

SNOW NOTES

THE WRONGFUL CONVICTION OF JAMIE SNOW AND HOW THEY GOT AWAY WITH IT

Original Lead Investigator, Detective Charles Crowe's Perspective

Claycomb Trial Testimony, August 2000

Charles Crowe via Teena Griffin:

Crowe reported he worked for Bloomington Police Department for 30 years and six months, retiring on June 20, 1997, with 25 years as an investigator detective (p 154 lines 10-23 & 155 line 2).

He reported he was the lead investigator on the 3/31/91 shooting and killing case of Bill Little (p 155, lines 7-14).

He confirmed he conducted an in person line up on June 21, 1991, at the McLean County Jail (p 155, lines 19-22).

Crowe reported that right before the line-up, Jamie spoke to his attorney twice and still refused to stand in the line-up. He reported he told him that if he did not participate, he would be handcuffed to the bars and held up by somebody. He mentioned Jamie was nervous, shaking, and agitated. He reported Jamie voluntarily stood in the line-up when two officers arrived to assist him (p 159, lines 5-15, p 160 lines 5-10).

When asked if anyone else resisted, he said, "Not those other five, no" (p 161, lines 2-6).
(He does not indicate if others who were asked did not agree.)

Crowe reported that he had four people viewing the lineup in relation to the Clark Gas Station crime, and Gutierrez, Martinez, and Juan Luna could not make a positive ID (p 162, lines 2-18).

He stated that Carlos Luna was able to ID Jamie, saying, "number six, I think he's the person" (P 162 lines 21-23).

Crowe confirmed that in the first two years following the murder, he showed a mix of photographs to Gutierrez and Martinez, including mugshots, polaroid's, regular photos, and two mug shots of Jamie Snow, and both did not identify Jamie (p 163, lines 1-24 & p 164, lines 1-11).

Charles Crowe via Steve Skelton:

Crowe confirmed he spoke to Danny Martinez the night of the crime and the day after, recorded a typed statement from him, and they both signed it (p 164, lines 20-24, p 165, p 166, lines 1-5).

He confirmed the photos he had shown to witnesses in the mug books contained mugshots of Jamie Snow from February 28, 1991, and April 24, 1991 (p 167, lines 4-18).

Crowe confirmed that those two photos are more detailed than the line-up photo of Jamie Snow, exhibit #11 (p 169, lines 1-3).

Crowe admitted that he showed those photos to Danny Martinez on October 22, 1991. He admitted that Martinez did not make a positive ID on October 22, 1991, and picked out other photos that were not Jamie Snow (p 169 lines 5-10, p 170, lines 20-24, & p 171, lines 1-3).

Crowe agreed that two of the people who volunteered for the line-up had darker shaded hair than Jamie (p 172, line 1).

Crowe agreed he tried to fairly pick people who were the same race, height, and had the same length of hair, and placed them in adequate lighting before witnesses arrived (p 172, lines 5-24, p 172, lines 1-12),

Crowe agreed Martinez asked individuals three and four to step forward to be looked at more closely (p 175, lines 4-9).

Crowe agreed that although Jamie was in custody for a crime at the time, it was not for anything involving the shooting death of Bill Little, and was not arrested during June of 1991 for the crime (p 176, lines 15-24, p 176 line 1).

Crowe admitted that Jamie was angry about participating in the line-up (p 176, lines 2-12).

Crowe admitted that Carlos Luna said Jamie looked like the person, and he told Luna he did not have to make an ID. Luna said the shape of his face and his hair looked the same as the person he saw the night of the crime, and he said, "I think it's the person" (p 178, lines 12-24).

Crowe said he never spoke to Susan Powell Claycomb during his investigation (p 179, lines 9-13).

Redirect via Teena Griffin:

Crowe confirmed that in October of 1991, when he met with Martinez, he did not positively ID anyone. He did make a comment about noticing a photo of Bill Little's friend in the collection, and that some individuals had similar hair styles (p 180, lines 1-21).

Crowe confirmed that although the lighting for the line-up was adequate, it was not to his satisfaction (p 181, lines 1-3).

Recross Via Steve Skelton:

Crowe confirmed Jamie Snow's height is 6 feet tall (p 181, lines 20-21).

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Charles Crowe via Teena Griffin:

Crowe confirmed he conducted an in-person line-up with Jamie Snow on June 20, 1991 (p 18, lines 21-24 & p 19, lines 1-4).

Crowe explained that Jamie three times refused to stand in the line-up and threatened to fire his attorney. He told him if he did not, he would be cuffed to bars and held up for viewing. He agreed to participate when approached by officers (p 19, lines 19-24, p 20, & p 21, lines, 1-12).

He stated Carlos Luna viewed the line up and asked to see number 6 again, Jamie, and said "It looks like number 6" because of the shape of his face and hair. When told he didn't have to pick anyone, he said, "I think he's the person" or he looks like the person (p 21, lines 15-24 & p22).

Charles Crowe via Frank Picl: (pronounced *Pit-sul*)

Crowe admitted that on the day of the line-up, Jamie did not tell him that he shot Bill Little or robbed the Clark Station (p 23, lines 3-9).

Crowe confirmed that when Luna did not say he was certain Jamie was the person he saw at the gas station the night of the crime (p 23, lines 10-12).

Crowe confirmed Luna selected number six based off the shape of his face and hair, but did not comment on his facial hair, eyes, nose, or a chin scar. He admitted the individuals were not wearing hats or jackets, and the lighting was not the same as the crime scene (p 23, lines 13-24 & p 24).

Crowe confirmed the individuals stood four to five feet away from Luna, even though the photo of the line-up admitted into evidence was taken 12 feet away (p 25, line 5, 15-17).

Crowe said he cannot remember if other inmates from the jail refused to participate in the line-up (p 26, lines 16-17) .

Picl attempted to ask Crowe if he testified to that at another trial, that other inmates also refused to participate in the line-up, but Griffin objected, since the defense did not have the transcript on hand. The judge agreed to allow the defense to recall Crowe after they obtained the transcript (p 26, lines 22-24, p 27, & p 28, lines 1-7).

According to Jamie, when the defense attempted to recall Crowe, the judge said it was unnecessary to recall him for one question, and he was not recalled.