

1 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.  
2 THE COURT: Thank you.  
3 (The witness was excused.)  
4 THE COURT: Your next witness?  
5 (Pause.)  
6 THE COURT: Please raise your right hand.  
7 Listen to Mr. White as he provides you with the oath.  
8 Whereupon,  
9 NISHA [REDACTED]  
10 a witness produced on call of the State, having first  
11 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:  
12 THE CLERK: You may be seated. Please keep  
13 your voice up, state your name and your address for the  
14 record?  
15 THE WITNESS: My name is Nisha [REDACTED]  
16 THE CLERK: Address?  
17 THE WITNESS: [REDACTED] Silver Spring,  
18 Maryland 20906.  
19 THE COURT: You are welcome to rest your coat,  
20 if you would like, or if you're comfortable the way you  
21 are you may remain like that.  
22 THE WITNESS: Thanks.  
23 THE COURT: Witness with you.  
24 MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor. With the  
25 Court's permission, I'd ask the Clerk at this time to

1 hand back to the jurors their individual copies, or  
2 working copies of State's Exhibit 34 for identification.

3 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, you're  
4 receiving your papers -- there are your juror numbers  
5 noted at the top.

6 (Pause.)

7 MR. URICK: If the Court please, at this time  
8 I'd like to approach the witness?

9 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. URICK:

12 Q. Ms. Tanna, I'm just, for now putting down in  
13 front of you what's been marked -- it's a copy of what's  
14 been marked for identification purposes as State's  
15 Exhibit 34.

16 Do you know the defendant?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How do you know the defendant?

19 A. We met through mutual friends at a New Year's  
20 party.

21 Q. And was that New Year's Eve, 1999?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So it would have been December 31st of 1998  
24 into January 1st of 1999?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And did you become friends with him at that  
2 time?  
3 A. Yeah. We met and we pretty much became  
4 friends, I guess.  
5 Q. Did you exchange phone numbers?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. Did you have occasion to speak with him on the  
8 phone?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. How would you come to speak to him?  
11 A. He would call me up most of the time, and we  
12 would just talk about school and just ask how each other  
13 were.  
14 Q. Did there come a time when he got a cell phone  
15 of his own?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. And do you recall when that was?  
18 A. I think it was sometime in January.  
19 Q. Okay. Now, I'd like you to look at what's  
20 before you, the Exhibit, and if you notice in the left-  
21 hand column it says "call" and then there are a bunch of  
22 numbers going down, 1 to 34. Starting at the bottom, if  
23 you would, look at number 25?  
24 A. Okay.  
25 Q. Look across the entire line?

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. Do you identi-- do you recognize that number?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Who's number is that?

5 A. That is my number.

6 Q. And would you please read it for the record?

7 A. 301 603 [REDACTED].

8 Q. And if you go across to the next line of type,  
9 there's a blank space, then there's a black space. At  
10 the top of the column it says "call time," what is  
11 indicated there?

12 A. 3:32 and 45 seconds.

13 THE COURT: Just a moment, please.

14 Deputy Sheriff, can you go in the hallway and  
15 ask individuals to keep their voices down, and if there's  
16 a sign there, turn it so that they can see that there's a  
17 court in session.

18 Thank you.

19 BY MR. URICK:

20 Q. And in the next line it says "duration," do you  
21 notice a time of duration?

22 A. Yes, two minutes and 22 seconds.

23 Q. And that phone number, is that a cell phone or  
24 a residence phone?

25 A. It's a residence phone.

1 MR. URICK: With the Court's permission, I'm  
2 going to go to the exhibit that's posted in the right  
3 hand side.

4 THE COURT: You may.

5 BY MR. URICK:

6 Q. Your last name is spelled [REDACTED]  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. That was line 25?  
9 (Pause.)  
10 Q. Who's line was this?  
11 A. It's my phone line.  
12 Q. Is this a private line for yourself at that  
13 residence?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. Now, going up to line 7?  
16 A. Okay.  
17 Q. Look across that line. Do you recognize that  
18 number?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. And who's number is that?  
21 A. That is mine.  
22 Q. And, for the record, would you read it again?  
23 A. 301 603-[REDACTED].  
24 Q. And the time -- the call time for that call  
25 was?

