

Sgt. William Merritt Testimony from Post-Conviction
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1 you gathered was turned over to the District
2 Attorney General's Office?

3 A. That is correct.

4 Q. And that was at the conclusion of your
5 investigation?

6 A. Yes. Once the -- once an arrest was
7 made, we turn over what we call the State report.
8 That's all the documents, all the reports,
9 everything that we have, we turn that over to the
10 Attorney General's Office.

- 11 Q. Okay. Now, do you recall how long the
- 12 investigation lasted in this case?

- 13 A. I would say a couple of months because we
- 14 were consistently getting new information,
- 15 speaking with -- we'd speak with one witness and
- 16 they would say, "Maybe you need to talk to this
- 17 person."

18 We obtained some jail phone calls. It
19 took a while to get those in. We obtained some
20 cell phone records. It took a while to get those
21 in.

- 22 So, it -- it kind of carried on for a
- 23 while. I really couldn't say when it ended. I'm
- 24 not even sure if it ended when we turned the
- 25 State report over to the A.G.'s Office.