

Mr. Madden, would you like a break? Are you

Mr. White, are you okay?

(Pause.)

THE COURT: I'd like you to stand, raise your
face Mr. White as he gives you the oath.

AISHA TINEA [REDACTED]

produced on call of the State, having first
sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

THE CLERK: You may be seated. Please keep
up, state your name and your address for the

THE WITNESS: Aisha Tinea [REDACTED]
Catonsville, Maryland.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

MS. MURPHY:

Q. [REDACTED], good afternoon. Could you please
address the ladies and gentlemen what is your age?

Q. And where are you currently attending school?
A. George Washington University.

Q. And what course of study do you plan to pursue

A. I'm in pre-med, and I'm double majoring in

1 biology and psychology?

2 Q. Now, did you attend Woodlawn High School?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And while you were there, you were in the

5 magnate program?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. In the Gifted and Talented program?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you know the defendant, Adnan Syed?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How do you know him?

12 A. A person in my class.

13 Q. How long have you known him?

14 A. Since sometime in elementary school. I'm not

15 exactly for sure when.

16 Q. How about the victim in this case, Ms. Hae Min

17 Lee. Did you know her as well?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How long did you know her?

20 A. Since the ninth grade.

21 Q. Can you describe your relationship with Ms.

22 Lee? Can you characterize what type of relationship you

23 had with her?

24 A. She was my best friend.

25 Q. Were you also aware of the relationship between

1 Ms. Lee and Mr. Syed?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. When did you first become aware of that
4 relationship?

5 A. I can't tell you an exact date, but around
6 whenever it started. I don't know exactly when.

7 Q. Okay. Do you recall how long they dated?

8 A. For about -- I'd say about ten months or so.

9 Q. During the course of their relationship, did
10 you become aware of breakups that occurred?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you recall one specific incident that
13 occurred around Halloween of 1998?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What do you remember about that?

16 A. Just that things weren't working out and they
17 broke up.

18 Q. Was there a trip that was planned, which you
19 attended and which Ms. Lee, as well as the defendant,
20 were scheduled to attend, as well?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What was that?

23 A. We were going to Adventure World for
24 Hallowscream.

25 Q. And when was that trip?

1 A. I believe it was on Halloween day, so October
2 31st.

3 Q. Did Ms. Lee attend?

4 A. No.

5 Q. What happened and why did she not go?

6 A. She said something about she wasn't allowed to
7 go and her mom didn't want her out of the house, and she,
8 I think, might have had to go to work. I'm not for sure
9 exactly.

10 Q. And was that about the time that Ms. Lee and
11 the defendant broke up?

12 A. It was a little after that.

13 Q. Did you become aware of a time when they broke
14 up for good?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Approximately when was that?

17 A. Mid to late November.

18 Q. Whose decision was that?

19 A. With that one I'm not completely, for sure,
20 whose decision it was.

21 Q. Did Hae Min Lee indicate to you why they broke
22 up?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What did she say?

25 A. Part of the reason was that their parents

1 didn't know about it, and she didn't like sneaking
2 around.

3 Q. I'm gonna ask you to remember back to the
4 homecoming dance of 1998. When would that have occurred?

5 A. I think it was sometime in October, towards the
6 end. I don't know the exact date.

7 Q. Did you attend that dance?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you recall any particular incident occurring
10 involving the defendant's parents?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What happened?

13 A. Adnan's parents showed up, and I don't know
14 what exactly -- everything involved with it was, but it's
15 something about they were looking for Hae or something.
16 I'm not exactly for sure.

17 Q. Did Hae ever discuss with you how she felt
18 about that incident?

19 A. Briefly, yes.

20 Q. And what did she say?

21 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.

22 THE COURT: Sustained, unless you are able to
23 lay a foundation.

24 MS. MURPHY: I'll move on, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Uh-huh.

1 BY MS. MURPHY:

2 Q. Ms. [REDACTED] in the Fall of 1998, you had
3 classes with the defendant?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. What class or classes did you have with him?

6 A. A couple; probably English, Social Studies, and
7 Health. I think my magnate research class.

8 Q. When you had classes with the defendant, would
9 it be uncommon for you all to exchange notes
10 occasionally?

11 A. No.

12 MS. MURPHY: May I approach the witness, Your
13 Honor?

14 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

15 BY MS. MURPHY:

16 Q. Ms. [REDACTED] I'm showing you what's been marked
17 for identification as State's Exhibit 38. I'd ask you to
18 observe both the front and back of that page and let us
19 know if you recognize it?

20 A. Yes, I do.

21 Q. Okay. Looking first at the first page, which
22 is marked with exhibit tag, can you describe what is on
23 that page?

