

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 95</p> <p>1 go up to your jury room after you are excused, you will  2 be free for lunch, and I'll ask you to come back and be  3 in place at five minutes before 2:00.  4 But it looks like you're going to get an early  5 lunch, an early unplanned lunch today, so if you will go  6 upstairs now and wait until you are released.  7 (The jury left the courtroom.)  8 THE COURT: Counsel, you've been moving at a  9 good pace, but I just can't have dead time like this.  10 We're losing almost a half an hour in time and we got  11 started an hour late because it takes so long to get  12 prisoners up and back. So we've got to have people on  13 deck and --  14 MR. URICK: We just had -- we had him here but  15 we couldn't use him.  16 (A luncheon recess was taken at 12:12 p.m.)  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p> <p>1 a witness produced on call of the State, having first  2 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:  3 THE CLERK: Okay, sir, you may be seated.  4 And would you please state your name and  5 address for the record, and would you please spell your  6 first and last name?  7 THE WITNESS: Yasar Ali, Y-A-S-A-R, Ali, A-L-I.  8 And I live at [REDACTED]  9 Maryland 21042.  10 THE CLERK: Thank you, sir.  11 DIRECT EXAMINATION  12 BY MR. URICK:  13 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Ali.  14 A. Hello.  15 Q. Do you know the defendant?  16 A. Yes.  17 Q. How do you know the defendant?  18 A. He's a good friend of mine.  19 Q. And where do you know him from?  20 A. The Mosque.  21 Q. What high school did you attend?  22 A. Centennial High School.  23 Q. When you would socialize with the defendant,  24 would you socialize with him with people from The Mosque  25 or with people from his high school?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 96</p> <p>1 AFTERNOON SESSION  2 (2:27 p.m.)  3 (The jury was not present upon reconvening.)  4 THE COURT: We are now waiting on one juror.  5 MR. URICK: I'm sorry, Your Honor. Good  6 afternoon.  7 THE COURT: Good afternoon.  8 We're now waiting for a juror.  9 (Pause.)  10 (The jury returned to the courtroom.)  11 THE COURT: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.  12 Let me commend you generally for your promptness. I have  13 appreciated it. Of course, you understand that we can't  14 get started unless we have all of you present. So it's  15 very important that you all be as prompt as you can  16 because we can't get started unless we have all of you  17 here.  18 Please call your next witness.  19 MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor.  20 At this time, the State would call Yasar Ali to  21 the stand.  22 THE CLERK: Okay, sir. Would you please stand  23 up, please, and raise your right hand.  24 Whereupon,  25 YASAR ALI,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p> <p>1 A. From The Mosque.  2 Q. And how long have you known him?  3 A. Six, seven years, somewhere around there. From  4 middle school, early middle school.  5 Q. Right now I'm going to give you a copy of  6 what's been marked identification as State's Exhibit 34.  7 Up above, you see it says "Call date cellular phone" and  8 then there's a number, [REDACTED]. Do you recognize  9 that number?  10 A. Which one?  11 Q. At the top of the page?  12 A. Okay. Yeah.  13 Q. Do you recognize that number?  14 A. Yeah.  15 Q. Whose number is that?  16 A. That's Mr. Syed's over there.  17 Q. Now, I'd like you to look --  18 THE COURT: Mr. Ali, if you would pull the  19 microphone down and point it at your mouth, and then talk  20 directly into it. Okay?  21 THE WITNESS: All right.  22 BY MR. URICK:  23 Q. I'd like you to look at Line 13. Do you see a  24 number there?  25 A. Yes, I do.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>1 Q. Whose number is that?</p> <p>2 A. That's Mr. -- mine.</p> <p>3 Q. Can you read that, please?</p> <p>4 A. [REDACTED] 6:59 31 seconds p.m. duration 27</p> <p>5 seconds, Cell Site 651A, 1500 Woodlawn Drive.</p> <p>6 Q. These are phone records from the 13th of</p> <p>7 January of this year. Do you have any independent</p> <p>8 recollection of that phone call?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. Now, I'd like you to look up to Line 3. Do you</p> <p>11 recognize that number?</p> <p>12 A. Yeah. That's my number.</p> <p>13 Q. And what's the time of that call?</p> <p>14 A. The time of that is 10:02, 44 seconds, p.m.</p> <p>15 Q. Now, if you would, I'd just like you to start</p> <p>16 at the top and look down and see if you recognize any of</p> <p>17 the other numbers?</p> <p>18 A. The only other number I recognize is Line 18</p> <p>19 which is Adnan Syed's number when he was calling his</p> <p>20 voice mail.