

at that point. I don't remember seeing any, as a matter of fact.

Q Okay. Did you have any conversation with the gentleman who had the gun in his hand?

A No.

Q Now, could you tell me who the gentleman was with the paper in his hand?

A No.

Q Could you describe him at all?

A No.

Q Was he in plain clothes?

A I think so - -

Q Okay.

A - - because I don't remember seeing any uniforms.

Q Okay. By "plain clothes," are we speaking of shirts and ties or are we speaking of jeans and T-shirts?

A There were men with suits on, and I think there were men with regular street clothes on, like jeans or

Q Okay. Once the paper was held in front of you and the gentleman who was holding it said a few words to you, what happened?

A Well, he showed me the search warrant for a short time.

Q Did you read it?

A Yeah. Well, I looked at it but I -- I wouldn't say I read it. I mean, I was really terrified so --

Q Did you have any conversation with the gentleman who was holding it at that point?

A No.

Q Okay.

A Not that I remember.

Q You just recall looking at whatever he had in his hand then?

A Yes.

Q What happened after you got done looking at that document?

A Then he took the document away; and sometime after, I don't know how long after, the man with the shotgun put the shotgun down, at least it wasn't pointed at my head any more; I don't know where it was. But I lay there for a while longer, and people were moving around, and I asked if I could get up, I think.

Q Do you recall who you asked that question to?

A No.

Q Do you recall whether it was directed to the gentleman

with the paper or with the gun that you've already talked about?

A. No, I don't remember.

Q. Okay. Could you describe to me where in the apartment you were when you were laying down in reference to the living room? Which way would you have been facing?

A. Towards the living room.

Q. So your head would have been towards the living room and your feet were back away?

A. Right.

Q. Okay. At this point, could you observe what was going on in the living room?

A. At that point, no.

Q. Why was that?

A. Because there's a couch in between where I was laying and the rug area; but I could see men when I was looking straight ahead from that position.

Q. Okay. Were you generally looking around or down, or in what direction while you were on the floor, do you recall?

A. Well, at some point I looked up and saw - - You mean when the gun was on me or what?

Q. So far, we're still in the hallway, and I assume, yes,

we're still at the point where the gentleman with the gun is near you, right.

A. At some point, I looked up.

Q. Okay. And what did you observe when you did look up? If you can recall.

A. When the gun was on me, I observed the gun. When I was laying down, the gun wasn't on me any more, then I saw - - just saw men, heads, people standing around.

Q. At that time, did you observe anyone who was staying with you in the apartment, either of the gentlemen you told me about before?

A. Sure.

Q. Could you tell me what they were doing at that time while you were on the floor?

A. I don't remember exactly. There were just people there with me at all times; I mean, they didn't leave me alone.

Q. Okay. But you did observe the other gentlemen that stayed with you in the room as well?

A. I don't think I follow - -

Q. Did you observe - - I can't recall their names. Did you observe the gentlemen you previously told me about that were staying with you?

A Mike Young and Aaron Estis?

Q Right. Did you observe them in the living room?

A Yes.

Q Do you recall what they were doing? That was what my question was.

A They were - - I remember Mike Young was standing like this (indicating) at one point, I think.

Q When you say, "like this," she can't - -

A With his hands up in the air.

Q All right. Do you remember observing the other gentleman?

A At some point, I remember seeing Aaron handcuffed.

Q Okay. Would his hands be behind his back or in front of his stomach?

A Behind his back.

Q Approximately how long were you on the floor in the hallway that morning?

A Maybe about four or five minutes.

Q Okay. Now, during that period of time, did you have any opportunity to speak with anyone who was also in your apartment?

A No.

Q Okay. What happened once that time period ended that you were on the floor?

A I was sitting on the stool, I think, and they took Mike and Aaron out.

Q Okay. Was there any conversation which would have led from you being on the floor to the stool?

A Well, I said, "Can I get up?" And I think someone said, "Sit here or there," or something.

Q Was this just a general request to anyone or was it directed to somebody in particular?

A Right, I think this was a general request.

Q Where is this stool that we're speaking of in your apartment?

A It was on the rug area.

Q Would this be in the living room?

A Yeah, in the living room.

Q Were you escorted from the hallway to the stool, or did you just get up and go yourself?

A I don't remember.

Q Okay. What happened once you arrived at the stool in the living room?

A Well, I saw them take Mike and Aaron out, and then they just proceeded to search the apartment.

