ROY ''HITTER'' HOBBS

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**WICHITA POLICE DEPARTMENT FACE SHEET**

**SUSPECT: VICTIM:**

**DATE OF CRIME: LOCATION:**

ROY "HITTER" HOBBS JIMMY MYERS

March 15, last year

Fairmount Park, Wichita

**WITNESSES**

**BILLY BOCH** will testify he has known JIMMY MYERS since he was three years old. On March 15, he came to Fairmount Park, saw the victim lying injured in the ravine and the defendant running from the scene.

**S. T. HILL** will testify he is the ER nurse who examined the victim when he was brought to

Wesley Hospital

**TEISHA COOMBS** will testify she is the victim's girlfriend and that she saw him just before the beating.

**DETECTIVE Z. HENRY** will testify that he conducted the follow up investigation. He interviewed witnesses, recovered evidence and arrested the defendant.

**JIMMY MYERS** will testify he knew none of his assailants - will claim he hardly remembers speaking to anyone at the hospital.

**EXHIBITS**

Baseball bat recovered at the park by DETECTIVE HENRY Photographs of the scene and of victim's injuries

Clothing worn by victim on the night of the incident

Diagram of Fairmount Park

Baseball cap recovered at the scene by DETECTIVE HENRY Medical report-ER intake form Nurse HILL

Photo array - shown to JIMMY MYERS at Wesley Hospital

**WITNESS STATEMENTS**

**Billy Boch's Statement of March 16, last year at 5:00 a.m.**

JIMMY MYERS has been my friend since I was 3 years old. He's always been like an older brother to me. He always looked out for me- watched my back. JIMMY got me into the 13S, "13th Streeters" gang about 3 years ago. We don't really do much except hang out a lot at

Fairmount Park playing hoops, drinking and smoking some. I know some gangs deal drugs and carry guns - me and JIMMY never did that.

Last night I was supposed to meet up with JIMMY and the boys at the park later that night. I was with my girlfriend earlier that night and I dropped her off around midnight and then went straight to the park. I parked my car on 16th Street and started walking into the park.

I was walking toward the basketball court when I saw a pack of the boys, maybe about 7 of ‘em, running from the bunch of trees to their cars parked further up on 16th Street. I recognized one of them as HITTER HOBBS. He was at the back of the pack carrying what looked like a baseball bat. I started to call out to them when I saw what looked like a pile of clothes over by the trees.

I ran over to the trees and found JIMMY looking really badly beaten up. He was bleeding pretty bad from his mouth and his ears. He was moaning really low and when I called out to him he barely was able to move. I grabbed him to pick him up and he flinched like something hurt him really bad. I was able to carry him to my car, place him on the back seat and drove him to Wesley Hospital emergency where the doctors and nurses took over.

I tried to talk to JIMMY on the ride to the hospital and ask him what happened but he was not talking to me. All he was doing was moaning. I never saw his eyes opened and they looked all puffy and swollen.

Two days before this, JIMMY and I were talking about leaving the gang. We both wanted to get real and talked about how we were going to get out of the gang. JIMMY said he would leave first so I would know what was coming. I think that's what he was trying to do the day he got beat up. I think the gang served him up a "violation" for trying to leave the gang. That's why HITTER HOBBS had that bat.

When I left the hospital, I told my mom what happened and we made plans to move to Denver right away.

(YOUR INVESTIGATOR has since found: BILLY BOCH, his mother and two sisters moved to Denver, Colorado, where BILLY is currently attending a technical school, taking classes in information systems. He has not talked to or seen JIMMY MYERS nor anyone from the gang since he left him at the hospital).

**S. T. Hill's Statement of March 17, last year**

My name isS. T. HILL. I have been an emergency room nurse for 12 years. For the past two years I have been at Wesley Hospital and before that I worked at Via Christi Hospital in Wichita, KS, also in the emergency room. I received my nursing degree at the Newman University in Wichita. I am also certified as a SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) nurse.

I was working the evening of March 15-16. My shift began at 10:00 p.m. I was on duty until

5:00 a.m. At approximately 1:00 a.m. a young man came into the emergency room yelling his

friend was badly hurt. I sent two orderlies out with a gurney and they brought in a young man who I would later learn to be JIMMY MYERS.

MR. MYERS was brought into one of the examining rooms and I was assigned to him. DR. LOGAN was the assigned ER physician. We both entered the examining room and I could s e that this boy was badly beaten. He appeared to be about 19 years old and about 6 ft. tall. I could see he was bleeding from the nose and ears. His nose appeared to be broken and his eyes were swollen and beginning to blacken.

DR. LOGAN and I tried to speak with the boy but at first all he was able to do was flinch and

nod at some of the questions the doctor was asking him. During DR. LOGAN'S examination we could see the patient exhibiting tenderness around the ribs and shoulder area so DR. LOGAN ordered several x-rays. Before he was sent to get x-rays I was able to learn from his friend, the patient's name, his mother's name and phone number. We called his mother who came within

20 minutes or so to the hospital.

