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A yes, Sir. Well, the flesh in the palm of the hand, well, it looked like it was the body of a young person. And from certain parts of the body - - well, in my experience in handling those kind of bodies, by certain parts of the body it looked like a youth more so than a grown person or an older person.

MR. SMITH: That is all.

MR. BRELAND: We will excuse the witness at this time, Your Honor.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

C. A. STRICKLAND,

A witness introduced for and on behalf of the state, being first duly sworn, upon his oath testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By MR. SMITH:

Q Will you state your name, please, Sir?

A C. A. Strickland.

Q Where do you live, Mr. Strickland?

A Greenwood.

Q What is your occupation?

A Identification Officer for the Collision Department.

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Q Of Greenwood?

A Yes, Sir.

Q How long have you been serving in that capacity?

A Most of twelve years.

Q Now, as an identification officer for the Police Department of Greenwood, did it fall within your province to take photographs and so forth?

A Yes.

Q On or about the 31st day of August, 1955, were you called upon to take photographs of a dead body and other articles there in Greenwood?

A Yes, Sir.

Q And where were they?

A The body was at the Century Burial Funeral Home there in Greenwood.

Q Is that the funeral home operated by Chester A. Miller?

A Yes, Sir.

Q And did you take photographs of a dead body there, and a fan or wheel, or something of that sort there?

A A fan was there at the same place where the body was. I taken both pictures but at different times. And I did photograph the body there.

Q And the body was there at the funeral home?

A Yes, Sir.

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Q Did anybody point out to you the body that you were to take pictures of?

A Yes, Sir.

Q And who pointed it out?

A Deputy Sheriff Cothran.

Q And he is a deputy sheriff of LeFlore County, is that right?

A Yes, Sir.

Q I now hand you a photograph and ask you to identify that and tell the court and jury what that is.

A That is a picture of the body that I photographed on the 31st of August, at about three p.m. in the afternoon. It was on a table at the back of the Century Burial Funeral Home there in Greenwood.

Q Now I will ask you whether or not this photograph represents the true situation that was there when you photographed that body?

A It does.

Q And you took it with what kind of photographic equipment?

A I used a 4 by 5 Crown graphic camera.

Q And is that the kind of camera you use normally in your work?

A Yes, Sir. I take the pictures, and develop them

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too. I took the pictures there, and I printed the film and developed it myself.

Q And that has been in your possession all the time, is that right?

A Yes, Sir.

Q Now I hand you another photograph and ask you to identify that, please.

A This is a photograph of the gin fan that I photographed on the 1st day of September in the LeFlore County Sheriff's office. It was in the office of the sheriff.

Q And who directed you to take this photograph?

A Sheriff Cothran - - I mean Deputy Sheriff Cothran. He was also with me when I made that picture.

Q And you were also the same person who printed and developed the film of that?

A Yes, Sir.

MR. SMITH: Your Honor, we would like to make these photographs exhibits to the testimony here.

MR. CARLTON: We object to the writing on the back of the photograph.

MR. SMITH: We admit that is not competent. We will obliterate it in some manner.

THE COURT: All right. But see that it is done before the exhibit is shown to the jury.

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THE WITNESS: You see, I take that information for my own use so I can positively identify the pictures.

MR. BRELAND: If the Court please we are going to object to the picture of the gin fan at this time.

THE COURT: All right. The objection will be sustained as to the gin fan picture. The photograph of the body will be admitted providing what is written on the back of the photograph is marked out or obliterated so that it cannot be read or identified.

(A photograph is marked as Exhibit 1 to the testimony of C. A. Strickland by the reporter.)

MR. BRELAND: As I understand it, Your Honor, the photograph of the gin fan is not admissable, is that correct?

THE COURT: I held that the photograph of the gin fan had not been properly identified.

MR. SMITH: Yes, Sir. That is not important anyway at this time. Take the witness.

MR. CARLTON: No questions.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)