Q Okay. Prior to that time, had they made any attempt to search the apartment?

A I don't think so. It was a lot of confusion, so I don't really remember; but I don't think so.

Q Now, during the time that you say they searched the apartment, were you still present?

A Yes, for - - Yes.

Q For at least part of it?

A Yes.

Q What did you observe when you were sitting on the stool in the living room?

A Well, some of the time, I was facing toward the bathroom, so I didn't really see. And then some of the time I would look over and I saw them taking the pillows off the couch and moving them, the mattresses around, throwing them around, throwing things on the table like that were in baskets or things - - like things on counters and things like that. And I observed people going into the bedroom, and there was noise in the bedroom, you know, like moving things around and stuff.

Q You couldn't see anything in the bedroom or the bathroom from where you were, could you?

A Not at that point; but I could see - - I was facing towards the bedroom and - - I mean towards the

bathroom; but you can't see in the bedroom or the bathroom.

Q Okay. During the time that you were on the stool in your living room, did you have an opportunity to speak with anyone who was in the apartment?

A I repeatedly asked to go to the bathroom and to have a cigarette.

Q Okay.

A That was the extent of the conversation.

Q Okay. Was that, again, a general request or was it directed towards someone?

A I think this was a general request.

Q Okay. What happened as a result of those requests, anything?

A I was told that I could only go to the bathroom if I left the door open, or I had to wait for a matron to come.

Q And how about the cigarette?

A I think I got one cigarette.

Q What else could you observe while you were in the living room that was taking place in your apartment?

A Someone used the phone. I don't - - Just general searching.



Q Okay. With regard to the people who arrived at your apartment that morning, were any of them familiar to you? In other words, did you know any of those gentlemen or women who appeared?

A No.

Q Okay. Did you ever have any prior contact with any of those people even though you didn't know them? ?

A Not that I know of. *mummy*

Q Okay. What happened once you left your stool in the living room?

A Well, the matron came eventually, and she went into the bathroom with me, and I went to the bathroom.

Q What happened after that?

A Then I think I went back to the stool. They brought me back to the stool; and I remember some vague discussion about, "taking her down," which I assume meant the police station.

Q Do you recall who was involved in that discussion?

A No.

Q Do you recall if the matron was involved in that discussion?

A I don't remember.

Q Okay. For how long a time were you actually in the

living room on the stool before you were allowed to go to the bathroom?

A. About 10 minutes. 7

Q. How long were you on the stool after that period of time?

A. Maybe another five.

Q. Did you have any conversations with anyone in the room while you were in the living room after having gone to the bathroom?

A. I think I said something like, "What are you taking me down for," or "Am I under arrest," or "Why am I under arrest," or something along - - and one of the officers said - - or whoever it was said, "Oh, off the top of my head, fireworks and marijuana."

Q. Had you seen that officer previously that morning in your apartment, the one who spoke with you just then?

A. I don't know who said it.

Q. You didn't know the person who said that then?

A. Well, I don't remember who said it. I don't remember who answered the question.

Q. In other words, you weren't talking directly with someone; you just - - someone just answered your question.

A. Yes.

Q What happened after that statement was made?

A Well, at some point, they brought me towards the table area where the matron was, and maybe that was the discussion about "taking her down." I'm not -- I'm a little confused. But I remember asking for my clothes, and one of the officers, who I now think was Officer Tanchek, moved in real close to my face and said, "Look, lady, I know you don't like this, but you're under our control now."

Q Did you say anything in response to that?

A No.

Q Did he say anything further to you?

A No.

Q Where were you when this incident took place in the apartment?

A Near the dining room table.

Q Okay. So there came a time when you actually moved from the living room to the dining room table.

A Yes.

Q Did anything else happen while you were in the vicinity of the dining room table?

A They had some discussion about letting me put my clothes on; I don't remember what it was.

Q You were not involved in that discussion then?

A No.

Q Okay. Could you describe the gentleman that you believed to be Officer Tanchek for me?

A He has black hair and he's a big guy, muscular.

Q Is he very tall? Do you have any idea what his height would be?

A I don't know.

Q Is he taller than you?

A Yes.

Q How tall are you?

A 5'5 1/2".

Q After the discussion at the dining room table about the discussion you overheard about taking you down or whatever we want to call it, what happened?

A The matron took me back into the bedroom where I changed in her view.

Q Okay. And what happened once you had changed in your bedroom?

A Then they took me down to the station.

Q Okay.

A They handcuffed me and took me down.

