

1 accomplished on April the 26th of 2006 and what the
2 proof will show.

3 The evidence will show that the house at 1305
4 Ridgeway Street in Jackson, Mississippi at the time was
5 widely regarded as a house with a history of past crack
6 use.

7 The evidence will prove that on many
8 occasions in the past police had been called to that
9 particular location for drug violations and drug related
10 activities, and the mayor and these police officers went
11 to the house that night to address these problems not
12 with an evil intent but with a desire to reduce the drug
13 problems at that residence and in Jackson as a whole.

14 In fact, Evans Welch, the tenant at this
15 rental house, was arrested that night on August the 26th
16 of 2006. Among other things he possessed drug
17 paraphernalia called in Evans Welch's own words a
18 straight shooter and a push rod.

19 A straight shooter is used for ingesting
20 cocaine, and a push rod is what you clean the straight
21 shooter with. Some of you may have had a grandfather or
22 a father who smoked a pipe, and every now and then you
23 would see him take out this long cotton little piece of
24 wire and clean the pipe out. The same thing with the
25 straight shooter and a push rod.

