

CAUSE NO. 2024-10-15378-CR

STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
VS	§	299th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
MASON CARLISLE	§	TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

TASK- Prepare for your event (Opening/Closing) using this document. You may choose to be the prosecutor or defense attorney.

TYPE OF CASE- Criminal

CASE SUMMARY- On the evening of October 15, 2024, the suspect entered the QuikTrip convenience store at approximately 9:00 pm. The store was manned by a single employee, Jane Smith. The suspect approached the counter and demanded that Smith hand over all the money in the cash register. When Smith hesitated, the suspect, produced a firearm and threatened to shoot her if she did not comply. Fearing for her life, Smith opened the cash register and handed over approximately \$500.00 in cash.

Mark Johnson, entered the store. The suspect, still brandishing the firearm, assaulted Johnson, striking him in the head with the gun. Johnson sustained a concussion and required medical attention. The suspect then fled the scene in a Black Ford F-150.

CHARGE- Aggravated Robbery (Texas Penal Code § 29.03), Assault with a deadly weapon (Texas Penal Code § 22.02)

DEFENDANT- Mason Carlisle

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS-

Arrest: Mason Carlisle was arrested on October 17, 2024 at his home without incident.

Indictment: The Grand Jury indicted Mason Carlisle on charges of Aggravated Robbery and Assault with a Deadly Weapon on November 1, 2024.

Plea Hearing: Carlisle entered a plea of not guilty at his arraignment on November 10, 2024.

Pre-Trial Motions: The defense filed a motion to suppress the surveillance footage, arguing that it was obtained without a warrant. The court denied the motion, ruling that the footage was admissible as it was recorded in a public place.

Trial: The trial is set to begin on January 11th, 2025, in the Travis County District Court.

PRESUMPTIONS

- The defendant was administered Miranda warnings before making any statements/confessions.
- There are no legal problems with collecting or storing any physical evidence.
- There is no legal problem with the chain of custody of any physical evidence.

INCLUDED DOCUMENTS

Official Charge (Indictment)

Interview of Jane Smith

Written Statement of Jane Smith

Interview of Mark Johnson

Combined Police Report

Medical Report

Traffic Stop Report

Booking photo of Mason Carlisle taken after arrest on October 17, 2024.

Photograph of 2006 Ford F-150 parked in front of Mason Carlisle residence on October 17, 2024.

Surveillance Photo

DPS Laboratory Report- Fingerprint Identification

Curriculum Vitae

Testimony of Jane Smith

Testimony of Sarah Bradshaw

Testimony of Mason Carlisle

Testimony of Mark Johnson

Testimony of Alex Cooper

STATE OF TEXAS V. MASON CARLISLE

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

CASE NO.: 024-10-15378-CR

INDICTMENT

The state of Texas, by and through the Travis County District Attorney, hereby charges Mason Carlisle with the following offenses:

Defendant: Mason Carlisle

Date of Offense: October 15, 2024

Location: 861 East Braker Lane, Austin, TX 78753

Count I: Aggravated Robbery

The Grand Jury for the State of Texas, upon its oath, does present that on or about the 15th day of October 2024, in the County of Travis in the State of Texas, Mason Carlisle, hereinafter called the Defendant, did then and there in the course of committing theft of property owned by Jane Smith, intentionally and knowingly exhibit a deadly weapon, to wit: a firearm, during the commission of and in the immediate flight from the theft.

This conduct constitutes the offense of Aggravated Robbery, a first-degree felony, in violation of Texas Penal Code § 29.03

Count II: Assault with a deadly weapon

The Grand Jury for the State of Texas, upon its oath, does further present that on or about the 15th day of October 2024, in the County of Travis in the State of Texas, Mason Carlisle, hereinafter called the Defendant, did then and there intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly cause serious bodily injury to Mark Johnson and did then and there use and exhibit a deadly weapon, to wit: a firearm, during the commission of the assault.

This conduct constitutes the offense of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a second-degree felony, in violation of Texas Penal Code § 22.02.

Notification

The Defendant and his attorney are hereby notified that a copy of this Indictment has been filed with the Clerk of the Court and is available for inspection.

INTERVIEW OF JANE SMITH

October 15, 2024, 11:00 pm (QuikTrip Convenience Store)

Interviewing Officer: Sarah Bradshaw, Badge No. 568, Austin Police Department

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Can you please state your full name and date of birth?

Jane Smith: My name is Jane Smith, and I was born on July 12, 1985.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Thank you, Jane. Can you please describe what happened here tonight?

Jane Smith: Sure. I was working the night shift and I was the only employee on duty. Around 9:00 PM, a man entered the store. He was tall, with short dark hair, and he was wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and sneakers. I didn't think much of it at first, but as he approached the counter, I noticed he looked nervous and his hands were shaking.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Did he say anything to you?

Jane Smith: Yes, he came up to the counter and demanded that I give him all the money in the cash register. He said, "Give me all the money, or I'll shoot you." I was scared and didn't want to risk my life, so I opened the cash register and started handing him the money. He was holding a small handgun, and it was pointed at me the entire time.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Can you describe the weapon he was holding?

Jane Smith: It was a small handgun, probably a revolver. It was black and looked like it could do serious damage. I was so scared that I didn't look at it closely, but I remember it being shiny and pointed directly at me.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: What happened next?

Jane Smith: As I was handing him the money, a customer, who I now know is Mark Johnson, entered the store. The man with the gun turned around to flee when he heard Mark enter. He got angry and raised the gun, striking Mark in the head with the butt of it. Mark fell to the ground, and I could see that he was bleeding and in pain. The man then stuffed the gun into his hoodie pocket and ran off.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Did you see the man leave the store?

Jane Smith: Yes, I saw him run out the front door. He looked back at me and Mark before he left, and then he was gone. I immediately called 911 and tried to help Mark. He was conscious but in a lot of pain. Your guys arrived a few minutes later, and I gave them a description of the man and the vehicle he was driving, which was a black Ford F-150.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Can you provide a more detailed description of the man?

Jane Smith: He was tall, around 6 feet, with short dark hair. He had a thin build and was wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. He had a nervous and aggressive demeanor, and his hands were shaking. I didn't see his face clearly because he was wearing a hoodie, but I can recognize him if I see him again.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Thank you, Jane. Your statement has been very helpful. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Jane Smith: No, I think that covers everything. I just hope you catch him soon. I was really scared, and I don't want anyone else to go through what I did.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: We will do our best to bring him to justice. Thank you for your cooperation. Would you be willing to provide a written statement for our records?

Jane Smith: Yes. I can write one now.