Q Okay. Where would you have been handcuffed, in your

apartment?

A I don't remember. It was inside the apartment though.

Q Okay. Do you know who put the handcuffs on you?

A No.

Q Do you know where your hands were handcuffed?

A Behind me.

Q Okay. How did you leave the apartment?

A In a car.

Q How did you get from your apartment down to the main level?

A By the elevator.

Q Were you escorted in any fashion?

A Yes.

Q Do you recall by how many people?

A I think it was the matron and two officers or - -  
Yes, I think two officers.

Q You all would have ridden down in the elevator together then?

A Right.

Q Was one of these officers the person you believed to be Officer Tancheck?

A I don't know. I don't think so. No, it wasn't.

Q Okay. Could you describe the matron for me?

A It was a woman.

Q That's to be expected.

A I don't remember.

Q Do you remember if she was any taller than you are?

A I don't remember.

Q Okay. Did you get a good look at either of the other gentlemen who escorted you down in the elevator?

A I was in a state of, you know, terror, and, I would say, confusion; and I just really don't remember all those kinds of - - the faces and - -

Q Okay. What happened once you got off the elevator and arrived on the main floor of the apartment building?

A They took me out to the car.

Q Okay. You were, again, escorted outside?

A Yes.

Q And what type of a car were you placed into?

A I think it was a patrol car.

Q Okay. Do you recall what color the car was?

A No.

Q It wasn't the wagon; it was a regular sedan?

A I think so.

Q Do you recall what seat you were placed in?

A In the back.

Q Do you recall how many people you rode with?

A I think it was the matron and two officers.

Q Probably the same group that came down?

A Right.

Q Okay. Where did you go?

A Division Two.

Q What happened once you arrived there?

A They brought me to a large room with a table at it, and they handcuffed me to the table.

Q Okay. Now, who is "they"?

A I think there was one man and the matron there. The matron was with me at all times after that.

Q Was the other gentleman one of the officers that took you down from your apartment?

A I think so.

Q Okay. When you say that you were handcuffed to the table, did that require another pair of handcuffs, or is it that the handcuffs you had on were taken off one arm and - -

A I think they just used the same handcuffs.

Q What happened once you had arrived and had been handcuffed to the table?

A. Then someone else came in with a form and started asking me questions.

Q. Okay. Was this other person in a uniform?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Do you remember seeing this other person previously that evening at your apartment?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Do you remember what types of questions you were asked?

A. My name, where I lived, who to notify in case of emergency.

Q. In the common parlance, you were booked?

A. Right.

Q. What happened once the question period was over?

A. Could I confer with my attorney?

(Off the record.)

MR. SHEA: Would you read the last question, please.

(Previous question read back by the stenographer.)

A. I asked if I could make a phone call.

Q. During the time when these questions were being asked you, who was present in the room?

A. The matron, and another uniformed officer - -



I assume officer - - came in.

Q He came in. He wasn't the gentleman who originally brought you in?

A I'm not sure. At one point, there was the man that was booking me and the matron; at another point, there were two.

Q Two gentlemen, meaning another - -

A The same one, and another one came in.

Q Had you seen that gentleman before that evening or morning, whichever?

A I don't remember.

Q Okay. While you were being processed, at that point, were you advised of any charges being placed against you?

A No.

Q Okay. Once the questions that we have just been through were answered by you, what happened with respect to the gentleman who was asking them?

A I don't remember.

Q Okay. Did he stay in the room or did you exit the room? That doesn't make sense.

A I don't remember. I don't remember how the exit was made.

Q Okay. All you know is you were with the matron for the balance of the morning.

A Right, and other men at different points.

Q Okay. While you were in this room and being booked, did anyone else have the opportunity to ask you any questions?

A Yes.

Q Okay. And who would that be, if you know?

A Some man came into that room and held up a pocketbook that's really a hunting bag, or like a hunting bag, and asked me if it was mine, and I said yes. And he said, "You don't know anything about this, do you?" Something like that; and I said, "What?" And he said - - Then he lifted up the flap and he said, "Convenient for shotgun shells, right?" And I said, "Oh, my God, I don't believe it," or something like that. Then he turned around on his heels and he stormed off.

Q The gentleman who you were just speaking of, was he at your apartment that evening?

A I don't know. I don't remember.

Q Was he in uniform?

A I don't think so.

Q While you were in this same room, did you have the opportunity to speak with anyone else?

A Could I confer?

Q I just want to know what you remember, okay?

