

STATE OF MARYLAND VS ADNAN SYED

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- (1) he knew whether Adnan Syed was at track practice?
 (2) A. No, he did not specifically say whether or not Adnan was there that day.
 (3) Q. Okay. And you spoke with him further regarding the practice of Moslem
 (4) students who ran for the track team, did you not?
 (5) A. Yes.
 (6) Q. And you learned from him that the policy was that they could practice but
 (7) they were not required to if they were fasting?
 (8) A. That's correct?
 (9) Q. And did you, from him, gain any information about Adnan Syed's diligence
 (10) on the track team? Did you ask him anything about his diligence in coming to practice and
 (11) performing?
 (12) A. I don't believe so.
 (13) Q. Okay. And did you receive any information, whether you asked or not,
 (14) about his diligence on the track team?
 (15) A. Not that I can specifically recall.
 (16) Q. And other than that conversation with the assistant coach, did you do
 (17) anything to verify Adnan Syed's whereabouts based on what he told you in your February
 (18) 1st conversation on the 13th?
 (19) A. Yes. I attempted to interview the actual track coach himself.
 (20) Q. Okay. And you did not?
 (21) A. No. I never received any calls back.
 (22) Q. The meeting that was set up on February the 10th, that came about as a result
 (23) of your asking Adnan Syed if he would meet with you. Is that correct?
 (24) A. Yes.
 (25) Q. And he agreed to do so, did he not?
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- (1) A. Yes.
 (2) Q. Okay. He -- it ended up being set up with his older brother being present.
 (3) did it not?
 (4) A. That's correct.
 (5) Q. And that wasn't at your request, was it?
 (6) A. No. That was at his request.
 (7) Q. That was at his request. And he told you why, did he not?
 (8) A. Yes.
 (9) Q. He told you that out of respect for his parents and their concern because they
 (10) had not liked his relationship with Hae Lee. Is that correct?
 (11) A. That's correct.
 (12) Q. Okay. And you agreed to that, did you not?
 (13) A. Yes.
 (14) Q. Okay. And, in fact, the meeting was set up to occur at a specific time and
 (15) date. Is that correct?
 (16) A. Yes.
 (17) Q. And it did not occur, did it?
 (18) A. No, it didn't.
 (19) Q. And it did not occur because you canceled it?
 (20) A. That's correct.
 (21) Q. Adnan didn't cancel it?
 (22) A. Not on that date, no.
 (23) Q. Okay. And so that never took place?
 (24) A. The face to face meeting did not take place.
 (25) MS. GUTIERREZ: I have nothing further.
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- (1) THE COURT: Redirect?
 (2) MR. URICK: No. Thank you, your Honor.
 (3) THE COURT: Thank you. Good day, detective.
 (4) MS. MURPHY: Your Honor, may I be excused to get the next witness?
 (5) THE COURT: Yes.
 (6) MS. MURPHY: Thank you, your Honor. At this time, the State would
 (7) call Ms. Inez Butler.
 (8) INEZ BUTLER
 (9) a witness produced on call by the Plaintiff, having been duly sworn according to law was
 (10) examined and testified as follows:
 (11) CLERK: State your name and address for the record.
 (12) MS. BUTLER: My name is Inez Butler-Hendricks. My address is 12
 (13) (indiscernible) Court, 104, Baltimore, Maryland
 (14) DIRECT EXAMINATION
 (15) BY MS. MURPHY:
 (16) Q. Good morning, Ms. Butler.
 (17) A. Good morning.
 (18) Q. Can you please tell the ladies and gentlemen what you do for a living?
 (19) A. I'm a teacher at Woodlawn High School and I'm also an athletic trainer for
 (20) Woodlawn High School.
 (21) Q. How long have you been doing that?
 (22) A. I've been doing it for over 10 years.
 (23) Q. What class or classes do you teach there?
 (24) A. I teach PSAT/SAT. That's the only class
 (25) Q. Okay. And what is PSAT/SAT?
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- (1) A. It's the training for kids who are aspiring to go to college and preparing them
 (2) for the SAT test which is the scholastic aptitude test.
 (3) Q. Ms. Butler, did you know Hae Min Lee?
 (4) A. Yes, I did.
 (5) Q. How long did you know her?
 (6) A. About four years while she was at Woodlawn.
