# JAMES R. BOLDING

was called as a witness by the State and, having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

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#### BY MS. JOHES:

- Q. Would you state your name, please?
- A. My name is James R. Bolding.
- Q. How are you employed?
- A. By the City of Houston at the Houston Folice crime lab.
- Q. What is your position there at the crime lab?
- $\lambda$ . I am the supervisor of the serology section of the crime laboratory.
- Q. How long have you been working for the Houston Police Department crime lab?
  - A. Approximately six years.
- Q. What basically does your position entail as supervision of the serology section?
- A. I am a working supervisor, supervise the chemists in the serology section, and I also work some of the cases that come into the laboratory.
- Q. What is your educational background for the position you hold?

- A. B. S. and M. S. in biology, biochemistry from Texas Southern University; further credits toward a Ph D in biochemistry from the University of Texas, credits in forensic serology from the FBI academy, serology research in California, attended meetings and seminars specifically for serology and forensic science.
  - Q. Explain what the study of scrology is.
- A. Study of body fluids relative to criminal or possible criminal kinds of events.
- Q. In connection with the study of body fluids, do you have occasion to analyze substances connected with a rape investigation?
  - A. Yes, ma'am.

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- Q. And what basically do you do in that regard?
- A. Some of the things we do is, first of all, identify the body fluid in question. If indeed this is alleged sexual assault, we identify the substance as being semen. We then attempt in some cases to identify the possible substances in that semen as being blood factors. Those are basically the kinds of things we do with sexual assaults.
  - Q. Did you have oddssion to examine any

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- Q. I'll show you what has been marked for identification as State's 6. Ask if you can identify that.
  - A. Yes, I can.
  - Q. How can you identify that?
- A. It has my laboratory number and my initials on it.
  - Q. What is that item?
- A. So-called rape kit or sexual assault evidence collection kit.
  - Q. What is a rape kit, for the jury?
- A. Packet of physical evidence that is collected near or about the time that a victim or potential victim of sexual assault has alleged the assault. It would include the physical items collected by a physician that would be foreign to her body.
- Q. What items are collected by the physician in connection with a rape kit?
- A. Samples from the vagina. Usually this is a large Q-tip inscrted into the vagina to absorb semen that is present; also hairs pulled

from their hair and pubic area as known samples; loose hairs are collected; fingernail scrapings are collected from the complainant at that time, and any foreign samples are also collected. In addition to these, a blood sample is also collected as a known sample from the complaining witness.

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- Q. Referring to State's Exhibit 6, when did you receive that exhibit?
- A. We received this in the laboratory on -submitted to the laboratory on Jenuary the 14th,
  1985.
- Q. And where did you -- where did you get it basically?
- A. It was submitted to the laboratory lock box. This is a vault system that we have for evidence submission.
- Q. Did you yourself retrieve it from the lock box?
  - A. No, ma'am, I did not.
- Q. Who got it from the lock box, if you know?
  - A. Hs. Pam McInnis.
  - Q. Who is that person?
  - A. She was at the time an employee of the

Houston police laboratory in the scrology section.

- Q. Does anyone else other than -- basically, who is able to get -- have access and retrieve items from the lock box?
- have keys to the lock box. The access door is on the inside of the laboratory, and it takes three sections, the serology section, the trace section and the drug section keys to open the lock box door so the sectional chemists designated at the time have keys for that lock box.
- Q. Is the chemist, the person who retrieved item 6, the rape kit, under your supervision?
  - A. Yes, ma'am.

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- Q. What condition was State's Exhibit No. 6, the rape kit, when you received it on that day?
  - A. In a sealed condition.
- Q. What did you do with State's Exhibit No.
- $\Lambda_{\bullet}$  . Inventoried the kit and the other items of evidence and retaped them until we could analyze them.
- Q. Would you open State's Exhibit 6 at this time?
  - I direct your attention to the items in

- in State's Exhibit 6 and ask if you can identify them?
  - A. Yes, ma'am, I can.

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- Q. Would you identify 6 A?
- A. That is a packet with my laboratory number and my initials, which is labeled known head hair of victim.
  - Q. State's Exhibit 6 B?
- A. 6 B is also a packet with my initials and laboratory number, labeled known pubic hair of victim.
  - Q. State's Exhibit No. 6 C?
- A. State's Exhibit No. 6 C is a packet labeled fingernail scrapings.
- Q. Does 6 C contain your identifying initials?
  - A. That's correct.
  - Q. State's Exhibit No. 6 D?
- $\Lambda$ . With my initials and laboratory number. This packet is labeled loose hair from pubic area of victim.
  - Q. State's Exhibit No. 6 E?
- A. This is a sample that was taken from the known blood sample of the complainant with my laboratory number and my initials.