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF JANE SMITH

On the evening of October 15, 2024, I was working the night shift at the convenience store. I was the only employee on duty. Around 9:00 pm, a man entered the store. He was tall, around 6 feet, with short dark hair, and he was wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. He looked nervous and his hands were shaking.

As he approached the counter, he demanded that I give him all the money in the cash register. He said "Give me all the money, or I'll shoot you." He was holding a small black handgun, which I believe was a revolver. He had it pointed at me the whole time. I was scared and didn't want to risk my life, so I opened the cash register and started handing him money.

While I was handing him the money, a customer entered the store. The man with the gun heard the customer enter and turned to flee. He got angry and raised the gun, striking the customer in the head with the butt of the gun. The customer fell to the ground, and I could see that he was bleeding and in pain. The man then shoved the gun in his pocket and ran out. He looked back at me before he left.

I immediately called 911 and the man left. I tried to help the customer, who was conscious but in a lot of pain. The police arrived a few minutes later, and I gave them a detailed description of the man and the vehicle he was driving, which was a black Ford F-150. I would recognize the man if I saw him again.

Jane Smith

INTERVIEW OF MARK JOHNSON

October 15, 2024, 11:45 pm (Memorial Heights Hospital)

Interviewing Officer: Sarah Bradshaw, Badge No. 568, Austin Police Department

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Can you please state your full name and date of birth?

Mark Johnson: My name is Mark Johnson, and I was born on March 12, 1975.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Thank you, Mark. Are you feeling well enough to tell me what occurred earlier this evening?

Mark Johnson: Yes, my head hurts, but I have been given pain medication.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Please describe what happened at the convenience store earlier this evening.

Mark Johnson: Sure. I went to the QuikTrip around 9:00 pm. I was on my way home from work and I wanted a snack. When I entered the store, I saw a man standing at the counter with the employee. The man was pointing a gun at her and looked very aggressive.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Can you describe the man and the weapon he was holding?

Mark Johnson: The man was tall, around 6 feet, with short dark hair. He was wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. He had a small black revolver in his hand. He looked nervous and agitated.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: What happened next?

Mark Johnson: I think the man heard me enter. He turned to leave and about ran me over. This made him more agitated. He raised the gun above my head. He said, "Get out of my way, or I'll shoot you!" I was really scared and tried to back away, but before I could fully react, he swung the gun and hit me in the head with the butt of it. I fell to the ground and hit my head on the floor. I was in a lot of pain and could feel blood on my head.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Can you describe what happened after you were hit?

Mark Johnson: I was on the ground trying to get up, but was in a lot of pain. The man shoved the gun in his pocket and ran out of the store. I saw him leave through the front door and get into a black Ford F-150 truck. He drove away quickly.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Did you see the man's face?

Mark Johnson: Not very clearly. He was wearing a hoodie, and his face was mostly covered. But I think I can recognize him if I see him again. He had short dark hair and was tall and thin.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Was anyone else in the store at the time?

Mark Johnson: No, it was just the cashier and myself. She looked very scared and was trying to help me

after the man left. She called 911, and then the police and ambulance arrived shortly after that.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Do you have any other information that might be helpful to our investigation?

Mark Johnson: I don't think so. I just hope you catch the guy. He seems dangerous.

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Thank you, Mark. Your statement has been very helpful. We will do everything we can to catch this guy. If you have any further information or if you remember anything else, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mark Johnson: Thank you, officer. I appreciate your help.

No written statement at this time.

COMBINED POLICE REPORT

State of Texas, County of Travis, Austin Police Department

Case Number: 024-10-15378-CR

Incident Type: Aggravated Robbery and Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Date of Incident: October 15, 2024 Time of Incident: 9:00 PM Location: 861 East Braker Lane, Austin, TX 78753

Reporting Officer: Officer Sarah Bradshaw, Badge No. 568 Assisting Officer: Officer Bradley Walker, Badge No. 567

EMS Unit: Austin Fire Department (AFD) EMS Unit 12

1. Initial Dispatch and Arrival:

At 9:15 PM, the Austin Police Department (APD) received a 911 call from Jane Smith, an employee at the QuikTrip convenience store, reporting a robbery and assault. The caller stated that a man had entered the store, threatened her with a firearm, and demanded money from the cash register. She also reported that the man had assaulted a customer before fleeing the scene in a black Ford F-150.

2. Officer Response:

Officer Sarah Bradshaw

9:16 pm Dispatched

9:20 pm Arrived on the scene

Conducted a preliminary assessment of the situation, spoke with the victim, and secured the area.

Noted that Jane Smith (cashier) was visibly shaken but not physically injured.

I observed Mark Johnson on the ground, bleeding from a head wound.

9:25 pm ATL (Attempt to Locate) was broadcasted on the primary radio channel for the black Ford F-150.

9:27 pm Crime Scene Investigation.

11:00 pm Interview Jane Smith.

11:30 pm Cleared Scene

11:45 pm Interview of Mark Johnson (Memorial Heights Hospital)

12:15 am at Austin PD.

Officer Bradley Walker

9:21 pm Arrived on the scene

Assisted Officer Bradshaw in securing the area.

Provided initial first aid to Mark Johnson until EMS arrived.

9:27 pm Assisted Officer Bradshaw with Crime Scene Investigation.

11:30 pm Cleared the scene.

11:35 pm Transport evidence to the station.

12:00 am Back in service.

3. Scene Assessment

Location: The QuikTrip store is a small, single-story building with a single checkout counter on one side and several aisles of shelves containing products.

Witnesses: Jane Smith, the employee, and Mark Johnson, the customer.

Evidence:

The cash register was open, and cash appeared to have been removed. (see image)

Fingerprints were collected from the back of the cash register, and secured for transport to the laboratory.

A single still image was captured from surveillance cameras.

4. Victim Statements (interview and written statements attached)

5. EMS Response

9:30 pm Arrived on scene.

Stabilized Mark Johnson for transport.

9:35 pm Transported Mark Johnson to Memorial Heights Hospital for evaluation and treatment.

6. Follow Up Investigation

Neighborhood canvas for surveillance videos and information.



MEDICAL REPORT

Memorial Heights Hospital
1101 N. Mopac Expy, Austin, TX 78756

Patient Information

Name: Mark Johnson
Date of Birth: 03/12/1975
Gender: Male
Medical Record Number: 367894
Date of Admission: 10/15/2024
Time of Admission: 9:45 pm
Attending Physician: Dr. Emily Moreno, MD

ED Report

Initial Assessment

Presenting Complaint: Head injury and concussion following an assault.

Chief Complaint: Severe headache, dizziness, and a laceration on the right side of the head.

