

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

1  
2 BY MR. PLUMMER:

3 Q. Agent Kopfer, for the record would you please state  
4 your name and your place of employment?

5 A. Special Agent Mike Kopfer. I'm an employee of the  
6 Bureau of Criminal Identification Investigation.

7 Q. How long have you been so employed?

8 A. Since February of last year.

9 Q. Can you tell the jury what the Bureau of Criminal  
10 Identification Investigation is?

11 A. The bureau is a composite of several different  
12 departments working with the forensics, criminal  
13 forensics, crime scene and special investigations.

14 Q. Have you had training in this area?

15 A. Yes, I have.

16 Q. Can you briefly describe your training to the ladies  
17 and gentlemen of the jury?

18 A. Starting as far as back as 1990 I was with the Summit  
19 County Coroner's Office; received a Bachelor of Arts  
20 Degree from Kent State in criminal justice studies and  
21 minor in psychology; then went to the Akron Police  
22 Department. There I was a patrol officer and a crime  
23 scene investigator detective. Stayed there for about  
24 three -- a little over three years and then was picked  
25 up by the Bureau of Criminal Identification

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1 Investigation in 1996.

2 Q. Are you assigned to a certain area?

3 A. Yes. I'm assigned to what's known as the southeast  
4 region or southeast district which entails about 13  
5 counties, of which Guernsey is part of it.

6 Q. Where is your office?

7 A. We don't have an office per se but we do have a  
8 repository/laboratory in Byesville/Cambridge area.

9 Q. As part of your duties as a special agent in the area  
10 of forensic crime scene investigation tell us what you  
11 do when you receive a piece of evidence.

12 A. When I receive a piece of evidence I document it and  
13 then I submit it to the laboratory for technical  
14 examination and interpretation.

15 Q. How is a piece of evidence identified?

16 A. They would be identified on a submission sheet with  
17 the corresponding case number and then what number  
18 item it is on the list.

19 Q. So each piece of evidence is designated by case number  
20 and then within that case number by item number, is  
21 that correct?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. Now, you were asked to assist in an investigation  
24 regarding a homicide that occurred at Buffalo, Ohio,  
25 on May 17, 1997, is that correct?

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- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. And did you have occasion in the course of performing  
3 your duties in that investigation to collect certain  
4 items of physical evidence?
- 5 A. Yes, I did.
- 6 Q. With those items of physical evidence was a case  
7 number assigned regarding the death of Leo Sinnett?
- 8 A. Yes. There was a BCI lab number, case number  
9 assigned.
- 10 Q. There are a number of items here that have been  
11 pre-labeled and I see there is marked on an it what  
12 appears to be numbers 97-40266.
- 13 A. That's the case number.
- 14 Q. That's the case number for the Ohio Attorney General's  
15 BCI crime lab, is that correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. All these items that relate to this case contain that  
18 same case number, is that correct?
- 19 A. If they went to BCI that's the case number.
- 20 Q. That is different than a case number the Court might  
21 assign to a case here in the Common Pleas Court.  
22 That's the BCI's own case number?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. We're going to hear later from Margaret Saupe, who is  
25 a forensic analyst for BCI and she would generate

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1 reports as a result of reviewing and analyzing items  
2 of physical evidence that are submitted to her, is  
3 that correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. Contained in those reports would be the same case  
6 number that is listed on this bag -- on the bags of  
7 these various items of physical evidence being this  
8 case, case number 97-40266, is that correct?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. Approximately what time did you arrive at the  
11 residence of the late Leo Sinnett after his death on  
12 May 17, 1996?

13 A. To the best of my recollection, I believe I got the  
14 call around 10:00, so it might have been about 10:30.

15 Q. And when you arrived what did you observe?

16 A. I believe Captain McCauley was inside, just inside the  
17 door and I met with him regarding the crime scene.

18 Q. Were you asked to perform certain things by the  
19 Sheriff's Office and make certain recommendations to  
20 them?

21 A. The Sheriff's Office, Captain McCauley, requested  
22 assistance in processing the scene for potential  
23 evidence at that point.