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>22 I'll take that back at this time.</p> <p>23 (Pause.)</p> <p>24 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>25 Q. Of what religion are you?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 101</p> <p>1 THE COURT: Would his understanding of Islam be</p> <p>2 sufficiently narrow?</p> <p>3 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, Judge, I suggest that</p> <p>4 sufficiently narrow would be his understanding as his</p> <p>5 as his being an Islamic or Muslim, -- I'm not sure how</p> <p>6 you say it -- what is his view as he understands it to be</p> <p>7 toward drinking, would not be an overly broad question,</p> <p>8 and we wouldn't object to that.</p> <p>9 THE COURT: What about any knowledge he has of</p> <p>10 the defendant's beliefs?</p> <p>11 MS. GUTIERREZ: As to the beliefs about</p> <p>12 drinking?</p> <p>13 THE COURT: Uh-huh.</p> <p>14 MS. GUTIERREZ: Then I would object on other</p> <p>15 grounds. I believe as to relevancy, I believe it's</p> <p>16 highly prejudicial.</p> <p>17 THE COURT: I assume at some point he's going</p> <p>18 to get to the matter of relationships.</p> <p>19 MS. GUTIERREZ: I wouldn't make that</p> <p>20 assumption, Judge.</p> <p>21 MR. URICK: I thought I had already established</p> <p>22 one. I can continue.</p> <p>23 THE COURT: Okay.</p> <p>24 Sustained, but just as to form.</p> <p>25 (Counsel and the defendant returned to the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>1 A. Islam.</p> <p>2 Q. What is an imam?</p> <p>3 A. Imam is a higher priest, a priest.</p> <p>4 Q. And what does the imam do?</p> <p>5 A. He leads the prayer.</p> <p>6 Q. And is there an imam for the Mosque that you</p> <p>7 and the defendant attended?</p> <p>8 A. Yeah.</p> <p>9 Q. Now, Islam is a religion of laws, is it not?</p> <p>10 A. It's a way of life.</p> <p>11 Q. And how does Islam view drinking?</p> <p>12 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>13 THE COURT: Sustained.</p> <p>14 Do you wish to approach?</p> <p>15 MR. URICK: Yes, if we may.</p> <p>16 (Counsel and the defendant approached the</p> <p>17 bench, and the following ensued:)</p> <p>18 THE COURT: Yes?</p> <p>19 MS. GUTIERREZ: I object to it Judge. I think</p> <p>20 it's improper to ask this witness, who has identified as</p> <p>21 his religion, identifying this being Islam, to ask him a</p> <p>22 broad-based question such as how does Islam, which has</p> <p>23 not been defined. This is not an expert in this. There</p> <p>24 is no expertise established how does Islam view drinking.</p> <p>25 It's an improperly broad and unfair prejudicial question.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 102</p> <p>1 trial tables, and the following ensued:)</p> <p>2 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>3 Q. What is your understanding as to how Islam</p> <p>4 views drinking?</p> <p>5 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>6 THE COURT: Basis?</p> <p>7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Same basis as before, Judge.</p> <p>8 THE COURT: Okay. Overruled.</p> <p>9 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>10 Q. You may answer that question?</p> <p>11 A. It doesn't agree with it.</p> <p>12 Q. And have you ever had occasion to discuss with</p> <p>13 the defendant his views on drinking, as he understands</p> <p>14 the religious precepts concerning that?</p> <p>15 A. I don't think we ever talked about if it was</p> <p>16 right or wrong.</p> <p>17 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge as to</p> <p>18 whether the defendant drinks?</p> <p>19 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>20 THE COURT: Is there a relevance here?</p> <p>21 MR. URICK: Yes.</p> <p>22 THE COURT: On the drinking?</p> <p>23 MR. URICK: Yes.</p> <p>24 THE COURT: Come up.</p> <p>25 (Counsel and the defendant approached the</p>

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<p>1 bench, and the following ensued:)</p> <p>2 MR. URICK: As I said in my opening statement,</p> <p>3 this defendant was leading a double life. He was leading</p> <p>4 one life that his parents' religion wanted him to lead.</p> <p>5 He was leading a hidden or illicit life that caused him</p> <p>6 to lie to many people to create different personas,</p> <p>7 different fronts for different people.</p> <p>8 This is someone who can testify personally as</p> <p>9 to the defendant's actions.</p> <p>10 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez?</p> <p>11 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, I'd renew my objection.</p> <p>12 Relevance is not dependent upon the definition the State</p> <p>13 gives in its opening. There's no relevancy to alcohol</p> <p>14 here.