

IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK
TRIAL DIVISION
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF FREDERICTON

BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

- and -

ALLAN JOSEPH LEGERE

TRIAL held before Honourable Mr. Justice
David M. Dickson and a Petit Jury at Burton, New
Brunswick, commencing on the 26th day of August,
A. D. 1991, at 10:00 in the forenoon.

APPEARANCES:

Graham J. Sleeth, Esq.,)
Anthony Allman, Esq., and) for the Crown.
John J. Walsh, Esq.,)

Weldon J. Furlotte. Esq., for the Accused.
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Dolores Brewer,
Court Reporter.

1 COURT CONVENES - 9:30 A.M. (Accused present in dock.)

MR. FURLOTTE: My Lord before you give a decision on the motions that were made last week I would like to bring to your attention that on the ATV news last night they again brought up the matter of one of the jurors being excluded as acting as a juror, and I suppose possible reasons why they also broadcast on TV that Lois Gaunce and Carolyn Norwood had been restricted from visiting Mr. Legere at the Federal Institution at Renous Atlantic Institute, and I suppose they left the implications that Mr. Legere had somehow been maybe involved in the jury tampering and that we're not going to be taking any more - or take all precautions to see it didn't happen again or something like that. But the key point to my objection to the news last night is that they brought the office of the Public Prosecutions into the scene stating that it was directives of the Public Prosecutions as to why Mr. Legere could not receive any visits from Lois Gaunce and Carolyn Norwood which would, again, enhance in the minds of the jury that Mr. Legere was behind or instigated some form of jury tampering in order to short-circuit his trial.

25 I have given a copy of the letter to Mr. Allman which was a copy of a letter to Mr. Legere from the warden at Atlantic Institute, a copy for you, advising Mr. Legere that under the -- I'll read the letter.

30 "This is to inform you that at the request of the Director of Public Prosecutions for the Province of New Brunswick I am hereby cancelling your visiting privileges with the above-mentioned visitors including telephone or written contact for the duration of your current trial."

And the visitors being Lois Gaunce and Carolyn Norwood.

1 Now, where the jury may have only had an
inclination that Mr. Legere was behind some form of
jury tampering there would not be a doubt in the
minds of the jury that the Office of Public
5 Prosecutions believes Mr. Legere was behind it and
are going to take all precautions from here on in to
make sure that it doesn't happen again. It just adds
fuel to the fire that was already started a couple of
weeks ago and my position there now is that there is
10 nothing anybody could do to remove from the minds of
the jurors that Mr. Legere was probably behind some
form of jury tampering.

THE COURT: Thank you very much Mr. Furlotte.

15 MR. FURLOTTE: And I don't know why the Director of Public
Prosecutions is getting involved in this. Let them
have their trial in court and not out of court.

20 MR. ALLMAN: I would just speak very briefly on that. The
first point that occurs to me, and I don't know the
answer to it but I think we can speculate, is how
the news media became aware of the fact that
apparently Mr. Legere's privileges of visiting with
Gauce and Norwood have been cancelled. I don't
suppose it came from Atlantic Institute and I don't
suppose it came from the Director.

25 MR. FURLOTTE: What's the jury going to suppose My Lord,
that's the bottom line.

30 MR. ALLMAN: My inference is that it's Mr. Legere or Miss
Gauce or Miss Norwood that has given this information
to the news media. No doubt that could be ascertained
if you wanted to. But if that is the case it
certainly seems the height of - I can't think of the
word - the height of cheek, I would call it, to ask

1 for a mistrial if in fact I am right in my theory
 that they are the people who have leaked this.

MR. LEGERE: I certainly didn't.

MR. FURLOTTE: The only reason I bring this up, My Lord, is
5 that we now have direct evidence, solid evidence, that
 the Crown Prosecutor is interfering with Mr. Legere
 getting a fair trial.

MR. ALLMAN: I'm sorry to have to keep getting up and down
 but there's two points here. The first is is there
10 anything wrong with doing that? I don't think there
 is. I think that's a very sensible thing to do. The
 second thing is the fact of it being broadcast on the
 news. They are two logically unrelated things. I
 don't think if it hadn't been on the news that would
15 have been grounds - the letter and the action would
 have been grounds for any kind of an argument for
 mistrial. The argument is the fact that he got on
 the news. That's the only point I'm making.

THE COURT: Yes. Well, I will take this into consideraton
20 when I make my ruling on the other thing which I will
 do - had indicated I would do sometime today. If I
 want to consider it further I may delay it until
 tomorrow. It will be either this afternoon or to-
 morrow morning.

 I was disturbed last week after we adjourned
 here to read in a weekly newspaper in New Brunswick
 the account of an interview with Mrs. Gaunce despite
 everything I said here last week. I realize that the
30 reporters involved perhaps weren't privy to the dis-
 cussions we had here or to even a separate meeting
 which the media requested with me in my chambers to

1 seek certain instruction or guidance, but unfortunately
some newspaper publishers or editors don't seem to
know what the rules are about this thing and it's
really a problem how you get the message across.

5 I'm not blaming any media who are here for that at
all. It's not their fault. However, I don't think
we'll see a recurrence of it with that particular
newspaper.

Well now, are we ready to go ahead this morning?

10 MR. WALSH: Yes, we are, My Lord.

THE COURT: Now, okay, we'll have the jury in Mr. Sears,
please.

(Jury in. Jury called, all present.)

15 THE COURT: Members of the jury, with the Blue Jays out of
the world series we can thankfully, I might say, we
can now concentrate on Deoxyribonucleic Acid, if you
can learn to spell that as I have done. At least I
presume that that's what the trial is going to be
20 immediately concerned with. Who has a witness to
call.

MR. WALSH: I do My Lord. I would like to call Doctor
John Waye.

DOCTOR JOHN WAYE, called as a witness, having been
25 duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. WALSH:

Q. Would you give the court your name, please, and your
present occupation?

30 A. John Stewart Waye. I am Assistant Professor at
McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

MR. WALSH: My Lord with your permission I would like to
take Doctor Waye through his curriculum vitae.

- 1 THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. WALSH: Doctor Waye you received a Bachelor of Science
in Microbiology from the Department of Microbiology
at the University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, is that
5 correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You received a Masters in Science and Biology from
the Biology Department of McMaster University in
Hamilton, Ontario, is that correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. You received a doctorate degree, a Ph.D. in Medical
Biophysics from the Department of Medical Genetics
at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario, is
that correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. You are also a Postdoctoral Fellow in Medical
Biophysics with the Department of Medical Genetics
at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. What general field of science do you belong to,
Doctor?
- A. Medical Genetics.
- Q. And what is Medical Genetics?
- 25 A. It's the study of genetics as it applies to diseases,
in my case human diseases, disease conditions.
- Q. Would that come within the field of Molecular
Genetics?
- A. Yes.
- 30 Q. And what would molecular genetics be?
- A. In my case the study of molecules such as DNA.

1 Q. What is DNA and what application would it have to
the field of molecular genetics?

A. DNA is the genetic material that basically is the
blueprint of life. It tells - it's the code that
5 governs all the physical and chemical properties of
a human being that makes a human being. Errors in
the code produce disease and that's the area that I
am concerned with.

THE COURT: Can the jury hear the witness adequately? I
10 would ask you to speak rather slowly and somewhat
more slowly than you would in one of your university
classes because the jury and I are dumb people. We
don't sit through classes all day. Speak slowly and
deliberately so we can understand.

15 MR. WALSH: Doctor Wayne is there DNA in other things than
humans?

A. Yes, in all living organisms there is a code, from
bacteria to dogs to cats to trees. There is a DNA
code that makes a tree a tree, a dog a dog, a human
20 a human.

Q. Doctor, during your educational studies you received
a number of scholarships and awards, is that correct?

A. Yes.

25 Q. What is a dissertation?

A. Dissertation is the final written work of a thesis.
In graduate school you start off with a problem, a
research problem that becomes the focus of your work
over a number of years and at the end of that you
30 compile your results into a dissertation which lays
out the problem, summarizes your results, and comes
up with a concluding statement, whether you have
proved your theory correct or incorrect.

- 1 Q. And do you go before a board of reviewers with that problem?
- A. Yes. You have a review committee that reviews it at several points along the way and you have an oral
5 exam at the end where you present your thesis, your dissertation, to that board.
- Q. And you did that both in obtaining your Masters Degree and in obtaining your Doctorate Degree?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And both of those dissertations, am I correct, relate to human DNA?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Could you tell us, please, what is DNA typing? Just briefly at this stage, what is DNA typing and what
15 application it would have to molecular genetics particularly as it applies to humans?
- A. DNA typing is a general word basically means the analysis of DNA. There's a number of different ways you can analyze DNA and we just use the term DNA
20 typing and it's all inconclusive. There could be ten different ways to analyze it and DNA typing would be a general term.
- Q. Could you give us a couple of examples of ways of typing?
- 25 A. You could look at variations in the sequence of the DNA. It's a code so you can actually read the code and you can indirectly look at a DNA say through a microscope. There's various ways that you can type
30 DNA or analyze DNA.
- Q. Is the term RFLP, is that a particular method of typing DNA?

- 1 A. Yes. It's one of the first and best used methods
for typing DNA. The most common methods of analyzing
DNA.
- Q. Are there various areas of molecular genetics in
5 which DNA typing is applied?
- A. Virtually all areas of biology and medicine DNA
analysis has become a cornerstone in both research
and practical diagnosis of disease and virtually
anything you do in biology DNA has a part in it now.
- 10 Q. Is it used in its forensic application, that is for
courtroom use or for police work?
- A. Yes.
- Q. For medical diagnosis, is it used in that particular
area?
- 15 A. Yes. It's heavily used in medical diagnostics.
- Q. And in research?
- A. In research, again, in virtually all areas of
biology and other disciplines DNA is a cornerstone
technology.
- 20 Q. Doctor, up to January of 1990 you were a molecular
genetics specialist with the Molecular Genetic
Section of the Central Forensic Laboratory of the
Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Ottawa, is that
correct?
- 25 A. Yes.
- Q. Would you briefly describe your duties there at that
time?
- A. My duties, along with other scientists that worked
30 there at that time, were to develop the techniques
of DNA analysis for forensic individualization. So
to take existing techniques from the scientific

- 1 community and adapt them to answering forensic
questions, could the sample have come from this
individual.
- Q. Did you do anything else in -- I'll deal with that
5 later. Perhaps at this time, you were also an
adjunct professor at the Department of Microbiology
and Immunology at the University of Ottawa, is that
correct?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. You were an Associate Member of the Childrens' Hospital
of Eastern Ontario Research Institute in Ottawa,
Ontario? That's correct?
- A. Yes.
- 15 Q. You are presently an Assistant Professor with the
Department of Pathology at McMaster University in
Hamilton, Ontario?
- A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And you were an Assistant Director of the Provincial
Hemoglobinopathy DNA Diagnostic Laboratory at the
Chedoke-McMaster Childrens' Hospital in Hamilton,
Ontario, is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Could you describe -- Hemoglobinopathy, My Lord,
was a word that took a while to develop how to pro-
nounce it. Would you describe your duties and re-
sponsibilities associated with that lab?
- A. It's a lab that concerns DNA diagnostics for a group
30 of diseases that when lumped together we call hemo-
globinopathy. So that just means something wrong
with hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is a molecule in your
blood that transports oxygen to your tissues. The

1 molecule that does all this work is coded for by
DNA and when you have mutations of your DNA that
makes the hemoglobin molecule your blood either
transports oxygen poorly and your anemic or it
5 doesn't do it at all and that's incompatible with
life. They're fairly common diseases. One of them
is sickle-cell anemia. World-wide they're probably
the most common genetic disorder, and our job in the
lab is to diagnose which mutations people have and
10 to offer a service of prenatal diagnosis. That is a
predictive service when a lady comes into the
hospital, she's pregnant, both her and her husband
are carriers of the disease, you can give them the
information as to whether their child may or may not
15 have the disease.

Q. This involves looking at human DNA and typing human
DNA, is that correct?

A. Yes. You both look at the parents' DNA and the
child's DNA.

20 Q. You are a member of a number of professional
organizations dealing with human genetics?

A. Yes.

Q. You also consult to the Ministry of the Solicitor
General for the Centre of Forensic Science in Toronto,
25 Ontario, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And you were a consultant with the Royal Canadian
Mounted Police Central Forensic Laboratory after you
30 left the R.C.M.P., is that correct?

A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And those consultations would be dealing with human DNA and DNA typing?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. I see, Doctor, from your C.V. that you have a number of scholarly activities. You are a Journal Referee for a number of journals. Could you explain what a Journal Referee is and what relation that would have to DNA or DNA typing?
- 10 A. Well, scientists publish their works in journals. There's a sort of in-house quality control. A scientific community judges the validity of the results before they're published and what you do is if you are submitting a work, a publication to a journal, the journal editor will select experts in
- 15 that field and he will send your paper to them to review. Those people will act as referees. They will look over the work, make comments about whether it's valid or not, make suggestions how it could be improved. They will advise the editor whether it's
- 20 publishable or whether it should be altered or whether it shouldn't be published at all. So that's how a journal referee acts in the process.
- 25 Q. And in being a Journal Referee you do about ten articles a year, is that correct? Referee about ten articles a year?
- A. On that order, yes.
- 30 Q. And would those articles be related to DNA or DNA typing?
- A. Yes, all of them.
- Q. You teach at McMaster University, you have indicated that. Your courses - you teach Genetic Disorders, is that correct?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And that deals with human DNA?
- A. Yes, human genetic disorders.
- Q. You teach molecular diagnosis of thalassemia?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And does that deal with human DNA?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You teach a course in DNA Fingerprinting in Forensic
Medicine?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. And that deals with human DNA and DNA typing?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you teach a course called "The Human Genome"?
- A. Yes. Parts of that course, yes.
- 15 Q. Just for clarification when you say the human genome
what are you referring to?
- A. The DNA that's contained in human cells, in human
bodies.
- 20 Q. I see under "Publications", "Peer Reviewed Journal
Articles", and you have over thirty of those. What
is a peer reviewed journal article?
- A. As we were talking about journal referees, that's an
article that has gone out for formal review by your
peers and has been accepted for publication.
- 25 Q. And you have done that in over thirty occasions?
Approximately over thirty occasions?
- A. Yes, I believe so.
- Q. And do those articles deal with human DNA and/or DNA
typing?
- 30 A. Almost all of them I would say deal with human DNA
with the exception of maybe one or two of those papers,
and DNA typing certainly all of them.

- 1 Q. I understand, Doctor, you yourself and with others have developed certain techniques or methods for typing DNA for forensics that are now being used by other labs?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And you have published your results?
- A. Yes.
- Q. With respect to those techniques. Under your C.V. you have "Publications: Short Reports and Letters (Peer Review Journals)". What would that refer to?
- 10 A. Those are shorter works of science that receive less extensive peer review. Generally the editor of the journal will look it over himself or perhaps give it to one reviewer. It doesn't receive extensive review
- 15 because they're fairly short works of science, things that you want to be published fast. They're usually technical notes or small findings.
- Q. You have several of those. Would they be dealing with human DNA and/or DNA typing?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. I see under "Symposium Proceedings" you have a number of Symposium Proceeding Publications. What would that refer to?
- 25 A. Those are like you often get invited or you contribute talks to international symposia gatherings of scientists to discuss their works. At the end of that usually the person who organizes the symposium will ask speakers if they could put together a book chapter or short manuscript describing what was in their talk.
- 30 It's basically for the benefit of the people who didn't go to the meeting. There will be a written version of your talk.

- 1 Q. You have several of those; do they mostly deal with human DNA and/or forensic DNA typing?
- A. Yes.
- Q. I understand, as well, Doctor, that you have recently
5 completed a chapter in a textbook entitled "DNA Identification", "Forensic Evidence in Criminal Cases", is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What generally would that chapter - what would you
10 actually deal with in that chapter? What aspects?
- A. The audience for that book is a legal audience so it's basically a scientist writing about DNA typing, the forensic application of DNA typing for a legal audience. So it's a very basic guide through DNA
15 typing.
- Q. Under "Publications: Abstracts (Peer Review Journal)", would you explain what an abstract is?
- A. An abstract is a summary of a talk or a presentation
20 that you gave at a scientific meeting. They're generally short, usually a page long, and after you go to a meeting, again, for the benefit of the people who weren't at the meeting there will be summaries of all the presentations made and those are called an
25 abstract.
- Q. And you have approximately 18 of those. Do they deal with human DNA and/or DNA typing?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You have participated in a number of working groups. I see the "Technical Working Group on DNA Analysis
30 Methods", the acronym is TWGDAM, at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Would you explain what that is? What you were doing there.

1 A. That was a group of scientists from Canada, all over
the United States, who had similar interests. I
believe back in about 1988 we were all more or less
in the same boat. We were starting up DNA typing
5 labs in various regions in North America and we
wanted to do it in a cohesive manner so we decided
that quarterly, every third month or so, we would
meet in Washington and we would go over what each of
the labs were doing and we would make suggestions to
10 each of the labs, and we designed projects so we could
share some of the workload while we were designing
this system. So it was a working group all with the
same goal, to develop a system that we could interact
and exchange DNA information with.

15 Q. You also are a member of a "Working Group on
Statistical Standards for DNA Analysis" at the FBI
Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Would you explain
what that was?

20 A. That's a very similar group. It also involved some
outside people. Some people that weren't from
forensic labs but were invited consultants from the
scientific community and that was just to deal with
statistical issues as they pertained to DNA typing
of forensic samples.

25 Q. You have participated in a number of training courses
and workshops. In particular, Doctor, you were an
invited lecturer at the "DNA Typing Workshop" put on
by the "Canadian Society for Forensic Sciences" in
Toronto, is that correct?

30 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. You were an invited lecturer at the "DNA Typing Workshop" put on by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Madison, Wisconsin?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. You were an invited lecturer to the "DNA Typing Training Course" at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Molecular Genetic Section in Ottawa, is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You were an invited lecturer to the "DNA Typing Training Course", the Centre of Forensic Sciences, in Toronto?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. And you were an invited lecturer to the "Ontario Crown Attorney Training Course" in London, Ontario?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Under your C.V. you have "Presentations at Meetings: Invited", what does that refer to?
- A. There's generally two ways that you can make a presentation at a meeting. You can either be invited to talk on an area that you do work on or you can volunteer to give a talk at the meeting.
- 20 Q. And in these particular meetings that you attended would that deal with DNA and DNA typing - human DNA and DNA typing?
- 25 A. Yes.
- Q. Under "Presentations at Meetings: Contributed (Papers)", what does that mean?
- A. That's where they usually have a call for papers. That is you are on their mailing list and they will send out announcements that there will be a meeting at such and such a place on such and such a day and
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1 they ask for interested people to submit papers for
presentation and if you are working on a piece of
research and it's finished, or near finished, you
submit a summary of your work and they decide whether
5 they're interested in your presenting it. So that's
a contributive paper.

Q. And you contributed a paper which was accepted at the
"Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human
Genetics" in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is that
10 correct?

A. Yes.

Q. At the "Annual Meeting of the American Society of
Human Genetics" in San Diego, California?

A. Yes.

15 Q. At the "Annual Meeting of the International Society
for Forensic Haemogenetics" at Liege, Belgium?

A. Yes.

Q. And at the "Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society
for Forensic Sciences" in Toronto?

20 A. Yes.

Q. You have contributed posters to meetings. What does
that mean?

A. Poster as opposed to giving a formal lecture to an
audience. Often at these meetings there is many more
25 papers submitted for presentation than there are slots
to actually give the presentation so what they do is
they have large rooms where people put their work on
large boards such as this and for a number of hours
30 on a given afternoon they will be at that poster board
and anyone is free to walk up and down the aisles and
discuss the work with the authors. It's a very in-
formal way to present your work to the rest of the
scientific community.

- 1 Q. You have done that at the "American Society of Human Genetics" annual meeting in Ontario?
- A. Yes.
- Q. At the "American Society of Human Genetics" meeting
5 in Salt Lake City, Utah?
- A. Yes.
- Q. At the "Human Gene Mapping 9" in Paris, France?
- A. Yes.
- Q. At the "Exploring the Human Genome", Boston,
10 Massachusetts?
- A. Yes.
- Q. At the "FBI DNA Typing Symposium" in Quantico,
Virginia?
- A. Yes.
- 15 Q. The "International Congress of Genetics" in Toronto?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And the "Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Forensic Scientists" in Canada?
- A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And the "Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology" in Boston, Massachusetts?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You have just attended I understand, Doctor, you have
25 just come back from a recent meeting?
- A. Yes, in Washington last week.
- Q. Would you explain to the jury what that related to?
- A. That was the "International Congress of Human Genetics"
30 and it was a joint meeting between the "International Congress of Human Genetics" and the "American Society of Human Genetics".

- 1 Q. And how many people would attend that meeting and
where would they be from and from what fields?
- A. There was about five thousand geneticists at that
meeting and they were from all over the world in all
5 areas of human genetics, cyto genetics, molecular
genetics, forensic genetics, medical genetics. Every
type of genetics that you can think of that deals
with the human body.
- Q. And that's for a week?
- 10 A. One week that meeting lasted, yes.
- Q. And in relation to the application of genetics to
forensics were the issues discussed at that particular
meeting?
- A. Yes, there is an entire morning devoted to that
15 subject, yes.
- Q. Have you collaborated with individuals in the
forensic fields of molecular genetics or in the
medical diagnostic or research fields?
- A. Yes. Generally don't do research on an island. You
20 have collaborators in different labs and different
countries. They have expertise in areas that you
don't and you have expertise in areas that they
don't, and the easiest way to solve a problem is to
25 pick up the telephone and form what we call
collaboration. You make a formal agreement that I'll
do this part of the project, you do this part of the
project and we'll work towards a common goal and get
it done fast.
- 30 Q. Who would you consider to be your main teacher
associated with your study in molecular genetics?
Who would be your mentor so to speak?

- 1 A. Doctor Hunt Willard in Stanford. I was a student of his and I continue to be a collaborator of his.
- Q. And what reputation would he have in the field of human genetics?
- 5 A. Very good reputation.
- Q. What kind of DNA typing were you involved in at the R.C.M.P. Lab when you were there?
- A. Principally a technique that we call RFLP.
- Q. Which stands for what?
- 10 A. "Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism".
- Q. Do you have experience in other techniques?
- A. Yes.
- Q. For example?
- 15 A. DNA sequencing which is actually determining the code of the DNA molecule down to its lowest level. PCR, another acronym.
- Q. For what?
- A. "Polymerase Chain Reaction". It's just another technique for analyzing DNA.
- 20 Q. Are all these techniques that you have described used in medicine and research as well?
- A. Yes. They all come from other fields. None of these techniques were invented for forensics per se. They were borrowed from other fields and adapted to our forensic application.
- 25 Q. And you have experience in the medical and research application of these techniques?
- A. Yes, that's my current employ.
- 30 Q. How many DNA typing tests using the RFLP technique would you have conducted in your forensic work?
- A. Many hundreds I would say. Perhaps even thousands.