24 A. It's a letter from Hae to Adnan talking about
25 something with when they broke up.

1 Q. Okay. And you recognize Ms. Lee's handwriting?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. And on the reverse side, what -- describe what
4 is on that page?
5 A. It was a little note in between me and Adnan
6 had drawn in class, I guess. And my handwriting's in
7 pencil, his is in ink.
8 Q. Okay. You recognize both your handwriting and
9 Mr. Syed's handwriting?
10 A. Uh-huh.
11 MS. MURPHY: Your Honor, I would ask that
12 State's Exhibit 38 be moved at this time?
13 THE COURT: Any objection?
14 MS. GUTIERREZ: I would object.
15 THE COURT: All right. May I see the exhibit?
16 (Pause.)
17 THE COURT: For the record, I note your
18 objection.
19 I ask that you indicate a time frame, and, if
20 you're able to do that through this witness, the exhibit
21 will be admitted.
22 MS. MURPHY: Thank you, Your Honor.
23 BY MS. MURPHY:
24 Q. Ms. [REDACTED], based on your review of this
25 exhibit, can you -- do you have an idea of when this note

1 was written?

2 A. It was sometime early in November after the
3 Adventure World trip.

4 Q. Thank you.

5 MS. MURPHY: Your Honor, I'd ask at this time
6 the exhibit be admitted.

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Same objection, and renew the
8 objection. Prejudicial.

9 THE COURT: There's two parts of handwriting on
10 it. There's one on the front, there's handwriting on the
11 back. The witness has testified as to when she wrote on
12 the back, and are you saying you wrote on the back in
13 November?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Do you know when the front
16 page of that was written? Of if there's anything in that
17 that would indicate to you the time frame, based on your
18 knowledge of the relationship between the parties?

19 THE WITNESS: This was also written in the
20 beginning of November, sometime after the Adventure World
21 trip.

22 THE COURT: And how do you know that?

23 THE WITNESS: Content of the letter.

24 THE COURT: Very well. It'll be admitted over
25 objection.

1 (State's Exhibit No. 38,
2 having previously been
3 marked for identifica-
4 tion, was received in
5 evidence.)

6 MS. MURPHY: Thank you, Your Honor. Your
7 Honor, I would ask to publish this letter to the jurors
8 by way of Ms. [REDACTED] reading first the front side and
9 then the back side?

10 THE COURT: Any objection? I know you have an
11 objection to the --

12 MS. GUTIERREZ: Only to the --

13 THE COURT: I understand that you have an
14 objection --

15 MS. GUTIERREZ: -- document.

16 THE COURT: -- to the document. That's
17 preserved. Do you have any objection to the process of
18 her reading it as opposed to passing it along the jurors
19 and having them read it?

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: I do. I'd prefer the jurors
21 read it.

22 THE COURT: I'm gonna allow the witness to read
23 the exhibit.

24 One caveat: You may not read anything that is
25 not visible to your eye. You may not decide what

1 something says if it is not clearly written.

2 If you cannot make it out because it's not
3 clearly written, you are to say "and something is there."
4 Do you follow me?

5 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

6 THE COURT: You may proceed.

7 MS. MURPHY: Your Honor, if I may first.

8 BY MS. MURPHY:

9 Q. Ms. [REDACTED], when was this note exchanged
10 between you and the defendant? What's -- during what
11 period of time of day?

12 A. Based on something written on it, I'm guessing
13 Health class?

14 Q. Okay. If you would please read the first page?

15 A. "Okay. Here it goes. I'm really getting
16 annoyed that this situation is going the way it is. At
17 first I kind of wanted to make this easy for me and for
18 you.

19 "You know people break up all the time. Your
20 life is not going to end. You'll move on and I'll move
21 on. But apparently you don't respect me enough to accept
22 my decision.

23 "I really couldn't give damn about whatever you
24 want to say. With the way things have been since 7:45 am
25 this morning, now I'm more certain that I'm making the

1 right choice.

2 The more fuss you make, the more I'm determined
3 to do what I gotta do. I really don't think I can be in
4 a relationship like we had, not between us, but mostly
5 about the stuff around us.

6 I seriously did expect you to accept, although
7 not understand. I'll be busy today, tomorrow, and
8 probably till Thursday."

9 THE COURT: Is there something that you cannot
10 read?

11 THE WITNESS: There is.

12 THE COURT: Then say, "There's something I
13 cannot read."

14 THE WITNESS: There's something I can't read.
15 "Other things to do. I better not give you any hope that
16 we'll get back together. I really don't see that
17 happening, especially now.

18 I never wanted to end like this, so hostile and
19 cold, but I really don't know what to do. Hate me if you
20 will, but you should remember that I could never hate
21 you."

22 Signed "Hae."

23 BY MS. MURPHY:

24 Q. Now, are there other notations on that first
25 page?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Is the first in pencil or in pen?

3 A. Pencil.

4 Q. And that would be your writing?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What does it say?

7 A. "No I messages."

8 Q. What does that mean?

9 A. In Health class we learned something about I

10 messages, and when you're mad at someone you shouldn't

11 say, "You make me mad." You should say, "I feel bad when

12 you do this," so that it's not as harsh.

13 Q. And you wrote that for what reason?

14 A. I think when I saw this letter it was in Health

15 class and I wrote it as a joke.

16 Q. And what is the next notation on that -- on

17 that page?

18 A. It's in pen, and it's Adnan's handwriting, and

19 it says, "Huh, that's a ghetto," and it says "eye."

20 Q. Okay. Now if you can turn to the second page,

21 and when you read for the jury this page, indicate

22 whether what you are reading is written in pencil or in

23 pen?

