

1 independent basis, stands on his own feet.

2 MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY: But he
3 thought maybe he could use you as one of his inside
4 men?

5 THE WITNESS: Right. And of
6 course, I went to the Chief of Police way ahead of
7 ever formally applying and told him I was
8 interested in it and that he can be assured that I
9 have no loyalty to a district attorney's office
10 that practices the way that one did and I just was
11 hoping to get out of there in a position where I
12 could do what was right instead of kind of having
13 to be part of that mess.

14 MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY: Did Mr.
15 Feazell ever threaten you?

16 THE WITNESS: Well, he has -- oh,
17 I don't know. He has said some things that, you
18 know, it would be good for me politically -- he's
19 always trying to get somebody to run for something.
20 It would be good for me politically to stick with
21 him and do what he wanted me to do and that Larry
22 Scott and the city manager of Waco they're, you
23 know, no good. And he would more imply that if I
24 went with them or their side of things that it
25 would not be advantageous to me, but I wouldn't

1 really feel it was a threat.

2 QUESTIONS BY MS. PATTERSON:

3 Q. Mr. Johnston, about how old is Mr.
4 Feazell?

5 A. Gosh, he's about 34 or maybe 35 now.
6 But he started law school late. I think he got his
7 law license in '79 or '80 -- '79, I think. So he's
8 only been practicing law since he was, I guess, 31
9 or something like that, 30.

10 MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY: Isn't
11 that kind of young? Moved up kind of quickly.

12 THE WITNESS: Well, I guess. I
13 think a young person could handle it; but I think
14 the integrity and honesty was lacking and that was
15 his problem, not his youth. But that is kind of
16 young, I guess, for a DA.

17 MS. PATTERSON: Any other
18 questions for Mr. Johnston?

19 FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY: Thank
20 you very much, Mr. Johnston.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you all.

22 FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY: We'll
23 excuse you one more time.

24 (Witness excused)

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