## IN THE CRIMINAL COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE DIVISION 5A

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, )
Plaintiff, )

vs. ) CASE NO. 2011-A-779

TIMOTHY GUILFOY, )

Defendant.

## TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

## PETIION FOR WRIT OF ERROR CORAM NOBIS

March 22, 2017

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BEFORE: Honorable Monte D. Watkins
Presiding Judge

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1 THE COURT: Mr. Guilfoy.

- 2 ARGUMENT BY GENERAL MOORE
- 3 GENERAL MOORE: Yes, Your Honor,
- 4 please the Court, I suspect this is here on,
- 5 initially, the State's Motion to Dismiss the Petition
- 6 For Writ of Error Coram Nobis filed by Counsel, that I
- 7 don't know if Your Honor's had a chance to review all
- 8 of the pleadings or not, but.
- 9 THE COURT: I have. I haven't
- 10 reviewed them this morning, but I'm familiar with the
- 11 pleadings in this matter.
- 12 GENERAL MOORE: Okay. And would
- 13 hope that we probably don't have, or stand to be
- 14 corrected, a lot of dispute about the procedural
- 15 aspects of what has occurred in the case. I think
- 16 those are set out in both parties' motions and
- 17 responses.
- 18 The bottom line being that I did
- 19 receive Counsel's response to the State's Motion To
- 20 Dismiss, and one of those had good intentions of
- 21 filing a written response but time got away, but don't
- 22 think that, in the scheme of things, it changes the
- 23 bottom line of what the State's argument is in this
- 24 matter. But I would have given Counsel, and I'll give
- 25 it to him now, nothing that's new, but it's an opinion

1 that came out February the 13th of 2017.

- 2 Give one to the Court.
- 3 THE COURT: Which case is that?
- 4 GENERAL MOORE: It's Tornita
- 5 Crenshaw versus State. It's, the CCA number is
- 6 M2016-01045-CCA-R3-ECN, case out of Judge Dozier's
- 7 court on a Petition for Writ of Error Coram Nobis.
- 8 And the case itself really is not noteworthy, other
- 9 than as recently as a month ago, the Court of Criminal
- 10 Appeals is reiterating the black letter law of the
- 11 Writ of Error Coram Nobis and procedures, and the law
- 12 that, under 40-26-105, which provides for the writ,
- 13 that, and according to the opinion on Page 4, it is
- 14 well established that the writ of error coram nobis
- 15 "is an extraordinary procedural remedy that fills only
- 16 a slight gap into which few cases fall."
- 17 And the decision whether to grant
- 18 or, by that matter, to have a hearing in this case,
- 19 the court went through the same procedure that the
- 20 State's asking the Court to do here today, which is to
- 21 look at when this matter became final. It became
- 22 final, obviously, for the Writ of Error Coram Nobis
- 23 after the motion for new trial. It does not depend
- 24 upon appeals or any other type of litigation. And, in
- 25 this matter, the judgment, I would submit, became

- 1 final in the trial court, in this court, on April
- 2 13th, 2012. The instant petition for Writ of Error
- 3 Coram Nobis was filed on January 7th, 2017, almost
- 4 five years following the expiration of the statue of
- 5 limitations.
- So, we look to or the Court looks
- 7 to, I submit, is there an excuse for tolling under the
- 8 State v. Workman and all the cases that have come
- 9 along since that, that would toll the time limit for
- 10 allowing the writ to proceed. And I would submit in
- 11 this case, there is nothing new. And that's the
- 12 bottom line. The argument in this case has to do with
- 13 an issue, I would submit, that was litigated many
- 14 times before this Court and particularly at the
- 15 hearing on the Petition For Post Conviction Relief.
- 16 The issue centered around don't know whether the
- 17 Court recalls.
- 18 THE COURT: I do. Go ahead,
- 19 though.
- 20 GENERAL MOORE: Whether Mr. McElvoy
- 21 was ineffective for having not objected to the
- 22 introduction of the forensic interview as an exhibit.
- 23 And that it is probably in the record that, at some
- 24 point, the jury asked to have recording equipment to
- 25 see the video or to do whatever they may have done.

