 Q Okay. And how did you end up leaving?
- 5 **A** Umm, actually these are things that, you know, I
- 6 just felt like, you know, when I felt what I was doing, but
- 7 I could not see. I just know at a certain point in time
- 8 that they had backed up and I had been grabbing at things.
- 9 I couldn't really tell like all of these things right now,
- 10 during that time I just know I got hit over 50 times at that
- 11 time.
- 12 **Q** Okay. And, I mean, when you said that you felt
- 13 them back up, what did you do?
- 14 A I must have just got in my car, because that's all
- 15 I remember. I see everything like (indicating) a picture
- 16 like that (indicating) I don't see anything in motion.
- 17 **Q** So, is it because, like, you know, you were in the
- 18 fight you were in the moment and everything was just --
- 19 MS. LASKOFF: Objection. Leading, Your Honor.
- 20 **THE COURT:** Sustained.
- 21 BY MS. CHIEN:
- 22 **Q** Okay. Let's talk about when you left. What
- 23 happened? Did anything happen when were you leaving?
- 24 **A** Well, when I was sitting in my car, I noticed that
- 25 I had a gun on my lap, that it wasn't mine.

- 1 Q And, was -- actually was Ms. Washington with you
- 2 when you were driving, leaving -- which car did you leave
- 3 in?
- 4 A I left in the car I came in, the Acura.
- 5 **Q** And where was Ms. Washington?
- 6 A She was in the passenger seat. She had got in the
- 7 car, I guess at the same time I did.
- 8 **Q** All right. And when you were driving away, did
- 9 you at any point in time encounter another car?
- 10 A When I was leaving the parking lot I felt a couple
- of bumps, but I didn't really realize that my car was being
- 12 hit. But I did -- there was the F-150 that was poking up
- 13 that it came like it was getting ready to ram me and as I
- 14 had the gun on my lap, I was emptying the clip and I just
- 15 looked and I saw the car coming and I had it like this. I
- 16 am driving and I had the gun like this and I am dropping the
- 17 clip out of the gun, but the guy sees me and he looks at me
- 18 and I just look at him and he just makes a u-turn.
- 19 Q Okay. And, I mean, did this truck actually hit
- 20 you?
- 21 A From what I understand it did. Now, I felt the
- 22 bumps, but I was still so much hurt and in shock that I did
- 23 not really realize that I wasn't -- I thought maybe I was
- 24 rolling over bumps.
- 25 **Q** Okay. Did you notice how this car was driving,

- 1 like whether or not it was trying to drive you off the road?
- 2 A I know it was getting ready to smash right into me
- 3 and he looked at me. I looked at him. He saw the gun in my
- 4 hand, and he just urrrrrrrrrrr (witness makes screeching
- 5 sound) and spun out the other way.
- 6 Q Now, when were you driving, were you looking at
- 7 your, in the rear view mirror?
- 8 A Constantly.
- 9 Q Okay. And why was that?
- 10 A Because I figured, you know, I know that when I
- 11 was walking and the guy said that security is walking me
- out, I know security was there and they didn't help me. And
- 13 I just figured, you know, these guys were still going to be
- 14 coming at me.
- Did you think that the truck was coming at you
- 16 from that group?
- 17 **A** Yes.
- 18 **Q** Okay. And why did you think that?
- 19 **A** It was crazy. I don't know why everybody was
- 20 coming at me. I just figured, I thought it was actually one
- of the same guys that jumped in his car to get me.
- 22 Okay. And what did you think that this car was
- 23 going to do?
- 24 A I know he was getting ready to total my car.
- 25 **Q** So, after this truck leaves, at any point did the

1 police come up to you?

.Am

- 2 A The police came after awhile. I was driving and I
- 3 was just -- I was driving, you know, slower than the speed
- 4 limit. I was just -- I didn't know what to do. Didn't know
- 5 what to do with --
- 6 MS. LASKOFF: Objection. Nonresponsive.
- 7 **THE COURT:** Sustained.
- 8 BY MS. CHIEN:
- 9 Q Did you see a police car in your rear view mirror?
- 10 A Yes, I saw a police car in my rear view mirror.
- 11 **Q** And what did this police car do?
- 12 **A** It just followed me for a while. It just followed
- 13 me for maybe half a block. I was -- it had no light on. So
- 14 I kept looking. It doesn't have headlights on. So I was
- 15 looking to make sure it was a police car because I was --
- but I assumed it was a police car and I told my girl, I
- 17 think the police are behind us.
- 18 **Q** And once you realized it was a police car, what
- 19 did you do? What happened after that?
- 20 **A** When I realized it was a police car, I just
- 21 happened to be at a red light stopped.
- 22 Q Okay. And did you -- so you pulled over, is that
- 23 right?
- Another car came up and pulled up in front of me
- 25 and I just, you know, I knew to get out the car.