Vital Signs:

Blood Pressure- 130/85 mmHg

Heart Rate- 90 bpm

Respiratory Rate- 18 breaths per minute

Temperature- 98.6 F

Oxygen Saturation-98%

History of Present Illness:

Mark Johnson, 48 year old male, was brought to the emergency department by Austin Fire Department (AFD) EMS unit 12 following an incident at a convenience store. According to the patient and bystanders, he was struck on the head with the butt of a firearm by an assailant. He fell to the ground and hit his head on the floor, resulting in a laceration and significant pain.

Physical Examination:

General- Alert and oriented to person, place, and time. Distressed due to pain.

Head- A 5 cm laceration on the right parietal region with active bleeding. No visible deformities or swelling.

Eyes- Pupils equal, round, and reactive to light. No signs of retinal hemorrhage.

Ears, Nose, Throat- No visible trauma, clear airway.

Neck- No tenderness or deformity.

Chest- Clear breath sounds bilaterally, no rib tenderness.

Abdomen-Soft, non-tender, no organomegaly.

Extremities- No visible injuries, full range of motion.

Neurological- Cranial nerves II-XII intact. Motor strength 5/5 in all extremities. Reflexes 2+ and symmetric. No focal deficits.

Diagnostic Tests:

CT Scan of the Head- No evidence of intracranial hemorrhage, skull fracture, or midline shift.

X-Ray of the Skull- No fractures.

Complete Blood Count (CBC)- Within normal limits.

Metabolic Panel- Within normal limits.

Drug Screen- Negative for alcohol or drugs of abuse.

Treatment:

Wound Care-

The laceration was cleaned with an antiseptic solution. Local anesthesia (lidocaine 1%) was administered. The wound was sutured with a 4-0 non-absorbable sutures. A sterile dressing was applied to the wound.

Pain Management:

Advised the patient to avoid strenuous activities and cognitive tasks for the next 24-48 hours.

Prescribed acetaminophen 650 mg every 6 hours as needed for pain.

Recommended follow-up with primary care physician in 1-2 weeks for re-evaluation.

Discharge Instructions:

- Activity: Rest and avoid strenuous activities or cognitive tasks for the next 24-48 hours.
- Diet: Normal diet.
- Follow-Up: Schedule an appointment with a primary care physician in 1-2 weeks.
- Medications:
 - Acetaminophen 650 mg every 6 hours as needed for pain.
- No driving or operating heavy machinery for the next 24-48 hours.
- Monitor for symptoms of worsening headache, vomiting, or changes in mental status. If any of these symptoms occur, return to the emergency department immediately.

Discharge Condition:

The patient was stable, alert, and oriented. He was able to walk with assistance and follow discharge instructions.

Discharge Date & Time: October 16, 2024, 3:15 am

TRAFFIC STOP REPORT

Austin Police Department

Officer Alex Cooper, Badge No. 787

Date: October 15, 2024

Time: 11:59 pm

Location: 500 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78701

Violation:

On October 15, 2024, at approximately 11:59 pm, I, Officer Cooper, was on a routine patrol on E. 6th Street in Austin, TX. I observed a dark blue Ford F-150, driven by Mason Carlisle, fail to come to a complete stop at a stop sign at the intersection of E. 6th and Congress Avenue. The vehicle slowed down but did not come to a full stop before proceeding through the intersection. I activated the patrol car's emergency lights and siren to initiate a traffic stop. I followed the pickup truck to a safe location on the side of the road. Dispatch returned the following vehicle information for TX 835QQR.

TEXAS LIABILITY INSURANCE CARD

COMPANY PHONE NO.	COMPANY	PERSONAL ▾
8602770111	TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY CO OF AMERICA	
POLICY NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
CAP152D915709	11/07/2023	11/07/2024
YEAR COLOR	MAKE/MODEL	VIN
2006 DK BLUE	FORD F-150	96512348965478215
AGENCY	AGENCY ADDRESS	AGENCY PHONE NO.
JOHN WORTHAM & SONS	P.O. BOX 1388 HOUSTON, TX 77251-1388	7135263364
INSURED		
MASON CARLISLE		
204-D W LOVETTE HALL, MAIL STOP 9 6100 MAIN STREET	HOUSTON, TX	77005

THIS POLICY PROVIDES AT LEAST THE MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY ACT FOR THE SPECIFIED VEHICLE AND THE NAMED INSURED AND MAY PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR OTHER PERSONS AND VEHICLES AS PROVIDED BY THE INSURANCE POLICY.

Mr. Carlisle provided his driver's license and proof of insurance. He appeared calm and cooperative. When asked why he failed to come to a complete stop at the intersection he explained that he was distracted by a phone call and did not realize that he had not come to a complete stop.

Mr. Carlisle was issued a citation for failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign in violation of Texas Transportation Code § 544.007.

Officer Cooper Badge No. 787

BOOKING PHOTOGRAPH MASON CARLISLE
(PRINT IN COLOR)



PHOTOGRAPH OF 2006 FORD F-150 PARKED OUTSIDE OF MASON CARLISLES RESIDENCE
(PRINT IN COLOR)



STILL IMAGE CAPTURE FROM QUIKTRIP SURVEILLANCE CAMERA



FORENSIC LABORATORY REPORT

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
Austin Crime Laboratory
12345 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78758

Case Number: 024-10-15378-CR

Date of Report: October 16, 2024

Submitting Agency: Austin Police Department
Contact: Officer Sarah Bradshaw
Phone Number: (512)555-1234

Analyst: Isabella Baker, Forensic Analyst II

This report documents the results of the fingerprint analysis conducted on the latent print lifted from the back of the cash register at the QuikTrip convenience store. The analysis was performed to determine the identity of the individual who left the fingerprint.

Method:

Sample Collection- The latent fingerprint was lifted from the back of the cash register using standardized lifting techniques, including the use of fingerprint powder and lifting tape. The lift was completed by officers on the scene. The lifted print was adhered to a fingerprint backing card, packaged, and transported to the laboratory for analysis.

The latent print was analyzed using a high-resolution digital scanner to capture detailed images. The images were then processed using the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) to compare the latent print against the database.

The latent print was compared to known fingerprints of individuals involved in the case, including Jane Smith.

The comparison revealed a high degree of similarity between the latent print and the known fingerprints of Mason Carlisle. I was able to identify 12 matching minutiae (points of identification).