24 A. Okay. The first thing is in pen, it says, "I'm

25 going to kill," then in pencil it says, "Here's the

1 thing, Hae's pregnant," and I can't read what it says
2 after that.

3 Then in pen it say, "You should ask her to make
4 a list of all her symptoms and compare it with the list
5 on the overhead." Then in pencil it says, "Yeah, let me
6 ask her 'are your breasts tender.'" And then something
7 written in pen but scratched out.

8 And then in pencil it says, "Maybe she was
9 pregnant, she had an abortion on Saturday while we went
10 to Adventure World." In pen it says, "Her clumsy self
11 probably tripped and fell on the way to the clinic and
12 caused an abortion."

13 In pencil it says, "You would never think she's
14 pregnant, and every time I do anything with a guy I think
15 I am." In pen it says, "Whenever you kiss a guy, you
16 probably think you're pregnant. She's scheduled for
17 sonograms and she's still in denial." And then in
18 pencil, it says, "Not that bad for me, for her, hell
19 yeah."

20 Q. What subject matter were you studying in Health
21 class at that point?

22 A. Pregnancy.

23 Q. Did you have any personal belief or knowledge
24 that Ms. Lee was pregnant at the time you made these
25 remarks?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Ms. [REDACTED] --

3 THE COURT: One moment.

4 And again, for the record, your remarks are

5 written in pencil?

6 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

7 THE COURT: You may continue.

8 MS. MURPHY: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 BY MS. MURPHY:

10 Q. Ms. Pittman, did you at some point become aware

11 that Ms. Lee began a relationship with a Donald

12 [REDACTED]?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. When did you become aware of that?

15 A. Beginning of -- well, a little bit -- the very

16 end of December.

17 Q. Had you ever met Mr. [REDACTED]?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How did you meet him?

20 A. She worked in LensCrafters. I would drop by

21 her store. I met him once or twice then.

22 Q. Was he an employee there, or was he visiting

23 Ms. Lee, also?

24 A. He was an employee there.

25 Q. Are you aware of her first date with Mr.

1 [REDACTED] ?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you know when that was?

4 A. Not exactly. It was either right before New

5 Year's Eve or right after, like, the day before or the

6 day after.

7 Q. Did Ms. Lee express to you how she felt about

8 this new relationship?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What did she say?

11 A. She was just really excited about it.

12 Q. Ms. [REDACTED] I'm gonna ask you now to remember

13 back to the day that Ms. Lee disappeared. Had you seen

14 her in school that day?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What was the last point you saw her that day?

17 A. Right at the end of the school day at 2:15 in

18 Psychology class.

19 Q. Was she with anyone else at that point?

20 A. At the time she was talking to Adnan.

21 Q. How did you find out that Ms. Lee was missing?

22 A. Later that day her mom called my house and

23 asked if I knew where she was.

24 Q. Did you discuss that with anyone else that

25 afternoon?

1 A. Yes. I think -- I know I did, but I don't
2 remember what time. I know I talked to Crysta about it
3 some time in the day.

4 Q. And did police or detectives ever call you?

5 A. Yes. After her mom called me, a police officer
6 called.

7 Q. And why did that officer call you?

8 A. He called saying that she was supposed to pick
9 up her little cousin from day care or something, that she
10 hadn't, if I knew where she was.

11 Q. Did there also come a time that you learned
12 that Ms. Lee's body had been discovered?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How did you find out?

15 A. Her brother called me.

16 Q. Did you see the defendant that day or anytime
17 thereabouts?

18 A. Yes. He came to my house that night.

19 Q. Was he the only person who came to your house?

20 A. No, also Crista and Stephanie.

21 Q. Did you go to school the next day?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What was going on at school that day?

24 A. There were Intervention Crisis people talking
25 to us, and every -- most of my friends left halfway

1 through the day.

2 Q. Did you also leave?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did the defendant attend school that day?

5 A. Yes.

6 MS. MURPHY: With the Court's indulgence,
7 please?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 (Pause.)

10 MS. MURPHY: May I approach the witness, Your
11 Honor?

12 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

13 BY MS. MURPHY:

14 Q. Ms. [REDACTED] again, looking at State's Exhibit
15 38 which is now in evidence, I'm asking you to focus on
16 the first line of the second page?

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. Can you read that line for the jurors?

19 A. It says, "I'm going to kill."

20 Q. Do you have any personal recollection of seeing
21 that line on the particular day you've described?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Thank you.

24 MS. MURPHY: Thank you, Your Honor. I have no
25 other questions.

1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

3 Q. Ms. [REDACTED], the letter that you read is
4 clearly a letter from handwriting that you recognize from
5 your best friend as addressed to Adnan, a person in your
6 words you attended classes with, outlining the breakup of
7 the relationship and her disapproval of his inability to
8 accept her breaking up; is it not?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. You got this letter from the person to whom it
11 was addressed; right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. The person who had been involved with your best
14 friend; correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. He shared it with you in the middle of Health
17 class; correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And the topic of that Health class was
20 pregnancy, was it not?