- Okay. And did you try and drive away from this
- 2 police car?
- 3 A I had no intention of leaving.
- 4 Q Okay. And did you get out of your car when the
- 5 police pulled over?
- 6 **A** Yes.
- 7 **Q** And why was that?
- 8 A Because I had actually, you know, an intuition
- 9 about what the situation was.
- 10 MS. LASKOFF: I am going to object, Your Honor, to
- 11 speculation.
- 12 **THE COURT:** Overruled.
- 13 BY MS. CHIEN:
- 14 Q Okay. You can go ahead and finish answering.
- 15 A Okay. Yeah, you know, I mean, I figured they were
- 16 there to, about the incident.
- Okay. And so you did stop; is that correct?
- 18 **A** Yeah, I was already stopped.
- 19 Okay. Let's talk about certain things. Let's
- 20 talk about the knife. What kind of -- why do you keep it on
- 21 you?
- 22 A I worked construction for 12 years and I have been
- out of construction for the last two and a half years, three
- 24 years, but I have just always kept it.
- 25 Q Okay. And do you remember using your knife during

- 1 the night?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 **Q** And why was that? Why did you use your knife?
- 4 A I used my knife to get them off.
- 5 Q Okay. Did you at any point in time use the gun?
- 6 **A** No.
- 7 Q Okay. Once you had the gun, what did you do with
- 8 it?
- 9 A I was like, you know, I was worried that you know,
- 10 it might add something like, might have killed somebody on
- 11 it. It might have, what we call like a body on it, so I was
- 12 just emptying it.
- 13 **Q** And when you are emptying it, like during, did
- 14 anything happen as you are emptying this gun?
- 15 A Actually, umm, I was emptying it. I was getting
- 16 blood on it from my hand and I was wiping the blood off of
- 17 it and I was driving at the same time and I didn't know if I
- 18 was going to throw the gun out one place and throw the clip
- 19 another place but I noticed it had my blood on it so I
- 20 didn't really want to throw it like that, because then, you
- 21 know, it might be considered to be mine.
- 22 Q Okay. Where did you put the gun?
- 23 A Eventually, after the car had made the u-turn and
- I drove off for a while and I felt like maybe I should
- 25 relax, you know, I took it off my lap and I squeezed it

- 1 under my back seat.
- 2 Q Okay. And did you actually unload it, did you
- 3 unload the gun?

.....

- A I had been unloading it, but when I saw the car do
- 5 that what it did, I didn't load it all the way. I put the
- 6 clip half way back in and I just sat it on my lap.
- 7 Q All right. But did you eventually unload the gun?
- 8 A Umm, there was no bullets in the head of the gun
- 9 and the clip was half way in and, you know, because I
- 10 figured if they were going to come at me again, then I would
- 11 have to use it.
- 12 Q Okay. Let's talk about where you were at Thee
- 13 Dollhouse, and, you know, where you were at and where the
- 14 other four men were at. Would it help you if I showed you a
- 15 picture of Thee Dollhouse parking lot? Would that be
- 16 helpful to you in your testimony?
- 17 **A** Yes.
- 18 **Q** Okay. I am going to give you a pointer.
- 19 MS. LASKOFF: Your Honor, I don't mean to
- interrupt. Can I run over there because I can't see
- 21 what she's pointing to?
- 22 **THE COURT:** You may.
- 23 BY MS. CHIEN:
- Q Okay. Mr. Dobbs, do you recognize these pictures?
- 25 **A** I recognize them, yes.

- 1 **Q** Okay. And what are they pictures of?
- 2 A The parking lot of Thee Dollhouse.
- Okay. Using the pointer, can you tell us where
- 4 your car was at?
- 5 A My car? Okay. Now, if this is the first row of
- 6 cars and this is Thee Dollhouse right here?
- 7 **Q** Right?
- A And this is the row, the first row, my car would
- 9 be somewhere over here. I don't think you would be able to
- 10 see my car exactly in this road. It would be a little
- 11 further back.
- 12 **Q** So your car was somewhere around here?
- 13 **A** Yeah, yeah.
- 14 **Q** As a matter of fact, that's what it is, is that
- one, like, one lane okay and two lane?
- 16 **A** Yeah.
- 17 **Q** It is two lanes?
- 18 **A** It would have been right about there.
- 19 **Q** Right around here?
- 20 **A** Yes.
- 21 **Q** And using the pointer, can you tell me where the
- 22 four gentlemen were at?
- 23 **A** They were right over here.
- 24 And when the fight -- when these men approached
- 25 you, can you tell us in what direction they traveled?