A There was - - One of the men that came in at one point started asking me questions about my brother.

Q What is your brother's name, just for the record?

A David. And he said, "Do you have a brother named David?" And I said yes. And then he said, "He lives in Holyoak, doesn't he?" And I said, "How did you know that?" And then they just - - They started having this conversation about my brother.

Q Who is "they"?

A He and this other officer. Well, maybe I said, "How do you know him?" And he started laughing and smiling and he said - - He asked me if he comes to visit, and then one of the other officers said,, "Well, maybe we've had dealings with him before." And I said, "No, no, not my brother."

Q Okay. Your brother's last name is also Michelson?

A Yes.

Q Did you have an opportunity to speak with the matron while you were in that room that morning?

A "Do you want some coffee?"

Q Okay. Did anyone else speak with you or converse with you that morning in that room?

A One of the officers was asking me if I -- told me that he knew I had a good reputation in the community for my political work, and wouldn't it enhance my reputation if I just told him where the source of violence was coming from; and I think the both of them started talking about how they believed in peaceful demonstration, but they were just trying to stop any violence that might occur; and they pressured -- tried to pressure me to tell them where the source of violence would be.

Q Okay. The gentleman that you first referred to in this answer, was he at your apartment that evening, to your knowledge?

A I don't remember.

Q Okay. Had you ever seen him before?

A I don't remember who -- I can't bring a face to mind.

Q Okay. When you say that they were talking about this, who else are you referring to?

A I think this was the same person that booked me

that was there.

Q Okay. Any further conversations or statements made in your presence while you were in that room?

A Not that I remember.

Q Okay. Did you have the opportunity to speak with anyone while you were in that room, except for what you have already told me?

A I don't think so.

Q Okay. You told me a little earlier that you asked if you could make a phone call. What happened with respect to that request?

A I was asking for a phone call - - I was asking to go to the bathroom. At one time I - - A couple of times, I went to the bathroom.

Q That would have been while you were in the room?

A Yes. I was escorted to the bathroom.

Q That would have been by the matron, of course.

A Yes. But I was asking to make a phone call - -

Q Right. What happened with that request?

A - - rather consistently. I was told a number of things - That so and so is not at the desk, you make your phone call when he comes back; don't worry about it, you can have as many phone calls as you want;

you know, soon. Those are the kinds of answers I was getting.

Q Okay. Did there come a time when you left this room and left being hooked to the table, so to speak?

A Yes.

Q Approximately how long had you been in that room prior to leaving?

A I don't know. It seemed like a long time, maybe 45 minutes, maybe longer.

Q Okay. What happened once you were going to leave the room?

A I think they took me down to the holding cell.

Q Okay. Prior to leaving the room, do you recall being informed of any reason why you were being held?

A No.

Q How did you get from that room to the holding cell?

A I was escorted.

Q You walked on your own?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Did anyone accompany you besides the matron?

A I don't remember.

Q This would have been a holding cell at Division Two?

A Yes.

Q How long were you actually in that holding cell?

A Until nine or 9:30 the next morning, the same morning.

Q It would have been September 22, 1981?

A Yes.

Q Do you recall having any conversation with any police officers while you were in the cell?

A Yes. A couple of times, officers came back either to talk to the matron or something. I kept asking to make a phone call, so it was about phone calls. And I had to keep asking the matron for toilet paper.

Q Was the matron somewhere near you while you were in the cell?

A Yes, she was outside of my cell.

Q Approximately how far away would that be?

A I couldn't see her; but she was in calling distance.

Q Before you left the cell that morning, did you make any phone calls?

A No.

Q While you were being escorted from the room upstairs to the cell, did you have an opportunity to speak with anyone during that time?

A I think the matron; I was asking about phone calls.

Q Did you speak about anything else?

A No; maybe questions about when court opened, like that, what time.

Q Okay. Do you recall any conversation with anyone while you were in the cell that does not have to do with your phone calls?

A An officer came in very abruptly and told me, "Stand up," and then he just looked at me, then he turned around and walked away.

Q Okay. Do you recall about when that happened?

A Maybe around 7:30 or so.

Q That would have been on the morning of September 22nd?

A Yes.

Q Did you recognize that officer as having seen him previously that morning?

A I don't remember.

Q Do you recall whether he was in uniform or not?

A I don't think so.

Q Okay. Approximately what time did you leave the detention cell that morning?

A When court opened; I think this was approximately nine or 9:30.

