

**GILES BEAUCHAMP, SWORN, TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:**

MR. JOHNSTON:

EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF:

- 1 Q Mr. Beauchamp, what's your date of birth?  
A May 24th, '60.
- 2 Q May 24th, 1960. So how old would you have been in  
April of 1969?  
A Nine.
- 3 Q I guess just about nine?  
A Yeah.
- 4 Q Where were you living back then?  
A On 20th Street, 1505.
- 5 Q Do you recall the address?  
A 1505 20th Street.
- 6 Q 1505 --  
A 20th Street West.
- 7 Q 20th Street West. Where did you go to school?  
A St. Mary's.
- 8 Q So did you know Rick Hounjet, the fellow who just  
testified?  
A Yes, I did.
- 9 Q Were you school mates or something?  
A Yeah.
- 10 Q I understand you also knew people by the name of  
Cadranes (ph)?  
A Yes, I did.
- 11 Q Where was your house at 1505 20th located in

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relation to Avenue O, Mr. Beauchamp?

A It was the third house west on Avenue O and --

12 Q The third house west from Avenue O?

A Yeah.

13 Q Okay. All right. And where did Cadranes live on Avenue O then, how far from your place?

A Oh, at the end of the block. It was virtually a block away.

14 Q About a block away?

A Yeah, they lived on one corner and --

15 Q Who there did you know, Mr. Beauchamp?

A Phillip, I knew the family.

16 Q Right.

A But I'd go over probably and play with Phillip at that time.

17 Q Yes. So he would've been a playmate about that time?

A Yeah, yeah.

18 Q The reason that I ask is that I understand on April 4th, 1969, you were at the Cadrane house?

A Mhmm.

19 Q What were you doing there?

A I remember having gone over there just to see if they were home.

20 Q Right.

A And I don't think he was home at the time, so from

there I was just walking home.

21 Q And what happened?

A I'd been kicking the snow and the wallet flew out of the snow.

22 Q Of the snow?

A Yeah.

23 Q Did you see the wallet before you kicked it or did you kick it up?

A No. No, I had kicked it up.

24 Q Kicked it up?

A Yeah.

25 Q What, maybe just describe in as much detail as you remember, Giles, what exactly happened? What you saw and what happened?

A The wallet flew out of the snow. I picked it up, looked through it a bit, and then I didn't know what to do with it. So I took it from there and put it underneath the shack at St. Mary's School. There was a shack there that everyone used to put their skates on before they went skating. And then I think I went home for supper I think. And then after that I grabbed the wallet and went over to another friend's place, and that's when we discovered that it was Gail Miller's wallet.

26 Q How did you discover that?

A We had given it to my friend's mom because we

didn't know what to do with it obviously.

27 Q Okay.

A So we gave it to her and she had, she had realized that it was Gail Miller's and then called the police.

28 Q Called the police?

A Yeah.

29 Q So the police came out. Did the police come out to see you the same day that you found it, Giles?

A Oh, yeah. Yeah, they showed up probably, maybe not even an hour later.

30 Q Okay. And what did you do with them after they came?

A They took me to where I had kicked it out of the snow and where I had found it.

31 Q Okay. What did you do there when you went back to the location, Giles?

A Looked for a couple of pieces that had flown out of the wallet.

32 Q Did you see things fly out of the wallet?

A Yeah.

33 Q Oh, when you kicked it, you mean?

A Yeah.

34 Q You hadn't picked those things up?

A No.

35 Q You just left them there?

- A Yeah.
- 36 Q So were they still there when you went back with the police officers?
- A I remember one piece I think was there.
- 37 Q Okay.
- A I remember two pieces, but it was windy I think that day and when we went back there was only one piece that I think we had found.
- 38 Q All right. So did you take it or did the police officers take it?
- A No, the police took it.
- 39 Q The police took it?
- A Yeah.
- 40 Q So did you ever see it or do you recall any details about the piece of paper, Giles?
- A No, no.
- 41 Q Where exactly was it that you found that wallet, Giles?
- A Where exactly? I can't say for sure whether it was two or three houses down from Cadrane's.
- 42 Q Okay. Do you recall the address?
- A No, I don't.
- 43 Q Okay. But you figure it was two or three houses which direction from Cadrane's?
- A North.
- 44 Q North?

A Yeah.