- 1 A They traveled from here to here.
- 2 Q Okay. And can you tell us, using the pointer,
- 3 what area was the fight at?
- 4 A Right there.
- 5 **Q** Is that the same area where your car was at?
- 6 A Mostly through the fight I was bouncing off my
- 7 car, yes.
- 8 Okay. Would it help if I showed you an aerial
- 9 view of Thee Dollhouse so you can tell us, you know, what
- 10 direction you traveled after you were able to leave Thee
- 11 Dollhouse?
- 12 **A** Perhaps.
- 13 **Q** Okay. Okay. Mr. Dobbs, do you recognize this?
- 14 A That's OBT right there, right. Yes.
- 15 **Q** Okay.
- 16 A So then I was parked over here.
- 17 **O** Uh-huh.
- 18 And I was going out here or here, one of these
- 19 two.
- 20 Q Okay. Can you point out where Thee Dollhouse is
- 21 at?
- 22 A Dollhouse is right here.
- 23 Okay. And can you point out on this where the
- 24 men, the four men were?
- 25 **A** Initially?

- 1 **Q** Yes.
- 2 A They were right there.
- 3 Q Okay. And where was --
- A As a matter of fact, this is the house. This is
- 5 where I was at right here. I am not sure if this is a first
- 6 row of parking or the second row. There was one row of
- 7 parking right here. That was -- you had to pay there, and
- 8 then there was a second row where I was at, so I am not sure
- 9 which of those is where the parking is, but it would be in
- 10 that angle.
- 11 **Q** In this vicinity here?
- 12 **A** In that vicinity.
- Okay. And once you were able to leave the fight,
- 14 where did you drive your car, like, can you show us here,
- 15 where you go?
- 16 A First I tried to reverse, and I almost hit the
- 17 valet guy. He was pinned behind the car. I looked, and it
- 18 occurred to me that they might all be about it because they
- 19 was there and they didn't do anything. I didn't really
- 20 realize they was there during the whole thing. I know they
- 21 was there. I don't know what was going on, actually.
- 22 Anyway, I looked and I seen them.
- 23 **MS. LASKOFF:** I am going to object. This is
- 24 nonresponsive. He is not answering the question.
- 25 **THE COURT:** Sustained.

- 1 **THE WITNESS:** What was the question?
- 2 BY MS. CHIEN:
- 3 The question was, can you tell us, using the
- 4 pointer, when you are able to leave the fight, what
- 5 direction you went using the pointer?
- 6 A The direction I went was backward then forward.
- 7 Okay? I guess if I was over here somewhere, I went
- 8 backward. I stopped because I almost hit somebody and then
- 9 I went around -- I guess I might have went around this way.
- 10 **Q** Okay. And can you tell us where it was when you
- 11 started feeling the bumps?
- 12 A I felt the bumps right in this area as I was
- 13 coming out.
- 14 **Q** Okay.
- 15 A And do you want to know next?
- 16 **Q** Yes.
- 17 A Okay. And as I was right here is when the F-150
- 18 was on this side of me and pulled like this, like he's
- 19 getting ready to hit me.
- 20 All right. Did you see whether or not this F-150
- 21 was trying to run you off the road?
- 22 **A** I knew for sure he was willing to hit me. I saw
- 23 the look in his face because I was in shock and I just
- 24 stared at him and I knew he was going to hit my car and he
- saw the gun and he just totally changed his mind.

- 1 Okay. And what direction did you head?
- 2 A I went that same direction of the traffic on that
- 3 side of the street.
- 4 Q Okay. All right. Okay. Mr. Dobbs, can you tell
- 5 us, did you have any injuries from that night?
- A Yes, I had plenty of injuries. I still got two
- 7 broken teeth in the back of my mouth.
- 8 Q Okay. And did you have any other injuries to you
- 9 as a result of the fight?
- 10 **A** I had -- I got nine stitches in my arm. They
- 11 didn't give it to me and they didn't take me to a hospital
- 12 but I got it when I went to jail. I got stitches in my arm.
- 13 I got -- I had a red bruise right under my collar bone from
- 14 being hit with something, and I believe that it was the gun.
- Did you have any injuries to your knees?
- 16 A I had injuries to my knees. My knuckles -- I
- 17 still got scars on them from, you know, from fighting with
- 18 my fists. I had a long cut right here to the white meat and
- 19 they said, the doctor said that --
- 20 **MS. LASKOFF:** Objection, hearsay.
- 21 **THE COURT:** Sustained.
- 22 BY MS. CHIEN:
- 23 Q Can you describe to us exactly what kind of
- 24 injuries you had to your knees?
- 25 **A** To my knees I had -- it was swollen and scraped.

