

**BETTY SILVERFOX, having  
been duly SWORN, states:**

**MR. JOHNSTON:**

**EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF:**

- Q. Ms. Silverfox, thank you for your extreme patience. I understand you  
lived in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on January 31, 1969? 1
- A. Yes, I did. 2
- Q. How old were you, forgive me for asking, on January 31, 1969? 3
- A. Twenty-three. 4
- Q. And where were you living on that date? 5
- A. 130 Avenue O South. 6
- Q. What kind of place was that? Can you just describe it physically; was  
it a single family dwelling, or -- 7
- A. It was just a house that was a rooming house, it had light  
housekeepings in it. 8
- Q. Light housekeeping rooms in it? 9
- A. Yes. 10
- Q. How many rooms? Do you recall? 11
- A. There was like a suite, I think, on the main floor, and there was three  
rooms for sure that I know of on the second floor where I lived. 12
- Q. You lived in the second floor of that place? 13
- A. Yes. There might have been more, but I just distinctly remember  
three. 14
- Q. So, you occupied one by yourself? 15
- A. Yes. 16
- Q. And do you know who occupied the other two on your floor? 17
- A. Gail Miller and Ann Friesen (ph). 18

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- Q. Did you know anyone else who lived in the rooming house besides those two people? 1  
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- A. The two fellows on the main floor, I don't remember their last names anymore, but there was a Hugo and a Jack, and on the third floor Adeline McSchei (ph). 3  
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- Q. Adeline McSchei? 6
- A. Yes. 7
- Q. Her name is now Adeline Hall? 8
- A. Hall. Right. 9
- Q. You've been sitting with her out in the hallway -- 10
- A. Yes. 11
- Q. ... for the last couple days? 12
- A. Yes. 13
- Q. So you say Adeline lived on the third floor? 14
- A. Right. 15
- Q. You, Gail, and the other -- and the Friesen girl lived on the second floor? 16  
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- A. Right. 18
- Q. You all lived separately in your -- had your own light housekeeping rooms? 19  
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- A. Yes. 21
- Q. I understand as well, Betty, that you went out with Gail Miller the evening of January 30, 1969? 22  
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- A. Yes. Yes, I did. 24
- Q. Would you describe your relationship with Gail. Were you good friends, acquaintances, or what? 25  
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- A. We were friends. Like, we didn't socialize a lot together or anything like that outside of the house but, you know, a few times. 1  
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- Q. How long had you and she lived in that place together, in the same rooming house? 3  
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- A. I moved there in September of '68, and she was already living there. 5
- Q. Gail was. So did you know her before you moved there, Betty? 6
- A. No. 7
- Q. So you met her after you moved in? 8
- A. Yes. 9
- Q. And you socialized with one another from time to time? 10
- A. Yes. 11
- Q. Maybe just indicate about the night before she died, Betty, what you were doing. 12  
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- A. Well, she had -- she was going to a party or had been invited to a party, and she asked me if I wanted to go along, and I said yes I would. And a couple of fellows came to pick us up at the house, and we went over to this party on Temperance Street. 14  
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- Q. On Temperance Street? 18
- A. Yes. 19
- Q. Do you remember the name of the guys who picked you up, Betty? 20
- A. Just first names. 21
- Q. What were their names? 22
- A. Dennis and Sig. 23
- Q. Dennis and? 24
- A. Sig. 25
- Q. Sig. 26

- A. S-I-G. 1
- Q. Okay. So, you and Gail went with Dennis and Sig to the party. Were 2  
these dates, or were you just all going to the party together? Were 3  
you going with one of the fellows or anything like that? 4
- A. Not really. We were just all going together. 5
- Q. Okay. You went to the party on Temperance Street. And how long 6  
did you remain there? 7
- A. It was about 11:30 and then the guys wanted to go and get some 8  
more beer, and so Gail and I and Dennis and Sig, the same four again, 9  
we went -- left and went to the Windsor to get more beer, and while 10  
we were there -- like, we just stayed in the car, waited in the car, and 11  
Dennis went in -- 12
- Q. Who was we? 13
- A. Sig, and Gail, and myself. 14
- Q. Okay. 15
- A. Dennis went into the hotel. And when he came out he said that his 16  
landlady who worked in the bar wanted a ride home, so we just 17  
waited for her, and then she came with us. Meanwhile, I had decided 18  
that I wanted to go home and they dropped me off at the house at 19  
130 Avenue O South, and they continued on. As far as I know they 20  
were taking the landlady home and going back to the party. 21
- Q. Back to the party. So what time did you get home that night? 22
- A. It was around midnight. 23
- Q. So that when you got home, if I understood you right, you said Dennis 24  
and Sig and Gail were intending on going back to the party? 25
- A. Yes. 26

Q.	Did you ever see Gail again?	1
A.	No.	2
Q.	Were you awake, or did you hear her come home at all that night?	3
A.	No, I didn't hear her.	4
Q.	Do you know where she worked?	5
A.	She worked at City Hospital, she was a nursing assistant.	6
Q.	Do you know what hours she was working on the week she died, or the day she died?	7 8
A.	She was working day shift.	9
Q.	The day shift.	10
A.	Yes.	11
Q.	Were you familiar at all, Betty, or are you familiar at all with Gail's schedule, when she caught the bus to go where? When she caught the bus to go to work?	12 13 14
A.	As far as I know she started work at 7:00 in the morning, so I'm not sure when she would have left the house.	15 16
Q.	All right.	17
A.	Six thirty.	18
Q.	Fair enough. Betty, I'm sorry if I'm being unfair to you, but were you awake, as a rule, when Gail left for work?	19 20
A.	No, I wasn't.	21
MR. JOHNSTON:	I have no further questions, Ms. Silverfox.	22
	If you would answer my learned friend's questions.	23
THE COURT:	Thank you, Mr. Johnston. Mr. Beresh.	24
MR. BERESH:	Thank you, My Lord.	25
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**MR. BERESH:**