- 1 That's nothing new. That's not coming under a Writ of
- 2 Error Coram Nobis. It's not newly discovered. If
- 3 anything, it's more like a petition to reopen or a
- 4 motion to reopen the post conviction petition or a
- 5 writ of habeas corpus, something like that. But it is
- 6 not, I submit, coram nobis because there's nothing
- 7 new.
- Now, to try to go into the facts of
- 9 that, again, is another issue because we did litigate
- 10 and have the argument about whether a juror could
- 11 testify about what went on in the jury room. And I do
- 12 know there's a very recent United States Supreme Court
- 13 case that came out about two weeks ago dealing with
- 14 piercing that, if there's some evidence of racial
- 15 prejudice in the jury and things like that, that are
- 16 certainly not present here. But that's going to open
- 17 up and be subject to further litigation if and when
- 18 those types of issues arise. But I submit, and I'll
- 19 certainly let Mr. Muldavin speak for himself, but if
- 20 the issue is to get to whether the jury saw a piece of
- 21 evidence that was introduced, that is not extraneous.
- 22 That is a part of the case file. It's a part of the
- 23 record. And it was litigated, again, on a post
- 24 conviction issue on the appeals and it's nothing new.
- Now, to go beyond whether a juror

1 could testify whether they watched it or not might be

- 2 arguable.
- 3 THE COURT: Well. Some case law
- 4 says that they could say yes, we watched it, but they
- 5 can't say what influence it had upon them.
- 6 GENERAL MOORE: Exactly. Exactly.
- 7 And that is where it would stop. They could not say
- 8 oh, and after watching it, we discussed this or didn't
- 9 influence at all or we just wanted to watch it out of
- 10 curiosity or whatever. Yes, Your Honor, is totally
- 11 correct. You can't go there.
- 12 So the Writ of Error Coram Nobis is
- 13 not a proper venue. In fact, there is no proper venue
- 14 at this point to get to that, asking a juror what
- 15 influence a particular piece of evidence had on them.
- 16 Whether that was properly admitted or not was an issue
- 17 that has been litigated and, obviously, Mr. Guilfoy
- 18 still stands convicted of this, so he has lost on that
- 19 matter in the Court of Criminal Appeals; and this is
- 20 another attempt to have either a second or third bite
- 21 at that apple, which with regard to this issue, I
- 22 submit, has been pretty well gnawed down to the core
- 23 and that there's nothing left to chew on here.
- 24 That's the State's position in the matter. I know the
- 25 Court, to its credit and its said many times, where a

1 hearing, where a person is entitled to a hearing, the

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- 2 court's going to give a hearing, let a person have a
- 3 hearing. But there are some instances where the law
- 4 doesn't require or allow that, and I would submit this
- 5 is one of those instances that Mr. Guilfoy has no
- 6 remedy procedurally, number one, to toll the statute
- 7 of limitations, which has run and should be applied in
- 8 this case. There is nothing newly discovered other
- 9 than, I would submit, an attempt to try to discover
- 10 something through a process that cannot be allowed,
- 11 that is: breaching the sanctity of the jury room to
- 12 determine whether or not a piece of evidence that was
- 13 not extraneous, it was in the record, was viewed and
- 14 or considered by them.
- So, with that, the State's position
- 16 in this matter is I believe set out in our motion and
- 17 we would stand on that subject to perhaps a brief
- 18 rebuttal.
- 19 THE COURT: All right.
- Mr. Muldavin.

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- 1 ARGUMENT BY MR. MULDAVIN
- 2 MR. MULDAVIN: May it please the
- 3 Court, before anything else, I would like to address
- 4 the case of Crenshaw versus State of Tennessee that
- 5 has just been handed to me by General Moore. And I am
- 6 looking at, these pages are not numbered, but it would
- 7 be Page 1, 2, 3 oh, they are.
- 8 THE COURT: They are numbered.
- 9 MR. MULDAVIN: Some of them are
- 10 anyway. Page 5 in the middle of the page where it
- 11 says: Petitioner identifies nothing in the record
- 12 that was not known to her at the time of the trial.
- 13 THE COURT: Wait a minute, wait a
- 14 minute. What part of Page 5?
- MR. MULDAVIN: I'm sorry. It would
- 16 be about a little more than halfway down. This would
- 17 be the paragraph beginning with "None of the
- 18 petitioner's".
- 19 THE COURT: Okay. All right.
- MR. MULDAVIN: Again, I quote:
- 21 "The petitioner identifies nothing in the record that
- 22 was not known to her at the time of the trial or
- 23 shortly thereafter. All of the petitioner's
- 24 allegations could have been litigated at the trial of
- 25 this matter or in a petition in a post conviction