21 A. It was.

22 Q. And then on the back of this letter, your best
23 friend expressing her dismay at her then ex-boyfriend,
24 you and he have a sort of little riff about whether or
25 not Hae, your best friend, his ex-girlfriend, might be

1 pregnant; is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. It's sort of a joke, is it not? You're dissing
4 your best friend in your handwriting, are you not?

5 A. I am.

6 Q. And he's dissing her, is he not? And you did
7 that in school --

8 THE COURT: Wait, wait. Can I have a moment?
9 You can't just nod your head.

10 THE WITNESS: Okay.

11 THE COURT: Because this gentlemen over here is
12 a stenographer. He must repeat what you've said.

13 THE WITNESS: Okay.

14 THE COURT: When you nod there's nothing.
15 Okay?

16 THE WITNESS: Okay.

17 THE COURT: So if you would answer yes or no
18 when Ms. Gutierrez asks you a question.

19 THE WITNESS: Okay.

20 THE COURT: I apologize for interrupting --

21 MS. GUTIERREZ: That's all right. Thank you
22 Judge.

23 THE COURT: -- but I wanted the record to be
24 clear.

25 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

1 Q. And you engaged in this little riff in the
2 middle of class; is that correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now, you knew that at some point, in fact, it
5 appears to be days after the missed Adventure World trip,
6 missed by Hae but not by Adnan, that she broke up with
7 him; correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And then her intent, based on not just that
10 letter, but what you knew from your best friend was to
11 break up forever, was it not?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. But forever didn't turn out to be forever, did
14 it?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Forever never turned out to be forever on a
17 number of occasions with your best friend Hae and her
18 ability to decide to remain in a relationship that had
19 some difficulties?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. Okay. She broke up with him or took recesses
22 from him on a regular basis; isn't that correct?

23 A. Not on a regular basis. I only know of two
24 occasions.

25 Q. Okay. On two occasions, and this is a

1 relationship that you said, at its longest, lasted about
2 ten months; is that correct:

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. You said, Ms. [REDACTED] you don't remember when
5 it began but you do recall that it began at or about
6 Junior Prom in the Spring of 1998; is that correct?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. They went to the Junior Prom together, didn't
9 they?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. They got fixed up or suggested that they do
12 that by somebody other than themselves, did they not?

13 A. Not that I know of.

14 Q. You weren't aware of that?

15 A. No.

16 Q. You weren't aware of how they happened to have
17 a date with each other to attend the Junior Prom?

18 A. No.

19 Q. No. Now, this best friend, Hae Min Lee, had
20 been your best friend for how long?

21 A. Since tenth grade.

22 Q. Okay. You talked to her on a daily basis, did
23 you not?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. Not just in school but outside of school;

1 correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. You visited her at her home?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And she visited you at yours?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You spent a lot of time with her, did you not?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And because of her relationship with Adnan, you

10 ended up becoming closer to Adnan just 'cause she sort of

11 pulled you all together; isn't that correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. That Adventure World trip that she chose to

14 miss because, in your words, "Her mother wouldn't allow

15 it, she wasn't allowed to go, her mother objected,"

16 Adnan, in fact, attended, did he not?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. There was nothing unusual about that, was

19 there?

20 A. No.

21 Q. A lot of social events occurred where a number

22 of your classmates who were not girlfriend or boyfriend

23 with each other would go do things together; correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. That would include movies; correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Going to each other's houses?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Having snowball fights?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Any number of social activities; is that
7 correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. The group didn't necessarily socialize just by
10 locked up groupings of two who happened to be girlfriend
11 and boyfriend at any given moment; is that correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So, now, your best friend shared with you her
14 ups and downs in her relationship with Adnan, did she
15 not?

16 A. She did.

17 Q. You were aware that she kept a diary, weren't
18 you?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. She shared that diary with you, did she not?

21 A. Only on one or two occasions.

22 Q. Okay. And on those occasions you read the
23 entries, did you not?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. For the bulk of the time, from the time of the

1 beginning of her relationship all the way through the
2 beginning of January, most of the diary entries concerned
3 her concerns about her love for Adnan and the conflicts
4 with him and his family because his religion forbade
5 their relationship, did they not?

6 A. From what I remember, some of them were. How
7 many were, I don't know.

8 Q. The ones you read were, weren't they?

9 A. Some.

10 Q. Okay. For the bulk of that time period,
11 whether Adnan and Hae were on and off was really
12 determined by Hae, was it not?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And any of the times when Hae took a break from
15 the relationship, whether she declared it to be forever
16 or not, Adnan, whom you saw five days a week and shared
17 classes with, continued to live, did he not?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And he continued to interact with your grouping
20 of friends, did he not?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. He didn't break his relationships even when Hae
23 sort of put him out there and said, "No more," did he?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And he continued to speak with you, did he not?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And with all of his other high school friends?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you have heard that, did you not?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And the bulk of you all in the magnate program

7 knew each other far better than the rest of the 1700

8 students at Woodlawn, did you not?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And for the most part, you consider yourself

11 friends, but there would be qualitative differences as to

12 who was with who; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Hae's best friends were yourself; correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And then there was a woman by the name of

17 Rebecca Walker?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Is that correct? And among other friends was a

20 woman by the name of Debbie [REDACTED]

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Debbie [REDACTED] would consider herself the best

23 friend of Hae, would she not?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. But Hae might not necessarily consider Debbie

1 [REDACTED] her best friend?