- 1 Q. How many samples would you have actually run in the RFLP test, for example blood, hair, semen? How many different samples would you have run?
- A. The bulk of them would be blood samples that I have
5 analyzed. Virtually every other body fluid or tissue I can think of at some point, but the bulk of them would be blood samples and, again, it would be probably in the thousands.
- Q. Could you give the jury some explanation of what kind
10 of samples you would be dealing with that you would have run?
- A. Other than blood?
- Q. Yes.
- A. Hair. Skin. Feces. Urine. Mouth swabs. Saliva.
15 Semen.
- Q. Where else in Canada are DNA typing tests being performed for forensic use?
- A. Principally in Montreal in that province's forensic
20 lab, and in Toronto, the Ontario province's lab.
- Q. Outside Canada where is DNA typing being forensically performed, particularly the RFLP technique?
- A. It's essentially world-wide. If they're not using
25 it for case work they're developing it for case work, but in virtually every country, both in Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, every place that has a forensic lab is either using it actively now on case work or is contemplating using it so they are developing
30 it. That's my understanding from going to meetings where there are representatives of these labs in attendance.

- 1 Q. You have had experience dealing with scientists from other countries that are using the RFLP technique for forensics?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Apart from case work, and that is using it for forensics, where in Canada and other countries you have mentioned would DNA typing - where would it be conducted?
- A. Certainly in every university that has research facilities DNA is being analyzed for some purpose, be it medical or some other field of biology or biochemistry. Virtually any hospital that has diagnostic labs and genetics departments which involves a large number of hospitals, both teaching hospitals or research institutes in hospitals across the country.
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- Q. You have testified previously, I understand you actually use DNA typing techniques in the childrens' hospital you are presently working at, is that correct?
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- A. Yes. There's a number of diagnostic labs that -- Like our lab, for instance, does DNA typing exclusively for disease diagnosis. We have no other techniques that we do in the lab.
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- Q. How many DNA typing tests would you have conducted in the clinical setting, that is for medical diagnostics?
- A. A number of samples. It's on the range of three to four hundred a year and I've been there almost two years and I think for every sample submitted there's probably several that we work on in related case, so again it would be in excess of a thousand I imagine.
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- 1 Q. Could you describe for the jury, please, what population genetics is and what application that would have to DNA typing using the RFLP technique?
- A. Population genetics is just an expansion on analyzing
5 DNA of a person. You can analyze a single person's DNA and draw certain facts, whether that person has sickle-cell disease or not for instance. Population genetics would ask a more global question: how many
10 people in this country have sickle-cell disease, or what is the frequency or the incidence of sickle-cell disease say in this portion of Africa or people from this region. So that would be population genetics. You want to know the frequency of genetic events in a population as a whole, so a group of individuals.
- 15 Q. You're referring to human populations. Can you have population geneticists in other life form?
- A. Well certainly. Every area of genetics, whether you are a plant geneticist or an animal geneticist, or a
20 fruit fly geneticist, population genetics enters into your studies. You're never really studying one organism or one animal. You make your findings on one animal or a group of animals and then you expand it to a population.
- 25 Q. Are there subspecialties within human population geneticists or within population geneticists generally? Can you have a specialty or subspecialty within that field?
- A. Certainly.
- 30 Q. What would the phrase 'human population genetics' as it pertains to forensic DNA polymorphisms mean or identify to you?

- 1 A. That would be a very limited area of population genetics where you're looking at a very focused question. That is if I identify a DNA pattern associated with a single individual or forensic
- 5 sample then you are asking the question how often would I see that pattern in the population. So that's an application, a very restricted application, of general population genetic theory.
- Q. What is the probability of seeing this particular
- 10 pattern in a particular population?
- A. How often would I see this pattern in Canada or in this town or in this room for instance.
- Q. If I understand you correctly, this would be a question you ask after you use the RFLP technique
- 15 to see if the samples match.
- A. Yes.
- Q. You would get into population genetics only if the samples did in fact match?
- A. Correct.
- 20 Q. Do you have experience in this regard?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And what, if any, things did you do at the R.C.M.P. Lab in relation to that aspect?
- A. Well, in order to answer those types of questions
- 25 the first task that you do is you develop what we call a data base, and all the data base is is that you analyze many hundreds of people and you establish how much variability there are in those people and how
- 30 often I would expect to see a certain pattern in that group of individuals. It's much like a political poll that they take where they ask people their voting

- 1 opinions, ask a number of people their opinions, and
then they try to predict based on that.
- Q. Have you studied and read literature associated with
this particular field?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Have you published -- Have any of your publications
dealt with these aspects, data base or determining
probability figures?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. You have, Doctor, testified with respect to DNA
typing in courts in this country before?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You have testified in the Supreme Court of Ontario
on two occasions and in the Provincial Court in
15 Ontario and Provincial Court in Alberta, is that
correct?
- A. I'm not sure exactly which courts I was in.
- Q. You have testified --
- 20 A. I have testified in Ontario a number of times and I
testified in Alberta.
- Q. You have also, I understand, consulted for the
Defence, for Defence lawyers on occasion, is that
correct?
- 25 A. Yes. Actually I probably get more requests from
defence lawyers to advise them or explain to them
DNA typing results over the phone or they come to the
office.
- Q. And have you ever had occasion to consult with
30 defence lawyers outside this country, that they have
come to you asking your opinion on certain aspects?
- A. Yes.

1 Q. Where for example?

A. There was a case in California where I was actually going to testify for the Defence but I had a conflict with a case that I was subpoenaed for in Alberta as
5 it turned out, so I had a prior obligation.

Q. Do you have any difficulty in consulting to Defence with respect to any of the issues associated with DNA typing?

A. No.

10 MR. WALSH: My Lord at this time I am going to ask that Doctor Wayne be declared an expert in the fields of molecular genetics, DNA technology and testing procedures in general, clinical and forensic DNA typing in particular.

15 THE COURT: Yes.

MR. WALSH: And human population genetics as it pertains to forensic DNA polymorphisms.

MR. WALSH: Perhaps if I may, My Lord, just further clarification, if I could ask Doctor Wayne a question.
20 What is a DNA polymorphism?

A. Just a recognizable difference between individuals at the level of their DNA.

MR. WALSH: I have that motion My Lord.

25 THE COURT: Do you have any questions, Mr. Furlotte, you want to ask the witness in respect of his expertise, or alleged expertise at this point?

MR. FURLOTTE: I have no questions at this time My Lord.

30 THE COURT: Thank you very much. Well, I think the examination has established the witness's expertise in the fields you have described for the purpose of this trial. I point out to the jury, of course, that it

1 will be up to you people to decide whether he knows
what he's talking about or whether he doesn't. Okay.

MR. WALSH: Thank you My Lord. Doctor Waye, I understand
that this morning part of what your testimony is
5 going to relate to is explaining to the jury the
biology underlying DNA and to explain the procedures
involved with respect to DNA typing, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And for that purpose you have a number of slides you
10 wish to show to the jury, am I correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And I believe there's ten slides. I believe there
are --

A. There's a number of slides.

15 Q. Yes, there's a number of slides for which we also,
Doctor Waye, you have provided schematic diagrams
that are mounted on a foam board, is that correct?

A. Yes.

20 Q. And these schematic diagrams are essentially identical
to the slides?

A. Yes.

MR. WALSH: My Lord at this time I would ask that if we
could have the schematic diagram marked as an exhibit,
one exhibit numbered 1 through 10, that would obviate
25 the necessity of having the actual slides entered into
evidence. What it will help is this way. If Mr.
Furlotte was cross-examining the Doctor on a particular
aspect he would have to start the slide projector up
and find it, or if the jury wish to later look at
30 something it would save them going to the slide
projector. We have identical or essentially identical

1 schematics mounted on foam boards. So I would ask
 that those ten schematics be marked as one exhibit
 number, 1 through 10, and I have the particular order
 I would like to follow.

5 MR. FURLOTTE: I have no objections to that My Lord.

THE COURT: Let's call it then exhibit 158, 1 to 10. If
 there are any -- you say they are essentially the
 same as the slides.

MR. WALSH: I believe there's one instead of the descriptor
10 being on the top it's on the bottom. There's no --

THE COURT: No material --

MR. WALSH: No material discrepancies My Lord, no.

THE COURT: Fine. Now, what do you propose to do? You will
 have these marked but then you are going to put them
15 up on the easels, are you?

MR. WALSH: We are going to put them on easels and try to
 display them as much as we can.

THE COURT: Yes. But when the slides are being shown
20 Doctor Wayne will be speaking to the slide?

MR. WALSH: To the slides. He may refer to one schematic
 that's shown. If he happens to be on one slide and
 to save trying to find it he might refer to one that's
 here. We can put the light on it. It works. We
25 tried it last night.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WALSH: The first one marked 1 is headed "Genetic Blue-
 print of a Living Organism", to differentiate. The
 next one, My Lord, if we could designate it as a
30 schematic of the "Human Chromosome". The next one,
 number 3, could be designated "Human Chromosome
 Showing Highly Polymorphic Areas". The next one,

1 number 4, is headed the "DNA Molecule". I am going
to run out of room in a hurry. The next one would
be the "DNA Molecule with Probe Attached". Number
6, My Lord, you could entitle it "DNA Typing, First
5 Section". Number 7, My Lord, is entitled "Fragments
of DNA Released by Hae III Restriction Enzyme
Digestion".

THE COURT: And that could be shortened up to three words?

MR. WALSH: "Hae III Digestion". The next one, My Lord, is
10 entitled the "Sieving Properties of an Electrophoretic
Agarose Gel". That could be shortened to "Gel
Electrophoresis". The next one, number 9, would be
"DNA Typing Procedure, Second Section". The last one
My Lord, number 10 is a "Forensic Case Illustration".
15 (Clerk marks exhibit #158-1 to 10.)

MR. WALSH: Doctor Wayne I understand you are going to use
the slide projector to start your testimony. Just as
a beginning, a place to begin, I am going to ask you
to describe through the use of the projector and then
20 take us from there, but I would like you to describe
what a cell is and what a chromosome is and explain
how DNA is connected to those descriptions or those
substances? Okay, and if you would, please.

A. All of those terms are going to be very important
25 over the next little while, the term cell, chromosome,
DNA. There will be a lot of technical jargon but
hopefully we can cut through some of the scientific
words here and bring it down to something that every-
one can understand.
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Q. I am going to ask you just to speak up just a bit,
Doctor.

- 1 A. To begin with, there are a number of different cells
that make up your body. Your body is made of a lot
of different compartments and we call them cells.
There are cells in your hair follicles, there are
5 cells in your skin, cells in your blood, cells in
virtually all tissues of your body. There's a human
body. This is a cell. One type of cell. And all it
really is is a very small microscopic compartment.
Within that cell there's a subcompartment. It's
10 called the nucleus and all it is is just a bag of
information. It contains the DNA that tells that cell
that it's a skin cell or a hair follicle cell. It
basically has the program - has all the information
to make a human being but it also has the program
15 that tells that cell what it should be doing in the
body. So the DNA is contained in each cell of your
body and it's contained in this compartment called
the nucleus, and the DNA is just a chemical and it's
20 contained in these structures called chromosomes, and
all they are is long strings of a chemical and it's
all compacted into the nucleus, and remarkably these
chromosomes that contain the DNA somehow contain all
the information, this microscopic nucleus that would
25 tell the cell what to do and basically has the whole
blueprint for the human being itself all contained
within that little package in each cell of your body.
- Q. Does DNA vary from cell to cell? For example the cells
in your hair versus the cells in your blood versus the
30 cells in your semen, etc.?
- A. Yes. There's three real features to be understood
about why you want to analyze DNA forensically. One

1 is that there's cells throughout your body and that
with the exception of a few cells that don't contain
nuclei all cells will contain DNA so it doesn't really
matter what type of cell you analyze there will be
5 DNA in it. So you can analyze cells from the skin of
your toe to the top of your head to everything inside
of you and there will be DNA to analyze. The second
feature is that the DNA in your hair follicle or in
your blood or in your semen or in your saliva will be
10 the same in all cells. So it's not going to vary
depending on where you got your DNA from. That's a
second feature. And a third feature is that the DNA
of different individuals, with the exception of
identical twins, is different. So it's the same
15 within an organism, within a person, but it's
different between unrelated individuals, or related
individuals unless they're identical twins. So those
are the three features of DNA for forensic tests.

Q. Okay.

20 A. And going on in the slide there's the molecule of
the model itself but that's illustrated I think better
in subsequent slides so I'll go beyond that now.

These are the chromosomes. In each of your cells
26 the DNA is arranged in these 46 linear chromosomes
they're called, and all a chromosome is is a long
string of DNA. The chromosomes are numbered 1 through
22 with the largest being chromosome 1, the smallest
being chromosome 22. This DNA pattern would be from
30 a male cell, a cell from a male individual. There's
a Y chromosome and an X chromosome. If this were from
a female there would be two X chromosomes. You note

1 that in each - as you go along here, that there's two
chromosome ones, two chromosome twos, two chromosomes
threes. That's because you inherit half of your
genetic material or half of your chromosomes from your
5 mother and half of your chromosomes from your father.
So this chromosome one would perhaps be inherited from
your mother or your father and the opposite for the
other chromosome one. So if this is inherited from
your mother this is inherited from your father, and
10 so on. And in the case of males you inherit your Y
chromosome from your father because your mother
doesn't have one, and your X chromosome from your
mother. In the case of females you inherit two Xs,
the X from your father and one of the two Xs from your
15 mother. But basically this is the blueprint for a
human being. All males will look like this; all
females will look like this, excluding the Y chromo-
some - they have another X.

20 Q. Will other life forms, for example animals, will they
have chromosomes?

A. Yes, all life forms have chromosomes. The length of
the chromosomes, the number of chromosomes, that varies
from humans to dogs, to cats, trees, etc., but they
25 all have chromosomes. The shape and size and the number
of chromosomes will vary from species to species.

Q. And these chromosomes are contained within each cell?

A. Yes, within the nucleus of each cell. Again, all
human beings have this basic structure of their
30 chromosomes and the bulk of the DNA in these chromo-
somes will be very, very similar between my chromosome
one from my father and my chromosome one from my
mother. Essentially the same information is contained

1 on those two chromosomes. Most of that code will be
the same for my two chromosome ones as well as for all
the chromosome ones present in this room. Most of
this material codes for essential functions so the
5 material, for example we spoke earlier the molecule
that has the code for the hemoglobin molecule that
transports oxygen, that's essential for life and your
hemoglobin is virtually identical to my hemoglobin,
so that the DNA that codes for that is on chromosome
10 16 and chromosome 11, there's actually two regions
that code for your hemoglobin, those are going to be
very, very similar between everyone in this room if
you're a human being. There are, however, regions on
the DNA molecule that we know are very different
15 between individuals and those are the regions that
we will be hearing about in the subsequent parts of
this talk are the regions that we know are different
between unrelated individuals. Some of these regions
are highlighted here. The ones that are used in
20 forensic labs are the ones that we characterize and
we know with a high probability that my pattern at
this particular region on chromosome one will be
different from your pattern or someone else in this
room. That it is very unlikely that two people would
25 have the exact same pattern. So these are the types
of regions that you focus in on for forensic investiga-
tion. You want to look at regions that you know have
a high probability of being different among different
individuals, and there is a number of them that have
30 been characterized: one on chromosome one, chromosome
two, chromosome four, chromosome ten, chromosome 16,

1 chromosome 17. These are the ones that are commonly
used in forensic labs.

Q. What does the term 'highly polymorphic' mean?

A. Well, you can have regions on chromosomes that are
5 just polymorphic. Perhaps there will be two forms of
the DNA there. You can be an A form or a B form.

Q. For an example?

A. Well one form of variation would be your blood type.
Your blood type is coded by DNA molecule and there's
10 not many forms that you can be. You can be an "A"
type. I'm an "A" type. I'm sure there's a lot of
"A" types in this room. You can be a "B" type, you
can be an "AB" type, or you can be an "O" type.
There's not much variation. It's polymorphic. That
15 is there are differences between different people but
there's not many forms. Highly polymorphic is the
same thing. There are differences between people but
instead of it being "A", "B", "AB" and "A" - I mean a
"B", an "AB" or an "O", you may be using the whole
20 alphabet so somebody might be an "AF", a "GF", a "ZY"
There may be hundreds and hundreds of different forms
that people could be so it's much less likely that two
people would be the same form because there's so many
different possibilities.

25 Q. In these areas that you are looking at shown on that
schematic, these are highly polymorphic areas?

A. Yes.

Q. As opposed to polymorphic areas?

30 A. Yes.

Q. What do the designations -- What you are depicting
there, correct me if I'm wrong, Doctor, is the

- 1 particular location on the chromosome where the DNA -
the section of DNA you would be looking at?
- A. Yes. These are locations or the genetic term is a
locus. It just means a location on a chromosome, that
5 we have highlighted here, and each locus is given a
number and these are catalog numbers or identification
numbers. They are called "D" numbers and that "D"
just stands for designation. The second number gives
you the chromosome that it's on so it's D1. "S"
10 means that it's only found in one spot on all the
chromosomes so it's found in this spot on chromosome
1. It's single copy. That's what the "S" stands
for. And 7 is the catalog number. It was the 7th
piece of DNA on chromosome 1 that was given a map
15 location. 7th piece of DNA that was discovered on
that chromosome and mapped on that chromosome. So
it's a catalog number.
- Q. When you say mapped is this something that's kept
just by one particular lab or is it kept world-wide?
- 20 A. At one point it went lab to lab. People would map a
piece of DNA and keep it to themselves. Many years
ago, I guess about a dozen years ago, people who were
interested in mapping the human genome got together
and every other year they meet throughout the world
25 and have what they call "G-Mapping Workshops" where
they get together and they organize all their
information in an organized fashion like because they
give them catalog numbers and they organize them on
the chromosomes and they exchange information, and
30 all that's stored in one central data base.

- 1 Q. Are these numbers recognized worldwide or are they just recognized in a particular area?
- A. Worldwide. There's one numbering system otherwise you have total confusion. There's one numbering
- 5 system for all these DNA - pieces of DNA.
- Q. And are these areas that you have shown on this schematic are these recognized as highly polymorphic areas worldwide?
- A. Yes. The ones I pointed out. There's one down here
- 10 on the "Y" chromosome that's not highly polymorphic.
- Q. We will be getting into the reason for that later?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay.
- A. Now, rather than look at the entire chromosome 1, if
- 15 you can just picture taking a microscope and looking at one tiny part of chromosome 1 if you will, this is what the DNA molecule looks like in schematic form. What it is, it's a very simple code. All the
- 20 information contained in that molecule can be broken down into a very simple code of just four different letters. They're chemical letters. They describe the chemicals but it's a four base code, T, G, C, A. Those are the only four letters you will find in this
- 25 entire code and that contains all the information that makes you a human being. A very simple code. The other feature is that the molecule is actually two molecules intertwined together in what they call a double helix. So it's these two ribbons and they're
- 30 intertwined together and what you find is between these chemical bases - the letters are just called bases, that T always lines up with A and G always lines up with C. So there's not much to the structure

1 of this molecule. You have a four base code; it's
aligned in two ribbons; and the ribbons align in a
particular way that wherever you have a "T" on one
ribbon, or one strand, it will always pair with an
5 "A". If you have a "G" here it will always pair with
a "C". So if you know the order of the bases on one
strand you can deduce what's on the other strand be-
cause "T" always pairs with "A", "G" always pairs with
"C". And that essentially is the structure of DNA
10 found in all organisms and that miraculously codes
for all the information that makes the living
organism.

Q. When was this particular structure discovered?

15 A. The structure of the molecule was discovered in the
early 1950's.

Q. And did the discoverer win anything for -- was he
awarded anything for that discovery?

20 A. Yes. The discoverers of this molecule which is
called the Watson and Crick double helix after the
discoverers Watson and Crick, they won the Noble Prize
for this discovery.

Q. Okay. You have mentioned base pairs - or you
mentioned bases. Can you explain what a base pair
would be?

25 A. Yes. Along here we have "T" pairing with "A". That
would be one base pair. Now, this is a very, very
small piece of DNA. I think there's - I'd have to
count them up - probably 30 or 40 base pairs. That
30 would be base pair one, base pair two, base pair
three, base pair four, et cetera, down to the bottom.

1 30 or 40 there. And the human body there's three
billion in each cell, base pairs, so you can see
that this is a very, very, very small piece of DNA
as compared to all the DNA that is in your cells - in
5 each of your cells.

Q. We have all heard the term, Doctor, genes. Can you
relate to that molecule what you would refer to as a
gene?

A. A gene has many different definitions but probably
10 the most widely accepted definition, a gene is a
heritable unit of DNA, that is a unit of DNA. So if
this had a coding function, or if it didn't have a
coding function, you could look at this as it being
a gene, a piece of DNA. Usually when people talk
15 traditionally about genes they have some sort of
function. It will be the gene that codes for hemo-
globin, the gene that codes for eye color, the gene
that codes for hair color, but you can't have pieces
of DNA that have no obvious function yet be called
20 genes.

Q. And for future purposes could you tell us what an
allele is?

A. As we discussed before, you can have different
25 variations of genes. Say for the hemoglobin molecule
you could have a normal hemoglobin molecule or you
could have a sickle hemoglobin molecule. Those are
two different forms of hemoglobin molecule. One will
produce a healthy individual, the other will produce
an ill individual. But those are two forms of the
30 hemoglobin molecule. An allele is just a form at a
given locus. So in that case you could have the normal
allele or the diseased allele.

1 THE COURT: And how do you spell it?

A. A-l-l-e-l-e.

MR. WALSH: The DNA molecule you talked about coding. Could
you explain that, please, how similar or how different
5 a DNA molecule will look from say between yourself or
myself?

A. Well, for the most part the working part of the DNA
molecule, the part of the molecule that these letters
actually translate into a function, that is say
10 hemoglobin or making eye cells or some function like
that, those parts of the DNA molecule are very highly
conserved. We all have hemoglobin, we all have eyes,
we all - there's parts of our bodies that function
very similarly and that's because the DNA molecules
15 are very similar.

Q. So if you were talking about three billion base pairs
in a cell a certain section of that three billion may
produce the cells for eyes, a certain other section
may produce the cells for hair, etc., etc.?

20 A. Yes, but it's not that simple. It's usually -- For
a given tissue and all the things that go on in that
tissue there's probably thousands of genes that inter-
act together, I'll do this function, you do that
25 function, and in the end all those genes will come
together and they'll make a functional eye. It's not
as simple as one piece of DNA making an eye and having
it function properly.

Q. But a gene would be a particular section of the DNA
30 molecule?

A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And are there areas of our DNA molecule that are not similar between us?
- A. Yes. A small portion of our DNA molecule has a lot of variability to it. There are regions of the DNA that don't code for obvious functions. We don't know what they code for. They don't make a product like hemoglobin or proteins in your eye. They don't make proteins period. Nobody really knows what purpose they serve in the DNA molecule. What we do know about them is that they're different in different individuals. There doesn't seem to be any pressure to maintain a particular linear order of the bases. It's quite variable amongst different people.
- 10 Q. Is this the highly polymorphic areas that you talked about earlier?
- 15 A. Yes. A good proportion of the genome consists of these regions throughout all the different chromosomes that will be highly polymorphic. We have looked at only a few forensically but there are thousands of them.
- 20 Q. And these base pairs it depends on the order of the letters? Is that how it's determined whether it's a gene, what kind of gene it is, or if it's a highly polymorphic area, the order of the letters?
- 25 A. Yes. If the gene has a function the order of these letters will spell out that function much like the order of the letters in a book will spell out the message in a novel. When you are looking at these highly polymorphic regions it's much like my son sitting down at my computer, he hits the letters at random and he sits down two days in a row, he doesn't
- 30

- 1 punch the same numbers two days in a row, and you
don't really get a message that means anything but
it's different.
- Q. From person to person?
- 5 A. And each day that he sits down at my computer sort of
thing.
- Q. These base pairs, is there anything you can do with
the DNA molecule that you can use for DNA typing later?
You were saying that "T" connects with "A", "G"
10 connects with "C".
- A. Well one of the features in virtually all methods for
analyzing DNA is that you take advantage of the
structure, the base pairing laws, "T" with "A", "G"
with "C". What you can do, because this isn't a very
15 stable molecule, simply by heating the molecule up or
subjecting it to treatment with alkali or base raising
the pH this molecule will come apart into its two
ribbons. You can also bring the molecule back to-
20 gether following these laws. So I can break it apart
by raising the temperature. If I lower the temperature
back down again it will reform and this will pair
here, this will pair here, this will pair here, "A"
will pair here and so on down the length of the
25 molecule. So you can take the molecule apart and you
can put it back together. And using that principal
you can also investigate these regions and that's
shown here. You can use - and this is a word that you
will hear, again, a lot - the word 'probe'. All a
30 probe is is a piece of DNA that I know its sequence,
and it will be complementary or opposite to a region
of DNA that I want to study. If I want to study this

1 region, say it's on chromosome 1, all I need in the
lab is a piece of DNA that will base pair with that
region and now I have a homing device that I can add
to the DNA and it will go to this region and find it.
5 So now I have a way to sort through all those three
billion base pairs and find the regions that I'm
interested in looking at.

