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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND

STATE OF MARYLAND,
 vs. Indictment Nos. 199103042-46
 ADNAN SYED,
 Defendant.

REPORTER'S OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
 (Trial on the Merits)
 Baltimore, Maryland
 Monday, January 31, 2000

BEFORE:
 THE HONORABLE WANDA KEYES HEARD, Associate Judge
 (and a jury)

APPEARANCES:

For the State:
 KEVIN URICK, ESQ.
 KATHLEEN C. MURPHY, ESQ.

For the Defendant:
 M. CRISTINA GUTIERREZ, ESQ.

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PROCEEDINGS
 (2:09 p.m.)
 (Jury present upon reconvening.)
 THE COURT: Please be seated.
 Ladies and gentlemen, I welcome you back to
 Part 9. I don't think I could have anticipated the snow
 and your having to be here at 1:30 any better than I did.
 I would also let you know that we're going to resume this
 case. I'm going to ask counsel to call the case formally
 for the record since we have a new stenographer so that
 she can note it for the record.
 I would also, again, thank you for traveling
 this morning today in the snow and inclement weather to
 continue this case.
 I did accomplish 24 cases this morning, -- I
 feel real good about that -- and I only postponed two. I
 also feel good about that.
 We're going to continue this case. Mr. Urick,
 if you would formally call it and then, once counsel for
 the defense has entered her appearance again, call your
 next next witness.
 MR. URICK: Thank you. Good afternoon, Your
 Honor.
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JOSEPH MICHAEL O'SHEA	23	28	--	--
ROMANO THOMAS	48	80	116	123
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STATE'S EXHIBITS	IDENTIFICATION			
14 - (Photograph)	--	59		
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1 for the State.
 2 MS. GUTIERREZ: Good afternoon, Your Honor. I
 3 am Christina Gurierrez on behalf of Mr. Adnan Syed, who
 4 is present.
 5 THE COURT: Good afternoon to you all.
 6 Your next witness, Mr. Urick.
 7 MR. URICK: Yes, Your Honor. First I will pass
 8 out the jurors' copies of State's Exhibit 34, I believe.
 9 The State would call Police Officer Scott
 10 Adcock at this time.
 11 THE COURT: Officer Adcock, if you would
 12 step up to the witness stand, please. Raise your
 13 right hand. Listen to Mr. White as he gives you the
 14 oath.
 15 Whereupon,
 16 SCOTT ADCOCK,
 17 a witness produced on call of the State, having first
 18 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
 19 THE CLERK: You may be seated.
 20 Please keep your voice up. State your name for
 21 the record.
 22 THE WITNESS: Officer Scott Adcock, Baltimore
 23 County Police Department, assigned to Precinct 3.
 24 THE CLERK: Spell your last name for the
 25 record.

1 THE WITNESS: A-D-C-O-C-K.
 2 THE COURT: You may continue.
 3 MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor.
 4 If I may have the Court's indulgence for just a
 5 second?
 6 (Pause.)
 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION
 8 BY MR.URICK:
 9 Q. Officer Adcock, where are you employed?
 10 A. The Baltimore County Police Department.
 11 Q. How long have you been employed there?
 12 A. A little over two years.
 13 Q. Now, drawing your attention back to January of
 14 1999; specifically, January 13th of 1999, where were you
 15 stationed?
 16 A. Precinct 3.
 17 Q. And where is that?
 18 A. That's in the Garrison Owings Mills Area,
 19 Baltimore County, Maryland.
 20 Q. And what was your assignment on that day?
 21 A. I was assigned to a patrol car.
 22 Q. And when you're on patrol, what sorts of things
 23 do you do?
 24 A. We handle various calls for service. Anything
 25 that's dispatched to us, we handle.

