

The Bloody Rag

Justice for Joe

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Joseph Wade Dozier at age 19

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Joe had defensive burses on his hand and leg where he had been hit by a large object. This was never mentioned in either of the trials.

Joe was left bleeding in the snow; at the scene, for more than 10 min. before paramedics were allowed to treat and transported Joe to the Siloam Springs Hospital. Due to lack of experience and equipment to handle Joe's wounds Siloam Springs Hospital later air lifted him, by Life flight; to Springdale Hospital where Joe was pronounced DOA.

FACTS ABOUT THE CASE of JOSEPH WADE DOZIER

The Bloody Rag was on the hood of Joseph Dozier's Mother's car (a cougar) when Ray (Joe's Brother) and William Dozier (Joe's Father); came to the crime scene to get the car. The crime scene was located at Kenwood Apts., #5A in Siloam Springs. Kim Pearson (Misty's mother); was standing in the door, when William's eyes met hers she quickly stepped backwards and closed the apartment door.

On February 19, 1993 Joseph Wade Dozier; 19, of Gravette Arkansas was shot 5 times inside the Kenwood Apartment in Siloam Springs Arkansas ; rented by Kim Pearson.

Dustin Denton was the 21 year old resident of Westville Oklahoma; who had carried his concealed and shoulder holstered gun across the Stateline from Oklahoma into Arkansas. The Dozier family believes he did this with the sole intentions of killing Joseph Wade Dozier, who As John Everett (Denton's attorney) put it; was his rival for the affections of the 15 year old Misty Pearson.

To understand how the confrontation had come to this point I must back up in time and tell you some details.

In the opening statement John Everett kept saying that for most of Mr. Clinger's opening statement was not admitted or subject to agreement by the Defendant other than the fact that Dustin Denton did Kill Joe Dozier. He said he had never tried a murder case where the State had so many maybes and probable's. He stated to the jury that the relationship of Dustin Denton to Joe Dozier was important to consider and that he needed to talk to them about that. Everett stated that he thought for a while that Mr. Denton was being charged for carrying a gun. Then he stated he knew that he was not charged with that. Then on Page 4, he stated that Benny and Linda Denton spent their early years in government service in the National Security Agency and both had Top Secret Security Clearance, and that Benny Denton had Crypto Clearance with a code word behind it. According to many who know him, Benny did not have Crypto Clearance.

It is stated that the family was close to the church and that the three boys in the Denton family were raised in the church. Dustin was supposed to have had a pure relationship with Melinda Eigo of Westville. If you asked those of his own age who lived there and knew him they would tell you that she was more his possession than his girl friend and that if anyone else even looked at her they would answer to the wrath of Dustin. His friends say he was a bully and that he threatened his peers and those

younger than he. He may have appeared to be a saint among the teachers and adults but you did not see anyone his own age on the stand telling the jury what a good guy he was, mostly because they couldn't find any who would say that.

Dustin Denton

Dustin started seeing Misty Pearson when she was 14 years old and he was 21. There could have been other charges due to this, but there were none filed.

Mr. Everett made a point that Misty called Dustin Denton at his house. If he had been living in the place he claimed to be living at the time, he had no phone. Mr. Everett made it a point to let the jury know that he was no longer living with his parents but in a farm house he had rented. This Farm house was a shed; it had one room and no phone. He took the call from Misty he must have taken it at his parents' house just up the road. It was within sight of the concrete building he was calling home (so to speak).

Everett stated that Kim Pearson was an important witness. She never testified in the criminal trial.

Note: Kim Pearson testified in the civil suit long enough to be sworn in and give her name. Then the court adjourned for the day and they said she would give her testimony the next day. Kim Pearson did not take the stand the next day or any time after that. She never gave any statements on the witness stand.

He also stated that Jackie Vernon was a critical witness. That she was there with Dustin and Misty on the evening when several boys came to Misty's window and whispered to her or to Jackie. They told Dustin that he had made a mistake by going out with Joe Dozier's girl friend. You can read what he said for yourself. The opening statement by John Everett was 45 pages long and each page held a statement that painted Joe as a trouble maker and a thug. He did his best to make Joe sound like a monster. Then he concluded with what he considered fact. That Joe Dozier contributed to his own death by his actions. I suppose it is a fair conclusion that anyone who walks into a house where someone is hidden and holding a loaded gun, contributes to their own death by their actions!

Joseph Wade Dozier met and started dating 14 year old Misty Pearson in the early part of 1992. By July of 1992; she was pregnant. Joseph came home and told his father, William Dozier, that someone was going to kill him. That someone was Misty's grandfather, Keith Pearson. Keith had found out that his granddaughter was pregnant and he had threatened Joseph's life.

William, Sharon (his wife and Joe's mother), and Joe went to Keith Pearson's farm to confront him and clear this matter up. At first he told them to leave. But at William's insistence that the matter needed discussing; he relented and they stepped aside to discuss the matter. Keith admitted that he had threatened the boy, but, he had done so

in the anger of the moment and did not really mean what he had said. The matter was discussed at length among the adults, William and Sharon Dozier and Keith (Kim's Dad) and Kim Pearson (Misty's Mom). It was decided that Joe and Misty would get married and that she would continue her education in the Gravette School. Graduation was important to Keith Pearson and he wanted the assurance that his granddaughter would receive her diploma.