24 Q. Did you have occasion to take photographs of the crime  
25 scene as you observed it?

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- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- 2 Q. Did you have occasion also to make a schematic drawing  
3 of the home of Mr. Leo Sinnett?
- 4 A. Yes, I did.
- 5 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked for purposes  
6 of identification as State's Exhibit "JJJ" and ask you  
7 to please review that document. Agent Kopfer, do you  
8 recognize it?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Can you tell us what State's Exhibit "JJJ" is?
- 11 A. This is a computer generated crime scene sketch that I  
12 did myself of the Sinnett crime scene.
- 13 Q. And what does it depict?
- 14 A. Basically the rooms and the pieces of furniture and  
15 where the victim is in relation to those items.
- 16 Q. Is that drawing to scale?
- 17 A. No, it's not.
- 18 Q. But it does truly depict the general physical outlay  
19 of that particular residence, is that correct?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. You also took certain other photographs, is that  
22 correct?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- 24 Q. I'm going to be showing you a group of photographs  
25 which have been identified as State's Exhibits "III-1"

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1 through "7" and ask you if you recognize these  
2 photographs and whether or not you took them?

3 A. Those are my photographs. I took these photographs.

4 Q. And did you take those photographs on May 17 at  
5 approximately 10:30 P.M.?

6 A. Yes, around that time.

7 Q. I note on the back of each of those photographs is a  
8 sticker which indicates a date of 8-21-97.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Can you tell us why that date appears on that sticker?

11 A. The date of 8-21 is the date that I reviewed the  
12 photographs and certified that they were my own.

13 Q. And in doing so you certify here today that you took  
14 each of those photographs and they are photographs  
15 that truly and accurately depict the residence of Leo  
16 Sinnett and certain items and also, in part, the body  
17 of Leo Sinnett that you observed on May 17, 1997, at  
18 about 10:30 P.M., is that correct?

19 A. That's correct.

20 MR. PLUMMER: May we approach?

21 THE COURT: Yes.

22 (Whereupon, counsel for the  
23 respective parties approached  
24 the bench and conferred with the  
25 Court out of the presence of the

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Jury.)

1  
2 MR. PLUMMER: I'm assuming that --

3 THE COURT: You've seen these and reviewed them in accordance  
4 with the Court's prior instructions. Are there  
5 objections to these photographs, assuming the  
6 foundation has been laid for admissibility. I'm going  
7 to have to ask you to proceed. You've had the  
8 photographs previously, both sides. We need to move.  
9 Tell me your objections, please, on behalf of the  
10 defendant.

11 MR. TINGLE: "1" and "2".

12 THE COURT: Could I have the photographs as you address the  
13 Court, please?

14 MR. TINGLE: "1" and "2" are cumulative to previously admitted  
15 photographs depicting the scene containing the body.  
16 They have -- the probative value is outweighed by the  
17 prejudicial effect.

18 MR. PLUMMER: Your Honor, it shows certain items are knocked  
19 over and the general disarray. The phone was taken  
20 off the hook.

21 THE COURT: The Court finds that these are not so cumulative  
22 that they would be prejudicial, as the body in both  
23 pictures is partly out of view and they do,  
24 apparently, show disarray in the house and I presume  
25 there will be testimony as to the relevancy of the

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1 disarray and the phone off the hook. Is that what  
2 you're --

3 MR. PLUMMER: Yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Objection as to cumulative overruled. Continue,  
5 please.

6 MR. TINGLE: "3" and "5" are cumulative, also and cumulative  
7 to each other depicting the same scene.

8 MR. PLUMMER: I agree they're probably cumulative as to each  
9 other. I believe the better photograph is "III-3".

10 THE COURT: "3" may be used, "5" may not. It's cumulative.  
11 "5" is excluded as cumulative.

12 MR. TINGLE: "6" and "7" are cumulative to each other. I fail  
13 to see the probative value.

14 MR. PLUMMER: Your Honor, they're different feet, and the  
15 reason that is important it shows there's no blood on  
16 the bottom of the tennis shoes indicating that this  
17 man did not walk through blood during this  
18 altercation.

19 THE COURT: I don't see that these are in the area of the  
20 other pictures as they do not show blood, they're not  
21 gruesome. Apparently, they're the feet of the  
22 decedent/victim and one appears to be the right foot  
23 and one appears to be the left. So I don't -- as most  
24 human beings who have not been amputees have one of  
25 each feet, it appears to be all right.

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1 MR. TINGLE: "4" cumulative to previously admitted  
2 photographs. The prejudicial effect is outweighed the  
3 probative value.

