

1 Q And so, it sound like, based on your training and
2 your experience in these areas, you have a
3 significant understanding of the technical aspects of
4 barbering and hair growth?

5 A Yes. I would assume that any instructor of any
6 length of time, would have a very good understanding.

7 Q Could you say, based on your training and
8 experience as a general matter, what the rate is at
9 which a person's hair grows?

10 A Yes. The book tells us how it grows, and how
11 much it grows.

12 Q And do you consider that book to be accurate?

13 A Pretty accurate, yes.

14 Q So, as a general matter, could you say the rate
15 at which a person's hair grows, like, how many inches
16 per month, or something like that?

17 A Hair grows -- the book tells us, a half an inch.
18 That really depends on the person's health,
19 medication they may be taking, whether or not they
20 exercise, what type of food they eat.

21 Q What kind of range are we talking about with
22 these factors?

23 A It would be less. So, if a person is in poor
24 health, it would be less growth. If they don't eat
25 appropriately, it would be less growth, it would be

1 thinner, it wouldn't be as healthy.

2 Q Is a half inch kind of the outside?

3 A That's about the longest it would grow in a
4 month.

5 Q Are there variations in that rate, based on
6 either gender or race, or both?

7 A No, not to what I've been taught by the book.

8 Q And in your experience, do prisoners fit anywhere
9 into this sort of range, they tend to -- the hair
10 growth that the average grade, or less?

11 A Excuse me?

12 Q Based on your experience teaching barbering in
13 prison for a number of years, is your experience that
14 people who are incarcerated tend to an average hair
15 growth rate, or less?

16 A It really depends on the individual. It's like
17 anywhere; some of them don't eat as well, some of
18 them don't exercise. If they do, and they take care
19 of themselves, and they do everything that they
20 should, and keep up, then it would grow about a half
21 an inch a month. But, again, it's genetics as well.

22 Q So, you are familiar, as you said, with a number
23 of the sort of techniques that are used to cut men's
24 hair?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Are you familiar with the tool I believe that's
2 referred to as a "Clipper?"

3 A Oh, yes.

4 Q And that clipper, if I'm correct, has a very
5 variation of attachments that can be put on it?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And what are the purposes of those attachments?

8 A For the length of the hair.

9 Q So, if you used a Number 1 attachment, how long
10 would that hair be after you cut it?

11 A That would be shorter than a half an inch.

12 Q Okay. And how about --

13 A It would be probably a sixteenth of an inch.

14 Q A sixteenth of an inch for --

15 A Probably, yeah.

16 Q -- a Number 1. And how about a Number 2?

17 A Number 2 would be slightly longer.

18 Q And --

19 A And so on, and so forth.

20 Q Okay. Thanks. Are you familiar with the
21 hairstyling technique known as "Cornrowing?"

22 A Yes.

23 Q Could you describe that in its most basic form?

24 A Cornrowing is where the hair is -- think of a
25 field of corn -- it's cornrows. So, it's rows of

1 braids. They can be done in different styles,
2 because they can go in different directions. They've
3 had some very elaborate styles in the prison. But,
4 it's very tight, right up against the head, and it's
5 very precise.

6 Q Does cornrowing require that first sort of free-
7 standing braids be made, and then be attached to the
8 head, or are they attached to the head as you make
9 the braids?

10 A That would be extensions. There's a difference.

11 Q So -- okay. Could you please explain that
12 difference?

13 A So, cornrowing is with the person's actual hair.
14 If you wanted extensions, you would put the
15 extensions on, and then cornrow the hair from the
16 extensions.

17 Q Okay. So, could you explain to a layperson if
18 you're going to cornrow with someone's natural hair,
19 how that process would be done?

20 A So, you would divide up the hair, you'd grab it
21 -- you would have to grab it with your hands, and
22 move the hair in three sections underneath each
23 other, very close and pulled tight to the head.

24 Q Is there a sort of minimum length at which a
25 person's hair would have to have grown to be

1 cornrowed?

2 A Any layman could tell that you need enough hair
3 to grab a hold of and pull.

4 Q Uh-huh.

5 A And then grab more hair so, yeah, I would say,
6 you'd like at least a couple of inches, but an inch
7 and a half would be difficult.