At the time of this meeting Keith made it clear to Kim Pearson that he would no longer make the payments on her home in Siloam Springs. He was very angry at her for allowing this to happen and she would now have to suffer the consequences. He was unhappy with the fact that she was living with Ronnie Wiley and that she had allowed Misty to get pregnant. Ronnie was a deadbeat who only worked at odd jobs. He had a small disability income due to losing some fingers on his hand; but he did not have a full time job.

After the meeting with Keith, William and Sharon met with Kim at the Siloam Springs KFC. Kim had told William she did not care if Misty and Joe got married but she was concerned that the child might not be Joe's. She told William and Sharon that as soon as Joe dropped Misty off another boy would pick her up. Keith had told William earlier that he was not sure that the baby was Joe's because he had caught Misty out in the woods behind his house with a boy, and it wasn't Joe.

Some time later; Misty reportedly fell down some steps at the house where Joe was living on WPA Road in Gentry Arkansas. She had made a big deal of it at the time and the next day she told Joe that she had a miscarriage and lost the baby. He was heartbroken at the news.

We found out later that the truth of the matter was that Keith Pearson, Misty's Grandfather; had offered her braces for her teeth in exchange for her getting an abortion and staying away from Joe. He had followed through on his promise and paid for an abortion and braces for her teeth. She stayed away from Joe for a while, but not completely. They talked on the phone a lot.

William and Sharon were living in Gravette at the time and the phone bill had been run up to over \$500.00 because of their boys (Joe and Ray) making long distance calls to Siloam Springs, where all their friends were.

During the time that they were apart she had met Levi Denton at a rodeo. Later she had gone to Westville to watch him play football. She had borrowed Joseph's truck to go to the game and took a friend of hers, Angie Davis, with her. While they were at the game she met 21 year old Dustin Denton, Levi's brother. They struck up a quick friendship and went for a ride in Joseph's truck.

In September, somewhere near the 28th; Matt Drake and Brian Bishop who were friends of Joe and Misty went to Misty's house. They saw a man sitting on her bed. Brian had asked her who he was and she had told him that he was her cousin. It had been Dustin Denton.

Later that night Brian told Joe and when Denton left Misty's house; Matt Drake and Brian Bishop followed him and so did Joe and Dewayne Woods. Matt was driving his red Camaro and Joe was driving his blue Chevy pickup. They ended up at KFC. Denton had pulled in there and came back to Joe's truck to confront him. Ray Dozier was out riding around with Gary Wayne Woods, in Gary's Mom's car. They saw Joe at KFC and pulled in to see where they were going. He saw Dustin Denton pull a rifle and point it at Joe, through Joe's open pickup window. Denton was cursing and pointing the gun in Joe's face. Words were exchanged and Denton got back in his truck and took off. Matt in his Camaro, Joe in his truck and Gary Wayne in his Mom's car followed Dustin. He headed south down Oklahoma 59 toward Watts, Oklahoma. His truck was fast and he left them all behind. But for some reason he slowed down. When he did Matt passed him. Denton, wanting to stay in the lead tried to pass Matt on the left and lost control of his truck and went down into a ravine. Matt kept driving and when Joe caught up with Matt he asked about Denton. Matt told him what had happened and Joe went back to check on Denton! He found him at a phone booth across the road from the ravine he had gone into. He was carrying the rifle he had pulled on Joe earlier. Joe, not wanting another confrontation with the rifle; drove to Misty's house to find out what in the world was going on.

It is important that you know neither Matt Drake nor Brian Bishop testified in the criminal or the civil suit. The Dozier's had Matt and Brian waiting in the courthouse to testify but the Woodruff's never called either of them to testify.

At Misty's house Brian went to the window and asked Misty if she would talk to Joe, and she said yes. Joe started talking; Misty's mom heard them and called the police. When Misty and Joe saw the police she pulled him through the window and put him in her closet. That is where the police found him.

Kim insisted that they arrest him. Officer Wind took him in and booked him on charges of Terroristic Threatening. In his report he stated that Joe was docile and cooperative. He could have charged Joe with Felony Terroristic Threatening but due to this fact he did it as a misdemeanor. After he was booked they released him. Joe had no other charges on his record, except a seatbelt violation and he had nothing in the State of Oklahoma.

Two months later Joe started seeing Misty again. While he was working at the Co-Op with his dad and brother, Joe had asked his dad if he could leave early. He was having truck trouble and wanted to go to Misty's house to work on it. William had told

him he could go and that he and Ray would come by after they finished working to check on him; which they did.

While William was visiting with Ronnie Wiley, Misty's Mom's live in lover; and Kim, a black car with dark tinted windows pulled up in front of her house. Kim got up and went to the car, when she opened the passenger door to get in William got a good look at the man. He did not know who he was. She closed the car door and the man backed up into the alley beside her house. The two talked for a long time.

On Feb. 19, 1993, the night of the shooting, William met the man who had been driving the black car. He was a Siloam Springs Police Detective Lt. Dick Wales.