2 A. No.

3 Q. No. Is that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Meaning -- the no meaning Hae didn't consider

6 Debbie [REDACTED] her best friend; correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Yes. Okay. And there were lots of others.

9 Another classmate was a woman by the name of Stephanie

10 [REDACTED] was there not?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And Stephanie [REDACTED] prior to Hae's and

13 Adnan's hooking up, was the best friend of Adnan, was she

14 not?

15 A. As far as I know, yes.

16 Q. And you observed that in the -- almost at that

17 point, three and a half years you had observed Adnan;

18 correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. You didn't go to middle school with Adnan, did

21 you?

22 A. For two years, but not --

23 Q. Okay. So you knew him before then; correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. But Adnan was never a close personal friend?

1 A. No.

2 Q. And you never spent time with him, really, on
3 any regular basis until your best friend Hae became his
4 girlfriend?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Is that correct? Okay. Now, you said you
7 became aware of the breakup was the question you were
8 asked. You became aware of one occasion regarding
9 Halloween in the Fall of 1998; do you recall that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Now, Halloween day is the day that you recall
12 was the Adventure World trip --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- that you attended?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And that Adnan attended?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And prior to Halloween, prior to that was this
19 homecoming dance; correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you attended that dance, did you not?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. With a date?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did you -- did your best friend attend?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And did she attend with a date?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. That date was --

5 A. Adnan.

6 Q. -- Adnan, --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- was it not? And at that point they were

9 going strong; correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Even though they had had some recesses in the

12 relationship; correct?

13 A. I didn't know of any recesses at the time.

14 Q. Were you aware that she refers to the word

15 "recess" in describing breaks in her relationship with

16 Adnan? "Her" meaning Hae? Were you aware of that?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did she share all with you as her best friend?

19 A. For the most part, yes.

20 Q. Did she share the fact that she was sexually

21 active with Adnan?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you were aware, were you not, because she

24 was your best friend, that Adnan was not her first

25 relationship?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And not her first intimate relationship?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And from your point of view, did you believe
5 that she shared everything with you?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. And, but you were not aware that she
8 ever used the term "recesses" to describe breaks in their
9 relationship?

10 A. No.

11 Q. No. Now, in regard to the Halloween -- did the
12 homecoming dance, you saw Adnan there, did you not?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You became aware that Adnan's parents came up
15 to the dance to look for him, did you not?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you became aware that they found him?

18 A. Uh-huh. Yes.

19 Q. Right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And that they essentially chastised him or
22 reminded him that as a Muslim boy he shouldn't be there?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. You became aware of that, did you not?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And that they asked, or somehow somebody asked
2 on their behalf, they wanted to speak to Hae Min Lee?
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. Is that correct? And that someone, his mother
5 or his father, actually spoke to her; correct?
6 A. Not that I know of.
7 Q. Okay. You weren't aware of that?
8 A. No.
9 Q. You were aware that Adnan's parents left?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. It was unusual for parents who weren't acting
12 as chaperons to sort of come up to the dance, wasn't it?
13 A. Yes, yes.
14 Q. It was an unusual event, was it not?
15 A. Yes, it was.
16 Q. The fact that it happened sort of spread
17 through the group of students there, did it not?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Everybody knew that there was something
20 happening while it was happening?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. Is that correct?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. And it was sort of titillating to everybody,
25 was it not?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Everyone, not just you, her best friend, knew
3 that Hae Lee had had an intimate relationship at the time
4 of the Homecoming Dance in the early Fall of 1998 with
5 Adnan, a boy that everyone knew didn't have relationships
6 with girls, did they not?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Everybody knew it?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Students?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. All teachers?

13 A. Not all of them.

14 Q. Hae didn't hide it from anyone in school, did
15 she?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And she didn't hide it from any of her closest
18 friends; is that correct?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. And in school, if one observed Hae Lee and
21 Adnan together, one could conclude from the observation
22 that they were girlfriend and boyfriend, could they not?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. From how they treated each other; correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. How they spoke to each other? How they touched
2 each other? Is that correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And how they exhibited their love; correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And that was readily apparent to anyone who
7 observed them on any kind of regular basis, was it not?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And during that period of time -- now, you knew
10 Adnan from prior to getting to Woodlawn, you were aware
11 that he was a Muslim, were you not?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you were aware that, as a Muslim, that he
14 didn't date, were you not?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Most others in your class dated at a certain
17 time, did they not?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. At least by the time they got to Woodlawn and
20 were in high school?

21 A. For the most part, yes.

22 Q. That they dated members of the opposite sex?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And out of the group of you in the magnate
25 program, it would be fair to describe that group as

1 diverse as to race, would it not?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And diverse as to religion, would it not?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And diverse as to any kind of cultural or
6 ethnic background?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And there were not rules that precluded some of
9 you from dating others, were there?