- 1 proceeding."
- 2 Unfortunately, in this case, the
- 3 record reflects, and I'm referring specifically to the
- 4 post conviction hearing in this case, the issue of the
- 5 videos could not have been litigated because when
- 6 defense counsel attempted to raise the issue, he was
- 7 knocked down by Rule 606(b) and at least a part of it
- 8 cited by General Moore that says: Upon an inquiry into
- 9 the validity of a verdict or indictment, a juror may
- 10 not testify as to any matter or statement occurring
- 11 during the course of the jury's deliberations or to
- 12 the effect of anything upon any juror's mind or
- 13 emotions as influencing that juror to assent or
- 14 dissent from the verdict or the indictment or
- 15 concerning the juror's mental processes." Which I
- 16 suggest there is absolutely no disagreement among any
- 17 of us as to the meaning of that portion of the
- 18 statute. But, at the same time --
- 19 THE COURT: Well. Rule actually.
- 20 MR. MULDAVIN: Excuse me. Of that
- 21 rule. Tennessee Rules of Evidence, Rule 606.
- 22 At the same time, when Your Honor
- 23 noticed that there are cases out there in which
- 24 certain kinds of questions can be asked of jurors, we
- 25 move on to the second part of Rule 606(b), which

- 1 begins: "except that a juror may testify on the
- 2 question of whether extraneous prejudicial information
- 3 was improperly brought to the jury's attention or
- 4 whether any outside influence was improperly brought
- 5 to bear upon any juror, or whether the jurors agreed
- 6 in advance to be bound by a quotient or gambling
- 7 verdict without further discussion; nor may a juror's
- 8 affidavit or evidence of any statement by the juror
- 9 concerning a matter about which the juror would be
- 10 precluded from testifying be received for these
- 11 purposes."
- The statute is abundantly clear.
- 13 THE COURT: Again, it's a rule.
- 14 Rule 606, the Rules of Evidence.
- MR. MULDAVIN: I'm sorry, Your
- 16 Honor. You are correct. I have statutes on my mind.
- 17 Again, the rule is abundantly
- 18 correct. I mean it's abundantly clear. That when the
- 19 juror foreperson was presented at the post conviction
- 20 hearing and was presented for the purposes of being
- 21 asked two questions, were you a member of the jury,
- 22 and did you watch the video, and nothing more, that
- 23 that testimony should have been admitted into
- 24 evidence. Had she been asked what did you think of
- 25 the videos, how did they affect your verdict, did they

- 1 sway you in any manner, that testimony would
- 2 absolutely clearly, and I believe we all agree, been
- 3 absolutely improper and inadmissible.
- 4 So when General Moore says, or
- 5 excuse me, when the case that he cited, the Crenshaw
- 6 case, talks about that particular litigant's
- 7 allegations having being able to have been litigated
- 8 at trial, that case is absolutely distinguishable from
- 9 this one. Because in this particular case, such
- 10 allegations were attempted to be litigated at trial
- 11 and were not permitted and defendant was not permitted
- 12 to do so.
- 13 As General Moore has noted, we are
- 14 aware of all the proceedings that went forth in this
- 15 case. It was after the trial and after the verdict
- 16 that the defendant first learned that a juror, that
- 17 the jury had watched the verdict.
- 18 THE COURT: The video.
- MR. MULDAVIN: I mean had watched
- 20 the videos. And, as I noted, quite frankly, in my
- 21 response, it was discovered before the statute of
- 22 limitations for error coram nobis would have expired.
- 23 Nevertheless, at every turn in every proceeding, he
- 24 attempted through his lawyers to bring the issue of
- 25 viewing of the videos before the court. He did so in