Joe had been living with friends in Siloam Springs for a while but he and his Dad had come to an understanding and he had moved back home in early December of 1992. Joe was going to get his GED and go to welding school. His dream was to drive a truck for McKee Foods; but he had to be 25 before they would hire him.

William and Sharon found out after Joe was killed that Kelly Gargrave walked up on Kim and Ronnie Wiley talking. She overheard Ronnie Wiley saying "I told Dustin to do it, but not here." William made an appointment to see the DA and tell him the story. When William met with Mr. Clinger, Bruce Rutherford was in his office. William told him he could wait, but Mr. Clinger told him to come on in, he could speak freely with Mr. Rutherford. William told him what Kelly Gargrave had told him. After William left Mr. Clinger's office, Bruce had him come with him for a coke. After they got the Coke, Mr. Rutherford took William to a park and told him that if he had any more names to give them to him. That he would check them out. William felt that this was odd that Bruce was in the room with him and Mr. Clinger and that he should give Bruce any names instead.

William spoke to the DA a few weeks later and he told William he could not use the information because Mrs. Gargrave did not hear the whole name of Dustin Denton. William also told him about working on the farm with Joe. Joe had told William that he was going to make him mad because he had a date with Misty in three weeks. William told him to leave the whore alone, Joe said "Dad, please don't call her that." William apologized to Joe. Mr. Clinger told William he could not talk about that.

The morning after the shooting (Sat. Feb 20th) Jackie Vernon called Lori Dozier and told her that Misty had been there when Dustin Denton shot Joe. She called Lori back a little while later and told Lori to forget what she had told her earlier.

Another thing that happened on the morning after the shooting is that Misty Pearson met with Linda Denton (Dustin Denton's Mother) at about 2:00 AM near the Pearson farm. They met again in Tahlequah, Oklahoma at the office of Dustin Denton's Uncle around 5:00 PM. When asked at the Criminal trial, By David Clinger; what did you and Misty talk about she replied "I wanted to know why Misty said all the bad things about

Dustin?' When Clinger asked her what things was that she said "I can't remember. Linda Denton did not testify at the civil suit. William spoke to a business man in Westville Oklahoma who commented that Linda Denton had something on her back and he did not know what it was but whatever it was he would not want it riding on his back.

On the day after the shooting an investigator asked Keith Pearson what Misty was doing that night? He replied that she was watching TV with him. When Maxine Pearson was asked the same question she said that Misty was asleep. When Misty herself was asked she said she was doing laundry. Neither Keith nor Maxine testified at the criminal trial. They were served to testify at the civil suit, they were in the courthouse but they were never called by the Woodruff's to testify.

The Constable who served the Pearson's said that Maxine Pearson was physically shaken when he served her and he felt that she had something to say. The Woodruff's were advised by the Dozier's of this yet they did not call her to the stand to testify.

Monday at the school, a boy named Fain told Lori Dozier and other students that his Uncle, Gary Fain (the HWY Patrolman) and who's father was Jerald Fain (a Wildlife Officer) that he had heard Gary Fain tell his Father that Benny Denton had asked Gary Fain to help him.

William immediately called the DA's office and gave them this information.

William spoke to Debbie Stacks the director of the Child Development Center where Kim Pearson worked. She told William that on the day of the shooting, that Misty and Dustin Denton came to the CDC and visited with Kim on 3 occasions. The last time they visited, Debbie Stacks saw that Dustin Denton was carrying a gun. She told him he would have to leave and that he was not to come back to the center with a gun on him.

Debbie Stacks told William that Kim had left early on Feb. 19th

Debbie Stacks said that Kim came back later to go with Debbie Stacks and other to a birthday party for one of their fellow workers. When they came back from the party Kim went into the CDC and used the phone. Then Kim left. According to the PI that the Dozier's hired, she said she went down the road and made another phone call. There is no phone's in that area she could have used. Kim Pearson never testified at the criminal trial. Five years later at the civil suit she got up on the stand long enough to say her name. Then the court recessed and on the next day she was not called to the stand again. Insert PI report.

According to Shelly Wiley, Kim Pearson's daughter; Shelly, Misty and Kim went to get movies. They talked about Joe coming over.

Insert Shelly Pearson's Statements.

About two months before the criminal trial Assistant DA George Spence stepped down.

William went to Mr. Spence after the trial was over and asked him why he was taken off the case. He replied that he and a Dep. Sherriff, John Everett, (Denton's Attorney) Lt. Dick Wales and Dustin Denton went to the crime scene. Inside the apt. Dustin Denton was telling his Attorney (John Everett) how he shot Dozier. His Attorney realized that I (George Spence) was still in the room and told Dustin Denton to stop talking. Then Everett turned to me and asked me to leave the apt. I told Dick Wales, "Let's go". Everett told Dick to stay in the room. I left but I had already heard how Dustin Denton had murdered Joe Dozier. William asked George if he could have testified about this in the court. George replied that he could have but he was not asked too.

