

Gretchen Roberts

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Start of interview

(Bridget Stafford) Well what happened? Like when was it? What was the weather like?

(Gretchen Roberts) It was about August 5th, it was hot it was a Friday night and I didn't want to be at work and...

(B) Where were you working?

(G) I was working at the Grade A One Stop.

(B) In Marquette?

(G) In Marquette and [Laughs]

(B) Like was it I don't know...

(G) It was around seven, it was well at around six o'clock he started coming in, this guy started coming in...

(B) So this was nothing unusual going on or anything?

(G) No.

(B) This guy just came in like?

(G) He kept coming in like a bunch of times.

(B) Oh!

(G) ...and I got freaked out and I called Bush's house because I wanted Laura to come down and work with me and she wasn't home so I talked with her sister and her and her boyfriend were sitting there and she said if he did anything else that scared me that to call them again and they would come down and after that um Laura showed up at the gas station with her boyfriend and I told her about the guy and they took off to go to the lake. And they had seen the guy standing there on the sign and it was probably twenty minutes after they left that um he came in and he kept picking up things and putting them back and didn't know what he was doing or whatever and he came up with um a carton of chocolate milk and a lighter and I rang it up and he gave me two dollars and it was like a dollar fifty nine and I was looking at the till to give him his change to make the change and I went to hand him his change and I looked up and there was a gun in my face. And all I could think of was shut up and don't say anything or you're going through the window. [Laughs] But um I first I kind of thought it was a joke because I wasn't you know, he didn't seem scary, he seemed like he was on drugs or something cause like he didn't know what

he was doing. I wasn't really scared I thought it was a joke like you know things like this don't happen in Marquette but then I realized it was real so I gave him everything in the till. And I looked at the thing...

(B) How much?

(G) The numbers to call, and I called the police and finally when I hung up there were people getting gas outside so I told the police I'm like, wait wait and I went outside and there was this kid that graduated with me and he was getting gas and I said stop stop and he came in and I didn't really know him but I knew who he was and stuff. And I told him what happened and he stood there and waited with me for the police to come and the police came and they were looking all over the area and stuff and they couldn't find anyone. And they put me in the police car and asked me a bunch of questions and then they made me go to the police station and look mugshots for like two hours or so. And they brought me back and told me I could go home. [Nervously Laughs]

(B) So like what did the guy look like at the time, like right when it happened? Did you like remember what he looked like right after that or did it take you maybe a couple days to remember?

(G) No I knew exactly what he looked like because he was in so many times that, you know he was all scummy and greasy hair and he had like a blue baseball hat on and dark like dark sunglasses and jeans and a jean jacket and I think tennis shoes.

(B) Yeah.

(G) And just like a t-shirt or something underneath.

(B) Did you could you tell by looking at him if he, was he white or?

(G) I thought he was white but um I guess I don't even know the police told me they think he is Indian.

(B) Oh really?

(G) Not really Indian. Cause he doesn't look like...

(B) Uh so like how did the police come from, to say that?

(G) They just told me that like a couple weeks ago.

(B) Oh really?

(G) That they didn't think he was white.

(B) So then after?

(G) His name is Kevin Sur---...

(B) So then after he got away then?

(G) Yes they didn't find him.

(B) So what happened then after that? You had a pretty weird circumstance happened?

(G) And then as a couple weeks later something, my boyfriend and I and a bunch of people went to the fair in Escanaba and we were going to go to the concert, the Reo Speedwagon concert but we all decided we really didn't want to go because Charily is stupid. So we were just walking around [Laughs] we were just walking and like that whole day I kept saying to the Kevin you know that guy looks like the guy around me and kept saying alright now. So anyways we were walking along and there was this guy standing there with this big huge Indian lady and I said to Kevin that's him that's him! I was only like five feet away from him I thought he could hear me and everything. He goes shut up you know you know your just saying anything. He goes you say that about everyone you saw. And I say no I am serious and he didn't believe me and so I dragged him to the phone and I called the Marquette Police and it was a Saturday night so um Captain Zerbello was working there and they are only two people that are really who you know on the case and so I was crying on the phone and like the guy said well just find the first policeman you see and see if we can have him find him. So I went up to the first guy I saw and I think he probably thought I was nuts cause I was making no sense because Kevin didn't believe me in the first place so he told me to go into the police close thing area you know and I told another policeman he kind went mmmmm, he didn't know he hadn't heard about the robbery or anything so he didn't really believe me either. But he said he'd go with me and we walked like two or three up and down the thing or whatever.