 (7) Q. Can you described your relationship with her?
 (8) A. I think it was pretty close. I never taught her as a student but I trained with
 (9) her as she was an athletic student at Woodlawn.
 (10) Q. What athletics did she participate in?
 (11) A. She played field hockey and lacrosse. And she was the athletic manager for
 (12) the wrestling team.
 (13) Q. Are you aware of her accomplishments in athletics?
 (14) A. Yes, I am.
 (15) Q. Can you describe those for the jurors, please?
 (16) A. She was a scholar athlete and -- which means that she had very good grades
 (17) and she had very good SAT scores which means she that she could probably have get into
 (18) any college that she had chosen to go to. She had scholarship offers.
 (19) Q. Do you also know the Defendant, Adnan Syed?
 (20) A. Yes, I do.
 (21) Q. How long have you known him?
 (22) A. Probably about three years.
 (23) Q. And how do you know him?
 (24) A. I know him as a student and I know him as an athlete.
 (25) Q. As a teacher at Woodlawn, did you become aware of a relationship between
 (26) Mr. Syed and Hae Min Lee?
 (27) A. Yes, I did.

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- (2) Q. When did you first become aware of that?
(3) A. I guess when I saw them in the hallway together, and they were embracing,
(4) and then I asked them to move along in the hallway.
(5) Q. Do you recall when that was?
(6) A. It was probably the end of the sophomore, beginning of the junior year
(7) Q. Did both of them discuss aspects of their relationship with you?
(8) A. Yes.
(9) Q. Were you aware of any particular problems in their relationship?
(10) A. Yes.
(11) Q. Can you describe that?
(12) A. I know that they had problems with the parents on both sides not liking the
(13) relationship at that time and, at some point, there was a time when the parents asked them
(14) to break their relationship off.
(15) Q. Were you present for the homecoming dance in the fall of 1998?
(16) A. Yes, I was.
(17) Q. What, if anything, happened at that dance regarding Mr. Syed and Ms. Lee?
(18) A. Parents showed up at the homecoming dance and there was disturbance
(19) which is what they came there and asked Hae to move into the dance and I walked into
(20) the dance also.
(21) Q. Do you recall whose parents came to the dance?
(22) A. It was Adnan's parents.
(23) Q. Is there anything else you remember about that particular incident?
(24) A. No. Just a couple of kids said they caught you, and wanted to know what
(25) was going to happen, and I told Hae just to stay with me inside the building. It was in the
(26) cafeteria.
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- (2) Q. Are you aware if, after that point, they were together or not?
(3) A. I saw them together.
(4) Q. Were you familiar with Ms. Lee's car?
(5) A. Yes, I was.
(6) Q. And had you actually ridden in her car?
(7) A. Yes, I had.
(8) Q. When was that?
(9) A. When she got a brand new car, she insisted that I ride, and she wanted me to
(10) drive, and I said no. I didn't want to ride with her because she was driving so fast. And
(11) she came around the circle -- we call it the circles in front of the gym area -- and she
(12) came up to speed and said get in the car, and I said "no. Hae, until you drive a little bit
(13) more and slow down a little." And then one day, one of the volleyball players took my
(14) keys home so that I had to actually ride with her in the car to go get my keys and she took
(15) me to go get my keys from that girl's house.
(16) MS. MURPHY: May I approach the witness, your Honor?
(17) Q. Ms. Butler, I show you what has been entered as State's exhibit 12 and ask
(18) you to look at these bottom right photos. Is that the car you just described?
(19) A. Yes.
(20) Q. Thank you. Ms. Butler, are you aware of a point where Mr. Syed and Ms.
(21) Lee broke up for good?
(22) A. Yes.
(23) Q. Do you remember when that was?
(24) A. It was basically before the Christmas holidays, and I thought they had broke
(25) up for good because she told me they had, and she said that she was dating someone from
(26) Owings Mills Mall.
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- (2) Q. Did you also speak with Mr. Syed about it?
(3) A. Yes.
(4) Q. And what were his feelings?
(5) A. He said that it was over.
(6) Q. Did he indicate his state of mind at that point?
(7) MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.
(8) THE COURT: Overruled.
(9) Q. How he felt about the relationship ending?