l the motion for new trial. He did so in the motion, in

- 2 the petition for post conviction. He did so in his
- 3 appeal of right regarding his conviction. He did so
- 4 in his appeal of the denial of his petition for post
- 5 conviction relief. In each case, the trier, the
- 6 courts basically would not hear him. Most
- 7 interestingly, in his appeal of right, the court would
- 8 not consider it, because as far as the court was
- 9 concerned, the issue of the jurors having watched the
- 10 videos did not exist. And it did not exist because,
- 11 actually, we were relying in part on General Moore's
- 12 closing argument when he explained that there was no
- 13 technical basis for showing the videos in the
- 14 courtroom, but that the equipment was available to
- 15 show it in the jury room. The court cited him and
- 16 says if the jurors had watched these videos in the
- 17 jury room, there would've been a record of the request
- 18 for the equipment and there would've been a record of
- 19 the equipment having been delivered to the jurors.
- 20 Since there is no such record, we cannot say that the
- 21 jurors watched the videos and, therefore, there was
- 22 nothing to decide as it pertains to whether or not
- 23 they were exposed to extraneous evidence.
- In his motion to dismiss, General
- 25 Moore cites what I call Guilfoy 2, which is the

- 1 opinion of the Court of Criminal Appeals affirming
- 2 Your Honor's denial of post conviction relief. The
- 3 only mention of the videos in that particular case is
- 4 essentially a reaffirmation or a reiteration, perhaps
- 5 more appropriately, of that court's finding in Guilfoy
- 6 1, that the record was, that there was no record of
- 7 the jurors ever having requested and, therefore, no
- 8 record of the jurors ever having received the video
- 9 equipment in order to watch those videos.
- The whole issue of error coram
- 11 nobis -- Well. Let me just throw out one more fact,
- 12 which is that while defendant discovered before the
- 13 running of the statute of limitations, that the jurors
- 14 had watched the videos, it was after the statute of
- 15 limitations had run. In fact, it was around September
- 16 of 2016 that we learned for the first time how it came
- 17 to pass that the jurors watched the videos. And the
- 18 way they watched those videos was when the jury
- 19 foreperson, Ms. Hillary Hoffman, the woman who the
- 20 Defense tried to tender as a witness at the post
- 21 conviction hearing, asked the court officer to see the
- 22 videos, saying basically that she knew of their
- 23 existence. She felt that in order to render a fair
- 24 verdict, she needed access to any and all information
- 25 available so that she could, with a clear mind and a

- 1 clear conscience, render a verdict that she deemed to
- 2 be appropriate. What we don't know is what was done
- 3 with that request, other than that it was complied
- 4 with. We don't know what the court officer did, other
- 5 than bring the video equipment and the television set
- 6 to the jury room and to allow them, the jurors to
- 7 watch the videos. There is no record of that. There
- 8 is no record of her asking. And it has always been my
- 9 experience that when a jury would make a request such
- 10 as that, the court reporter would go to the judge, and
- 11 there would be a record of that, and the judge would
- 12 notify the lawyers, and there would be a record of
- 13 that; and the judge would make his decision, and there
- 14 would be a record of that; and then the court officer
- 15 would act upon the judge's decision.
- As far as evidence is concerned
- 17 versus extraneous information, the Henry case makes it
- 18 absolutely clear that if it wasn't shown in the
- 19 courtroom, that evidence is that which is brought
- 20 before the jury for purposes of making a determination
- 21 regarding the issues before it from that witness stand
- 22 and from whatever evidence is presented to those
- 23 jurors in the courtroom. In the case of these videos,
- 24 if they weren't shown in the courtroom, they are not
- 25 evidence. They are extraneous information to which

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1 the jury should never have been exposed.
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- 2 In Walsh --
- THE COURT: Well. Give a citation.
- 4 MR. MULDAVIN: I will.
- 5 How critical this is also goes to
- 6 the nature of the extraneous information that we're
- 7 talking about in this case the videos. So when we
- 8 look at Walsh, Walsh versus State 166 SW 3rd, 641
- 9 Tennessee 2005, and specifically at Page 647; and the
- 10 court states: When a jury has been subjected to
- 11 extraneous prejudicial information, the validity of
- 12 the verdict is suspect. Moreover, upon the showing
- 13 that the jury was exposed to extraneous prejudicial
- 14 information, a presumption, albeit a rebuttable
- 15 presumption, of prejudice arises and the burden shifts
- 16 to the State to introduce admissible evidence to
- 17 explain the conduct or demonstrate that it was
- 18 harmless.
- 19 THE COURT: Well. But let me just
- 20 interject right here. I mean there's a lot of case
- 21 law that talks about extraneous information provided
- 22 to the jury, but those examples are often examples of
- 23 outside influences of, for example, court officers
- 24 telling the jurors what to do, things like that.
- Now, you know, whether, I don't

