

Grand Jury Testimony of Joey Dalesandro ~~7/30/92~~  
Oath administered to Mr. Dalesandro for the record by foreperson of grand jury.

Mr. Dalesandro answered in the affirmative to the oath.

RAD: For the purpose of the record I would indicate that we have recalled Mr. Dalesandro back into the jury room here. He has just, it is now 11:17 in the morning. He did testify in here 15 minutes ago, under oath, and we had a problem with our tape recorder and it apparently was not recorded and what we are doing now is we have recalled Mr. Dalesandro back in and we are going to go briefly back over the same testimony again. I apologize to the grand jury.

RAD: Ok, Joe, once again just for the purpose of the record, tell the grand jury what your full name is.

JJD: Joseph Justino Dalesandro

RAD: ~~How old are you now~~

JJD: 20

RAD: Please tell the grand jury about the problem that you had out in Defiance that you are now serving the sentence on.

JJD: ~~Aggravated trafficking in cocaine.~~

RAD: ~~How much time do you owe the state of Ohio on that particular charge.~~

JJD: 3 to 15, 3 year actual

RAD: ~~Now and yesterday you entered a plea of guilty to a charge in this County.~~

JJD: Yeah

RAD: ~~Tell the grand jury again what that charge is.~~

JJD: ~~Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Robbery with two accomplices Tyrone Noling and Gary St. Clair.~~

RAD: How, Tyrone Noling, Gary St. Clair, were you acquainted with both of these individuals back in April 1990 and where were they staying or where were you guys hanging out around April 4 or 5th, 1990.

JJD: Johnny Trandifer's house

RAD: And is that in Alliance

JJD: Its in Alliance, Ohio

RAD: Who all was involved in what we are about to talk about, by that I mean who was around that house.

JJD: Me, Johnny Trandifer, Gary St. Clair, and Tyrone Noling and Butch Wolcott

RAD: I didn't ask you about this a few seconds ago, but I will ask you now, where was Johnny Trandifer's father.

JJD: He was in the hospital at the time for a bad car wreck.

RAD: How old, if you know, at the time was Johnny Trandifer?\

JJD: He was maybe 13 or 14, I'm pretty sure, I don't know for sure I think that is how old he was.

RAD: I understand from what you told us here a few minutes ago that you became aware of the fact that Tyrone and Gary were doing some robberies.

JJD: Yep

RAD: What kind of people were they robbing

JJD: Old people

RAD: How many robberies did they do that you know about.

JJD: three and an attempted one at a store a Dairy Mart.

RAD: Let me ask about the three that they actually did. Were you around the house when they left to do that robbery.

JJD: Yeah, I was at the house but they, they took there guns and stuff and went to the first house and robbed it and came bacck

RAD: Do you happen to know the names of the people that they robbed that first time.

JJD: Hughes

RAD: And was the Hughes, was that an elderly couple that lived there in Alliance.

JJD: Yeah, cause Tyrone knew them because he shoveled their snow before, him and his brother.

RAD: To your knowledge did they get any merchandise from the

JJD: They had a VCR, about \$700 and a few diamond rings

RAD: Alright

JJD: And they had one big diamond, that was about it

RAD: This was what they got from the Hughes

JJD: Yeah

RAD: How were they acting when they got back from that robbery.

JJD: Pretty crazy , bragging about it and stuff

RAD: Tyrone steal a gun

JJD: Yeah he stole a gun from there too, a little gun I don't know what kind.

RAD: You indicated that when they left to go do that job they had some guns with them. What kind of guns did they have with them.

JJD: When they went to do the first one

RAD: Yes sir

JJD: Sawed off shot gun and Gary had like a 45 a BB gun.

RAD: It was a BB gun, did it look like a real gun

JJD: Yeah it looked like a real one

RAD: Do you know about what time of the day or night they did that.

JJD: It was day time around noon.

RAD: Now this is the first one your talking about or the second one around noon.

JJD: The first one, its hard to say about what time because I never really kept track of time

RAD: Let's just do it this way then we'll call that first robbery on day one

JJD: Yeah

RAD: Now the next day did they do another robbery.