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- A. This is a cardboard slide holder mailer which contained microscopic or glass slides on which secretions of the vagina of the complaining witness are placed. It also has my laboratory number and initials.
  - Q. State's Exhibit G?
- A. State's Exhibit G is a plastic baggio marked with my laboratory number and my initials also.
  - Q. State's Exhibit 6 H?
- A. This is a blood vial containing the blood from the complaining witness with my laboratory number and my initials also.
  - Q. Finally, State's Exhibit No. 6 D?
- A. This is the large Q-tip that is used to absorb any secretions from the body of the complainant with my laboratory number and my initials also.
- Q. Mr. Bolding, did you perform any examinations on the exhibits 6 A through F?
  - A. Yes, ma'am, I did.
  - Q. What examinations did you perform?
- A. I performed an examination for the presence of semen on the glass slides in the

cardboard slide mailer. I also performed an examination for the presence of semen and the seminal components on the swab sample that was -- the large Q-tip device that was also in State's Exhibit 6.

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- Q. Can you briefly explain the type of examination, exactly what you did, the tests you performed?
- A. The cardboard slide mailer, we take the glass slides out, put them under a microscope, look for the presence of male sex cells, spermatazoa. That is the basic test on that particular item.

The swab sample is bisected or the tip is removed and placed into a water solution and analyzed for several chemical components of semen, one of which is acid phosphatase, and we did that in this case.

- Q. Were you able to formulate conclusions based upon your examination of the items in the rape kit?
  - A. Yes, ma'am.
  - Q. What was your conclusion?
- A. My conclusion was that the evidence or the items from the complainant did contain semen,

therefore, the individual from which these were removed had had some sexual contact.

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- O. Were you able to determine or conclude anything further from the presence of the semen in the rape kit which might lead to the identification of the individual that had had sex with the victim?
- A. We again attempted to determine the secretor status on the swab sample in the kit.

  Again this is a way to determine whether or not there are blood groupings on the swab in the kit.
- Q. For the ladies and gentlemen of the jury could you explain what the secretor status means?
- A. Rasically all individuals are categorized into two groups. They are said to be secretors or non-secretors. The individuals said to be secretors are individuals that can and do produce their own blood factors, their Λ, Β, Ο groupings in other than their blood. The non-secretors are individuals that do not contain those Λ, Β, Ο factors in other body fluids. An example would be an individual that was a type Λ secretor, we could test their saliva or vaginal fluid or semen and determine that that individual had type Λ blood. This was the basic kinds of

tests we ran on this particular sample.

- Q. When you say secretor, then, are you saying that the person's blood type then is found in other substances such as saliva or semen?
  - A. That's correct.

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- Q. So if a person has the blood type of A, then, if he is a secretor, that blood would also be found in his saliva or semen?
- A. That factor would be found in his saliva or semen.
- Q. With respect to State's Exhibit No. 6, were you able to determine any secretor status in the presence of the semen you examined or found in that rape kit?
  - A. Mo, ma'am, I was not.
- Q. Did you formulate a conclusion about the absence of any secretor status in that evidence?
- A. My conclusion would be that the individuals present or the samples present contained a non-secretor status, that is, we could not determine whether or not they had type A, B or O blood factor.
- Q. Does that mean the victim in the case would have been a non-sccretor?
  - A. That would be the conclusion we would

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- Q. What would the conclusion you would draw be regarding the suspect or the attacker in this case?
- A. That would also mean that the semen donor would also be a non-secretor.
- Q. Mr. Bolding, do you have in your own knowledge any estimates of the percentile of the individuals within our -- who have a non-secretor status versus a secretor status?
- A. Approximately 15 to 20 percent of the population are said to be non-secretors.
  - Q. Is that basically two in ton?
  - A. That would be an estimate, yes, ma'am.
- Q. Did you have occasion to perform any examinations on the other evidence submitted on the suspect in this case?
  - A. Yes, ma'am.
- Q. I show you an exhibit which is in six parts, marked State's Exhibit 6 A through E, and ask if you can identify this exhibit?
  - A. Yes, ma'am, I can.
  - Q. Would you do so?
- A. These are samples of head hair and pubic hair and blood and saliva submitted from the

suspect in this case or the defendant in this case by a Sgt. Glenn. They also have my laboratory number and my initials.

 $Q_{\bullet}$  Did you perform any examinations on those exhibits A through E?