</p> <p>15 On either the day her body was found, on the</p> <p>16 day that it disappeared, that she disappeared, on any day</p> <p>17 in between, there's no relevancy related to any fact</p> <p>18 necessary to prove, which they've proffered at all, to</p> <p>19 prove any of the elements of the crime.</p> <p>20 THE COURT: Actually, I agree with you. I do</p> <p>21 have some difficulty in exploring any witness' religious</p> <p>22 beliefs sort of generally. Obviously, there are certain</p> <p>23 of these beliefs that are at issue, but there are, I</p> <p>24 think fairly significant restrictions on the general</p> <p>25 exploration either of the defendant's religious beliefs</p>	<p>1 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>2 Q. Did you know who Hae Min Lee was?</p> <p>3 THE COURT: You need to say yes or no, sir.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Yes, I did know her.</p> <p>5 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>6 Q. How did you know her?</p> <p>7 A. She was Adnan Syed's girlfriend.</p> <p>8 Q. Now, how did you come to know that she was his</p> <p>9 girlfriend?</p> <p>10 A. He had told me.</p> <p>11 Q. What is your understanding of Islam's views</p> <p>12 concerning dating before marriage?</p> <p>13 A. I don't think they agree with it.</p> <p>14 Q. And what is your understanding --</p> <p>15 THE COURT: If we could have you just a little</p> <p>16 louder and a little slower, again, would you repeat your</p> <p>17 last answer, please?</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: I don't think they agree with</p> <p>19 that.</p> <p>20 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.</p> <p>21 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>22 Q. Did there come a time where at the Mosque the</p> <p>23 Imam gave a sermon on dating?</p> <p>24 A. I believe there was, but I was not present.</p> <p>25 Q. And who do you believe that -- why that sermon</p>
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<p>1 and/or the witness'.</p> <p>2 If you get to the point, which basically is the</p> <p>3 relationship, whether it's frowned on or not, whether it</p> <p>4 was consistent with Islam or not, I think you have gotten</p> <p>5 to what's relevant in the case. But if you start and you</p> <p>6 talk generally about whether he adheres to his religion,</p> <p>7 then; one, that's character; two, that's religious</p> <p>8 beliefs, which are beyond the pale. And I think we raise</p> <p>9 needless due process considerations if you're going to do</p> <p>10 generally an exploration of his adherence to his</p> <p>11 religious beliefs.</p> <p>12 Initially, it's character which is bad, and</p> <p>13 then, beyond that, it raises all sorts of other</p> <p>14 constitutional issues as to religion. You have a very</p> <p>15 legitimate reason for arguing for discussion of religious</p> <p>16 belief as to sex, as to their youth, as to the marital</p> <p>17 status. That's really an issue.</p> <p>18 But when you start straying us to how good a</p> <p>19 Muslim is?</p> <p>20 MR. URICK: Thank you.</p> <p>21 THE COURT: Thank you.</p> <p>22 (Counsel and the defendant returned to the</p> <p>23 trial tables, and the following ensued:)</p> <p>24 THE COURT: Yes, Mr. Urick.</p> <p>25 MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor.</p>	<p>1 came about?</p> <p>2 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>3 THE COURT: Sustained.</p> <p>4 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>5 Q. What is your understanding of the views of</p> <p>6 Islam concerning premarital sex?</p> <p>7 A. They don't agree with it.</p> <p>8 Q. Did you ever have occasion to discuss with the</p> <p>9 defendant whether he was having premarital sex?</p> <p>10 A. No, it never came about.</p> <p>11 Q. Now, to your knowledge, were people talking at</p> <p>12 the Mosque about the defendant dating Hae Min Lee?</p> <p>13 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>14 THE COURT: Overruled.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Friends. Like I never heard</p> <p>16 anybody else talking about it. Like Adnan's close</p> <p>17 friends, we were the only people that ever talked about</p> <p>18 it.</p> <p>19 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>20 Q. How would they talk about it?</p> <p>21 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>22 THE COURT: Sustained.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: Just that it was his girlfriend.</p> <p>24 THE COURT: No. You don't have to answer the</p> <p>25 question, sir.