(B) The midway.

(G) And we were finally walking and we didn't think we'd find him cause I thought he heard me and he was just like standing almost in the same space I thought he was before and the police officer told me to just tell me and run the opposite way so I grab the guys arm, police turned around and I just shoved him and I said that's him that's him!! And so he didn't even say anything to him to him he just pushed him up against one of those big games you know and handcuffed him and took him away and I was grabbing Kevin and screaming at him see you jerk!

(B) [Laughs]

(G) But so like we had to wait for Captain Zerbello and detective Seggert [Spelled phonetically] to show up at the fair and we had called and they were both sleeping so it took them like probably like two hours to get there and we had to sit there and it was really boring and I was all nervous because his wife and all them were sitting out like out on the picnic table and I thought if they see me you know they are going to come after me and kill me or whatever but and then when Zerbello they said they had checkout his car and his wife wasn't going to let them check the car but they said if you don't we will just get a warrant and so she let them and they checked the car and found the gun and it turned out to be a bb gun and they found like a thing of oil that he'd bought and a thing of Band-Aids that he had bought before. This is like before he robbed me he had bought other stuff.

(B) So you could identify the things that he had found in his car.

(G) Yeah because he had gloves sticking out of his back pocket when he robbed me and they found the gloves and they found a lot of things that you know can connect him or whatever. So they just said well you got the right guy and go home and we still haven't gone to court yet, it's been over a year. [Laughs]

(B) So the cops think like when you first saw him you thought that he was white and he would have...?

(G) Yeah I think.

(B) Described him as white and then somewhere along the way they figured he might be Indian.

(G) He's like maybe a little bit of something I won't call it... That's what Seggert told me so that's – or whatever. But not he wouldn't take her his name captain Zerbello thinks. Yeah well he probably part of...

(B) But not noticeably Indian or anything?

(G) Yeah he not really, he doesn't have really dark skin or dark hair. He has like brown hair.

(B) This is gonna sound a little weird but what did it feel like right when it was happening to have like a gun in your face like that and then you know I mean were you really calm in just giving him the money?

(G) Yeah.

(B) Really and then?

(G) Because I'm a really nervous person and I think I'd freak out but I didn't.

(B) Really it was just like just give him the money and then...

(G) I just gave it to him.

(B) Did it like hit you after he got out the door or when he had just turned around like after?

(G) Probably like right after he turned around like my heart started going really fast and but I like I didn't scream or anything I couldn't really talk and I just looked for the police number and I called and by the time I was talking to the police and you know asking them questions and stuff I couldn't really talk I just bawling but I mean before that I was just like kind of in shock because I was just you know you don't know what to do except to give him the money.

(B) So was it, did it look like a hand gun or was it more of a long?

(G) It was like yeah like an automatic or something.

(B) Oh really? And then you found out later it was a bb gun?

(G) Yeah cause even the way I described it they thought they could think that it was the real thing. Yeah.

(B) Um there was something else that you said that was interesting. You remembered like did you remember right away what he was wearing? Or did you ever have to call the cops again to tell them there was something else that you remembered?

(G) No. The only thing that I really didn't know was the shoes.

(B) Cause he had been in so many times?

(G) Yeah he came in like I mean I knew what he was wearing. He had big huge gloves sticking out of his back pocket of his jeans and...

(B) Doesn't sound like too intelligent of a criminal.