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- A. I performed tests on the blood sample, I think that's State's Exhibit D, and State's Exhibit E, the saliva samples.
  - Q. What conclusion did you reach?
- defendant in this particular case was a
- Q. And is that conclusion then consistent with the results that you found in connection with State's Exhibit 6 in this case, the rape kit?

MS. IRVIN: Object to that question. She's asking him to draw a conclusion with that which was found off of the victim and to compare it with that which was found off of the -- Mr. Byrd. There is no connection between the two.

THE COURT: Overruled

- $\Lambda_{\star}$  It is possible that the defendant in this case is a semen donor.
- MS. JONES: At this time the State offers State's Exhibits 6 A through 1 believe E,

and State's Exhibit 10 A through F into evidence. 1 MS. IRVIN: Object. The predicate has 2 not been laid properly. 3 THE COURT: Overruled. It is admitted. 1 MS. JONES: Pass the vitness. 5 THE COURT: You may cross examine. 6 CROSS EXAMINATION ρ 9 10 BY MS. IRVIH: What type of test did you perform on tho 1.1 semen that you removed from the victim? 12 The type test we performed was called - 13 absorption inhibition test. ] 4 Did you perform any other tests besides 15 Ω. that? 16 We also performed the acid phosphataso 1.7 Λ. 18 test. Any other test? 1.9 Q. There was a choline test also performed. 2.0 Α. Did you all receive any samples of the 21 Q. victim's husband's semen? 2.2

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- Q. I believe you indicated, what, actually about 20 percent of the population are non-secretors, is that correct?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. We are talking about 20 percent of 200 some billion people?
  - A. Just 20 percent of the population.
- Q. When you testify as to being an expert, when you say 20 percent of the population, you have some idea of what the population of the country is, don't you?
- A. The statistics come in throughout the world.
- Q. So it is 20 percent of the world's population. I know we have 250 million persons.

  MS. JONES: Object to counsel testifying.

THE COURT: Sustained.

## BY MS. IRVIN:

- Q. You have any idea what the world population is?
- A. I believe it has been estimated at 4 and a half billion people.
- Q. You have hair samples that you have taken from the victim; is that correct?

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- Q. Did you make any comparison with the hair sample submitted to you from Mr. Byrd?
  - A. I did not personally, no, ma'am.
- Q. So the only thing that you examined would be the seminal fluid?
  - A. That's correct, and the blood samples.
- Q. Now, you stated that the victim's blood sample was what?
- A. Mrs. was determined to be a type
  - Q. And was any other blood removed from her that may have been of another type?
    - A. Not that I am aware of, no, ma'am.
    - Q. The blood type of Mr. Byrd is what?
    - A. Type A
  - Q. So if he left blood on her and you had an opportunity to test that blood, it would reveal his blood as being type  $\Lambda$ ?
  - A. If we had the blood samples, it would be possible to test his blood, yes, ma'am.
  - Q. What kind of factors would inhibit you from making a determination as to whether or not seminal fluid is present?
    - A. If there was seminal fluid present,

probably the only inhibiting factor would be the amount.

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- Q. What about the presence of two different types of seminal fluid? Would that cause a problem?
- A. It usually would manifest itself as the presence of two blood groupings if both individuals were secretors.
- you try to help me out. Say two persons had intercourse with the victim. What factors would intervene or interfere with you determining that two persons had intercourse with the victim?
- A. Again, it would have to be determined whether or not both individuals were secretors or non-secretors. We would then have all three individuals in this case, we would then have 3 sets of blood factors present if indeed all the individuals, the complaining witness and the two individuals that had attacked her, were secretors.
- Q. What other tests do you know of that can be performed other than the three you named in determining whether seminal fluid is present?
- A. Something called the P. 30 test. That is a confirmation of the presence of semen.

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- A. The spermen test.
- Q. Which of those tests are most reliable?
- A. Of the tests that we performed?
- Q. Of all five of them?
- $\Lambda_{\star}$ . The identification of sperm cells on the glass slides are the most reliable and most conclusive.
  - Q. That would be which test?
  - A. The microscopic test.
  - Q. Did you perform a microscopic test?
  - A. Yes, ma'am, I did.

MS. IRVIN: Pass the witness, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mrs. Jones.

### REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. JONES:

Q. Mr. Bolding, the question asked you by counsel involving whether or not you would have been able to determine the blood type of the defendant, your conclusions regarding the semen and so forth is basically, had be been a secretor or non-secretor, is it your opinion, absent secretor status in the semen, you would not have

been able to determine the blood type of the defendant short of him being cut?