1 over here I am going to place what's in for
 2 identification purposes as State's Exhibit 34.
 3 I'd like you to take a look at State's Exhibit
 4 2; specifically, the page that has the sticky on it with
 5 a number. Take a few seconds and look at that, if you
 6 would.
 7 A. (Perusing document.)
 8 Q. Have you had a chance to look at the exhibit?
 9 A. Yes, sir.
 10 Q. And do you recognize that exhibit?
 11 A. Yes, sir.
 12 Q. How did you come to see that?
 13 A. The victim's brother gave it -- brought it to
 14 my attention the day I was making the missing person's
 15 report.
 16 Q. And the page that I drew your attention to,
 17 what, if anything, is significant about that page?
 18 A. It provided a phone number.
 19 Q. Did Mr. Lee indicate to you whose phone number
 20 that was at that time?
 21 A. I don't recall.
 22 Q. Did you take that number down?
 23 A. Yes, I did.
 24 Q. And did you call that number?
 25 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. Did there come a time that day when you had
 2 occasion to respond to the Lee family residence?
 3 A. Yes, I did.
 4 Q. What drew you to that location on that day?
 5 A. I was dispatched to that residence for a
 6 missing person's report.
 7 Q. And upon your arrival, what, if anything, did
 8 you do?
 9 A. I spoke to Mr. Yung Lee, the victim's brother,
 10 and he advised that his sister did not come from school
 11 and that she also failed to pick up her two cousins from
 12 school, and he has not heard from her.
 13 Q. And what, if any, further information did you
 14 request of Mr. Lee?
 15 A. I requested the basic information for the
 16 report, her name, if she was driving any kind of vehicles
 17 or anything like that, and also, if he could provide any
 18 kind of phone numbers that we could contact her friends
 19 and see if her friends had heard from her.
 20 MR. URICK: May I approach the witness at this
 21 time?
 22 THE COURT: Yes, you may.
 23 BY MR. URICK:
 24 Q. Officer Adcock, at this time, I am going to
 25 show you what's in evidence as State's Exhibit 2, and

1 Q. Please tell the ladies and gentlemen of the
 2 jury what conversation ensued after you called that
 3 number?
 4 A. I called the number, and I spoke to a Mr. Adnan
 5 Syed. And he identified himself as a friend of Ms. Lee,
 6 and I asked him if he knew the whereabouts of Ms. Lee.
 7 Q. And what, if anything, did he say in response
 8 to that question?
 9 A. He advised me that he did see her at school and
 10 that Ms. Lee was going to give him a ride home from
 11 school, but he got detained and felt that she probably
 12 got tired of waiting for him and left.
 13 Q. Now, did you make a record of the phone number
 14 you actually called?
 15 A. Yes, I did.
 16 Q. Will you please read that number for the ladies
 17 and gentlemen of the jury?
 18 A. Area Code 443, 253-
 19 Q. Now, if you would look at the paper exhibit to
 20 your right up there, which I indicated is an
 21 identification of State's Exhibit 34, would you look at
 22 the top of that where it says "cellular phone" and
 23 there's a number there? Is that the same number you
 24 dialed?
 25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. About what time did you dial that number on the
 2 13th of January, 1999?
 3 A. That was between the times of 6:00 o'clock and
 4 6:30 in the evening.
 5 Q. And about how long did the conversation take --
 6 how long did it take to have that conversation?
 7 A. Probably no more than three or four minutes.
 8 Q. Now, drawing your attention to that same
 9 exhibit, look down at line 14. You'll see if you read
 10 across it says it's an incoming call, and it occurred at
 11 approximately 6:24 p.m. The time of the call was
 12 approximately four minutes and 15 seconds.
 13 Would that date and time and length of call be
 14 consistent with the telephone conversation you had?
 15 A. Yes, it would.
 16 Q. Now, the person you spoke to who identified
 17 himself as Adnan Syed, did you get any personal
 18 information from him?
 19 A. Yes, I did. I asked for his full name, date of
 20 birth, and his residence.
 21 Q. And what information did that person give you?
 22 A. He provided me with the full name of Adnan
 23 Nassad Syed, date of birth of 5-21-81, and lives at [REDACTED]
 24 [REDACTED], Area Code -- or ZIP Code 21228.
 25 Q. Now, did you receive any other numbers from Mr.

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1 Lee?
 2 A. Yes, I did.
 3 Q. What, if any, numbers did you receive?
 4 A. A friend's number. Mr. Lee provided me with a
 5 friend's of his sister, a Miss Aisha [REDACTED], and I
 6 believe also her -- a Mr. Don Cliendienst.
 7 Q. And where did he get those numbers for you?
 8 A. He was able to provide them from an address
 9 book of the victim's.
 10 Q. Now, after you took this report, what, if
 11 anything, did you do?
 12 A. After I took the report, I went to the precinct
 13 and had the desk officer enter into the computer system
 14 all the information, the vehicle information that she was
 15 driving. Also did a follow-up. I contacted Mr.
 16 Cliendienst at home later that evening. He could not
 17 provide any -- the whereabouts of Ms. Lee. And it was
 18 handed in to my supervisor.
 19 Q. Did you have any further involvement in this
 20 incident?
 21 A. No, I did not.
 22 Q. Where was Mr. Cliendienst when you contacted
 23 him, if you know?
 24 A. When I spoke to Mr. Cliendienst, he was at
 25 home. I spoke to him on January 14th at 1:30 in the