(G) No you could tell after it happened I realized what he was doing you know, he kept coming in and he was looking up at the ceiling and looking out for cameras or whatever. I mean if I were probably would have been smarter I should have called the police then but instead I called Laura. [Giggles] But you know cause I really didn't think anything was going to happen I just thought maybe, maybe he was a weirdo or something but I didn't think you know...

(B) Would it be easier to...

(G) Because it was broad daylight, it was only like seven thirty there were people all over outside getting gas too. [Laughs]

(B) And it's easier to say that after it happened that yeah I should have known but when it's happening at the time I guess that happens a lot to things you don't realize that it's you know what's happening until its right there in front of you. Uh so its hasn't, he hasn't gone to court or anything for?

(G) No we have been subpoena like two times but they always delayed it for some reason.

(B) Some reason that they won't tell you?

(G) We were supposed to go on um October 30th I think it was and I don't know we were somewhere and they said it was cancelled so don't worry about. But the first time they, we got up and got ready and went there at nine o'clock in the morning, we were all dressed up and everything and we walked into the office and we had called the night before there's a tape you have to call and they tell you what court sessions are going to be on and stuff. And we called and it said that the trial was still on, so we all showed up you know there's me and Jackie the manager and Laura and my mom and then a bunch of people and we showed up and they said oh I screwed up on the tape it was cancelled so we were all like I mean I got a sixty dollar dress for this thing.

(B) [Laughs]

(G) Like we got paid for half day still so.

(Mom) Is this going to be shown?

(B) Now I am going to write this up but I mean I have to turn the tape in with it. But yeah if there is anything that you...

(G) The last one the reason it was cancelled was because he took off.

(B) Oh great!

(G) He was in lots of trouble where he lived and they went to give him a subpoena or whatever and he was gone and took off and they, they thought if he was on an Indian reservation that a white cop couldn't go and arrest him.

(B) Yeah probably not.

(G) So they were all paranoid about that and they didn't know if they were going to get him. They kept it on until like the last day and then they cancelled it but um they thought either it was there or like he had gone towards Wisconsin because he had friends in Wisconsin and he had been in trouble before for something. But they caught him there. They still like didn't schedule it because I guess his lawyer is really mad at him too cause his lawyer knows he is lying cause he is still pleading not guilty he said he was never in Marquette that night or anything.

(B) Yeah. Oh?

(G) They have his finger prints all over the candy bars I showed him that he touched and stuff and he is totally denying everything and his lawyers are mad at him.

(B) Yeah. So it's like when you say him, this is another thing you know like on this crime shows and stuff they say someone knew he was definitely not a local but was, could you look at him and think well he is not from around here? Like did he stick out really bad as being someone who was not from Marquette? Or did he just look like...?

(G) No he just looked like a dirt bag! [Nervous Laughing]

(B) Yeah?

(G) Well there are plenty of those around! [Laughs] He just looked like you know...

(B) Yeah.

(G) He just looked like uh you know just an average person you know change out of it or whatever.

(B) How tall was he? Like when you looked at him gun in your face and everything?

(G) He looked kind of short but when they cause they like took measurements of like where the gun was pointed at me and I guess he was like 5'8 or 5'10 but he looked really short to me and he was really skinny.

(B) Really?

(G) And maybe that's why I thought he was short. He wasn't really tall or anything.

(B) Yeah?

(G) He was just kind of average tall maybe 5'8 to 5'10 I think.

(B) And so it wasn't like he had, it's bad enough having a gun put in your face but it wasn't like he was 6'4 or something.

(G) No [Nervous Laughs]

(B) No?

(G) No. I couldn't really see his face when he had the gun on me because I was sitting in like one of those like high stool chairs you know? And I was sitting up and like where the thing, the canopy thing comes down around like the countertop where all cigarettes are stocked on top?

(B) Yeah.

(G) He his face was kind of cut off from it and I could only see his mouth and not...

(B) Yeah.

(G) When I handed him change and he said now give me all the rest of what's in the till. And I looked down because I hadn't looked down to see the gun so he was probably pointing it somewhere at my heart or something. [Laughs]

(B) Yeah.