Isabella Baker, Ph.D.
Analyst

Dr. Michael Harris, Ph.D.
Supervising Forensic Examiner



Points of identification Mason Carlisle (left), Evidence (right)

CURRICULUM VITAE

Isabella Baker, Ph.D.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
Austin Crime Laboratory
12345 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78758

Education

Ph.D. in Forensic Science

- University of Texas at Austin
- Graduation Date: May 2010
- Thesis: "Advancements in Latent Fingerprint Analysis Using Advanced Imaging Techniques"

M.S. in Criminal Justice

- University of Texas at Dallas
- Graduation Date: May 2007
- Thesis: "Evaluating the Impact of Forensic Evidence on Criminal Trials"

B.S. in Chemistry

- University of Texas at Austin
- Graduation Date: May 2005
- Thesis: "Chemical Analysis of Trace Evidence in Crime Scene Investigations"

Professional Experience

Forensic Examiner

- Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Austin Crime Laboratory, Austin, TX
- June 2010 – Present
 - Conduct comprehensive analysis of latent fingerprints, DNA, and other trace evidence.
 - Manage and oversee the forensic laboratory, ensuring compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 standards.
 - Train and mentor junior forensic examiners and interns.
 - Collaborate with law enforcement agencies to provide expert testimony in court.
 - Develop and implement new forensic techniques and methodologies.
 - Publish research findings in peer-reviewed journals and present at national conferences.

Forensic Science Intern

- Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Austin Crime Laboratory, Austin, TX
- June 2009 – May 2010
 - Assisted senior forensic examiners in the analysis of evidence.
 - Conducted preliminary testing and documentation of findings.
 - Participated in crime scene investigations and evidence collection.

Certifications

- Certified Latent Print Examiner (CLPE)
 - International Association for Identification (IAI)
 - Certification Date: June 2011
 - Renewal Date: June 2023
- Certified DNA Analyst (CDA)
 - American Board of Criminalistics (ABC)
 - Certification Date: July 2012
 - Renewal Date: July 2024
- Certified Forensic Science Manager (CFSM)
 - American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)
 - Certification Date: August 2015
 - Renewal Date: August 2025

Publications

- "Advancements in Latent Fingerprint Analysis Using Advanced Imaging Techniques"
 - Journal of Forensic Science
 - Publication Date: March 2012
 - Co-authors: Dr. Michael Harris, Dr. Sarah Thompson
- "Evaluating the Impact of Forensic Evidence on Criminal Trials"
 - Journal of Criminal Justice
 - Publication Date: June 2013
 - Co-authors: Dr. John Doe, Dr. Jane Smith
- "Chemical Analysis of Trace Evidence in Crime Scene Investigations"
 - Forensic Chemistry Review
 - Publication Date: September 2014
 - Co-authors: Dr. Michael Harris

Presentations

- "Innovations in Latent Fingerprint Analysis"
 - Annual Conference of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)
 - Location: Washington, D.C.

- Date: February 2015
- "The Role of DNA Evidence in Solving Cold Cases"
 - International Symposium on Forensic Science
 - Location: London, UK
 - Date: July 2017
- "Quality Assurance in Forensic Laboratories"
 - National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Annual Conference
 - Location: Orlando, FL
 - Date: October 2019

Professional Affiliations

- American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)
 - Member Since: 2010
- International Association for Identification (IAI)
 - Member Since: 2011
- American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD)
 - Member Since: 2012

Languages

- English: Native
- Spanish: Fluent

References

Available upon request.

TESTIMONY OF JANE SMITH

State of Texas v. Mason Carlisle

Travis County

District Court 299th Judicial District

Case No.: 2024-10-15378-CR

Date: January 12, 2025

Judge: Honorable John Vincent

Prosecutor: Assistant District Attorney Jessica Santos

Defense Attorney: Attorney Xavier Nguyen

Witness: Jane Smith

Direct Examination by the Prosecution

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Good morning, Ms. Smith. Can you please state your full name and date of birth for the record?

Jane Smith: Good morning. My name is Jane Smith, and I was born on July 12, 1985.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Ms. Smith. On the evening of October 15, 2024, were you working at the QuikTrip convenience store located at 861 East Braker Lane in Austin, Texas?

Jane Smith: Yes, I was working the night shift that evening. I was the only employee on duty.

Prosecutor: Can you please describe what happened that night?

Jane Smith: Around 9:00 PM, a man entered the store. He was tall, with short dark hair, and he was wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. He looked nervous and his hands were shaking.

Prosecutor: Did the man say anything to you?

Jane Smith: Yes, he came up to the counter and demanded that I give him all the money in the cash register. He said, "Give me all the money, or I'll shoot you." He was holding a small handgun, and it was pointed at me the entire time.

Prosecutor: Can you describe the weapon he was holding?

Jane Smith: It was a small handgun, probably a revolver. It was black and looked like it could do serious damage. I was so scared that I didn't look at it closely, but I remember it being shiny and pointed directly at me.

Prosecutor: What did you do next?

Jane Smith: I was scared and didn't want to risk my life, so I opened the cash register and started handing him the money. While I was doing that, a customer, Mark Johnson, entered the store.

Prosecutor: What happened when Mark Johnson entered the store?

Jane Smith: The man with the gun turned around and saw Mark. He got angry and raised the gun, striking Mark in the head with the butt of it. Mark fell to the ground, and I could see that he was bleeding and in pain. The man then stuffed the gun into his hoodie pocket and ran out of the store.

Prosecutor: Did you see the man leave the store?

Jane Smith: Yes, I saw him run out the front door. He looked back at me and Mark before he left, and then he was gone. I immediately called 911 and tried to help Mark. He was conscious but in a lot of pain. The police arrived a few minutes later, and I gave them a detailed description of the man and the vehicle he was driving, which was a black Ford F-150.

Prosecutor: Can you provide a more detailed description of the man?

Jane Smith: He was tall, around 6 feet, with short dark hair. He had a thin build and was wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. He had a nervous and aggressive demeanor, and his hands were shaking. I didn't see his face clearly because he was wearing a hoodie, but I can recognize him if I see him again.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Ms. Smith. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Jane Smith: No, I think that covers it. I was really scared, and I don't want anyone else to go through what I did.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Ms. Smith. No further questions.

Cross-examination by the Defense

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Good morning, Ms. Smith. I understand you were the only employee on duty that night. Can you confirm that you were working alone?

Jane Smith: Yes, I was working alone.

Defense Attorney: You mentioned that the man was nervous and his hands were shaking. Can you describe how nervous he seemed?

Jane Smith: He was very nervous. His hands were shaking, and he seemed agitated. He was speaking quickly and his voice was raised.

Defense Attorney: You also mentioned that he was wearing a black hoodie. Can you confirm if the hoodie was pulled up over his head?