4 MR. PLUMMER: I agree.

5 THE COURT: Sustained. Proceed.

6 (Whereupon, Counsel returned to  
7 their tables and the following  
8 proceedings were had before the  
9 Court and Jury.)

10 THE COURT: You may proceed, Mr. Plummer, in accordance with  
11 the Court's ruling as to the photographs.

12 BY MR. PLUMMER:

13 Q. Agent, I'm showing you now what's been marked what you  
14 have previously identified as State's Exhibits  
15 "III-1", "2", and "3" and I would ask you at this time  
16 to indicate to this jury what each of those  
17 photographs depicts. Identifying each one and then  
18 stating what each depicts.

19 A. Photograph State's Exhibit "III-1" --

20 MR. PLUMMER: Your Honor, may the witness approach the jury as  
21 he identifies it? I believe the testimony would be  
22 more meaningful.

23 THE COURT: Yes, if you think those photographs can be seen by  
24 him holding in front of the jury box. Otherwise, I  
25 have no alternative but to pass them at the

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1 conclusion. What's the preference of the counsel?

2 MR. TINGLE: Pass at the conclusion.

3 THE COURT: All right. We'll pass at the conclusion. I don't  
4 think, even if he was standing holding them in front  
5 of the jurors, they could be seen. He will be  
6 permitted -- or the Court will pass them among the  
7 jurors at the conclusion, if they're admitted into  
8 evidence. You may continue, Mr. Plummer.

9 BY MR. PLUMMER:

10 Q. "III-1".

11 A. "III-1".

12 THE COURT: All of these are identified as "III" so you can  
13 simply use "1", "2", "3", "6", and "7" in their  
14 identification. Continue, please.

15 A. Photo number "1" is a photo looking into the living  
16 room just over the what appeared to be a hospital bed  
17 showing some magazines kind of strewn around and it  
18 looks like the bottom half of the victim.

19 Number "2" is more of a long distance shot, an  
20 overall shot, to kind of give you an idea of where  
21 everything was kind of to establish where we're going  
22 with State's Exhibit "1" there.

23 Q. In the bottom right-hand corner of this photograph  
24 number "2" there is a telephone. Can you tell us the  
25 condition of the telephone?

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1 A. When we came in -- when I came in, the telephone was  
2 laying outside of the living room area in that little  
3 foyer area or just inside the front door. It was  
4 lying off the hook. It was sitting on the floor.

5 Number "3" is a semi close-up shot of somewhat  
6 appears to be blood on the wall just behind the  
7 railing of the hospital bed.

8 Q. Showing you now what's been marked as State's Exhibits  
9 "6" and "7" also "III", can you describe to the jury  
10 what those photographs depict?

11 A. Number "6" is a photograph of the bottom of the right  
12 foot of the victim or the right shoe and number "7" is  
13 a photograph of the bottom of the left shoe of the  
14 victim.

15 Q. And those are tennis shoes that Mr. Sinnett had on at  
16 the time that he was murdered?

17 A. Those are the tennis shoes that were on him when I  
18 arrived, yes.

19 Q. Now, there was a large amount of blood in the area of  
20 the body of Mr. Sinnett. Would you agree with that?

21 A. I would agree with that, yeah.

22 Q. And what is the significance -- why did you take  
23 pictures of the bottom of Mr. Sinnett's tennis shoes?

24 A. On crime scenes I usually go into an auto pilot mode  
25 and you never know what's going to be important. The

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1 fact that there is or isn't blood on the shoe may have  
2 been important. That's why we took a photograph of  
3 it.

4 Q. That would indicate to you that he had not stepped in  
5 the blood that was on the floor, is that correct?

6 A. That's what I would be looking for, yes.

7 Q. And given the amount of blood that was on -- in the  
8 area of Mr. Sinnett at the time of his death there  
9 would appear that he would not have moved about the  
10 house during the altercation, is that correct?

