




MEMORANDUM

TO: MCG
FROM: KALI 
DATE: October 12, 1999
RE: INTERVIEW WITH ADNAN SYED


On October 9, 1999, I met with Adnan at the Baltimore City Detention Center. Adnan and I reviewed the diary of Hae Min Lee.

I. *I asked Adnan follow-up questions to the interview on October 6, 1999 (attached).*

(2) Adnan stated the assembly in school occurred in January. He was unsure if it was actually an assembly or a chance for persons to leave school a half day. Upon reflection Adnan stated it was an assembly.

Adnan stated Hae was upset that Jay would cheat on Stephanie because Hae had been cheated on before and was opposed to cheating. She thought that as Stephanie's best friend, Adnan should have told Stephanie what Jay had done. Adnan should not have covered for Jay. Hae had questioned Adnan if he and Stephanie were "only friends" or if there was something more.

(3) Adnan worked for Rural Metro Ambulance as a TECHNICIAN. Two persons rode in the ambulance, the driver and the technician. As the technician Adnan was responsible for making sure the oxygen was flowing; replacing the canister when necessary; checking the patient's vital signs; talking to the patient to get patient info, insurance info, medical history, family info, etc.

(5) Hae's phone number was (410) 602-5244. On January 12, 1999 Adnan called her at home and provided his new cell phone number. She was on the phone when he called. Adnan stated he called Hae from the Rite-Aid on Ingleside and Route 40 across from Westview Mall. 

(6) The picture Adnan provided for the picture frame as the gift for X-mas was the same as the picture on the cover of Adnan's binder of the Hae and Adnan together. Adnan describes light flirting as "friendly". He defines flirting as "dealings with a person, verbal or physical, that would exceed normal boundaries". He was unable to define 'normal boundaries' because he thought that was subjective and dependent on the relationship the people shared and their manner of communication. He provided examples of "flirting" as someone putting their arms around someone else, staring, smiling, etc. He actually wouldn't even call what he and Hae did as 'flirting'. He said it was nothing suggestive, just casual conversation, brotherly-sisterly conversation.

- (7) Relationship to Anne Benyora - Adnan does not know if Jay has family or friends in Rockville, but Jay does know people in Frederick, MD because on Adnan's cell phone that day were calls to Frederick MD that Adnan states were made by Jay.

II. The meeting with Adnan continued with general questions. He was uncomfortable with my announcement that I was there to review the diary with him. I began with the questions noted above, to allow him time to get comfortable with the fact that we were going to review the diary. We then discussed general information about Hae.

- (1) **Ex-boyfriends** Adnan had difficulty naming Hae's boyfriends.
- Kwa - her ex-boyfriend who is Vietnamese and works at Pep Boys near Howard County near the Giant on Route 40. He and Hae went out before Hae had moved to California. Hae broke up with him because he was pressuring her to have sex with him.
 - Michael - he lived in California and died in a car crash. He also had cancer. Hae told various accounts as to whether she was in the car with him when he died.
 - Jeff or Chris
 - Nick - named in the diary. was close friends with him. May have actually gone out but Adnan they thinks they were more or less "talking" and not formally boyfriend/girlfriend.
 - Jake - not a boyfriend, but a friend. He died in the summer of 1998. He attended college in Atlanta. He came to visit Hae. Hae did not mention that Jake had died until two weeks later. Hae's friends and Adnan discussed that it was weird that Hae had not mentioned when Jake died until a few weeks later. Jake is mentioned in the diary and at one point it says "JAKE CASSOL". She describes as the only person who really knew her.

- (2) **Relationship** Hae was not a virgin when Hae and Adnan first went out. She told various accounts of when she had lost her virginity. Once she said it was when she was in California in the ninth and tenth grade, once she said it was in middle school. Adnan said Hae had 1,2 or 3 prior lovers, other than Adnan. She would tell varying accounts. Adnan states they never really discussed it.

Hae was Adnan's first lover. They began dating the end of March 1998, beginning of April. Adnan asked Hae to attend the prom and gave his pager number to Hae. When I asked why he asked Hae to go to the prom versus anyone else, Adnan replied it was just someone who would go. Their friend Debbie was sitting by Adnan. She and Adnan were discussing the prom and Adnan stated he needed someone who would go. Debbie told Adnan that Hae would probably go. Debbie then ran outside and asked Hae if she would go to the prom with Adnan. Adnan states that he had never really noticed Hae before. Debbie ran in and said Hae would go to the prom. Adnan gave Hae his pager number. Hae eventually told Adnan that she always had a crush on him. Adnan states they just "hit it off" and started going out.