(G) But you know it wasn't like staring me right in the face but I looked for it and yeah.

(B) Yeah. Like with the store do you think there's that um its location and the way its set up or anything makes it an easy target for things like that? Like you said there were people outside getting gas but...

(G) Yeah.

(B) But nobody really...

(G) I don't really see his car must have been parked like up in the back like Snowpeas and that because he ran around, I watched him run around the building.

(B) Yeah.

(G) And I don't think anyone, the people who were getting gas just like didn't pay attention or something they weren't looking at the store they were getting gas you know. So I don't really know I always thought it would be safe cause there is always police at Mr. Donuts but there weren't any of course on that night.

(B) Oh of course not. [Giggles]

(G) But I suppose it wasn't late enough but and I don't know I guess it's kind of dark and dreary and like...

(B) Is there stuff blocking the windows? There is something on that window.

(G) There is a screen that you can't see if very well, you can see out it during the day and at night but at during the day you can't see in or something.

(B) Yeah. That doesn't sound like it would be, like it would make much sense in a place like that because...

(G) Yeah I don't know it's there.

(B) I mean given its location and everything that would seem awful dangerous, because it's small and it's sort of back like that. It's just, I don't know that seems weird to me that people are out there getting gas and nobody realized that there was something going on like...

(G) Oh yeah! They didn't even see the guy run off.

(B) I always, well that's just my own option but I always get suspicious when people say they haven't seen anything. You know you are standing right there and they didn't see anything at all? You know it's like maybe it's just like people don't want to get involved or something?

(G) Yeah.

(B) But then the store, you know I think about it that the story might have changed if you had gotten shot or you know a gun shot went off, everyone would go oh yeah I saw him, I, I saw him. Yeah I saw him holding her up and everything. So.

(G) Yeah. [Laughs] well when I went out cause the people that were getting gas I wanted to stop and make because I didn't have any money in till to give him, you know I didn't know what, I couldn't make change or anything and I didn't want to take their money you know. So I went out and I said stop getting gas please stop getting gas and they were looking at me like I was nuts and this guy goes why? And I go because I don't have any money and he goes what do you mean? Well I just got robbed and I don't have any money in the till so I don't have change. And he goes he had already gotten five dollars' worth of gas, and he said well I was going to pay by credit card! And I said just forget about it, just leave, I go you got some free gas!

(B) [Laughs]

(G) And he goes here here and he is digging in his pocket, and he goes I don't have any bills but I have 50 cents. He gave me the 50 cents, I ran in and put it like the counter or whatever and then I just told like three people to leave with their gas. Just leave I said I don't want to get in trouble for it but just leave! I said they will never know the gas...

(B) Did you really? [Laughs]

(G) Yeah.

(B) Wow and they left?

(G) Yup. Well they were like

(M) And were they grown up women, I mean big people?

(G) Well Darle Basil stayed with me.

(B) The people that drove away were adults who would expect someone else to sit around and be honest and pay for their.

(G) Well I was telling them too...

(B) And you've just been robbed and they just decided to leave

(G) I just told them too just leave I might get into trouble I said. I didn't want them to wait around.

(M) A fatherly man or something...

(G) Well they weren't that old they were like in their 30s.

(B) Yeah but still.

(G) And they were like two of them were vacationers...

(M) Yeah I suppose.

(B) Yeah but not only that it's that like with a car wreck them leaving like that you know you would think the cops would want to ask them if they had seen anything. And they just got ahead and leave. They might have seen something you know?

(G) Yeah.

(M) And not want to be involved!

(B) Yeah just didn't want to you know, you walk out and you say I've just been robbed! And you know and well leave and so they do. Did they bother to ask you if you were alright or if they...?

(G) Yeah they did they did.

(M) Well...

