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Q. Now, the FBI office is downtown in Washington, is it? A. Yes, sir.

[2241] Q. Ninth and Pennsylvania? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And then you all drove up to Georgetown and went across the Key Bridge, did you? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Over to Rosslyn? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And bought some beer over there? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Eight cans I think? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who had the opener? A. Sir? The FBI agent. I didn't.

Q. The FBI agent had the opener? A. He got the opener in the store.

Q. In the store? A. Yes.

Q. And what time of the year was this, do you remember?

A. That was this year.

Q. My question was, what time of the year. You never saw the FBI agents until this year, did you?

A. No, sir.

Q. Commencing in January of this year? A. December or January.

Q. Now, what month was it this year that you went over to the City of Rosslyn to buy some beer with two agents, one of whom was Jones, eight cans to be exact?

A. I didn't put it down nothing like that away—

Q. You told us it was eight. A. Yes. When we came back they was asking me some questions and I was drinking the beer, and we went up Wisconsin Avenue; so he kept [2242] punching this other agent who was driving, and they kept giving me some beer, and I kept drinking the beer.

Q. Where were you sitting? A. Sir?

Q. Where were you sitting? A. In the back.

Q. All by yourself? A. They always sit you in the back.

Q. They always do? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you said you drank most of it. How many of the eight cans did you drink? A. Let me see, I drank about—they give me, and I down it real quick, and they said, "Here, Mike, here is another beer", and I drank that

one up, and I think I got me another one coming through Georgetown, and I almost swallowed one down there, and got up on the hill, and I drink another one—I think I drink about four of them, four or five.

Q. Four or five? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And that was between the time that they bought the beer in Rosslyn and the time they dropped you off at P Street? A. No, they was riding me around. Let me see. I dumped the cans right down the street—they give me the empty cans for me to put away, and I dump them down the street.

Q. They gave you all the empty cans, the empty cans that were in your hands? You just finished five of them?

A. All the empty cans.

[2243] Q. What did you do with the five that you finished?

A. What did I do with them?

Q. They didn't give them to you, did they?

A. Yes, they give it to me.

Q. How did they get them? You had them in your hand?

A. I mean the empty cans, after I drank the beer, I took the cans, put them in the back, and set them down from my house, and went on in the house.

Q. Oh, you took them home? A. No, I didn't take the beer home, but the empty cans—I didn't want the empty cans—I drank the beer.

Q. You took the empty cans to your house?

A. A little distance from the house and set them down in a box.

Q. In a bag? A. Yes, sir.

Q. All of the eight? A. Yes, all of them was gone.

Q. All gone? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you say you got home after ten? A. Yes.

Q. You left downtown Washington after nine?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you went all the way over to Rosslyn to buy the beer? A. Yes.

Q. And then you drove around Georgetown?

A. Drove around Wisconsin Avenue, we went as close to

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the gasoline station up there to Massachusetts Avenue, and we set up [2244] there for a while, and then we come on back down to my house, and then they left out, and then after I got out of the car he told me to take the cans, and I took the cans and put them in a bag and dropped them down off the street from my house, and when I walked in my wife says, "Huh, you been drinking again."

THE COURT: Mr. Murphy, don't you think you have devoted enough time to this beer incident?

Q. This is the first time you have told anybody about the beer, isn't it? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Beg your pardon? A. Sir?

Q. You did not tell the jury the last time about the beer, did you? A. No, sir.

Q. This has been added? A. Well, you see, they didn't give me a chance the last time to say everything because when I was on the jury stand—what is it—the jury box here, well, they dismissed me off the stand before I could get finished.

Q. Like that? A. That is because you—the last time I said something about \$200.

Q. You left that out this time, didn't you? A. You didn't give me a chance. I was going to tell you about that.

Q. Mr. Cross didn't ask you? A. No, Mr. Cross didn't ask me.

Q. And that is about the \$200 the agent offered you?

[2245] A. Yes, sir, I was getting ready to tell you.

Q. That is the same agent? A. Yes.

Q. The same agent offered you \$200 and then tried to get you drunk? A. And then one offered me \$25.

Q. That is a different agent? A. Yes, different.

Q. But you didn't tell this jury about the \$200 or the beer? A. I was getting ready to tell you about it.

Q. Did Mr. Cross ask you about the \$200? A. No, sir, Mr. Cross did not, sir.

Q. Did you tell the jury at the last trial about the beer? A. No, sir, I did not.

Q. When did you tell anybody about the beer for the first time? A. I told Mr. Cross.

Q. When did you tell Mr. Cross about it? A. I told Mr. Cross I think it was in Washington, sir.

Q. And what did he say? A. He didn't say nothing to me, sir.

Q. He said nothing at all when you told him about drinking the five beers? A. No, sir, he didn't.

Q. Nothing at all? A. He didn't say nothing to me, sir.

Q. And you told him that the agents had bought the beer? A. I did, sir.

Q. And he said nothing? A. He said nothing.

Q. Did anybody say anything? A. Nobody said nothing.

Q. Is the story about the beer just as truthful as [2246] the story about your sister telling about the devil—just as truthful? A. Yes, sir. I lift my hand to the Lord.

Q. Just as truthful? A. I lift my hand to it.

Q. And is it just as truthful as the story about living on P Street for the last 13 or 14 years?

A. To the best of my knowledge I have been living there that long, sir.

Q. And it is just as truthful as the story about the beer? A. I am telling you to the best of my knowledge I have been living there that long.

Q. And is it just as truthful about the story about the kerosene lamps and no electricity? A. Yes, sir. We didn't have any.

Q. Just as truthful? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are sure of that now? A. Yes, sir.

MR. MURPHY: I think if I have a recess I can finish with the witness in a few minutes.

THE COURT: Yes, Mr. Murphy.

(Short recess.)

MR. CROSS: If your Honor please, with Mr. Murphy's approval, and with your Honor's approval, I would like to put a witness on who is under a doctor's care and I don't want to bring him back. He comes from Philadelphia with his sister and I would like to get him on [2247] so he won't have to come back.