(10) A. I don't think that he wasn't too happy. I know that he -- I think he said
(11) her.
(12) Q. Ms. Butler, I'm going to ask you to remember back to January '99 --
(13) the date that Ms. Lee disappeared. Do you remember seeing her that day?
(14) A. Yes, I do.
(15) Q. Can you describe when that was?
(16) A. Baltimore County Athletic Program was taping a program -- scholar athlete
(17) program. They were going to interview several athletes from Woodlawn High School at
(18) the time. Hae was being filmed for scholar athlete of the year which meant that her grades
(19) were excellent. Her athletic ability by playing two sports in Baltimore County made her an
(20) excellent athlete. She had to come to my room because Mr. Graham -- who is the athletic
(21) director -- was in class and she came to my classroom to get my keys to get to get her
(22) uniform so she could tape the show.
(23) Q. Did you see her at any other point that day?
(24) A. At the end of the day.
(25) Q. And what time would that be?
(26) A. Between 2:15 and 2:25.
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- (2) Q. What happened at that point?
(3) A. She pulled up in front of the concession stand as she normally does, and went
(4) behind the concession stands because it was a little (indiscernible), and -- we have a little
(5) concession stand where we sell things after school -- drinks, and chips, and candy. And
(6) she went back there and got her own drink cause she knew what she wanted, and a bag of
(7) hot fries, and she said that she'd pay me later, and I knew she would because she was
(8) going to travel that afternoon with the wrestling team because she's the manager.
(9) Q. Where is the concession stand?
(10) A. In front of the gym lobby.
(11) Q. Did she indicate why she couldn't wait in line with the other students?
(12) A. She said she had to pick up her cousin who was in middle school that she had
(13) to pick up, and take home, and that she would be back in time before the team leave. We
(14) were traveling to Chesapeake.
(15) Q. And that was for a wrestling match?
(16) A. Wrestling match.
(17) Q. Did you see her car?
(18) A. Yes.
(19) Q. Where was that? Where was it when you --
(20) A. (Indiscernible). Back in front of the service driveway.
(21) Q. Okay. Did you see her pull up in the car?
(22) A. Yes.
(23) Q. Can you describe what you saw?
(24) A. She speeded right in front of the gym lobby, jumped out, left the car running
(25) and came in, got the drink, the chips, and she got back -- told me what she was going to
(26) do, and what time she'd be back, and told me to make sure the team didn't leave her
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- (1) Q. And was that the last time you saw Ms. Lee?
(2) A. Yes.
(3) Q. Did you ever speak with the Defendant, Adnan Syed, after Ms. Lee
(4) disappeared?
(5) A. Yes.
(6) Q. Do you remember what that conversation was about?
(7) A. Yes.
(8) Q. Can you describe that, please?
(9) A. I had picked my daughter up from her school, and I was coming back, and I
(10) told him I had been questioned. And I said "things look pretty bad", and I said
(11) "sweetheart, you don't anything about what's going on, you don't know what could've
(12) happened to her."
(13) Q. And did he respond?
(14) A. Yes.
(15) Q. What did he say?
(16) A. He said, "I feel bad too". He said "my last memory is a bad memory."
(17) Q. Did he explain what he meant by that?
(18) A. Yes.
(19) Q. What did he tell you?
(20) A. He said they had a fight and I asked him -- I said "a fight? You -- You don't
(21) mean a fight." He said "we were arguing" and I said "about what?" And he said "about
(22) going to the senior prom."
(23) Q. Did he explain anything more about why they were disagreeing?
(24) A. No.
(25) Q. Did you say anything else to him?
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- (1) A. I said "honey, just be careful." I said "because, you know, they could be
(2) watching you, too. They're watching everybody."
(3) Q. Did you have any conversations with Mr. Syed about the funeral services for
(4) Ms. Lee?
(5) A. I asked him if he were able to attend the services, and I think he said
(6) something about the type of service that was going on -- and you know, what was going to
(7) happen at the service, and how it was going to be done -- and that he probably couldn't go
(8) Q. And Ms. Butler, you're aware of Mr. Syed's participation on the track team?
(9) A. Yes.
(10) Q. Any other sports?
(11) A. Football.
(12) Q. As the athletic trainer, are you familiar with his attendance on the track
(13) team?
(14) A. Yes.
(15) Q. How would you describe that?