45 Q And where in relation to the road, sidewalk?

A It would've been on the east side of the street --  
avenue, and as far as where it was kicked out, it  
was between the road and the sidewalk, you know,  
where everybody shovelled their snow.

46 Q Okay. I just wanted to show you --

MR. JOHNSTON: Your Honour, there's a booklet  
that my friend and I have and you may not,  
although it's been tendered as, in the big box, as  
an exhibit for identification, unfortunately. The  
booklet, Your Honour, is entirely identical to the  
one you have, save one page which is at the back,  
which is basically a map.

THE COURT: Oh. Okay. Yes.

MR. JOHNSTON: And I would, like, make some  
reference to it.

THE COURT: Well, sure, let's please, go  
right ahead.

MR. JOHNSTON: Yes. Thanks, Your Honour.

THE COURT: As long as it's by consent for  
the purposes of the prelim. Is that the one  
booklet that we thought wasn't as clear.

MR. JOHNSTON: Yes. Let me just take --

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. JOHNSTON: The photos were not as clear,

no. Is there another one? Actually, Your Honour, with the Court's permission I'll -- I can give you my other copy.

THE COURT: Sure. Well then if it isn't that one I don't know of anything else we've introduced for identification.

MR. JOHNSTON: Yes. I should say, Your Honour, it was in one of the big boxes that we introduced for identification.

THE COURT: Okay. Box, which box number did it come out of?

MR. JOHNSTON: Maybe if you don't mind, Your Honour, for the record we'll indicate that we took a booklet of photographs that had been marked as Exhibit number P-25 --

THE COURT: From the trial?

MR. JOHNSTON: In this proceedings. I think it's part of P-25 if I'm not mistaken.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. JOHNSTON: Do I correctly --

THE COURT: Box number what of what? It should show on the top; shouldn't it?

THE COURT CLERK: This is where (inaudible).

MR. JOHNSTON: All the exhibits.

THE COURT CLERK: This is where (inaudible).

THE COURT: Just let me have a quick look.

I'll tell you. P-25 is number -- or a second  
booklet of photos. P-25 a second booklet.

MR. JOHNSTON: There we are. It was  
tendered.

THE COURT: Yes. Okay. Very good.

MR. JOHNSTON: At least I'm not the only one  
behind here, Your Honour.

MR. JOHNSTON (continuing):

47 Q Sorry, Mr. Beauchamp. At the back of that booklet  
there is a map, Mr. Beauchamp, that -- it, sorry,  
describes an area, you see one Mount Royal,  
Pleasant Hill?

A Mhmm.

48 Q You'll see just to draw your attention to it, for  
example, there's an area marked 22nd Street, 20th  
Street, and then north-south streets indicating S,  
R, Q, P, O, and so forth?

A Mhmm.

49 Q Does that map make any sense to you, Mr.  
Beauchamp?

A Oh, yeah.

50 Q You see there's an area there marked St. Mary's  
School?

A Mhmm.

51 Q Is that the school you went to?

A You bet.



- 52 Q Okay. Can you mark on there approximately where you live? Where your house would've been?
- A It would've been probably right there.
- 53 Q So you're indicating to an area, as we look at that, left of Avenue O on 20th Street?
- A Right.
- 54 Q Virtually straight north of St. Mary's School?
- A Yeah.
- 55 Q As we look at this map at least?
- A You bet, yeah.
- 56 Q Now there are two blocks on that map marked 334 and 330, apparently right across the street from St. Mary's School, at least as we look at that map?
- A Mhmm.
- 57 Q Do those places have any significance to you?
- A I would say 334 was Cadrane's house.
- 58 Q Was Cadrane's house?
- A Yeah. Being right on the end of the corner.
- 59 Q And you say that because it was at the end of Avenue O on the corner of 19th, I suppose?
- A Right.
- 60 Q All right. Using that map at all, Mr. Beauchamp, can you give us any better indication where you might've found the wallet?
- A Yeah. Like I say, it would've been on probably

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just passed the school. Not even, not even. It would've been, let's say, 328.

61 Q Or so as we look at that?

A Yeah.

62 Q Well you've testified before two or three houses north of Cadrane's?

A Right, right.

63 Q Okay. All right.

THE COURT: Around 328 Avenue O.

THE WITNESS: Avenue O.

THE COURT: On the east side?

THE WITNESS: Yeah.

64 Q On the east side of the street?

A The street, yeah.

65 Q And for the record, which side of the street is Cadrane's on?

A The east side.