Debbie Stacks also told William that her son, Jeff Stacks had seen Misty and Joe together at Wal-Mart in Siloam Springs the night before the Shooting (Feb. 18th) and that he had spoke to both of them. Debbie Stacks thought it was odd that neither she nor her son were ever interviewed. Also the Fain boy was not interviewed by the DA's office.

Kelly Gargrave thought it was odd that she had not been interviewed by anyone the night of the shooting.

Joe had found out that Ronnie Wiley was molesting Misty and Jackie Vernon. It is believed that Joe had turned Ronnie Wiley in to the county Child Protective Services. Misty and her mom had gone there too, but they checked in as Kim and Misty Vernon. The investigation was handed over to LT Dick Wales. He later dismissed the case for lack of evidence. William asked Lt. Dick Wales after the criminal trial about the molestation. Lt. Dick Wales told William that he could not charge anybody for doing a whoa. (Whore)

On the night of Feb. 19, 1993 Dustin Denton shot Joe Dozier 5 times out of 6 shots fired and then went up the stairs to reload his gun with a speed loader he had pre loaded. Each round was alternated with a 38 special hollow point metal jacket and a 357 metal jacket. Read the insert of Anderjack, State Crime Lab's findings.

When Dustin Denton came back down the stairs after loading his gun, Joe was not in the apartment. Denton called 911 and reported he had just shot an intruder even though he knew Joe's name. In the 911 call there is a 30 second break. He says he is getting a drink of water. Insert the 911 call transcript.

On the floor there is a slide pattern in the blood showing someone going out the door. Insert the picture of the blood on the floor.

Joe had defensive bruises on his hand and leg where he had been hit by an object, though it was mentioned in the medical examiners report, it is never mentioned in the criminal trial or the civil suit.

See the medical examiner's phone call by Sharon Dozier, and the medical examiner's report.

Note: Frank Pretti, Medical Examiner testified in the Criminal and the civil suit,

Marsha Woodruff asked him about the contact wound to the knee. She wanted to know if the knee shot could have happened at the bottom of the stairs. The defense attorney, John Everett laid his knee on the railing of the witness stand and used his knee as an example to show how it could have happened at the landing. Mrs. Woodruff asked Pretti about the burses on Joe's hand and leg. See Photo's

On the night of Feb. 19th, Lt. Dick Wales started interviewing William. William asked him if he knew the Pearson's. He replied that he knew a lot of people. William asked if he knew Kim Pearson and Lt. Wales said he did not. William knew that this was a lie. He had seen him with her in the car at her house. The Assistant DA assigned to the case was George Spence. When William spoke to Mr. Spence, Lt. Wales was in the room. William asked George Spence if some other officer could do the case because he felt uncomfortable with Lt. Dick Wales. Spence said that he had worked with Lt Wales before and that he would leave him on the case.

Kim Pearson, who had once lived in a small house about 2 blocks from the police department, had to move into the Kenwood Apartment, #5A; after her father quit paying her house payment. She had to move into low income housing and that is what Kenwood Apt's are.

The next day after the shooting William and Ray went to the apt. to get Sharon's car. That is when William saw the bloody rag on the hood of Sharon's car. He looked over at the apt. and saw Kim Pearson standing at the door. When she saw him looking her way she went inside and closed the door.

William had known Bruce Rutherford from High School. They had ridden the bus together. William remembers how Bruce had started his own toll road. There was a country store called "TED'S GROCERY". William and his older brother Danny were walking there to get cigarettes for their Dad. Bruce came out onto the road and told them that from that day forth that the road was going to be a toll road. They just had enough to purchase the cigarettes. Danny got into a fight with Bruce. Bruce was left lying beside the road bleeding. He looked up at Danny and told him that when you come back by here my Dad will collect the toll. When they came back by the road was clear.

Later on, William and Sharon moved East of Siloam Springs. And a few years later Bruce Rutherford and his wife moved next door. He had two sons, Fabian and Anthony. The boys got along with Joe and Ray real well. They were good neighbors.

William was Distraught

On the first day of the criminal trial during the opening statement Everett said that Joe Dozier beat up police officers in Fayetteville, Springdale and Gentry, Arkansas. After hearing this William went to each of these places and got statements which he gave to David Clinger, the Prosecutor. See inserts of all the police statements from Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The ones mentioned by John Everett had been deleted from the opening statement that we received.

Judge Tom Keith refused the Woodruff's request to post any of Joe's records at the civil suit.

After the criminal trial William spoke to the Judge Keith said several people would have to be prosecuted if the boy (Dustin Denton) had been convicted.

William told him that "Maybe we should start a vigilante committee and take care of all the people involved." The Judge told William that he could not do that because it was against the law. William asked him what recourse we had, and he told him to contact P K Holmes, the States Attorney General for the State of Arkansas.

Mr. Holmes talked to William, Sharon and some of their Family members. He said he knew all about this case. He had been informed by Al Gregory, Chief of Police form Siloam Springs, and AR. the week before our visit. He said that someone had to lose and that the Dozier Family lost. His assistant was also in the room and he felt it was strange that Dustin Denton was only charged with Capital Murder. He felt that other charges should have been filed too. P K Holmes said **He could not question Mr. Clinger because of his outstanding record.** Clinger had been a DA for 22 years and he had only lost 2 cases; this one and one in his second year as DA.