Q. Is there a universally-accepted theory regarding
DNA?

10 A. Well in general there's a lot of different theories.
Again, where we're concerned forensically there are
principals of DNA that can be used in identification
and that is that DNA is in all the cells of your
body, it's the same in all the cells, and it's
15 different in all individuals except identical twins.
That's the premise that all the testing is based on.

Q. You have pointed out, Doctor, that you can identify
sections. Apparently using these probes you can
identify sections of a person's DNA, is that correct?

20 A. Correct.

Q. When did they start doing that? When was this pro-
cedure first developed and what was it used for?

A. Well the idea of taking molecules apart and putting
them back together using that to deduce the sequence
25 of the molecule is in excess of 30 years old. This
exact technology of using probes to hone in on
particular regions and study the sequence has been
used medically for about 15 years.

30 Q. What's the purpose medically?

- 1 A. Medically, again, rather than looking at hyper-
variable regions, medically you want to look at a
particular gene. If you are interested in, as I am,
the gene for hemoglobin I will want to design probes
5 that will go to the chromosomes, the regions that
make hemoglobin, the regions on chromosome 16 and on
chromosome 11. Those are the only regions I'm
interested in so I develop probes that will find
those regions and allow me to analyze the DNA in
10 those regions.
- Q. And for forensic work instead of looking at those
areas you would look at these highly polymorphic
areas?
- 15 A. Yes. You would use the exact same technology, now
you would just move to a different spot on a different
chromosome. Say the hypervariable region that I
pointed out on chromosome 1, you would go to that
spot and you would use the exact same technology, you
20 would use a probe to that region of chromosome 1, and
you would literally look at the sequence in that
region.
- Q. This technology that was used in medical diagnosis,
what kind of diseases were identified or isolated
using this technique?
- 25 A. The list is, as of last week, growing into literally
the hundreds of common genetic diseases having sorted
out using this type of technology. More famous
examples, recent examples, would be cystic fibrosis,
30 Huntingtons disease, muscular dystrophy. There's a
lot of very common genetic diseases where the cause
of those diseases is now known because they were able

1 to actually look at the DNA molecule to find out what
is wrong with it. Say for instance in a child that
has cystic fibrosis you can find out what's wrong at
the DNA level that causes a person to either carry
5 cystic fibrosis or have children that have cystic
fibrosis.

Q. Are these the same techniques that are used for
forensic - for courtroom use?

A. Yes. Again, in the case of cystic fibrosis you are
10 looking at a region on chromosome 7 that codes for
a protein that is involved in healthy lung function
and healthy cell function but you are basically just
switching probes.

Q. Could you give an example of how, for example, --
15 You're talking about the RFLP technique is used in
this fashion?

A. Yes.

Q. Could you give an example of how it's used in medical
20 diagnosis to identify certain - differentiate between
people for example?

A. Well, in the medical profession - it's not really a
medical application but one commercial application is
paternity tests. You can analyze people's DNA to
25 sort out whether an alleged father is indeed the
biological father of a child, and often times that
does have medical implications. You would do it in
the course of a medical test.

Q. Is there any other things that are used for it to
30 differentiate between people?

A. They're all variations on the theme.

- 1 Q. I am thinking more in terms of the area of you see a
lot of medical transplantation occurring today. Is
there anything that's used there?
- 5 A. Yes. One way that they can use this type of
6 technology is when they do bone marrow transplants
which are quite common in diseases that involve the
cells that make blood. If you have leukemia the cells
that produce those blood cells they're cancerous.
One way to actually cure a person of certain types
10 of leukemia is to destroy those cells that make your
blood cells and they do that by exposing the person
to irradiation and chemotherapy and then replacing
their bone marrow with a donor's bone marrow, a healthy
donor's bone marrow. At the end of that you have to
15 have some way of monitoring the process of whether
you killed all the recipient's bone marrow and it's
been replaced with the donor's or whether the
recipient's bone marrow, his diseased bone marrow, has
come back and the person is going to be sick again.
20 So you have to monitor the process and one of the ways
they do it is by simply after they do the transplanta-
tion they draw blood from the person each week and if
the procedure worked well what you are going to find
25 is the donor's bone marrow will take over and the
person will be healthy. If you find the opposite
happens then you know that you probably have to do
the procedure again because this person's diseased
bone marrow is coming back and they are going to
30 continue to have leukemia. They are going to come
out of remission, they're going to be sick, and they're
going to die.

- 1 Q. Would you use probes to determine whose bone marrow
is --
- A. Yes. One of the medical and commercial uses of these
exact same probes that are used forensically is used in
5 that type of application.
- Q. When did the technology begin to be used to
differentiate between individuals for police or
courtroom use? Was there any discovery associated
with that aspect?
- 10 A. Well these types of polymorphic regions were actually
discovered in the early eighties, several years
before somebody came up with the idea to use them
forensically, but in 1985 a lab in England first
used them forensically, Doctor Alex Jeffreys. He's
15 the founder, if you will, of the use of DNA in
forensics.
- Q. And what happened after his -- Did he publish his
findings?
- A. Oh certainly. Many publications.
- 20 Q. And what, if anything, happened after that publication
of the discovery or the application of it to
forensics?
- A. Well, the labs in England started doing routine case
work using DNA analysis and labs virtually around the
25 world read his findings, read about their exciting
work, and looked into implementing it in their own
labs, and the R.C.M.P. was, you know, one of many
labs that looked at his work and decided this would
be a way to go and proceeded that way.
- 30 Q. Where do you fit into this historical development
from Jeffreys in 1985?

1 A. When the R.C.M.P. decided tht they were going to
develop a system for that I was one of the people
that they hired from the academic community to come
in and try to develop methods that they could apply
5 this and integrate it into their own forensic testing
scheme.

Q. And you did in fact stay there for that purpose?

A. Yes.

10 Q. We have covered it in some fashion but just before we
get into the actual technique that you use I was
wondering if you could just briefly explain to the
jury what the RFLP technique is designed to do?

15 A. The RFLP technique is designed to look at differences
in restriction sites. Remember it's restriction
fragment length polymorphism. It's a mouthful but
all it really means is that you are going to in-
directly look at the code of the molecule by looking
at what we call restriction sites. There are
20 chemicals, proteins, that you can purchase that we
use in science that will literally look at the code
and where they see a particular sequence or a linear
order of bases they'll cut the molecule at that
position. So if an enzyme had as its recognition
25 sequence "T", "G", "C", "A", everytime it saw that
sequence in the molecule it would come along and cut
the molecule.

Q. You are referring to a horizontal cut as opposed to
a vertical cut?

30 A. Yes. This is splitting the molecule by denaturing
it. This actually cuts the molecule like this. So
you are literally sectioning the chromosome into
thousands and thousands of pieces and it's cutting

1 at a specific spot. "T", "G", "C", "A" actually isn't
a restriction site but I'm using it as a -- It's not
a common restriction site that I'm aware of but I'm
using it as an example here.

5 Q. When you cut it, when you're referring to a horizontal
cut of the DNA molecule, you will cut it in several
places along this three billion base pair chain, is
that correct?

A. It's a four base code so you can expect that the
10 order of T, G, C, A, will come up literally millions
of times along the DNA molecule, and every time the
enzyme sees that it will cut it and it's been alluded
to or compared to as a molecular scissors. It cuts
the molecule but it cuts it in an orderly and pre-
15 dictable fashion. It's not random breaking of a
molecule. It's cutting it wherever it sees T, G, C,
A. It will snip the molecule.

Q. And the fragments that you are left with, that's what
you refer to as a restriction fragment?

20 A. Yes. If there's millions of sites you'll create
millions of fragments and each of those is called a
restriction fragment because the restriction enzyme
generated that fragment. Now, in a test all we're
looking at is where the sites are. You are looking
25 at how big the fragments are. And because the order
of sequences differs between different individuals,
where these sites are will also differ between
different individuals. So all you are looking at is
variability and how big or how small the fragments
30 are generated by these enzymes.

1 Q. So after you cut it you're looking at a particular
section or particular fragments to see how different
they are between people?

A. Yes. You will look at one particular region on the
5 molecule, say the region identified by this probe,
and you will ask the question how big is the fragment
generated by a site up here and the next site which
would be down here further along in the molecule.
But that particular fragment length will be different
10 in different individuals.

MR. WALSH: My Lord at this time I would suggest that
probably a break would be appropriate before we
continue.

THE COURT: Fine. So we will recess then for 15 minutes.
15 I will not send out any of these sketches with the
jury to the jury room because perhaps we're not
sufficiently deeply into it yet to appreciate that
exercise. All right.

(RECESS - 11:05 - 11:30 A.M.)

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COURT RESUMES. (Accused present. Jury called, all present.)

THE COURT: Mr. Walsh, please continue, please.

MR. WALSH: Yes, My Lord. Doctor Wayne you testified earlier
that the restriction fragment length polymorphism
25 technique, the RFLP technique for DNA typing, is used
at the R.C.M.P. lab, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And you were at the R.C.M.P. lab when that particular
technique was adapted for forensics for the use by the
30 R.C.M.P.?

A. Yes.

1 Q. Would you take the jury through the various steps of
that technique, please, and I understand you are going
to use the slide projector for that purpose.

A. The technique is a multi step technique done over a
5 number of days. It has a beginning and an end and it
has a lot of steps in between and I'll try to go
through them slowly so you can get an appreciation
for how we can derive information by analyzing the
DNA molecule.

10 Now, this schematic would be a typical forensic
case where you have two samples and you are asking a
question could these two samples, say they are two
blood stains, could they have come from the same
individual or did they come from a different
15 individual? It's a very simple question you start
out with and there's a lot of steps that you sub-
sequently do in the lab to answer that question. But
it's a simple question at the beginning, sample A and
sample B. Say they are two tubes of blood that you
20 are looking at. You take the blood, or whatever it
is, and isolate cells, break open those cells, and
release the chromosomal DNA into solution. That's a
fairly simple procedure and involves literally mixing
your cells with a detergent that breaks open the cells
25 and releases the DNA. Then you have this garbled
mess of DNA. All the DNA is intertwined with each
other. Chromosome 1 will be mixed with chromosome
16 and you have an unorganized clump of DNA after you
break open these cells.

30 Q. Doctor, before you go any further, you say you break
open the cells. You're extracting the DNA from the
cells, is that right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. You had mentioned previously that you did the
technique with respect to various substances, hair,
blood, semen, a number of substances. Are the same
5 techniques used for each substance?
- A. Well, there's variations. Obviously, if you are
dealing with a fluid like blood your starting material
is a little different than if you are dealing with
a dry stain on say a fabric, or if you are dealing
10 with a stain on a piece of dry wall. A blood stain
on a wall material or something like that. So some-
times you have to do little tricks at the beginning
to get your starting material into a form that you
can put into a test tube and add the chemicals to
15 break open the cells, etc. So at the beginning
there's a little bit of manipulation, whether you're
scraping the wall to get the blood stain off it,
whether you're swabbing the blood off the fender of
a car, or just simply pouring blood from a tube. At
20 the beginning there's some manipulations and it depends
on what the officers give you or what the lab gives
you to analyze. Once you get by the initial step
it's essentially the same for most fluids and sub-
stances.
- 25 Q. Doctor you were describing substances located on
certain kinds of material.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Have you had any experience in relation to unique
30 kinds of material that you have had to extract DNA
from?

- 1 A. Again, a lot of the examples I just talked about,
scraping blood off a piece of dry wall, I worked on
a case where they sent you a piece of a wall that
they cut out from the Accused's apartment building
5 and it had a blood stain on it and you had to scrape
that off. In another case you were given a belt,
a man's belt, and it had DNA on it and you have to
soak the belt and remove the cells off the belt and
then analyze the cells that come off the belt. So
10 you get all sorts of different exhibits in a forensic
lab. The first thing you do is you isolate the
cells and, again, that depends on what they have
sent you.
- 15 Q. Apart from the actual material on which the substance
is located on are there various techniques used, for
example just for the blood alone, or just for hair
alone, or just for semen alone?
- 20 A. Yes, there's little twists or versions of the
general extraction formula that you'll use. You'll
extract differently a semen sample than you will a
blood sample but the differences are subtle.
- 25 Q. Could you describe what the term 'differential
extraction' is and how this would relate to what we
are dealing with?
- 30 A. Differential extraction as it applies to forensic
samples is a procedure that you use to extract DNA
from sexual assault swabs. When a sexual assault
occurs the swabs that they take either at autopsies
or from a live victim will contain semen from the
person who committed the crime and they will also
contain skin cells, epithelia cells from the vagina
of the victim. So you have two sources of DNA, from

1 the victim and from the accused, and they're different
cellular sources. One is epithelia cells from the
victim and one is semen or sperm cells from the
accused, and in the lab you can differentially
5 purify those two different types of cells using a
very simple modification of general extraction pro-
cedures. What you do is you can lyse or break open
the vaginal cells and keep the sperm cells intact,
all in one test tube, and then separate out the sperm
10 from the vaginal cells and analyze them separately.
So at the end you have two DNA samples, one that's
mostly from what we call the female fraction or the
vaginal epithelia cells and one the male fraction,
the sperm cells, so you end up with two samples that
15 you look at there rather than a mixture of two cell
sources.

Q. Continue. Now, these extraction techniques that you
have been testifying to, are these something that was
20 simply developed by the R.C.M.P. or something that's
used elsewhere?

A. Well, DNA extraction procedures have been around as
long as people have been analyzing DNA which is
decades. The modifications that I just described for
getting DNA out of peculiar substances like off a
25 belt or off a wall or for the differential extraction,
those are all things that have been tinkered with in
forensic labs to suit that purpose. In research labs
you don't usually see material like that. So those
30 little adaptations came out of forensic labs but in
general the procedures have been around for decades
in the research and scientific community.

- 1 Q. Are these techniques used only by the R.C.M.P. forensic labs for extraction or are they used in other countries?
- A. No, world-wide they would be used.
- 5 Q. Continue.
- A. So at this point from both of the samples you have the DNA extracted from the cells. The way you analyze it, the first thing you have to do is you cut it with these molecular scissors or the restriction
- 10 enzyme.
- Q. Before we go to the cutting, I understand that - and correct me if I'm wrong, but I understand that after you extract DNA from the cell you also quantify it. Determine how much DNA and how much of it is human,
- 15 is that correct?
- A. Yes, that is done before cutting.
- Q. Would you describe that and the reasons for that?
- A. Okay. At this point you have DNA from both of the
- 20 samples. One of the questions you want to ask as the investigator doing the test is how much DNA do I have. There are minimal amounts of DNA that you have to have to make the test work. So it's important at the beginning to know whether you have enough DNA to do
- 25 the test. And the other question you want to ask is is it human DNA. Remember that there's DNA found in all living organisms so just the fact that you receive a blood sample it could be blood from another species, not necessarily a human's. You want to ask that
- 30 separate question, how much of this DNA is human?
- Q. How do you go about doing that?
- A. Well, the first question, how much DNA do I have, you simply take a small portion of your DNA and you

1 analyze it in the lab on what we call the gel. It's
just a way that you can visualize how much DNA you
have. You take a small portion of it. We can stain
for -- We have a stain that will stain DNA and if
5 you shine a UV light on it it will glow and that's a
visual way to say yes I have DNA and I have a certain
amount of DNA. So that just tells you that you have
DNA. It doesn't tell you anything about its source.
It could be from another animal, it could be from a
10 plant, but that tells you how much DNA you have.

Q. Now, what does the term 'high molecular weight' mean
in reference to the amount of DNA that you are
looking at?

A. Well that tells you the quality of the DNA. When you
15 extract the DNA you can either have very large pieces
of DNA or if the DNA has been degraded in some way,
sheared, broken up by mechanical forces or environ-
mental forces, you'll have very small pieces of DNA.
For the test to work you need DNA that's high
20 molecular weight or large pieces of DNA. So at the
same time when you're doing a test to find out how
much DNA you have the test will also tell you how big
are the pieces in general. So in the beginning you
know that I have enough DNA - if it's human I have
25 enough DNA for the test to work and its quality is
sufficient for the test to work as well.

Q. Are there any factors which would affect your ability
as a DNA scientist to extract DNA from a cellular
30 material? What kind of factors would affect your
ability to get high molecular weight DNA?

- 1 A. Well, there's all sorts of ways you can degrade DNA
and, again, those things are out of your control.
You have no control over what happens to a sample at
a crime scene. So there are things that will break
5 down DNA to the point where I can't analyze it or
I'm compromising my ability to analyze it.
- Q. For example?
- A. Direct exposure to sunlight over prolonged periods
of time. If the DNA - if the stain is say washed in
10 a strong acid or base. Things like that.
- Q. What about soil?
- A. Soil is - in all the environmental studies if you mix
blood with soil, semen with soil, or other cellular
sources with soil, soil is jam-packed with bacteria,
15 bacteria feed on these as nutrients, so what you find
is over a very short period of time in those types of
environments you literally have no DNA to analyze. No
human DNA.
- Q. And you know all this before you even begin your
20 test, the typing test itself?
- A. Well, you know the types of environments that will
hamper your ability to get out high molecular weight
human DNA. There's no guarantees. If blood is
deposited at a crime scene on soil and you get there
25 in time, like it's not a week, if you get there
perhaps the same day, you may be successful in doing
the test. There's no real way to predict. A lot of
these variables are out of your hands because you're
30 not at the crime scene controlling how the sample is
deposited and how long it's there.

1 Q. You determine the effect the environment may have had
on your sample, if I understand correctly, Doctor, by
this test of determining how much DNA you have and
whether it's human, is that correct?

5 A. Yes. Actually, all you're asking is the question is
it worthwhile to do this test? Is there anything to
analyze here? If there's no DNA at all, it really
doesn't matter whether it's human or not, if there's
no DNA I can't do the test. I can't analyze nothing.
10 So that's something you want to answer right away.

Q. Could you give an example to the jury of a case that
you would have worked on where you were trying to
analyze a particular material and were unable to get
high molecular weight DNA out of it for environmental
15 reasons?

A. One case comes to mind is where the undershorts of a
little boy who had been murdered - there was a blood
stain on the shorts, he had been sodomized before he
was murdered, there was fecal material on the shorts.
20 I could isolate DNA from the shorts. The problem was
that none of that DNA was of human origin. Probably
all bacterial origin given where the shorts had come
from.

25 Q. Where did they come from?

A. Well, next to the little boy's rectum.

Q. And what would be your explanation for not being able
to take DNA out of that blood stain?

A. Well you get DNA out of it; you're just not getting
30 human DNA out of it. What you are really isolating
is the bacterial DNA that proliferated and grew on the
shorts after the boy was murdered and prior to the
shorts arriving at the lab. At one point there was

- 1 human DNA there, there was human blood there, but
that in fact is a nutrient source for these bacteria.
- Q. The bacteria actually feed on the blood?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Feed on the DNA breaking it down?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Why is it important to know in advance how much of
your DNA is human before you begin your test?
- A. Well, again, in that particular case I had a lot of
10 DNA and it was in very good shape. It was high
molecular weight DNA. There was sufficient DNA to
analyze, but it wasn't human, so there's no point in
going on to do a test to identify which human it came
from if none of the DNA is human. So that's an
15 important piece of information at the beginning of
the test.
- Q. In addition to finding out how long your DNA or how
much high molecular weight DNA you had?
- A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Who actually developed the technique for determining
how much human DNA you had to have before you start
your test?
- A. The forensic application of that type of test --
25 There's been lots of different tests to identify
human DNA. Forensic applications of those types of
tests were developed at the R.C.M.P. lab.
- Q. By whom?
- A. Myself, Doctor Fourney.
- 30 Q. And has that been picked up by other forensic labs
in North America?
- A. Yes, some labs use that test, yes.

- 1 Q. All right, continue, please.
- A. So at this point you would know that you have DNA
from both of these samples and you would know that
it's either all human or half human or you would know
5 the proportion of the DNA that is from humans. If
we take the example that these were tubes of blood
it would be 100 percent human. The blood samples
are sterile. Comes out of your vein and goes into
a sterile tube. So all of this DNA you would know
10 that I have X and Y amount of DNA and it's all human.
So you have answered the question that yes the DNA
is there, it's human, it's in good enough shape to
analyze, and you proceed on with the test.
- 15 Q. This determining human DNA you said was developed
for forensics at the R.C.M.P. Lab, did you publish
your results in that regard?
- A. Yes.
- Q. In the scientific literature?
- A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Continue, please.
- A. The first step would be to use these molecular
scissors, restriction enzymes, to cut the DNA in an
orderly fashion to analyze the DNA. You go from
having very long pieces all knotted up to shorter
25 pieces after they have been cut with the restriction
enzyme.
- Q. These restriction enzymes were they developed simply
for forensic use or have they been around for a while?
- 30 A. They have been in use since the early seventies.

- 1 Q. And the development of these restriction enzymes did the developer of these - did he win any award for that particular development?
- A. The Noble Prize.
- 5 Q. Continue.
- A. This slide shows how a restriction enzyme would work. For forensics at the R.C.M.P. and labs throughout North America one particular type of restriction enzyme is used and it's a restriction enzyme that
- 10 everytime it sees G - G - C - C it cleaves the molecule after the second G or the first C. So this shows - and what I have done is I have taken the two strands of the DNA molecule, remember A is always
- 15 opposite T as we see here, G always opposite C, and here I have highlighted two areas where you see G-G, C-C and G-G, C-C. Now this restriction enzyme will go along the molecule and where it finds this it will cut here and cut here, and what you see now is what we call the restriction fragment. The enzyme has cut the
- 20 molecule and you have a piece of DNA that has a defined length. You can count up the number of bases in that DNA and that's like saying I'm five foot eleven. This is - I don't know how many - 25 bases
- 25 long. It is defined length for this restriction fragment.
- Q. On the bottom of that schematic it says "Fragments of DNA Released by Hae III Restriction Enzyme Digestion". What is Hae III?
- 30 A. Hae III is the particular restriction enzyme that has this as its recognition sequence. There are several hundred of these enzymes and they don't always --

- 1 Hae III is the one that recognizes G-G, C-C. There's
others that recognize other codes, say G, A-A, G-T-C,
every time it sees that code it will cut it. They
all have their own codes.
- 5 Q. Was there any study done by you or your lab at the
time you were with the R.C.M.P. as to why you would
use Hae III? Why you would select that of all the
restriction enzymes?
- A. Yes. There's quite a number of enzymes looked at when
10 we were developing this system. It was one of the
first questions that as a working group in North
America, the TWGDAM working group that you talked
about earlier, that we had to wrestle with is which
enzyme would we choose to analyze for forensic pur-
15 poses and Hae III was one of the enzymes that was a
candidate early on and turned out to be our choice
in the end.
- Q. Are there any other labs that use this particular
enzyme?
- 20 A. In North America, excluding a couple of private labs,
most law enforcement agencies have gone along with the
decision to use Hae III.
- Q. Did you publish your reasons for adopting or using
Hae III in the scientific literature?
- 25 A. Yes.
- Q. Are restriction enzymes used other than for forensic
use in medical research, etc.?
- A. Forensic use would be one of the smaller uses. They're
30 used throughout medicine, throughout biology. They
have been in use for more than 20 years now and, again,
forensics is probably one of the smaller uses globally
for these enzymes.