11 MR. TINGLE: Object to the leading nature of the question.

12 THE COURT: Sustained. Continue, Mr. Plummer.

13 BY MR. PLUMMER:

14 Q. Can you reach any conclusions regarding the movement  
15 of Mr. Sinnett after he began to be stabbed?

16 A. The only conclusion I could reach by looking at that  
17 is that he did not step in any blood.

18 MR. PLUMMER: Your Honor, do you want to pass these around at  
19 this time?

20 THE COURT: Any objection?

21 MR. TINGLE: No.

22 THE COURT: They may be passed to the jurors in the same  
23 manner the other photographs were.

24 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, if these are  
25 admitted into evidence they will be with you in the

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1 jury room so I'll ask you to review them briefly now  
2 and later in more detail, if they come into evidence.

3 MR. PLUMMER: Your Honor may the drawing also be reviewed?

4 MR. TINGLE: No objection.

5 THE COURT: The drawing, which has been identified as "JJJ"  
6 may be passed to the jurors, no objection being  
7 lodged.

8 The record will reflect the photographs and the  
9 drawing, "JJJ" and photographs "III-1", "2", "3", "6"  
10 and "7" have been passed among the jurors for their  
11 brief review.

12 You may continue your direct examination of the  
13 witness, Mr. Plummer.

14 BY MR. PLUMMER:

15 Q. Mr. Kopfer, I'm now going to be showing you several  
16 items of physical evidence which I believe came into  
17 your custody. I'd like to ask you to review these  
18 items of evidence and indicate what action and what  
19 you did in the chain of evidence and the chain of  
20 custody of each of these items.

21 I'd first like to show you what's been marked for  
22 purposes of identification as State's Exhibit "CCC"  
23 which is indicated on an evidence tag to be a blanket  
24 and sheet found in the bedroom/living room of  
25 Mr. Sinnett.

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1 A. Okay. I have the blanket here. The tag is indicating  
2 a sheet. There's a blanket.

3 Q. Does not appear to be a sheet contained in this  
4 exhibit?

5 A. That's right.

6 Q. There is a dark substance that appears on the blanket,  
7 is that correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. Can you tell us where that was located in reference to  
10 the item -- in reference to the appearance of what  
11 you've indicated to be blood on the blanket when you  
12 observed the scene?

13 A. I know we took a lot of bedding off the bed itself and  
14 then I believe there's some stuff on the floor or near  
15 there.

16 Q. This item came into your custody and you submitted it  
17 to the laboratory of BCI, is that correct?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. Showing you now what's been marked for purposes of  
20 identification as State's Exhibits "I" marked with  
21 this case number, BCI case number, as being a blanket  
22 taken from the residence of Leo Sinnett.

23 A. I collected this off or near the hospital bed that was  
24 in the living room.

25 Q. Again, that went to the laboratory, is that correct?

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- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. I'm going to, with the Court's permission, make the  
3 assumption all these items of physical evidence I'm  
4 about to show you, you collected and then turned over  
5 to the laboratory at BCI. Would that be a correct  
6 statement?
- 7 A. Yes, that would be correct.
- 8 Q. I'm showing you now what's been marked for purposes of  
9 identification as State's Exhibit "W". Can you tell  
10 us what that is, agent?
- 11 A. These are the shoes of the victim that are depicted in  
12 the photograph. I took these off the victim.
- 13 Q. Tennis shoes?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. I'm showing you now what's been marked for purposes of  
16 identification as State's Exhibit "DDD" marked as  
17 evidence tag as bedroom/living room pillow and pillow  
18 case.
- 19 A. I believe I retrieved this from the bed.
- 20 Q. I'm sorry?
- 21 A. This is the pillow that I retrieved from the bed  
22 there.
- 23 Q. As well as the pillow case?
- 24 A. And the pillow case, yes, sir.
- 25 Q. Was the pillow case on top of the pillow when it was

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1 retrieved?

2 A. Yes, it was.

3 Q. Showing you now what's been marked for purposes of  
4 identification as State's Exhibit "E", can you tell us  
5 what that is?

6 A. This is the bag that the victim was holding in his  
7 hands at the scene.

8 Q. That would be the money pouch?

9 A. Something of a fannie pack, money pouch.

10 Q. Is this the appearance of the money pouch?

11 A. Yes, it is.

12 Q. Contained in it is a large amount of or a quantity of  
13 cash, is that correct?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. Showing you now what's been marked as State's Exhibit  
16 "FF", can you tell us what that is?

17 A. This is a T-shirt that was -- that I took custody of  
18 from the Sheriff's Office that they retrieved from the  
19 parking lot cleaning company, I believe they're out of  
20 West Virginia.