Jane Smith: Yes, the hoodie was pulled up over his head. That's why I couldn't see his face clearly.

Defense Attorney: Given that the hoodie was pulled up, can you confirm if you saw his face at all?

Jane Smith: No, I didn't see his face clearly. His face was mostly covered by the hoodie.

Defense Attorney: You mentioned that the man struck Mark Johnson with the butt of the gun. Can you describe the exact moment when he struck Mr. Johnson?

Jane Smith: When Mark entered the store, the man turned around and saw him. He got angry and raised the gun. He said, "Get out of my way, or I'll shoot you!" Then he swung the gun and hit Mark in the head with the butt of it. Mark fell to the ground, and I could see that he was bleeding.

Defense Attorney: So, the man was facing you when he first entered the store, and then he turned to face Mr. Johnson when Mr. Johnson entered. Is that correct?

Jane Smith: Yes, that's correct. He was facing me when he first entered, and then he turned to face Mr. Johnson when Mr. Johnson entered.

Defense Attorney: You mentioned that you called 911 immediately after the man left. Can you describe how long it took for the police to arrive?

Jane Smith: It was very quick. I called 911 right after the man left, and the police arrived within a few minutes, maybe 5 to 10 minutes.

Defense Attorney: You described the man to the police. Can you confirm if you mentioned that he had a nervous and aggressive demeanor?

Jane Smith: Yes, I mentioned that he was nervous and aggressive. I told the police that his hands were shaking and that he seemed very agitated.

Defense Attorney: You also mentioned that you can recognize the man if you see him again. Can you describe what specific features you would recognize?

Jane Smith: I would recognize his height, his build, and the way he was dressed. He was tall, thin, and wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. He had a nervous and aggressive demeanor, and I would recognize the overall appearance and the way he moved.

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Ms. Smith. No further questions.

Redirect Examination by the Prosecution

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Ms. Smith, you mentioned that the man was holding a small black handgun, which you believe was a revolver. Can you describe the size and appearance of the gun in more detail?

Jane Smith: The gun was small, probably a revolver. It was black and shiny, and it looked like it could do

serious damage. It was pointed at me the entire time, and I was very afraid.

Prosecutor: You also mentioned that the man struck Mr. Johnson with the butt of the gun. Can you describe the force with which he hit Mr. Johnson?

Jane Smith: He hit Mr. Johnson with a lot of force. Mr. Johnson fell to the ground immediately, and I could see that he was bleeding from the head. It was a very violent strike.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Ms. Smith. No further questions.

Re-cross Examination by the Defense

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Ms. Smith, you mentioned that the man was nervous and his hands were shaking. Can you confirm if you saw any other signs of nervousness or agitation, such as sweating or rapid breathing?

Jane Smith: He was definitely nervous. His hands were shaking, and he was speaking quickly. I didn't notice any sweating or rapid breathing, but he seemed very agitated and scared.

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Ms. Smith. No further questions.

Judge (Honorable John Vincent):

Thank you, Ms. Smith. You may step down.

End of Testimony

TESTIMONY OF SARAH BRADSHAW

State of Texas v. Mason Carlisle

Travis County

District Court 299th Judicial District

Case No.: 2024-10-15378-CR

Date: January 12, 2025

Judge: Honorable John Vincent

Prosecutor: Assistant District Attorney Jessica Santos

Defense Attorney: Attorney Xavier Nguyen

Witness: Sarah Bradshaw

Direct Examination by the Prosecution

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Good morning, Officer Bradshaw. Can you please state your full name and badge number for the record?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Good morning. My name is Sarah Bradshaw, and my badge number is 568.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Officer Bradshaw. On the evening of October 15, 2024, were you on duty in the area of 861 East Braker Lane in Austin, Texas?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Yes, I was on duty in that area on the evening of October 15, 2024.

Prosecutor: Can you please describe what happened when you received the call about the incident at the QuikTrip convenience store?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: At approximately 9:05 PM, I was dispatched to a call at the QuikTrip convenience store at 861 East Braker Lane. The caller, Jane Smith, reported a robbery and assault. She stated that a man had entered the store, threatened her with a firearm, and demanded money from the cash register. She also reported that the man had assaulted a customer before fleeing the scene in a black Ford F-150.

Prosecutor: Can you describe your arrival at the scene and your initial assessment?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: I arrived at the scene at 9:07 PM. I conducted a preliminary assessment of the situation. Jane Smith, the employee, was visibly shaken but not physically injured. I observed Mark Johnson, a customer, on the ground, bleeding from a head wound. I secured the area.

Prosecutor: Can you describe the evidence you collected at the scene?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: I collected several pieces of evidence. The cash register was open, and cash appeared to have been removed. I also collected fingerprints from the back of the cash register and

secured them for transport to the laboratory. I captured a single still image from the surveillance cameras.

Prosecutor: Did you interview any witnesses at the scene?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Yes, I interviewed Jane Smith at the scene. She provided a detailed description of the incident, including the appearance of the suspect and the vehicle he was driving. I also interviewed Mark Johnson at Memorial Heights Hospital later that evening.

Prosecutor: Can you summarize the statements of Jane Smith and Mark Johnson?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Jane Smith described the suspect as a tall man, around 6 feet, with short dark hair, wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. He was nervous and his hands were shaking. He demanded money from the cash register and threatened her with a small black handgun. When Mark Johnson entered the store, the suspect turned and struck him in the head with the butt of the gun. Both victims provided a consistent description of the suspect and the vehicle he was driving, a black Ford F-150.

Prosecutor: Did you take any additional actions that evening?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Yes, I broadcasted an ATL (Attempt to Locate) for the black Ford F-150 on the primary radio channel at 9:15 PM. I also conducted a preliminary crime scene investigation and secured the area until the crime scene unit arrived. I interviewed Jane Smith at the scene at 11:00 PM and Mark Johnson at Memorial Heights Hospital at 11:45 PM.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Officer Bradshaw. No further questions.

Cross-examination by the Defense

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Good morning, Officer Bradshaw. Can you confirm that when you arrived at the scene, Jane Smith was the only employee on duty?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Yes, Jane Smith was the only employee on duty.

Defense Attorney: You mentioned that Jane Smith was visibly shaken but not physically injured. Can you describe her state of mind in more detail?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Jane Smith was visibly shaken and appeared to be in a state of shock. She was nervous and her hands were trembling. She was cooperative and provided a detailed account of the incident.

Defense Attorney: You also mentioned that Mark Johnson was on the ground, bleeding from a head wound. Can you describe the extent of his injuries?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Mark Johnson had a 5 cm laceration on the right parietal region of his head. He was conscious but in a lot of pain. My partner provided initial first aid to stop the bleeding and stabilize him until EMS arrived.

