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- 1 A Okay.
- 2 Q The fellow that you told the police about pistol
3 whipping somebody in his face, knocking him out --
4 and then knocking him out, how much money did you
5 take from his pockets?
- 6 A I don't know. Which one are you talking about?
- 7 Q Okay. Well, is pistol whipping a common
8 characteristic of your debt collection efforts?
- 9 A Okay. What's his name? Do you want to know how
10 much money I took from him? Tell me his name.
- 11 Q Okay. Well, you -- I'll describe it. Maybe
12 that'll help refresh your memory.
- 13 A Well, how about you tell me his name?
- 14 Q Okay.
- 15 A Can't do that?
- 16 Q How many people, sir, did you pistol whip for
17 money?
- 18 A I have no idea. Plenty.
- 19 Q Okay. Pistol whipping was so common for you,
20 you've forgotten how many times you've done that?
- 21 A Sure.
- 22 Q Okay. Pistol whipping was just a routine element
23 of your good business doing these kind of debt
24 collections, correct?
- 25 A I hardly ever carried a gun to those, man. Like I
26 took a gun sometimes, but I very rarely took a
27 gun.
- 28 Q Okay. And that's because you had such a big
29 reputation, right?
- 30 A Sure.
- 31 Q Okay. All right. You've been called in and
32 questioned about committing murders on more than
33 one occasion, is that correct?
- 34 A Called in?
- 35 Q Yeah, the police have called you in and questioned
36 you about murdering people?
- 37 A Yeah.
- 38 Q Okay. On more than one occasion, correct?
- 39 A Yeah.
- 40 Q Okay. And when they've asked you about murdering
41 people, in some cases you didn't do the murder,
42 correct?
- 43 A Yeah.
- 44 Q But in other cases you did murder somebody,
45 correct?
- 46 A I wouldn't say that, no.
- 47 Q Well, in some cases you've murdered people?

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1 A I've killed people. I've killed a person. I --
2 I -- you know, I didn't murder him. It was
3 manslaughter, so --
4 Q Okay. Well, people -- how many other people --
5 A Person.
6 Q --- have you killed?
7 A Person. Person.
8 Q Well, you -- you've lied to the police about not
9 having participated in a murder, correct?
10 A Hey, you could have given me time to look at --
11 look at something if you were going to question me
12 and you wanted exact answers, but you -- you --
13 you didn't, so what can I say? I mean I'm not
14 going to have the exact answers to anything 'cause
15 I've been away for five years. It's -- it's not
16 like I remember everything that's on there, so --
17 Q You need time to reflect upon your murdering
18 background, is that correct?
19 A What do you want to know?
20 Q Okay. Well, how many times have you lied to the
21 police about not murdering somebody?
22 A How many times have I lied to the police not
23 murdering somebody?
24 Q Yeah.
25 A Never.
26 Q Okay. How many people have you killed?
27 A I don't know. I assume it's probably two.
28 Q You assume you've killed two. Okay. Who are the
29 two people that you've killed?
30 A Well, I don't know -- I don't know their names.
31 Q You killed two people and you don't know their
32 names?
33 A Yeah.
34 Q Okay. When did you kill these two people?
35 A Years and years ago.
36 Q How many years ago?
37 A Oh, probably about 20 something years ago.
38 Q Okay. Were they men or women that you killed?
39 A Men.
40 Q Okay. And where did you kill these men?
41 A Well, somewhere along the Malahat.
42 Q Okay. These were just like strangers you picked
43 up?
44 A It was a stranger who picked me up hitchhiking,
45 yeah. I don't know if he was dead or not, but it
46 sure seemed that way.
47 Q Okay. So you recall an occasion about 20 years