The patient's friend told the doctor and me, the patient had been beaten up with possibly a baseball bat.

After the x rays were completed, I went to the patient to try to get additional information. The patient was able to open his eyes, though they were still swollen. He was able to tell me his name, phone number and who we should call. I then asked him what happened and he replied: "I was beat up by my boys- ...knew it was coming... didn't know they'd bring a bat and whatever else they pounded me with...." Then he just shook his head and closed his eyes. I noted the statement in the medical records. I don't recall him saying anything else. DR. LOGAN was not in the room at the time the patient made this statement.

The patient was kept at the hospital overnight for observations due to the head injuries. He was released the next day after the doctor had fitted him with a brace for his dislocated shoulder and cracked ribs. We gave him some prescriptions for pain and requested he return the next week for follow-up. The patient never returned to the hospital to my knowledge.

(YOUR INVESTIGATOR HAS SINCE FOUND: DR. LOGAN has taken a position as an ER

physician in Sacramento, California and is unable to be present at trial).

**Teisha Coombs' Statement of March 18, last year**

My name is TEISHA COOMBS. I am 17 years old and I have been dating JIMMY MYERS for the past year and a half. JIMMY and I would sometimes fight about his gang buddies. I didn't want him hanging around with them anymore. They were nothing but trouble and would get JIMMY into trouble. He promised me he would break with the gang soon.

The last time I saw JIMMY looking good and healthy was on the evening of March 15. We had gone out on a date to the movies. It was at the Town East Mall Cinemas. After the movie, JIMMY took me home and told me he was going to call it quits with the boys. JIMMY looked pretty upbeat about the whole thing- he didn't look scared or anything.

About two in the morning I got a call from JIMMY'S mother telling me to come to the hospital right away. I went to Wesley Hospital and saw JIMMY all busted up. I wasn't able to talk to him. They were only letting his mom and the doctors and nurses into his room, but I could see he looked pretty bad.

He came to my house the next day when he was discharged and he looked really bad and really scared. I felt so bad 'cuz I knew it was all my fault he got so beat up. I kept telling him to leave the gang and he wouldn't do it- finally when he went to leave, they beat him up. He told me he was afraid to go to his house, afraid to be with me and he was going to leave town for a while until things cooled down.

My girlfriend SALLY goes with one ofthe other gang members who told her that JIMMY had to take a "violation" for wanting to leave the gang- that's why he was beaten up.

(YOUR INVESTIGATOR HAS SINCE FOUND: JIMMY and TEISHA broke up shortly after the beating- TEISHA hasn't seen JIMMY except for two days before this trial when he called her and said he was scared. When she asked him what he was scared about, JIMMY wouldn't answer but just hung up the phone).

Photo array presented to Jimmy Myers on March 16, last year

On March 16, last year, DETECTIVE Z. HENRY presented to JIMMY MYER'S a photo array consisting of six photos including three members of the 13th Streeters gang. This array was presented to JIMMY MYERS in the ER room of Wesley Hospital. Present for the photo array were the DETECTIVE, JIMMY MYERS, the attending physician and JIMMY'S mother.

JIMMY MYERS picked out the photo of ROY "HITTER" HOBBS as one of the guys that "did this to me." The other 13th Streeters members were THOMAS "SHORTY" CRAIG and TIMOTHY "DUNK" DUNCAN who were not identified by the victim.

**METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE Z. HENRY'S INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

DETECTIVE Z. HENRY has been a police officer for 14 years. He worked his way through the ranks and was promoted to DETECTIVE five years ago. Prior to becoming a DETECTIVE, HENRY began as a patrol officer, then a tactical officer working primarily narcotics cases. He worked for a year in SCAT, trying to break up gang narcotics and violence in the Wichita area. Before joining the police force, DETECTIVE HENRY was an athletic coach at a local high school.

March 16, last year

At approximately 1:14 a.m., I received a call to proceed to Wesley Hospital with respect to a beating victim that had recently been admitted. I was on duty and had just left the station when I received the call. I was only five minutes from the hospital so I arrived there at about 1:20 a.m.

Upon my arrival I was informed that the physician was attending to the victim. I asked if anyone came with the victim and was directed to BILLY BOCH. . BILLY BOCH related to me that he had transported the victim to the hospital after finding his friend beaten up at Fairmount Park.

He further related he had seen some individuals fleeing the scene just as he was approaching and

identified ROY "HITTER" HOBBS by name. He further indicated he had seen HOBBS

carrying what appeared to be a baseball bat as he was running from the scene.