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 107</p> <p>1 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>2 Q. Did the defendant ever discuss with you how he</p> <p>3 dealt with his parents concerning his relationship with</p> <p>4 Hae Min Lee?</p> <p>5 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>6 THE COURT: Overruled.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: He didn't bring it up to them.</p> <p>8 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>9 Q. Did he tell you why not?</p> <p>10 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>11 THE COURT: Overruled.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Because --</p> <p>13 MS. GUTIERREZ: Ask for a continuing objection</p> <p>14 to the whole line of questioning?</p> <p>15 THE COURT: Denied. Overruled.</p> <p>16 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>17 Q. You may answer the question?</p> <p>18 A. Because they didn't agree with it.</p> <p>19 Q. Now, do you know who Jay Wilds is?</p> <p>20 A. By face.</p> <p>21 Q. And did you ever have occasion to hear the</p> <p>22 defendant -- did the defendant ever say anything to you</p> <p>23 about Jay Wilds?</p> <p>24 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>25 THE COURT: Overruled.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>1 A. Eighteen.</p> <p>2 Q. And how long have you been a member of the same</p> <p>3 Mosque as Adnan Syed?</p> <p>4 A. Ten years, 12 years.</p> <p>5 Q. Do you know his family?</p> <p>6 A. Yeah.</p> <p>7 Q. You know his parents?</p> <p>8 A. Yeah.</p> <p>9 Q. You know his older brother?</p> <p>10 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay.</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. And you, as he, is also Islamic, is that how</p> <p>14 you determine your religion?</p> <p>15 A. Yeah.</p> <p>16 Q. Is there a difference between the use of the</p> <p>17 word Muslim and Islamic?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. It's the same word. Okay. And how many</p> <p>20 families are members of the Mosque with which you share</p> <p>21 membership with Adnan?</p> <p>22 A. I believe more than 500.</p> <p>23 Q. Five hundred families; is that correct?</p> <p>24 A. Yeah. Somewhere --</p> <p>25 Q. And that would include a mother, father, and</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 108</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: That it was his friend.</p> <p>2 MR. URICK: If I may have the Court's</p> <p>3 indulgence for just a second.</p> <p>4 THE COURT: Yes, sir.</p> <p>5 (Pause.)</p> <p>6 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>7 Q. Did the defendant ever discuss with you any</p> <p>8 problems he was having in his relationship with Hae Lee?</p> <p>9 A. In his relationship, there were no problems,</p> <p>10 really.</p> <p>11 Q. Did there ever come a time that he told you it</p> <p>12 was over?</p> <p>13 A. Yeah, when it was over.</p> <p>14 Q. What did he tell you?</p> <p>15 A. That is was over.</p> <p>16 Q. Did he give any reason for it?</p> <p>17 A. It was too much for Hae and him. Just like</p> <p>18 sneaking around because his parents didn't agree with it.</p> <p>19 MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor. No further</p> <p>20 questions.</p> <p>21 THE COURT: Cross?</p> <p>22 MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you.</p> <p>23 CROSS-EXAMINATION</p> <p>24 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:</p> <p>25 Q. Mr. Ali, how old are you?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 110</p> <p>1 some children in each family unit?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. As a member of the Islamic religion, are you</p> <p>4 required to pray a certain number of times a day?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. And are you required to do that at any specific</p> <p>7 location?</p> <p>8 A. Just not in the bathroom, from what I</p> <p>9 understand.</p> <p>10 Q. Not in the bathroom, but are you encouraged to</p> <p>11 do your prayers at the Mosque itself?</p> <p>12 A. It's encouraged.</p> <p>13 Q. It's encouraged. And do you, as a young man,</p> <p>14 as a member of that Mosque, do you go to the Mosque</p> <p>15 frequently?</p> <p>16 A. Whenever I have time.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. And have there been periods of time in</p> <p>18 your life when you've gone as a member of that Mosque to</p> <p>19 pray within your community on a daily basis?</p> <p>20 A. Over the summer.</p> <p>21 Q. Over the summer. So when you are able, you</p> <p>22 participate as a member of the Mosque community by</p> <p>23 praying with the rest of the community; is that correct?</p> <p>24 A. Correct.</p> <p>25 Q. Do they have -- does the Mosque have specific</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 111</p> <p>1 activities for young people of your age?