Defense Attorney: You collected fingerprints from the back of the cash register. Can you describe the process you used to collect these fingerprints?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: I used standard fingerprint lifting techniques, including fingerprint powder and lifting tape, to collect the prints from the back of the cash register. I secured the prints on a fingerprint evidence card and labeled it with the case number and collection details.

Defense Attorney: You also captured a still image from the surveillance cameras. Can you describe the quality of this image?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: The image was of sufficient quality to capture the suspect's actions and the general appearance of the suspect. It showed the suspect approaching the counter, demanding money. The image was clear enough to identify the suspect's clothing and the weapon he was holding.

Defense Attorney: You mentioned that you interviewed Mark Johnson at the hospital. Can you confirm if he was under the influence of any medication during the interview?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Yes, Mark Johnson had been given pain medication to manage his headache and dizziness. However, he was alert and coherent during the interview and provided a consistent and detailed account of the incident.

Defense Attorney: You also mentioned that you broadcasted an ATL for the black Ford F-150. Can you confirm if this vehicle was located that evening?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: The vehicle was not located that evening. However, it was later found parked in front of Mason Carlisle's residence on October 17, 2024.

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Officer Bradshaw. No further questions.

Redirect Examination by the Prosecution

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Officer Bradshaw, you mentioned that the surveillance camera image was clear enough to identify the suspect's clothing and the weapon he was holding. Can you describe the specific details you observed in the image?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: The image clearly showed the suspect wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. It also showed him holding a small black handgun, which he used to threaten Jane Smith and strike Mark Johnson. The image was clear enough to confirm the consistency of the victims' descriptions.

Prosecutor: You also mentioned that you interviewed Mark Johnson at the hospital. Can you describe any additional details he provided about the suspect's demeanor?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: Mark Johnson described the suspect as nervous and agitated. He mentioned that the suspect's hands were shaking and that he seemed very agitated when he turned to face him. Mark also noted that the suspect's voice was raised and that he was speaking quickly.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Officer Bradshaw. No further questions.

Re-cross Examination by the Defense

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Officer Bradshaw, you mentioned that Mark Johnson was given pain medication. Can you confirm if this medication could have affected his memory or perception of the events?

Officer Sarah Bradshaw: The pain medication Mark Johnson received was designed to manage his pain and discomfort. While it can cause drowsiness, it does not typically affect memory or perception to a significant degree. Mark was alert and coherent during the interview and provided a consistent account of the incident.

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Officer Bradshaw. No further questions.

Judge (Honorable John Vincent):

Thank you, Officer Bradshaw. You may step down.

TESTIMONY OF MASON CARLISLE

State of Texas v. Mason Carlisle

Travis County

District Court 299th Judicial District

Case No.: 2024-10-15378-CR

Date: January 12, 2025

Judge: Honorable John Vincent

Prosecutor: Assistant District Attorney Jessica Santos

Defense Attorney: Attorney Xavier Nguyen

Witness: Mason Carlisle

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Good morning, Mr. Carlisle. Can you please state your full name and date of birth for the record?

Mason Carlisle: Good morning. My name is Mason Carlisle, and I was born on October 15, 1988.

Defense Attorney: Mr. Carlisle, can you please describe where you were on the evening of October 15, 2024, around 9:00 PM?

Mason Carlisle: On the evening of October 15, 2024, I was at my friend's house, located at 1234 Maple Street, Austin, Texas. I was there from around 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Defense Attorney: Can you describe what you were doing at your friend's house?

Mason Carlisle: I was watching a movie with my friend, Ahmad Iftikhar. We were in the living room, and we were having a quiet evening.

Defense Attorney: Can you provide any details about the movie you were watching?

Mason Carlisle: We were watching a comedy movie. I can't remember the exact title, but it was a recent release. We were both laughing and enjoying it.

Defense Attorney: Did anyone else join you at your friend's house that evening?

Mason Carlisle: No, it was just me and Ahmad. We were the only ones there.

Defense Attorney: Can you describe Ahmad Iftikhar and how long you have known him?

Mason Carlisle: Ahmad Iftikhar is a close friend of mine. I've known him for about five years. He works as a software developer, and we often hang out on weekends when I come to town.

Defense Attorney: Did you leave Ahmad 's house at any point during the evening?

Mason Carlisle: No, I did not leave the house. I stayed there the entire time, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Defense Attorney: Do you have any text messages or other forms of communication that can confirm you were at Ahmad 's house that evening?

Mason Carlisle: Yes, I have text messages from Ahmad inviting me over and confirming our plans. I also have a photo of us watching the movie that evening.

Defense Attorney: Can you show the court the text messages and the photo?

Mason Carlisle: (Hands over his phone to the defense attorney, who presents the text messages and photo to the court.)

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Mr. Carlisle. No further questions.

Cross-examination by the Prosecution

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Good morning, Mr. Carlisle. You mentioned that you were at your friend Ahmad Iftikhar's house from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM on the evening of October 15, 2024. Is that correct?

Mason Carlisle: Yes, that's correct.

Prosecutor: Can you confirm the address of Ahmad Iftikhar's house?

Mason Carlisle: Yes, it's 1234 Maple Street, Austin, Texas.

Prosecutor: You stated that you were watching a movie with Ahmad . Can you provide the exact title of the movie?

Mason Carlisle: I can't remember the exact title, but it was a recent comedy release.

Prosecutor: Do you recall any specific scenes or jokes from the movie?

Mason Carlisle: Not really. It was a funny movie, and we were both laughing, but I can't recall any specific scenes or jokes.

Prosecutor: You mentioned that you have text messages and a photo to confirm you were at Ahmad 's house. Can you show the court the exact text messages and the photo?

Mason Carlisle: (Hands over his phone to the prosecutor, who reviews the text messages and photo.)

Prosecutor: (After reviewing the text messages and photo) The text messages show that Ahmad invited you over around 7:30 PM, and the photo is timestamped at 9:15 PM. However, the photo appears to be taken in a different room than the living room you described. Can you explain this discrepancy?

Mason Carlisle: Oh, that's right. We moved to the kitchen to get some snacks during the movie. The

photo was taken in the kitchen.

Prosecutor: You also mentioned that you were at Ahmad 's house from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Can you confirm if you left the house at any point during that time?

Mason Carlisle: No, I did not leave the house. I stayed there the entire time.

Prosecutor: You stated that Ahmad Iftikhar is a close friend and that you have known him for about five years. Can Ahmad confirm that you were at his house during the time of the incident?