- 1 **Q** And do you know why they were swollen and scraped?
- 2 A Because I had been bouncing on my knees.
- 3 Q Okay. You mean during the fight?
- 4 Yes, ma'am.
- 5 Okay. Did you have any injuries to your head?
- 6 A I had plenty of injuries to my head. I had
- 7 swells, lumps all over my head. The pictures that they took
- 8 didn't even show because they got worse the next day.
- 9 **Q** Now --
- 10 **A** Can I go further to explain other injuries?
- 11 Q Sure. Yes. Tell us all of your injuries.
- 12 **A** I also -- my jaw, I was not probably able to eat
- 13 probably for about two weeks because I couldn't open my
- 14 mouth all the way and any time -- I couldn't eat a hot dog,
- and any time I ate anything or drank anything I had some cut
- in my mouth that it felt like I had alcohol in my mouth and
- 17 I had a cut -- I had a cut on both sides of my chin, like,
- 18 seemed like either a razor or a ring gave me those cuts, and
- 19 I had a cut on my, above my right eye that I know I was hit
- 20 with something that it wasn't a fist because it wasn't
- 21 swollen. It was just a cut. So it was either something
- 22 that, a sharp object, or maybe even another -- could have
- 23 been hit with the gun.
- Q Okay. Did you have any other injuries?
- 25 A I had, umm, cuts on my fingers because I knew that

- 1 they had cut me with something, and I was blocking for a
- 2 minute. So I had cuts here and here and, well, actually I
- 3 had cut on my hands and cuts on my fingers. I was trying to
- 4 just grab whatever I could but for a moment. My arm -- like
- 5 I said, my left arm was locked down for like half the fight
- too because when he had me like this, I couldn't lift my arm
- 7 to block anymore.
- 8 Q How did you -- how are you locked down? Who
- 9 locked you down and what do you mean by locked down?
- 10 A Well, the big guy, Anthony Riollano, he have me
- 11 like this, and he was holding me so tight and hitting me so
- 12 hard, I just really couldn't -- I couldn't even look at him
- 13 because any time I tried to prepare myself in that
- 14 direction, I was just constantly surprised. I wasn't
- 15 knocked out and I couldn't see anything but fists, but I was
- 16 swinging the knife, you know, crazy, just trying to get
- 17 somebody to see it. I know that they were still hitting me
- and that they was cutting themselves on the knife while they
- 19 was hitting me and they didn't even know it. They didn't
- 20 know.
- 21 **Q** Did you ever get a, I guess, a laceration or a cut
- 22 on your arm?
- 23 A Yes. I had -- I got nine stitches for it and I
- 24 also had another long cut on it.
- 25 **Q** Now, did you ever notice William Troy on the

- 1 ground?
- 2 A Never noticed him on the ground. My girl said she
- 3 did, but I never noticed him. I only saw when they backed
- 4 up. I saw him and Anthony Riollano holding, seemed like
- 5 Anthony Riollano was holding him and he was holding Anthony
- 6 Riollano.
- 7 And let's just talk about the fight briefly. Were
- 8 you in fear for your life?
- 9 **A** Totally.
- 10 **Q** Were you scared?
- 11 **A** I was definitely scared.
- 12 **Q** And did you try and get away?
- 13 Any time I tried to make a move away from them I
- 14 would run into my car. Can I describe how it was?
- 15 **Q** Yes.
- 16 A Okay. I am standing here. My car is right behind
- 17 me. The rear passenger door, I got Andre Blanco to my
- 18 right, Fransisco Gotay is to my front right, and what's
- 19 funny is William Troy was not as close as these guys were to
- 20 me. And anything he did to me, I could see like him like
- 21 come from behind him and then go back behind them. He would
- like come from behind him and reach over because he couldn't
- 23 really fit because they were standing like this and Anthony
- 24 Riollano was right here, and William Troy was right here,
- 25 coming back and forth.

- Okay. And can you tell us when you tried to get away what would happen?
- 3 A I mean, you know, it was me, you know, the only
- 4 places I could go was down.
- 5 Q Okay. And at the first opportunity when you were
- 6 able to leave, what did you do?
- 7 **A** I left.
- 8 MS. CHIEN: May I have a moment, Your Honor?
- 9 **THE COURT:** You may.
- 10 MS. CHIEN: No other questions.
- 11 **THE COURT:** Cross-examination?
- 12 MS. LASKOFF: Yes, Your Honor.
- 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MS. LASKOFF:
- 15 **Q** Inside the club Deanna was kind of ticked off,
- 16 wasn't she, about what William Troy had kind of said to her?
- 17 **A** She says that --
- 18 MS. CHIEN: Objection, speculation.
- 19 **THE COURT:** Overruled.
- 20 **THE WITNESS:** She says that, but she didn't really
- 21 seem ticked off to me.
- 22 BY MS. LASKOFF:
- 23 Okay. And then when you went out of the club, you
- 24 exited and you went to your car, correct?
- 25 **A** Yes.