1 A. Nine minutes and one second. And --  
2 Q. Those are hours, minutes, and seconds.  
3 A. Nine minutes --  
4 Q. That's time, not minutes.  
5 A. Oh, okay. So it's one minute and 46, 'cause  
6 there's a --  
7 Q. It's p.m. It's an hour, it's a time.  
8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection --  
9 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.  
10 THE COURT: -- to the State's Attorney  
11 testifying?  
12 THE COURT: Sustained.  
13 BY MR. URICK:  
14 Q. Please look at it again to read the time that  
15 that call occurred?  
16 A. 9:01.  
17 Q. And the next block, which is the time duration,  
18 would you please read further --  
19 A. Okay.  
20 Q. -- and tell what that duration was?  
21 A. It's one minute and 24 seconds.  
22 MR. URICK: With the Court's permission, I will  
23 now, again, write "[REDACTED] household" into the block on  
24 line 7?  
25 THE COURT: Any objections?

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, Your Honor.  
2 (Pause.)  
3 BY MR. URICK:  
4 Q. Now, please go up again to the line four and  
5 look across that line?  
6 A. Okay.  
7 Q. Do you recognize that number?  
8 A. Yes.  
9 Q. And who's number is that?  
10 A. Mine.  
11 Q. And for the record, please read it again?  
12 A. 301 603-[REDACTED].  
13 Q. Now, go across to the next block of type,  
14 please read the time that the call occurred?  
15 A. 9:57.  
16 Q. And in the next block, the duration of the  
17 call?  
18 A. 24 seconds.  
19 MR. URICK: And with the Court's permission, I  
20 will now write "[REDACTED] residence" again on line 4.  
21 THE COURT: Any objection to that?  
22 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, Your Honor.  
23 (Pause.)  
24 BY MR. URICK:  
25 Q. Now, did there ever come a time when the

1 defendant called you and put a person he identified as  
2 Jay on the line?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Please tell the ladies and gentlemen of the  
5 jury what that call consisted of?

6 A. Basically, Jay had asked him to come to an  
7 adult video store that he worked at.

8 Q. No, don't -- tell us what the defendant told  
9 you? Tell us the content of the call?

10 A. Okay. He just asked me how I was doing?

11 Q. When you say "he," who do you mean?

12 A. Adnan.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. And then he put his phone -- put his friend Jay  
15 on the line, and he basically asked the same question.

16 Q. And he described him as his friend Jay?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you have any independent recollection of  
19 when that call occurred?

20 A. I can't remember the exact date.

21 Q. And about how long did that call take?

22 A. I would say, like, a minute or so.

23 Q. Okay. Now, --

24 A. It was not that long.

25 Q. -- drawing your attention back to the exhibit,



1 line 25, which was a call -- do you recall about what  
2 time of day that that call occurred?

3 A. The one on -- yeah, I think it was in the  
4 evening time.

5 Q. Now, that call, line 25, is it possible that  
6 that could have been that telephone call?

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.

8 THE COURT: Sustained as to form of the  
9 question. At this point, I don't know what "that" is,  
10 and so if you could just clarify your question to the  
11 witness. Are you -- when you say "that," are you  
12 referring to the call listed on line 25, or are you  
13 asking the witness to talk about the conversation she  
14 just relayed to the jury?

15 BY MR. URICK:

16 Q. Relating back to the conversation with the  
17 defendant where he put the person named Jay on the phone,  
18 is it possible that line 25 could have been that  
19 telephone call?

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.

21 THE COURT: Overruled.

22 You can answer the question.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm not sure, I can't  
24 really recall that particular day, but maybe.

25 MR. URICK: Thank you.

1                   Witness with the defense.

2                                   CROSS EXAMINATION

3                   BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

4           Q.    Ms. ██████, you met Adnan Syed at a New's Year  
5 party; correct?

6           A.    Yes.

7           Q.    And he was there to party just like you were,  
8 was he not?

9           A.    Yes.

10          Q.    And you had not met him before; correct?

11          A.    Yes.

12          Q.    It was not a party isolated just for those of  
13 the Muslim faith, was it?

14          A.    No.

15          Q.    You are not of the Muslim faith are you?

16          A.    No.

17          Q.    You're of a different religion than Islam?

18          A.    Yes.

19          Q.    And your religion is?

20          A.    Hinduism.

21          Q.    Okay. And you were aware at the party that  
22 Adnan liked you?

23          A.    Yes.

24          Q.    And you liked him, did you not?

25          A.    Yes.

1 Q. And the who attended the party were all of your  
2 mutual ages, were they not?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you went to that party because of a friend  
5 of yours?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Then it was not Adnan who gave the party;  
8 right?

9 A. No.

10 Q. It wasn't at his house?

11 A. No.

12 Q. It was a some other young person's place, or  
13 was it at a place other than a house?

14 A. It was a place other than a house.

15 Q. And attending at the party were how many young  
16 people?

17 A. Hundreds, I'd say.

18 Q. Okay. And in the midst of that -- and it was a  
19 pretty festive occasion?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. It was noisy?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Was there drinking?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Was there dancing?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And almost all of the attendees at the party  
3 were participating in all of those things?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Is that right? And in that atmosphere, Adnan  
6 Syed caught your eye, did he not?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you caught his eye, did you not?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you spent the bulk of the party on New  
11 Year's Eve, 1999 together, did you not?