(G) This one lady was almost crying for me but I said just leave I'll feel better. I told them, well I told this kid staying with me, I didn't even know his name and I graduated with him. I just knew he had graduated with me I just I never really talked to him or could remember it. But um he stayed with me I mean he was pretty cool I mean I didn't even know and he is sitting there hugging me are you going to be ok? Are you going to be ok? But... the police said is there someone there with you and they talked to him on the phone and I said yeah and they said who?! And I said I don't know some kid I graduated with and they said well what's his name? And I said I don't know, I said what's your name? I probably looked really stupid because he probably thought well thanks a lot you know I'm staying with you and you don't even know my name and I graduated with you and stuff. But um so he stayed and they asked him a couple questions and he said I didn't see anything I was you know getting gas. It probably would be easy not to notice anything because he didn't make a lot of noise, he kind of, he ran out of there but he didn't run

past him I think he, cause when I gave him the money he didn't ask for a bag or anything he just had this big wad of money in his hands. And I think he just kind of hid it under his arm or something when he was running away.

(B) Yeah. How much did he get off with then?

(G) I, no one is really positive um Jackie the manager said it was like sixteen hundred but I don't believe her because there couldn't have been that much money in because I had just put slips down.

(B) Oh?

(G) Like down in the thing she was probably just doing that for a damages or something. Um it was probably it might have been a thousand at most well because well probably cause it was so high is because I gave him the checks too you know. The owner isn't get the money for the checks either but you know he can't do anything with the checks. But that was probably why it was so high.

(B) Like where do you work now then?

(G) Wendy's.

(B) Oh so you are not working at B and J anymore? Would you ever work at another gas station like that or convenience store?

(G) Yeah.

(B) So like not anything that you've...

(G) Well it did bother me for a while but I even went in when they were hiring again, I asked Jackie if they needed anyone and she said they had just hired someone so I would have gone back there but I don't know for sure if I would have felt comfortable though. Cause I'd probably have to be in the situation cause it wasn't really, it wasn't a bad place to work. I mean it wasn't hard or anything it's close to campus.

(B) Get knocked off quite frequently. [Laughs] Do you wish that they would like get him in court and sentence him for something at least?

(G) Yeah.

(B) Cause really that's would be a serious charge and you know armed robbery and everything else that they can get along with it but they just...

(G) Why do you think they keep putting it off?

(M) Didn't they tell you Gretchen that's ---

(G) Yeah he has been in trouble.

(M) He's been in jewelry stores and like...

(G) Like...

(B) Great.

(M) His folks, didn't you hear that the weren't going to get him out of jail.

(G) His parents wouldn't have anything to do with him anymore because what the policeman told me that the robbery was like the least of his worries right now. Cause like I guess he charged or accused of breaking and entering into a jewelry store and like a couple of other things so.

(B) Yeah but still, I mean he held you up at gun point even if it is just a bb gun he held you up at gun point you know and he knocks off a jewelry store that sounds you know could get into the whole thing about what the problem with the criminal justice system is.

(G) Yeah. I think...

(B) He made off with some diamonds that's more important than you having a gun stuck in your face at a gas station you know?

(G) I think the whole thing they are trying to do is that place keeps saying that they are trying to leave it on him because he is not...

(B) Oh. What does that make you think of when you realize that he can, that he is holding it up just because he refuses, that a lawyer is telling him to pled guilty and he refuses to go along with it and he is able to hold up the whole court system. I mean he held you up you have proof for it but I mean does that make you think that he has more rights then you? You know that he is getting off with it, really there is nothing that is happening to him.

(G) Yeah. I don't know.

(B) You don't know?

(G) It's wrong but I mean you know...

(B) So if you had a really good lawyer they could probably, they could play push me pull me with the guy for like ten years?

(G) Probably yeah.

(B) Trying to get him to, trying to get into court at least get some sort of conviction.

(G) Yeah.

(B) Cause he wants to pled not guilty, if I am understanding this right the lawyer wants him to pled guilty to a lesser charge I would imagine.

(G) Yeah yeah.

(B) Ok, that I mean do you hope that they were, is it guilty to a lesser charge?

(G) Yeah.

(M) Yeah I think.

(B) So would they um...

(M) No the lawyer says he is guilty period.