JJD: Yep

RAD: Tell us what you know about the next robbery they did the second day.

JJD: Well him and Gary were talking about doing another robbery and then they left with their guns, the sawed off and the little gun and I guess they went to this house down the road

RAD: In Alliance.

JJD: Yep

RAD: Do you know the names of the people who lived in that house.

JJD: No

RAD: Alright. What did they do when they got back

JJD: What did they do

RAD: Yeah

JJD: Well Tyrone, well they threw everything they got on the floor, they had a VCR, some rings, and I think a purse and then Tyrone said he killed someone but then later he said that he shot the gun through the floor cause someone tried to grab him or something and he pushed them.

RAD: He said he shot the gun through the floor.

JJD: Yep

RAD: Alright. Did he have the gun with him at that point when he was talking about it.

JJD: When he was talking about it, yeah

RAD: Ok. Now what happened next that day, the second day, they have done two robberies now

JJD: Well they filled up my tank and then we went for a ride.

RAD: Who filled up your tank

JJD: Tyrone

RAD: Did he take your car or were you already driving it and you just pulled into a gas station and he paid for the gas.

JJD: We left Johnny's to go for a ride, just cruising around and he put gas in my car and then we just went around and we headed out on 183 and then on 224 on some back roads and we was just driving around.

RAD: Who all was in the car and where were they sitting.

JJD: I was driving, Tyrone Noling was on the passenger side in the front seat, Gary St. Clair was behind me in the back seat and Butch Wolcott was in the back on the right side

RAD: Now, you said you did some riding around, did there come a point in time when either Tyrone or Gary started giving you

directions as to where to drive.

JJD: Yeah they starting giving me directions from quite a ways back, directing me which ways to go and stuff around these roads and stuff. I just went the way they told me and then at one point Gary told me to slow down.

RAD: Did Gary appear to know where he was going.

JJD: It seemed like it, that they knew

RAD: So you are telling us that both of these guys are giving you directions.

JJD: Yeah, both of them

RAD: NOT just Tyrone by himself, not just Gary by himself

JJD: No, both of them

RAD: What were you told to do

JJD: To drive and then they told me to slow down, and I slowed down and they jumped out and said they was gonna steal something and to come back in 15 minutes

RAD: Alright. Did you, where were you when you let them out of the car? Were you on the road or

JJD: On the road

RAD: Did they both get out the same door, or did one get out one door and one get out another. How did that happen.

JJD: Gary got out his door and Tyrone got out on his door

RAD: Which way did they run

JJD: To the left of the car, diagonally toward these houses like up there

RAD: When you said like up there, you are referring to the drawing we have on the blackboard from when we were talking yesterday.

JJD: Yeah

RAD: And that drawing shows what is suppose to be a house and a driveway and it has an arrow that goes at about a 45 degree angle off the road back toward the drawing of the house.

JJD: Yep

RAD: Now you yesterday, went out for a ride with some sheriff's detectives, did you not.

JJD: I did

RAD: You showed them how you went that particular day didn't you

JJD: Yeah

RAD: Ok. Now before you went on that ride yesterday I believe you told me something about a boulder that you recall, can you tell us again what they is all about.

JJD: Well I saw a big, like a giant rock in a yard and pine trees and stuff around

RAD: What about a garage, do you remember a garage

JJD: Yeah, one of the houses had a garage and the garage door was open.

RAD: Ok. Tell us what you did after they ran from the car.

JJD: Well I went down quite a ways and turned around and came back pretty slow and I didn't see them so I turned around and went back and came back again and they was running diagonally back across this yard.

RAD: The same way they ran in they ran out

JJD: yep, same way

RAD: SO did you pick them up

JJD: Yeah and then they jumped in and Tyrone said he killed someone and then him and Gary started arguing and I had the radio on and I didn't hear the other stuff too good that they were saying.

RAD: Were they upset

JJD: Yeah, they seemed upset and we kept going and they directed me back to Alliance.