William feels that between Trickery and Malfeasances of office is why we lost this case.

On the night Joe was shot a call came into the Siloam Springs Hospital at around 8pm asking if Joe Dozier had been admitted. The lady who took the call told the female caller that they did not have a Joe Dozier but that they did have a Dozier in the hospital. At that point the caller told her that it would have been an emergency admittance. When told that they had not had an emergency admittance by that name the caller hung up. Later, around 9:15 pm Joe Dozier was admitted to the Emergency Room. The lady at the help desk thought this was odd and made a point to report it to the Siloam Springs Police. When they did not call her she went to the police Dept. and

LT. Dick Wales took her statement. She was never called to testify in the criminal or the civil trials.

1998 William and Sharon filed a civil suit against Dustin Denton and Misty Pearson Fornash. Our lawyers were Ronnie and Marsha Woodruff of the Woodruff and Woodruff Law Firm in Fayetteville, AR.

Dustin Denton was to be served in Westville, Ok in early 1998 by a PI named Atwater. He missed him, yet he was paid. William knew that Dustin Denton was in the National Guards. He went to Stillwell Ok and spoke to his commander. William told him about what happened in the criminal trial. He said that this had nothing to do with his being in the National Guard because it was before he was in the Guards. His Commander told William that they were leaving at noon on a Saturday and that Dustin Denton would be there. Atwater showed up at 12:30, even though he had been told they were leaving at noon. He was late and missed them. William and Sharon Dozier still had to pay him for his attempt.

Having been told where they were stationed, William contacted the US Marshall's office and sent them a copy of the documents they would need. The US Marshall's Office sent someone to the post where he was and had Dustin Denton served.

Before the civil suit started, William had contacted Mary Nunan of 20/20. She had agreed that they would cover the trial, however; after Mrs. Nunan had a conversation with Marsha Woodruff Mrs. Nunan told William and Sharon Dozier she could not come if their Lawyers were not willing to work with her. William spoke to Mrs. Woodruff and she assured me that she wanted to win this case through the judicial system and not in the media.

About a month before the civil trial the Woodruffs hired a new lawyer to work for their firm. He was a trial lawyer from Texas. He did not have any clients yet so he asked if he could help out on this trial. During the trial he kept pointing out points of law and they kept ignoring him. He turned to William in a voice of disgust and said "You Dozier's are FUCKED." He quit working with the Woodruffs and he quit practicing law.

After the civil suit in 1998 William went back and talked to the same Commander and told him what happened. He asked if Dustin Denton was in uniform. William told him no, he was in civilian clothes. He commented that he could not do anything about what he does when he is dressed in civilian clothes.

In the 19 District court room with Judge Tom Keith, The Dozier's wanted to know if it was true that in 1996, John Everett was named Lawyer of the year? They wanted to know if he said that Joe did not have a weapon but that he was a big SOB? Everett was Dustin Denton's Lawyer at the civil suit. The Judge said he did not have to answer

that. Everett raised his hand like a school child and said he would like to answer that. He said "I could have, and I could not have."

See the Lawyer of the Year Article.

The Dozier's lawyers Subpoenaed around 20 people but only three people gave depositions to the Woodruffs. The Woodruffs told the Dozier's Lt. Dick Wales gave five different interviews but they did not take notes! Williams biggest concerns was them getting phone records from the Langley feed store in Westville, Ok. Confirming a phone call. William wanted the phone records because they would **confirm that the call between Gary Fain and Lt. Dick Wales did not take place.** The Woodruffs did not get the phone records as the Dozier's requested.

One of Misty's friends told William and the Woodruffs that she had spoken to Misty on the night of the murder, and that she (Misty) had been there and that she did not believe that Dustin would go through with it. She testified at the civil trial, but Judge Tom Keith would not let her say anything about the incident. He kept telling her if she kept talking he would find her in contempt of court.

Gary "Puss" Fain (He was nicknamed "Puss" when he was in school.) was released from being a Highway Patrolman due to his involvement in a pyramid scam which took place in Mo., AR. and OK. It was known as Friends Helping Friends. He was investigated by OSBI Officer Kelly Beach.

When Ronnie Woodruff went to interview Gary "Puss" Fain, in Watts, Oklahoma, where Fain worked as the Police Commissioner, it just happened to be Fains' day off. The Woodruffs never went back for a second attempt to interview him. William wanted to confirm the feed store phone call which involved Fain, Lt Dick Wales, Benny Denton, Levi Denton and Dustin Denton, the shooter. William believed that the phone call never happened and was looking for evidence of the facts.

Levi Denton, brother to Dustin Denton; testified that they were at the Q when they saw Joe Dozier. They got into Dustin's truck and took off, they jumped the curb. Levi said that the clutch broke the wiring harness; this is why they did not have any tail lights. They were speeding through Watts, OK when they saw a cop. They did not want to get a ticket, so they went two blocks out of the way to get around the cop. When they pulled back on Hwy 59 they saw that Dozier was still chasing them. The DA knew that Dustin Denton's truck was an automatic.

