

F.W. "Skip" Burkart, LIAR!

Former Commonwealth Attorney of Roanoke County

Now "Judge" of General District Court Roanoke, Virginia

"I knew something happened to Teresa," he said, because a relative told him gasoline had been sprinkled around her body." Bramblett

Commonwealth's Attorney Skip Burkart says HE didn't know that. He says it took the state crime lab to determine that there was gasoline on and around Teresa Hodges' body and ONLY hers. (from WDBJ newscast internet archive)

This is a LIE by Burkart even before the trial. There was NO GASOLINE involved. He knew that! He is a LIAR! It was kerosene and benzene.

Burkart may be incapable of telling the truth. Read more of his lies on this page.



Burkart went far beyond the evidence and made a complete lie of what he had, and what he was going to "prove" to the jury. Burkart knew the gun evidence was bogus. He had all the exhibits the police had but he questioned nothing. He phrased the questions so the firearms expert continuing to place lie upon lie until the gun was the murder weapon.

The buckets at the crime scene were matched to buckets Bramblett brought home from a company he had worked for in Lynchburg, VA. Hours of comparison. Bramblett didn't deny he brought the buckets to the Hodges, Bramblett was using them to paint the Hodges house. He was priming the wood with kerosene before applying paint. He was painting the Hodges house for free and furnishing all the materials, paint, brushes, buckets and ladders.

Burkart also knew the videotape that the police made was nothing like the conditions when, and where, the old lady said she saw the truck. Vinton was enhancing the lighting system on the street where the

Hodges house was and had installed new high pressure sodium lamps and lamp posts to the end of the block. The old lady saw the truck about a quarter to a half mile beyond these lights. When the videotape was made the lights had been installed to the Roanoke City line where the truck was seen. Burkart knew this. In his closing he first says the truck passed the woman where it was the darkest and then, two minutes later, says "that's why I stopped the tape, so you could see the truck under those orange colored lights." Bramblett's truck was WHITE and the old lady said she saw "pinkish red" truck. It was a red truck but the police got her to amend the color to be pinkish red. She said it was beat-up and dirty. Bramblett's truck was a 1972 Ford 150 and it was not beat-up and never allowed to get dirty.

Burkart always referred the truck coming from the Hodges driveway. This was another LIE that he was aware of. The truck came from a driveway TWO doors West, a painting contracting storage building at the time of the crime. I found out about it when I got the FOIA-FBI information. Burkart deliberately concealed it.

In Burkart's hour and a half closing he dwelled on the gun, which was a lie, he dwelled on the truck he knew was a lie, lied about Bramblett saying Teresa had been doused with gasoline. The entire case Burkart presented was lies, and he knew it.

Burkart also made much ado about a pubic hair on the children's bed that they claimed was Bramblett's. Bramblett was in the house a lot so there is no doubt there were many pubic hairs there. A fireman stood on the bed, another put their hands on the bed after crawling on the floor. Someone threw a tarpaulin over the bed. These could have transferred the hair from any place in the house to the bed.

Burkart is now a General District Court Judge and his lies in this case got him there. He sits in judgement when his career was advanced by being a crooked, lying, prosecutor that is supposed to serve justice, but he framed Bramblett with lies and deceit. Burkart murdered Earl Bramblett as surely as if he had taken a gun and shot him.

Burkart Murdered Earl Bramblett

These two stories about the truck, first in the dark and then under the lights, were in this same closing.

Here is the first story about the truck and the lights that Burkart told in this closing. It is first dark when the truck goes by and this is correct. This is how the old lady told her story.

19	Yes. I've never seen a car come out of there
20	before, but headlights hit me. I didn't know
21	what kind of vehicle it was, but it was
22	headlights. Remember she said how she went down
23	the road, went under those orange halogen lights,
24	following along, this vehicle stayed behind her
25	while it was well lit until it got to that

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section in that curve where it goes into Roanoke City and when it got into there and there were no lights, when it was the darkest part, when he could drive by and nobody could see him, boom, this truck shoots by. Not drives by, not drive past her, but shoots by and rockets into Roanoke City. And what does she say about the truck?

Mike Stovall, a Vinton cop, had testified the lights weren't installed but to Pollard Street About five hundred feet to the end of the block at the Hodges murder scene. Mrs McGee saw the truck about a half mile further down the street where the lights had NOT been installed.

This shows why Burkart had to tell two lies.

5 orange glowish light out that's supposed to be brighter.
6 From the top of the hill ---
7 Q Those halogen type?
8 A Halogen types. From there to Pollard Street
9 this part of the street is very well lit. Past that it was
10 still -- Vinton had still at the time had the old clear dusk
11 to dawn lights spaced at a remarkable distance down the
12 road. So from the scene down, the halogen lights and then
13 from there it was the old style.

But the tape was made AFTER the new high pressure sodium lights had been installed to the Roanoke/Vinton city line.

The even misidentified the new lights as Halogen when they were High Pressure Sodium lights.