- A. That's correct. We are talking about factors other than blood, we talk about secretor status. These are substances that are not blood.
- Q. Would you say the percentage of the population considered non-secretors is rare or not?
- A. It is one-fifth of the population; therefore, it would be one-fifth -- it would be much less than the individuals that are secretors.

MS. JONES: Pass the witness.

MS. IRVIN: No questions.

THE COURT: May be be excused?

MS. IRVIN: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Call your next.

MS. JONES: Mr. Warkentin.

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#### BY MS. JONES:

- Q. State your name.
- A. Robert H. Warkentin.
- Q. Spell the last name, please.
- A. W-a-r-k-e-n-t-i-n.
  - Q. Where are you employed?
- A. Chemist and toxicologist with the City of Houston Police Department.
  - Q. How long have you been so employed?
  - A. As a chemist, some sixteen years now.
- Q. Would you tell the ladies and gentlemen what your position entails, what you do as a toxicologist?
- A. The duties will vary from day to day depending on the type or nature of evidence I receive. It can be examination of soil, glass, paint, hair and fiber identification or examination of gunshot residues, toxicological examinations of body fluids, other substances, presence of drugs, alcohol, metal, poisons, body

fluids, things generally of this type.

- Q. Did you have occasion to perform any examinations of hairs or anything in connection with an aggravated assault case of victim Andrea Evans?
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- Q. What examinations did you perform in connection with that case?
- A. The examinations were principally concerned with the examination of hairs or comparing hairs. These specimens consisted of samples of hair that were known from the pubic area of the victim, also known from the pubic area of a suspect in question, some loose hair found in the pubic area of the victim during the examination.
- Q. What basically does this examination entail? What do you physically do?
- A. Physically what one does is merely mount, you know, the specimens, label the slides and proceed with the examination microscopically. What we are looking for in a microscopic examination would be the morphological aspects of the hair. This would be the characteristics, cuticle characteristics, root coloration,

pigmentation distribution. Since hair is the appendage of the human body and similar to that of a garbage can for the human body, since many of the materials thrown off from the body are deposited in the hair, the genetic factors that go into compiling the amino acids and materials that are discarded are somewhat unique to the human being who grows the hair. What we find are the racial characteristics, if discernible, body origins, head or pubic, and human grooming characteristics, things along this line.

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- Q. Where did you get the samples you examined in this case?
- A. Part of the specimens were tendered to me were known hairs by an Officer K. A. McDonald in the laboratory on the 11th of July, 1985.

  These are samples of known hairs from the victim.
- Q. Were there other samples of hairs that you examined? And, if so, from what source, of the victim, that is?
- A. There were -- on the 18th of June, 1985, 1 received from Mr. Bolding specimens of hair that came from what we call a sexual assault kit or also referred to as a rape kit. Consisted of the known head hairs from the victim, known pubic

hairs, loose hairs that were obtained from the pubic area, and envelope marked "other" for extraneous or other materials that might be found during the examination.

- Q. I'll show you what has been marked and admitted into evidence as State's Exhibit No. 6. Can you identify this exhibit?
- $\Lambda_{\bullet}$  I assume this is the contents marked as

Yes, ma'am, I can. They bear my initials along with the laboratory identification number that pertains to this particular incident.

- Q. Are those the hair samples which you described that you conducted an investigation on?
- A. Those packets that contain my initials are the ones I conducted an examination on; that's correct.
- Q. What were your findings in connection with your examination of these hairs?

MS. IRVIN: Object until she lays the predicate.

THE COURT: Sustained.

BY MS. JONES:

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Q. What condition did you receive that State's Exhibit No. 6 and its contents?

- A. I did not receive State's Exhibit 6 in its entirety, only certain aspects of the contents of State's Exhibit No. 6 were tendered to me by Mr. Bolding.
  - Q. Who is Mr. Bolding?

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- A. He is one of the chemists in the laboratory responsible for the serology section of the laboratory.
- Q. Would you identify these exhibits by lab number?
- A. Yes, I would. The identification for a specific laboratory identification is L as in Lincoln, 85-442. 85 refers to the year, and that was the 442nd case received in the laboratory.
- Q. What condition were the erhibits when you received them?
- A. The contents of State's Exhibit 6, those envelopes were in the same condition they are now absent the fact that hairs had been removed, mounted on microscopic slides and kept in a tray for microscopic slides. We maintain them for about six months to allow them to dry. They must remain in these trays. They were in the same condition except there were additional hairs in the containers.

- Q. Do you have personal knowledge whether or not chemists in your lab would have had access to the contents of State's Exhibit 6 A through E?
  - A. You mean after the items were retrieved?
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- A. Once in the laboratory, no one will have access to them.
- Q. Again, would you state what your findings were in connection with the exemination of these items?