8 Q And depending on the length of the hair that's
9 cornrowed, does that come out differently on the head
10 in having longer hair versus shorter hair? Would it
11 appear different to the outside observer?

12 A Longer hair as opposed to shorter hair? No, it
13 would be thinner if it was shorter. Longer hair may
14 be a little thicker.

15 Q Okay. So you're saying, kind of theoretically,
16 an inch and a half might be the minimum, but really
17 more like three inches is probably what you're
18 looking for?

19 A Two to three inches, yeah. You want at least a
20 couple of in- -- you have to be able to grab it with
21 your fingers. So, I tell my students to use their
22 index finger, and this is about an inch, so now
23 you're talking about if you can grab this amount of
24 hair.

25 MR. SCHNIPPER: And perhaps the record should

1 reflected the witness is showing the first joined to
2 raise her index finger, Judge?

3 THE COURT: Yes, I see that. The record will so
4 reflect.

5 BY MR. SCHNIPPER:

6 Q Thank you, Ms. Talbot. So, if a person were to
7 have a haircut with a Number 1 attachment, is it fair
8 to say that it would take probably roughly, at least
9 four months to grow that hair to be cornrowed?

10 A Good question. Let me think about that. Well,
11 if you're average, and it's a half, I would say,
12 yeah, three -- maybe three months at the very
13 shortest amount of time. Yeah.

14 Q Now, if a person were to have cornrows in their
15 hair, and then to remove them --

16 A Uh-huh.

17 Q -- would there be any tell-tale marks revealed by
18 that?

19 Q Depending on how long they were in the head.
20 Frequently, they would look like lines after the
21 cornrows so pulled tight, and the longer they're that
22 way, they would be parting. So they would be parting
23 in the hair. You would see the parting where the
24 cornrows were. Sometimes the hair is so well-pulled,
25 that the skin is actually bent and pulled.

1 Q And so, about how long would the hairstyle have
2 to be in to create those parting marks?

3 A Everyone's different.

4 Q To really know where to say?

5 A No. It would have to be a little bit of a time.
6 But everyone is different and it would depend on how
7 tight they were.

8 Q Okay.

9 MR. SCHNIPPER: Judge, may I approach the witness
10 at this time?

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 BY MR. SCHIPPER:

13 Q Ms. Talbot, I'd like to show you a few
14 photographs, if I could.

15 THE COURT: Why don't you use the Exhibits, Mr.
16 Schnipper?

17 MR. SCHNIPPER: I'm showing the witness what's
18 been marked as Exhibit 1A and 1B.

19 THE COURT Yes.

20 BY MR. SCHNIPPER:

21 Q Just let me know when you've had a chance to look
22 at those.

23 Do you see the man in that photo?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And do you see his hairstyle?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Based on your experience, could you give an
3 opinion about whether that hair is long enough to be
4 braided -- I'm sorry -- cornrowed?

5 A I would say at first look, no. It is very
6 difficult to tell, because his type of hair would
7 stretch a little bit. So, in these pictures, it is
8 more difficult to tell, but I would say by just
9 looking at them, "No."

10 Q Thank you.

11 MR. SCHNIPPER: Judge, now I'm going to show the
12 witness a photograph that's been marked as Exhibit 2.

13 BY MR. SCHNIPPER:

14 Q If you could take a look at this photo ma'am, and
15 just give me the same -- answer the same question
16 about whether that hair looks to you like it could be
17 cornrowed.

18 A It looks like it might be a little bit shorter
19 than in the first pictures. Of course, a picture is
20 hard to tell. But, it does look like it's a little
21 bit shorter, it might be more difficult, even.

22 Q Okay. Thank you.

23 A You're welcome.

24 MR. SCHNIPPER: I have one more photograph that
25 I'd like to show the witness, what's been marked as

1 Exhibit 3.

2 BY MR. SCHNIPPER:

3 Q If you could take a look at this photo, ma'am,
4 and just --

5 A All right. This is a little easier to tell, it's
6 a little closer. As you can see on the sides of the
7 head, you can see the scalp, so I would say, "No."

8 Q And when you look at these photographs, do you
9 see any indications that that hair has been recently
10 cornrowed and then had those cornrows removed?