- 1 Q And you could -- you were almost to your car, you
- 2 are not sure if your rear end was in the seat almost or not,
- 3 but your car door at least was open, correct?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And you are hearing the guys making fun of you and
- 6 Will and your girl, is that correct?
- 7 **A** Well, he said that when I was walking to the car,
- 8 and, you know, I just figured it was, you know, I had
- 9 already known that he was tipsy.
- 10 **Q** So you knew he was tipsy, the other guys appear
- 11 tipsy to you too?
- 12 A I didn't see the other guys with him until I saw
- 13 them outside with him.
- 14 **Q** Okay. When you saw them outside, did they appear
- 15 tipsy to you too?
- 16 A I had no idea. They were just standing. I just
- 17 knew that he was because of what he said --
- 18 **Q** Okay.
- 19 **A** -- inside the club.
- 20 **Q** So when you say he, we are talking about the quy
- 21 you stabbed?
- 22 **A** Talking about William Troy.
- 23 **Q** All right. Now, once you got out to your car,
- 24 Anthony Riollano started approaching, or not Anthony
- 25 Riollano, Andre Blanco started approaching the vehicle, is

- 1 that what you are saying?
- 2 A Once I got to my car he started approaching the
- 3 vehicle, ves.
- 4 Okay. And so you are telling the jury that you
- 5 got out to talk about giving him a CD or something like
- 6 that?
- 7 A Actually, like I said, the club was closing early
- 8 for me. I wanted to -- I had been up with my kids and we
- 9 took a nap together. I wanted to stay out longer.
- 10 **Q** Okay. But my question to you is when Andre Blanco
- 11 came to the car, the reason you got out of the car, you
- 12 didn't initially perceive a problem, correct?
- 13 **A** Exactly.
- 14 Okay. So you got out of the car and you were
- 15 going to talk to him about, I don't know, selling a CD to
- 16 him or giving him a CD, is that what you indicated?
- 17 **A** Well, I don't know if you call it shooting the
- 18 breeze, whatever, I just figured, you know, the guy had
- 19 initially spoke to me, was talking about girls. I was
- 20 bored. I know I never took anything that serious. He
- 21 didn't say anything to threaten me. We didn't curse at each
- 22 other or nothing like that. We didn't have any argument, so
- 23 --
- 24 Okay. And isn't it true that Andre Blanco is the
- 25 first guy you get contact with?

- 1 **A** I believe so.
- 2 **Q** He's the guy that came up to the car, right?
- 3 **A** I believe so.
- 4 **Q** Either you remember or you don't remember?
- 5 **A** I said, I believe so.
- 6 Q Okay. And isn't it true that the fight that
- 7 ensued was one where Anthony Riollano was immediately
- 8 punched by you with a knife and knocked to the ground?
- 9 A Andre Blanco you are referring to?
- 10 **Q** I am sorry. You're correct. Isn't that true?
- 11 A Andre Blanco was not hit by a knife by me in the
- 12 beginning of the fight. Nobody was hit with a knife. The
- 13 knife was not even open to be cutting anybody.
- 14 **Q** Now, let me ask you about the knife. You say you
- 15 carry it for work. Were you hired by Thee Dollhouse to do
- 16 some construction or something like that?
- 17 **MS. CHIEN:** Objection, argumentative.
- 18 **THE COURT:** Overruled.
- 19 **THE WITNESS:** Actually I said that I used to carry
- it for work and I have been carrying it since then and
- I do carry it for protection.
- 22 BY MS. LASKOFF:
- 23 **Q** So you carried a knife for protection?
- 24 **A** Yes.
- 25 Okay. And this night you actually, when you

- 1 entered the club, you had your knife in your pocket,
- 2 correct?
- 3 A I had the knife on me just about every time I
- 4 leave my house, for years.
- 5 Q Okay. So that is correct, when you went in the
- 6 club you had your knife in your pocket?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 And when you left your club you had the knife in
- 9 your pocket?
- 10 **A** Yes.
- 11 Q Okay. Now, you claimed that you saw some kind of
- 12 shiny thing coming at you?
- 13 **A** Yes.
- 14 **O** From whom?
- A Actually at the same time I was being hit, all I
- 16 did see is a hand. I saw one hand reaching over. I
- 17 would -- if you want me to assume?
- 18 **Q** No, I want to ask you if you know --
- 19 A I don't know.
- 20 **Q** -- where the shiny thing came from?
- 21 **A** I don't know. I didn't see anything. Actually I
- 22 didn't even know how these guys really looked besides Andre
- 23 Blanco until the adversary preliminary hearing. All I saw
- 24 was fists most of the time.
- 25 **Q** And at what point is it that you stabbed William