Mason Carlisle: Yes, Ahmad can confirm that I was there. He will testify to that.

Prosecutor: Has Ahmad been informed that he may be called to testify on your behalf?

Mason Carlisle: Yes, I have informed Ahmad, and he is willing to testify.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Mr. Carlisle. No further questions.

Redirect Examination by the Defense

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Mr. Carlisle, you mentioned that you and Ahmad moved to the kitchen to get snacks during the movie. Can you describe what you and Ahmad were doing in the kitchen?

Mason Carlisle: We were preparing some snacks, like popcorn and chips. We were having a relaxed evening, and we didn't want to leave the movie to go out for food.

Defense Attorney: Can you confirm that you stayed at Ahmad 's house the entire time from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM?

Mason Carlisle: Yes, I stayed at Ahmad 's house the entire time. We watched the movie, had some snacks, and talked for a while.

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Mr. Carlisle. No further questions.

Re-cross Examination by the Prosecution

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Mr. Carlisle, you mentioned that you and Ahmad moved to the kitchen to get snacks. Can you confirm if you were alone in the kitchen at any point during that time?

Mason Carlisle: No, Ahmad and I were together in the kitchen the entire time. We were both preparing the snacks and talking.

Prosecutor: You also mentioned that Ahmad will testify to confirm that you were at his house during the time of the incident. Can you confirm if Ahmad has any reason to lie on your behalf?

Mason Carlisle: No, Ahmad has no reason to lie on my behalf. He is a good friend, and he will tell the

truth.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Mr. Carlisle. No further questions.

Judge (Honorable John Vincent):

Thank you, Mr. Carlisle. You may step down.



TESTIMONY OF MARK JOHNSON

State of Texas v. Mason Carlisle

Travis County

District Court 299th Judicial District

Case No.: 2024-10-15378-CR

Date: January 12, 2025

Judge: Honorable John Vincent

Prosecutor: Assistant District Attorney Jessica Santos

Defense Attorney: Attorney Xavier Nguyen

Witness: Mark Johnson

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Good morning, Mr. Johnson. Can you please state your full name and date of birth for the record?

Mark Johnson: Good morning. My name is Mark Johnson, and I was born on March 12, 1975.

Prosecutor: Mr. Johnson, can you please describe what happened on the evening of October 15, 2024, when you were at the QuikTrip convenience store?

Mark Johnson: Sure. On the evening of October 15, 2024, I went to the QuikTrip convenience store at 861 East Braker Lane around 9:00 PM. I was on my way home from work and wanted to buy a snack.

Prosecutor: Can you describe what you observed when you entered the store?

Mark Johnson: When I entered the store, I saw a man standing at the counter with the employee, Jane Smith. The man was pointing a gun at her and looked very aggressive.

Prosecutor: Can you describe the man and the weapon he was holding?

Mark Johnson: The man was tall, around 6 feet, with short dark hair. He was wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. He had a small black revolver in his hand. He looked nervous and agitated.

Prosecutor: What happened next?

Mark Johnson: I think the man heard me enter. He turned to leave and about ran me over. This made him more agitated. He raised the gun above my head and said, "Get out of my way, or I'll shoot you!" I was really scared and tried to back away, but before I could fully react, he swung the gun and hit me in the head with the butt of it. I fell to the ground and hit my head on the floor. I was in a lot of pain and could

feel blood on my head.

Prosecutor: Can you describe what happened after you were hit?

Mark Johnson: I was on the ground trying to get up, but I was in a lot of pain. The man shoved the gun in his pocket and ran out of the store. I saw him leave through the front door and get into a black Ford F-150 truck. He drove away quickly.

Prosecutor: Did you see the man's face clearly?

Mark Johnson: Not very clearly. He was wearing a hoodie, and his face was mostly covered. But I think I can recognize him if I see him again. He had short dark hair and was tall and thin.

Prosecutor: Was anyone else in the store at the time?

Mark Johnson: No, it was just the cashier and myself. She looked very scared and was trying to help me after the man left. She called 911, and then the police and ambulance arrived a few minutes later.

Prosecutor: Do you have any other information that might be helpful?

Mark Johnson: I don't think so.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. No further questions.

Cross-examination by the Defense

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Good morning, Mr. Johnson. Can you confirm that you were the only customer in the store when the incident occurred?

Mark Johnson: Yes, I was the only customer in the store at that time.

Defense Attorney: You mentioned that the man was nervous and agitated. Can you describe how nervous he seemed?

Mark Johnson: He was very nervous. His hands were shaking, and he seemed agitated. He was speaking quickly and his voice was raised.

Defense Attorney: You also mentioned that the man was wearing a black hoodie. Can you confirm if the hoodie was pulled up over his head?

Mark Johnson: Yes, the hoodie was pulled up over his head. That's why I couldn't see his face clearly.

Defense Attorney: Given that the hoodie was pulled up, can you confirm if you saw his face at all?

Mark Johnson: No, I didn't see his face clearly. His face was mostly covered by the hoodie.

Defense Attorney: You mentioned that the man struck you with the butt of the gun. Can you describe the

exact moment when he struck you?

Mark Johnson: When I entered the store, the man turned around and saw me. He got angry and raised the gun. He said, "Get out of my way, or I'll shoot you!" Then he swung the gun and hit me in the head with the butt of it. I fell to the ground, and I could see that I was bleeding.

Defense Attorney: So, the man was facing the employee, Jane Smith, when he first entered the store, and then he turned to face you when you entered. Is that correct?

Mark Johnson: Yes, that's correct. He was facing Jane when he first entered, and then he turned to face me when I entered.

Defense Attorney: You mentioned that you called 911 immediately after the man left. Can you describe how long it took for the police to arrive?

Mark Johnson: It was very quick. Jane called 911 right after the man left, and the police arrived within a few minutes, maybe 5 to 10 minutes.

Defense Attorney: You described the man to the police. Can you confirm if you mentioned that he had a nervous and aggressive demeanor?

Mark Johnson: Yes, I mentioned that he was nervous and aggressive. I told the police that his hands were shaking and that he seemed very agitated.

Defense Attorney: You also mentioned that you can recognize the man if you see him again. Can you describe what specific features you would recognize?

Mark Johnson: I would recognize his height, his build, and the way he was dressed. He was tall, thin, and wearing a black hoodie, dark jeans, and black sneakers. Even though I didn't see his face clearly, I would recognize him.

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. No further questions.

Redirect Examination by the Prosecution

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Mr. Johnson, you mentioned that the man was holding a small black handgun, which you believe was a revolver. Can you describe the size and appearance of the gun in more detail?

