

MATT GALLOWAY

shoes — might have meant something. They can say it was robbery ... I don't buy it. For even an iota of a second.

MATT GALLOWAY. Then a few moments later I looked over and Aaron and Russell had been talking to Matthew Shepard.

KRISTIN PRICE. Aaron said that a guy walked up to him and said that he was gay and wanted to get with Aaron and Russ.

NARRATOR Kristin Price, girlfriend of Aaron McKinney
KRISTIN PRICE. And that he got aggravated with it and told him that he was straight and didn't want anything to do with him and walked off. He said that is when he and Russell went to the bathroom and decided to pretend they were gay and get him in the truck and rob him.

MATT GALLOWAY. Okay, no. They stated that Matt approached them, that he came onto them. I absolutely, positively disbelieve and refute the statement one hundred percent. Refute it. I'm gonna give you two reasons why.

One. Character reference. Why would he approach them? Why them? He wasn't approaching anybody else in the bar. They say he's gay, he was a flaming gay, he's gonna come on to people like that. Bullshit. He never came on to me. Hello?!? He came on to them? I don't believe it.

Two. Territorialism. Is — is — is the word I will use for this. And that's the fact that Matt was sitting there. Russell and Aaron were in the pool area. Upon their first interaction, they were in Matt's area, in the area that Matt had been seen all night. So who approached who by that?

ROMAINE PATTERSON. But Matthew was the kind of person ... like, he would never not talk to someone for any reason. If someone started talking to him, he'd just be like, "Oh, blah, blah, blah." He never had any problem just striking up a conversation with ANYBODY.

PHIL LABRIE. Matt did feel lonely a lot of times. Me knowing that — and knowing how gullible Matt could be ... he would have walked right into it. The fact that he was at the bar alone without any friends made him that much more vulnerable.

MATT GALLOWAY. So the only thing is — and this is what I'm testifying to — 'cause you know, I'm also, basically, the key eye-witness in this case, uh ... (Pause.) Basically what I'm testifying is

that I saw Matthew leave. I saw two individuals leave with Matthew. I didn't see their faces, but I saw the back of their heads. At the same time, McKinney and Henderson were no longer around. You do the math.

MATT MICKELSON. Actually, I think the DJ was the last one to talk to him on his way out that night ... gave him a cigarette or something. His name is Shadow.

SHADOW. I was the last person that Matt talked to before he left the Fireside ... I was just bullshittin' around with my shit, and he stopped me. I stopped him actually, and he's like, "Hey, Shadow," da da da, and I was like, "What, man, you gettin' ready to leave?" He's like, "Yeah man," and this an' that. But then I noticed them two guys and they stood outside. You could see, you could see it. They were standing there, you know, and he was looking over to them, and they were lookin' back at him. And I stood and talked to Matt for like a good ten minutes and you seen the guys with him, you seen 'em getting like, you seen 'em like worried, like, you know, anxious to leave and shit — So when they took off, I seen it, when they took off. It was in a black truck, it was a small truck, and the three of them sat in the front seat and Matt sat in the middle.

And I didn't think nothin' of it, you know. I didn't figure them guys was gonna be like that.

MOMENT: MCKINNEY AND HENDERSON

NARRATOR. A friend of Aaron McKinney.

ANONYMOUS. Oh, I've known Aaron a long time. Aaron was a good kid. I liked Aaron a lot. That's why I was shocked when I heard this. I'm like ... I know he was, he was living out far ... at his trailer house is what he told me, with his girl ... They just started dating last summer ... They musta gotten pregnant as soon as they started dating, you know, 'cause they had a kid. He was only twenty-one years old, but he was running around with a kid ... You see that's the kinda person Aaron was, just like he always dressed in like big clothes, you know like, in like Tommy "Hile-