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1 morning at his house.
 2 Q. Okay.
 3 MR. URICK: Do you want to give me those
 4 exhibits back?
 5 With the Court's permission, at this time I am
 6 going to mark line 14 of the exhibit with the following:
 7 "Police Officer Adcock," question mark.
 8 THE COURT: Very well. Any objection?
 9 MS. GUTIERREZ: I do object, Your Honor.
 10 That's not what this officer testified to. That time and
 11 date was consistent with his recollection but does not
 12 identify line 14 as the call that he made on that day.
 13 THE COURT: Sustain the objection. Unless this
 14 witness can identify that the location or any other
 15 information that's contained on line 14 would allow him
 16 to identify that that was the call that he made, I will
 17 sustain the objection at this time.
 18 MR. URICK: That was the purpose of the
 19 question mark.
 20 THE COURT: All right.
 21 MR. URICK: No further questions.
 22 THE COURT: Very well.
 23 CROSS-EXAMINATION
 24 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:
 25 Q. Officer Adcock, your first and only involvement

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1 in this case, then, was the time that you went to the Lee
 2 home, got information primarily from the brother,
 3 collected it, made phone calls all that evening, and then
 4 you turned that information over to your supervisor for
 5 whatever follow-up. Is that correct?
 6 A. That's correct.
 7 Q. And you were never assigned any follow-up;
 8 correct?
 9 A. No, I was not.
 10 Q. The person whose number you called when you got
 11 that number that you saw in the diary, you had no idea
 12 whose number that was?
 13 A. That's correct.
 14 Q. And you had no idea whether or not the phone
 15 number in the diary was, in fact, operational, did you?
 16 A. No, I did not.
 17 Q. And after you found out it was operational
 18 because it worked, when you dialed it you had no idea how
 19 long it had been operational?
 20 A. That's correct.
 21 Q. Whether or not, in fact, it had been turned on
 22 that same day or had been on for a long time?
 23 A. That's correct.
 24 Q. And when you looked at the diary, you, of
 25 course, had no information nor did you receive any other

1 information indicating when, at any time, the notation of
 2 the number was made in the diary, did you?
 3 A. No, I did not.
 4 Q. Nor who made it?
 5 A. No.
 6 Q. Nor under what circumstances; is that correct?
 7 A. That's correct.
 8 Q. And you had not met the person who had written
 9 the diary?
 10 A. That's correct.
 11 Q. And you had not met Yung Lee before?
 12 A. That's correct.
 13 Q. And you had not met Ms. Lee, his sister,
 14 before?
 15 A. That's correct.
 16 Q. And when you dialed that phone number and you
 17 got someone on the phone, you had no idea who that was?
 18 A. That's correct.
 19 Q. That was not somebody with whom you had ever
 20 conversed before?
 21 A. That's correct.
 22 Q. You didn't recognize their voice?
 23 A. No, I did not.
 24 Q. You just wrote down the information that you
 25 got; is that correct?

1 A. That's correct.
 2 Q. But the person you spoke to readily answered
 3 your questions, did they not?
 4 A. Yes, they did.
 5 Q. And the answer to your questions was that, yes,
 6 they knew who Hae Min Lee was, right?
 7 A. That's correct.
 8 Q. And, yes, they had seen her in school that day?
 9 A. That's correct.
 10 Q. And, yes, they had some contact with her that
 11 day?
 12 A. Yes.
 13 Q. But that, no, they had no idea where she was;
 14 is that correct?
 15 A. That's correct.
 16 Q. And later you received other information,
 17 again, about persons that you didn't know and had no
 18 prior contact with from Yung Lee, her brother; correct?
 19 A. That's correct.
 20 Q. And, again, you didn't know who they were --
 21 A. That's correct.
 22 Q. -- or anything about them?
 23 A. That's correct.
 24 Q. And when you spoke to them, you asked them
 25 essentially the same questions that you asked whoever it

1 was that answered the phone number provided to you by the
 2 diary; correct?
 3 A. That is correct.
 4 Q. And when you reached Mr. Cliendienst, you
 5 discovered that that, in fact, was the current boyfriend
 6 of the person that Mr. Lee was concerned about, his
 7 sister; correct?
 8 A. That is correct.
 9 Q. And that person identified himself; correct?
 10 A. Yes.
 11 Q. And you accepted the accuracy of that, did you
 12 not?
 13 A. Yes, I did.
 14 Q. And that person answered your questions and
 15 said he had not seen Hae Min Lee that day; correct?
 16 A. That is correct.
 17 Q. That his last contact with Hae Min Lee had been
 18 the evening before; is that correct?
 19 A. Yes, on the 12th.
 20 Q. On the 12th. And he also told you he had no
 21 idea of the whereabouts of Hae Min Lee; correct?
 22 A. That is correct.
 23 Q. And just like the person who had identified
 24 himself as Adnan Syed on the cell phone number that you
 25 called; correct?