MR. JOHNSTON: Mr. Beauchamp, I have no further questions. If you'd answer Mr. Beresh's questions, please.

MR. BERESH:

CROSS-EXAMINATION:

66 Q Mr. Beauchamp, did you live on the north side or the south side of 20th?

A I lived on the south side of 20th.

67 Q The south side. So the front of your house faced north?

- A Faced north.
- 68 Q Okay. And how long had you lived there?
- A Oh, for the first 15 years of my life, maybe 14, somewhere in there.
- 69 Q Okay. And is the house still in the family, or?
- A No, no.
- 70 Q It's been sold?
- A We sold it, yeah.
- 71 Q Okay. So you got to know the area pretty well living there?
- A Oh, yeah.
- 72 Q Yes?
- A Oh, definitely.
- 73 Q Okay. And I take it growing up there you noticed that 20th Street was a busy street in terms of vehicular traffic?
- A Yeah.
- 74 Q Lot of traffic. I'd take it you'd get up early in the morning and get ready for school, walk to school?
- A I would, yeah.
- 75 Q Yes?
- A No use taking the bus from where I was.
- 76 Q Exactly. But you took a bus, I take it, if you had to go downtown sometimes?
- A No. I rarely took a bus.

- 77 Q Fair enough.  
A Jump on a bike or whatever.
- 78 Q Okay. Was there a bus stop near your house?  
A Yeah.
- 79 Q How far from your house, please?  
A It would've stopped right at the corner, which  
would've been two houses over.
- 80 Q So if you looked out the front of your house  
looking north, it would've been to your right?  
A You bet.
- 81 Q One or two houses?  
A Yeah.
- 82 Q And did the stop go right to the end of the  
street?  
A Yeah.
- 83 Q Right up to Avenue O?  
A Yeah.
- 84 Q And as long as you could remember that's where the  
bus stop was?  
A Mhmm.

THE COURT: So the bus stop again was east  
of his house?

MR. BERESH: East of the house.

THE COURT: Yes. Okay.

MR. BERESH: To your right as you looked  
out.

85 Q And I take it, it was a normal bus stop of what,  
50, 60 feet or so?

A Yeah.

86 Q And you saw buses stop there obviously?

A Oh, yeah.

87 Q I take it often you heard buses or saw people get  
on the bus?

A Mhmm.

88 Q Lots of people would collect there and get on?

A Yeah.

89 Q Okay. Now I'm just not sure exactly where you say  
you kicked this object. Did you say that it's  
between the street and the sidewalk?

A Yeah.

90 Q Or on somebody's property, what appeared to be  
somebody's property?

A No, it would've been the city property, in between  
the sidewalk and the street, the curb.

91 Q Okay. And that was April 4th of '69?

A Yeah.

92 Q What were you doing in that area?

A Like I say, I was going over to Cadrane's to see  
what they were up to, go out and find something to  
do, play, whatever.

93 Q Okay. Well so why were you walking in that area  
though?

- A I was heading home.
- 94 Q I understand that. But you're not on the sidewalk, you were on the street?
- A No, I was on the sidewalk but I was kicking the snow.
- 95 Q Oh.
- A The bank that had built up from shovelling snow.
- 96 Q I see. Okay. And obviously you don't know when that object was put there?
- A No.
- 97 Q It could've been put there any time April 3rd, April 2nd? You wouldn't know that obviously?
- A I wouldn't know.
- 98 Q Sure. You said in a statement provided in 1993 I believe, that you discarded some of the papers from the wallet. Do you remember saying that?
- A Could be, yeah.
- 99 Q Well let me show you the document just so we're clear. It's a statement that appears to be taken on the 10th of February 1993 by a police officer. And I'm not sure, first of all, if you'd tell us whose handwriting that is?
- A That would've been the police officer's.
- 100 Q Okay. And that's your signature?
- A Mhmm.
- 101 Q I take it that's yes?

- A Yeah.
- 102 Q Thank you. And that, you would've read it over before you signed it?
- A Yes.
- 103 Q And in it, the middle of it says, "I discarded several pieces of identification and then took the wallet and hid it under the shack." Do you see that?
- A Yeah.
- 104 Q What does that mean, please?
- A Maybe I was thinking about the pieces that I left behind.
- 105 Q Okay. Well that's what I'm wondering. Discarded can mean a number of things.
- A Yeah.
- 106 Q Did you mean that you took some things out and threw them away and walked away with the wallet?
- A Yeah, I don't think so. No.
- 107 Q Or you don't remember?
- A Or just don't remember. I remember the two pieces that had flown out, and then those ones I just didn't bother with.
- 108 Q I take it, just so we're clear, the initial thought was you were going to keep the wallet?
- A Yeah.
- 109 Q Okay. That's why you went to hide it?

