

1 MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor. If I may  
2 have the Court's permission to get the witness?

3 THE COURT: Yes. Okay. Would you move the  
4 bag that's blocking.

5 MS. MURPHY: Certainly.

6 THE COURT: Thank you. Please call your next  
7 witness.

8 MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor. At this  
9 time the State will call Nisha [REDACTED] to the stand.

10 THE CLERK: Would you raise your right hand  
11 please?

12 NISHA [REDACTED]  
13 a witness produced on call of the State, having first  
14 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

15 THE CLERK: You may be seated. Speak into  
16 the microphone, keep your voice up for the record.

17 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

18 THE CLERK: State your name.

19 MS. [REDACTED]: My name is Nisha [REDACTED]

20 THE COURT: Okay. Ma'am, can you spell your  
21 name?

22 MS. [REDACTED]: N-I-S-H-A.

23 THE COURT: Last name.

24 MS. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

25 THE COURT: Okay. Now, unfortunately the

1 like got together, we met, we exchanged names and I  
2 gave him my phone number and we danced and that's about  
3 it pretty much.

4 Q And did he ever call you after that?

5 A Yes he did.

6 Q Now, just to focus you in. Did there come a  
7 time where he called you and put a person named Jay on  
8 the phone?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Would you please tell the ladies and  
11 gentlemen of the jury what that conversation consisted  
12 of?

13 A It's a little hard to recall, but I remember  
14 him telling me that Jay invited him over to a video  
15 store that he worked at and he basically, well Adnan  
16 walked in with the cell phone and then he said, like he  
17 told me to speak with Jay and I was like okay, because  
18 Jay wanted to say hi, so I said hi to Jay and that's  
19 all I can really recall.

20 Q And did you recognize the voice of the  
21 Defendant on that phone call?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And about how long was the conversation?

24 A I wouldn't say it was that long. Maybe a  
25 couple minutes or so. It could be --

1 seat doesn't move so I'll need you to move just forward  
2 in your seat.

3 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 THE COURT: Pull the microphone down if you  
5 need to.

6 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 THE COURT: And talk directly into it --

8 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 THE COURT: As loud as you can. State?

10 MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 DIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. URICK:

13 Q Good afternoon, Ms. [REDACTED]

14 MS. [REDACTED]

15 A Good afternoon to you too, sir.

16 Q Thank you. Do you know the Defendant?

17 A Yes, I do.

18 Q How do you know the Defendant?

19 A I met him at a New Year's party. It was in  
20 Baltimore at the Scarlett.

21 Q And is that New Year's Eve of this year?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And just briefly tell us what happened that  
24 night.

25 A I met him through a mutual friend and we just

1 Q About what time of day did that occur?

2 A I would think towards the evening, but I  
3 can't be exactly sure.

4 Q Can you remember the day that that phone call  
5 occurred today?

6 A No, I can't exactly remember the day, but I  
7 know it was some time in January.

8 Q Now, at this time with the Court's permission  
9 could I have the easel again? Do we have an extra  
10 copy? With the Court's permission may I approach the  
11 witness?

12 THE COURT: Yes.

13 BY MR. URICK:

14 Q Ms. [REDACTED] I'm going to show you a copy of an  
15 exhibit that's been marked as State's Exhibit 34,  
16 State's 34. And I would like to look starting up from  
17 the bottom down, the line that marked 24 on that.

18 MS. [REDACTED]

19 A Okay.

20 Q And the line marked 25. Do you recognize  
21 either of those numbers?

22 A Yes, I recognize number 25.

23 Q And that -- would you read that number aloud  
24 please?

25 A [REDACTED]

1 Q And how do you recognize that number?  
 2 A Because it's my phone number.  
 3 Q And if you look across past the blank space  
 4 do you see the time that's listed there?  
 5 A Yes.  
 6 Q And do you see the duration of call that's  
 7 right after that?  
 8 A Yes.  
 9 Q And what was the duration of that call?  
 10 A Two minutes and twenty two seconds.  
 11 Q Now, looking up if you look up to line seven.  
 12 A Okay.  
 13 Q Do you recognize that number?  
 14 A Yes.  
 15 Q And would you read that for the record  
 16 please?  
 17 A [REDACTED]  
 18 Q And who's number is that?  
 19 A Mine.  
 20 Q And going up to line four. I'll ask you to  
 21 look at that number.  
 22 A Okay.  
 23 Q Do you recognize that number?  
 24 A Yes.  
 25 Q And what is that number?

1 A [REDACTED]  
 2 Q Who's number is that?  
 3 A Mine.  
 4 Q Now, the phone conversation you had with the  
 5 Defendant where Jay was put on the phone, is it  
 6 possible that it is the call that is listed under line  
 7 25?  
 8 A It could be, but I'm not sure.  
 9 Q And do you remember any time -- do you  
 10 remember in that general period after the Defendant got  
 11 his phone -- talking to him on the phone?  
 12 A What? I'm sorry.  
 13 Q After he got his cell phone do you remember  
 14 talking to him often --  
 15 A Yeah.  
 16 Q Or how often would you speak to him?  
 17 A I can't really recall, but I think -- I think  
 18 I spoke to him pretty often. Like weekly definitely I  
 19 guess.  
 20 THE COURT: I'm sorry I didn't hear your  
 21 answer.  
 22 MS. [REDACTED] Weekly I'd say.  
 23 THE COURT: Okay.  
 24 BY MR. URICK:  
 25 Q Does your home phone have an answering