21 Q. From a cleaning company in West Virginia?

22 A. Yeah, like a parking lot cleaning company.

23 THE COURT: I believe your testimony was out of West Virginia,  
24 wasn't it, rather than in --

25 MR. PLUMMER: Your Honor, it was recovered in West Virginia.

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1 THE COURT: It was recovered in West Virginia?

2 A. That is correct.

3 THE COURT: Continue.

4 BY MR. PLUMMER:

5 Q. Agent, this is State's Exhibit "U", I'd like you to  
6 tell us what that is.

7 A. These are the items of clothing that I collected at  
8 the autopsy in Franklin County of the victim.

9 Q. That would be the clothing taken from the body of  
10 Mr. Leo Sinnett, is that correct?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Including what appears to have been at one time a  
13 white T-shirt that's blood-covered?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. Blue trousers?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. I'm showing you now what's been marked for purposes of  
18 identification as State's Exhibit "EEE" designated as  
19 pillow and pillow case from the bedroom/living room of  
20 Leo Sinnett.

21 A. This is the pillow and polka-dot pillow case I  
22 retrieved from the living room there.

23 Q. Showing you now what's been marked for purposes of  
24 identification as State's Exhibit "K". Can you tell  
25 us what it is?

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1 A. It's a file or type of tin lock box that I got from  
2 the victim's bedroom.

3 Q. Did it have any unusual markings on it?

4 A. I can't recall. I know it was brown and light tin.

5 Q. Deputy Paden previously testified that it appeared as  
6 if it had been pried open. Does that refresh your  
7 recollection?

8 A. It was opened when I got there, yeah. Yeah.

9 Q. Show you now what's been marked for purposes of  
10 identification as State's Exhibit "TT", can you tell  
11 us what those are?

12 A. These are the leather type work gloves I collected  
13 from a highway patrol cruiser.

14 Q. Do you recall which cruiser those gloves were in?

15 A. Not without looking at the report.

16 Q. Showing you now what's been marked for purposes of  
17 identification as State's Exhibit "SS", can you tell  
18 us what that is?

19 A. This is the clothing that I collected at the Guernsey  
20 County Sheriff's Office at the jail from the  
21 defendant.

22 Q. This particular shirt would be a shirt which, for the  
23 record, depicts a scene of a wolf standing underneath  
24 a moon, is that correct?

25 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. Also a pair of blue jeans, is that correct?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. State's Exhibit "G", I believe, that is the light

4 switch from the bathroom, is that correct?

5 A. Yeah, this is the --

6 Q. Or the cover?

7 A. The cover from -- the light switch cover from the

8 bathroom.

9 Q. Why did you take that?

10 A. If I recall, there was what appeared to be a bloody

11 latent on it.

12 Q. Meaning what appeared to perhaps be a bloody latent

13 fingerprint, is that correct?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. Are you aware whether or not there was an

16 ascertainable print from this?

17 A. No, I wouldn't know that.

18 Q. That would be something the forensic scientist would

19 be able to describe, is that correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 MR. PLUMMER: Your Honor, may we have just a moment?

22 THE COURT: Certainly. We're running near our next recess.

23 If you want a recess at this time, you'll be

24 permitted.

25 MR. PLUMMER: I'd appreciate that.

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1 THE COURT: We'll then return and you can have the exhibits.  
2 I'll see the counsel in chambers after five minutes of  
3 this recess.

4 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we'll turn to a  
5 ten minute recess at this time.

6 (Whereupon, a short recess was  
7 taken.)

8 (Whereupon, the following  
9 proceedings were had out of the  
10 presence of the Court and Jury.)

11 MR. BIEGLER: For the record it is now 25 to 4:00 on Tuesday,  
12 September 23. Mr. Tingle has left the courtroom with  
13 permission of "Skip" Roberts and we'll be proceeding  
14 with myself as being the only counsel there with  
15 Mr. Roberts' permission.

16 Mr. Roberts, is that okay with you?

17 A. yes, sir.

18 (Whereupon, the following  
19 proceedings were had before the  
20 Court and Jury.)

21 THE COURT: The record will reflect the Judge and the jurors  
22 have returned from the recess. The witness has  
23 returned to the witness stand.