1 know what Walsh says is the extraneous information,

- 2 but.
- 3 MR. MULDAVIN: Well. There also,
- 4 in the case of Henry, for example, the jury was
- 5 dealing with audio tapes, and those audio tapes, while
- 6 put in the jury room, were not played in the
- 7 courtroom. And, Judge, so I can give the Court the
- 8 cite, Walsh is --
- 9 THE COURT: Well, Walsh is 166 SW
- 10 3rd. You mentioned Henry, I think.
- 11 MR. MULDAVIN: I'm sorry. Henry,
- 12 excuse me, 1997 WL 283735. It's an unreported case.
- 13 But, in any event, in Henry, we were dealing with
- 14 audio tapes. The audio tapes had not been shown in
- 15 the jury room, excuse me, in the courtroom. The
- 16 jurors requested that they be permitted to hear those
- 17 audio tapes in the jury room. They were brought back
- 18 into the courtroom and the judge informed them that he
- 19 could not permit them to do so; and the reason he
- 20 could not permit them to do is because they had not
- 21 been played in the courtroom and, therefore, were not
- 22 to be considered evidence. He went on to tell the
- 23 jury that if those video, excuse me, those audio tapes
- 24 had been played in the courtroom, then they would be
- 25 free to listen to them to their hearts' content in the

- 1 jury room.
- 2 Interestingly, there's another case
- 3 which goes to, as I look at it, the sanctity of the
- 4 jury where an audio tape was played in the courtroom
- 5 and the defendant asked that the jury listen to the
- 6 audio tape in the jury room, and the judge said no, if
- 7 the jurors want to hear it, the jurors will ask for
- 8 it, they are the only folks who have standing to do
- 9 50.
- 10 I cannot, without regurgitating the
- 11 contents of my response and without reciting step by
- 12 step all of the procedural occurrences in this case,
- 13 all that I can argue to this court is that from Adams
- 14 to Burford to Walsh to Workman, which, unfortunately
- 15 had a sad result for Mr. Workman after all that
- 16 litigation, the law is absolutely clear. That due
- 17 process rules are that every person in this country
- 18 has a right to a fair trial and to a verdict that is
- 19 in no way questionable in terms of its validity, its
- 20 believeability; and, therefore, the due process
- 21 consideration comes in to be weighed against the
- 22 strict application of a statute of limitations.
- The State is asking the court to
- 24 ignore these due process considerations and simply
- 25 apply the statute of limitations. In essence, the

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1 State's argument is that the statute of limitations is
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- 2 one year, the pleading was filed after one year, the
- 3 statute of limitations has run, end of story. It's
- 4 almost analogous to the State's argument regarding
- 5 606(b) at the post conviction hearing when the State
- 6 simply argued 606(b), the jurors cannot testify,
- 7 that's the end of it, ain't no more, and basically sat
- 8 down.
- 9 Review of this line of cases, and
- 10 particularly Henry and particularly Walsh, which
- 11 treats extraneous evidence so carefully as to
- 12 determine that it creates a presumption of prejudice
- 13 that need be answered by the State, doesn't suggest,
- 14 but absolutely avers and urges that due process
- 15 considerations govern the facts of this case and that
- 16 defendant's petition for error coram nobis, as a
- 17 matter of justice, need be heard.
- 18 Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: All right. State's
- 20 response.
- 21 GENERAL MOORE: Your, Honor just
- 22 briefly.