1 A. That is correct.
 2 Q. And you equally accepted that person's
 3 assertion to be the truth, did you not?
 4 A. Yes, I did.
 5 Q. Okay. And then you later reached a person
 6 identified as the friend of Hae Min Lee, a young woman by
 7 the name of Aisha [REDACTED]?
 8 A. That is correct.
 9 Q. And again, she told you she saw Hae Min Lee,
 10 her best friend, in school that day; correct?
 11 A. Uh-huh.
 12 Q. And saw her -- you have to say yes or no.
 13 A. I'm sorry. Yes.
 14 Q. And that she saw her as she left school at the
 15 ending of school at about 2:15?
 16 A. Yes.
 17 Q. And that she had no idea of where her
 18 whereabouts were; is that correct?
 19 A. That's correct.
 20 Q. And again, Aisha [REDACTED] was not somebody with
 21 whom you had ever spoken before?
 22 A. That is correct.
 23 Q. Or had met?
 24 A. That's correct.
 25 Q. And you had no idea when you called of the

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1 accuracy of the information given to you by Yung Lee;
 2 correct?
 3 A. That is correct.
 4 Q. But you took it on faith, did you not?
 5 A. Yes, I did.
 6 Q. Because he was trying to find his sister;
 7 correct?
 8 A. That is correct.
 9 Q. And, again, that person identified herself
 10 readily?
 11 A. That is correct.
 12 Q. And didn't hesitate to answer your questions;
 13 correct?
 14 A. That is correct.
 15 Q. And you took that information as being the
 16 truth; is that correct?
 17 A. Yes, ma'am.
 18 Q. Now, the other two numbers of Ms. Aisha [REDACTED]
 19 and Mr. Donald Cliendienst were gotten from -- excuse me
 20 -- a place different than the cell phone number that you
 21 called; is that correct?
 22 A. The -- Ms. [REDACTED] number?
 23 Q. Yes. Ms. [REDACTED] and Mr. Cliendienst's
 24 number you told us were gotten from something that was an
 25 address book?

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1 A. That is correct. Mr. Yung Lee.
 2 Q. And Mr. Yung gave you that address book;
 3 correct?
 4 A. That is correct.
 5 Q. And it looked like an address book, did it not?
 6 A. Yes.
 7 Q. And did you seize it?
 8 A. No, I did not.
 9 Q. Did you do anything with it?
 10 A. No, I did not.
 11 Q. Did you write down any other numbers contained
 12 in that address book?
 13 A. No, I did not.
 14 Q. And did you indicate that your supervisor
 15 should seize that address book?
 16 A. No.
 17 Q. Or should refer to that address book in follow-
 18 up regarding the disappearance of Hae Min Lee?
 19 A. No.
 20 Q. And, sir, the -- it's not unusual for you to be
 21 sent to a scene to take a report from a citizen and
 22 collect some information and then just turn over the
 23 information back to your supervisor, is it?
 24 A. No, that's not unusual at all.
 25 Q. Sometimes you're assigned follow-up; correct?

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1 A. That's correct.
 2 Q. But it's not unusual for you not to be assigned
 3 follow-up, for some other officer to be assigned follow-
 4 up; is that correct?
 5 A. That is correct.
 6 Q. And so, sir, you made no effort on your own to
 7 do any follow-up as to this?
 8 A. That is correct.
 9 Q. To interview or locate the person that
 10 indicated to you on the phone that their name was Adnan
 11 Syed?
 12 A. That is correct.
 13 Q. Or to recognize the voice of a person presented
 14 to you as Adnan Syed?
 15 A. That's correct.
 16 Q. Or to recognize the voices or to speak any
 17 further or to identify any parts of a conversation that
 18 you may have had with persons by the name of Donald
 19 Cliendienst or Ms. [REDACTED] that you had on the 13th?
 20 A. That's correct.
 21 Q. Okay. Thank you.
 22 MS. GUTIERREZ: I have nothing further.
 23 THE COURT: Anything further from the State?
 24 MR. URICK: No. Thank you.
 25 THE COURT: I do have a couple of questions.