</p> <p>2 A. Yeah. They play basketball a lot, a lot of</p> <p>3 people. There are other activities, games going on</p> <p>4 around.</p> <p>5 Q. And are young members of the Mosque, such as</p> <p>6 yourself, encouraged to involve themselves in activities</p> <p>7 at the Mosque?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Is that how you've known Adnan?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Does he participate in those activities to the</p> <p>12 extent that you participate with him, or observed him</p> <p>13 participating?</p> <p>14 A. He participated a lot more than me.</p> <p>15 Q. He did. That was from your own observation?</p> <p>16 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>17 Q. Is that correct?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. And from your conversations with other members</p> <p>20 of the Mosque?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Mr. Ali, you answered the question about how</p> <p>23 Muslims view the question about sex or --and/or dating.</p> <p>24 Let's deal with the sex question first. You answered by</p> <p>25 saying "they" didn't agree with it. You meant to refer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 113</p> <p>1 agree with; is that correct?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. There are very formal rites about dating in</p> <p>4 Islam; is that not correct?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. And they require sort of approval by the</p> <p>7 parents and knowledge of both the boy and the girl to</p> <p>8 each other's family?</p> <p>9 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>10 Q. Is that correct?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. There is no proscription, meaning any rule</p> <p>13 forbidding a Muslim from marrying a non-Muslim, is there?</p> <p>14 A. No.</p> <p>15 Q. It's not encouraged, however; correct?</p> <p>16 A. Yeah.</p> <p>17 Q. But there's nothing that precludes a Muslim</p> <p>18 from intermarrying with someone who doesn't adhere to the</p> <p>19 Islamic faith; is that correct?</p> <p>20 A. Sorry. I'm --</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Now, Mr. Ali, you've been a member of</p> <p>22 that Mosque for ten years, and have you always generally</p> <p>23 participated?</p> <p>24 A. Yeah, whenever I could.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay. And you've known Adnan and other young</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 112</p> <p>1 to the religion as a whole; is that correct?</p> <p>2 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>3 THE COURT: I need you to say yes or no, sir.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Sorry.</p> <p>5 THE COURT: We're making a recording of it.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>7 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:</p> <p>8 Q. And by that you meant that the tenets of the</p> <p>9 faith of Islam encouraged its members, particularly its</p> <p>10 young members to not have sex; is that correct?</p> <p>11 A. Correct.</p> <p>12 Q. Prior to marriage and a commitment; is that</p> <p>13 correct?</p> <p>14 A. Correct.</p> <p>15 Q. And that is something that you are taught from</p> <p>16 infancy; is it not?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. And that prescription applies equally to young</p> <p>19 men and to young women; does it not?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. In dating, do you understand that to</p> <p>22 mean sort of formal ritualized set of relationships</p> <p>23 between young men and women?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And that also is something that Islam does not</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 114</p> <p>1 men of similar age?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Is that correct? You are how old, sir?</p> <p>4 A. Eighteen.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. And the only interaction that you had</p> <p>6 with Adnan was through the Mosque; correct?</p> <p>7 A. Uh --</p> <p>8 Q. You didn't attend his high school? You didn't</p> <p>9 know him from any other source, is what I meant?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. The only source was through --</p> <p>12 A. My parents were friends with his parents.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. And that friendship was because of the</p> <p>14 community of the Mosque, was it not?</p> <p>15 A. Yeah, as well.</p> <p>16 Q. So you saw Adnan over that period of time, from</p> <p>17 the time he was a very young man, sometimes on a daily</p> <p>18 basis; is that correct?