Paul Downing used one of his jokes
and tried to say Eddie told him that
he was watching someone undress.
The video explains where Paul came up
with the lie and the documents shows Paul
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sitting when Edward O'Brien was talking to you about why your mother is sitting in the driveway --

- A Yeah.
- 6 Q And sitting in her car like that?
- 7 A Yes.

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- Now, you say that he asked you about that quite some bit; isn't that so?
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q And that was over the course of 1995?
- 12 A '94 and '95.
- 13 Q He would ask you about that, you said,
  14 almost every Sunday?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q And why is Sunday locked in your mind as
  17 the day of the week that he was asking you
  18 about it?
- 19 A Because that was the day I would go -- I'd
  20 come over to Jeannie and get her for -- we
  21 had CCD classes in the morning. And he'd
  22 usually answer the door.
- Q And that's when he would say that to you?
  Or that's --

183 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF PAUL DOWNING BY MR. GEORGE 1 2 A Yeah. 3 -- the time he would say it? 0 4 A Yeah. And CCD, was, and is, Catholic Education? 5 6 A Yeah. 7 And that would be about 9:00 in the Q 8 morning? 9 A Yeah. 10 Or, in the morning? Q 11 A Yeah. About 10:00. 12 Well, you know that Eddie O'Brien worked at Q 13 the Midnite Variety Store from 7:00 to 14 noon, almost every day; don't you? No. He didn't work on --15 A On Sunday, with the Sunday papers? 16 Q 17 No. He'd get off early. A 18 The papers had to be done by, I think, like 7:00 o'clock in the morning. 19 I would come over Jeannie's house at 9:30. 20 21 The papers were done, at that time. 22 So, it's your testimony that Eddie O'Brien 0 23 was at that house when you'd come on 24 Sunday, and not at the Midnite Convenience

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MR. REILLY: Objection.

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THE COURT: Sustained.

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The objection is sustained.

- Now, the Sunday before, Mr. Downing, do you remember that you testified that the Sunday before your mother's death you locked in on that day as the day that Eddie O'Brien made some comments to you?
  - A Yes.
  - And the comments that he made to you on that day, the Sunday before your mother's death, which would be the 16th of July, 1995, did he talk to you about Mrs. Kenney's house that day?
  - A No.
  - Q Is that the day he told you that he saw a woman undressing across the street?
- 17 A Yes.
  - Q And you remember that day specifically, for what reason?
    - A Because that -- that was like one of the first times I heard -- heard him ever, talk about looking into someone else's window and describing what, you know, what he saw.
- 24 Q Okay.

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2 And he had never done that before, with

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A No.

- Q And the reason you remember it was that
  Sunday is because that's the first time, in
  the entire time you knew him, that he said
  something like that?
- 9 A Uhm, that vividly. Yes.
- Q Okay. And that's why you remember that
- 11 Sunday?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 0 What time was that?
- 14 A That was, uhm, in the afternoon.
- 15 Q Okay.
- And do you recall today -- and I know it's
- hard to focus from before -- but do you
- 18 remember whether it was late afternoon or
- 19 early afternoon?
- 20 A Ah, I think it was probably like around
- 21 3:00 o'clock.
- 22 Q And where was that said to you?
- 23 A Ah --
- 24 Q Where were you two located?

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- the time you were there, at about 3:00 o'clock that Sunday?
- 4 A Not that I recall.
  - Q Well, you're certainly not mistaken as to whether anyone else was there besides

    Jeannie, are you?
- 8 A Not from there? I can't remember the
  9 picture. All I can remember in my mind is
  10 sitting out on the porch, and Ed turning
  11 around to me and saying that --
- 12 Q What he said to you?
- 13 A Yes.

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- 14 Q Okay.
- Now, is there a tree in front of that porch?
- 17 A Yes.
- Q Okay. And recognizing that the jury was on that very front porch, just last week, where is the tree located that's in front
- 21 of that porch?
- 22 A It's to the left. Coming from the porch,
- it's to the left of the house.
- Q Just to the left of the front, the

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- 2 sidewalk?
- 3 A Yeah.

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- 4 Q And what kind of tree is that? Is it a big
- 5 tree or a little tree?
- 6 A It's a big tree.
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 In July of 1995, were there lots of leaves
- 9 on that tree?
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q And isn't it a fact that that tree is
- directly in the line of sight between the
- porch and some of the houses across the
- 14 street?
- 15 A Ah, no. No.
- Not if -- it depends on where you're
- 17 looking from, though.
- 18 Q Right.
- But if you are looking from the bedroom,
- can you see through that tree from the
- 21 bedroom?
- 22 A I believe you can.
- 23 | Q You can?
- 24 A He said he did.

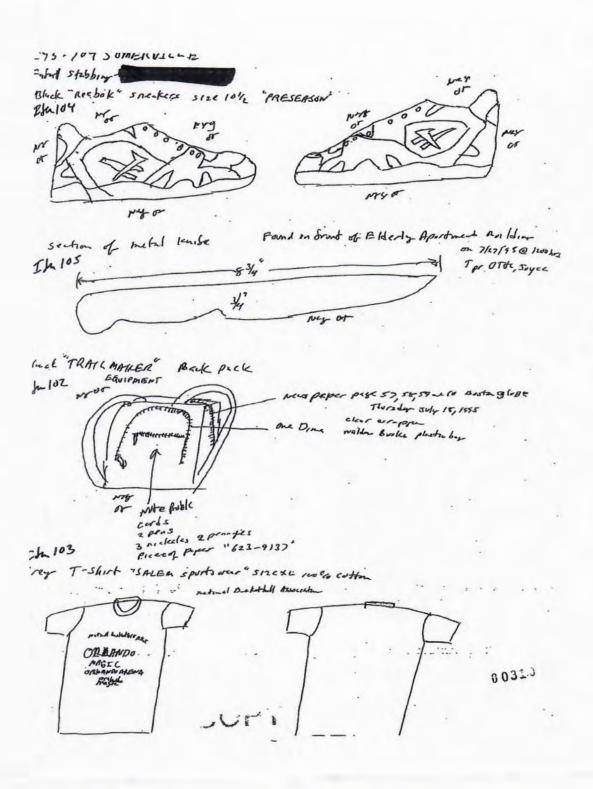
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- Q And have you been in that bedroom, looking out that window, to make sure you can see?
- 4 A Yeah.
- And that's where Eddie told you he had seen the woman undressing from; right?
- 7 A Yeah.
- Q And he had said -- and other than telling
  us that it was a black woman, it's the
  woman who lives in the house next to your
  mother's house?
- 12 A Yes.
- Which is directly across the street -
  well, it's on the other side, isn't it,

  sir, of the driveway depicted in Exhibit

  number 85; isn't it?
- In other words, it's right in this area?

  It's right over there, isn't it?
- 19 A Uh, it's past that. There's a tree there
  20 and there's some clearing.
- 21 Q And the tree -- is this the tree you are talking about, Mr. Downing?
- 23 A Ah --
- Q Or is there another tree?



Contents of Paul Downings BACK PACK being documented in between A Knife