1 Now, if I could back up. At this point you have
added the enzyme, it's cleaved everywhere it sees
G-G, C-C. Now remember there's three billion base
pairs and there's going to be a G-G, C-C combination
5 about every four or five hundred base pairs, sometimes
even closer than that, so there's literally going to
be hundreds of thousands or millions of fragments
generated by cleaving the molecule with this enzyme.
So what you have done is it's a gross over-simplifica-
10 tion here. There would literally be hundreds of
thousands of fragments all of which have been cleaved
at G-G, C-C. So it's not a random process. It's an
orderly cutting.

15 Now, we have to go into dimensions. It's a
little bit complex but I'll give it a try. A way of
sorting out length differences between different
people. As I said, where G-G, C-C will occur through-
out your three billion base pairs will be different
20 for everyone in this room because their DNA is
different unless we have identical twins here, and
you have to have a way to sort through all these
hundreds of thousands of fragments and order them.
Put them in some sort of arrangement rather than this
25 ball of different size fragments. The way that's
done is using a technique called 'agarose gel
electrophoresis'. Simply stated what you do is you
take all this sample and the test material is actually
a jello-like material, agarose gel, but it has the
30 consistency of jello once it's solidified, and you
have a flat sheet of this. It's much like a pad of
paper. It's about maybe a quarter of an inch thick

1 and it's dimensions would be maybe 10 centimeters by
20 centimeters. A flat sheet of this flimsy jello-
like material. And at one end - this is in two
dimensions here, at one end you will have slots or
5 troughs carved in where you can put your sample.
Here we have shown the two samples we're comparing,
sample A and sample B. Here would be their starting
point, their wells, that's the term used for these,
these depressions, and you would also have what we
10 call marker fragments, and they have their own well
and these fragments differ from DNA from the samples
in that what they are is a collection of fragments
of known size. So we know the size of this fragment,
the size of this fragment, this fragment, this frag-
15 ment, etc. There's a number of those, and that's sort
of like a ruler or the yard lines on a football field.
They give you a reference point at the end of the
test. After you load all these samples at the be-
20 ginning you turn on an electrical current and you let
the current pass through the gel for it's usually
about 12 hours. What happens there is that the largest
fragments they don't travel very far from the gel.
They have a harder time moving through the gel. But
25 the small fragments they migrate very fast through
the gel and when you stop the test the fragments that
are the smallest, say this fragment here, will be the
furthest away from the starting point; mid-size frag-
ments will be midway through the gel; and very large
30 fragments will be at the top. Remember you have
hundreds of thousands of fragments here so what you
are going to have is more or less a smear of different

1 fragment lengths. So if you could dissect that
smear it would be smaller fragments here, larger
fragments here. And what you have done is you have
taken all of these hundreds of thousands of fragments
5 and you have literally ordered them from largest to
smallest, from the top to the bottom. So now you
have a library. You have literally arranged these as
a library from largest to smallest.

10 Q. This gel electrophoresis is this something that was
simply developed by a forensic lab for this use or
just developed by the R.C.M.P. or is it something
that's used throughout science?

15 A. Again, it's something that's been in place for
analyzing both proteins and DNA for decades and it's,
again, another technology that was just taken from
the scientific community and adapted for forensic
analysis.

20 Q. I realize, Doctor, that this is only for teaching
purposes but perhaps so we can orientate ourselves
to that, when you say that you load DNA into one end
of a gel is the DNA from each sample put in separate
lanes in the gel, across the gel?

25 A. Yes. If I wanted to analyze three samples I would
have to have three separate partitions where I load
the samples in. So there's no mixing of the two
samples together in a lane. It's much like a track
race. Every one starts off in their own pen and when
the gun sounds you stay in your lane until the end of
30 the race.

Q. What kinds of things would you in a normal forensic
case, what would you be loading into a gel? That

- 1 there shows two lanes. I take it that you can use
more than two. Three lanes in that there.
- A. Depending on how you structure the gel. You can have
10, 20, 30 different lanes in a gel depending on how
5 many samples you want to analyze. There is a
practical limitation. You can't have thousands of
lanes or you would need gels the width of this room.
But generally they're on the order of - they can be
perhaps a foot or so wide and the wells are small,
10 you could have 30 or 40 maximum lanes. But generally
it's around 20.
- Q. All right, for a forensic case that you would be
working on what would normally generally go into a
gel? What would you load into the gel in separate
15 lanes?
- A. Well you would obviously have the samples that you're
comparing and here we have two samples, sample A and
sample B from the particular case. You would have
to have some sort of fragments of known size, and in
20 forensic cases you not only have them on one side of
the samples you're analyzing but you have them flanking
the samples that you analyze.
- Q. Those are called molecular weight markers?
- A. Yes, marker fragments.
- 25 Q. Now, when you say two samples do you need known
samples and unknown -- Do you need known samples
loaded in there along with your unknown?
- A. Well this would be the minimum for doing it - for
30 doing the test, that you would need the samples that
you are comparing and you would need marker fragments
on both sides. What's normally incorporated into the

1 test as well as you analyze DNA from cells of a
defined nature and different labs will use different
cells, but what it amounts to is that on every test
you incorporate the analysis of DNA from a person
5 or cell line from that particular lab. So you have a
sample of human DNA that you analyze with every test
and it's the same human DNA that you analyze with each
test.

Q. And is that for a male and a female both?

10 A. Yes. In the R.C.M.P. system it is, yes.

Q. Just so if I can understand and you correct me if I'm
wrong, Doctor, in a normal forensic case you would
load into one well, for example, DNA extracted from a
substance taken at a crime scene, correct?

15 A. Yes.

Q. A standard - a known standard from either a victim or
a suspect, is that correct?

A. Yes, something to compare it to.

20 Q. Something to compare it to. You would put in these
molecular weight markers which you say are something
like the yard markers on a football field, reference
points. You would load those in wells - separate
wells?

25 A. Separate wells again, yes.

Q. Separate lanes. And you would also put in male and
female known DNA as a control?

30 A. Yes. Those controls are important because you have
analyzed them before and you know what the result is
going to be. I know what my DNA patterns are because
I've analyzed my DNA patterns. So if I incorporate
my DNA in a test I know what the end result should be

1 and if I don't get that result something went wrong
with the test. So these are important controls be-
cause you know what the end result will be.

Q. What kind of precautions would be taken to ensure
5 that you didn't mix the lanes up? What I'm saying
is say, for example, you extracted DNA from sample
A and from sample B and you put DNA into a lane that
you thought was sample B when in fact it was sample
A. What kind of controls would you use to ensure
10 that you have the correct DNA in each lane?

A. There's a lot of different things but that's just
good scientific practice that you lay out an experiment
and you conduct it as you laid it out. What it
amounts to is good notetaking and following your
15 notes. At the beginning of doing a test, if it were
this particular test where you're comparing A to B,
you will outline the strategy that I will be analyzing
sample A in lane 3, sample B in lane 4, my markers
will be in lanes 1 and 5 and my controls will be in
20 lanes 7 and 8 for instance, and all that will be
written down and you take your time loading them and
at the end of the procedure after you have separated
out all the molecules again, you can use a stain
called ethidium bromide. All it is is a dye but it
25 stains DNA, and if you take this gel after you have
conducted the test you immerse it in this dye, it will
bind to the DNA and when you shine ultraviolet light
on it the DNA will glow. So you go back to your notes
and you know which lanes you said had markers in them
30 and when you look at the gel and the glowing pattern
you should see markers in there. You know which

1 lanes you said had male and female DNA; you look at
the gel, you can see male and female DNA. There's a
number of visual controls where you can actually look
and say yes this is the way I laid out the experiment
5 yes this is the way it was loaded.

Q. Do you use any dye when you are loading the DNA?

A. There's a color dye. What we're loading at the be-
ginning here is a fluid and we add a dye so we can
see the fluid so it's not clear. It just makes the
10 fluid blue. And at the end of the procedure the dye
will be at the bottom of the gel. That just tells you
that during the procedure the electricity didn't get
turned off after you left the room and that in fact
the current was going all night long because the dye
15 did migrate to the bottom. Just another visual con-
trol that tells you things worked the way I planned
them.

Q. Do you have an illustration of the electrophoretic
process, I believe you used the term a cartoon of
20 that?

A. Conceptually, this is a gross over-simplification of
how electrophoresis actually works. What we have
here is a DNA fragment, another DNA fragment, and
yet another DNA fragment. They all differ and they
25 differ in their base composition but they also -
their main difference here is that this fragment is
larger than this fragment which is in turn larger
than this fragment. If this is the top of the gel
30 what you find is that this fragment has a harder time
proceeding through the gel than the midsize fragment,
and the smallest fragment can zip through the gel

1 to the bottom. At the end of the procedure when you
turn off the power or the current what you find is
the smaller fragments will have proceeded through the
gel faster and for a longer distance than the large
5 fragments, and there will be gradient fragment sizes
in between.

Q. So this schematic or cartoon, I think one time you
used that phrase, not here but earlier, this cartoon,
this is a description of one lane, what you would see
10 in one part of one lane?

A. Yes.

Q. In a gel.

A. It's basically to get through the concept that if all
the fragments start as a mixture at the top the
15 smallest fragments will have the easiest time passing
through the gel and will therefore proceed furthest
in the gel.

Q. What is the negative and the positive, above and
20 below? What does that refer to?

A. That just gives you the polarity of the system.

Q. Would you explain that, please?

A. You hook up electrodes at each end of the gel and this
would be the negative electrode and the positive at
this end and you will run a current in that direction.
25 The DNA will migrate this direction. Which takes us
back, again, to the process where you have taken all
these fragments and you have separated them from
largest to smallest in an orderly fashion. That's
all this is meant to do. Again, what you have is all
30 these fragments separated from largest to smallest
but they're separated in a jello-like flat sheet of
jello. Now, if you go like this with this flat sheet

1 of jello it will break. That is flimsy. It's not
a very manageable substance so it certainly isn't
something that you would want to work on for weeks
or a month. So at this stage you have to have some
5 way of taking these fragments that you have carefully
separated from largest to smallest and making a
permanent record of them, somehow getting them out
of the gel and on to something a little more stable
than a sheet of jello-like material, and this is
10 done using a technique called Southern blotting. The
man who invented this his last name was Southern.
It was back in 1975 and, again, it wasn't invented
for forensics. It's been adapted for forensics but
it's a technique that's used throughout biology. All
15 it really entails is this is your flat sheet of
agarose gel. What you do is you take a nylon membrane
so it's just like a piece of paper but it's made out
of nylon and it's very durable. You can bend it,
crinkle it and pull on it, it's not going to break.
20 And you lay it on top of in contact with the surface
of the gel, and the simplest way to do this is to just
put paper towels or some sort of absorbent material
on the other side of the membrane and what happens
is fluid gets forced through the gel and on to the
25 surface of the membrane and acts like a sponge. It
draws the DNA out of the gel and on to the surface of
the membrane. So now you have all these fragments
that you separated and now you've got them transferred
on to a durable sheet of nylon. Now we can work with
30 that forever.

- 1 Q. Do you do anything in actually transferring the DNA
from the agarose gel, the DNA that's been set out in
its lanes now, distributed in its lanes, in
transferring it to the nylon membrane do you do any-
5 thing with the DNA other than transfer?
- A. It's a step I always forget. The step going --
Right here what we have is double-stranded DNA. This
DNA has been cut up but it's still in its double
helix. There's two strands together. What you do
10 either before you do this transfer or actually during
the transfer is you should subject the gel to an
alkali solution and that pulls the strands apart.
They still remain where they were separated on the
gel except now they're single strands. The strands
15 are just pulled apart.
- Q. Just so we can refresh our memory on that, Doctor,
we have the DNA molecule exhibit P-158-4 over here.
What are you doing? You have described, I think,
that process before.
- 20 A. If this were one restriction fragment separated on
that gel the DNA at the end of the electrophoresis,
or the separation, would be in this type of form, the
upper half of the molecule. It's a double ribbon.
All we do then is we soak the gel in alkali, a basic
25 solution, and it assumes this form. Fragments don't
move through the gel. All they do now is the ribbon
comes apart. So now you have exposed all these bases
here and we can work with those.
- 30 Q. That's as you described this morning previously?
- A. Yes. Takes 15 minutes to do. You soak the gel, the
strands come apart, they're still where they were
before, and then you transfer them to the nylon

- 1 membrane in this state, single strand.
- Q. On your schematic it says "Denature to produce single stranded DNA fragments". Is that what you are referring to?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that something that -- Denaturization of the DNA molecule, is that something that was only developed by the forensic labs or is that used elsewhere?
- 10 A. It's used elsewhere and it's been in practice as a method for analyzing DNA since the early sixties.

So at this stage we still don't have anything we can see. We have a nylon membrane that has your two samples that you're interested in, has their DNA separated from largest to smallest fragments in a single-stranded form. You still can't see anything on the membrane. There's nothing that I can look at and say this sample came from this person or it didn't. It's nothing visual to that process.

20 The next step is to go into the DNA molecule that you have on this membrane and look at particular regions of particular fragments from different chromosomes. You will look at one of these hyper-variable regions. I showed you the chromosomes earlier. We have all the DNA separated on to the membrane and now the task is I want to look at one spot, in this case the hypervariable region on chromosome one, and I want to ask how big are the fragments on this region in these samples. Are they large? Are they small? Are they in between? I want to ask that question: how large are the fragments

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1 generated from this particular region? We don't care
about the rest of the DNA in the cells, we just want
to know this one spot on chromosome 1 for your first
test. And that's done using a DNA probe. And if
5 this section of DNA indeed corresponded to that
region on chromosome 1 in the lab I would have access
to pieces of DNA that have the complementary sequence
to that spot on chromosome 1. Now I have something
called a probe, or literally a homing device for that
10 spot on chromosome 1. So I can sort through all those
hundreds of thousands of fragments and I have a
mechanism now that I can go on to that membrane and
find sizes of fragments that correspond to that one
region on chromosome one. And the way I can tell
15 where the probe goes on that membrane is that in the
lab we attach to the probe molecule radioactive
molecules, so we make the probe radioactive, and
chemicals that are radioactive you can follow with
a Geiger counter, you can follow with x-ray film, but
20 you have a way to follow them. Now you have a
character that you can follow on the membrane. So
this is the procedure here. It's called hybridization,
again, a technical term, but this is the membrane and
this would be just a tray. You usually use Tupperware
25 trays in the lab and you literally take your probe
that corresponds to chromosome 1, it's made radio-
active, you have it in a solution and you dump the
solution on top of the membrane. Now this radio-
30 active piece of DNA will go on to the surface of the
membrane and it will find fragments that correspond
to that region on chromosome 1, and that's shown here

1 in dark lines. So if these were sample A and sample
B what the probe has done now is found two sizes of
fragments in sample A from chromosome 1, and the way
this works is that this would be the length of frag-
5 ment that you inherited from one of your parents and
this would be the length of fragment on chromosome 1
that you inherited from the other parent. So if you
inherited this size fragment from your mother this
would be the size of fragment you inherited from your
10 father, or vice versa.

In this sample there are two different size
fragments that the probe bound to. Now, again, what
we have here is something that you can't see. The
radioactivity is there. I can detect it with a Geiger
15 counter and it will beep where there's radioactivity
but you still can't see it. You know it's there but
you can't see it. So to get a visual impression of
where the radioactivity has gone and how big the
fragments are in these samples you simply take a
20 piece of x-ray film, standard x-ray film, and lay it
against your membrane and leave it there for a certain
amount of time and then develop the film, and what
happens is the radioactivity comes through, it reacts
with the film and when you develop the film, as shown
25 here there will be visible dark, we call them bands,
but dark lines or bands where the radioactivity was
and it corresponds to where the radioactivity is on
the membrane. You're at the end of the test now.
30 You have a visual impression of what the DNA looks
like at that particular region on chromosome 1 for
these two samples. Now, all you're comparing here

1 is how far the fragments have migrated from the
origin or how large the fragments are. What we
find from sample A is that I have two fragments, one
of them is smaller than the largest fragment in sample
5 B and one of them is larger than the smallest fragment
in sample B. What you can note from here is that the
fragments are not the same size. What that tells you
is that sample A and sample B could not have come from
the same individual. They're different. The patterns
10 are different. And anyone with eyes can tell you that
those patterns are different. They're similar in that
there's two bands but most people in this room will
have two bands. It's the position of the bands
relative to the top and the bottom that are the
15 identifying characteristics and in this particular
case you make the conclusion that sample A and sample
B could not have come from the same individual.

Q. Now, you go back to this hybridization where you
20 apply a probe to the membrane for the purpose of
honing in on the particular section that you want to
look at, and you've given the example on chromosome
1, you've referred to the area that's marked D1S7.

A. Yes.

25 Q. You would have a probe that corresponds to D1S7 and
put that in that solution and hybridize it to the
membrane, is that correct?

A. Yes.

30 Q. Would you just look at the one section or would you
want to look at other sections?

A. Well, in this particular example you really wouldn't
have to look at any other sections. You have already

1 drawn your conclusions that these samples didn't come
from the same individual so it would be pointless to
go on analyzing other regions of DNA. You have
already made your conclusion and it's an absolute
5 conclusion. If, however, sample B and sample A have
two bands and they're at the same position now your
conclusion's different. The samples match - it's
called a match, and the conclusion you draw from that
is that these samples could have come from the same
10 individual. There will be other individuals who can
have that pattern but a large proportion of the
population won't. It's called an inclusion. You
can't exclude the fact that it came from this person
so you include it. It could have come from that
15 person. It's not absolute like the other situation.
These samples did not come from the same individual.
If they do match it means they could have come from
the same individual.

20 Q. So what would you do in that case if they in fact had
matched when you applied your first probe? What would
you do?

A. I would start the procedure over again, and you don't
have to start it right from the beginning. What you
can do here is take the membrane and remove this
25 radioactivity from the membrane. You still have the
DNA from sample A and sample B separated on the
membrane but what you have done is you have removed
the probe and you can go back to this step with your
probe from say chromosome 2 and start the procedure
30 again.

- 1 Q. And that would be D2S44?
- A. Yes. And if at the end of that test they still
match well you would go on to get a third probing,
say D4S139, and you continue those tests as long as
5 you kept getting matches.
- Q. What would you do - 10, 12, 20, 30, 40, 50? What is the
normal place to stop in actually repeating your probings
if you were getting matches each time?
- A. Most labs in the world doing this type of testing will
10 stop at 4 or 5. Some labs even 3, 3 probings, but
4 or 5 is the norm.
- Q. Is there anything that restricts -- Say, for
example, you do have a match on the first probe.
What, if anything, could restrict the amount of
15 probes that you could actually apply to the membrane?
- A. Well if you started off with a small amount of
material, say a very small splatter of blood at a
crime scene, you're not going to get much DNA to
analyze so the patterns themselves are going to be
20 more difficult to detect, and each time you strip
off the radioactivity the next test becomes somewhat
more difficult to do. So if this first test is
difficult to do by the time you hit the 5th test it
25 may be impossible to do. Sometimes you have so little
DNA that you may only get one test to work or two
tests to work and then it becomes very difficult to
get them to work.
- Q. So each time you strip a probe off the membrane you
30 may remove a little bit more of the DNA?
- A. Yes, it's not a perfect procedure where you just
remove the radioactivity. You remove a little bit

1 of the target with it as well. It's a -- You're
literally boiling the membrane. It's a fairly
aggressive procedure to get the radioactivity off
the membrane and with it comes a little bit of your
5 target DNA.

Q. Are some of the probes that you use more sensitive
than others? What I am saying is say for example
would one probe be able to detect a smaller amount
of DNA than another probe?

10 A. Yeah. There are subtle differences between the probes.
Some of the probes can detect smaller amounts of DNA
than others. The level of detection or the
variability in detection levels isn't all that
extreme. For example, D4S139, that's a very sensitive
15 probe and often times samples that don't have enough
material to be analyzed in say D2S44 this one is very
sensitive. You can get it to work. But the
differences aren't that great. Three fold sensitivity
differences.

20 Q. But each time you apply one of these probes you're
looking at a different highly polymorphic area of
the DNA chain, is that correct?

A. Yes, different tests. You're going to a different
spot on a different chromosome.

25 Q. Which, shown on that particular - I don't know what
the exhibit number - this one here, P --

A. 158(3).

30 Q. On that you have a number of highly polymorphic areas
shown which correspond to the probes, I take it, that
would be used, is that correct?

- 1 A. Yes. I have shown 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 highly polymorphic probes.
- Q. Would you just name them and what chromosome they're on.
- A. D1S7 on chromosome 1; D2S44 - chromosome 2; D4S139 -
5 chromosome 4; D10S28 - chromosome 10; D16S85 - chromosome 16; and D17S79 - chromosome 17.
- Q. Okay. Are those probes that are actually -- Are you just using those for demonstration or are those probes for areas of the DNA that are actually used by
10 the R.C.M.P.?
- A. Yes. These actually correspond to loci or regions on the chromosomes that are analyzed as part of the forensic test.
- Q. And you testified earlier, correct me if I'm wrong,
15 that these areas are known worldwide as being highly polymorphic? They are mapped so to speak.
- A. They are mapped and it's one of the features that went into their original discovery in publication, the fact that they are highly polymorphic. Again, these
20 regions weren't isolated and characterized for the forensic community. They were isolated as part of other research projects.
- Q. Was there any study or any effort that went into the selection of the probes that the R.C.M.P. used, why
25 those particular areas?
- A. Well, like choosing a restriction enzyme, one of our first tasks was to sort out which regions on which chromosomes we would incorporate into the tests and there were a lot of different variables that we looked
30 at to select a handful of probes for use in forensics.

1 Q. And were your results published with respect to the
selection of most of your probes?

A. Yes.

5 Q. Apart from the highly polymorphic probes which you
pointed out I note that there are two probes there
that you haven't pointed to yet. One is on chromo-
some 7, D7Z2. What is that?

A. That's what we call a monomorphic probe. So rather
than being polymorphic, that is different between
10 different individuals, this is a fairly boring region
of DNA that's the same in all individuals, males and
females alike as we all have chromosome sevens. So
this is a region of DNA that if I analyze it for
everyone in this room I can predict to you what the
15 result will be right now because everyone has the
same pattern at that region. We analyze this region
for a number of reasons, the first being that we know
the result that we should get at that region. So if
the test works properly we know exactly what the
20 result should be. If you get that result you have
confidence that the test worked properly for these
other regions where you don't know what the result
is going to be. So you have to build in controls
where you know what the result will be.

