

1 **MR. DUGGAN:** One moment. We call Detective
2 Sanchez.

3 **THE COURT:** If you'll raise your right hand.

4 **THE CLERK:** Do you solemnly swear or affirm that
5 the testimony you shall give in the cause here pending
6 shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but
7 the truth, so help you God?

8 **MR. SANCHEZ:** Yes.

9 (VINCE SANCHEZ,

10 Being first duly sworn at 8:52 a.m., testified on
11 his oath as follows:

12 **THE COURT:** You may inquire.

13 **MR. DUGGAN:** Thank you.

14 D I R E C T E X A M I N A T I O N

15 **BY MR. DUGGAN:**

16 Q Please state your name.

17 A Vince Sanchez.

18 Q Are you a detective with the Saginaw Police
19 Department?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Were you employed in that capacity back in March of
22 1998?

23 A Yes.

24 Q As a result of an incident that occurred near the Play
25 Style Studios on March 25th, 1998, did you happen to

1 have contact with a person named Anthony Sand- --
2 Anthony Thomas, also known as Chan?
3 A Yes.
4 Q Did you know him before then?
5 A No.
6 Q Do you believe you had ever met him before then?
7 A No.
8 Q And were you personally at the scene when Detective
9 Cowley and Sergeant VanHorn of the GTF came upon
10 Mr. Thomas in the throws of that incident?
11 A Yes.
12 Q Where were you?
13 A We arrived within one to two minutes after they
14 requested for immediate backup.
15 Q Were you in the GTF at that time?
16 A Yes.
17 Q And as a result of that day's events, did you come to
18 interview Thomas?
19 A Yes, I did.
20 Q Was there ongoing investigation of that matter up to
21 the date of a shooting that occurred on April 29th,
22 1998, on Bundy Street?
23 A Yes, there was.
24 Q And did you continue in the investigation after the
25 shooting?

1 A Correct.

2 Q Were you the investigating officer at the trial of the
3 defendant in this case, Mr. Wicker?

4 A Yes.

5 Q As a result of the contacts you had had with Anthony
6 Thomas, did you ever learn that he had any case
7 pending against him for drugs anywhere in the federal
8 or state system --

9 A No.

10 Q -- at the time of the incidents?

11 A No.

12 Q Did you ever know of any possible charges involving
13 drugs where he might have been found in possession of
14 drugs that was being held over him or was weighing
15 upon him in any way or in his awareness at the time of
16 the March 25th and April 29th incidents?

17 A No, there wasn't.

18 Q Did you ever make him any promise to get him out of
19 any such drug case in order to have him testify
20 against Peter Wicker -- or, excuse me, Thomas Wicker?

21 A No, I didn't.

22 Q Have you read the affidavit that's been filed in
23 support of the motion for remand in this case signed
24 by a Charles Brooks to the effect that "Anthony Thomas
25 told me he made a deal with officer Sanchez to get

1 Thomas Wicker off the street, because the officer felt
2 Thomas Wicker was a killer and they would drop his
3 drug case?" Have you read that?
4 A Yes, I have.
5 Q Are you the only Officer Sanchez you know of in the
6 Saginaw County area?
7 A Yes.
8 Q Is that -- does this reference mean anything to you or
9 have any basis in fact that you're aware of?
10 A It wouldn't have any basis in fact.
11 MR. DUGGAN: I have no further questions.
12 THE COURT: Okay. Miss Blanchard.
13 MS. BLANCHARD: Thank you.
14 C R O S S - E X A M I N A T I O N
15 BY MS. BLANCHARD:
16 Q Officer Sanchez, do you know if Mr. Thomas picked up
17 any drug case prior to the trial date in Mr. Wicker's
18 case?
19 A Doing a CCH on him, all I know of is that he went to
20 prison for something in the past. I wasn't sure what
21 the charges were.
22 Q When did you do the CCH?
23 A In the beginning of the investigation.
24 Q And would that have been May or June of '98?
25 A No. That would have been back in March.

1 Q March of '98?
2 A (Nods head.)
3 Q And that's the point you did --
4 A Just a background on him.
5 Q And he had a prior conviction for drugs?
6 A He had something. I'm not sure what it was about.
7 Q And you made no promise to him about any kind of
8 leniency regarding that matter?
9 A No.
10 Q Did you make any kind of promises to him about
11 leniency?
12 A No.
13 Q Did you make him any deals of any sort?
14 A No.
15 Q Do you know if anyone did in your office or the
16 Prosecutor's Office or in the FBI?
17 A Not that I know of, no.
18 Q Did you take a -- did you take a statement from
19 Anthony Thomas?
20 A Back in March.
21 Q Of '98?
22 A Right.
23 Q And was that after that Play Style incident?
24 A Yes, right on Genesee Street.
25 Q And Mr. Thomas in that statement to you stated he did

1 not know Mr. Wicker, is that correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And Mr. Thomas also said Mr. Wicker didn't know him,
4 is that correct?

5 A Correct.

6 Q And he also -- Mr. Thomas also stated that Mr. Wicker
7 supposedly got into Mr. Thomas's car, is that correct?

8 A I believe he did, yes.

9 Q But Mr. Wicker's fingerprints were not found in the
10 car, is that correct?

11 A Correct.

12 MS. BLANCHARD: We have no further questions.
13 Thank you, Judge.

14 R E D I R E C T E X A M I N A T I O N

15 BY MR. DUGGAN:

16 Q Just to clarify when Mr. Thomas was telling you on the
17 date of the Play Style incident that he didn't know
18 Mr. Wicker and he didn't think Mr. Wicker knew him,
19 was he speaking of before that date?

20 A Correct.

21 Q But he did relate for you an incident wherein
22 Mr. Thomas talked about having a face-to-face
23 confrontation with Mr. Wicker in his car at Play
24 Styles, right?

25 A On that date, yes.

1 MR. DUGGAN: I have no further questions.
2 MS. BLANCHARD: No, Judge, I have no further
3 questions.
4 THE COURT: I have no further questions. You may
5 be excused. C N
6 Okay, we'll adjourn then and --
7 MR. DUGGAN: May I see the court file, Your
8 Honor, before we adjourn?
9 THE COURT: Yes. If you feel I need any of the
10 other transcripts, it would be helpful to get copies
11 of those, too. There's III and IV in there but not I
12 and II.
13 MR. DUGGAN: Well, I think you need a complete
14 set.
15 THE COURT: Of the trial.
16 MR. DUGGAN: The court reporter present I believe
17 did the trial. Can arrangements be made from your
18 records to get him copies --
19 THE REPORTER: Yes.
20 MR. DUGGAN: -- so he has a complete set? Thank
21 you. So I'll be using mine. I might even have marks
22 on mine.
23 MS. BLANCHARD: Judge, for the record, I'm
24 handing you something which was given to me by the
25 court clerk here, the county clerk, and the prosecutor