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. You were asked questions about even though the</p> <p>21 faith of Islam does not agree with its young people</p> <p>22 dating, as you've defined that to us, are there, in fact,</p> <p>23 young men of the Muslim faith in your Mosque who date?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And hide that dating from their parents?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 115</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And, in fact, participate in sort of subterfuge</p> <p>3 in order to hide that?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. And is that common knowledge among the young</p> <p>6 men?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Is that a source of agony for the young people?</p> <p>9 A. Yeah.</p> <p>10 Q. Yes. And it's something that you all discuss,</p> <p>11 is it not?</p> <p>12 A. Umm -- not a lot, but yeah.</p> <p>13 Q. But yes, at least once in a while?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. And the discussions centers around that you all</p> <p>16 know that that is a practice that your religion frowns</p> <p>17 upon; is that correct?</p> <p>18 A. Uh-huh. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. But notwithstanding understanding of all the</p> <p>20 young people, most of the young people, do, in fact,</p> <p>21 engage in it, do they not?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, they do.</p> <p>23 Q. Both within the Islamic faith?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. Is that correct? And without the Islamic faith?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 117</p> <p>1 imam of the Mosque that you belong to together with</p> <p>2 Adnan's family is a man by the name of Adam El Shek; is</p> <p>3 that correct?</p> <p>4 A. Yeah. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. And he's been the Imam for a number of years,</p> <p>6 has he not?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. And by imam, you said higher priest, is that</p> <p>9 he's accorded a degree of respect that is related to the</p> <p>10 level of his learning; is that correct?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. And the imam is not the only person that</p> <p>13 leads prayers, is he?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Are there not occasions in which someone other</p> <p>16 than the imam leads prayers?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. And sometimes young people lead prayers?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. And they are encouraged to lead prayers, is</p> <p>21 that correct?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. There is a special month in the holy year of</p> <p>24 all Islamics that is called what, Ramadan?</p> <p>25 A. Ramadan.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 116</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Meaning dating young people of other faiths --</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. -- and other religions; is that correct?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. And most young people engage in the same kind</p> <p>7 of subterfuge to their parents?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Is that correct? And that's the kind of</p> <p>10 subterfuge that you observed Adnan engaging in over the</p> <p>11 ten years that you saw him?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. From the time he began to date; is that</p> <p>14 correct?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Were you aware, Mr. Ali, that Hae was the first</p> <p>17 young woman that he dated?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. And you were aware of that from him,</p> <p>20 were you not?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. And you had no reason to disbelieve what he</p> <p>23 would tell you, did you?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. Mr. Ali, you were asked about the imam. The</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 118</p> <p>1 Q. Ramadan. And that is actually ongoing now, is</p> <p>2 it not?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. It just started; is that correct?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. And during that month, all members of the</p> <p>7 Islamic faith are called to pray more often, are they</p> <p>8 not?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. And to pray in a certain way?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And to have certain celebrations of their</p> <p>13 adherence to Islamic faith, are they not?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. And all members of the Islamic faith are called</p> <p>16 to fast on a daily basis, are they not?