1 machine?  
 2 MS. [REDACTED]  
 3 A Not this phone number, no.  
 4 MR. URICK: Witness with the Defense.  
 5 THE COURT: Okay.  
 6 CROSS EXAMINATION  
 7 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 8 qQ Ms. [REDACTED] the first time that you met  
 9 Adnan --  
 10 THE COURT: You don't have to move it all the  
 11 way back, but if you can just move it back into the  
 12 Defendant's area. Just clean out the line of sight if  
 13 you would.  
 14 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 15 Q Ms. [REDACTED] the first time that you met my  
 16 client Adnan Syed was New Years a year ago.  
 17 THE COURT: Mr. Urick, just straight back.  
 18 MS. [REDACTED]  
 19 A Yes.  
 20 Q In 19 -- New Year's Eve, 1998.  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q Okay. And it was a social occasion, was it  
 23 not?  
 24 A Yes it was.  
 25 Q It was a New Year's Eve party?

1 A Um-hum.  
 2 Q Okay. And when you met him and he asked you  
 3 for your phone number did you take that as him having  
 4 some interest in you as a girl?  
 5 A Well, yes.  
 6 Q Okay. Were you flattered by that?  
 7 A Yeah, I'd say so.  
 8 Q And you chose to give him your home phone  
 9 number?  
 10 A Yes, I did.  
 11 Q Okay. And so you were not surprised when he  
 12 called you?  
 13 A No, I wasn't.  
 14 Q And after that day, after New Year's Day,  
 15 after you got his cell phone he did begin to call you  
 16 on a regular basis?  
 17 A Yes.  
 18 Q And there were occasions in fact, in which  
 19 you spoke to him at least once a week?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 Q And your phone number that you've identified  
 22 on one particular day has always been -- that's the  
 23 number that you gave him, was it not?  
 24 A Yes.  
 25 Q The 603?

1 A Um-hum.  
 2 Q Is that correct?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q So, and that's the number that he always  
 5 called you on?  
 6 A Yes.  
 7 Q And you -- it was not capable -- the phone  
 8 had no capability of a voice mail or message machine,  
 9 correct?  
 10 A No, no.  
 11 Q And so if somebody called you at that number  
 12 either you or somebody else was there to answer or --  
 13 A Yes.  
 14 Q You couldn't leave a message, correct?  
 15 A Yes. Mostly likely it was me because it's my  
 16 own line.  
 17 Q It's your own line?  
 18 A Yeah.  
 19 Q Okay. And so it was appropriate because  
 20 you're giving him the number for him to call you on  
 21 that number.  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q And there never came a time when you told him  
 24 to cease and desist --  
 25 A No I didn't.

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q You had not visited there?  
 3 A No.  
 4 Q Okay. And you didn't ask to speak to this  
 5 person, did you?  
 6 A No.  
 7 Q You didn't object to it, did you?  
 8 A No.  
 9 Q But your understanding was that that person  
 10 was working at the video store while they were talking  
 11 to you?  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q And -- okay. And you can't remember the day  
 14 that that conversation occurred?  
 15 A I can't -- I can't remember exactly  
 16 everything about that day.  
 17 Q Okay. And you were at the time that you had  
 18 this conversation with the person identified to you as  
 19 Jay you were in your home, were you not?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 Q And your home is located in Rockville,  
 22 Maryland, is it not?  
 23 A No, Silver Spring, Maryland.  
 24 Q Silver Spring, Maryland?  
 25 A Yes.

1 Q That number, correct?  
 2 A Right.  
 3 Q And the day that you say you can not recall  
 4 when it occurred that you spoke to a person by the name  
 5 of Jay your belief is that that was the time when Adnan  
 6 had been visiting by invitation Jay at a video store.  
 7 A Yes.  
 8 Q And you didn't know this person names Jay?  
 9 A No.  
 10 Q You had not met him before?  
 11 A No.  
 12 Q You had not talked about him with Adnan had  
 13 you?  
 14 A No.  
 15 Q And you didn't know the location of this  
 16 video store?  
 17 A No.  
 18 Q You didn't know what kind of videos were sold  
 19 there?  
 20 A I was informed about that.  
 21 Q You were informed?  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q That it was an adult video?  
 24 A Yes.  
 25 Q That it was a pornographic video?

1 Q And that's where you lived then in January  
 2 1997?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q And that's where you live now?  
 5 A Yes.  
 6 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay. Thank you. I have  
 7 nothing further.  
 8 THE COURT: Any redirect?  
 9 MR. URICK: Yes, thank you.  
 10 REDIRECT EXAMINATION  
 11 BY MR. URICK:  
 12 Q Who informed you that it was a pornography  
 13 store?  
 14 MS. [REDACTED]  
 15 A Adnan had told me before he walked in.  
 16 Q Now, everything you -- when you said your  
 17 impression was -- that was all based on what Adnan told  
 18 you during the course of the conversation was it not?  
 19 A Yes.  
 20 MR. URICK: Nothing further.  
 21 THE COURT: Any recross?  
 22 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, Your Honor.  
 23 THE COURT: May the witness be excused?  
 24 Thank you, Ms. [REDACTED]  
 25 MS. [REDACTED] Your welcome.