

1 there was testimony that this vehicle was seized from the
2 possession of a Melanie Davison, Mr. Alton's granddaughter.
3 And the reason that fell into the hands of the Bucyrus
4 Police was because she had committed some suspicious
5 activity while visiting the Defendant in the County Jail.

6 And because of that, Officer Wilhite noticed the 043
7 license plate and one thing led to the other, and the car
8 was seized. And what did they find when they looked at
9 Mr. Davison's car? Well, you heard him testify. First off,
10 and I don't think there is any question, Alton Davison's car
11 as you will see in the Exhibit is an Omega and his
12 granddaughter is associated with the Defendant.

13 You also heard Alton Davison testify that in August
14 1993, he put four brand new tires on the car and testified,
15 I think I believe he stated he put around 3000 miles or
16 certainly less than 5000 he figured he put on the car. You
17 will have the exhibit showing where he purchased the
18 Firestone tires.

19 Curiously, when the police recovered Mr. Davison's
20 car, the tires that were on it, were not the ones he bought.
21 He testified he had no problems with the tires. He didn't
22 authorize anyone to put new tires on. Here he has new tires
23 on his car after only a few thousand miles. And Michele
24 Yezzo, in her deposition, indicated she examined the tires
25 on the car and also looked into the tires that Mr. Davison

1 had purchased and should have been on the car, and her
2 conclusion was that the tires that Mr. Davison bought in
3 August, are similar and consistent with the tire tracks
4 found in the snow at the murder scene. The tires on the car
5 when it was recovered are not.

6 The license plate was recovered from the snow, by
7 virtue of Mr. Barnes' activities. And you see that. This
8 is one of the Exhibits you will have. You can look at
9 these. It lets you see where the numbers were and what was
10 actually in the snow. You will find that it was a plate
11 that had the letters first and numbers on the outside. As
12 you look at the front of the car on the far right, that's
13 where the front of the car hit the snow bank and it was the
14 letters that were left imprinted in the snow-- No, not the
15 letters the numbers.

16 Now, after the car was recovered what did we find
17 out remembering the testimony of Nancy Smathers
18 observations? You heard Agent Hardin looked at this car and
19 testified to a number of things. Number one: when you
20 opened the driver's door the dome light didn't come on. He
21 also testified that when he look at it, the reason it did
22 not light is it was currently out.

23 And you will be able to see the general size of the
24 car. And we believe you will agree that Nancy Smathers'
25 description was completely accurate and that this, indeed,