1	Troy to death?
2	MS. CHIEN: Objection, argumentative.
3	THE COURT: Overruled.
4	BY MS. LASKOFF:
5	Q Can you answer that?
6	A It must have been actually, I don't remember
7	even stabbing anybody or cutting anybody. I just remember
8	swinging the knife. I remember I made stabbing motions with
9	the knife but I was not sure whether or not I made contact
10	because I was still being hit. Even after that I went back
11	to the ground so but I know it was during the time when I
12	was on my knees and I looked at my tire that I decided to
13	give it all I had.
14	Q So, when you were down on your knees, is that when
15	you stabbed him four times?
16	MS. CHIEN: Objection, asked and answered.
17	THE COURT: Overruled.
18	THE WITNESS: Actually, no. You know, I couldn't
19	tell you when for sure. All I know is I was taking
20	blows and I was swinging with one hand. I had one hand
21	and I was swinging and wanted them all to get off of me
22	and I didn't realize that he had came back into the
23	crowd. So I wouldn't know.
24	I know that I actually also tried to swing in the

25

direction of Anthony Riollano, but Anthony Riollano was

- so much in control of my body from the way he had me
- and I was weak in my legs. He was actually, I mean, if
- I stabbed him from the direction he was in, the way
- 4 that they are saying, it was probably because Anthony
- 5 Riollano was jerking my body back and forth.
- 6 BY MS. LASKOFF:
- 8 that William Troy got stabbed that way four times?
- 9 MS. CHIEN: Objection, argumentative.
- 10 **THE COURT:** Overruled.
- 11 **THE WITNESS:** Probably.
- 12 BY MS. LASKOFF:
- Okay. Now, let me ask you this, was Anthony
- 14 Riollano able to -- you didn't cut him, did you?
- 15 A I could not. I could not defend myself against
- 16 him.
- 17 Okay. And at the time that Anthony Riollano
- 18 actually grabbed you, isn't it true that you had already cut
- 19 up Andre Blanco?
- 20 **A** No.
- 21 **Q** And isn't it true that you already had cut up
- 22 Fransisco Gotay in the mouth?
- 23 A No, I believe --
- 24 **Q** And you already stabbed William Troy?
- 25 **A** Definitely not. William Troy, from what I

- 1 understand and can perceive of the fight, was barely in the
- 2 fight. He just happened to get the worst of it.
- Now, let me ask you, when you pull your knife out,
- 4 where is it on you?
- 5 A It was in my back pocket.
- 6 Your right back pocket, your left back pocket?
- 7 A My right back pocket.
- 8 Q Okay. So you pull it out. Assume that is a
- 9 blade.
- 10 **A** Uh-huh.
- 11 Can you show the jury how you held the knife with
- 12 this being the front of the knife?
- 13 A I have something here I can use.
- 14 That's fine. If you want to act as if this part
- is the blade and demonstrate how you held the knife?
- 16 **A** Like this.
- 17 **Q** And you held it out like this?
- 18 **A** Uh-huh.
- 19 **Q** And did you show it to them?
- 20 **A** I was trying to.
- 21 Q Did you tell them to back off, I got a knife, I am
- 22 gonna cut you?
- 23 A Couldn't speak.
- 24 **Q** You couldn't speak at all?
- 25 A at all. I was getting beat down.

- 1 And isn't it true the other guys only came over as
- 2 you sliced and stabbed each of their friends?
- 3 A That's -- no. It's not true.
- 4 **Q** Now, let me ask you, if I can show you Defense
- 5 Exhibit 8. Okay? This is a cut on your arm.
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Can you show me, because it is just a photograph,
- 8 where on your arm was the cut? Was it here? Was it here?
- 9 Was it here? Where on your arm, and is it your right arm or
- 10 your left arm, by the way, that you got that cut on?
- 11 **A** I can show you right here. It is right here.
- 12 **Q** Okay. If you want to raise your shirt and show
- 13 the jury your scar.
- 14 **A** Can you see it?
- 15 **A JUROR:** Yeah.
- 16 BY MS. LASKOFF:
- 17 **Q** On your left arm?
- 18 **A** Yes.
- 2 Can you tell me the position of your arm when you
- 20 got cut? How were you holding your arm when you got cut?
- 21 A Actually, I am -- just based on the situation, I
- 22 am assuming that it is when I was like this.
- 23 Okay. Put your arm up there like this?
- 24 A Pull my shirt up.
- 25 **Q** Yeah. If you don't mind, if you can. Are you