(B) I know but...

(G) They tried to make a pled bargain for a lesser charge just to get him to admit to it because he is denying everything.

(B) Yeah but then.

(G) But then he is still going to get offered a lesser charge.

(B) So if he were to go into court and they let him register a plea of not guilty without the lawyers not playing with the court is going to find him guilty no matter what. He can pled not guilty but the evidence is all against him and the court would find him guilty in any case. So I mean it's basically the lawyers that are holding it up.

(G) Yeah.

(B) That would piss me off royal there is no way. There has got to be.

(G) Lawyers are really motivated to get justice.

(B) It sounds to me like it might be the lawyers...

(M) They lost the guy, they couldn't find to rearrests him or to him for the his court hearing. And then when they finally found him, they didn't have the right warrant. I forgot to tell you that or did you? So he is still loose because they didn't have the right warrant after, fourteen, and thirteen, whatever months.

(G) Great.

(B) You know.

(G) That was a lot of editorlizing on my part, I mean just talking about it, is it sounds like the lawyers. You know the lawyers refuse to let the case go through court because they want guilty which mean, you know plea bargain he pled guilty he gets a lesser charge. When I mean the lawyer you know that person is guilty there is no doubt about it, he should be allowed not guilty the court is going to find him guilty and he will be convicted for the crime that he committed. Not you know like whatever the lesser of armed robbery is.

(B) Yeah yeah.

(M) Is this the lawyers or the court system?

(B) It's the lawyers that are, it has to be the lawyers that are holding it because, they can't enter court until they have, you know they have their cases in order they can't enter court.

(M) But I don't know whose going to pay for it you and I?

(B) Of course.

(M) I'm sure.

(G) Cause he had a court appointed at first and he he'll fight you.

(B) That's really screwed up. Well so like it's not really anything that you think about all the time but you want something done obviously.

(G) Yeah every time I get a prank call I think it's my lawyer.

(B) So it was, to clarify it was August and it was sunny out and hot.

(G) It was probably like 80 degrees, I had shorts on. Had to be at least 80 it was always really hot in that stupid gas station.

(B) [Laughs] Oh yeah but.

(G) Cause the more you talk the more like the little details come out. Oh I'll also bring in that um I'll bring that article you need tomorrow.

(B) I'll have to find it.

(G) Ok. Mother was drunk through the whole thing.

(M) Your mother was not drunk, is that what you said?

(G) Yeah.

(B) Don't worry about it

(G) Yeah I said you were drunk through the whole thing mom.

(M) Well sure it was a big party. One of your cousins were there and you were so mad because you had to go to work right? You were.

(B) Um trying to think. He was by himself, says his car was probably parked around the back.

(G) They think it was a van and cause lots of people said they saw a van a back there during the time it happened but like people were talking or something. But at the preliminary hearing he had two witness and I made the mistake of sitting next to them and talking to them before I knew who they were and before the police showed up to meet me. And I started talking to them and saying yeah I have to go to this court thing for this guy who robbed me and I started cutting this guy down.

(B) Ooo.

(G) And these were his friends that were testifying for him and I was sitting there I was sitting right next to this one guy, and this one guy was actually I think flirting with me and he was so scuzzy and I was just trying to be nice you know. And I was just sitting there and all of a sudden this lawyer comes up and starts talking to them and saying well you know you are the witnesses for Kevin -- and I automatically freaked out and I sat there and tears were running down my face

and I was sitting in the chair next to this guy crying and shaking like I couldn't believe it. I didn't want to just get up and run away you know because I didn't know what to do and I'm like I look at him and you know freak out, I had this awful look on my face and then Captain Zerbello came up. And I looked at him and I said where have you been? I was crying and he goes what's wrong and I just got up and I was like point to like go around the corner so that they wouldn't hear me talk about them or whatever. And I go where have you been? I've been sitting here for a half an hour talking to his witnesses!