RAD: Did you know how to get back on your own I mean or did you need them to give you directions.

JJD: They had to show me the way back, until I got to where I knew where I was at.

RAD: You remember anything about the grass in this area that you are describing that particular day.

JJD: Yeah, I think it was mowed, mowed grass or something, it looked like it.

RAD: Did either Gary or Tyrone have a gun with them when they got out of the car when they went toward the house

JJD: They both had their guns

RAD: What kind of gun did Tyrone have,

JJD: He had that gun that they stole from the first robbery and Gary had the sawed off

RAD: Sawed off shot gun

JJD: Yep

RAD: How did Gary have the sawed off shotgun

JJD: Under his, he had like a shirt, under his shirt. I mean when he was running back through the yard to get in the car I could see it sticking out, his gun.

RAD: Now this gun that Tyrone had, the hand gun

JJD: Yeah

RAD: Did you ever take a real good look at it.

JJD: Yeah, I seen it a few times

RAD: How would you describe it, I mean little gun, big gun

JJD: It was a little gun

RAD: Have a barrel or was it a semi automatic

JJD: had a clip that went in

RAD: Did he have ammunition for it

JJD: Yeah he had bullets

RAD: Where did he get those bullets

JJD: I think from the first robbery

RAD: Did you see any other guns later that day.

JJD: That night later on I saw Gary St. Clair with another gun but I just seen it for a while and that was it.

RAD: What kind of gun did he have later that night.

JJD: Bigger than Tyrone's but I can't say what kind it was.

RAD: But was it a shot gun, a rifle, a hand gun

JJD: A hand gun

RAD: And where did Gary have it, by that I mean where did he have it on his body.

JJD: He had it packed in there, here by his belt.

RAD: You never seen that gun before.

JJD: No

RAD: Did you ever see it again after that day.

JJD: No cause him and Butch left, went down the road, I don't know what they did.

RAD: That night they left

JJD: Yeah and when he came back I never seen him with it and I didn't ask him or nothing.

RAD: for the purpose of the record the tape apparently stopped again here a second ago and thats what was meant when Joe said Stop.

RAD: You recall Tyrone or Gary having any merchandise that day out of that robbery.

JJD: I remember seeing them with a few rings

RAD: But do you know where those rings came from

JJD: I can't say cause they had a few rings from robberies

RAD: SO you know they were stolen rings but you don't know where they came from.

JJD: They were stolen.

RAD: Did they have anything in their hands, to the best of your memory, when they come running out of that yard that day.

JJD: No I didn't see anything, just their guns

RAD: Did they, what did you do after you got back to Alliance.

JJD: We pulled in the driveway and Gary and Tyrone jumped out of the car and ran into the house real fast, then me and Butch got out and went in and him and Gary was arguing

RAD: By him and Gary you mean who and Gary

JJD: Tyrone and Gary

RAD: What were they arguing about



JJD: They was arguing about killings or something and Tyrone told him to shut up or he was going to do something to him.

RAD: Told that to Gary

JJD: Yep

RAD: Did you ever heard either of those, Tyrone or Gary, make any statements about what happen that day.

JJD: That day

RAD: Well that day, did you ever hear them talking about what happen during that third robbery that day, I don't care whether the conversation was the day it happen or two days later or three days later I just want to know if you ever heard them talk about it any more.

JJD: They was pretty quiet you know, I just remember hearing them talk about they killed people and then they was quiet.

RAD: Alright. Do you people have any questions.

Grand Juror: How old is Tyrone and Gary

JJD: Tyrone was 18, and Gary was like 23, 24, maybe 22 I'm not sure

RAD: Any other questions

Grand Juror: When you were driving up the road did you turn around at one of the intersections or in a cornfield, or driveway.

JJD: I turned around in a driveway quite a ways down and came back and went back again.

Grand Juror: Turned around in another driveway and went back again

JJD: Yep

RAD: Did Butch ever get out of the car.

JJD: No , Butch was always in the car with me

RAD: Any further questions

JJD: I don't think anybody was on drugs or anything.

RAD: Thank you Joe