

EMMITT TILL THE COURT TESTIMONY GIVEN UNDER OATH

Thanks partially to a **Bob Dylan song**, legend has it that after moving from Chicago to Mississippi Emmett Till allegedly ogled or wolf whistled at a White woman, Carolyn Bryant Donham, during a chance meeting in the street and, as a result, was castrated then beaten to death. But this was not the case. There was what is now considered by liberals sexual assault involved.

Till was kidnapped days later from a relative's home and then beaten and mutilated, before being shot, by Donham's shop-owner husband at the time, Roy Bryant, and his half-brother, J. W. Milam. Till's body was sunk in the Tallahatchie River, where it was eventually found floating. An all White jury acquitted his assailants. Donham, under pressure from a liberal college professor recanted the molestation claim but her book, to be released after her death, is entitled *More Than Just a Wolf Whistle*. I would go with the court transcript because most of her customers at the store were black so why alienate them by making up a story?

Q. Just tell the Court what happened there at that time, please, ma'am.

A. This nigger man came in the store and he stopped there at the candy case.

Q. Now, is the store, with reference to that candy counter, is there anything back of the candy counter towards the wall of the Store?

A. No.

Q. Is there any place to walk there or anything of that sort?

A. Yes, an aisle.

Q. When this negro man came in the store, where were you in the store?

A. I was farther back in the store, behind the counter.

Q. And when he came in, I believe you said he stopped in front of the candy counter, is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. And what did you do then?

A. I walked up to the candy counter.

Q. And what transpired up there at the candy counter?

A. I asked him what he wanted...I got it and put it on top of the candy case. I held my right hand out for his money.

Q. Will you show the Court how you held 'your hand out?

A. I held out my hand like this (demonstrating by holding out her hand).

Q. And did he give you the money?

A. No.

Q. What did he do?

A. He caught my hand.

Q. Will you show the Court just how he grasped your

A. Like this (demonstrating with her hand).

Q. By what you have shown us, he held your hand by grasping all the fingers in the palm of his hand, is that it?

A. Yes.

Q. And was that a strong grip or a light grip that he had when he held your hand?

A. A strong grip.

Q. And will you show the court what you did? How did you get loose?

A. Well, I just jerked it loose, like this (demonstrating).

Q. It was about that difficult to get loose, was it?

A. Yes.

Q. And it was with that much difficulty that you got your hand loose?

A. Yes.

Q. Just what did he say when he grabbed your hand?

A. He said, "How about a date, baby?"

Q. When you freed yourself, what happened then?

A. I turned around and started back to the back of the store .

Q. You did what?

A. I turned to get to the back of the store.

Q. Did you do anything further then?

A. Yes. He came on down that way and he caught me at the cash register.

Q. You say he caught you?

A. Yes ..

Q. How did he catch you?

A. Well, he put his left hand on my waist, and he put his other hand over on the other side.

Q. How were you going down along the counter there? Did he approach you from the front, or from the rear or how?

A. From the side.

Q. Now, Mrs. Bryant, will you stand up and put my hands just where he grasped you? Will you show the Court and jury?

A. It was like this (demonstrating by putting Mr. Carlton's hands on her body).

Q. He grabbed you like that, did he?

A. Yes.

Q. In other words, with his left arm around your back?

A. Yes.

Q. And his left hand on you left hip?

A. Yes.

Q. And he had his right hand on your right hip?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he say anything to you then at the time he grabbed you there by the cash register?

A. Yes.

Q. What did he say?

A. He said, "What's the matter, baby? Can't you take it ? 11

Q. He said, "What's the matter, baby?"

A. Yes.

Q. Did you then try to free yourself?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it difficult? Did you succeed?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he say anything further to you?

A. Yes.

Q. What did he say?

A. He said, "You needn't be afraid of me

Q. And did he then use language that you don't use?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell the court just what letter that word begins with?

A. (The witness did not answer verbally, but shook her head negatively.)

Q. In other words, it is an unprintable word?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he say anything after that one unprintable word?

