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with your taking the oath, but we'll ask you to swear or --
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- 2 declare or affirm, not swear under oath.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 4 THE COURT: That'll be the question, declare or
- 5 affirm.
- 6 That's correct, Mr. White?
- 7 THE CLERK: That's correct.
- 8 THE COURT: Very well.
- 9 Ms. Gutierrez, can you give me an idea about how
- 10 many more witnesses the Defense would have? You don't have
- 11 to tell me who they are but if you could give me an idea of
- 12 the number.
- MS. GUTIERREZ: I have three here today in
- 14 addition to Mr. Rahman. Judge, we haven't quite decided.
- 15 I think there are 11 others, but they're all fairly short.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- (Whereupon, at 4:37 p.m., the jury returned to
- 18 the courtroom.)
- THE COURT: Tomorrow, I only have one case.
- MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay. So we can start --
- The Defense would call the Defendant's father,
- 22 Masood , to the stand.
- 23 I'm not sure I'm pronouncing your name correct,
- 24 sir. Is it ?
- 25 MR. Yes, that's correct.

right hand, and listen to Mr. White. 2 Whereupon, 3 SYED 4 was called as a witness at 4:38 p.m., and after having been 5 duly affirmed, was examined and testified as follows: 6 THE CLERK: Please keep your voice up. State 7 your name and your address for the record. Your name? 8 THE WITNESS: My name is Syed 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION 10 BY MS. GUTIERREZ: 11 And your son is who? 12 Q My son is Adnan M. Syed. 13 A Okay. And that's because of the way names are 14 Q formulated in your native culture? 15 Yeah, that's right. A 16 And, sir, where were you born? 17 0 I was born in Pakistan. 18 A And when did you come to this country? 19 0 I came to this country as a qualified, 20 A experienced civil engineer --21 Okay, when? 0 22 -- in 1971. 23 A Okay. And in 1971, were you married? Q 24

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THE COURT: Sir, I need you to stand, raise your

No, not then.

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| 1  | Q         | Did you have any children?                     |
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| 2  | A         | No.  |
|    |           |  |
| 3  | Q         | Did you get married after you were here?       |
| 4  | A         | Yeah. I was here and then went back and got    |
| 5  | married o | over there.                                    |
| 6  | Q         | You got married in Pakistan?                   |
| 7  | A         | Yeah, and brought my wife here.                |
| 8  | Q         | Okay. And is your wife present here?           |
| 9  | А         | Yes, that's right.                             |
| 10 | Q         | Could you just point her out so that we know?  |
| 11 | A         | Yeah, that's                                   |
| 12 | Q         | Sir, what was your first native language?      |
| 13 | A         | The first native language is Pushto.           |
| 14 | Q         | Pushto, that begins with a P?                  |
| 15 | A         | P-U-S-H-T-O.                                   |
| 16 | Q         | Okay. And in Pakistan, are there more than one |
| 17 | language? |  |
| 18 | A         | That's right.                                  |
| 19 | Q         | Is there?                                      |
| 20 | А         | Yes, ma'am.                                    |
| 21 | Q         | Do you speak any other Pakistani language?     |
| 22 | A         | Yeah, I speak apart from the Urdu.             |
| 23 | Q         | Urdu?  |
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That begins with a -- it's U-R-D-U?

That's right.

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- 1 A U-R-D-U.
- Q Okay. And you also speak that?
- 3 A Yeah, I speak that.
- What languages, if any, does your wife speak?
- A Me and my wife, we speak Pushto only.
- 6 Q Okay. And did you know English before you
- 7 emigrated here in 1971?
- 8 A That's right. I start learning English in fifth
- 9 grade.
- 10 Q In fifth grade, back in Pakistan?
- 11 A Back in Pakistan, that's right.
- 12 Q So before you came here, you spoke two Pakistani
- 13 languages and English?
- 14 A That's true.
- 15 Q All right. After you returned to Pakistan and
- 16 you got married, did you come again back to this country?
- 17 A Yeah, I came back.
- 18 Q And when was that?
- 19 A It was in '74.
- 20 Q And since '74, have you been -- remained a
- 21 permanent resident of this country?
- 22 A I have -- I'm a naturalized citizen of this
- 23 country.
- Q Okay. Now you're a naturalized citizen?
- 25 A I was in seventies naturalized citizen.

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1 Q And did your wife become a naturalized citizen?
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- A She is actually qualified but we didn't submit
- 3 the paper yet.
- Q But she hasn't sent in the papers. All right.
- 5 A Not yet.
- 6 Q Mr. Rahman, let me direct your attention. Did
- 7 there come a time subsequent to your marriage to your wife
- 8 where you had children?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q Did you have children?
- 11 A Yeah, yeah.
- 12 Q Okay. And who are those children?
- 13 A One is Tanvir.
- 14 O Tanvir?
- 15 A Tanvir.
- 16 Q And that's your eldest son?
- 17 A Eldest.
- 18 Q And is -- can you point him out in this
- 19 courtroom?
- 20 A Yes. That's Tanvir (indicating).
- 21 Q The person sitting next to your wife?
- 22 A That's right.
- 23 O All right. And how old is Tanvir now?
- 24 A He is 22.
- 25 Q All right. And do you have another son?