At the civil suit, Levi Denton did not testify. He had commented that he would not lie for his brother again.

Benny Denton, Father of Dustin Denton, testified during the Criminal trial that after the chase in Watts, OK. he took the gun away from Dustin Denton. After the phone call at Langley's feed store, he took the gun out of the corner and gave it back to Dustin and told him "defend yourself." (The Phone call never happened)

After the civil trial, the Woodruffs had been given proof that the phone call never happened. Marsha Woodruff took the information to Brad Butler, who was the new DA at the time.

We went and talked to Brad Butler just after he took office as the DA. We tried to get him to file charges against Misty Pearson. Assistant DA Robin Green was also in the room. Butler said that Miss Green had read the testimony and did not feel that there was enough evidence to charge Misty Pearson.

William had spoke to a lady in Watts, OK. and she told us that a lady who was married to an ex CIA agent got a ticket in Watts. She said his name was Dan Wolford.

William called Mr. Wolford and introduced himself. Mr. Wolford told him that he knew all about us and our story. He asked William if he knew where rattlesnake hollow was, near Jay, OK. William told him he did not know where it was, but that he would find it. After speaking with Mr. Wolford, William was given two names to contact, one was Mr. Kelly Beach, an OSBI agent, and the other was an investigative reporter for the Muskogee Phoenix, Mrs. Donna Hales. Mr. Wolford invited William to come to breakfast the next morning at 8 am, William showed up a little early and went to visit with Dan Wolford's mother who lived next door. She told William that Dan had a photographic memory. She said that she had one too but that she lost hers' at noon. William asked himself "what kind of deal is this?" She went on to explain that the medication she was on fogged her memory so that it was not clear after noon. During the short time that William knew Dan, he was a God-send. See Dan Wolford

Afterwards, William contacted Kelly Beach. Kelly is an OSBI agent out of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He agreed to come out to our house and told William to tell the 19th District DA that he was at their disposal. He said he would do anything he could to help solve this case. Mr. Beach also advised William to contact the DA in Stillwell and Tahlequah, OK.

Diana Harold Barker was the DA in Tahlequah, OK. at that time. Her office said she would have to exclude herself from the investigation of Gary Fain because her husband had once worked for him.

When William saw the DA (Brad Butler) Butler said he would not spend a dime of the taxpayers' money on this case, but that if we could bring him proof he would charge them with conspiracy.

Kelly Beach came to the Dozier's home and reviewed the information. He assured us that if Benton County Prosecutor, Brad Butler; would call him that he would help in any way that he could. William took Kelly Beach's business card and gave it to Brad Butler. Brad Butler called Kelly Beach while William was present. During the conversation Kelly Beach told Brad to send him a list of what he needed.

Brad opened a file RE:

State of Arkansas VS Dustin Denton CR 93-111-1

Conspiracy to commit Murder

It reads as follows

September 30, 1998

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
Investigator Dave Page
Suite 100 Tulsa Oklahoma 74119

Dear investigator Page;

After speaking with Agent Kelly Beach on the above mentioned case; I understand that a formal written request must be made to obtain help from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations, Please consider this letter as such.

If you have any questions, please; contact me.

Sincerely,

Brad Butler, Prosecuting Attorney

A few months later William contacted Kelly Beach. Mr. Beach assured William he did not receive anything from Brad Butler, The 19th district DA. It was not long after that, Brad Butler was investigated by a special prosecutor, Attorney John Everett. Everett found Butler guilty of Sexual Misconduct and he had to step down from the position of Prosecutor. William Dozier would like to know what happens to the cases pending? Do they just vanish like a fart in the wind or does the new DA have an obligation to pursue the cases. The new DA in this case was Robin Green. Now Judge Robin Green.

A key player according to John Everett in the criminal trial was Anthony "Tony" Barker. Anthony Barker was a dispatcher for the Westville Police Department. He testified in the criminal trial that he was involved by dispatching police officers out to escort Dustin Denton up to the shooting in February' 93. He also testified that he had worked for Tyson Foods as a Quality Control person. He, Anthony Tony Barker; never

worked for Tyson Foods and he had quit the Westville Police Dept. in September of 1992. Because of the sloppy investigations by the DA's office we might not have know this during the criminal trial, however; at the civil suit, Anthony "Tony" Barker was hired July 5th, 1998 by the Westville Police Dept. as a Dispatcher, just two weeks before the civil suit. We had a letter from Carol Engles, who worked at the Westville Police Dept., that he was not working at the Westville Police Dept. during the time he had claimed to be dispatching police out to help Dustin Denton. When Ronnie Woodruff asked Anthony "Tony" Barker, in the civil trial, if he would believe what Carol Engles said Mr. Barker said he would. Instead of Woodruff pursuing this he turned the paper over and laid it on the desk.

Donna Hales of the Muskogee Phoenix interviewed Anthony "Tony" Barker. He said that the application must be a mistake. A few weeks later he showed up at her office in Muskogee Oklahoma and asked her if he was in trouble, she said yes. He told her that **he had done this several times before** and that he did not know why this case should be any different.