10 A. No.

11 Q. And many of the whole group dated within the
12 group, did they not?

13 A. Not many, but, yes.

14 Q. Okay. It wasn't unusual for people to date
15 within their home group, was it?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And there was never a time, from the time of
18 the Junior Prom, when your best friend and Adnan got
19 together, that it wasn't apparent to those who saw them
20 in school what was the status of their relationship, was
21 it?

22 A. No.

23 Q. And during that period of time, you were aware
24 that Adnan kept this hidden from his parents?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. That was a source of great sadness to your best
2 friend, was it not?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you were aware that that was a source of
5 great sadness and anguish to Adnan?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You got that from him, did you not?

8 A. I could have. I don't remember the exact
9 conversation.

10 Q. And you got it from her, did you not?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And there was nothing hidden about this anguish
13 eating up these two young people who professed their love
14 openly?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Nothing. Now, after November -- at the
17 Homecoming Dance, were you aware that, in fact, Adnan
18 left with his parents?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And were you aware that he came back?

21 A. No.

22 Q. You weren't aware of that?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And you weren't aware that he actually reunited
25 that very night, even though he left to please his

1 parents, with Hae?

2 A. I know that they ended up seeing each other
3 later that night, but I didn't know whether it was
4 because he came back to the dance or they saw each other
5 later.

6 Q. Later the same night of the Homecoming Dance,
7 you're aware from your own personal knowledge, that Adnan
8 and Hae hooked back up?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And their hooking up would have been a
11 violation of all that you knew of that would earn the
12 continued disapproval of his parents who had been moved
13 sufficiently to come get their son from the Homecoming
14 Dance?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And after the Homecoming Dance, even though
17 there was at least a little break, Hae and Adnan hooked
18 back up again, --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- did they not? They continued to be
21 boyfriend and girlfriend, did they not?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. There came another time, and that time, to you
24 knowledge, occurred before the year 1999; correct?

25 A. Correct

1 Q. And do you recall when? Any date? Any time
2 frame of when there became another break up between Adnan
3 and Hae?
4 A. Mid to late December, before winter break.
5 Q. Okay. Before winter break? Before Christmas?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. And you are aware that, as a practicing Muslim,
8 Christmas had no significance for Adnan; correct?
9 A. Correct.
10 Q. And your best friend, Hae Lee, was she a
11 practicing person of any religion?
12 A. I don't know if she -- what do you mean by
13 "practicing"?
14 Q. Did she practice her religion on a regular
15 basis?
16 A. On a regular basis, no, but she celebrated
17 holidays like Christmas.
18 Q. She celebrated holidays. Is it -- do you know
19 what religion your best friend was?
20 A. No.
21 Q. Do you know what -- do you know if she belonged
22 to a church or a similar-type institution?
23 A. No. I remember her saying something that she
24 was Christian but her grandmother was in different
25 religions and, therefore, it created some conflict so she

1 didn't practice anything.

2 Q. So she practiced no religion?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. But she observed what appeared to be Christian
5 holidays?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Such as Christmas?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Is that correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And did you, on your best friend's behalf, ever
12 initiate any discussion with the person who was in your
13 class by the name of Adnan Syed?

14 A. Can you repeat that?

15 Q. Did you, as her best friend, ever initiate any
16 discussion about these issues or their relationship, with
17 Adnan, who shared classes with you?

18 A. Did I ever initiate? I could have. I don't
19 know of any specific incidents.

20 Q. You don't recall any specific incidents?

21 A. No.

22 Q. But you do recall speaking to him about the
23 relationship?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Much the same way you did in the letter that

1 you read us?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Sometimes it was riffing, was it not?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Making jokes?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Treating things lightly?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And sometimes that occurred whether they were
10 together or whether they were apart?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. According to this letter, and according to your
13 testimony, they would have been apart during the time
14 that you riffed on the possibility of her being pregnant?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was there ever an actual pregnancy scare?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Of Hae?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Regarding Hae being made pregnant by Adnan or
21 by someone else?

22 A. By Adnan.

23 Q. By Adnan. And had that scare done anything to
24 Hae that you observed?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Did that impact at all on whether or not they
2 remained together?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Was Adnan, to your knowledge, made aware of
5 that scare?

6 A. I'm not for sure.

7 Q. Okay. And you don't remember -- you're not for
8 sure as to whether or not he was made aware?

9 A. I don't remember.

10 Q. Would you have expected to be made aware of
11 that information by your best friend?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. This time you riffed on a pregnancy; correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. You weren't talking about a real pregnancy?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Or a real concern by your best friend; is that
18 correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. This, the back of that exhibit, was a joke, was
21 it not?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. It wasn't meant to be real, was it?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And you never had any real conversation with