- 1 able to do that?
- 2 A I got it.
- Okay. And so you are saying your arm is up here
- 4 like this?
- 5 A I believe so. I believe that's when I saw the --
- 6 when I said I got -- I seen the flash shine, whatever. I
- 7 just saw a flash and I saw like two fists. I can remember
- 8 two fists right here, and I could see a hand reaching over
- 9 and I seen something. I could see more of the thumb and a
- 10 flash above the thumb.
- 11 **Q** Okay. Now, are you right handed or are you left
- 12 handed?
- 13 A I am right handed.
- 14 **Q** So you held the knife in your right hand, correct?
- 15 **A** Yes.
- 16 And during the entire incident where you say that
- 17 you finally pulled the knife out, you were just swinging and
- 18 protecting yourself; is that correct?
- 19 **A** Best I could, yes.
- 20 **Q** Is that right?
- 21 **A** Yes.
- 22 And you don't recall how you stabbed William Troy?
- 23 A I wasn't sure I had cut or stabbed anyone because
- 24 I had the knife and I was swinging it, but nobody seemed to
- 25 notice it. I mean, I didn't know if I touched anybody with

- 1 the knife.
- 2 Q And isn't it true that you actually, when you got
- 3 out of the car, you already had the knife engaged?
- 4 A Engaged? No.
- 5 **Q** Out and ready to fight?
- 6 A No, no, of course not.
- 7 Q And isn't it true that you were ticked off by what
- 8 these gentlemen were saying to your girl?
- 9 A No, I felt provoked to introduce myself, though.
- 10 **Q** Wasn't Deanna giving you an earful saying she was
- 11 tired of listening to this and she was feeling disrespected?
- 12 A I never really listened to Deanna. She didn't
- 13 make any gestures like that. She says that, you know, that
- 14 is just something that I came to find out that she felt like
- 15 that.
- 16 **Q** Now, you are saying that after the fight ended,
- 17 you got in your car with Deanna, right?
- 18 **A** Yep.
- 19 Q And you're driving out and you see the truck, the
- 20 red truck that rammed you?
- 21 **A** Yeah.
- 22 Q Okay. Now you heard them screaming, get his
- 23 license plate, the dude stabbed someone, right?
- 24 A I didn't hear that. I was not paying attention to
- 25 anything except for the fact that I almost hit somebody

- 1 behind me. I was paying attention to driving and I was
- 2 paying attention to the gun that was on my lap.
- 3 **Q** Let me ask you, you're denying the gun is your
- 4 gun, is that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And this gun just -- miraculously, you look down
- 7 and whoa, there's a gun on my lap; is that correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 So, it just appeared? Once you sat in the seat,
- 10 there was a gun?
- 11 **A** I assumed that I brought it in there but I can't
- 12 remember walking to my car or anything like that.
- 13 And you're denying that prior to this night or
- 14 incident it was not your gun?
- 15 A No, it was not my gun.
- Okay. Now, once you got in the truck and, poof,
- 17 there's a gun in your lap, and the guy is ramming your car
- 18 with his truck, are you saying that statement -- I think
- 19 what you said to counsel was, he saw the gun and his face
- 20 changed, suddenly?
- 21 **A** No, not his face.
- 22 **Q** What was it that changed?
- 23 A His direction.
- 24 Q His direction. So he stopped being next to you,
- 25 he slammed on his brakes, right?

620

- 1 A He wasn't exactly next to me. He was running his
- 2 car towards me. It was at a slant. I was driving like
- 3 this, and he was -- he had came out around and was going
- 4 like this and he saw me --
- 5 **Q** The jury can't see what you are doing.
- 6 A Okay. I am driving like this. I pull out the
- 7 parking lot. I am driving like this. He must have -- being
- 8 that they said he was in the parking lot, he came around
- 9 from a wider angle and intended to ram my car and then he
- 10 saw me and made a u-turn.
- 11 Q Pulled off? Okay. And are you also telling the
- 12 jury you just happened to be changing the clip on this when
- 13 he drove up next to you? It is just a complete coincidence?
- 14 A I was unloading the gun prior to when he did, and
- 15 I had went like this, and realized that I might have just
- 16 put a bullet in the chamber is my first reaction was to try
- 17 to unload it, but I had pushed the clip and it did fall out,
- 18 so, and I went like this to see if anything was in the
- 19 chamber, and I realized I put something in the chamber, so I
- 20 had just decided to keep on going and I was going to -- and
- 21 I was dropping the clip out even more, shaking it like this
- 22 trying to get the clip out.
- 23 **Q** So you were aiming it in his direction like this,
- 24 at your window?
- 25 A No. No. The gun was in the direction of the