25 Q. So, for example, Doctor, say you went through the
five probes, the five highly polymorphic probes on
chromosome 1, 2, 4, 10, 16 and 17, when would you
apply this monomorphic probe on chromosome 7, D7Z2?

30 A. Generally at the end of all that procedure. It
really doesn't provide any other information other
than what we're dealing with is human and you already
knew that right at the beginning of the test. The

- 1 information it does provide is that, yes, the test
worked and the test worked fine.
- Q. How would this show on the schematic? Say, for
example, you had applied the monomorphic probe to
5 this particular schematic that's on the screen now
and you have sample A and sample B. Where would you
expect to find the bands between sample A and sample
B?
- A. Both of them would give a single band pattern so there
10 would only be one band and it would be at the same
position, and I would be able to tell you what size
that band should be because we know its size.
- Q. And I see there's another probe shown on the diagram
there, DYZ1.
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. That's on the "Y" chromosome. What is that?
- A. This, again, is another monomorphic probe. It's the
same in all individuals but it's found on the "Y"
20 chromosome so only males will have it. So when I
use this probe and I analyze female DNA I see
nothing because females don't have a "Y" chromosome.
When I analyze male DNA I see a predicted pattern.
I'll get one fragment and I know its size. So that
25 gives me information that none of these other probes
can tell me. All these other probes I know I'll get
two bands but I can't tell whether they're male or
female with any of these polymorphic probes as with
the monomorphic probe on chromosome 7. It doesn't
30 give me any idea about gender. When I analyze this
probe I can answer the question did the sample come
from a male or did it come from a female.

- 1 Q. You mentioned before that in this test you also put
a known male and a known female control DNA in the
test, is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. So if you applied the sex typing probe, the DY21, you
would get a predetermined result from the male and
female control DNA?
- A. Yes. Again, these controls, a male and female known
control run with every test, is important because,
10 for example, if all your unknown samples were from
females and you didn't have male and female controls
you would get no results. You wouldn't get a pattern
and that could be interpreted two ways: you either
forgot to add a probe or they're all from females.
15 Now if you incorporate a male and a female control
the male will be positive, the female will be
negative, so you know that the experiment worked. If
there was male DNA on that experiment I'll be able to
detect it because you detected it in your control.
20 So those controls are critical to interpreting sex
typing results.
- Q. Same as the monomorphic probe is only for the purpose
of determining if your test is run correctly?
- A. Yes.
- 26 Q. But your bands would be in a predetermined position.
- A. It gives you confidence that yes this type of system
does work because I know the size of this fragment
and if at the end of the test I didn't get that size
30 of fragment or I didn't get that fragment itself
something is wrong.

- 1 Q. Have you ever developed a probe yourself, Doctor?
- A. Yes, many.
- Q. Any probes that are now being used in forensics or
for forensic purposes?
- 5 A. The monomorphic probe came out of my research when I
was a student.
- Q. And is that being used by other forensic labs as
well?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And did you develop any other probes that are being
used in forensics?
- A. I have many other monomorphic and polymorphic probes.
None that have been adopted worldwide forensically.
I have some wildlife probes. Probes that will
15 identify species of wildlife, moose, deer, etc.
- Q. That you have developed yourself?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And this D7Z2, the monomorphic probe, this has been
picked up by other forensic labs?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And you have already explained the catalog, the
numbers and the letters there, what they stand for,
or did you? I just want to make sure you did.
- 25 A. The "D" is just the designation. The next number
tells you which chromosome it's on. "S" stands for
single copy; "Z" means that it's in more than one
copy. It's in one spot on the genome but it's re-
peated over and over and over again so it's very easy
30 to detect. And, again, the 1 is the order that it was
discovered on that chromosome.

1 Q. When you are selecting these probes to be used in
forensics did you have to give any consideration as
to the kind of enzyme you were using? You have
indicated that you selected Hae III as the restriction
5 enzyme. Did that have any bearing on the kind of
probes that you had to select?

A. Yes. The choice of the enzyme and the choice of the
probes it was a joint decision. If you pick probes
just based on how much variability they detect, if
10 they didn't work with Hae III then they couldn't be
part of the choice, or if they didn't work with a
single restriction enzyme. So you have to pick the
enzyme to be compatible with the loci you are
analyzing. So the two decisions had to be made at
15 the same time. So you analyzed a number of enzymes
and many, many more loci than there and then you came
up with a number - a limited number of loci that
Hae III works with and that you can detect consider-
able variation amongst the general population.

20 Q. You have used the term - what's interjected into your
testimony is the term 'loci'. What are you referring
to when you use that term?

A. It just means a region on the chromosome so D1S7
25 would be a locus, loci is just plural, so these are
two loci, D1S7 is a locus. Just means a region on a
chromosome.

Q. So when you use that term locus or loci it would be
the same as saying site or sites, is that correct?

30 A. Yes.

Q. All right, Doctor, each time you applied a probe would
you get a separate x-ray so to speak?

- 1 A. Yeah, these x-rays are called, again another long
word, autoradiographs, or autoradiograms. That's
shortened to autorads. It's much easier. Or x-ray.
But basically it's an x-ray film with these dark
5 images on them and each time you do the test you will
get a different x-ray film or a different autorad at
the end. It's the result of the test.
- Q. Now, on this particular schematic and, again, I
realize you are only using it for teaching purposes,
10 but the bands where you see sample A and sample B,
they look very dark and very precise in terms of their
length and width. Would you expect that when you are
actually looking at a case autorad, when you are
actually looking at a real life autorad and looking
15 at DNA samples?
- A. Well the darkness and the shape of the bands is
dependent on a lot of different factors. In general
what you find is the larger the band is the darker it
will be and it will be more thicker than say a band
20 that's smaller. But its shape and its darkness really
doesn't matter at all. It's where the band lies with
respect to the top and the bottom of the gel. How
big the fragment is. It really doesn't matter how
easily it was detected. What really matters is where
25 it's positioned.
- Q. It doesn't matter how light the band is or how dark
it is it's its location on that membrane?
- A. Yes, correct. You can have patterns that visually
30 you will look at and say those don't look the same to
me because the two bands here are very dark compared
to two matching bands that are very faint. That's

1 still a match because they're in the same position,
although visually you'll look at them and say those
patterns don't look identical. One is darker than the
other. But if they're in the same position that's the
5 critical variable.

Q. So, for example, Doctor, if you had a substance at a
crime scene that had very little DNA in it and you
compared that to a known standard, say a blood sample
from a victim that had a lot of DNA, you would expect
10 the blood sample from the victim where there's a lot
of DNA to have a dark band whereas the sample taken
from the crime scene that had little DNA would have
a light band, is that correct?

A. Yeah. The more DNA that you analyze the more target
15 you have for the probe to bind, the more radioactivity
comes off the membrane and the darker the image on the
membrane. So if I analyze 10 units of DNA in lane
"A" and one unit of DNA in lane "B" the darkness of
the bands will be roughly 10 to 1 because I had 10
20 times more DNA to analyze in one lane than the other.
The patterns will look different even if they're from
the same individual because I have analyzed more
DNA in one lane than the other but the bands will still
be in the same spot so it's still a match.

Q. When you have an autorad like you have generated here
in this schematic say, for example, using D1S7, you
would generate an autorad and then you would go back
and strip the probe from that membrane and do the
30 process again in terms of getting an x-ray and you
would come out with another autorad, is that correct?

1 A. Yes, and then I proceed on to the next test doing the stripping procedure in between, removing the last probe and then proceeding with the next probe.

Q. Can these autorads, apart from the person who is
5 actually running the test, say for example you ran this test here that you show on this schematic, could another DNA scientist come in and look at your work to determine whether or not it was correctly run and could they look at the autorad and make the same
10 decisions or different decisions than you made?

A. Another scientist could look at it. Anyone with eyes could look at it. It's very visual. It lasts forever again. It's a permanent record of the patterns.

Q. Are laboratory records kept of each step in the
15 process?

A. Yes.

Q. What kinds of records would you keep?

A. Well, again, records certainly when a sample is
20 logged in, who you got the sample from, what you did to the sample after you received it, how much DNA there was, how much of that was human. Pictures are taken of gels to determine that the enzyme in fact did cut the DNA; that the DNA did run properly on the
25 gel when you analyzed it. And then you have, of course, pictures of the autorads at the end. You can make copies of the autorads. You can photocopy them and send them to other people.

MR. WALSH: Perhaps, My Lord, at this time, it's 25 to 1,
30 it would be an appropriate time for a break.

1 THE COURT: Yes, I think so. So if the jury would retire,
please. Put this all out of your mind until you come
back at 2 o'clock.

(Jury excused.)

5 Just before we adjourn, I have no objection, and
I'm sure counsel would have no objection to the media
taking pictures of these copies of slides, or these
schematic drawings. It's just a question of when.
It could be arranged by the media with the clerk and
10 either during the noon recess, if everybody is
represented, or during the recess midway through the
afternoon, let the clerk know now when you would prefer
to do it and when everybody is out of the court-
room. There's just one restriction I would apply.
15 I don't know what the technique the media would want
to follow here would be but any pictures taken are
to be only of the drawings on the easels and so on
and not of any other portion of the courtroom or any
of the desks or anything like that.

20 Do counsel see any objection to this?

MR. ALLMAN: I have no problem.

THE COURT: Well, you check with the media, Mr. Pugh, if
you would and see when they want to do that. It would
be when everyone else is out of the courtroom of
25 course. So we'll adjourn now.

(NOON RECESS - 12:40 - 2:00 P.M.)

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1 COURT RECONVENES. (Accused present. Jury called, all present.)

THE COURT: I was just thinking, as far as the jury are concerned Mr. Brideau may be having a little difficulty seeing past the people when the slides are being on, and if you do have trouble -- Are you having trouble there Mr. Brideau where you -- You're not. I was going to say the back row could slide down this way one and you could go back to Ms. Crawford's place if you like. Well, if you have trouble shout out and we'll change it then.

Now, you were going on, Mr. Walsh, with your examination.

15 MR. WALSH: Yes, My Lord.

DIRECT EXAMINATION CONTINUED BY MR. WALSH:

- Q. Doctor Waye before we go any further would you tell us, please, what a protocol is?
- A. Protocol is actually like a cookbook. It's a recipe book that tells you how to do a procedure. It's a written set of instructions for conducting a scientific test.
- Q. Okay, you have a low voice, I'm just going to ask you to speak up a little louder, please. Are there protocols - were there protocols in existence at the R.C.M.P. and did you have anything to do in terms of drafting any of the protocols?
- A. Yes. When I was there and before we began case work the protocols or the techniques that we were using were written down and one of the first drafts I was the co-author of the protocol for doing this type of test.

- 1 Q. Have the protocols changed from the first one?
- A. Yes. Scientific tests change over time. You find improvements to the tests and you change and update the program as needed as time goes on. So it's been
- 5 updated several times.
- Q. Does your audience dictate how extensive your protocol is?
- A. The end use of the protocol dictates how many instructions you put in it. The initial protocols
- 10 were condensed versions of the final protocols and that's mainly because at the beginning the only people working there were people who had done these types of tests for years so the protocols really didn't have to fill in all of the steps. Later on
- 15 when the protocols are used more as training manuals or in a capacity of people who are learning the test they follow this protocol manual a little more than somebody who is very familiar with the test. You have to add in the steps and fill in some of the gaps to
- 20 make the protocol a little more self-explanatory.
- Q. I take it that you are referring to people who would come to the lab after it's set up. The protocols would need to be more extensive so that you could teach as well.
- 25 A. Yes. Many people who had worked in other disciplines in a forensic lab were being trained to do DNA work and still are being trained to do DNA work, so these protocols have to meet their needs as well.
- 30 Q. This morning you were referring to a forensic case and were referring to the different things that normally you would expect to find in a forensic case

- 1 gel when you're running a particular test. There is
a schematic to your right there. I can't see the
number from here. It's at the bottom.
- A. It's number 10.
- 5 Q. Could you describe what that schematic demonstrates?
- A. This is a typical schematic of an x-ray film from a
forensic case. It has all the ingredients of a
contrived forensic case. On the outside there are
these size markers and, again, these are fragments
10 that we know their size. For instance this might be
one thousand base pairs, the number of bases in the
fragment, 2000, 3000, 4000, etc., etc., getting
larger as you go up. I don't know the exact size
here in this contrived example but we would know the
15 sizes of all these marker fragments. Then you would
have the case specific material. Lane "A" you would
have the sample that you analyzed from the victim.
Lane "B" a blood stain, a piece of evidence from the
crime scene. Lane "C" a standard that you obtained
20 from a suspect. We will call him suspect number 1.
And lane "D" another sample from a second suspect,
suspect number 2. This is the final result of looking
at one locus, say D1S7. This is the patterns that you
get for chromosome 1. This would be the end result of
25 the first test. And the types of things that you can
see looking at this schematic is that the two-banded
pattern that was obtained for the evidence in lane
"B" is clearly distinct from the two-banded pattern
from the victim, so you can conclude that the blood
30 stain at this crime scene didn't come from the victim.

1 You can also conclude that this two-banded pattern
from the blood stain or the evidence at the crime
scene is different from this two-banded pattern in
suspect number two. Suspect number two is not the
5 person that this blood came from. This blood could
not have come from suspect number two. What you find
when you compare the blood from the crime scene to
the blood - the known blood sample from suspect number
one is that the bands in fact have migrated the same
10 distance from the top and are a visual match. This
means that the sample from the crime scene could have
come from suspect number one.

Q. And because you have that conclusion that they could
have come - the evidence could have come from suspect
15 number one you would then go to another probe, for
example you would look at chromosome two and do it
again?

A. Correct. This whole pattern would be removed from
20 the membrane and we would go on with the hybridization
or adding the probe to chromosome number two and
develop yet another pattern, and if indeed this sample
"B" did come from suspect number one with the second
probing you would have a different pattern, perhaps
25 the band would be here or say here, in the same
pattern would be here and here. If, however, this
was just a fortuitous match, because remember it
doesn't mean that it did come from it, it could have
come from it, there could be other people as well, if
30 this was just a chance match it's very likely that on
the second probe you would have a situation where you
would have a mismatch like comparing "C" to "D" here,
they don't match, and that negates the first result.

1 He was included with the first probe. You say it
could have come from him. As soon as you do the
second test and it didn't match all of a sudden all
bets are off. It did not come from him. So then you
5 stop testing again. But as long as you keep getting
matches you continue doing tests.

Q. And you said that normally they try to do four or
five probes?

A. Yes.

10 Q. That particular schematic is, again, just for
identification purposes, the male and female control
is not shown on that, is that correct?

A. No, there's no controls. This is all case specific
evidence, the victim, the suspects and the evidence
15 from the crime scene. Normally you would also in-
clude in there a known male and a known female, samples
that you run all the time in the lab and you know what
their pattern will be. For instance on this probe
you may have a band there and a band there but you
20 know because you have analyzed those samples hundreds
of times you know exactly what the pattern should be
if the test worked for both that male and the female
sample.

25 Q. So in an actual case work if you had a male and female
control you would have two other lanes in that
particular schematic?

A. Correct. And they'd have a pattern that identifies
them as the controls. Patterns that you would
30 recognize.

1 Q. And in this particular schematic again being used
just for teaching purposes you have molecular weight
markers on each end where it says "M" on both ends of
the schematic. Would you have occasion in running an
5 actual case to put the markers in the center or some-
where else in addition to the ends?

A. Yes. Generally when you have a lot of lanes, like
here we have four case specific lanes and that's not
a large number of lanes so it wouldn't be unusual to
10 have four lanes from the case flanked with one set
of markers, but if I had a case where there was say
ten questioned samples what I would want to do is I
would like to have some more marker lanes in here.
You don't want the markers to be too far apart so you
15 would perhaps have another marker lane in the middle
as another reference point.

Q. The marker lanes actually help you line up how far
down the bands have gone on the gel?

A. Yes. Well eventually you want to ask the question
20 how big is this fragment and how big is this fragment?
How many base pairs are they? And the way you do
that is you compare that to the reference lanes that
you know their size. For instance if I know this is
25 four thousand base pairs and this is five thousand
base pairs well just sitting here my eyes will tell
me that this is somewhere in between so it's maybe
four thousand five hundred base pairs. There's
computers that can do a better job of determining
30 that number but you can just look that it's in between
the four and the five so it's somewhere between four
thousand and five thousand. That's how this ruler
or marker is used, as a scale.

- 1 Q. Just to refresh our memory, Doctor, when you talk about base pairs, when you say four thousand base pairs you are referring to the number of these combinations, is that correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. So T and A would be one base pair, G and C would be another one.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And when you are talking four thousand base pairs you
10 would have four thousand of these combinations down the section you're looking at?
- A. Yes.
- Q. One other thing that perhaps we can clarify. You
15 spoke this morning, you testified that the higher molecular weight or the longer the fragment lengths are at the top of the gel and as you go down the gel the smaller the fragments become.
- A. Yes.
- Q. This schematic here shows the length as being the
20 same length. How is it depicted on an actual autorad and what would you actually normally expect to see there?
- A. Well on an actual autorad you would see this sort
25 of - the band has a dimension this way. That isn't the length of the DNA fragment. That really is defined by the dimensions of the slot where you load the sample in. It has nothing to do with this fragment being larger than this fragment. This dimension
30 going this way is determined by the length of the slot where you load the sample in at the beginning.

1 It has nothing to do with the fragment size. Frag-
ment size is determined, again, by how far it migrates
from the origin slot. So this is very close to the
origin so it's a larger fragment. This is far away,
5 it's a smaller fragment.

Q. I am going to get into the question of how you
actually interpret. You have went over some parts
of it but I am going to ask you how you interpret an
autorad once you have one completed, but before we
10 do that perhaps if you could just summarize, briefly,
what we have gone through to this point.

A. The entire procedure?

Q. Yes, just briefly if you would. We could use the
schematics that are there. Just so we can have a
15 reference point when we go on later.

A. Again, you are always asking simple questions: could
sample "A" and sample "B" have come from the same
individual. So you begin by isolating the DNA,
20 breaking open the cells, purifying the DNA, cutting
it with the enzyme, using electrophoresis to arrange
the fragments from largest to smallest in a linear
fashion, transferring that information on to the
stable nylon membrane after you denature them and
25 make them single-stranded, and then for each of the
loci that you are interested in in a successive
manner, one after the other, you use a radioactive
probe or homing device that will bind to the fragments
that correspond to that region on the chromosome, and
30 in general people will have either one or two bands
in each lane. If you have one band in each lane it
means that both your mother and your father had the

1 same size fragment. If you have different bands it
means that your mother and your father differed in
the size of their fragments. But the formal
expectation for each person is that you will have
5 one or two bands. In this particular case -- And
then you overlay it with an x-ray film and you create
this visual image at the end so your x-ray film will
have dark marks on it. In this particular case the
patterns are different, both these people have two
10 band patterns but they're in different positions.
This is higher up than this band, this is higher up
than this band. These samples could not have come
from the same individual. And anyone with eyes could
look at these types of results and draw their own
15 conclusions from it.

Then we're back to the schematic again, this
being typical inclusion, these samples could have
been from the same individual because the bands are
in the same relative position from top to bottom,
20 and similarly these two samples could not have come
from the same individual nor did these two samples
come from the same individual.

Q. And because you have an inclusion between lane "B"
and lane "C" you would then go to another probing at
25 another chromosome location?

A. Yes.

Q. You would put another probe on. Strip that one off
and put another probe, is that correct?

30 A. Yes. You could make inclusions at this point. At
this point you could go to your data base, the hundreds
of people that you have analyzed, and say how often

1 have I seen this type of pattern. And the numbers
that you might arrive at is that not everyone has
that type of pattern but maybe one in a hundred
people have that type of pattern. Now if that's the
5 type of significance that you would like you could
stop at that point or you could go on to another
probe and ask the same question, how many people would
have this matching pattern.

Q. If the second probe matches and then the third probe,
10 and the fourth, and the fifth, however many you wished
to do or how many the technology allows you to do.

A. Yes. And with each probing the discriminating factor
becomes that much greater. Instead of it being one
in a hundred might have this pattern how many people
15 would have both of these patterns. Well, if it was
one in a hundred people have this pattern and one in
fifty have the next pattern the chances of somebody
having both matching patterns would be one in a
hundred times one in fifty which is one in fifty
20 thousand. And you can see why you would want to do
more and more tests because it finetunes the
discriminating power of the test.

Q. The theory being that the more probings that match
25 the higher the probability that it came from that
particular person?

A. Correct.

Q. Before we leave that I understand, Doctor, that you
have a model here that you can just refresh their
memory with respect to the DNA molecule, is that
30 correct?

A. Yes, something three dimensional.

1 MR. WALSH: My Lord I have shown this to Mr. Furlotte.
This model is a teaching aid that's used. They don't
want to have it entered as an exhibit. We have a
photograph of the model and Mr. Furlotte agrees to
5 enter the photograph as an exhibit and we could use
this just to - before we leave this particular area
if that would be all right.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. WALSH: I would move to have the photograph entered as
10 an exhibit.

THE COURT: P-159.

(Clerk marks photograph of model exhibit P-159.)

WITNESS: This is the double helix model that I have been
talking about all morning and what you can see - you
15 don't have to even be able to read the letters, is that
there's a number of different colors, four to be exact,
T's being green, C's being yellow, G's being blue,
A's being red, four bases, and A is always lined up
opposite T, G always lined up opposite the C, and the
20 two strands are wound around each other in this
spiraling double helix. To give you some idea of
dimension, this is 12 base pairs, there's about three
billion in each cell, so if this were to actual scale
the amount of DNA or the length of DNA, the chromosomes
25 stacked head to head, the length of DNA in a single
cell if this were to scale would be about a hundred
thousand miles or around the world four times. So
this is a gross exaggeration of the actual size of
30 the DNA molecule. And all this is in every cell of
your body that has a nucleus.

- 1 Q. You talked this morning about digestion, cutting it
up with the enzyme. You called them molecular
scissors. Could you demonstrate using that model
what actually is taking place when you digest it,
5 cut it up in fragment lengths?
- A. Yes. Here it goes - you can see the base sequence.
It goes A, G, G, C, C, A. In the middle of there we
have a core unit, G, G, C, C. That's the recognition
10 say or the code that our restriction enzyme or
molecular scissors recognizes. When it sees that it
will pull these apart and we cut - cut these ribbons.
You basically pull the top off the model. So now we
have two pieces of DNA and that's essentially how it
works. And the other step in the procedure, unwinding
15 the strands, we would be pulling them all apart this
way, so you're pulling these two ribbons apart and
you end up with two ribbons.
- Q. You're denaturing it in that fashion?
- A. If you're denaturing. So they're opposite actions:
20 one cutting this way, the other pulling apart that
way.
- Q. Do you have anything else you wish to add on that?
- A. No, I think that's fine.
- 25 Q. Doctor, I would like to get into the area of how you
actually interpret an autorad. When you generate an
autorad that has a banding pattern what is the
accepted method for interpreting the autorad or
determining whether bands match or don't match?
- 30 A. Well, the first thing you do, and this is done
universally whether it's for forensics or for medical
diagnostics or for research, is that you look at the

1 patterns with your eyes and make a decision, do these
match as does lanes B and C, are they completely
different like C and D, or is there too little
information. Like if this were very faint and I could
5 hardly see these bands are we in a situation where we
really don't want to go out on a limb and call it
either way and just call the result inconclusive. So
you're going to have three conclusions: it matches,
which would be an inclusion; it doesn't match, that's
10 an exclusion; and it's inconclusive, I don't have
enough information to make a call either way.