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1 ago when somebody picked you up hitchhiking and
2 you murdered him?
3 A Well, he looked dead to me.
4 Q Okay. And what did you do to apparently murder
5 this person?
6 A I beat the shit out of him, man.
7 Q Okay.
8 A That's what you do, you know.
9 Q And did the police question you about murdering
10 this individual?
11 A No. Well, maybe. Maybe in -- in the -- in the
12 debrief maybe.
13 Q Okay. So the police might have arrested you and
14 questioned you about murdering somebody on the
15 Malahat, correct?
16 A No, they didn't question me about it. I just went
17 ahead and told them.
18 Q I see.
19 A I didn't lie. I just went in and told them.
20 Q Okay.
21 A Yeah.
22 Q You just told them about murdering a man on the
23 Malahat?
24 A Yeah, as part of the debrief.
25 Q Okay. Who was the other person that you murdered?
26 A Well, I don't know if he's dead either, but he
27 seemed that way.
28 Q Okay. When did you apparently murder the second
29 person?
30 A It was at a nightclub, a nightclub in Courtenay
31 and it was behind the bar.
32 Q Okay. And what did you do to the man in Courtenay
33 that you murdered?
34 A I stomped his head in.
35 Q Using a weapon?
36 A My boot. My boots.
37 Q Okay. Did you believe the man that you murdered
38 in Courtenay owed you any money?
39 A No.
40 Q Okay. What was your reason for murdering the man
41 in Courtenay?
42 A He was beating the shit out of his girlfriend.
43 Q Okay. And --
44 A So I stuck up for her and I beat the shit out of
45 him and I might have overdone it.
46 Q Okay. Because you believed him to be dead,
47 correct?

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1 A I did.
2 Q Okay. And the man that you picked up -- picked
3 you up on the Malahat that you believe you
4 murdered --
5 A Mm-hmm.
6 Q -- that person, did you use any weapons to kill
7 him or --
8 A No.
9 Q -- did you just kill him? No, okay. How -- how
10 did you kill the man that picked you up on --
11 A I beat the shit out of him, stomped on him,
12 dragged him out of his car. Dealt with it like it
13 should have been. You know, I was -- my life was
14 in danger, so that's what --
15 Q Your life was in danger?
16 A Sure it was.
17 Q I see. What about the man in Courtenay that you
18 murdered, was that --
19 A No.
20 Q -- your life in danger?
21 A No, he was beating the shit out of a woman.
22 Q Okay. So your response to that was to murder him?
23 A Just go beat the shit out of him. I was, you
24 know, just sticking up for her. I might have gone
25 a little bit far.
26 Q Okay.
27 A Took it a little bit far.
28 Q Okay.
29 A I don't know if he's dead or not, but it seemed
30 that way.
31 Q You've engaged in other savage, brutal beatings of
32 people as well, is that correct?
33 A Mm-hmm.
34 Q Okay. There was an occasion that you engaged in a
35 savage and brutal beating of a man that caused him
36 life long brain damage, is that correct?
37 A Mm-hmm.
38 Q Yes?
39 A Mm-hmm. Yeah.
40 Q Sorry, I'm asking that 'cause it's recorded. Is
41 that -- that's a yes?
42 A Yeah.
43 Q Okay. And the savage, brutal beating of a man
44 that caused brain damage, that's somebody
45 different from the two men that you murdered?
46 A Yeah.
47 Q Okay. And -- and again different from the person

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1 that you were convicted of for committing
2 manslaughter, is that correct?
3 A Yeah.
4 Q Okay.
5 THE COURT: Mr. Mulligan?
6 MR. MULLIGAN: Yes.
7 THE COURT: I recognize you've been granted
8 considerable flexibility, but you need to be fair.
9 MR. MULLIGAN: Yes.
10 THE COURT: His testimony is not that he murdered
11 people, that he believed they were dead.
12 MR. MULLIGAN: Okay.
13 THE COURT: All right.
14 MR. MULLIGAN:
15 Q Do you still believe those two people are dead
16 that you --
17 A I have no idea.
18 Q Okay. When you left them, they appeared dead to
19 you?
20 A They did.
21 Q And the beating was so severe, you thought there
22 was no way they could have survived that?
23 A Oh, I figured probably 'cause, you know, they
24 [indiscernible]. Maybe.
25 Q Okay.
26 A Possibility, nor did -- I didn't care.
27 Q You didn't care, okay.
28 A No, didn't care.
29 Q So you're the sort of fellow who will administer
30 severe beatings to people and -- and then not care
31 whether they die, is that correct?
32 A I was that -- I was that person, yes.
33 Q Okay. And that's part of what got you this huge
34 reputation, correct?
35 A Well, no, it didn't get my reputation 'cause
36 nobody was there. Nobody saw it. Nobody saw when
37 I was picked up hitchhiking. Nobody saw me behind
38 that nightclub, so no, you're wrong. That is not
39 what got me the reputation.
40 Q Okay. Yeah, your reputation was earned by your
41 drug collection activity -- debt collection,
42 correct?
43 A Yeah.
44 Q Yeah. Your reputation was earned by doing things
45 like the daytime masked home invasion. That --
46 that would add to your reputation, right?
47 A No, it wouldn't, since I had a mask on, right?