12 A. Yes, we did.

13 Q. At the party, and before the party ended you  
14 exchanged personal information?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. That included your phone number; correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you got his phone number?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. At the time on New Year's Eve, he didn't have a  
21 call phone?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Right? But after that time, for the next two  
24 weeks, the two of you sort of kept in contact with each  
25 other, did you not?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Mostly he called you?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you encouraged him to call you, did you  
5 not?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And sometimes he called you more than once a  
8 day, did he not?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And when you would -- you would take his calls  
11 if you could, could you not?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Because you liked him?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And he expressed a continuing interest in you;  
16 is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And the times that you would talk on the phone,  
19 you would talk and share information about each other to  
20 each other?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Would you not? What you did; is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And what was going on in your school lives?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And what your plans were for the next days; is  
2 that correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. All normal stuff; right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Would you describe that two-week time as sort  
7 of the two of you getting to know each other?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you were open to that, were you not?

10 A. Yes, I was.

11 Q. You were open to him as more than just somebody  
12 you met at a party?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You were open to him as a possible boyfriend?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Correct? And you sensed that he was interested  
17 in you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you didn't discourage that, did you?

20 A. No.

21 Q. In fact, you encouraged that, didn't you?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You liked him, didn't you?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And it was obvious he liked you?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you grill him about his prior  
3 relationships?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you allow him to grill you about any prior  
6 relationship you may have had?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Now, that number, the 603-██████, if Adnan Syed  
9 called it, you're the only one he'd be looking to talk  
10 to, wouldn't he?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. Now, the call that you were asked where  
13 somebody else got on the phone, that call occurred at  
14 that number; is that correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Now, did other people call on that number?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. For you?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. For other members of your family?

21 A. Sometimes.

22 Q. Sometimes. But mostly that number is for you,  
23 is it not?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. You're the one that answers it?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And do you have an answering machine or a voice  
3 mail?

4 A. No, not for that number.

5 Q. Not for that number. But if somebody was to  
6 answer, generally it would be for you; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And in the two weeks from the New Year's  
9 party, you had talked to Adnan sometimes every day for a  
10 couple days in a row?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And sometimes you talked to him more than once  
13 a day?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And often you talked to him late at night?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And during that time period you had learned  
18 that he was a Muslim?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you were -- that wasn't a surprise to you,  
21 was it?

22 A. No.

23 Q. There were other Muslims at the party, were  
24 there not?

25 A. Yes.



1 Q. You associate with other Muslims, do you not?  
2 A. Yes, of course.  
3 Q. Both girls and boys; is that correct?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. And was the fact that he was a Muslim ever an  
6 issue for you during that two-week period of time where  
7 you're sort of trying it out?  
8 A. No, of course not.  
9 Q. And did that ever come up as a topic of  
10 conversation from you?  
11 A. No.  
12 Q. Did it ever come up as a topic of conversation  
13 from Mr. Syed?  
14 A. No.  
15 Q. Okay. Did you see each other during that time?  
16 A. We saw each other once at another party.  
17 Q. Okay. And that was after the first, so in that  
18 two week period of time, or almost two weeks to the 13th,  
19 you saw him an additional time?  
20 A. I saw him in February.  
21 Q. Okay. So that was after this date?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. So in the first two weeks mostly you got to  
24 know each other by phone?  
25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. And that was not something you  
2 discouraged?  
3 A. No.  
4 Q. And you said mostly he called you, but some of  
5 the times you called him; is that correct?  
6 A. No, actually I didn't call him just because it  
7 was long distance.  
8 Q. Okay. But you didn't refuse his calls?  
9 A. No.  
10 Q. And you didn't discourage him from calling?  
11 A. No.  
12 Q. And after this day, the 13th, you actually saw  
13 him?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. And you knew that you were going to see him,  
16 did you not?  
17 A. Yes, I did.  
18 Q. And that was an okay thing with you, seeing him  
19 again?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. And after this date, you continued to explore  
22 whether or not you and he might have a relationship?  
23 A. Yes, maybe.  
24 Q. And during that time, you got to know each  
25 other better and became more solid friends?

1           A.    Yes.

2           Q.    Is that correct?  And, at no point did you ever  
3 discourage his phone calls?

4           A.    No.

5           Q.    No.  Now, the time that you said the per -- put  
6 a person named Jay, your belief was that that was at the  
7 video store?