11 A That, I can't tell.

12 Q Okay. Thank you.

13 A You're welcome.

14 MR. SCHNIPPER: I've got nothing further at this
15 time, Judge.

16 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Mr.
17 Coliflores?

18 MR. COLIFLORES: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 CROSS EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. COLIFLORES:

21 Q First, I'd like to revisit licensure for becoming
22 a barber. You mentioned that it takes approximately
23 a thousand hours of "Practical" experience, is that
24 correct?

25 A "Practical" and "Theory" combination.

1 Q -- that's possible?

2 A It is. It would be more difficult because you
3 have the extension, and it depends on how the
4 extension is attached to the hair.

5 Q Fair.

6 A If it's a metal piece or plastic piece that's
7 actually attached to the hair, that would be more
8 difficult to do cornrows with. You also have
9 extensions that are braided right into the hair, or
10 tied, or sewed into the hair; those would be a little
11 bit better, but it still would make the hair thicker.

12 Q And are those commercially available, all those
13 options?

14 A You could buy them at Sally's, which is open to
15 the public.

16 Q So, is there a particular length a person's hair
17 would have to be to have these extensions attached in
18 the first place?

19 A Well, I would say that if the hair is too short,
20 they wouldn't hold on.

21 Q Could you put an inches amounts to it?

22 A Well, I would say you'd have to have at least a
23 half an inch.

24 Q And if one were to put in a number of cornrow
25 extensions in one's hair, when they were taken out,

1 you'd be left with a pile of what would look like
2 loose braids?

3 A In order to take them out, you would have to
4 probably cut them out, and were -- take a clipper and
5 cut them out. But they could leave the lines as
6 well, yes, depending on how long they were on.

7 MR. SCHNIPPER: If we could -- if I could just
8 briefly approach the witness again, Judge?

9 THE COURT: Yes.

10 BY MR. SCHNIPPER:

11 Q This is once again Exhibit 3, ma'am. Does this
12 photograph show or suggest any indication that
13 extensions have been recently removed from that man's
14 hair?

15 A It's hard to say. It's not my opinion, but it is
16 hard to say. It does seem a little short to try to
17 do extensions. You want enough hair to grab a hold,
18 but as I said, it looks a little short, but not
19 totally impossible.

20 Q And if a person -- if that were to happen, have
21 extensions removed, either cut off or otherwise
22 removed, whoever did that, would be left with a pile
23 of extensions in their hand or a waste product of a
24 number of extensions?

25 A Oh, yes.

1 Q Thank you.

2 MR. COLIFLORES: Just from my normal objection.

3 MR. SCHNIPPER: I've got nothing further for Ms.
4 Talbot, Judge.

5 THE COURT: All right. Anything further?

6 MR. COLIFLORES: Very briefly, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right.

8 RE CROSS EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. COLIFLORES:

10 Q Referring you to Exhibit 3, which you were just
11 looking at.

12 A Uh-huh.

13 Q You testified that it's difficult, but not
14 impossible, to put extensions in that hair, is that
15 correct?

16 A Correct.

17 Q And if they were put in hastily, would they be
18 easier to remove?

19 A No, they couldn't go in hastily. If --

20 Q If --

21 A I'm sorry.

22 Q Let me rephrase. If they weren't secured for
23 purposes of keeping it for a long time, would they be
24 easily removed?

25 A No.

1 Q No. You mentioned that they can be inserted with
2 pins and other (inaudible -- cannot understand at
3 9:59:01)?

4 A Uh-huh.

5 Q Would those leave any tell-tale marks on that
6 photo.-- on that head in that photo?

7 A Probab- -- you would have to cut it out, and the
8 hair wouldn't be as even. It would be on -- a lot
9 more uneven. Because the hair is so short --

10 Q Uh-huh.

11 A -- it would be a lot of patches. You would
12 probably see a lot of patches.

13 Q And that's due to the nature of it being the way
14 it's attached?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Would different methods of attachment result in
17 different evidence in the hair, such as you
18 mentioned, sewing versus using clips?

19 A Only in the appearance of wearing it, not in how
20 to get it out.

21 Q And the appearance of the hair after removing it,
22 was there any difference at that moment?

23 A Not with the differences of attachments.

24 Q Okay.

25 MR. COLIFLORES: No further questions, Your