A. Yes.

Q. And what was that?

A. Well, he said well "With white women before."

Q. When you were able to free yourself from him, what did you do then?

A. Then this other nigger came in the store and got him by the arm.

Q. And what happened then?

A. And then he told him to come on and let's go.

Q Did he leave the store willingly or unwillingly?

A. Unwillingly.

Q. How did the other negro get out of the store then? How did they leave?

A. He had him by the arm and led him out.

Q. Were there any white men in the store at the time this occurred?

A. No,

Q. Were there any other negro men in the store at the time?

A. No.

Q. Were there any other persons outside the store?

A. Yes.

Q. Were they white men or colored men?

A. Colored.

Q. Were there a number of them out there? How many of them were out there?

A. Oh, about eight or nine.

Q. When he went out the door, did he say anything further after he had made these obscene remarks?

A. Yes. He turned around and said, "Good-by."

Q. And when he got out the door, what did you do?

A. I called to Mrs. Milam to watch me and then I ran out the door to go to the car.

Q. Which car did you go to?

A. Mrs. Milam's.

Q. What did you go to the car for?

A. For my pistol.

Q. Where was your pistol in the car?

A. Under the seat.

Q. It was under which seat?

A. The driver's seat.

Q. As you went out the door and went to the car, did you see this man again?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was he then? Where was he standing?

A. He was standing by one of the posts on the front porch.

Q. Your store has a front porch to it?

A. Yes.

Q. And these posts are on the front porch?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he say or do anything at that time?

A. He whistled and then came out in the road;

Q. Can you give a sound something like the whistle that he made there? Was it something like this? (Mr. Carlton demonstrated by giving two low whistles.)

A. Yes.

Q. When you got your pistol, Mrs. Bryant, where was this boy then? Or I should say where was this man?

A. When I turned around, he was getting in a car down the road.

Q. Did you rush back in the store then?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you ever seen that man before?.

A. No.

Q. Have you ever seen him since?

A. No.

Q. Tell us what size man he was. Describe about how tall he was.

A. He was about five feet, six inches tall.

Q. And that is about four inches taller than you are, is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. And how much would you say that he weighed?

A. Around one hundred and fifty pounds.

Q. What sort of impression did this occurrence make

A. I was just scared to death.

Q. Mrs. Bryant, do you generally know the negroes in that community around Money?

A. Yes.

Q. What kind of store is it that you run there?

A. Just a general store.

Q. Are most of your customers negroes or white people?

A. Most of them are negroes.

Q. And of course, you come in contact with most of the negroes around there in that way?

A. Yes.

Q. And you know most of them around there, do you?

A. Yes.

Q. And was this man one of those?

A. No.

Q. Did he talk with a southern or northern brogue?

A. The northern brogue.

Certain things bother me about Bryant's testimony. When Till said he had sex with white women before I wonder if he meant raped them, because that seems to his idea of making love. Could that be the reason him and his moms left Chicago for Mississippi? Louis Till, Emmet's father, was serving overseas in the Transportation Corps of the U.S. Army during World War II. The army was still segregated at the time, and he and another African-American private, Fred McMurray, were found guilty by an army court-martial of raping two Italian women and murdering one during an air raid in 1944.

Assuming Mrs. Bryant is telling the truth, there are certain similarities between recent controversial racially charged events and Emmet Till. Before Big Mike Brown tried to kill a police officer he committed a strong arm robbery in a convenience store. Emmet never paid for candy and assaulted the clerk. The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner released the autopsy of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, shot by a Cleveland police officer Nov. 22, 2014. The report showed Tamir stood 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighed 195 pounds. Till was fourteen when he was murdered. But Till never tried to kill a cop like Michael Brown did nor did he point a replica gun at a police officer as Tamir Rice did. Like his rapist father, he was guilty of sexual assault, which the cracker courts and cops could have handled had his victim filed a complaint. But these KKK vigilante scum had to lynch him and mutilate him. None-the-less I find it odd that this icon of the civil rights movement committed a criminal act.