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- 1 REBUTTAL ARGUMENT BY GENERAL MOORE
- 2 GENERAL MOORE: First of all, and
- 3 with all due respect to Counsel, I would submit that
- 4 citing unreported cases without providing court or
- 5 counsel a copy is contrary to the rules.
- 6 MR. MULDAVIN: He's right, and I
- 7 apologize.
- 8 GENERAL MOORE: But I would, sight
- 9 unseen, and, again, with apologies to whoever the
- 10 trial court judge may have been, I would submit he got
- 11 it wrong or she got it wrong. Because the Rules of
- 12 Criminal Procedure, which are and have the force and
- 13 effect of law because, obviously, they have to be
- 14 approved by the legislature, Rule 30.1 Exhibits in
- 15 the Jury Room, which has been in effect since many
- 16 years and they actually came out of a case that I
- 17 tried against Karl Dean years ago in Judge Shriver's
- 18 court, and I've been racking my brain, but the Supreme
- 19 Court basically said the court had discretion to allow
- 20 juries to review evidence or whatever. But Rule 30.1:
- 21 unless for good cause shown, the court determines
- 22 otherwise, the jury shall take to the jury room -
- 23 shall, not may shall take to the jury room for
- 24 examination during deliberations all exhibits and
- 25 writings, except depositions, that have been received

- 1 in evidence.
- 2 There is absolutely nothing in that
- 3 rule, and with all due respect to, like I said, the
- 4 trial court in Henry, nothing that says exhibits that
- 5 have been given to the jury or played in court or
- 6 anything like that. That sort of defeats the whole
- 7 purpose of the rule. And Your Honor has dealt with
- 8 that and applied Rule 30.1 since you've been on the
- 9 bench, as far as I can recall, which is that's the
- 10 law. And this was not an extraneous item. It wasn't
- 11 someone getting a laptop and googling Timothy Guilfoy
- 12 or whatever else. It was not extraneous. That's one
- 13 of the key points, I would submit on behalf of the
- 14 State. This was an exhibit. And its been litigated
- 15 about, ever since, and Counsel acknowledges that
- 16 counsel Mr. McElvoy, at trial, certainly knew it was
- 17 introduced. Post conviction counsel raised it and
- 18 argued it, and this is not, I don't think you can
- 19 stretch this into an ineffective assistance of post
- 20 conviction counsel and reopen, that's not what coram
- 21 nobis is about in the first place. And, no, it
- 22 doesn't necessarily stop with the statue of
- 23 limitations because if that was the case, the State
- 24 would've just said one sentence the statute's run,
- 25 don't look at it.

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1 We do, the court does have to look
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- 2 at whether there are exceptions, whether the Workman,
- 3 and some of us have different opinions about how that
- 4 turned out. But, in any event, the Burford/Workman is
- 5 a high bar that this defendant has not and cannot
- 6 overcome for any number of reasons. And I would
- 7 submit if you sort of take it down the logical path
- 8 that Counsel wants, which is to have the evidence and
- 9 have a hearing in this matter, the court still doesn't
- 10 get there because, one, this was not extraneous, it
- 11 was an exhibit, and you would have to go behind well,
- 12 did that piece of evidence sway the jury in their
- 13 determinations. You can't go there. So we would
- 14 never ever, even if the Court were to have a hearing
- 15 on this, get to where Counsel wants to be, which is to
- 16 say the jury based its verdict on a piece of evidence
- 17 that they shouldn't have seen. That's already been
- 18 litigated. And I would submit, with all due respect,
- 19 we have to look at the definition of is under coram
- 20 nobis the newly discovered evidence, which we don't
- 21 have here, there's absolutely nothing newly
- 22 discovered, may have resulted in a different judgment
- 23 had it been presented at trial. This is sort of the
- 24 reverse. There's evidence that was presented at
- 25 trial. Had it not been, might there have been a

- 1 different verdict. That's what we went through with
- 2 post conviction and that's been settled and resolved
- 3 contrary, I submit, to Mr. Guilfoy's position. It's a
- 4 matter the court cannot inquire into beyond what the
- 5 rules allow and there is no point in an exercise in
- 6 futility. And I think that ties in with the should
- 7 there be an exception to the late filing of the
- 8 petition? No. Because if you look at it, there is
- 9 nothing that would change the outcome based upon
- 10 relitigating a piece of evidence that was introduced.
- 11 Not extraneous but introduced.
- 12 Thank you, Your Honor.
- MR. MULDAVIN: May I make one quick
- 14 response, Judge.
- THE COURT: Well. You know, they
- 16 get the last word.
- MR. MULDAVIN: I know.
- 18 THE COURT: But go ahead. Go
- 19 ahead.
- MR. MULDAVIN: If you don't ask,
- 21 you don't get.
- Very, very briefly.
- 23 When Counsel says that trial
- 24 counsel knew about these videos and that they were
- 25 being watched at the post conviction, what he's

