

## **Testimony of Regenia Meek in Misskelley trial Feb 1994**

Fogleman: Would you state your name and occupation for the jury?

Meek: Regenia Meek, police patrolman, West Memphis Police Department.

Fogleman: How long have you been with the police department?

Meek: 9 years.

Fogleman: Uh, Patrolman Meek I want to direct your attention to May the 5th 1993. Uhh, at sometime around 8:00 were you dispatched to 1400 E. Barton?

Meek: Yes sir, I was.

Fogleman: And what time did you arrive?

Meek: Around 8:10.

Fogleman: And, uhh, whose residence was 1400 E. Barton?

Meek: The Byers' residence.

Fogleman: And when you were at that residence, uh, what did you find when you got there?

Meek: Okay. When I got there I found a mother and father worried about their missing son. Their 8 year old son.

Fogleman: And while you were there did you have contact with any other parents?

Meek: Yes, sir, uh, Mrs. Moore came and knocked on the door while I was taking a report from Mr. and Mrs. Byers. And, uhh, told me that her son was with the Byers boy and also Steve Branch was with them. She had saw them earlier.

Fogleman: Alright. And, uhh, did you take a formal report from her at that time?

Meek: No, sir I did not. I just finished the Byers' report and when I left there I could not relocate her because she was still looking for her son. And I found her again around 9:24.

Fogleman: Okay. Alright, now after taking the report, uhh, what efforts if any did you make to try to locate, uhh, these children?

Meek: Okay. I had been advised by Mrs. Moore that the last time anyone saw them they were going toward a wooded area. Of course it was nicknamed Robin Hood by the children. Um, and it was pointed out to me. There was 2 entrances, and since, uhh, they had told me that a couple of people had went into the entrance off of Goodwin I went down to McCauley.

Fogleman: Okay. Now if you could, could you take this pointer, and directing your attention to State's Exhibit 101. Would you point to the jury, point out to the jury this area that's known as Robin Hood and the 2 entrances?

Meek: Okay, let's see. This area here, is Robin Hood. This is McCauley St. here and this is a pipe that runs across the bayou, here. Okay, there's trails and paths all throughout here. They told me that uh, some people had came in from this side, from over here. So I came in from here, and went down to the pipe. The pipe's where I stopped.

Fogleman: When you went into that area about what time was it?

Meek: It was turning dark. I didn't look, didn't look at my watch to see what time it was. But it was turning, it was well on it's way to dark.

Fogleman: Alright. And was there any particular thing about the, uh, the conditions that you noted?

Meek: Yes, sir. When I went down the hill to the pipe, of course the weeds were extremely high, the mosquitos were tremendous. I was breathing in mosquitos it was so bad. And I decided at that time, that three 8 year old boys would not be staying in the woods with mosquitos that bad. And I turned around and went back to my vehicle and, uh, decided to start checking buildings and other areas.

Fogleman: Alright. And did you do that?

Meek: Yes sir.

Fogleman: And how long did you continue to search?

Meek: Um, I went back to the police department around 11:15 or 11:20.

Fogleman : Alright is that when your -

Meek: That's when my part of it stopped, yes, sir.

Fogleman: When did your shift actually end?

Meek: A quarter to 11:00 is when ever the rest of the officers finished their shifts.

Fogleman: I don't have any further questions at this time.

Stidham: No further questions your honor.

The Court: Okay, you're free to go.