(B) [Laughs]

(G) And he goes what do you mean? What did they say, did they threaten you or anything? And I'm like no I didn't know who they were but they knew who I was and they, I think were just laughing behind my back and stuff. And he goes well that's no problem, he said what you say and I said I didn't say much cause I was scared and I didn't really want to go through with this you know? And um so like and they got up on the stand and you can tell that they were totally lying. They were saying that he was at a party of some bar on the reservation or something and that they had seen him at certain times. And like the time that it had happened and stuff and one of the policeman told me that they think they thought one of the guys that were testifying for him was one, the driver of car that they got away in. but no one really saw a car leave but, it could have gone through the alley behind um you know the movie shop behind the gas station.

(B) Yeah.

(G) But other than that I don't know but I mean I was sick of talking to him. I should have realized you know but I didn't think any of his people like were going to be in the same space that I was at that time.

(B) Yeah.

(G) You don't think of anything except that they were paying tickets or something.

(B) What do you think about someone that I mean you know was there recognized him, you identified him, he's brought in. what does that feel like knowing that there is no one on the green earth that the guy was hundred miles away on a reservation with you know for a fact that's he the one who held up. Like what goes through your mind when something like this is going on around you and they have to let these people you know say there thing even though they are lying through their teeth. Like...

(G) Well like when I was up on the stand and I was like really scared at first and I couldn't really talk I was just kind of mumbling and they were like speak up you know can't hear you and all this stuff. And I was just sitting there shaking you know and I was about to cry and um his lawyer, his court appointed attorney was ripping into me really bad. He was saying like did you get fired, didn't you get fired? And I was like no I quite you know and he was just trying to scare me and trying to twist my words around.

(B) Like any good lawyer.

(G) He wasn't a good lawyer they warned me that he tries to trick people.

(B) Yeah.

(G) And he asked me and he said,

(B) Care to give a name on that person?

(G) Mmm Pat Barnet.

(B) Ok.

(G) And um he weighs about four hundred pounds.

(B) Great.

(G) And he was standing there and he is really ugly and scary looking and he asked me and he said can you point out the person who robbed you in this court. And I said yeah, and he goes point him out and tell me what is wearing. So I pointed at him and I said he is wearing a turquoise like jail outfit because that's what he was wearing and he said well you just told me five minutes ago that he was wearing a jean jack and a t-shirt and jeans. And I got mad at that point and I wasn't even scared anymore and I just screamed at him and I go yeah right that's when he robbed me!! And I just screamed at him and captain Zerbello was like you know had his thumb up behind the lawyers back and stuff like yeah you know. Cause he was just trying to trick me into you know saying thinking that I was lying or something because he wasn't wearing jeans but he just asked me when he robbed me and then he asked what he was wearing in the court room and he tried to switch it that I was saying that's what he was wearing today or whatever. So I got all pissed off and I was kind of mad that I just wasn't even scared anymore.

(B) Yeah. So if this guy like you know are saying this lawyer is trying to get him to pled guilty to it and he won't and he is trying to twist your words around.

(G) This isn't the same lawyer though.

(B) Yeah well...

(G) This is the lawyer he had during the preliminary and he fired him.

(B) Ok so say that um, does that make you think that maybe if, is this like the kind of person you want to have for your lawyer? Like if someone had happened to you? I mean he is trying to twist your words around, you are the victim but if he had been your lawyer you know what do you think he would have tried to do to him? You think he would have had let him have it? Like what do you think of people who are, I guess professional jerks?

(G) If he wasn't being honest I mean he was trying to get me to say thing that you know, and you know being so nervous he probably could have but like he was saying that, he goes did you get fired? And I said no I didn't and he said well that's not what I heard and I said well I didn't! You know I'm the person who should know and he just kept ripping into me trying to get me upset or something and it worked for a while.

(B) So how long has it been since that?

(G)About a year ago.

(B) Do you think he is ever going to get hauled in on it? Or do you think he'll probably be old and gray by the time he comes up for armed robbery.

(G) I think they should probably have him within the next year I'm sure. I hope, I mean they better.

(B) Ok.

End of interview