8           A.    Yes.

9           Q.    That they, meaning Adnan and Jay, were at the  
10 video store; is that correct?

11          A.    Yes.

12          Q.    You had never been in that video store?

13          A.    No.

14          Q.    You didn't know what kind of video it was?

15          A.    No.

16          Q.    But your understanding was that Jay worked  
17 there?

18          A.    Yes.

19          Q.    Yes.  And that was the information relayed to  
20 you; is that correct?

21          A.    Yes.

22          Q.    And that when the person named Jay -- now, you  
23 never met him, did you?

24          A.    No.

25          Q.    And later, after this day, the 13th, you never

1 met him, did you?

2 A. No.

3 Q. And you wouldn't recognize him today?

4 A. No.

5 Q. And you wouldn't recognize his voice?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Okay. And you knew, did you not, or did you,  
8 that Jay was not a current classmate of Adnan?

9 A. I didn't know anything about that.

10 Q. You didn't know anything about it. And,  
11 frankly, you weren't interested in Jay, were you?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you really care who he was?

14 A. Not really.

15 Q. Or what he was to Adnan?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And did you speak to him long?

18 A. Did I what?

19 Q. Speak to him long?

20 A. No.

21 Q. That time. And was there anything significant  
22 to note in that conversation?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And you don't recall when that conversation  
25 took place?

1 A. No.

2 Q. So it could have been the 13th or it could have  
3 been any other day from the New Year's party all the way  
4 up until Mr. Syed's arrest on February 28th?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Is that right?

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you. I have nothing  
8 further.

9 THE COURT: Any redirect?

10 MR. URICK: Extremely brief.

11 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. URICK:

13 Q. Did the defendant ever invite you to call him  
14 at his house?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did he tell you why not?

17 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection. Assumes that there  
18 has to be a reason.

19 THE COURT: I understand, I understand. There  
20 -- first of all, the objection is sustained.

21 You can reword the question if you'd like and  
22 perhaps lay a foundation for its admissibility.

23 BY MR. URICK:

24 Q. What, if any, instructions did he give you as  
25 to how to contact him?

1 A. Excuse me? I'm sorry?

2 Q. What, if any, instructions did he give you as  
3 to how to contact him?

4 A. He did give me his pager number. He didn't  
5 give me his house number.

6 Q. Did he ever give any explanation why he didn't  
7 give his house number?

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 THE WITNESS: Well, later on, he did say that  
11 his parents were a little strict about having girls call,  
12 but he did give me his house number, but I never did call  
13 him.

14 MR. URICK: No further -- nothing else, thank  
15 you.

16 RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION

17 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

18 Q. And did you ever reach him on his pager?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay. And that was your choice?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. There wasn't a reason not to use the pager?

23 A. No.

24 Q. So if you had wanted to reach him on the  
25 available number he gave you, you could have?

1           A.    I could have.

2           Q.    Okay.  And when he got his cell phone, he gave  
3 you his call phone number, did he not?

4           A.    Yes, he did.

5           Q.    Okay.  And did you choose to reach him on the  
6 cell phone?

7           A.    No.

8           Q.    For the most part, the contact came from him to  
9 you?

10          A.    Yes.

11          Q.    But that was okay with you?

12          A.    Yes.

13          Q.    You were interested in him?

14          A.    Yes.

15          Q.    And you liked that he called you?

16          A.    Yes.

17                MS. GUTIERREZ:  Thank you.  Nothing further.

18                THE COURT:  Anything further?

19                MR. URICK:  No, thank you.  The witness may be  
20 excused from the State.

21                THE COURT:  All right.

22                And from the defense, may this witness be  
23 excused?

24                MS. GUTIERREZ:  Yes, she may.

25                THE COURT:  You are excused at this time.  I

1 must admonish you that you are a sequestered witness, you  
2 should have no conversations with anyone about what  
3 you've already testified, but if you would like to remain  
4 in the courtroom, you're welcome to do that.

5 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.

6 THE COURT: You are welcome.

7 (The witness was excused.)

8 THE COURT: Your next witness?

9 (Pause.)

10 THE COURT: Please remain standing, raise your  
11 right hand. Listen to Mr. White as he provides you the  
12 oath.

13 Whereupon,

14 Crystal [REDACTED] (mistranscribed, this is Krista)

15 a witness produced on call of the State, having first  
16 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

17 THE CLERK: You may be seated.

18 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

19 THE CLERK: You're welcome. Please keep your  
20 voice up, state your name and address for the record?

21 THE WITNESS: Crystal [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] Randallstown, Maryland.

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. URICK:

25 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. [REDACTED]. Do you know the