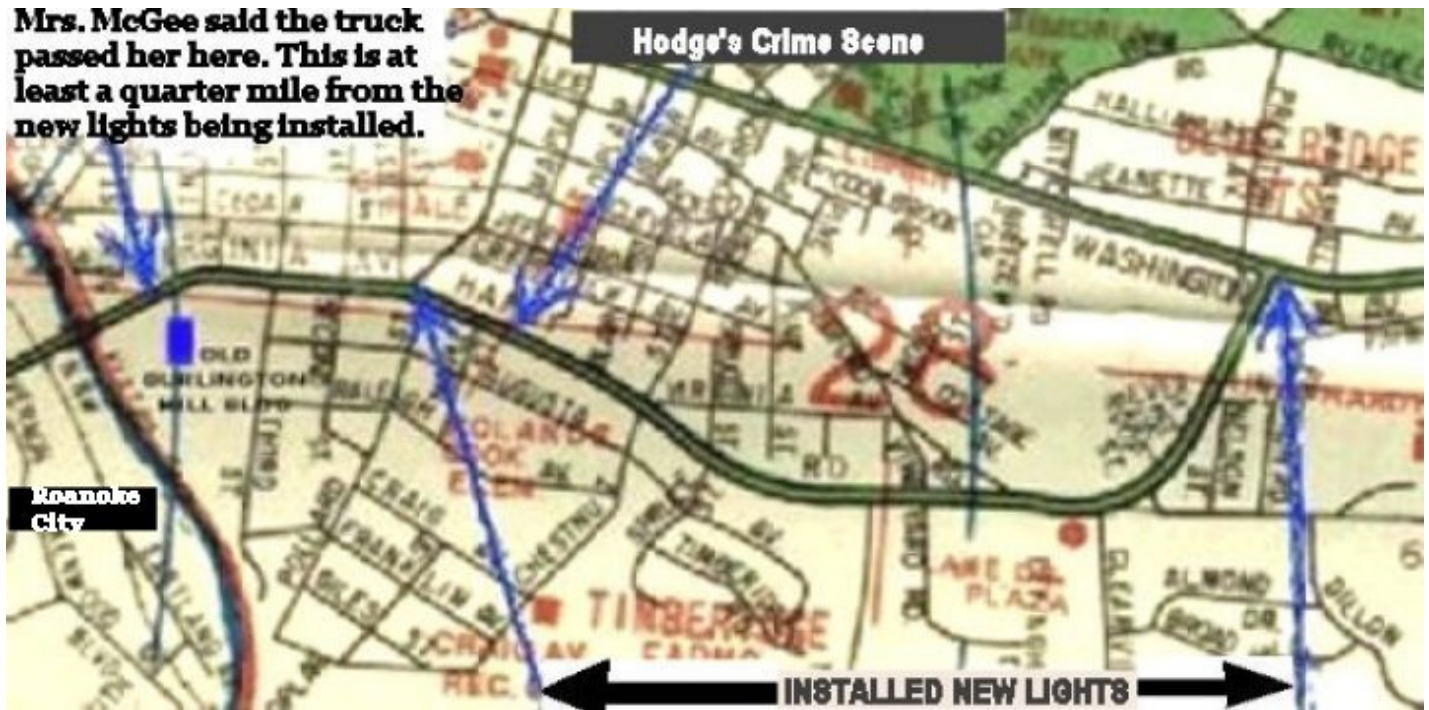
Facts were never a part of this investigation or trial.

Burkart continues with his closing and says this:

11 gone so fast and went into Roanoke City. Now we
12 played that video reenactment for you and we did
13 that on purpose and I stopped the video at the
14 point that she said in her reenactment that that
15 truck went by her and passed her. And every one
16 of you saw along with Ms. McGee how those orange
17 halogen lights cast that pinkish glow on that
18 truck; how it cast that reddish glow. She said,
19 see. That's why we played that video for you

Burkart is now a man that judges people in General District Court. If he lies to condemn a man to death what other lies passes his lips that could be considered worse than that? None!

Mrs. McGee said the truck passed her here. This is at least a quarter mile from the new lights being installed.



Here is an actual map of the street. The UP arrow on the left is where the lights ended. The DOWN arrow on the left is where the truck passed.

Another lie by Burkart

6		as the white truck. At four thirty in the
7		morning, Ms. McGee sees his truck leaving the
8		Hodges home. What did she say about the

it didn't leave the Hodges driveway. Here is what the FOIA had in it.

- 3 An independent witness observed Bramblett's vehicle, 1972 Ford Ranger pickup truck leaving a gravel driveway two doors west of the crime scene at 0432 hours, August 29, 1994. The fire alarm time was 0454 hours.
- 4. Two notes were discovered, one on the front door and on the side door, notifying people who came to the Hodges residence to attend the Amway meeting scheduled for 1900 hours.

A gravel driveway two doors west of the crime scene.

There was also a deaf mute that saw the truck. His name is Mark Stevens and he also works for the post office as a maintenance man. He was not called to testify and he will say nothing (actually, sign nothing) to anyone for fear for his, and his family's life.

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