William had called the Muskogee Phoenix and spoke with Donna Hales. She and another reporter, Mr. Kristy Fry, came to the Dozier's' home to interview them. William spent about a day with them going over what we had. They asked if they could take some of this information home with them and William said sure. After a few weeks they came back to the Dozier's house. They said they needed to see the crime scene before they made a final decision. William took them to the crime scene. They wanted to know if the jury had seen the crime scene and William told them no. Mrs. Donna Hales asked William if he had ever seen a pit bull dog fight. He replied that he had. She told him that that is how she would be on this case that she would get these people by the ass and she would not turn loose until Justice is served. Donna Hales and Kristy Fry had worked together for 20 years. Mr. Fry was offered the Editor's position at the Muskogee Phoenix. He told William the only way he would take the Editor's job would be if he could finish this story. According to Mr. Fry the Company agreed to that. Unfortunately, Mr. Fry died of a massive heart attack in 2005.

See Donna Hales Promise.

It appeared to the Dozier's that Donna Hales' teeth got pulled at about that same time Kristy died. The one time pit bull dog lost her bite. From the time of Kristy's death on, she changed. The fact that he was no longer her editor could have played a big part in the changes that William and Sharon saw in Donna. He had been her long time friend and partner at the paper.

Donna Hales kept promising William and Sharon that she would publish their story and that there was no statute of limitations on Interstate Conspiracy.

William had spoken to Larry Covey, the publisher of the Muskogee Phoenix, before the death of Kristy Fry. He was tapping the story with his fingers and telling William

that he could do what he wanted but that if he were the Dozier family he would allow the Phoenix to finish and publish their story. William believed him.

In William Dozier's opinion Donna Hales was an extremely good reporter at first. She worked hard to interview the people involved in Joe's case.

She interviewed Officer Dennis Colman from the Siloam Springs Police Dept. Colman said that the officers lied; that none of the officers slid in the blood.

She interviewed the lady who took the call at the hospital before Joe was admitted.

She interviewed Lt. Dick Wales. She told William that she had spoke to him on more than one occasion.

She interviewed Judge Tom Keith who advised her not to ever come back.

She also interview George Spence. The ex DA who had stepped down from the case, because he had heard Dustin Denton tell his lawyer, John Everett, how he had murdered Joe Dozier.

Anthony "Tony" Barker was another witness she had interviewed. He seemed upset when she talked to him and came to her office a week later wanting to know if he was in trouble. According to her he had asked her if he was in trouble, and when she told him yes he had said that he had done this before and did not understand why this case should be any different.

The Dozier's had purchased the entire transcript of the criminal trial and gave her a copy.

Drew Miller was the assistant prosecutor who took George Spence's place as deputy prosecutor to David Clinger in the Criminal trial. Two weeks before the criminal trial Lt. Dick Wales took assistant prosecutor Drew Miller to Westville, OK. to interview people.

See the insert of omnibus hearing, perjury

Drew Miller told William that his son, (Joe Dozier) had never spit on the sidewalk in the state of Arkansas but that he was a hell raiser in the state of Oklahoma. After the omnibus hearing William went around and talked to these people and took the information back to Drew Miller. Instead of Miller helping he just stuck his head in the Sand.

Mrs. Donna Hales of the Muskogee Phoenix kept assuring William that she would do a good job on this story. She kept repeating that there was no statute of limitations on Interstate Conspiracy; that the Dozier Family would have something to fall back on. She insisted that we believe in her and her promises. In 2007 William and Sharon went to the McAlister Prison Rodeo. While William was in the motel room he turned the TV on

and started watching a program about freelance writers and Newspapers. To William this story has been a blackout. That is what the program was about; a story in New York that had been a blackout. The Freelance writer went on the internet to get his story exposed. William was excited so he called Donna Hales and told her about it. She told William that if she put the story on the Internet that she would be fired. At that time she assured William that this story was not a blackout. She told him she was going to do six different segments of the story with an index of the people involved listed in each segment. The Index would be on the front page. This turned out to be another false hope by Mrs. Hales delivered to the Dozier Family. In late 2007 William went to talk to the new Editor. He wanted to know why this story had been dumped on him. He did not have the time to review the whole thing. William asked if he could not take the word of Donna Hales and even your publisher Larry Covey knew about this. He told William that his job was on the line and he told William that if it was not published by July 2008 he would put it in the trash. July 2008 came and went with no story being published.

William contacted Oklahoma State Attorney General Drew Edmondson. He briefly told him about what the story was about and he assured William that he had waited too long to do anything about it. He was appalled that Donna Hales had not called him about this story because he had worked on other stories with her. When William told him about the police officers involvement he said that dirty police officers were a stench to his nostrils and that he would love to have done something about this.

William asked him if he knew and OSBI officer named Kelly Beach of Tulsa Oklahoma.

In January of 2008 we spoke with the new DA for Benton County, Van Stone. In the meeting was DA Van Stone, Assistant DA Stephanie McLemore and were also surprised by a third party who was in the room; Bruce Rutherford. Mr. Rutherford had been hired only 3 weeks prior to this meeting as a special investigator for the DA's office. Bruce had been absent several years while he was self employed. William and Sharon Dozier asked Van Stone if he would give this case a Grand Jury investigation. After speaking to the DA he did not think he could help us.