MS. IRVIN: Object again.

THE COURT: Sustained.

#### BY MS. JOHES:

- Q. What is your educational background as far as your position is concerned?
- A. Bachelor and Masters degree from the University of Houston. Graduate work in analytical aspects of both organic and inorganic chemistry. In terms of hair examination, I conducted several schools, attended F.B.I. Academy on hair identification as well as conducted training here in the City of Houston.
- Q. Have you testified before as an expert regarding hair comparisons?

MS. IRVIN: Objection. It is irrelevant.

THE COURT: Overruled.

- A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Was that on how many occasions?
- A. I have no idea.

MS. JONES: I tender the witness to counsel as an expert.

MS. IRVIN: No objection.

THE COURT: Accepted as an expert.

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- Q. Regarding the examinations you performed on State's Exhibit 6, did you have any findings?
- A. Yes. Specifically the comparisons were done between the hairs labeled loose hairs from the pubic area of the victim to the known hairs from the victim herself as well as to known hairs from a suspect in question at the time.

  Examination of these loose hairs reveal them to have similar microscopic characteristics to the known pubic hairs from the victim.
- Q. Basically you are saying all the hairs you found in State's Exhibit No. 6 were from the victim?
- A. In my opinion they exhibited those characteristics.
  - Q. You found no unknown hairs in the rape

kit? 1 No hairs I felt were not from that 2 Λ. origin, being the victim. 3 MS. JONES: Pass the witness. 4 5 CROSS EXAMINATION 6 7 BY MS. IRVIN: Mr. Warkentin, you know Investigator 9  $\Omega$ Johnson, don't you, Gary Johnson? 10 Not by name. I don't remember. 1.1 Λ. See if you can remember this. Did you Q. 12 at any time tell anyone, including Mr. Johnson, 13 that as a result of examinations that you made, 14 that the pubic hairs --1.5 MS. JOHES: If counsel wants to make any 16 statements, he doesn't even know the man. 17 THE COURT: Overruled. 18 BY MS. IRVIN: 19 Have you ever told any person that the 20  $\Omega$ . hairs you examined received from the victim Brs. 21 Evans was that from a white male? 22 Oh, no. Absolutely not that they were 23

from a white male. Can't do that. No one can.

Q. Did you ever say that?

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A. No, not from a white male, no, ma'am.

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- Q. Are you also saying you never teld

  Investigator Johnson that, too -- maybe I should

  more or less understand what you say that can't be
  determined. If you took pubic hairs from a white
  male, are you saying you cannot determine they
  were taken from a white male?
- A. From a male, that is correct. From a Caucasian individual, that is another story.
- Q. I'll rephrase. Have you ever told
  Officer Johnson or anybody else that as a result
  of examination of the pubic hairs taken from
  Andrea Evans that they revealed they were from a
  Caucasian male?
- $\Lambda_{\star}$  . No, that was not the statement that was made.
- indicating that you were constructed by the nor evidence indicating it may have been from a Caucasian male?
- that I was examining at the time bad more

  Caucasian characteristics than they did negroid

  characteristics, that they were atypical to

  negroid individual, be it male or female. The

victim's hairs are very atypical. 1 Q. Do you have that information listed in 2 3 your report? I have my work-up sheet, yes, ma'am. May I see that also? Is it relevant to 5 6 the exam done? Λ. No. 7 Have anything to do with the evidence in 8 the case? 9 The whole folder does. Hr. Bolding's 10 notes as well as mine. 11 Q. If you don't mind, I'd like to look at 12 13 it. Sure, enjoy. 14 Λ. MS. IRVIII: We have no further questions. 15 THE COURT: Anything else, Mrs. Jones? 16 1.7 18 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 19 20 BY MS. JONES: Mr. Warkentin, did you perform any 21 examinations of hair samples from the suspect in 22 this case? 23 I did, yes. 24 Α.

Were you able to make any comparisons

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with any hairs in that examination with any of the hairs found in the rape kit examination from the victim?

- A. In terms of comparing it with those that are the loose hairs found in the pubic area of the victim, those hairs did not match microscopically any of the hairs from the suspect.
- Q. Is that because all -- what -- do you have any opinion why there was no match regarding the loose hairs in the rape kit?
- of them match his and did in fact match hers, that they were her hairs and not his hairs.

MS. JOHES: Pass the witness.

THE COURT: May be be excused?

MS. IRVIN: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Call your next.

MS. JONES: Call Mr.

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