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1 Officer, you indicated that you received the
 2 phone number of 253 [REDACTED] and proceeded to call that
 3 number; correct?
 4 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
 5 THE COURT: Did you call it more than one time?
 6 THE WITNESS: No, just once.
 7 THE COURT: You called it once. And do you
 8 have an idea in your mind or a recollection as to how
 9 long that conversation was with the person that you spoke
 10 to on the other end?
 11 THE WITNESS: I recall about three or four
 12 minutes. It was very brief.
 13 THE COURT: Do you know where you were when you
 14 made the call?
 15 THE WITNESS: Yes. I was at victim Lee's
 16 house.
 17 THE COURT: Okay. And you used the victim's
 18 phone or some other phone?
 19 THE WITNESS: The household phone.
 20 THE COURT: You used the household phone?
 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
 22 THE COURT: As a result of the Court's
 23 questions, does the State have any additional questions?
 24 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
 25 BY MR. URICK:

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1 Q. Did you know what type of number of you were
 2 calling when you dialed it?
 3 A. No, I did not.
 4 Q. Was there anything about the conversation that
 5 gave you any hints as to what type of telephone you were
 6 calling?
 7 A. No.
 8 THE COURT: Any follow-up from the defense as a
 9 result of the Court's questions?
 10 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes, just briefly.
 11 RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION
 12 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:
 13 Q. Officer, you made no notation as to the
 14 duration of the phone call, did you?
 15 A. That's correct.
 16 Q. And at the time you made the phone call, the
 17 duration was not particularly important to you?
 18 A. That's correct.
 19 Q. The only thing that was important to you was
 20 whether or not the person that you reached had any
 21 information that might lead you to locate the person you
 22 were looking for; is that correct?
 23 A. That is correct.
 24 Q. Thank you.
 25 MS. GUTIERREZ: Nothing further.

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1 THE COURT: Very well. Thank you very much.
 2 May this witness be excused?
 3 Mr. Urick?
 4 MR. URICK: Yes.
 5 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez?
 6 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.
 7 THE COURT: And released from all subpoenas?
 8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.
 9 THE COURT: Officer, you are free to go at this
 10 time. You also are welcome to stay in the courtroom, if
 11 you'd like.
 12 I need to advise you that you are a sequestered
 13 witness. You may not discuss your testimony with anyone,
 14 either anyone who has been a witness or anyone who may be
 15 a witness in this case. Do you understand?
 16 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
 17 THE COURT: Thank you very much. You're
 18 excused.
 19 (Witness excused.)
 20 (Pause.)
 21 THE COURT: We need you to step to the witness
 22 stand. Raise your right hand. Listen to Mr. White as he
 23 gives you the oath.
 24 Whereupon,
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 2 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
 3 THE CLERK: You may be seated.
 4 MR. URICK: Before I begin questioning this
 5 witness, I would ask the Clerk, Mr. White, to collect the
 6 jury's copies of the forms.
 7 THE COURT: Please pass the forms up and please
 8 send them to Mr. White. They will be returned to you at
 9 a later time if they're needed.
 10 THE CLERK: State your name for the record.
 11 THE WITNESS: Detective Joseph Michael O'Shea.
 12 THE CLERK: State your assignment for the
 13 record.
 14 THE WITNESS: Baltimore County Police
 15 Department, Missing Persons, Homicide Unit.
 16 THE COURT REPORTER: May I have the spelling of
 17 your last name, please?
 18 THE WITNESS: Yes. O'-S-H-E-A.
 19 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
 20 DIRECT EXAMINATION
 21 BY MR. URICK:
 22 Q. Good afternoon, Detective O'Shea.
 23 A. Good afternoon.
 24 Q. How long have you been with the Baltimore
 25 County Police Force?

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1 A. Approximately 16 years.
 2 Q. How long have you been with the Missing Persons
 3 Unit?
 4 A. I've been specifically with the Missing Persons
 5 Unit for a little over two years. I've been with the
 6 Homicide Unit for five years.
 7 Q. Now, in the Missing Persons Unit, what sort of
 8 duties do you have?
 9 A. I handle all missing persons cases --
 10 Q. Hold on just a second, please.
 11 MR. URICK: We seem to be getting feedback.
 12 Would somebody know which microphone it is?
 13 THE COURT: There's no way to know. I could
 14 ask you, perhaps, to sit back a little bit.
 15 And the juror who's leaning, that affects the
 16 mike. It could be that it's your watch or whatever.
 17 Now try again.
 18 BY MR. URICK:
 19 Q. What are your duties in the Missing Person
 20 Unit?
 21 A. Yes. I handle all adult missing persons
 22 investigations that go beyond the 96-hour period, anyo...
 23 over the age of 18.
 24 Q. And did there come a time when you took over
 25 the investigation of the -- investigation into Hae Min