

*Editor's Note: The children's accounts were contained in hundreds of pages of documents released this week by the state attorney's office as part of the pretrial discovery process in the murders of Byrd and Melanie Billings. A portion of the documents have been reproduced below, redacting the names of the children interviewed.*

A. XXXXXX said he was in dad's bedroom and dad was in bed snoring, he was asleep and he said that someone knocked on the door and dad got up, went out and there were two bad men that said that you're going to die. He counted to three before he shot both mom and dad. Um, he said dad kept screaming no way, no way. Um, I also asked XXXX if he knew the people wearing the masks and he said he didn't know them. He also said that they didn't speak to him. Um, the bad guy was yelling and talking at dad before he shot him. Dad did get into a confrontation and dad grabbed the back of one of the guy's necks. Um, he re-enacted that with his sister there, so I guess the dad got into a physical fight with this guy before he shot them. Mom was shot, she, he said mom got shot in her shirt. Also asked him if his parents screamed anybody's name, if there was a boy name that he could remember and he signed the letters B-J-A.

Q. Who said that, the dad?

A. Yes dad. I asked if dad or mom said anybody's name and he said "dad" and then we tried to get him, I couldn't, we couldn't understand a name that he was saying but I asked him to sign it and he signed B-J and then the letter A.

Q. Okay

A. Um, I also interviewed XXXX who does not have a speech impediment or any kind of speech issue and um he was upstairs in the bed, he heard the knock on the door and he stayed in that room. He heard seven booms. He also told us that he went out into the hallway to the balcony. He heard his mom scream but he stayed upstairs until the police came. XXXX, I guess another sibling was downstairs, XXXX was downstairs asleep. XXXX was upstairs, that was him and XXXXX. XXXXX was upstairs. I guess the older XXXX.

Okay.

And XXXXX, this came from XXXXX. XXXXX told XXXXX that XXX saw a vehicle drive very slow up their driveway or by the house before the shots were fired, some kind of red vehicle, the information XXXXX gave me.

Okay.

And they had all these dogs in the house and not one of them barked.

Okay. Okay. Alright, that's the end of this statement.