24 Again, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, this is  
25 Mike Kopfer of BCI who is testifying to us.

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1           During the recess the jurors advised that as to  
2           the question of the money bag: Did it still contain  
3           amount of money they? They were not sure of the  
4           answer. You may repeat that question and answer  
5           without objection of the defendant.

6 BY MR. PLUMMER:

7           Q. Special agent, did you understand one of the jurors  
8           requested the answer to the question I previously  
9           asked you: Is there -- did there contain a  
10          substantial amount of money in the money pouch we  
11          previously have identified to this jury?

12          A. There was what I would term a substantial amount of  
13          money in it.

14          Q. You did not count it?

15          A. I counted it with Detective Davis after it dried.

16 MR. PLUMMER: Your Honor, we do expect to call Detective Davis  
17          who will testify as to the exact amount of money in  
18          the pouch.

19 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, apparently that will be  
20          presented more extensively through a later witness.  
21          What you could not see from your seating in the  
22          courtroom when the Prosecuting Attorney was showing it  
23          to the witness it was obvious that there were a large  
24          number of bills within the pouch and that was shown to  
25          the witness as he answered the question.

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You may now continue into other areas, Mr. Plummer.

I further have been advised that one of the exhibits in one of the exhibit bags has now been opened is foul smelling so let's get to it and get it out of the way as quickly as possible please, counsel.

BY MR. PLUMMER:

Q. Showing you what has been marked as State's Exhibit "U", for the record I have removed this items from the bag, do you recognize this, sir?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Can you tell us what it is?

A. That's the shirt I collected off of Leo Sinnett at the Franklin County Coroner's Office.

Q. Is this the same shirt he had on when you arrived on May 17 at about 10:30?

A. yes, it is.

THE COURT: Show it to the jurors quickly, hold it up and then put it back in the bag and we'll proceed. Can you all see it, ladies and gentlemen? Defendant, counsel are you able to see from that?

MR. BIEGLER: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You may put it back in the bag and let's proceed please.

BY MR. PLUMMER:

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1 Q. When that shirt was removed was it necessary to cut it  
2 off?  
3 A. No, the shirt was removed whole without cutting.  
4 THE COURT: Mr. Bartos, Mr. Leep, will you please come in the  
5 courtroom and open one of the windows in the courtroom  
6 immediately? Let's continue. Let's proceed please.  
7 BY MR. PLUMMER:  
8 Q. Agent, my prior question to you was whether or not you  
9 cut in any way the T-shirt on the body of Leo Sinnett  
10 before it was removed from his body.  
11 A. No, I did not.  
12 Q. So any cut marks, punctures contained in that T-shirt  
13 would have been intact since the time that you took  
14 possession of it on or observed it on the body of  
15 Mr. Sinnett on May 17, 1997, sometime after 10:30  
16 P.M., is that correct?  
17 A. That's correct.  
18 Q. There were no additional slices or cuts to the T-shirt  
19 that you are aware of since it has been in the custody  
20 of either BCI or the Sheriff's Office and as we viewed  
21 it when it was brought into the courtroom today, is  
22 that correct?  
23 A. That's correct.  
24 Q. Showing you now what's been marked as State's Exhibit  
25 "Q", I would advise you there is also contained in

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1           that bag an Exhibit "R" and ask you to view those two  
2           items please.  
3           A. State's Exhibit "R" it says a cotton swab collected  
4           from the Tuttle residence.  
5           Q. Did you collect that swab?  
6           A. No. I took custody of the swab from the Guernsey  
7           County Sheriff's Office.  
8           Q. So you would have taken it from the Sheriff's Office  
9           and delivered it to the lab?  
10          A. That's correct.  
11          Q. How about Exhibit "Q"?  
12          A. This is a bath towel that I collected from the  
13          Guernsey County Sheriff's Office. They told me it  
14          came from the Tuttle residence as well.  
15          MR. PLUMMER: Thank you, agent.  
16          THE COURT: That completes the direct examination on behalf of  
17          the State or Ohio. We turn to cross-examination on  
18          behalf of the defendant. Mr. Biegler, you may inquire  
19          of the witness.  
20          MR. BIEGLER: No questions of this witness. Thank you, Your  
21          Honor.  
22          THE COURT: There being no questions of the witness, Agent  
23          Kopfer, thank you very much for your testimony. You  
24          may step down. You're free to leave.  
25                 The next witness, please, on behalf of the State

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