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. And the fast requires that they fast from sunup</p> <p>19 in the morning to sundown at night, does it not?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. And the purpose of that fast is to remind and</p> <p>22 call them as members of the Islamic faith to the core</p> <p>23 value of discipline and focus on themselves as human</p> <p>24 beings within the world as populated by Islam, is it not?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 119</p> <p>1 Q. And that fast requires that they refrain not 2 only from food from sunup to sundown, but that they 3 refrain even from water, does it not? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. And all Muslims who attempt to adhere to the 6 tenets of their faith, generally adhere to trying to 7 observe Ramadan with much more discipline and insight 8 than any other month of the year; do they not? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. Okay. And that is something that you've been 11 taught, have you not? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Throughout the time that you've known Adnan 14 Syed, has he adhered, to your knowledge, to the fasting 15 requirements that are proscribed to members of the 16 Islamic faith? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. Has he fasted as a fellow Islamic with you 19 during the Ramadan years that you have known him? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. And are there, throughout that month of 22 Ramadan, times when the young people of the Mosque lead 23 the whole community, including their elders, in prayers 24 that call the faithful to the tenets of their Islamic 25 faith?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 121</p> <p>1 Q. -- during the years that you've known him? Is 2 that correct? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. And during Ramadan, was that group of young men 5 called upon to lead prayer? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. And was that an ordinary thing that you all as 8 young men of the Mosque would be called to lead prayer? 9 A. Umm -- few people get selected for it, not 10 everybody. 11 Q. It was considered a special thing, -- 12 A. Yes, yes. 13 Q. -- was it not? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. And you all as young men practiced for that 16 event, did you not? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. And it was considered an honor to lead your 19 community in prayer, was it not? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. During Ramadan, Mr. Ali, it would be usual for 22 most of the families to make a special effort to attend 23 the Mosque at least once a day if not more often, would 24 it not? 25 A. Yes.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 120</p> <p>1 A. Yeah. 2 Q. Okay. You were a member of the same Mosque 3 with Adnan Syed last year at this very time of Ramadan, 4 were you not? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. And is there, in addition to the activities 7 that you've described to us, groups organized age 8 appropriately for the young people in the Mosque to be 9 led by teachers or mentors of such? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. And is there, in fact, such a group that is 12 always operated, although the teacher and the student may 13 change, from the time that you've been a member of the 14 Mosque? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Is there a young men's group, as you will, not 17 necessarily with a name, that has existed over the last 18 several years, that you have participated in? 19 A. Excuse me? 20 Q. Is there such a group for young men your age 21 that you've participated in? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. Yes. And did that group include the 24 participation of Adnan Syed -- 25 A. Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 122</p> <p>1 Q. That was part of reserving the whole month of 2 Ramadan as a month of spirituality celebration for those 3 of the Islamic faith; is that correct? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Okay. 6 Thank you. I have nothing further. 7 THE COURT: Any redirect? 8 MR. URICK: Very briefly, if I may have the 9 witness step down to come over to this map, I would like 10 him to see if he can determine from the map where the 11 Mosque is? 12 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 13 BY MR. URICK: 14 Q. That would be -- this is I95, Security 15 Boulevard. This is (inaudible) 16 MS. GUTIERREZ: Now, I'm going to object to the 17 State's Attorney educating the witness. I don't object 18 to questions being asked of the map but I -- 19 THE COURT: Well, he's -- 20 MR. URICK: I'm just trying -- 21 THE COURT: Well, he's orienting the witness, 22 that's not objectionable. Overruled. 