

TESS

187. CITY HALL - DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - DAY

CLOSE ON A GLASS OFFICE DOOR, STENCILLED WITH "MAGISTRATE DISTRICT ATTORNEY VICTOR BONETTO".

BACK FOCUS THROUGH THE DOOR TO FIND --

VICTOR BONETTO Flipping through a BLUE BINDER of trial notes and case photos as he waits to see one TESS.

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VICTOR BONETTO

The Oxford Higgins jury selection was totally by the book. Only three African Americans in the pool; judge removed two because of connections to the case.

AND

The third

Case with his review, Bonetto lays the binder on the desk.

VICTOR BONETTO

Not a kid daddy's son; I didn't want to risk her identifying with him. Used a pre-empt.

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(over upside-down binder)
You didn't pre-empt Anita Johnson; he had a 17 year-old child as well, but he was WHITE...

VICTOR BONETTO

Are you looking at my notes--

TESS

Reading upside down; trick I picked up in law school.
(gentle, but insistent)
White jurors are more likely to incarcerate blacks; all white juries convict black defendants sixteen percent more often than--

VICTOR BONETTO

Your command of statistics is impressive, however--

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Additionally, your case was based largely on a single eyewitness... Much like over 70 percent of overturned convictions -

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