(16) A. Sporadic.
(17) Q. Do you know how many students participate on the track team?
(18) A. Yes.
(19) Q. How many?
(20) A. For indoor track, there's basically any where from about 44-45 children. For
(21) outdoor track, there's about the same amount.
(22) Q. Are student required to try out for the track team?
(23) A. Not for the track team. They have a training period. They go through the
(24) weight training. That's probably one of the only sports that don't have try-outs, excluding
(25) bowling, because they need more like numbers and if it was basketball or volleyball, they
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- (1) basically go towards the skills.
(2) Q. If you know, what would the consequences be for a student on the track
(3) team who didn't come to practice?
(4) A. Probably nothing, unless there was an athlete who was doing direct training
(5) with our coach at that time.
(6) Q. After Ms. Lee was missing, did you ever speak with Mr. Syed about his
(7) attendance at track at that point in time?
(8) A. Not about his attendance because I know one day he came to track practice
(9) and brought a little bread -- I don't know what it's called. I think it's like a little
(10) cornbread thing. Cause he ran in late to practice and he said "my mom just made this and
(11) you know, try this and see if you like it." There was another guy on the track team
(12) standing right at the concession stand and I told him to try it first and then I'd try one.
(13) Q. After Ms. Lee was missing, do you have any knowledge Mr. Syed's
(14) participation in track?
(15) A. He didn't come back.
(16) MS. MURPHY: No further questions, your Honor
(17) THE COURT: Cross?
(18) MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.
(19) CROSS EXAMINATION
(20) BY MS GUTIERREZ:
(21) Q. Did you conduct any of the training for the track team?
(22) A. No training.
(23) Q. No training?
(24) A. No.
(25) Q. And were you present during every one of the track team's training sessions?
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- (1) A. No, I was not.
(2) Q. You. You were aware that they met every day after school?
(3) A. Every day after school, I checked to see whether or not an athlete needed
(4) medication or needed any treatment because that's part of my job
(5) Q. That's part of your job to check on all the athletes. Is that correct?
(6) A. Right.
(7) Q. And you were aware of Adnan because of his participation in the athletics
(8) after school?
(9) A. Yes.
(10) Q. You. You were aware that he was a receiver on the football team?
(11) A. Yes.
(12) Q. Yes. And you were aware, ma'am, were you not that subsequent to Hae
(13) Lee's disappearance that he appeared at a meet and medaled in a relay for the indoor
(14) track?
(15) A. One.
(16) Q. One. Okay. And that's because there was only one indoor track meet
(17) subsequent to her disappearance, isn't that correct?
(18) A. Yes.
(19) Q. Okay. So it's not like he picked and chose, and only showed up for one -- he
(20) showed up for the one that occurred and he medaled in it, did he not?
(21) A. He did.
(22) Q. He would be called a scholar athlete also, would he not?
(23) A. That would depend on the rules and regulations in Baltimore County.
(24) Baltimore County consider you a scholar athlete if you participated in a particular sport
(25) for more than a year and was a scholar at the same time.
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- (2) Q. And you were aware, for the three years that you knew Adnan, that he always participated in a sport, were you not?
- (3) A. No.
- (4) Q. Okay. And although you are the athletic director?
- (5) A. No, I'm the athletic trainer.
- (6) Q. The athletic trainer. And you were aware that he did very well in all of his courses?
- (7) A. Yes.
- (8) Q. Yes. Okay. Now, ma'am, let me ask you about the homecoming dance that you described. You. You said that his parents came to the dance?
- (9) A. Uh-huh.
- (10) Q. And the principal's name was?
- (11) A. The principal at the time was Dr. James Wilson who is no longer there.
- (12) Q. Okay. Who was it that took care of Adnan's parents?
- (13) A. It was Lynette Woodley.
- (14) Q. Okay. And, in fact, when the parents came to the dance, she did take care of it, did she not?
- (15) A. Yes, she did.
- (16) Q. And when you call a disturbance, there wasn't a Malay of people hitting each other, was there?
- (17) A. No, I can't say that.
- (18) Q. No. But when you used the word disturbance, you didn't mean to imply that kind of disturbance, did you?
- (19) A. No.
- (20) Q. It was just unusual for parents who were not scheduled to be chaperones to

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- (2) Q. The traditional homecoming time period - -
- (3) A. Right.