Q. Okay. I can understand from that schematic you have
an inclusion and an exclusion. What would be an in-
conclusive? When would you arrive at an inconclusive
15 decision?

A. Well if I had very little DNA say in lane C such that
the bands are very, very faint or perhaps on border-
line of detection with the human eye which is the most
sensitive instrument for looking at these things, if
20 I can't reproducibly convince myself and others that
there's actually bands there you would be in a
position where, you know, as a good scientist you
would call that inconclusive.

Q. And is there any other reasons why you would call
25 something inconclusive?

A. Well, if the sample's degraded. The way samples
degrade are the largest fragments become smallest
first and then the smaller fragments progressively
degrade so sometimes you get in a situation where
30 if you have a very large band here it may be degraded
yet this fragment down here is not degraded. So what
you end up with is a pattern like this and a very

- 1 faint band up here or an absent band up here. In those situations, depending on the situation and what you're comparing it to, you may be in a position where you call that inconclusive.
- 5 Q. When you call something inconclusive are you excluding that particular person or including that person or just making no decision on that particular probing?
- A. You're making no decision and you're excluding these test results. You're taking these test results out
- 10 of the analysis. You're not saying this came from him or it didn't come from him. You're just saying I can't tell. The test did not work.
- Q. Could you have a situation that, for example, we look at lane "C" being the suspect in that lane, could you
- 15 have the situation that where, for example, you used the probe D1S7 and you come up with that pattern but the bands in lane "C" are too faint to see. You can't see them. So you would call that inconclusive according to what you have told me, is that correct?
- 20 A. Yes. I have nothing to compare it to.
- Q. Okay. Now, in the hypothetical, Doctor, if I went and say took another probe, say D4S139 on chromosome 4, stripped that off and applied that probe, could it
- 25 be possible that a more sensitive probe would pick up a banding pattern?
- A. Certainly. You may run into the situation where I can - with probe 1 I can see this but I don't get any result for this lane so I call it inconclusive. If
- 30 I go to a more sensitive probe, one that has say two fold sensitivity, I may now be able to detect a pattern that either matches or doesn't match and then I'd call it inconclusive or I'd call it an inclusion

- 1 or an exclusion depending on what the pattern was.
- Q. Is a visual match an accepted way of looking at an autorad, with your eyes only?
- A. I would say probably 99.9% of all the autorads looked
5 on in the world are only looked at with eyes, with no other mechanism.
- Q. And for forensic purposes is there anything else that's used to back up a visual match?
- A. In forensics early on in the development of the
10 procedure it was anticipated that a visual match would be viewed as a little bit subjective, and a visual match is hampered by -- Eventually we have to put sizes to these fragments and, as I said, visually I can tell that it's somewhere between four
15 thousand and say five thousand. But I need to be more precise than that. That leaves a lot of leeway, a thousand base pairs to be exact. So what was developed early on were computers that would look down the marker lanes on one side, look down the marker
20 lanes on another side, look at all these bands, and they would be able to precisely tell you a point estimate for this size, say it's four thousand six hundred and twenty, and I can't do that with my eyes but the computer can. So that type of technology was
25 developed specifically for forensics.
- Q. What, if any, use is made of the monomorphic marker that you mentioned this morning, or the sex typing probe to help you interpret the autorad?
- A. Well, again, the monomorphic marker if we ran say the
30 D721 monomorphic marker, this one here, on these sample lanes what we find is a single band, it would

1 be here, would be in the same spot for sample "B",
the same spot for sample "C" and the same spot for
sample "D", and it would be at a predicted location.
It would be 2,731 base pairs because that's how big it
5 is, and it would be in the same spot across visually,
and the computer would be able to tell you it's in
that size range.

Q. And these types of conclusions that you mention that
you can arrive at by looking at an autorad, either
10 it's an inclusion as shown on lanes "B" and "C"
there, or an exclusion as shown on lanes "A" and
"B", an inconclusive where, for example, you might
not have enough DNA to see the bands. Are those
standardized calls that are made throughout forensics
15 or throughout science in general or are they just
something that was developed by the R.C.M.P.?

A. That's standard scientific method. I can't think of
a test that doesn't have those three types of verdicts
or whatever at the end, plus, minus, plus - or both,
20 a test is positive, negative or inconclusive. All
tests have those three endings or three possible
endings.

Q. What does the term 'false positive' mean to you?

A. A false positive would mean if I conducted - to my
25 mind if I conducted this test and I obtained identical
patterns when in fact if the test had been run
properly the patterns may look like this. So you're
attaining matching patterns from samples that
30 shouldn't have matching patterns. That's a false
positive.

- 1 Q. What are the risks of that happening if the test
is correctly done?
- A. If these tests are correctly done and interpreted
properly I would think there's no risk of that
5 happening.
- Q. What does a false negative mean?
- A. False negative is precisely the opposite. If you
have patterns that if the test is done properly
should give a non-match and in fact the test generates
10 a match that's a false -- I just described the
other one again. If you have patterns that should
be a match, if the test is done properly, and the
test results actually show that they're not a match
that's a false negative. You're excluding somebody
15 that should give a match if the test was done
properly.
- Q. And what are the risks of that if the tests are done
properly, excluding someone who should in fact be
matched?
- 20 A. Again, like false positives if the test is done
properly and interpreted properly the risk of those
things happening I think is nil.
- Q. We touched on it a bit this morning with respect to
25 substances that are subjected to certain environmental
conditions. You mentioned soil and bacteria, a
number of -- heat, sunlight, you mentioned sunlight.
Can you tell us what, if any, work was done either
by the R.C.M.P. or anyone in the R.C.M.P. you were
30 collaborating with in terms of subjecting various
substances to environmental insults?

- 1 A. When these types of forensic tests are first designed
it's common practice to manipulate the test and try
out different things that you suspect may come into
play in a forensic case. For example you may take a
5 blood stain and deposit it on denim because you often
get blue jeans coming in in a criminal case with blood
on them, and see if the dyes or the fabric itself can
influence how the test operates when you extract DNA
from denim. You may also mix DNA with say household
10 cleaners. Somebody trying to simulate, perhaps some-
body trying to clean up a blood stain, and what's the
influence of say cleaning a blood stain with javex or
putting it through your washing machine. How does
that affect the DNA? If you want to simulate environ-
15 mental factors you leave blood stains outside for a
length of time, you bury them, subject them to all
sorts of different conditions that a body or piece of
evidence might be subjected to in the natural
environment.
- 20 Q. What conclusions have you arrived at from your own
environmental studies and any ones that you have seen
as to how it affects the DNA?
- A. Well, they're fairly uninteresting results. There's
25 certainly a lot of environmental factors that will
destroy DNA, break it down, impair my ability to
analyze it. That's probably the biggest finding in
those studies, that there are things that will
destroy the DNA molecule and render the test useless.
30 I can't analyze something that's been degraded. So
you have a lot of environmental influences that will
do that.

- 1 Q. You're referring to not being able to actually run
the RFLP test at all because you can't extract it or
get enough human or high quality DNA?
- A. Yeah, correct. The test material is destroyed.
- 5 Q. Assume for a moment in a hypothetical that semen was
found laying on top of a body and that semen was sub-
jected to heat, the heat, smoke and soot of a house
fire, what effect, if any, would you expect on the
DNA composition of that semen?
- 10 A. Again, it would be very, very difficult - it would be
impossible for me to sit here and without knowing all
the parameters, which we would never know in some-
thing like that, you would have to know temperature,
duration, humidity, how long afterwards the fire, all
15 these variables that you really - you can't control,
you can't simulate, so you can't really comment on.
What you can say is that that's certainly an environ-
ment where the DNA could be destroyed or the DNA could
20 partially be destroyed. What we do know of these
studies is that we haven't found anything that's
going to take this pattern and turn it into this
pattern and do this over five probes. We haven't
found anything that's going to take this pattern,
25 the matching pattern, and turn it into this pattern
over five probes. We're not going to find anything
that's going to take a two-banded pattern for five
probes and turn it into a one-banded pattern for five
probes, or vice versa. These patterns don't shuffle
30 around depending on whether you leave them in the
cold, the hot, the soot, the water, on a body or under
the ground.

- 1 Q. The determining factor being whether you can extract
enough human high quality or high molecular weight
DNA from that substance?
- 5 A. Yes. This is why we do the test every time because
even with very seemingly fresh stains you may be able
to guess that there might be enough blood there to do
a test, sometimes there may be nothing and you're
fooled again. You do the test every time because the
only rule of thumb is that there's no rule of thumb.
10 There's all sorts of things that do degrade DNA and
since you have no control over those factors you can
guess but you have to do the test really and observe
it.
- 15 Q. That is the test right after you extract it. The
test to determine how much DNA --
- A. Yes. You have to ask that question every time: is
there DNA; how much is there; what quality it is; is
it human.
- 20 Q. And if you had a substance subjected to some environ-
mental insult, for example like a house fire, and you
do extract high molecular weight DNA and it's human
DNA, what, if any, bearing would where it's been have
on the actual test results?
- 25 A. None.
- Q. Population genetics, Doctor Wayne, you touched on it
when we were going through your C.V. this morning.
From what you have testified to to date, once you
start making calls of inclusion that's where popu-
30 lation genetics comes into effect, is that correct?
- A. Yes.

- 1 Q. You want to determine what the significance of the particular match is, is that right?
- A. Yes. It's not enough that you show that the evidence matches the person. If, for example, 90% of the population is going to have that same pattern it's not a very probing analysis. You have a 100 people in this room that have that pattern. So what you have to do is you actually have to go out in the population and make a survey, a poll if you will, and say how many people in the population have this pattern. What significance can I put on this being a match. Is it very common or is it very rare, or is it something in the middle.
- 10 Q. So what is it that you first must compile before you can get into determining that question?
- 15 A. A data base of individuals, an actual poll. You have to do these tests on a large number of people and define how often this pattern occurs in the population, this pattern, all the different combinations occur in the population.
- 20 Q. Did you have anything to do with the data base - or the compiling of a data base for the R.C.M.P.?
- A. Yes, that was part of my responsibilities when I was there.
- 25 Q. Could you tell the jury what data bases were compiled and why?
- A. The first data base that we compiled was the Caucasian data base. These were blood donors from a military base in Kingston, from Ottawa and from Vancouver.
- 30

- 1 Q. Military base in Kingston, you are referring to
Canadian Forces Base Kingston, Ontario?
- A. Yes. There were several hundred individuals, I think
all together upwards to 8 or 900 individuals, from
5 the Military Base. That would represent people from
all over Canada and that was the largest portion of
the data base were from the Military Base. They
weren't all born in Kingston; they were from all over
Canada.
- 10 Q. And why a -- First of all, what is the Caucasian?
What are you referring to when you use --
- A. In general terms white. You're a Caucasian; I'm a
Caucasian. Most of the people in this room are
Caucasians. And in Canada in general 90% of the
15 population would fall into Caucasian.
- Q. The person sitting between the two police officers
over against the wall with the white shirt what, in
your opinion, is he?
- A. He's a Caucasian.
- 20 Q. Why the Caucasian data base for Canada? I think
it's obvious but you were saying a certain number of
Caucasians in Canada, does that have a bearing on
it?
- A. Well, you're asking the question this matches this,
25 this pattern, so these two samples could have come
from the same individual. The question you're really
asking is how many other people in the general popu-
lation could it have come from. So, for example,
30 Canada has about .1% - .2% Hispanics. Making a
Mexican data base would be kind of meaningless. You
really want to target a population of people who

- 1 could have left that sample and since we're in
Canada 90% of the people falling into a Caucasian
racial grouping, that would be the most obvious
choice.
- 5 Q. How does the size of the R.C.M.P. data base, meaning
the number of donors, compare to other data bases
being used by other forensic laboratories in the
world?
- A. It's a large data base comparatively to other data
10 bases.
- Q. Pardon? I'm sorry.
- A. It's large relative to other data bases that are in
use. That's not to say it's better than other data
bases but it's large.
- 15 Q. And what, if any, opinion do you have with respect
to the R.C.M.P. Caucasian data base being applied to
Caucasians in New Brunswick?
- A. As with Caucasians throughout North America I think
it would be applicable to New Brunswick.
- 20 Q. In terms of the size did you have to take into con-
sideration the size of your population? For example
do you know what the population of Canada is?
- A. Just under 26 million. In that area.
- 25 Q. And in terms of New Brunswick the size of the total
population? That includes all races.
- A. 700,000.
- Q. And in New Brunswick the percentage of Caucasians?
Could you remember the percentage of Caucasians in
30 Canada and the percentage of Caucasians in New
Brunswick?

- 1 A. It's higher in New Brunswick than it is in Canada. Racial minorities such as Blacks, East Indians, and Orientals is higher across Canada than it is in New Brunswick due largely to metropolitan areas like
- 5 Toronto and Montreal and Vancouver.
- Q. And the rough percentage of Caucasians in Canada?
- A. In Canada around 90%.
- Q. And New Brunswick would even be higher than that?
- A. Higher, yes.
- 10 Q. With the Caucasian data base what do you do with it to actually determine how common or how rare the pattern is you're looking at on each autorad? The match pattern.
- 15 A. It's a fairly simply process. There's a number of ways you can do it. The way it's done in a forensic test is you first analyze hundreds of people, we'll say a thousand people just for convenience sake, so you're not looking at a thousand events, you're really looking at two thousand events because if
- 20 we're using D1S7 as our example we're looking at two fragments for each individual because they each have two chromosome ones. So if you are looking at a thousand people you're looking at two thousand fragments. What you basically do is you analyze all these
- 25 people and if this were the fragment I'm interested in I ask how many times in those two thousand events did I see a fragment of that or similar size, and it may be on the order of two hundred times, so one in ten individuals - or one in ten fragments was of that
- 30 size. So that gives a frequency to that size of fragment in the population.

- 1 Q. Correct me if I'm wrong, so what you have to do is
take each one of the people in your data base and do
an RFLP typing technique procedure for each one and
generate an autorad for each of the probes that you
5 want to look at in your case work?
- A. Yes. You have to do this entire procedure, isolating
the DNA from the blood, running the gels, generating
the membranes and going through all the probes for
all those thousand people and then going to the
10 computer and having the computer determine the size
for all two thousand of those fragments across five
probes, so now you've gone two thousand times five
so you are at ten thousand fragments that you've
surveyed the size for, and you generate these large
15 data banks or data bases.
- Q. And that's so that you can determine the frequency
you would find one single band in a particular
location on the autorad?
- 20 A. Correct. And then you would do it for the second band
in the pattern, and then there's simple genetic
formula that you can take the frequency of this band,
the frequency of this band, and doing one mathematical
statement two times the frequency of this band and
25 the frequency of this band you determine the frequency
of individuals that have both of these fragments.
That's the key information that you want. How many
individuals -- You don't really care if somebody
has a fragment here and a fragment there because your
30 evidence didn't have a fragment up there. You want
to know how many people have both of these and that's
a simple mathematical formula.

- 1 Q. Since we may be getting into the terminology later
with other witnesses or in fact with you I am going
to ask you the determining the frequency of a single
band, how often you would expect to find a particular
5 one band in a particular location in your data base,
is that term called binning?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And the calculation of once you find the frequency of
one band and the frequency of another band you
10 multiply them together?
- A. In a pattern like this if the frequency is "P" here
and the frequency is "Q" there, the formula for
determining how often "P" and "Q" are found together
in an individual is $2PQ$, and that formula is called
15 the Hardy-Weinberg formula. It was published over
80 years ago and it's been in use. It's sort of a
cornerstone of genetics.
- Q. So using both the binning and the Hardy-Weinberg
formula you can determine on one probing - you can
20 determine the frequency that you would expect to
find, for example in this case schematic, the
frequency of finding those patterns together?
- A. Yes. Again, that's one way. The other way you can
do it is you can just look at all the patterns that you
25 generated from those thousand people and ask directly
how many of them had these two bands. What you find
is that the formula and your eyes adding them up will
give you pretty much the same answer.
- 30 Q. Now, you talked about previously about the frequency
of one probe times the frequency of another probe.
Depending on the number of probes the frequency

- 1 increases, the probability of a match decreases,
correct?
- A. Correct. If you have matches across multiple probes
the likelihood of finding somebody else fortuitously
5 matches across multiple probes decreases and decreases
as you go.
- Q. So for example, Doctor, and correct me if I'm wrong,
if this, for example, was the results you obtained
10 from using D1S7 probe and you determined a particular
frequency for that by individual band frequencies and
then using Hardy-Weinberg formula determining the two
bands together?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And if you did another probing, say D2S44 and you
15 stripped this off and you came up with another set
of matching bands, so you would do the same calcula-
tion to determine the frequency for that probe, and
then if you can continue you would do it for each of
the highly polymorphic probes you use, is that correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. And then what would you do to get a total frequency
for the number of probes that you were able to use?
Say for example you come up with a three probe match
or a four probe match or a five probe match.
- 25 A. You would multiply those frequencies, each one.
Multiply the frequency of one by the frequency of
two, by the frequency of three, and that's how you
expand from individual frequencies of one in 50 to
30 one in a hundred and finally when you multiply all
those together you're just adding one or two zeros
each time and the numbers become progressively

- 1 smaller. The denominator becomes bigger but the
likelihood becomes smaller.
- Q. What mathematical formula is that?
- A. It's called the "Product Rule". It's an algebraic
5 term but it has nothing -- It's not a forensic
term.
- Q. How extensive is the use of the Product Rule or the
theory underlining the Product Rule in science
generally?
- 10 A. Well, it's fundamental probabilities. It has nothing
to do with forensics as its origin. It's just
fundamental probabilities. What we are looking at
is independent events. The pattern that you have on
15 chromosome 1 is unlinked to the pattern that you
have on chromosome 2. Those are fundamental laws
of inheritance. So an event on chromosome 1 is not
linked to an event on chromosome 2 so the probability
of an event on chromosome 1 is not linked to the
20 probability of an event on chromosome 2. So you can
multiply those probabilities.
- Q. So just as an example, say for example the one probe,
you determine the frequency for one probe to be one
in ten and you go to a second probe and you have
25 another match and you determine the frequency to be
one in ten, and if you go to the third the same, one
in ten, and the fourth one in ten. What would be the
total frequency you will see in that particular
pattern in the Caucasian data base, for example --
- 30 A. Well it's one in ten times one in ten, times one in
ten, times one in ten, times one in ten. You've got
five zeros there so it's one in ten thousand.

- 1 THE COURT: One in --
- A. Ten thousand.
- Q. This method of calculation using binning to determine individual band frequency, Hardy-Weinberg equation
- 5 to determine the frequency of the probes, two bands together, and using the Product Rule, is that something only developed by the R.C.M.P. or is it used elsewhere?
- A. It's used in both forensic labs and genetic labs
- 10 worldwide. There's nothing novel about this type of logic or this type of mathematical approach.
- Q. Are there any, to your knowledge, population geneticists who are working with the, for example, the R.C.M.P. Caucasian data base doing things with
- 15 it, assessing it, things of that nature?
- A. Since the data bases were first generated which is several years now, they were in place before I left the R.C.M.P. which was two years ago, the data has been distributed to scientists virtually around the world
- 20 and many people have reviewed it in many different ways. In addition there are outside consultants that the R.C.M.P. have acquired their services, people that do statistics for a living, to analyze the data. So they act as consultants and they provide their
- 25 expertise in helping us analyze the statistics.
- Q. When you were at the R.C.M.P. Lab what things, if anything, did you do to show the world, so to speak, what kind of system you had, what kind of a system you were implementing and what kind of a system that
- 30 you were going to actually use in Canada?

- 1 A. Well, the first thing you do when you have the data
in place and you finish analyzing it is publish it,
and along with publishing it -- Publishing takes
a little bit of time. You submit the papers and by
5 the time they actually reach the scientific journal
stand it's usually about a year. So that's not a
fast way to spread information around to other
scientists so what you generally do is you make use
of telephones, fax machines, and symposia. You
10 present your results at meetings for other scientists
to review, you send your results to other people, you
talk about your results with other scientists.
- Q. And did in fact you do this when you were at the
R.C.M.P. lab?
- 15 A. Yes, and they continue to do it. Their work's
routinely presented at scientific meetings of
geneticists and forensic scientists.
- Q. Is this a normal way in which scientific information
is distributed with respect to any field?
- 20 A. It's essentially what drives science. People enjoy
presenting their work and it's the only way that we
can critique other people's work and come to some sort
of scientific truth is for scientists to get together
and review other people's work and add to other
25 people's work and put it all together, try to make a
story.
- Q. With respect to the case specific evidence here in
the case of The Queen Versus Allan Legere, did you
30 have any function - did you play any function in this
particular matter?

- 1 A. I had no function in actually conducting the tests or
handling the exhibits. I did, as other people in the
lab, I did have the occasion to look at the final
products of the tests. Look at the autorads and
5 review the autorads.
- Q. And is this something that -- You've indicated
before, is this something that's normally done?
Other people looking at an autorad generated by some-
one else?
- 10 A. Yes. It's something that - you know - as I said
before, virtually anyone with eyes can do and when
somebody is doing a case in the lab it's pretty hard
to keep other people from looking at it. People are
curious and you like to see other people's results
15 and go over them, but it's a nice way to check your
conclusions too if somebody looks at your results and
they, of course, come to the same conclusions.
- Q. Did you have occasion to review -- you had occasion
to review the results in this particular case?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And you're prepared to testify to those results?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And did you have occasion to review the method of
probability calculation and the numbers generated
25 associated with this case?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And are you prepared to testify with respect to those
results?
- 30 A. Yes.

1 MR. WALSH: My Lord at this time I have finished my direct
examination of Doctor Wayne on this aspect. I am
going to ask that he, after cross-examination by my
learned friend, I am going to ask that he be stood
5 aside and to be recalled after Doctor Bowen testifies.
That's for the case specific evidence obviously.

THE COURT: The further examination would be confined to
the case specific evidence.

MR. WALSH: Yes, the results generated in this particular
10 case.

THE COURT: As will be testified to by Doctor Bowen.

MR. WALSH: By Doctor Bowen.

THE COURT: Do you want to reserve cross-examination until
this witness's direct examination is all through, Mr.
15 Furlotte, or do you want to do this portion of it now?

MR. FURLOTTE: No, I'll do this portion of it now.

THE COURT: You are going to be a little while I gather.

MR. FURLOTTE: I expect I'll be a while with this witness
so it's a good time for a break.
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THE COURT: I think we'll have a break now then and come
back in 15 minutes. You shouldn't, of course, Doctor,
discuss the matter with anyone until all your
testimony is finished, as you know.

25 (RECESS - 3:00 - 3:25 P.M.)

COURT CONVENES. (Accused present. Jury called, all
present.)