Q Where did you go from there?



A. Some area while we were waiting for Judge Keegan to come to the bench. It was close to the police court area.

Q. Okay. Were you taken by the matron?

A. Yes, I think so.

Q. Okay. To your knowledge, were you the only female who was taken upstairs?

A. Yes, to my knowledge.

Q. Okay. What happened once you arrived outside the police court room?

A. Just waiting.

Q. Okay. Did there come a time when you were directed to appear in front of the bench?

A. Yes.

Q. What happened at that point?

A. Judge Keegan asked me for, I think, my name, standard questions; and then he told -- I think he told me what I was being charged with; and he asked me if I had counsel, and I told him that I hadn't been allowed to make a phone call and I wanted an attorney from the Coalition Against Apartheid. He turned to who I believe was John Dorfman and said, "Do you have a recommendation on bail?" And he said,

"No bail." And then Keegan said I was remanded to the Albany County Jail.

Q Okay. Do you recall what charges he informed you of at that point that you were being arrested for?

A Possession of marijuana and fireworks.

Q You appeared in front of the judge alone at that point without counsel.

A Right.

Q What happened once your turn in front of Judge Keegan was over?

A They put me in a car and took me out to Albany County Jail.

Q Would that still have been the matron?

A I don't think so. I think it was two men.

Q Okay. Would that be uniformed police officers or just two men?

A I don't remember.

Q How long a period of time passed between the time you were finished in front of Judge Keegan and the time you left for the County Jail?

A Very soon.

Q Okay. It was not a long wait then?

A No.

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quick*

Q Okay. And what happened once you arrived at the jail?

A I was processed; and then when I was brought to the tier, they let me make a phone call.

Q By "processed," what do you mean?

A Oh, I forgot. There was a time when I was fingerprinted and had mug shots taken, too.

Q That would have been back at police court?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Let's back up to that then.

A Sorry.

Q In using the appearance in front of Judge Keegan as a time reference, when were you fingerprinted and booked and photographed?

A After I was booked, before I was brought down to the holding cell.

Q Okay.

A And then there was also another test that was done on me, which I know to be a paraffin test; but I'm not sure when that was done, if it was done after I was fingerprinted or if they took me out of the cell to do that.

Q Do you approximately when you were fingerprinted and photographed, approximately what time it was?

A. Maybe it was around 4:30 or five, 5:30.

Q. That was before you were placed in the detention cell?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Now, what happened first? Were you photographed first or were you fingerprinted first? If you recall.

A. I think I was fingerprinted first.

Q. Okay. And you said besides being fingerprinted and photographed, there was another test that took place.

A. Right.

Q. Could you describe that for me? Describe what happened.

A. They just took - - All I can remember is some kind of cotton swab they just put over my hands lightly.

Q. Both hands?

A. Yes.

Q. Then what happened after that?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Would that have been after you were fingerprinted?

A. I think so.

Q. Was anything else done to you before you were taken down to the detention cell besides what we have already spoken of?

A. They took my glasses at one point; I didn't have my glasses.

Q Were any other tests or procedures performed?

A I don't think so.

Q Okay. Now we'll go back up to the jail.

A Right.

Q You said that you were processed, and I believe I asked you to just describe what that was. I'm not sure you answered that.

A Right. They gave me my - - They gave me towels and things like that, and there might have been some fingerprinting or something else again out at the jail, I don't remember. I remember - - It seems there was something of that sort, but I'm not sure.

Q Okay. How long were you actually in the County Jail?

A Until Thursday morning, maybe about 9:30, 10 o'clock.

Q Do you know what that date was?

A Thursday? The 22nd was Tuesday; I think it was the 24th.

MR. SHEA: Let me see. Go off for a second.

(Off the record.)

Q During the time that you were in the Albany County Jail for those approximately two days, did you ever leave the jail and make an appearance in any court of

any kind?

A. Right.

Q. You did during those two days?

A. Oh, no, no, no.

Q. All right. You appeared then in some court on Thursday morning?

A. Right.

Q. Where was that?

A. County Court.

Q. And who was that in front of?

A. Judge Harris.

Q. What happened at that time?

A. My attorney had made out a bail application.

Q. Who was your attorney at that point?

A. Anita Thaver.

Q. What happened in front of Judge Harris that morning?

A. He released me on my own recognizance.

Q. Okay. Now, you had to make various appearances later in Albany Police Court, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember how many times you appeared in police court after the initial arraignment?

A. About three or four.