- (4) Q. -- for high schools and colleges?
- (5) A. Right.
- (6) Q. Is that correct?
- (7) A. Yes.
- (8) Q. And it was a yearly event, was it not?
- (9) A. Yes.
- (10) Q. And to your knowledge, Hae Lee and Adnan Syed went together to the homecoming dance as a couple?
- (11) A. I can't say that.
- (12) Q. Okay. When you saw them there, was there anything that occurred that made you assume that?
- (13) A. They were talking.
- (14) Q. They, of course, weren't the only students together talking, were they?
- (15) A. No.
- (16) Q. Okay. Now on the 13th of January, you said you saw Hae Lee between 2:15 and 2:25?
- (17) A. Yes.
- (18) Q. Okay. And where you've described the concession stand, is that - -
- (19) A. Concession. Concession.
- (20) Q. -- concession stand, is that right where you described the circle in front of the gym?
- (21) A. No.
- (22) Q. It's a different place?

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- (2) show up at the homecoming dance, correct?
- (3) A. That's true.
- (4) Q. Okay. And to your knowledge, you saw Hae Lee -- whom you knew -- and Adnan Syed -- whom you knew -- after that homecoming dance?
- (5) A. Together?
- (6) Q. Together.
- (7) A. Yes.
- (8) Q. Okay. And in fact, their togetherness -- it wasn't like you just snuck up on them when you saw them embracing in the hallways. Everyone knew they were an item, did they not?
- (9) A. Okay. I didn't see them embracing after that time because I talked to Adnan also about what had occurred with his parents.
- (10) Q. So is it your belief that they were not together after the homecoming dance?
- (11) A. Together as a couple?
- (12) Q. As a couple?
- (13) A. I can't say that that's true because - -
- (14) Q. You. You don't know one way or another, correct?
- (15) A. (Shakes head no.)
- (16) Q. And none of your interaction with either Hae Lee or Adnan Syed after the homecoming dance lent any knowledge to you, did it?
- (17) A. No.
- (18) Q. No. Now the homecoming dance was when?
- (19) A. I can't remember the exact date.
- (20) Q. It was in early October, was it not?
- (21) A. Yes.

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- (2) A. No, no, let me explain. The circle goes around the school. The gym is facing the entrance of the circle. Now - -
- (3) Q. Not the entrance to the school itself?
- (4) A. Not to the main building. The gym is separate.
- (5) Q. Okay. It's a separate building in the campus, correct?
- (6) A. Uh-huh.
- (7) Q. Okay. So what you've described it's facing -- is the concession facing the entrance of the gym area?
- (8) A. Yes, it is.
- (9) Q. Okay. And where track practice takes place -- that is also, of course, in the gym area?
- (10) A. For indoor track - -
- (11) Q. For indoor track.
- (12) A. -- they do it in the building.
- (13) Q. Outdoor track they run outside on the fields. Is that correct?
- (14) A. Right. Unless it's during indoor season.
- (15) Q. Okay. And that's because that was January 13th. Is that correct?
- (16) A. Right.
- (17) Q. And in front of the concession stand -- is that where you would be every day?
- (18) A. In front of the concession stand?
- (19) Q. Yes. After school.
- (20) A. Every day.
- (21) Q. School ends at 2:15 every day?
- (22) A. Yes.

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(1) Q. Okay. And practices start anywhere from 2:30 to 3:30, do they not?
(2) A. No. Practices usually start after study hall.
(3) Q. Okay. And study hall is from 2:15 to when?
(4) A. Till three.
(5) Q. Till three. So practices would not begin before three o'clock?
(6) A. Unless it's a sport that has a meet or something that day --
(7) Q. And they have to go somewhere or do something like that?
(8) A. Yeah. They report directly to me so I can make sure that I get them all
(9) straight and lined up and ready (indiscernible) --
(10) Q. Okay. Because of they're traveling --
(11) THE COURT: Ladies, please one at a time. Don't talk over each other
(12) Q. If they're traveling, they travel as a group, do they not?
(13) A. Yes.
(14) Q. Now that day, the wrestling team -- and that's all boys, is it not?
(15) A. Yes.
(16) Q. But Hae Lee was the manager of that, was she not?