- A Yeah.
- 110 Q Okay. I take it there was no money in it?
- A No.
- 111 Q You checked for that?
- A Oh, yeah.
- 112 Q Okay. Having lived in the area at that time, I take it that there were a number of houses between 20th and the Cadrane house on the east side of the street?
- A Yes.
- 113 Q It seemed to you like there were people living there?
- A Oh, yeah.
- 114 Q That is they weren't vacant houses or anything like that?
- A No.
- 115 Q Okay. So a lot of people lived in that area or seemed to live in that area?
- A Mhmm.
- 116 Q Yes?
- A Yes.
- 117 Q Okay. And I take it a number of kids went to school at St. Mary's from the immediate area?
- A Yes.
- 118 Q You could see them walking to school, that sort of thing?



- A Yes.
- 119 Q Okay. Do you know at the time what grades were offered at St. Mary's? Was it full 1 to 8?
- A Yes, they were.
- 120 Q Any high school?
- A No.
- 121 Q So it's all elementary?
- A Yes.
- 122 Q Okay. Excuse me, Your Honour. I take it that you had gone to visit with the Cadrane family for a number of years?
- A I had known them for a number of years, yeah.
- 123 Q And was Phillip the sort of contact, the person closest to your age?
- A I think so, yeah.
- 124 Q How many people seemed to live in that house?
- A As far as I knew just their family.
- 125 Q And what did their family consist of? How many children, please?
- A I think as far as I knew there were, like, four kids I think.
- 126 Q Okay. And the mother and father?
- A Yes.
- 127 Q And the father was Shorty, was it?
- A No, father wasn't --
- 128 Q Who was that?

- A Father wasn't Shorty. Shorty was one of the brothers.
- 129 Q Right. Okay. Who was the father?
- A I can't remember.
- 130 Q But you met him though I take it?
- A I imagine, yeah. It's been a lot of years since I had anything to do with Cadranes at all.
- 131 Q I understand. But he appeared to be living at the house?
- A To tell you the truth I can't remember.
- 132 Q Okay. You were asked if you knew Richard Hounjet, the last witness. You knew him for a number of years I take it?
- A Yes.
- 133 Q Did you ever go to his house?
- A Yes.
- 134 Q How did you get to his house? Which way did you walk?
- A I would cross 20th Street and go down the alley of, it would be Avenue O.
- 135 Q Okay. And you'd visit him on a regular basis? Did you see him regular basis?
- A Oh, yeah. We used to hang out a fair amount back then.
- 136 Q Right. And did you hear of the event, the death of someone in that neighbourhood?

A I can't remember whether we heard about it or not.  
If I did I didn't pay no mind to it or anything.

137 Q I'm just wondering if it became known within the  
community or you talked about it, that sort of  
thing?

A No, I don't remember anybody saying anything like  
-- I imagine my parents would've heard about it  
but I, I don't remember hearing anything about it.

138 Q Well as a matter of curiosity, after it happened,  
did you kids ever go to the area and look for the  
area at all?

A No.

139 Q Don't remember doing that?

A No.

MR. BERESH: Those are my questions. Thank  
you, sir.

THE COURT: Any re-exam?

MR. JOHNSTON: No, Your Honour.

THE COURT: All right. You are excused,  
sir. Thank you very much.

MR. JOHNSTON: Thanks, Mr. Beauchamp. Vicky  
Fontaine, please, Your Honour.

THE COURT: Mr. Johnston, I was just  
thinking. It might've been of some assistance if  
we would've had a calendar of 1969.

MR. JOHNSTON: Yes. I think -- sorry, Vicky.

Just come in and go up there. That's a good idea.  
I'm not so sure one will be easy to come by just  
now.

THE COURT: No.

MR. JOHNSTON: But --

THE COURT: Mind you, maybe computers  
could produce one for us.

MR. JOHNSTON: I imagine pretty quickly.

THE COURT: As a matter of fact I'll -- I  
don't know if my computer would, if it goes back  
far enough, but I'll try.