William Contacted Donna Hales in late July and told her that we would be there in a couple weeks to get our documents. She told us that she had taken everything that involved our case to her house. About two weeks later, on a Saturday morning; William and Sharon showed up at Donna Hales' house. She had assured them that she would be home doing taxes. She was not at her house so William called her and asked her where she was. She said that she was in town at a birthday party having cake and ice-cream with her husband. William told her that he was at her house to pick up our stuff. She said that she was tired of him showing up unannounced. He reminded her that he had told her he would be there in two weeks to pick his stuff up. She hung up on him. About an hour later William called her back and she growled into the phone. **"leave this story alone!"** And he asked her why? Click. She hung up on him again. Sharon had been in an automobile accident just two week earlier and was in pain. At

the time they did not know that she had nerve damage in her side from the accident. They sat there waiting for Donna Hales for five hours. Donna Hales did not show up. Sharon had to get out of the truck and go walking around; sometimes she would sit on the back of the truck, all the time trying to fight off the tremendous pain she was in. They had intended to get their stuff from Mrs. Hales that morning and then travel on to Tulsa to see William's brother-in-law, who was hospitalized because of cancer. Due to having to wait in Warner, Oklahoma for so long on Mrs. Hales they had to go home. William had to work the next morning. His sister called him the next morning, before he left for work, wanting to know why he had not shown up at the hospital. Her Husband had died at 2:00 am that morning.

William Contacted Donna Hales the following Monday; instead of taking the call she had handed her cell Phone to a co-worker. William asked the woman where Mrs. Hales was. The co-worker told him that the paper was not going to do anything with the story and that he needed to leave Mrs. Hales alone. William asked her if it was normal procedure to jack families around and she assured him that they have done this to other families but not nearly as bad as what they did to you.

The Dozier family is mentally distraught and physically exhausted by the way they have been treated by the Muskogee Phoenix and Donna Hales. They feel that she manipulated and abused their trust and are appalled by the cold black-hearted abuse of their trust. She used their hope to keep them bound from doing what needed to be done to get their story told for many years.

In the early spring of 2008 William went to a local radio station and spoke with the owner. He told him about our story. He assured William that he would be glad to interview him but that it would take at least three times. After the second interview his wife came in with a piece of cake. She told him he could not get involved in this. He told her that he would handle this. Just before he took a bite of his cake he handed William back the information he had given him and told him **"Good Luck"** then he proceeded to eat his cake. So much for this radio stations owner's statements over the air that "the public only wants to know the truth." and "my microphones are open to any one." One of his favorite statements is "I don't have a dog in this race." It appears that this is not quite true. Politics are a game that many people play, even if they won't admit it.

William went to the local TV station and they told him they might do a cold case, however; he never heard from them either.

On Monday August 17, 2008 William heard the announcer of the Radio Station say that anyone off the street can talk openly about anything. That he did not need the FCC Regulating him. These words did not ring true in the ears of the man who had been told that they just could not get involved.

His son is in the runoff for a political office in the 2010 election.

In the fall of 2008 William went to talk to Judge Tom Keith. He asked Judge Keith whose responsibility it was to make sure that the person on the stand was who they claimed to be. He replied that that was the DA's responsibility. He said it was his responsibility to make sure that the civil rights of the person charged of a crime were not violated regardless of their guilt or innocence. William asked him about being called Snoopy. He said he used to be a reporter in Orville California and they called him snoopy because he would not give up. Insert Article.

William asked Judge Tom Keith about a Grand Jury investigation, he did not answer William. He did say that there was no statue of limitations on murder.

Judge Keith retired at the end of 2008.

William Dozier has taken Sharon to the Barnes Jewish, Washington University Hospital in St. Louis, MO. three times over the last year and ½ for evaluations and treatments. She has an inoperable tumor on her liver.

It is Sharon's desire that the truth is told. More than anything she wants Justice for Joe. Though it may not happen in the courts it can happen in the minds of those who knew him and in the community he lived in. He was a typical teenage boy who was branded as a bully by an insensitive lawyer and legal system that did not stand up for him when he could not stand up for himself. As easily as this happened to Joseph "Joe" Wade Dozier it could happen to anyone's son or daughter, maybe even yours.

When William and Sharon met with DA Van Stone, Bruce Rutherford made a statement to William that still rings in Sharon's ears. William had told Van Stone that he wanted the community to know the truth. Bruce commented, William, only the jury heard the lies. What a candid statement. Only the jury heard the lies, so did the press and anyone who hard the news or read the papers written by the reporters in the courtroom. Only the people whom William and Sharon did business with, the people they went to church with, the people they worked with. It is time they heard the truth. It is time that they not merely hear it but read it for themselves and see the evidence that the prosecutor had from the start as well as the Dozier's attorneys in the civil trial.

William and Sharon want to give special thanks to Sharon's Mom and Dad for helping them through this time in their life. They would also like to thank the Bank for working with them, to help out when times were hard. They realize that without these wonderful people, their life would have been much harder.