(17) A. Yes.
(18) Q. And generally that would require the manager to accompany the team that
(19) she's managing to their meets?
(20) A. Yes.
(21) Q. Is that correct?
(22) A. Yes.
(23) Q. So it was not surprise to you when Hae told you that she was coming back
(24) to meet the team and then go with them to the meet, correct?
(25) A. Most of the time she stayed at school, but that particular time she told me
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(1) that she had to go pick up the cousin from the middle school.
(2) Q. And that was as if, to you -- since most times she stayed -- an unusual event
(3) that she had to go somewhere else and then come back. Is that correct?
(4) A. Yes.
(5) Q. In terms of how you had observed her on a daily basis because you, in your
(6) job, would be at that concession stand?
(7) A. Yes.
(8) Q. Okay. And normally then, through lots of periods of time, you would have
(9) interaction with Hae on a daily basis?
(10) A. Yes.
(11) Q. Okay. And did you have daily interaction with Adnan on a daily basis?
(12) A. Yes.
(13) Q. And there was nothing unusual about that either, was there?
(14) A. No.
(15) Q. And often times you would see Hae and Adnan together near the concession
(16) stand, near the gym or around there, would you not?
(17) A. I would.
(18) Q. And there was nothing unusual about that. Is that correct?
(19) A. No.
(20) Q. And you said that you spoke up -- you spoke with Adnan after you had
(21) spoken with Hae in which she told you that they were broken off for good?
(22) A. Yes.
(23) Q. Okay. Now were you aware that there were many occasions in which they
(24) were so-called broken off for good?
(25) A. I know occasions that they said that it was over.
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(1) Q. That they said that it was broken off, correct?
(2) A. Yes.
(3) Q. And the terms that were described to you would indicate at the time -- then
(4) that the break offs that they were describing were for good?
(5) A. No.
(6) Q. They weren't described to you as break offs for a day or break offs for a
(7) week or break off for a specific period of time, were they?
(8) A. Well if you saw them together and when they talked to me, what they said
(9) was -- Adnan said it's over because and gave a because and --
(10) Q. And the because related to the religious and cultural differences?
(11) A. Right.
(12) Q. Okay. And is that the same because that Hae Lee gave you?
(13) A. No.
(14) Q. Okay. Now did she indicate to you that it was her that had broken it off?
(15) A. Yes.
(16) Q. Okay. And were you aware that she had a new boyfriend?
(17) A. Yes.
(18) Q. Were you aware that she had taken her old boyfriend, Adnan Syed, to meet
(19) her new boyfriend?
(20) A. No, I wasn't.
(21) Q. And would that surprise you based on what she said?
(22) A. Not with Hae, it wouldn't surprise me.
(23) Q. Okay. And it wouldn't surprise you with Adnan either, would it?
(24) A. No.
(25) Q. He still liked her very much, did he not?
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(1) A. Yes.
(2) Q. And he spoke of her that way, did he not?
(3) A. Yes.
(4) Q. But he had been clear to you about the difficulties of him being a Moslem
(5) and her not being -- that that created for any relationship?
(6) A. Yes.
(7) Q. That was not a surprise to you either, was it?
(8) A. No.
(9) Q. Now Hae Lee, when you last spoke to her some time between 2:15 and 2:25
(10) -- she indicated to you that she would be back before the team had to leave?
(11) A. Yes.
(12) Q. And the time the team had to leave was?
(13) A. 3:45.
(14) Q. Okay. And were you aware that day that she did not come back?
(15) A. (Indiscernible)
(16) Q. Then, is that correct?
(17) A. Beg your pardon?
(18) Q. Then, on the 13th, you were aware --
(19) A. I was aware because, since she didn't come back, I had to travel with the
(20) team.
(21) Q. With the team.
(22) A. That's why I was aware.
(23) Q. Because there has to be a manager, correct?
(24) A. Right. Somebody has to keep score.
(25) Q. And if one of the student managers doesn't show up then it falls to you?
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- (2) A. No. There was two student managers but Hae was the only one who knew
(3) how to keep score because she had kept score for previous years.
(4) Q. Okay. And so her failing to show was something unusual?
(5) A. Yes.
(6) Q. Is that correct?
(7) A. Uh-huh.