- 1 window already because I was like this, looking at the gun,
- 2 trying to shake the clip out.
- 3 Q And you happened to just know how to change the
- 4 magazine and the clip and everything on this firearm?
- 5 **MS. CHIEN:** Objection, argumentative.
- 6 **THE COURT:** Overruled.
- 7 **THE WITNESS:** It is a simple gun, yes. I have a
- gun at home.
- 9 BY MS. LASKOFF:
- 10 **Q** Okay. That's all right. I didn't ask you any
- 11 questions. Now, isn't it true that when you were driving
- 12 down the road, you -- after you claim that you were taking
- 13 the clip out and the gun was in your lap, you actually --
- 14 you wiped your handprints off of it?
- 15 A I was actually trying to wipe my blood off of it
- and everything that would have been affiliated with me, yes.
- 17 **Q** And were you contemplating or thinking about
- 18 tossing the gun out the window? Is what you indicated to
- 19 --
- 20 **A** I thought a lot of things. I thought about
- 21 keeping it. I thought about throwing it out the window. I
- 22 didn't know what I was going to do with it.
- 23 Q Okay. And you, in fact, ended up hiding it in the
- 24 back seat of your vehicle, right?
- 25 A I realized I was wiping my blood off in vain

- 1 because I kept getting blood on it and I said, I will wait
- 2 before I decide what I am going to do. Let me just get
- 3 somewhere safe.
- 4 Q Okay. And isn't it true that you took all these
- 5 actions because you didn't want that gun connected to you?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Have you ever been convicted of a felony, sir?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 And how many times have you been convicted of a
- 10 felony?
- 11 A Once.
- 12 **Q** One time?
- 13 **MS. LASKOFF:** If I can have a moment?
- 14 **THE COURT:** You may.
- 15 BY MS. LASKOFF:
- 16 **Q** I just have another question, briefly, Your Honor.
- 17 Sir, I am showing you State's Exhibit 6. Is this your
- 18 pocket knife that you used that night?
- 19 **A** Yes. It looks just like it, yes.
- 20 Q Okay. And this is the one that you indicated that
- 21 you carry with you at all times, just in case?
- 22 **A** For years.
- 23 **Q** Okay.
- 24 MS. LASKOFF: I have nothing further, Your Honor.
- 25 **THE COURT:** Redirect.

1	MS. CHIEN: Yes, Your Honor.
2	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
3	BY MS. CHIEN:
4	Q Mr. Dobbs, I am showing you what has been marked
5	as Defense Exhibit Number 2. Can you take a look at it and
6	can you tell us what that photo is a photo is?
7	A It is a photo of me after the fight.
8	<b>Q</b> Okay. And does this show your injuries?
9	A Some of them.
10	<b>Q</b> Okay?
11	MS. CHIEN: Your Honor, permission to publish to
12	the jury?
13	THE COURT: You may.
14	BY MS. CHIEN:
15	Q Mr. Dobbs, that night when the four men surrounded
16	you, were you scared?

- 17 MS. LASKOFF: Objection, asked and answered.
- 18 Beyond the scope of direct.
- 19 **THE WITNESS:** I was in fear for my life.
- 20 BY MS. CHIEN:
- 21 **Q** Okay.
- 22 And my girlfriend's life.
- 23 **Q** And can you describe how tall they were in
- 24 comparison to you?
- 25 **A** Well, they were all around my height, but they all

- 1 weighed maybe 30 to 40 pounds more than me. 2 Q How tall are you? 3 A 5' 11". 0 And how much do you weigh? 4 Between 165 and 170. 5 A 6 Q When you were pulled over by the police officer, did you cooperate with the police? A Of course. 8 And when the -- did the police ask you if you had 9 0 10 any weapons? A Yes. 11 And what did you tell them? 12 Q 13 I told them what I had and where it was. Α 14 Q Okay. Did you tell them where the gun was? Yes. 15 Α Did you tell them where the knife was? 16 Q 17 Α Yes.
- 20 MS. LASKOFF: No, Your Honor.
- 21 **THE COURT:** Counsel, could you approach for a

MS. CHIEN: I have no other questions.

**THE COURT:** Any redirect, recross?

22 moment, please?

18

19

- 23 (Conference at the Bench held on the record.)
- 24 **THE COURT:** Defense, do you intend to rest now?
- 25 **MS. VICKERS:** Yes.