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FURLOTTE:

30 Q. Doctor Wayne how did you first become involved with
the forensic laboratory in Ottawa, the R.C.M.P.?

- 1 A. If I can recall, I got a phone call from a friend of
a friend from a colleague of mine that I studied with
in Toronto. He first approached the R.C.M.P. I guess
this would be shortly after Doctor Alex Jeffreys
5 brought up his initial application of DNA typing to
forensics, maybe 1986 or '87. The wheels got rolling
in an administrative way at the R.C.M.P. to looking
into DNA typing and sometime after that they started--
- Q. And who was that in particular? Would that be Doctor
10 Fournery you're talking about?
- A. The person who contacted the R.C.M.P.?
- Q. No. You said you were contacted by a friend of a
friend.
- A. The person at the R.C.M.P. that I first talked to
15 is Gary Shutler, and the scientist who first went
to them and said this might be something you should
look at is Doctor Cornaluk, and he's at University of
Ottawa and at Childrens Hospital in Ottawa.
- Q. And you were first hired by the R.C.M.P. then when?
- 20 A. I started there in March of 1988.
- Q. And that was basically what? To set up a forensic
lab for testing DNA, RFLP's?
- A. Yes, that's the bulk of my responsibilities were
25 developing and implementing the tests.
- Q. And how long did it take you to set up the lab?
- A. Well, a lot of the work had been done before I got
there. As I said, Gary Shutler was with the R.C.M.P.
at that time, still is with the R.C.M.P. He equipped
30 the lab. Went to labs at Ottawa, saw what would be
needed equipment-wise and facility-wise and set up
the lab and actually started doing some testing before
I went there, so it's not fair to say that I set up

- 1 the lab. The lab was really set up and operating
somewhat by the time I arrived there. When I arrived
there I started evaluating different probes,
evaluating different enzymes and evaluating different
5 equipment.
- Q. And I assume you would have consulted maybe a lot with
other laboratories that had already been set up, some-
thing like the FBI?
- A. Well, we were all at pretty much the same level of
10 implementation at that time and I wasn't there very
long before the technical working group on DNA analysis
methods was formed in Washington and that involved our
lab, the R.C.M.P.'s lab, people in Toronto, various
people from State labs. We all got together with the
15 common interests of trying to put together some
protocols to do this type of work.
- Q. But you were a member of that working group for a
while?
- A. All the time I was at the R.C.M.P. I'm still in
20 contact with a lot of those people.
- Q. The acronym is called what? - TWGDAM?
- A. TWGDAM.
- Q. Were there certain standards to be set up in the lab
for quality control or standards for the interpretation
25 of autorads by this working group?
- A. That's part of the process, yes.
- Q. And the R.C.M.P. Lab in Ottawa, while you were working
there was that lab following the quality control
standards that were set out by your working group?
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- A. You have to put these things in a context of time.

- 1 Q. While you were working there.
- A. I worked there both before the TWGDAM was ever conceived so therefore there were no guidelines; I worked there when TWGDAM was operational and we were forming
- 5 guidelines; and I worked there after guidelines and drafts of guidelines had been submitted. You're going to have to put us into an era that I can deal with.
- Q. Okay, how about 1989? Was TWGDAM formed at that
- 10 time?
- A. TWGDAM was formed by 1989, yes.
- Q. And was the R.C.M.P. lab in Ottawa following the standards or guidelines that were set by TWGDAM for quality control?
- 15 A. I'm not even aware that there were guidelines at that time. There may have been.
- Q. Were there any proficiency tests conducted at the R.C.M.P. lab in Ottawa during 1989?
- A. There may have been.
- 20 Q. You don't know?
- A. That's not my job.
- Q. Whose job --
- A. I was a researcher.
- Q. You were what?
- 25 A. I was a researcher.
- Q. You did case work yourself though?
- A. Yes.
- Q. In 1989?
- 30 A. Yes.
- Q. Did anybody do quality control checks on your work?
- A. In the context of somebody testing my work?

- 1 Q. In other people assessing your work as blind assessments to see that you were doing good quality work.
- A. A blind proficiency test? What are you asking? A blind proficiency test?
- 5 Q. Blind proficiency tests and open proficiency tests.
- A. No.
- Q. Nobody has ever done that to you?
- A. Not formally, no.
- Q. Had you performed any proficiency tests on John Bowen?
- 10 A. No.
- Q. Do you know if anybody performed proficiency tests on John Bowen?
- A. Yes, I believe tests were conducted.
- Q. By who?
- 15 A. Again, it wasn't my job. There's a lot of administrative capacities in various jobs that go into a department like that. That wasn't one of my jobs and I can't recall whose job that was. I wasn't involved in formally training people, proficiency testing
- 20 them. All those things came after I left the R.C.M.P.
- Q. And you left the R.C.M.P. in January of 1990?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. And I believe at least some of the testing or half of the testing in say this case before the court, Mr.
- 25 Legere, was done in 1989?
- A. Some of the testing was done then, yes.
- Q. So as far as you know in 1989 there were no proficiency standards or quality control guidelines being followed by the R.C.M.P. lab in Ottawa in 1989?
- 30 A. No, that's not what I said. That's what you just said.

- 1 Q. But what did you say or what do you want to say?
- A. I said that wasn't my job. It wasn't my responsibility
and I can't comment on how or how many times it was
done or if it was done. It wasn't my job.
- 5 Q. Do you know whose responsibility it would have been?
- A. No.
- Q. Doctor Wayne it appears from your education and your
knowledge about testing - running tests on DNA and
the typing, and your experience seems to be con-
siderate - considerable, would you agree with that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. So how would you rate in the scientific community?
Average scientist as far as eminence within the
community?
- 15 A. I'm not sure that that's something that you ask the
individual. I think you ask other people.
- Q. I notice amongst some of - a lot of your experiences,
you have conducted quite a few - or you have acted
as a lecturer at quite a few different organizations
across North America?
- 20 A. Part of my job has always been somewhat of a teacher.
- Q. And somewhat in relation to the forensic application
of DNA testing and profiles?
- A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And I believe, as was mentioned, you recently com-
pleted a chapter in forensic DNA analysis for
identification, and that was for legal purposes I
understood. For a legal audience.
- 30 A. It's for a legal -- It's not a primary scientific
publication. It's a publication edited and put
together by lawyers and certainly the audience is

1 going to be more a legal audience than a scientific
audience. It's a basic book on general forensic
evidence. DNA is only one part of it and I'm one of
the contributors to the book.

5 Q. So it was more in line for people who are going to be
bringing this type of evidence to court rather than to
argue it within the scientific community?

A. I would have to read the beginning part of the book.
I haven't seen the book itself. I'm sure it's laid
10 out at the beginning of the book what the purpose of
the book and what the audience they would like to
direct the book to is. I assume it's for lawyers
that of course are involved in DNA cases. It wouldn't
be directed towards real estate lawyers for example.
15 It would be directed towards criminal lawyers who are
doing DNA cases. I suspect.

Q. The reliability of this type of evidence that's being
brought before the court, and both in the testing
20 procedures and the profiling of a person's DNA and
also the calculation of say probabilities, is that in
great dispute in the scientific community?

A. Not to my knowledge, no.

Q. Not to your knowledge. So basically are you saying
25 that the scientific community that you belong to and
this expertise that you belong to, and population
genetics included, readily accept that this type of
evidence or procedure is reliable in identifying or --

A. Scientists by nature are argumentative people and
30 don't readily accept anything at face value. There's
been an evolution where various things have been
raised in the literature. I think as a scientific

- 1 body the controversy has died down considerable.
- Q. The controversy has died down considerably?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Does that mean maybe that the proponents, or at one
5 time proponents in the forensic field, are now
agreeing with defence lawyers or is it vice versa?
- A. The proponents have backed off and they're now
dissenters, is that what you're asking?
- Q. Yes.
- 10 A. Hardly the case.
- Q. You're saying the dispute has died down considerably
here.
- A. Hardly the case.
- Q. Hardly the case. The opponents to the reliability of
15 this type of evidence haven't laid down and played
dead have they?
- A. The pulse is getting weak.
- Q. Have you been following any of this in the past two
years?
- 20 A. I have been following it up until last week. I was
in D.C. last week with five thousand geneticists.
It's a good way to survey the world.
- Q. Do you know whether or not the National Academy of
25 Science is looking into whether or not forensic
experts can come to court and reliably state what the
areas of probability are of making matches or non-
matches?
- A. I don't know exactly the context of their report.
30 They are looking at DNA - DNA typing. It's my
understanding that they're much more concerned about
civil rights' violations and things of that sort, but
I assume population genetics, as is say how a

- 1 restriction enzyme works, those are all things that
are going to be covered in their report.
- Q. Is their report out yet, do you know?
- A. It's due out any time. It may be out. People have
5 asked me for it so it must be imminent.
- Q. Should be out any time then.
- A. And they have been saying that since summer.
- Q. Aside from the National Academy of Science being
concerned with civil rights for whatever reason, are
10 they not also concerned that it would be improper to
use the Product Rule to multiply across loci to be
able to come to your high numbers?
- A. The National Academy of Science --
- Q. Yes.
- 15 A. -- concerned about those laws? I don't think so, no.
- Q. You don't think so. If there were great disputes
within the scientific community and the scientific
community I mean scientists in your field but the
fields that these properties belong to, both in the
20 testing procedures themselves and the calculation of
probabilities, who would be the spokesperson for the
scientific community? Would that be the National
Academy of Science or some other body?
- 25 A. It would certainly be different groups that if there
were controversial aspects would look at it. I know
the society that I'm a member of, the American Society
of Human Genetics, has over the years looked at
various aspects of DNA typing for forensics and they
30 continue to look at various areas, just as they do
look at things like population screening for cystic
fibrosis. There's all sorts of genetic issues that

- 1 these societies delve into and they look at it. It's
part of their responsibility as a society.
- Q. Just to further understand, I kind of got the
impression from your testimony that the reliability
5 of this type of evidence is no longer a controversial
- or a great controversial issue within your scientific
community?
- A. That is my opinion, yes.
- Q. That's your opinion. Was it ever a great contro-
10 versial issue?
- A. It's a matter of how you define great. There's
certainly been a couple of people who have written
many articles basically attacking every part of the
procedure from when you receive the blood stain to
15 when you look at the autorad. There are always
detractors. I can't think of anything in science that
hasn't had a detractor. There are people that still
argue that the AIDS virus is harmless.
- Q. You say a couple of people.
- 20 A. There's a - the most vocal people who are scientists,
that is, there's a few of them. A couple. Four or
five maybe.
- Q. Do you know whether or not there was ever more
opponents to this procedure than there were proponents
25 at one time?
- A. The number, in my opinion, the number of opponents to
DNA typing has always been small and continues to be
small, and as a society we don't vote on these things
30 but I can tell you last Thursday morning there were
somewhere over a thousand geneticists assembled in a
room for an entire morning in Washington discussed

1 nothing but population issues and forensic DNA
typing. At the end of that if there were a lot of
opponents they didn't know how to use microphones or
they were timid and they didn't want to express their
5 negative views. Perhaps they wanted to save them for
court. I didn't hear a lot of dissention in the crowds
and there were a lot of geneticists.

Q. You didn't hear a lot of dissention.

A. I didn't hear any.

10 Q. Any.

A. Of course they may just be shy.

Q. Would that be a proper forum?

A. That's the forum that scientists generally work in.
You would give a talk; there's microphones positioned
15 all around the room; and there is generally almost
as much time left for discussion as there is time
for presentation. During that time people ask
technical questions about how you would do this test,
how you would apply it to this situation. There was
20 no vocal dissention that this is invalid, this is
invalid.

Q. That's the testing procedures. What about the
calculations as far as population genetics is con-
25 cerned?

A. The entire -- There was an hour talk given by
Doctor Ken Kidd, he was the keynote speaker, about
population genetics and there was no dissention at
the end of that talk about the application of this
30 to forensic science. None whatsoever.

Q. So do you take that to mean that everybody agreed
with it?

- 1 A. I'm sure some people might think that it's equally possible that everyone disagreed but they felt they didn't want to speak up. It was my impression that there was very little dissenters in that room.
- 5 Q. I understand you took part in forming the R.C.M.P. data base?
- A. Portions of it, yes.
- Q. Portions of it. And how much of it would you have run yourself, tests, to profile different DNA samples?
- 10 A. About two-thirds of it.
- Q. About two-thirds of it. How many times did you run the tests?
- A. On the data base?
- Q. Yes.
- 15 A. Personally, once.
- Q. Just once. Once for each sample?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And I understand there's some kind of binning system that you use?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. And would you explain that, please?
- A. Binning is a procedure that was developed jointly with the FBI and other labs. It provides an arbitrary way that we can classify the sizes of bands. Using this
- 25 type of procedure, if this were an example, if this is four thousand base pairs and this is five thousand base pairs the computer may tell you that this is four thousand six hundred base pairs. The problem with
- 30 this technology - it's not a problem, it was recognized right from the beginning, is that I can analyze my - if this was my DNA sample here I can analyze my DNA

1 ten times and the computer will give me ten different
numbers for this band. The technology doesn't have the
type of precision to tell you exactly to the base pair
how large that is. The number that you get will
5 always be close to four thousand six hundred or what-
ever number I just mentioned, but it won't be bang on.
It's incapable of getting base pair resolution. It's
much like trying to measure somebody's height with a
yard stick to a thousandth of an inch. You can't do
10 it. You've got the wrong tool. And this is the
wrong tool for measuring the number of base pairs, but
it will tell you approximately the number of base
pairs. With that situation in mind, when you start
counting up in the population how often I see a band
15 of that size you have to take into account that I
can't even get that size two times in a row on my own
DNA. So I have to look at how many people had bands
of that size plus bands in approximately that size.
So what we do is we divide the length of the gel up
20 into a number of sectors or bins and if a band falls
within a size bracket it will be counted in that size
interval and that way you include not only all the
bands that fell at that size, you include all the
ones that are close to it. And that's simply the
25 binning method.

Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned that you - you said if you
run your DNA ten times you might get ten different
measurements but they'd be awful close.

30 A. I think they'd be close.

Q. What do you call close?

- 1 A. Again, it's probably something different than you would perhaps. It's not within one base pair or two base pairs which a lot of people would say would be close. It's within a couple of percent of the size.
- 5 Q. What do you call a couple of percent?
- A. Well, if I ran a sample and I ran it again and it was say 2% smaller that's quite acceptable. That's the norm. But I wouldn't be able to get it right on to the base pair and it would be somewhat smaller or
- 10 somewhat larger or it may in fact turn out to be the exact same size. If it did turn out to be the exact same size it would be meaningless because it's more likely that it wouldn't. It'd just be luck.
- Q. So you're saying it might be out by 2%?
- 15 A. Yes, that's not an unusual variance, no. Not with this type of technology.
- Q. Okay. If you were out by 2% would it be that maybe the next time you would fall into a different bin when they put you into their data base?
- 20 A. Oh you very well could.
- Q. Very well could. So at 2% maybe one time you'd be going into one bin and another time you'd be fitting into a different bin 2% out?
- 25 A. Yes. The bin has a precise boundary. It runs on the base pair. You could perhaps go from zero to a thousand base pairs being one bin and from a thousand to two thousand being the next bin. Well obviously you have to fall in one or the other. You can't sit
- 30 on the fence; you can't be part of a base pair. So if you are on one side one time and you're a little bit lower the next time you can fall into the other bin, which is precisely why we analyze hundreds of

- 1 people and not five or six people because that would
drastically affect the frequencies in each bin.
That's why you analyze hundreds and thousands of
people, not a handful.
- 5 Q. Okay. So say they run your DNA profile and they put
you into the data base and you're slotted into all
the different bins.
- A. Correct.
- Q. Right. So you're there for identification. Now, the
10 next time they run your DNA profile you could very
well fit into different bins?
- A. Yes, and my data would be one out of thousand points,
and one out of two thousand points would not affect
the outcome.
- 15 Q. So if the R.C.M.P. wanted to search -- put your pro-
file in their data base, then they found some evidence
at the scene of the crime and they wanted to search
their data base to see if your profile was in there,
20 they may very well come up that gee, we don't have
Doctor Wayne in our data base. How come? I know I
put him there. Would that be possible?
- A. Nope. You've misused the system.
- Q. Why not?
- A. You don't understand the system correctly. That's
25 not the way the system would be used.
- Q. Well maybe the system can be used other than that but
that's one way the system can be used, could it not?
- A. Not to my knowledge.
- 30 Q. Not to your knowledge. So it's possible, Doctor Wayne,
then that if they took your DNA sample ten different
times and put you into their data base the ten

- 1 different times, the eleventh time they might come
out and be able to say that gee, we still can't find
Doctor Wayne, if they run your profile through the
data base as to fitting in the different bins?
- 5 A. Again, and perhaps you misunderstood me, that's not
how the system is used. You don't take an unknown
sample and query the data base to see that type of
information, how often did that person fall in it.
It's not used that way.
- 10 Q. Could it be used that way or is it you can't use it
that way because you can't get the same measurements
all the time?
- A. No. You're misusing - you're misusing the binning
principle. The binning principle, all it's designed
15 to do is to define arbitrary alleles. Now you're
using it as a method of matching things up. So we're
not misusing something, you're misunderstanding some-
thing. That's essentially what I'm trying to get at
here.
- 20 Q. No, I'm not necessarily misunderstanding something.
Maybe I'm just trying --
- A. Trust me, you have.
- Q. -- to look at it from a different light.
- 25 A. Trust me, you have, because I do understand it. I
had something to do with arranging this and you have
misunderstood it or you've misexpressed yourself.
The system is not used that way. It's used to define
alleles or to give characters to these bands that we
30 can slot them into categories, one through thirty-one
or one through twenty-seven. You have to organize
this data and be able to say is that a one or a two,

1 is that a five or a six. It's not used for purpose
of matching these two up and the computer says that's
a five and that's a six exclusion. It's not used
that way at all, ever.

5 Q. Now, you mentioned that if you run your DNA profile
maybe one time you could be out by 2% the second time
you run it in one of your bands. The computer might
measure it and be out by the 2%.

A. Sure. I can run my DNA in adjacent lanes and the
10 computer will say that they're 2% apart. That's a
formal expectation of this type of system.

Q. What's an acceptable level for the computer for your
test to be out?

A. An acceptable level?

15 Q. Yes.

A. Again, a primary discriminating force is your eye.
Your eye will tell you what's acceptable. This
obviously is unacceptable from that. You don't really
have to know anything about sizes to do that. Those
20 are bang on and, you know, if the computer happened
to tell me that those were 5% out my eyes and my mind
would tell me well 5% must be acceptable. So those
are the things that you derive empirically by looking
at things that are identical and then you ask the
25 computer how far out can these be, and by definition
if they look identical it doesn't really matter how
far they're out that's an acceptable range. And 2%
is well within those empirically defined numbers.

30

- 1 Q. Okay. But as I understand your system, in your marker lanes you run your gel, you have your marker lanes which are of known base pair lengths, am I right?
- A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And when you measure say these bands from samples out here you kind of measure them off from the known lengths of the markers? Compare them with the markers.
- A. Correct. If you can equate the computer with a set
10 of eyes the computer will simultaneously look at the markers that flank it so it will look at this marker, this marker, this marker and this marker simultaneously and then estimate where this falls in between both this and this. That's the computer's job.
- 15 Q. So say at one time these are known lengths, these are unknown lengths, so in order to calculate the approximate length of these base pairs or the approximate number of these base pairs your computer will put a value on them?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, it may be in the next gel you run the same DNA analysis and you say well your computer might this time, even taking into consideration the known base pairs of your markers, it may have put another known
25 value in here and maybe 2% out.
- A. That's a given, yes.
- Q. That's a given. It's possible.
- A. That's expected.
- 30 Q. Would it be possible for a computer to give the known value to these maybe that would be 50% out?
- A. No.

1 Q. So how far out would you be before you could say well,
there's either something wrong with the system or I'm
not running the same sample twice?

A. If I had to say a rule of thumb, somewhere less than
5 5 or 6%.

Q. Somewhere less than 5 or 6.

A. You're asking for an all-encompassing number.

Q. Okay. I believe your R.C.M.P. system does have some-
thing which is called a match window.

10 A. Yes, they currently have what is called a match
window.

Q. Could you explain to the court what a match window
is?

15 A. A match window is a tolerance that when you've made
a visual call, such as this, and the computer sizes
them, from empirical observations of running both
the same DNA's over and over again and looking at
bands that are invariant or monomorphic bands between
20 people, we have a good idea of when things appear
identical how far the sizes can actually be out from
the computer, and that forms a tolerance level. You
have an idea that, you know, things are 15% out. I
don't even have to look at the autorad. I have a
25 good idea that those will not be a visual match be-
cause I've looked at thousands of them and any time
they are a visual match they're within a certain
level, and the match criteria they use at the R.C.M.P.
is 5.2% plus or minus 2.6%.

30 Q. And how did you determine your match window?

A. That particular number was derived by looking at the
monomorphic marker across in excess of a thousand
individuals.

- 1 Q. And your monomorphic marker is a fragment of known
base pairs?
- A. Correct.
- Q. So you know exactly how far it should be travelling
5 in the gel?
- A. You know that -- You have a formal expectation of
the size that it should generate. It should be
2,731 base pairs.
- Q. So your 5.2% window would be your maximum degree of
10 measurement imprecision or matching degree of error?
Which would you call it?
- A. I wouldn't use the word 'error'. Error implies that
a mistake was made. I told you at the beginning this
test is incapable of measuring to the base pair so the
15 fact that you don't measure to the base pair you would
be in error using the word 'error'. Imprecision is
probably -- It's an intrinsic property of the test
that you will not get the right answer.
- Q. Now, do you know what the FBI's match window is?
20
- A. Plus or minus 2}%.
Q. Plus or minus 2}%. And yours is plus or minus 5.2%?
A. 2.6. No, 2.6. Plus or minus 2.6.
Q. 2.6.
- 25 A. These are match windows that all came into effect
after I left my employment with the R.C.M.P. so
perhaps you're asking the wrong person a lot of these
questions.
- Q. Could you explain why different laboratories would
30 have different size match windows?

1 A. Well, there's subtle differences in the tests. Some
of the differences are in the length of the gel that
you use; some of them are in the percentage of the
gel that you use; some of the differences are as
5 fundamental as the enzyme that you use for the test.
So you're measuring different things so your measure-
ment imprecision is going to be a little bit different.
You're comparing apples to -- Well, you're comparing
different types of apples. I wouldn't like to say
10 apples to oranges but you're comparing different types
of apples. You're not making a direct comparison of
the same thing.

Q. And that's because your protocols maybe are not quite
the same. You don't follow the same procedures.

15 A. Well conceptually the protocols are all the same.
There isn't a lab that deviates from the type of
thing that I was showing the court this morning.
There are subtle differences. Different suppliers
have this. As I said, different dimensions of the
20 gel, different setups. You might load your standards
on one side, a lab might load them on the other side.
These are subtle differences.

Q. Now, you mentioned that you also have defence lawyers
consulting you for information.

25 A. All the time.

Q. All the time. And you have no problem lending them
your opinions of your expertise?

A. If they want help and the time factor is reasonable,
30 usually it's over the telephone, I'll help them out,
sure.

- 1 Q. You have helped out defence lawyers from the United States also?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Did you ever help anybody out in relation to the FBI using ethidium bromide in their system?
- A. Help out the FBI or help out anyone in relation --
- Q. No, help out a defence lawyer or an expert that was going to be called by a defence lawyer.
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you ever consult with them in relation to the FBI using ethidium bromide?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And what was your opinion at that time of the FBI using ethidium bromide?
- 15 A. I had no opinion of the FBI using ethidium bromide. I had an opinion on the effects of ethidium bromide incorporated into the gels which I'll explain. There's two ways that you can stain a gel, both before you do the test, before you run the gel you can
- 20 immerse the gel in a dye, or you can immerse the gel in a dye after you run the test, and what we found through research was that staining the gel after you run the test gave you the most accurate results, and we found that the patterns that we got were less
- 25 reproducible when you did it the other way. So we've never done it the first way, staining the gel before you run it. The FBI is the opposite, they stain at the beginning. So in our system I knew that it led
- 30 to less reproducible results. The FBI's system is somewhat different so for me to comment on how this dye and staining at the beginning affected their

1 results I'd have to do those experiments. We did the
2 experiments with respect to our system. But by
3 inference, that's why I got a lot of phone calls
4 from defence lawyers. They were people from the
5 States. The FBI had done cases. They had a difference
6 between Canada and the United States and the trend in
7 this business is any differences grab them and lets
8 work with them, and it's strategy.