(8) Q. But her having to go pick up a cousin -- a young cousin was also something
(9) unusual, as far as you knew?
(10) A. On that particular day, yes.
(11) Q. Okay. Now let me ask you -- to you -- you said that to your knowledge,
(12) you thought the relationship started when they were sophomores?
(13) A. It was towards the end of that season -- year.
(14) Q. Okay. The day that we're talking about is January 13th of 1999, correct?
(15) This year, but last winter? Eleven months ago.
(16) A. They were seeing each other before then. They were friends.
(17) Q. Okay. But is it, to your knowledge --
(18) A. When they actually started dating?
(19) Q. Yes.
(20) A. I know it had to be a long time before junior prom because --
(21) Q. They went to the junior prom together?
(22) A. No, they didn't go together.
(23) Q. Okay. But --
(24) A. They met at the junior prom.
(25) Q. Okay. And it became clear to everybody that they were becoming an item,
(26) did it not?
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- (2) A. Yes.
(3) Q. Okay. Not just --
(4) A. Everybody knew that they were an item before the junior prom.
(5) Q. But it wasn't out there?
(6) A. What do you mean by that?
(7) Q. Well you said they didn't go together at the junior prom.
(8) A. No, because she said to me point blank she was not allowed to go with him
(9) to the prom --
(10) Q. By her family?
(11) A. By her family.
(12) Q. And that was her mother?
(13) A. Yes.
(14) Q. And she said that to you?
(15) A. Yes.
(16) Q. So if they went to the junior prom together, they did so in violation of her
(17) family's rules?
(18) A. Right.
(19) Q. It may also have been in violation of Adnan Syed's family and culture rules?
(20) A. Probably.
(21) Q. Probably, but you never found that out?
(22) A. No.
(23) Q. Did you go to the junior prom?
(24) A. Yes, I did.
(25) Q. Okay. And were you aware that, at the junior prom, they were pretty much
(26) together?
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- (2) A. They were together.
(3) Q. Okay. No mistake about it?
(4) A. They took pictures together.
(5) Q. Okay. And the junior prom would have occurred in May of 1998, is that
(6) correct?
(7) A. Yes.
(8) Q. Okay.
(9) A. May or April, I'm not sure.
(10) Q. May or -- whenever it was -- May or April. So at least by that point or
(11) shortly before, Adnan Syed and Hae Lee were an item?
(12) A. Yes.
(13) Q. And to your knowledge, an item against her family's wishes?
(14) A. Yes.
(15) Q. Not just, later, his family's wishes?
(16) A. Yes.
(17) MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you. I have nothing further.
(18) THE COURT: Redirect?
(19) MS. MURPHY: No, your Honor.
(20) THE COURT: May the witness be excused?
(21) MS. MURPHY: Yes, your Honor.
(22) THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am, for coming in.
(23) MR. URICK: With the court's permission, I'll get the next witness. At
(24) this time, the State will call Donald Cliendienst to the stand.
(25) DONALD CLIENDIENST
(26) a witness produced on call the by the Plaintiff, having been duly sworn according to law.
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- (2) was examined and testified as follows:
(3) CLERK: State your name and address for the record.
(4) MR. CLIENDIENST: Donald Cliendienst.
(5) THE COURT: Please lean forward and speak into the microphone.
(6) MR. CLIENDIENST: Donald Cliendienst
(7) [REDACTED]
(8) CLERK: Spell your last name, sir.
(9) MR. CLIENDIENST: C-L-I-E-N-D-I-E-N-S-T.
(10) DIRECT EXAMINATION
(11) BY MR. URICK:
(12) Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Cliendienst. What is your date of birth?
(13) A. [REDACTED] 78.
(14) Q. Now drawing your attention back to 1998. Did there come a time you came
(15) to know one Hae Min Lee?
(16) A. Yes, sir.
(17) Q. How did you come to know her?
(18) A. We met at work and began seeing each other -- going out to movies and
(19) things.
(20) Q. About when did -- where were you working at that time?
(21) A. Lens Crafters in Owings Mills.
(22) Q. And when did you start working there?
(23) A. Some where in the middle of October.
(24) Q. And when did Ms. Lee start working there?
(25) A. Not really sure. Some time around the same time.
(26) Q. And did you ever have occasion -- or did you ever have occasion to see the
(27)