

1 (Instructions 1, 2 and 3 were read to
2 the jury.)

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4 (Plaintiff's opening statement was made
5 by counsel.)

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7 PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE

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9 DOROTHY ELLIOTT, having been first duly sworn, testified:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. ROBB:

11 Q Would you state your name and occupation, please?

12 A My name is Dorothy Sanborn Elliott. I am the Director of
13 the St. Joseph Public Library.

14 Q Mrs. Elliott, I want to direct your attention to November
15 12, 1980. Where were you employed at that time?

16 A I was employed by the St. Joseph Public Library.

17 Q And on that date did you know Patricia Jeschke?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q How did you know her?

20 A She was my secretary.

21 Q How long prior to November 12, 1980, had she worked at the
22 library, do you recall?

23 A A little over a year; somewhat less than a year and a half
24 she had worked at the library.

25 Q Do you recall if you saw her on November 12, 1980?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q Did she in fact work that day?

3 A Yes, she did.

4 Q When was the last time you saw her on that day?

5 A Later in the afternoon. I left for a meeting shortly
6 before 4 o'clock.

7 Q She was there shortly before 4 o'clock?

8 A Yes.

9 Q I want to direct your attention to November 13, 1980. What
10 time did you arrive at work on that day?

11 A Shortly before 9 o'clock.

12 Q When you arrived there, was Patricia Jeschke there?

13 A No; she was not there.

14 Q When you realized she was not there, what did you do?

15 A I began calling her home.

16 Q Was there an answer?

17 A No; there was no answer.

18 Q Then what did you do?

19 A I continued to call her home throughout the morning.

20 Q All right. After you kept doing that, what did you do
21 after that?

22 A I believe I tried to call her mother at some point, and
23 possibly a neighbor.

24 Q Did you receive any answers to either her mother or the
25 neighbor?

1 A No, I did not.

2 Q What did you do next?

3 A I drove out to Pat's apartment at approximately 11:45.

4 Q Now, Mrs. Elliott, where was Pat's apartment located at
5 that time?

6 A It was on Riverside Drive.

7 Q Was it a duplex or an apartment, or do you recall?

8 A It was part of a series of apartments, I believe. I can't
9 recall whether it was a duplex. As I recall, there were
10 several apartments connected on one story.

11 Q Do you recall what color it was?

12 A It was a gray color.

13 Q Now, how many feet was it off Frederick, or Highway 6, do
14 you recall, approximately?

15 A I would say a block and a half, approximately.

16 Q After you went out there to Patricia Jeschke's house, what
17 did you find when you arrived there?

18 A I tried knocking on her front door, and then I went behind
19 the apartment to the rear door. I recall looking in her
20 car. Her car was parked nearby the apartment. I went
21 nextdoor to the other apartment, talked to some neighbors
22 to see if they knew where she was.

23 Q About what time is this that you are out there this first
24 time?

25 A As I recall, I left the library at approximately 11:45, so

1 I would have been at her apartment within the half hour. I
2 would estimate it might have taken me 20 minutes to get
3 there.

4 Q So sometime around noon, maybe a little after noon?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q After this, after you went to the front door and checked
7 the back door and checked the neighbors, did you do any-
8 thing?

9 A I tried to enter the front door.

10 Q You were unable to do that?

11 A I was unable to do that.

12 Q Then what did you do?

13 A I returned to the public library and I attempted to call
14 Miss Jeschke's mother, Mrs. McGlothin.

15 Q Did you get a hold of Mrs. McGlothin?

16 A Yes, I did.

17 Q Did you inform her of the fact Pat Jeschke did not show up
18 for work that day?

19 A Yes, I did.

20 Q All right. After that did you ever receive any other phone
21 calls?

22 A I received a second telephone call from Mrs. McGlothin,
23 approximately 45 minutes after our first conversation.

24 Q What was that in regards to?

25 A She indicated she had gone out to her daughter's apartment,

1 had broken into the apartment and had discovered her
2 daughter's body.

3 Q Now, the last time you saw Patricia Jeschke or talked to
4 her was a little bit before 4 p.m. on November 12, 1980,
5 is that correct?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 MR. ROBB: No further questions.

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9 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. DUNCAN:

10 Q Mrs. Elliott, just a couple of questions. You said you saw
11 Pat's car there. What kind of car did she have?

12 A She drove a small white sports car. As I recall, it was a
13 Triumph, a TR-3.

14 Q A small white one?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And it was a Triumph or MG, is that right?

17 A A TR-3 or something. I don't recall the exact model.

18 Q Do you recall what kind of clothes she was wearing or how
19 she was dressed when you last saw her on November 12?

20 A She had on a three-piece suit, as I recall, a black and
21 white colored outfit.

22 Q Now, was this a suit with pants or a suit with a skirt?

23 A I cannot recall. I recall the colors.

24 Q But you recall it was a three-piece matching suit and it
25 was black and white?