1 Adnan about your best friend's real scare about a
2 possible pregnancy, did you?
3 A. Not that I can recall.
4 Q. Okay. During any of the time that you spoke --
5 and I assume -- now, when you went to Adventure World,
6 who else went with you and Adnan?
7 A. Christa and Lorna.
8 Q. Christa [REDACTED]
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. And who?
11 A. Lorna [REDACTED]
12 Q. Lorna. And was that a pleasant occasion?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. And did you speak to him during that outing?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. Did you speak to him about the breakup with Hae
17 Min Lee?
18 A. It wasn't a breakup at that time.
19 Q. Well, I thought that you recalled, and you told
20 us and you testified, you recalled a breakup shortly
21 after Halloween; --
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. -- is that correct?
24 A. Yes, after the trip.
25 Q. Okay. After the trip came the breakup?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. At any time after then did you speak to him
3 about that breakup?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And did you sense his sadness over it?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And was he able to express those emotions to
8 you?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And did he ever express to you any -- not anger
11 or emotion, but a desire to hurt the woman that he loved
12 after she broke up with him?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Never. And if he had, you certainly would have
15 done something about it, would you have not?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. To protect your best friend?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Is that correct? Now, after -- I was gonna ask
20 you. There's another woman that you've identified, and
21 I'm not sure if I asked you that you knew was best
22 friends with Adnan by the name of Stephanie [REDACTED]

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. Is she somebody you would describe as a good
25 friend?

1 A. Of mine?

2 Q. Yes?

3 A. No.

4 Q. And is she someone you would describe as a good
5 friend of Hae Min Lee's?

6 A. No.

7 Q. No. And there wasn't any animosity, was there?

8 A. No.

9 Q. And you understood from your own observations
10 participating in the same magnate program that Stephanie
11 had continued to be the best friend to Adnan since when
12 they were in middle school?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You were aware that Stephanie had a boyfriend
15 outside the group of magnate students, were you not?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you knew that person, did you not?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. His name was Jay Wilds, was is not?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you didn't consider Jay Wilds a close
22 personal friend, did you?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And your best friend, Hae Min Lee, didn't
25 consider him a close personal friend did she?

1 A. No.

2 Q. He was not somebody who was totally welcome
3 open arms into things that you and your friends did, did
4 they?

5 A. No.

6 Q. But he was present often because of his
7 relationship with Stephanie [REDACTED] was he not?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. He was also present because he supplied dope to
10 students at Woodlawn?

11 A. Not that I knew of.

12 Q. You didn't arrange to get any dope from Jay?

13 A. No.

14 Q. You had no relationship with him about those
15 things?

16 MS. MURPHY: Your Honor, I'm gonna object at
17 this point.

18 THE COURT: Overruled.

19 MS. MURPHY: This is beyond the scope.

20 THE COURT: Overruled.

21 You may continue.

22 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

23 Q. Did you become aware from any source that
24 that's what he did?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Or that others got their dope from him?
2 A. No.
3 Q. Were you aware whether or not he owned his own
4 car?
5 A. No.
6 Q. Did you ever become aware that he borrowed, not
7 only the car of his girlfriend, but of other students up
8 at Woodlawn on a regular and repeated basis?
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. Okay. And that's 'cause you could observe
11 that, could you not?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. And other students talked about it, did they
14 not?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. At the time you saw nothing particularly
17 untoward about that, did you?
18 A. No.
19 Q. About them lending this guy, who was somebody's
20 boyfriend, their car?
21 A. No.
22 Q. Now, you became aware when your best friend got
23 her license to drive, did you not?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. That was in the early Fall of 1998?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And that shortly after she got her license, her
3 family acquired a car for her, did they not?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And that thereafter she then drove every day to
6 school?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And drove herself to her work?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you were aware of her athletic activities,
11 were you not?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And that among the athletic activities that she
14 participated in was field hockey?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And if you could, Ms. ████████ did you engage
17 in athletics?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What time of year is field hockey?

20 A. Fall.

21 Q. Fall. And she participated in the development
22 of the field -- women's field hockey team, did she not?

23 A. Yes, but not senior year.

24 Q. Not senior year. And you were aware that she
25 also played other sports?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Among them was lacrosse?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And lacrosse is a Spring sport?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And did she participate in lacrosse prior to
7 her senior year?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. And in addition to those sports, did she
10 engage in any others?

11 A. Not playing, but she managed the wrestling.

12 Q. Okay. She managed wrestling, and wrestling was
13 a boy's sport?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And by managing it, she sort of had to be there
16 at all their practices?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Then she had to be there when they went to
19 games?

20 A. About half of them.

21 Q. She should have been there?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Or she was expected to be there the bulk of
24 what that team did, did she not?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. 'Cause that was part of her responsibility?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Isn't that correct? And in addition to all

4 those activities, you are aware of, of what a good

5 student she was, were you not?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And she regularly attended school?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And she also worked part time at LensCrafters?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did that include night time employment?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And Saturday and Sunday employment sometimes?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And she lived on a fairly regular tight

16 schedule just to meet all of her obligations; isn't that

17 correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You were aware for her periods of time after

20 school ended, -- now let me get this straight -- the 2:15

21 end time, is that when school ends?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Is that for everyone?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Every student in the school ends school at

1 2:15?

2 A. Well, some people have early dismissal, but
3 generally, yes.

4 Q. Generally. And after 2:15, were you aware, in
5 the Fall of 1998, how often Hae Min Lee and Adnan would
6 see each other?