I spoke briefly with the nurse who informed me the victim was being x-rayed and would not be available for any interviews for at least an hour. I then proceeded to Fairmount Park to investigate the crime scene. I first went to the trees described by BILLY BOCH and found what appeared to be fresh blood in an area near some roots. I also found a red baseball cap which I knew to be part of the uniform of the 13th Streeters gang. I recovered the cap as well as a baseball bat I found leaning up against a tree near 16th Street. The bat also looked to have blotches on it with what appeared to be blood.

I took several photos of the crime scene and then returned to the station to get some mug photos, including one with HITTER HOBBS to show to JIMMY MYERS. I inventoried the evidence collected thus far and returned to the hospital.

I arrived at about 2:30a.m. and found the victim, his mother and the doctor in one of the examining rooms. I asked the physician if I could speak with the victim to which the physician replied I could try. I asked the victim his name, however he did not respond. I asked if his name was JIMMY MYERS and he nodded. I asked if he were able to identify the people that had done this to him - he nodded.

I then placed the photo array on a tray in front of him and the victim immediately lifted the photo of ROY HOBBS and handed it to me. He did not pick out any other individuals. I asked him to place an "X" and his initials on the back of the photo which he did. I inventoried the photos and told the victim I would want to speak to him as soon as he could speak. He nodded at me and took my card. I also gave a card to his mother.

I recovered the blood stained shirt he was wearing from the hospital.

I returned to the station and sent the baseball bat, the cap and the shirt to the crime lab for further analysis. I requested the crime lab determine whether there were any latent prints suitable for comparison or any other trace evidence the crime lab could detect.

On March 16, I took a statement from BILLY BOCH detailing his knowledge of the events that transpired at Fairmount Park the evening of March 15 into the early morning of March 16.

**March 17, last year**

On March 17, I returned to the hospital to learn the victim had been discharged. I took a statement from the attending ER nurse and proceeded to the victim's home address. I did not find the victim at the residence but did find his mother who was alarmed as she had not seen her son since his discharge. She was in extreme distress but was able to tell me several locations

where I might find the victim. I proceeded to the victim's girlfriend's house. TEISHA COOMBS was home and told me the victim had just left, that he was going someplace out of town but didn't want to tell her or anyone else where he was going because he was scared of what the gang might do to him.

After several attempts at all the locations possible, I was unable to locate the victim.

March 18, last year

I took a statement from TEISHA COOMBS. I have included the same in the case file.

**Crime Lab Results**

On March 25, last year, I received results from the crime lab. The baseball bat and the shirt contained blood stains consistent with that of the victim, JIMMY MYERS. There were however, no suitable fingerprints for comparison.

The analysis on the baseball cap also yielded negative results with respect to either fingerprints or trace material.

**Arrest of HITTER HOBBS**

On March 25, last year, I arrested ROY HOBBS at Fairmount Park. As I approached HOBBS

and five other known 13th Streeters they all fled. My partner, DETECTIVE WAYNE, and I were able to apprehend HOBBS just outside of the park. We brought him into the station and he made the following statement:

 **ROY HOBBS' Statement of March 25, last year to DETECTIVE Z. Henry**

My name is ROY "HITTER" HOBBS and I am a member of the 13th Streeters gang. I know JIMMY MYERS, BILLY BOCH and TOMMIE CLAIBORNE. They're all 13S members. I did not beat JIMMY MYERS. On the night of the beating I was with TOMMIE, TOMMIE'S girlfriend LYNNDA and my girlfriend KATRINA. We went to a movie and then went to the IHOP on Kellogg. Me and TOMMIE dropped off the girls at around 2:00a.m., smoked a blunt and then I dropped TOMMIE off. I have no idea who would do something like this to JIMMY.

Medical Report regarding Jimmy Myers

March 16, last year

*WESLEY HOSPITAL Date:* March 16, last year

*Patient:* Jimmy Myers

*Address:* 1620 Greene St.

Wichita, KS

*Parent or Guardian:*

Sallie Myers

1620 Greene St. Wichita, KS

*PH:* (316)555-7711

*Transported By:*

Billy Boch (friend)

1640 Greene St. Wichita, KS

*Attending Physician:*

Dr. R. Logan

*PH:* (316)555-6622

*IDNO:*

2071

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*Attending ER Nurse*

Sandy Hill, RN

*Initial Observations:*

*IDNO:*

091456

Patient presents semi conscious with multiple contusions about the head and face. Patient expresses tenderness to second and third right rib. Dislocated shoulder and

broken nose. Patient responds to palpitation of rib and shoulder area.

*Additional work-up:*

Patient sent to x-ray for chest/shoulder, head. Patient to remain at hospital for overnight observation.

*Patient's reporting:*

Patient unable to communicate with physician. Background information received from transporting friend Boch.

*\*\*Nurse's Note:* Upon return from x-ray patient reports to attending RN, "I was beaten by boys. Knew it was coming....."

*Physician's signature Nurse' Signature Date*

*03/16/LY*

SSN: XXX-:XX-4321

*PH:* (316)555-7711