- 1 relying upon is the testimony of Ms. Katie Byers, the
- 2 defendant's sister, when she testified as follows:
- 3 (Reading from transcript ) You heard me. You've
- 4 been in the courtroom? Yes. You heard me ask Mr.
- 5 McElvoy whether he remembered telling you during the
- 6 jury deliberations they were watching videos? Yes.
- 7 Do you remember him making that statement? If so,
- 8 describe the context. I do. Right after the jury
- 9 went into deliberations, it was lunchtime, so we went
- 10 out into the hallway and Bernie walked by. I asked
- 11 him if we had time to go over to Jersey Mike's for
- 12 lunch, and he said yes, and he did tell me at that
- 13 time the jurors asked the bailiff for a TV and viewing
- 14 equipment. Mr. Martin: All right. Thank you.
- 15 That's all I have.
- On the witness stand, when
- 17 questioned by Mr. Martin, Mr. McElvoy testified, and
- 18 this is Page 31. What I just read was at Page 50.
- 19 Page 31. (Reading) Do you remember telling Mr.
- 20 Guilfoy's sister that, at some point during the jury
- 21 deliberations, that the jury was watching the videos?
- 22 Answer: I don't.
- 23 What Counsel was relying upon is
- 24 hearsay predicated upon, upon further testimony by
- 25 somebody who has no recollection of that testimony and

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- 2 accuracy of that testimony. Because how do we know
- 3 that he knew? So it's the equivalent of the absence
- 4 of a record to prove anything, just as the Court of
- 5 Criminal Appeals treated the absence of a record with
- 6 regard to the jurors actually watching the videos.
- 7 The last thing I want to say is in
- 8 response to General Moore's recital of Rules of
- 9 Criminal Procedure 31, and I am quoting --
- 10 THE COURT: I think it's 30.1.
- MR. MULDAVIN: .1. And I am again
- 12 referring to State versus Henry, and I quote: "It is
- 13 immaterial whether the tapes themselves were entered
- 14 into evidence or were made exhibits for the purpose of
- 15 identification only. Evidence is any species of proof
- 16 or probative matter legally presented at the trial of
- 17 an issue by the act of the parties for the purpose of
- 18 inducing belief in the minds of the court or the jury
- 19 as to their contention." And it is citing the Fifth
- 20 Edition of Black's Law Dictionary, which I have to
- 21 think has not changed all that much since the time of
- 22 this case.
- In essence, what this court is
- 24 saying is that it doesn't matter what you call it. It
- 25 doesn't matter if you call it evidence. It doesn't

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1 matter if you call it exhibits. Whether it is, in
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- 2 this particular case, whether these videos were to be
- 3 viewable by this jury is contingent upon whether the
- 4 procedures by which they would have properly been made
- 5 evidence, i.e., the showing of these videos in the
- 6 courtroom, is what would have made the difference and
- 7 made it permissible for them to be seen in the jury
- 8 room.
- 9 Thank you, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: All right.
- 11 GENERAL MOORE: Rearguing and
- 12 relitigating is not a substitute for newly discovered
- 13 evidence.
- 14 THE COURT: All right. Thank you
- 15 both.
- MR. MULDAVIN: No response, Judge.
- 17 THE COURT: I know. They get the
- 18 last word. All right.
- 19 GENERAL MOORE: Although that could
- 20 count.
- 21 THE COURT: Of course, I'm going to
- 22 take a look at all of this and issue a ruling on it
- 23 two, three weeks down the road; so you will hear from
- 24 me. All right?
- 25 GENERAL MOORE: Judge, can I just

1 ask Counsel for the record if he could provide the

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2 Court and Counsel with a copy of the Henry case?
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                      THE COURT: Yes. Right.
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                      MR. MULDAVIN: Actually, I have
 5 one that my client brought, but he did some
 6 highlighting.
                      GENERAL MOORE: Well. That's fine.
8 We'll find it.
                      THE COURT: Okay. Well. He cited
10 it as 1997 Westlaw 283735, so.
                      GENERAL MOORE: I don't do WestLaw,
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12 so.
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                      MR. MULDAVIN: I have a Lexis cite,
14 if that's easier.
                      END OF PROCEEDINGS
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