Mark Johnson: The gun was small, probably a revolver. It was black and shiny, and it looked like it could do serious damage. It was pointed at Jane the entire time, and I was very afraid.

Prosecutor: You also mentioned that the man struck you with the butt of the gun. Can you describe the force with which he hit you?

Mark Johnson: He hit me with a lot of force. I fell to the ground immediately, and I could see that I was bleeding from the head. It was a very violent strike.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. No further questions.

Re-cross Examination by the Defense

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Mr. Johnson, you mentioned that the man was nervous and his hands were shaking. Can you confirm if you saw any other signs of nervousness or agitation, such as sweating or rapid breathing?

Mark Johnson: He was definitely nervous. His hands were shaking, and he was speaking quickly. I didn't notice any sweating or rapid breathing, but he seemed very agitated and scared.

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. No further questions.

Judge (Honorable John Vincent):

Thank you, Mr. Johnson. You may step down.

TESTIMONY OF ALEX COOPER

State of Texas v. Mason Carlisle

Travis County

District Court 299th Judicial District

Case No.: 2024-10-15378-CR

Date: January 12, 2025

Judge: Honorable John Vincent

Prosecutor: Assistant District Attorney Jessica Santos

Defense Attorney: Attorney Xavier Nguyen

Witness: Alex Cooper

Direct Examination by the Defense

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Good afternoon, Officer Cooper. Can you please state your full name and badge number for the record?

Officer Alex Cooper: Good afternoon. My name is Alex Cooper, and my badge number is 570.

Defense Attorney: Officer Cooper, can you describe your role and responsibilities as an officer with the Austin Police Department?

Officer Alex Cooper: I am a patrol officer with the Austin Police Department. My primary responsibilities include responding to calls, conducting traffic stops, and ensuring the safety of the community.

Defense Attorney: In the early hours of October 16, 2024, you conducted a traffic stop on a Ford F-150. Can you describe the circumstances of that traffic stop?

Officer Alex Cooper: Yes, on the evening of October 15, 2024, I was on routine patrol in the area of 6100 Main Street, Austin, Texas. At approximately 11:59 pm, I observed a dark-colored Ford F-150 fail to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. The vehicle slowed down but did not come to a full stop before proceeding through the intersection. I initiated a traffic stop and followed the vehicle to a safe location on the side of the road.

Defense Attorney: Can you describe the driver of the vehicle?

Officer Alex Cooper: The driver of the vehicle was a male, later identified as Mason Carlisle. He appeared calm and cooperative. He provided his driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance.

Defense Attorney: Did you recognize the vehicle as being part of an ATL (Attempt to Locate) broadcast?

Officer Alex Cooper: No, I did not recognize the vehicle as being part of an ATL broadcast. I was not familiar with the specific details of the ATL at the time of the traffic stop.

Defense Attorney: Can you explain why you were not familiar with the ATL?

Officer Alex Cooper: On the evening of October 15, 2024, I was working on a special assignment and had not been on the same radio channel as the ATL broadcast. Additionally, I was not part of the team that was initially responding to the robbery and assault at the QuikTrip convenience store. I was not briefed on the details of that incident until after the traffic stop.

Defense Attorney: Did you conduct a criminal history check on the driver and the vehicle during the traffic stop?

Officer Alex Cooper: Yes, I conducted a criminal history check on Mason Carlisle and had dispatch run the plate number through the system. The check revealed no outstanding warrants or violations. The vehicle registration and insurance were valid and up-to-date.

Defense Attorney: What additional actions did you take during the traffic stop?

Officer Alex Cooper: I issued a traffic citation to Mason Carlisle for failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign, in violation of Texas Transportation Code § 544.007. I also provided a verbal warning about the importance of following traffic laws and the potential dangers of distracted driving.

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Officer Cooper. No further questions.

Cross-examination by the Prosecution

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Good afternoon, Officer Cooper. You mentioned that you were not familiar with the ATL broadcast on the evening of October 15, 2024. Can you explain why you were not briefed on the details of the robbery and assault at the QuikTrip convenience store?

Officer Alex Cooper: As I mentioned, I was working on a special assignment and had not been on the same radio channel during the time the ATL was broadcast. I was not part of the initial response team and was not briefed on the details of the incident until after the traffic stop.

Prosecutor: You stated that you were not part of the team that initially responded to the incident. Can you confirm if you had any communication with other officers or dispatch about the ATL?

Officer Alex Cooper: No, I did not have any communication with other officers or dispatch about the ATL. I was not aware of the specific details of the incident until after the traffic stop.

Prosecutor: You mentioned that you conducted a criminal history check on Mason Carlisle and the vehicle. Did you notice any unusual activity or behavior from Mason Carlisle during the traffic stop that might have raised your suspicion?

Officer Alex Cooper: No, Mason Carlisle appeared calm and cooperative. He provided all the necessary documents and followed my instructions. There was no unusual activity or behavior that raised my

suspicion.

Prosecutor: You issued a traffic citation to Mason Carlisle for failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. Can you confirm if you observed any signs of nervousness or agitation from him during the traffic stop?

Officer Alex Cooper: No, Mason Carlisle did not appear nervous or agitated. He was calm and cooperative throughout the traffic stop.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Officer Cooper. No further questions.

Redirect Examination by the Defense

Defense Attorney (Xavier Nguyen): Officer Cooper, you mentioned that you were not familiar with the ATL because you were working on a different channel and had not been briefed on the incident. Can you explain how the “channels” work in the Austin Police Department?

Officer Alex Cooper: In the Austin Police Department, officers working on special assignments work on different radio channels, and regular patrol communication is handled on the primary channel. On the evening of October 15, 2024, I was working on a special assignment, while the officers who initially responded to the QuikTrip incident were on the primary channel. It is not uncommon for officers to be working on different assignments and not be immediately briefed on all incidents that occur during their shift.

Defense Attorney: Thank you, Officer Cooper. No further questions.

Re-cross Examination by the Prosecution

Prosecutor (Jessica Santos): Officer Cooper, you mentioned that you were not briefed on the details of the QuikTrip incident until after the traffic stop. Can you confirm if you have since received any training or updates on how to stay informed about ongoing investigations and ATL broadcasts?

Officer Alex Cooper: Yes, since the incident, I have received additional training on staying informed about ongoing investigations and ATL broadcasts. The department has emphasized the importance of communication and information sharing among officers, regardless of their assignments.

Prosecutor: Thank you, Officer Cooper. No further questions.

Judge (Honorable John Vincent):

Thank you, Officer Cooper. You may step down.