**CROSS-EXAMINATION OF BETTY SILVERFOX:**

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A.	No.	1
Q.	Correct?	2
A.	That's correct.	3
Q.	There were some parties in the house from time to time you were aware of, were you?	4
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A.	Yes.	6
Q.	And there were men who came into the party --	7
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Q.	... parties? Okay. And Gail was present at some of those parties?	9
A.	Yes.	10
Q.	Okay. Now, the party you went to at Temperance Street, I take it there were other people there?	11
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A.	Yes.	13
Q.	How many people in total, let's say at the maximum point in time?	14
A.	I'd say ten.	15
Q.	Okay. There were men -- equal number of men and women, or about the same?	16
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A.	About the same.	18
Q.	Okay. And was alcohol being consumed?	19
A.	Yes.	20
Q.	Gail was consuming alcohol?	21
A.	Yes.	22
Q.	Dennis was consuming alcohol?	23
A.	Yes.	24
Q.	You were consuming alcohol?	25
A.	Yes.	26

- Q. Okay. And was there somebody by the name of Les Spence at the party? 1  
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- A. No. 3
- Q. You know Les Spence, don't you? 4
- A. Yes. 5
- Q. All right. He was sort of an on again/off again boyfriend of Gail Miller's? 6  
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- A. Right. 8
- Q. You had met him? 9
- A. Yes. 10
- Q. And seen him? 11
- A. Yes. 12
- Q. You observed that this person had quite a temper? 13
- A. Well, he was fairly jealous of Gail, I know that. 14
- Q. I see. But he also -- you observed him also to have a temper? 15
- A. Yes. 16
- Q. Okay. And the police questioned you about this? 17
- A. Yes. 18
- Q. I see. 19
- A. Yes. 20
- Q. But she wasn't with him that night? 21
- A. No, she wasn't. 22
- Q. I see. How long had he sort of been in the picture, Mr. Spence, please? That is, how long did you know him or do you believe he knew Gail Miller? 23  
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- A. I would say for the -- all four months that I would know of. 26



- Q. I see. So you had a fair number of times to meet him and observe him? 1  
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- A. Yes. 3
- Q. And your observation throughout that time was that he was somebody who was jealous, somebody who had a temper? 4  
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- A. Yes. 6
- Q. Correct. I take it obviously you had been in Ms. Miller's room at some point, chatting back and forth? 7  
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- A. Yes, I had. 9
- Q. It wasn't uncommon to visit, I understand, back and forth? 10
- A. No, it wasn't. It wasn't uncommon. 11
- Q. All right, thank you. And was there a common, sort of, visiting area as well outside someone's room? 12  
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- A. Yes. Just across from my room there was a TV room, a large room, just a gathering place for all of us that lived there. 14  
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- Q. Fair enough. And I take it you would -- when you would be socializing you might see Gail's belongings, that sort of thing? 16  
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- A. Yes. 18
- Q. I understand that at one time you saw that she possessed a compact case? 19  
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- A. Yes. 21
- Q. Fair enough. Did you also notice whether or not she had in her possessions, and I'm not suggesting being snoopy or anything, but a pair of scissors like that? Look like nursing scissors, but just tell me if you've seen -- do you recall seeing anything like that in her possession, please? 22  
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- A. I'm not sure. 1
- Q. This isn't a final exam. Do you remember at all? 2
- A. No, I don't. 3
- Q. Okay. Finally, in the area in which you lived, people used the front street and the alley even during the wintertime, is that correct, for transportation? 4  
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- A. I was mostly familiar with the front street, going out the front door. 7
- Q. Fair enough. Your house though, I understand, had a back set of stairs? 8  
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- A. Yes. 10
- Q. And I understand had a -- one of those long set of stairs from the second floor down? 11  
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- A. Right. 13
- Q. Do you remember if people went out the back way during the winter, during the summer? 14  
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- A. No. That was very seldom used, that back entrance from the second floor. 16  
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- Q. So mostly the front street -- 18
- A. Right. 19
- Q. Okay. Finally, there is an apartment block which would be about a half a block from your house, do you remember it at all, it's at 21st Street and Avenue N? 20  
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- A. No, I don't remember that. 23
- Q. The reason I ask is whether you remember it being under construction at some point? 24  
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- A. No, I don't remember anything like that. 26

Q. Fair enough. Finally, do you know what time Ms. Miller generally arrived home from work if she had an early morning shift? 1  
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A. She would have arrived home before I would have, from work. 3

Q. Fair enough. Which would be approximately when, please? 4

A. Three o'clock. 5

Q. About 3:00 p.m.? 6

A. Yeah. 7

Q. Okay. 8

A. Well, I'd say between 3:00 and 4:00. 9

Q. So, in the, sort of, daylight hours? 10

A. Yes. 11

Q. Okay. Finally, in January of 1999 (sic) did you ever observe a vehicle sitting outside of your home which you considered to be suspicious because it sat there and appeared to be watching the house? 12  
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A. No, not to my recollection. 15

MR. BERESH: Thank you very much. 16

THE COURT: Any re-examination? 17

MR. JOHNSTON: No, My Lord. Thank you. 18

THE COURT: Ms. Silverfox, you are excused. You may go. Thank you. 19  
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BETTY SILVERFOX: Thank you. 21

MR. JOHNSTON: Adeline Hall, please, My Lord. 22

THE COURT: Yes. 23  
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