On the night of the prom, Adnan won Prom Prince and Stephanie won Prom Princess. They were dancing to one of Hae's favorite songs. Adnan danced a minute with Stephanie, the Prom Princess. He was supposed to dance the entire song with Stephanie, but because Adnan knew it was Hae's favorite song, he excused himself from Stephanie, left her on the dance floor, and took Hae out onto the dance floor. They kissed on the dance floor, but Adnan described that kiss as a peck.

The first time he *really* kissed Hae on the lips was on prom night when they had gone to the Inner Harbor in front of the Cheesecake Factory. Adnan says everyone knew they were going out. They were always together in school. Before practice they would go to the McDonald's together. They talked on the phone at night. They would go to the movies. The family pressure made it difficult to maintain a relationship. Adnan states that in the summer they had their ups and downs because they always had to cover up what they were doing because his parents did not know about Hae. Unlike Adnan's parents, Hae's mother would not have minded that Hae had a boyfriend but she wanted to meet the parents of the person Hae was dating. That was impossible. Therefore, Hae had to hide that she was dating Adnan from her mother and grandparents. Adnan describes Hae as always wanting to take a "recess" from their relationship. She always took breaks and then would call back a few days later and want Adnan back.

Adnan started to play football and work in the fall 1998 so the **amount of time he and Hae started spending together decreased**. He states that Hae was always getting on him about that. Then Hae began working at Lens Crafters and she was unable to spend time with him either.

I asked Adnan if he put pressure on Hae to not spend so much time with her friends but to devote more time to Adnan. Adnan stated just typical young relationship stuff. He would be playing basketball at the Mosque and she would get mad because he should be spending time with her. She would tell Adnan she had to stay in the house and then she would go to a girlfriends house. It was basically "tit for tat".

(3) **Sexual Encounters** Adnan and Hae would spend a lot of time in Adnan's car making out. There would be a lot of **foreplay**. Adnan describes foreplay as one person would be driving and the other person would tease the person who was driving with their hand. They would run their hands on the person's body above and below the person's waist and under the person's clothes.

They first time they had sex was sometime between April 25 to May 10. They would have sex off of Dogwood Road going to *Patapsco State Park*, where there is a little lake/pond and benches where people fish and the golf course is across from their spot. They also frequented the *Best Buy parking lot* next to Security Square Mall (this was their designated spot when school started).

Hae initiated the sex. He was uncomfortable and nervous initially. They used condoms initially, but later did not use condoms. He assumed she would get birth control, but they

never discussed it. On his birthday, May 21, Hae brought whipped cream and strawberries. Adnan describes this encounter as extremely messy.

They began having **oral sex**, both of them performed on the other, after they began having sex. Adnan does not remember how soon after they began having sex oral sex began. They had sex with Adnan on the bottom; Hae on top; or Adnan from behind. Adnan and Hae preferred Hae on top because it was easier due to mobility restrictions if you are in the car.

When I asked Adnan **how often they had sex**, "As often as possible" was Adnan's response. Out of the 7 days in a week, they probably had sex every time they had a chance to go somewhere or be together. On average they saw one another 4,5,6 times a week and had sex each of those days, about 2-3 times a day. Since Hae was responsible for picking up her niece after school, they would have sex in the Best Buy parking lot close to the school after school. Hae would leave to get her niece and they would see one another that night, when they would have sex again.

Who knew they were having sex? Adnan stated Saad knew everything. He did not tell his brother because he knows his brother would have been upset. He describes his brother as a practical person, a moral person. He states he is not religiously moral, but basically moral. He would think of the practical considerations of having sex with someone, i.e. pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease, etc. Adnan describes his relationship with his brother as "close".

Debbie also knew that Adnan and Hae were having sex. Hae told Debbie. Adnan would often ask Debbie how Hae described Adnan's sexual ability. Hae would occasionally mess with Adnan when Adnan asked if he was good after they had sex. She never outright said no, but teased him once when he did not ejaculate. Adnan states that once or twice he did not ejaculate, but on a few times Adnan "outlasted" Hae. Hae and Adnan stopped having sex the beginning of December because they had broken up. Hae and Adnan did not continue having sex after they broke up.

(4) **Other people** In October Adnan met Anjuli ___ at a party. She attends Bryn Mar College in Philadelphia. Adnan spoke with her on the telephone. Hae did not know Adnan was speaking with someone else. Adnan went to see Anjuli one day in Philadelphia and spent the day in her dorm room. They were in her bed. She had no clothes on, Adnan only had his shirt off. He and Anjuli fooled around. They kissed and Adnan teased her. Upon reviewing the diary Adnan stated that at that time he and Hae were both going their separate ways, he was talking to Anjuli, she was interested in Don.

III. Adnan reviewed the diary. See Notations Attached.