7 A. Occasionally.

8 Q. Occasionally?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. On a weekly basis, how do you translate that?

11 A. Maybe twice a week.

12 Q. Did you view, based on your observations or
13 what your best friend told you, as this relationship
14 being serious?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was Hae Min Lee in love with Adnan?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Based on your observations or your
19 conversations with either him or with your best friend,
20 did he appear to be in love with her?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And you -- you considered it a serious
23 relationship; correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Were you aware that they saw each other

1 regularly after school in the Fall of 1998?

2 A. What would you define as "regularly"?

3 Q. More than twice a week?

4 A. No.

5 Q. No. And would that surprise you to learn that?

6 A. No.

7 Q. No. Not because you would not be surprised

8 that your friend, Hae Min Lee, perhaps did not share

9 everything about everything with you?

10 A. Can you rephrase that?

11 Q. No, I'll just ask another question. Ms.

12 [REDACTED] when, in the early weeks of the first of this

13 year, you said you were not sure of the date or time when

14 she began, Hae began to pursue a new relationship, do you

15 recall that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. But it was either late in '98, --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- the end of December, or the first couple

20 days of January; correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Were you aware that their first date occurred

23 on January 1st, 1999?

24 A. I don't -- I don't think I -- if I knew that

25 would be the first date, but I knew there was one

1 occurring then.

2 Q. Okay. Would it surprise you to learn that it
3 occurred on January 1st, 1999?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Were you aware, from your own personal
6 knowledge or based on your conversations with Hae Min
7 Lee, that she was interested in moving on from Adnan?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Were you aware that she had some difficulty
10 with her own emotions about that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. That she still struggled, even as she began to
13 try to find a new relationship, with her own feelings
14 about Adnan?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. That she referred to him, and considered him to
17 be her soul mate in life?

18 A. No. I wasn't aware of that.

19 Q. You weren't aware of that?

20 A. No.

21 Q. And would that surprise you that she referred
22 to him that way?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Had you ever heard her refer to other boys in
25 her life as the soul mate?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Would you describe her as an expressive person?

3 A. To a certain extent, yes.

4 Q. Did she show some of her feelings?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And did she speak about them readily?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. If she was upset, one would know it?

9 A. Sometimes, not all the time.

10 Q. Whether -- not all the time?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. But sometimes?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay.

15 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, I note that it's

16 quarter of five. I'd indicated that we were going to

17 stop at 4:30, which is all right. I'm not trying to rush

18 you.

19 MS. GUTIERREZ: I think I'm just about

20 finished. If I can just have a chance to check my notes

21 to make sure --

22 THE COURT: Oh, very well. I'm not going to

23 rush you in any way.

24 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes, so, I think I covered

25 everything.

1 THE COURT: We can continue this on our next
2 day?
3 (Pause.)
4 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:
5 Q. You say you were asked that you remember seeing
6 Hae talking to Adnan at 2:15 on January 13th?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. There was nothing unusual about that, was
9 there?
10 A. No.
11 Q. Even after they broke up?
12 A. No.
13 Q. Even though you don't recall which one did the
14 actual broke up this last time?
15 A. Yeah.
16 Q. They still talked to each other?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. They still saw each other?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. And they still considered each other friends?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. And you got that both from your best friend,
23 Hae Min Lee?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. And you got it from Adnan?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who you still considered to see -- you saw

3 almost every day in class?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay.

6 MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you. I have no further

7 questions.

8 THE COURT: Any redirect at all?

9 MS. MURPHY: No, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Very well. May this witness be

11 excused?

12 MS. MURPHY: Yes.

13 THE COURT: You do not require her to return?

14 Is that right, Ms. Gutierrez?

15 MS. GUTIERREZ: That's correct, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Urick?

17 MR. URICK: No, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Let me advise you that you are a

19 subpoenaed witness but you're now being released from

20 that subpoena. You are a sequestered witness. What that

21 means is that you cannot discuss your testimony with

22 anyone.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay.

24 THE COURT: Nor can you discuss it with anyone

25 that may be a witness to come; that is, if you were to

1 talk to them they may not be permitted to testify. You
2 are also welcome to sit in the courtroom during the
3 remaining course of this trial. Do you understand?

4 THE WITNESS: Okay.

5 THE COURT: Thank you very much. You may be
6 excused.

7 (The witness was excused.)

8 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we are going
9 to recess court for today. Let me advise you that I've
10 been told that we're expecting a snowstorm on Sunday so,
11 therefore, I'm gonna ask that you be alert as you are
12 passing that copy of Exhibit 34 forward to Mr. White. He
13 will keep it and will fold it and keep them secured. No
14 one will read those items. They will be kept locked away
15 with the other items of evidence, as will your note pads,
16 because you're gonna leave them face down on your chair.

17 Mr. White will secure them as well with the
18 other evidence in this case. He's gonna place them back
19 on your chair later on at the next proceeding.

20 Please also be advised that over the weekend
21 you're not to read any newspaper, radio, television, or
22 do any other thing that would provide you information by
23 way of the media about this case.

24 I also admonish you that you should not discuss
25 this case with anyone, including your family members, who