23 BY MR. URICK: 24 Q. I believe this is Baltimore National Pike -- 25 A. Yes, that's --</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 123</p> <p>1 MS. GUTIERREZ: See, I object --</p> <p>2 THE COURT: Overruled.</p> <p>3 MS. GUTIERREZ: (Inaudible) objection.</p> <p>4 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>5 Q. (Inaudible) Boulevard, 695, 170, Security</p> <p>6 Boulevard (inaudible.) Are you oriented as to the map</p> <p>7 now?</p> <p>8 A. Somewhat.</p> <p>9 THE COURT: Keep your voice up please.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: Somewhat.</p> <p>11 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>12 Q. Do you know where the Mosque is located --</p> <p>13 roughly, you don't have to have it in the exact block?</p> <p>14 But, roughly do you know where it is on this map?</p> <p>15 A. Umm -- not on this map.</p> <p>16 Q. What's its address?</p> <p>17 A. I think --</p> <p>18 Q. What's the address of the Mosque?</p> <p>19 A. I don't know.</p> <p>20 Q. What street is it on?</p> <p>21 A. Johnnycake Road</p> <p>22 Q. Near what cross streets?</p> <p>23 A. Rolling Road.</p> <p>24 MS. GUTIERREZ: Again, I would object to the</p> <p>25 State's Attorney pointing out specific locations on the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 125</p> <p>1 A. Johnnycake Road.</p> <p>2 Q. And how close to the -- where Rolling Road</p> <p>3 crosses Johnnycake is it?</p> <p>4 A. I believe less than a mile.</p> <p>5 MR. URICK: Okay. Nothing further.</p> <p>6 THE COURT: Any redirect -- any recross,</p> <p>7 rather?</p> <p>8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Nothing, Your Honor.</p> <p>9 THE COURT: Thank you. Good day, sir.</p> <p>10 (Witness excused.)</p> <p>11 THE COURT: Next?</p> <p>12 (Pause.)</p> <p>13 MR. MURPHY: Your Honor, at this time the State</p> <p>14 would call to testify Ms. Christina Vinson.</p> <p>15 THE CLERK: Raise your right hand, please?</p> <p>16 Whereupon,</p> <p>17 CHRISTINA VINSON,</p> <p>18 a witness produced on call of the State, having first</p> <p>19 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:</p> <p>20 THE CLERK: Okay, ma'am. You may have a seat.</p> <p>21 Please state your name and address for the record, and</p> <p>22 please spell your last name?</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: Okay. Christina Vinson, V-I-N-S-</p> <p>24 O-N. My address is [REDACTED]</p> <p>25 Baltimore.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 124</p> <p>1 map to the witness?</p> <p>2 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>3 Q. This road right here is Rolling Road --</p> <p>4 THE COURT: Overruled.</p> <p>5 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>6 Q. -- this road right here is JohnnyCake Road.</p> <p>7 Has that oriented you better?</p> <p>8 A. This is (inaudible.)</p> <p>9 Q. Well, this is 695.</p> <p>10 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.</p> <p>11 THE COURT: Sustained. Sustained. Sustained.</p> <p>12 You cannot win it any more, Ms. Gutierrez. You</p> <p>13 have won.</p> <p>14 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>15 Q. How close is the Mosque to the intersection of</p> <p>16 Rolling Road? How close is it on Johnnycake to Rolling</p> <p>17 Road?</p> <p>18 A. (Inaudible.)</p> <p>19 Q. How close is it to Rolling Road --</p> <p>20 THE COURT: Why don't you put the witness back</p> <p>21 on the stand so he can be near a microphone?</p> <p>22 Let's take the map and easel back where it was.</p> <p>23 (Pause.)</p> <p>24 BY MR. URICK:</p> <p>25 Q. The Mosque is on what street again?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 126</p> <p>1 THE CLERK: Thank you very much.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: Thanks.</p> <p>3 DIRECT EXAMINATION</p> <p>4 BY MS. MURPHY:</p> <p>5 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Vinson.</p> <p>6 A. Hi.</p> <p>7 Q. How old are you?</p> <p>8 A. 22.</p> <p>9 Q. And do you attend school?</p> <p>10 A. University of Maryland in Baltimore.</p> <p>11 Q. What are you studying there?</p> <p>12 A. Social work.</p> <p>13 Q. And how much longer do you have before you</p> <p>14 finish?</p> <p>15 A. I've got one more exam, and then I'm done.</p> <p>16 Q. Do you also work?</p> <p>17 A. I work at a residential group home for</p> <p>18 adolescent boys in Ellicott City.</p> <p>19 Q. Where were you living in January of 1999?</p> <p>20 A. At the address I just gave in Baltimore.</p> <p>21 Q. And what's that address?</p> <p>22 A. [REDACTED]</p> <p>23 Q. Did you live with anybody else at that time?</p> <p>24 A. No. Just myself.</p> <p>25 Q. Who is Jeff Johnson?</p>