9 Q. The ethidium bromide would what? - act as kind of a
10 contaminant to the DNA fragments?

11 A. I wouldn't use the word 'contaminant'. Contaminant
12 implies that it doesn't belong there, it slipped in
13 unbeknowst to you. That's not the situation here.
14 You added it. You know it's there, you know how
15 much of it's there, and you know exactly what it's
16 doing. So it's not a contaminant, it's an additive
17 or an agent that when incorporated at the end has
18 absolutely no effect on how the DNA migrates because
19 it wasn't there while it migrated. It can't affect
20 it once it's stopped. But in our system - or in the
21 R.C.M.P.'s system, or at least the system that was
22 in place when I did the study in I guess mid '89, it did
23 have an effect. That's about as far as I can go with
24 that.

25 Q. What kind of an effect would it have in your system?

26 A. It altered the mobility of the bands. It's something
27 called band shifting. Instead of two samples from
28 the same individual migrating in a reproducible
29 manner like this you would have what we call a band
30 shift. This might migrate a little bit slower and
31 this one a little bit slower. The patterns would

- 1 look almost the same but the bands are shifted a
little bit hence the phrase 'band shifting'.
- Q. So that's one of the reasons also why maybe you had
environmental insult studies to see whether or not
5 environmental insults would cause band shifting?
- A. I don't --
- Q. Similar to ethidium bromide.
- A. I don't think we were looking specifically for band
shifting per se. We were looking to see if common
10 environmental factors would alter the pattern such
that you create false inclusions or false exclusions.
- Q. I believe you have been declared an expert in human
population genetics as it pertains to forensic DNA
polymorphism?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. In that category. And would that also make you an
expert in human population genetics in relation to
something other than forensic DNA polymorphism?
- 20 A. Well, the courts themselves haven't ruled on that.
I work in that capacity on a daily basis at the
hospital. Gene frequencies are something that are
an integral part of my job at the hospital. The
disease frequencies - frequencies of the diseases I
25 work with vary from population to population. I have
to know an awful lot about how they vary for me to use the
techniques at hand in an optimal manner. So it's a
daily part of my job and that has nothing to do with
forensics.
- 30 Q. But there is population geneticists, a specific field
in science?

- 1 A. Yes, there are people that do nothing but study
frequency variation in different populations. It's
part of my job, it's not all of my job.
- Q. It's part of your job but it's not the only thing you
5 do.
- A. No, it certainly isn't.
- Q. You mentioned something about to obtain different
blood types from either forensic specimens or for
medical purposes do you obtain that the same as you
10 do DNA or is there another process to type blood?
- A. If you want to figure out whether I'm a type A or a
type B, things like that?
- Q. Yeah, if you are going to figure out if you're a
type A or a type B or --
- 15 A. Yes, that's looking at genetic variation that happens
to be on chromosome 9. All these things are encoded
by DNA. What you're looking at there is the product
of the DNA, so you are indirectly looking at variation
20 of the DNA by looking at proteins associated with
your red blood cells. There's a number of different
ways that you can determine a person's blood type.
They're usually based on antibodies against the
various types. They have very little to do with this
25 type of testing. People don't derive blood groupings
using this type of testing mainly because the blood
grouping systems were in existence long before anyone
ever started doing DNA analysis and they're much
cheaper and faster and easier to perform.
- 30 Q. Much easier to perform. There's not as many variable
forms in blood typing as there is in setting up for
your - measuring your RFLP's in a poly --

- 1 A. Well it's a simple test. You don't have to -- Like
if you go to give blood they will determine your blood
type while you wait. I can't determine your DNA type
while you wait.
- 5 Q. No, so it's a very simple test.
A. Simple and fast and it's cheap.
Q. And accurate?
A. Yes, it's an accurate test.
Q. Basically there's no measurements involved in typing
10 blood as there is in binning RFLP's?
A. Well, you are definitely an A or a B or an AB or an
O. You're not half of one and --
Q. So you are always going to fit into the same bin.
They can't fit --
15 A. If the test is done right, yes.
Q. It's not like when you are setting up your data base
and slotting people's DNA profiles in different bins?
A. And, again, you're coming back to misuse of the
20 system. Maybe it's something fundamental in my
presentation but --
Q. Well maybe I would like to discuss the system from
another slant.
A. Okay. What I can tell you, and I think we have gone
25 through this --
Q. I just want you to explain for the jury how typing a
person's DNA profile differs from typing a person's
blood?
A. Fundamentally there is no difference. If I analyze
30 my DNA over and over and over again I will get the
same pattern over and over and over again just as I
will continue to be an A type blood donor over and

1 over and over again as long as I give blood. I will
continue to get those patterns and I will continue to
get those patterns within those prescribed tolerance
regions that we discussed a little while ago. Both
5 systems have fidelity that way. Both systems are
accurate that way. Now if you misuse the binning
system, if you want to do this slide me from one bin
to the other and misuse the system as you are, then
certainly you have set up criteria that are improper
10 and yes, systems do differ then. On the same hand,
you may mistype or misinterpret ABO typing, I have no
idea.

Q. But it has nothing to do with measurement of base
pairs?

15 A. ABO typing, no, but it measures other things. If you
do an ABO type, depending on the method you're using
for ABO typing, there's tolerances in how strong a
positive is, how strong a negative is, all these
things are done. A lot of them are automated but,
20 again, a person misusing the system would get wrong
results, just as you've misused this.

Q. But in the blood grouping you're either positive,
maybe --

25 A. I think we'd all like the world to be plus or minus --

Q. You're an O or an A. You're not halfway in between
or you're not going to fall into an O one time and
fall into an A the next time.

30 A. Well when the test is done properly you are going to
be a discrete type, and when this test is done
properly and you don't misuse the bins for another
purpose as you are, I will be a discrete type.

1 Fundamentally there's no difference. The tests
differ dramatically in what they're actually measuring
but if you take it down to first level what they are
doing is measuring - one's measuring a locus on one
5 that doesn't code for a protein, the other is
measuring variability on chromosome 9 which does code
for a blood group variability.

Q. When you are doing blood typing you said there's not
that many forms - or not much variation. How much
10 variation is there in blood typing?

A. Well, to be honest, I've never done a blood typing.
I don't give blood either, I don't like to give
blood. So it's not really an area of expertise. I
do know that there's a limited number of types and
15 if my schooling is correct you can be an A, you can
be a B, you can be an AB, or you can be an O.

Q. And in comparison to the highly polymorphic areas
you could have how many different variables?

A. Well, some of the loci thousands.

20 Q. Some will go as high as five thousand?

A. Some of them several thousand, yes.

Q. Several thousand.

A. And actually, depending on how you analyze them, you
can actually get into the millions depending on what
25 you're measuring as your variability.

Q. But in the highly polymorphic areas for your binning
process you will use approximately how many bins?

A. In the R.C.M.P. system, 27. So there would be all
30 the various -- Depending on how the alleles are
spread out. There's a potential that you could have
a person be at bin 1-2, bin 1-1, a 1-3, a 1-4, a 1-5,
through 27 and then you start 2-3, 2-4. It's much

1 like a lottery game. There's a lot of different
combinations.

Q. But just trying again to compare your DNA profiling
with your blood typing there's many, many more
5 variables in DNA profiling, at least 27 bins that the
R.C.M.P. have set up.

A. Yes.

Q. Which has been set up arbitrarily.

A. Yes.

10 Q. But you could set up thousands, as you say, if you
want. Rather than 27 bins you could have a thousand.

A. You could make the bins smaller, create more bins and
create more categories that a person could be.

15 Q. So you could narrow the person down to say closer
identification with an unknown substance?

A. Then we would have something to argue about because
then we would be getting closer and closer to a base
pair resolution which I have repeatedly said is not
20 capable of obtaining. So you would be in effect
saying I'm going to measure somebody's height with a
yard stick to the thousandths of an inch. It's
impossible to do. You could say you're going to do
it but you are not going to be able to reproducibly
do it so why say you are going to do it. It's a
25 lot easier to use a wider window and say I'm going to
use a yard stick and I'm going to try and get it
within two inches. Then you've used the right tool.

30 Q. So the purpose of the R.C.M.P. system is to set up
a system where you can possibly identify unknown
substances with known substances?

- 1 A. You set up a system where you can ask the question
did the sample come from this individual. If it
didn't that's a fairly clear-cut analysis.
- Q. So it's set up more to include or to make matches --
- 5 A. All of these tests are set up to exclude.
- Q. Pardon?
- A. All of these tests are set up to exclude.
- Q. To exclude.
- A. It's the definitive test. If somebody doesn't match
10 they don't match.
- Q. Okay, but if you were to refine your system to be
more accurate then you would get more exclusions?
Could you possibly get more exclusions if you refined
your system to be more accurate in measurement?
- 15 A. It wouldn't be more accurate. As I said before, if
you brought those bins down closer to base pair
resolution you may be thinking that you're getting
a more accurate measurement there but you're dealing
20 with a system that can't do it so what you're doing
is you're creating a scenario where you're almost
guaranteed to be falsely excluding all the time.
- Q. Because your system's just not capable of handling
it?
- 25 A. No, because the system is not designed to do that.
- Q. Could you design a system to do that?
- A. To actually measure something to the base pair?
- Q. Yes. Or closer than what it actually does.
- A. It could be done. What you do is you basically take
30 that piece of DNA and purify it and you determine its
sequence from beginning to end. You count up the
bases. A lab would probably process one or two

- 1 cases a year doing that type of approach, and you
gain no more information. You certainly couldn't
construct a data base with it.
- Q. Now, DNA profiling I believe you have also stated
5 that aside from forensic purposes that it's used in
paternity tests.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And, again, in using the system for paternity tests
you don't have to be concerned with measurement
10 imprecision?
- A. Again, it's not an occupation that I do. It's much
like blood groupings. I have never had -- I've had
lots of requests to do paternity tests - I don't do
them. I never have done them. I know that the labs
15 that do do them they know what their measurement
imprecision is and they do use computers to match the
bands. In a paternity test all you're trying to
establish is that the alleged father did pass - if he
20 is the father that he would have passed one of the bands
to the child. If the child contains a band that the
father doesn't have he's not the father. So you answer
the question could this guy have been the actual
biological father or not. You have to measure those
25 bands to do that.
- Q. But basically you're only comparing the DNA from two
known people?
- A. Yeah, mother, father and child. Three people.
- Q. But if you're just trying to find out who the father
30 is then you would just run the DNA from the child and
the father?

- 1 A. No, that's not the way a paternity -- It's always
done as a triplet.
- Q. It's always done in triplet.
- A. Mother, father, child. You have to be able to sort
5 out which bands are coming from mother and which bands
are coming from father. The child was born of the
mother so generally the mother's identity is not in
dispute. She can usually tell you that she was the
mother of the child and nobody disputes that sort of
10 thing, in general. The father is the one that's in
dispute so you figure out which band came from the
mother and by exclusion the other band came from the
father.
- Q. But you are not worried about what are the probabilities
15 that it come from somebody else? You're not involved
with population genetics?
- A. You certainly are. If all the males --
- Q. With paternity testing?
- A. You certainly are.
- 20 Q. Aren't you only involved in exclusions in paternity
testing?
- A. And then it comes to court and they want to know how
likely it is he's the father and, of course, that
comes with the number. If, for example, all the males
25 have the same pattern the data is meaningless then.
We know the males don't all have the same pattern so
you have to say how many males could fortuitously have
the same pattern as this fellow that we allege is the
30 father.
- Q. Again, for the bone marrow transplants you already
have two known DNA profiles to compare that with?

- 1 A. Yes, you have the donor and a recipient.
- Q. And that's just to check, again, two samples to see
if one has been --
- A. Which one's there.
- 5 Q. Which one's there. Which is not very technically
demanding.
- A. I've done a few of those, they can be. They have
their moments. There's not an awful lot of statistics
that goes with it. None as a matter of fact. But
10 technically it's like any other test.
- Q. I believe you mentioned that in each cell there would
be what? - about 3 billion pairs of base pairs in a
single molecule?
- A. Not in a single molecule. In all the chromosomes
15 combined.
- Q. In all the chromosomes.
- A. Combined. 46 molecules.
- Q. And if you were able to stretch -- They're all
curled up and if you were able to stretch them out in
20 a single strand it would be something like about a six
foot length?
- A. You may be right. It's trivia. It's a number of feet,
the actual length of the molecule.
- 25 Q. And you mentioned your molecule scissors, your
restriction enzyme which cuts your base pairs, ones
the R.C.M.P. uses, the H III?
- A. Hae III. H-a-e III.
- Q. And I believe - did I understand you to say that it
30 will cut between G-G and C-C every four or five
hundred base pairs?

- 1 A. Well, wherever there's a site and on average that's
how often the sites occur.
- Q. On an average it's every four or five.
- A. It will cut wherever there's a site. If there's two
5 sites ten base pairs apart there will be a ten base
pair fragment. If there's two sites ten thousand
base pairs apart there will be a ten thousand base
pair fragment. But on average we know.
- Q. On the average it's four or five hundred.
- 10 A. That's done by looking at long stretches of DNA where
we know the sequence and we can actually measure the
mean fragment size generated, or the average fragment
size generated by that enzyme.
- Q. Now, you mentioned when checking for comparisons or
15 identity or whatever you want to call it that most
labs use four or five probes and some of them use
three.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Is there any particular reason why some use three,
20 some use four and some use five?
- A. A lot of it is driven by economics. The more tests
you do the more it costs. A lot of these differences
aren't in globally funded labs. They're labs that
25 have to seek a price per case. The differences arise
in labs that are private labs and they do this for
profit. Obviously if they do ten tests instead of
five tests it's going to cost twice as much to do the
testing and they're going to have to charge twice as
30 much and they're probably going to be about half as
competitive as the lab doing five. So dropping one
probe or knocking it down to three might give you a

price-wise competitive advantage over your next competitor.

Q. Do you know whether or not some scientists are criticizing the forensic labs and stating that they should for identification purposes, especially in forensics, they should be using maybe even ten probes rather than three, four or five to be sure of identity?

A. Again, there -- Well, I'm glad you added the last part. It wouldn't surprise me if somebody said it to be sure of identity. I don't think you're ever sure of identity in these tests. Even if I said the odds are one in a million there's a one in a million chance that someone else has it. It's a rare pattern, that's what I say. If somebody actually wants to design a test that you say I'm sure of identity I'm not sure -- Like you'd have to analyze chromosomes from one end to the other. So if that's what they're after then they're probably well within fact to say that they want more probes done. That's certainly not what we're after when we design these tests.

Q. How can you tell whether a DNA sample that you run through your test is degraded? What indication would you have that a sample is degraded?

A. Well, when I initially look at the DNA, this is before I ever cut it with the enzyme, I'll put it on one of these gels and I'll run it for a certain period of time at the end of which if the DNA is not degraded what I have is after I stain it with the dye I can visualize very large pieces of DNA up here.

1 A blob of DNA. They'll be all different sizes but
all of them are big. That's undegraded DNA. If the
DNA is somewhat degraded what you find is large high
molecular weight DNA up at the top of the gel and a
5 smearing or a trailing of DNA coming down this way.
That just means that some of the fragments have been
cut down randomly into smaller pieces. Now if the
DNA is totally degraded what you find is a ball of
fragments down at the bottom. I can't analyze that.
10 There's no method that you can analyze totally
degraded DNA and that's what you see there. So you
really see all variations when you do that type of
test. You either see very good DNA, DNA that's some-
what degraded, or DNA that's totally degraded, and
15 you know that from the beginning before you ever
develop one of the autorads or restrict the DNA with
an enzyme.

Q. And what interpretation would you give to a sample
that was degraded or partially degraded?

20 A. What interpretation would I give to that?

Q. Yes.

A. At that point? You just gave me the interpretation,
that it's partially degraded. That's an observation
not an interpretation.

25 Q. Would you be able to use that sample?

A. Again, it's degrees of degradation. Partial degrada-
tion could be 99% degraded in which the partial part
is 1% or it could be the other way or it could be
30 everything in between. Half the molecules are de-
graded a little bit, half of them are high molecular
weight. Obviously if you're dealing with a situation

1 where you have a little bit of trailing up at the
top and the degradation is minimal these tests are
all going to work. If the mean size of the fragments
are down here the probes that detect smaller fragments
5 will work, probes that detect very large fragments may
not work. We have both in the system. So you may
get some of your tests to work, some of the others
may not work, and things down at the bottom - well
you're out of luck with all your tests. We don't
10 have anything that measures very teeny, tiny pieces
of DNA that are totally degraded. Not at this point.

Q. Now, in the field, again, of population genetics
you are looking for a probability of - I believe you
said the question you're really asking is how many
15 other people could this have come from, and you were
able to obtain an estimate or a rough estimate, what-
ever, from your population data base.

A. Yes.

Q. Correct? In the final answer that you come to, be
20 whatever figure it is, that is in relation to what
kind of people in the Caucasians? If you have a
Caucasian data base and you can say well there's a
possibility that this came from say one in a hundred
thousand or whatever figure you're going to come up
25 with in Caucasians.

A. Yeah. If you use the Caucasian data base to generate
that number it will apply to the Caucasian data base.
That's not to say other populations won't give the
30 same number or similar number. That data is available
from countries all around the world now and what we
do know is there's no population where everyone's

- 1 DNA looks the same or that everyone's DNA is more
similar than Caucasians are.
- Q. And did I hear you say that any data base in North
America would be applicable to New Brunswick?
- 5 A. No. I said that the Caucasian data base we're using
could be used to generate numbers from any Caucasian
population in North America. Vice versa you could -
I think you could take any Caucasian data base from
North America and apply it to a case in New Brunswick
10 and the numbers that you generate aren't going to be
appreciably different. You're not going to take a
rare pattern and make it common. That's the bottom
line.
- Q. These figures generated by the R.C.M.P. Caucasian
15 data base, these are restricted to -- Like say Mr.
Legere's case here, you're going to say there was
only one chance in so many that this could have come
from somebody else, or just how did you put the
question. How many other people could have this -
20 could this have come from.
- A. Well I didn't do the case so I'm not going to be
putting those numbers to anyone. I don't even
remember what the numbers were. What I'm here to do
is convey that given a match at X number of probes,
25 be it four or five, whether something is common or
rare in this population or any other population on
earth. I think we're talking generals, general
trends here, not case specific evidence. I didn't do
30 this case.
- Q. And basically from a suspect you're going to say that
well there's only one chance in so many that this

- 1 could have come from somebody other than the suspect,
is that right?
- A. With reference to the population group that we're
talking about.
- 5 Q. With reference to the population group.
- A. Obviously that number will change if you switch to
another reference group.
- Q. What are the restrictions or qualifications of that
number?
- 10 A. Of that number? You're talking unrelated individuals,
Q. Unrelated individuals. So that means it could have
been somebody else with much greater probability if
it was somebody related to the suspect.
- 15 A. Well, it's called the family scenario and it comes up
in virtually every case that you do. You will say
odds of one in a million in the general population
where in fact if it was his brother who did it chances
are on a five probe match there's a one in a thousand
- actually one in a thousand and twenty-four chance
20 that his brother may have done it. In those kinds
of cases generally the brother is alive and has
blood piercing through his veins and you can bleed
his brother and see if it matches.
- 25 Q. Or a half brother or a cousin?
- A. Well you can screen all the relatives, if that's the
test that we're going to first eliminate all living
relatives. Again, there's usually an issue of access
and things. Did his great-grandmother commit this
30 rape? Probably not. There's a little bit of common
sense goes into it. Obviously if somebody's got a
hundred brothers and they were all at the same party

1 they may all be suspects and you do have to eliminate
all of them.

Q. So whether your figures come out one in a hundred
thousand, one in a hundred million or one in five
5 billion, in relation to relatives like a brother it
always remains one in a thousand so to speak? Does it
not.

A. It's always going to be much more common with a
brother.

10 Q. Right.

A. Which, you know, if we're -- To my mind as a
scientist, scientists are in the business of seeking
truth, if it is his brother let's bleed him and find
out.

15 Q. Let's what?

A. Let's bleed him and find out.

Q. Bleed him and find out.

A. That's seeking truth I think.

20 Q. Or you take samples from all of the suspect's
relatives?

A. Well once you go beyond immediate sibs those
numbers very quickly approach the population
numbers.

25 Q. Right.

THE COURT: I wonder if we could stop here for a moment,
either a short recess or -- Are you going to be
very much longer?

MR. FURLOTTE: I expect I'll be quite a while. I expect
30 I'll be all morning tomorrow morning with this witness.
It's a good time to break.

1 THE COURT: We will recess now until 9:30 tomorrow morning.
So I'll ask the jury to go out. Please don't discuss
the matter with anyone as I told you before. Don't
listen to the news or read the newspapers or any of
5 that stuff. We will see you in the morning at 9:30.
(Jury excused.)

MR. WALSH: My Lord before the Accused is taken out there
is a matter that Mr. Furlotte and I discussed at
lunchtime.

10 THE COURT: Excuse me just a minute. The Accused made a
request for a brief recess here. Could you hold on?

MR. LEGERE: I can wait for this here. Yes.

MR. WALSH: What it is, My Lord, is when Doctor Bowen
testifies we have a number of matters - a number of
15 things that we have prepared for the purpose of
demonstratively explaining the testimony and aiding
the jury as a memory aid. I went over them with Mr.
Furlotte. The first items Mr. Furlotte has no
objection to. When Doctor Bowen testifies and we
20 introduce the actual autorads we also propose to put
to the jury lane loading identification so that they
can have a reference that when they're looking at the
autorad they'll know what is in each lane. It's very
difficult to look at an autorad and retain by memory
25 what is in each lane and what exhibit number it re-
fers to. I'll leave a copy with Your Lordship and you
may want to refer to it this evening, and another one
for the second gel to ensure yourself that there is
no problem with that. The other additional item that
30 Mr. Furlotte takes exception to is when --

1 THE COURT: You say that he takes exception to. Do you
take exception to this one?

MR. FURLOTTE: Not to those booklets.

MR. WALSH: I thought maybe you wished to review those
5 yourself.

THE COURT: Yes, I would like to look at them, yes.

MR. WALSH: The other thing is that when Doctor Bowen
testifies he will have a summary chart that's mounted
on a board similar to this in which he summarizes
10 his findings, and it's identical to this particular
schematic here if you wish to take it and look at it
My Lord. Mr. Furlotte takes exception to that
particular chart. Perhaps if I may suggest, since
the hour is late, you may wish to look at these
15 matters --

THE COURT: Well let me look at that and we will discuss
that in the morning.

MR. WALSH: And then we could discuss it perhaps after he
finishes with Doctor Waye tomorrow.

20 THE COURT: Yes. But is this for use with this -- not with
this witness at this stage?

MR. WALSH; No, it will be used by Doctor Bowen as he re-
veals his results. He will have that on a chart.
And I would like to be able to use that and I wish to
25 make argument as to why I should be able to use it
perhaps when Doctor Waye's cross-examination is com-
pleted tomorrow.

THE COURT: The summary chart itself, the equivalent of this,
30 you will be offering that as an exhibit.

MR. WALSH: Exactly, and something that can be referenced by
the other experts as they testify.

THE COURT: Well, we will discuss that tomorrow.

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