- 1 A Yes. That's Adnan.
- 2 Q That's Adman. Is he sitting to my right?
- 3 A Yeah.
- 4 Q Okay. And do you have another son?
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q And what's his name?
- 7 A His name is Usef.
- 8 Q Okay. Since the time that you've been married
- 9 and you had children, what language, if any, have your
- 10 children been taught?
- 11 A The children, they only speak English now.
- 12 Q Okay. And they were all born in this country?
- 13 A They were born and raised in this country.
- 14 Q Okay. And so, all of them are native born
- 15 Americans?
- 16 A That's right.
- 17 Q Okay. And is the only language that they speak
- 18 at home, is that English?
- 19 A That's right.
- 20 Q And the language that you and your wife speak, if
- 21 you are not speaking to your children, is?
- 22 A Pushto.
- 23 Q Pushto.
- Now, sir, you are a Muslim?
- 25 A That's right.

- 1 Q And have you been a Muslim all your life?
- 2 A Yeah, that's right.
- 3 Q Were you born a Muslim?
- 4 A That's right.
- 5 Q Then when you came to this country, did you
- 6 affiliate with a Muslim community?
- 7 A There were not many people then.
- 8 Q Okay. Did you come to belong to a Muslim
- 9 community?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Do you belong to a mosque?
- 12 A Right now?
- 13 O Yes.
- 14 A Yeah. I was not then because there were not
- 15 enough number of people, but now I do.
- 16 Q You mean when you first came to this country?
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q Did there come a time when there were sufficient
- 19 numbers of Muslims from Pakistan to form a community?
- 20 A Yeah.
- 21 Q Okay. And when that time came, did you join that
- 22 community?
- 23 A Yeah.
- 24 Q Okay. And is there currently a mosque?
- 25 A That's right.

- 1 Q That is not all but primarily Pakistani Muslims?
- 2 A No. There are from all over the world.
- 3 Q From all over the world, okay.
- And that mosque, does it have a name?
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q And what is its name?
- 7 A Al Ragma (phon. sp.).
- 8 Q Okay. And where is -- does it have another name
- 9 in English?
- 10 A In English, they call it The New Islamic Society
- 11 of Baltimore.

- 12 Q Okay. And where is it located?
- 13 A It's Road.
- 14 Q Okay. And is that near the intersection of
- 15 Johnnycake and Rolling Road?
- 16 A That's correct.
- 17 Q Okay. And you live, sir, where?
- 18 A I live at -- just a walking distance from there.
- 19 O From there?
- 20 A Yeah.
- 21 Q Do you live on Talental Road?
- 22 A Road.
- 23 Q And is that also near the intersection of
- 24 Johnnycake and Rolling Road?
- 25 A That's right. Yeah, Road

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1 Q Okay. Now, that mosque, I don't mean to ask a
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- 2 lot of questions but the way that Islamic faith is
- 3 practiced, does that require praying a certain number of
- 4 times a day?
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q And saying certain kind of prayers?
- 7 A Yeah. Everybody supposed to pray five times a
- 8 day.
- 9 Q And are the times of the prayers prescribed?
- 10 A The times of the prayers have gone from like dawn
- 11 to sunset, one prayer.
- 12 Q And is that all year long?
- 13 A That's all year long.
- 14 Q Is there an Islamic calendar different from the
- 15 calendar that's followed in this country?
- 16 A That's right.
- 17 Q The Gregorian calendar?
- 18 A Yeah.
- 19 Q Is that right?
- 20 A Yeah.
- 21 Q Is their year still 365 days a year?
- 22 A Yeah, 365 days.
- O Okay. And is the prayer schedule, the five times
- 24 a day, does that exist all year long?
- 25 A All year long.

- 1 Q Are there special days, holy days, more important
- 2 religious days in the faith of Islam?
- 3 A Yeah. It's Juma prayers on Friday,
- 4 congregation --
- 5 Q That's every Friday?
- 6 A Every Friday.
- 7 Q Okay. And those prayers, are they -- are you
- 8 supposed to say a certain prayer?
- 9 A Well, it's the same prayer that it has got when
- 10 it is sermon.
- 11 Q Okay. And are there other special days of Islam?
- 12 A Well, the could be when the fasting get finished,
- 13 that's one day. And then after 2½ months, it's another
- 14 day.
- 15 Q Is there a special month is Islamic religion?
- 16 A Yeah. That is --
- 17 Q And what is that called?
- 18 A That is the month of Ramadan.
- 19 Q Ramadan. Is that spelled R-A-M-A-D-A-N?
- 20 A That's right.
- 21 Q Ramadan?
- 22 A That's right.
- 23 Q And does that month fall the same time every
- 24 year?
- A No. It goes by the moon.

- 1 Q It goes by the moon, with the whole moon, lunar
- 2 cycle?
- 3 A That's right.
- Q So it could be a little different days every
- 5 year?
- 6 A That's correct.
- 7 Q Okay. And what is so special about Ramadan?
- 8 A The special is from dawn to dust (sic). No food.
- 9 Q Okay. Is dawn something different than sunrise?
- 10 A Yeah, that's different.
- 11 Q Okay. And is that also prescribed by the
- 12 calendar?
- 13 A That's right.
- 14 Q Okay. And what is supposed to happen between
- 15 dawn and dusk?
- A Not to eat and drink; not to have sex, even with
- 17 the wife; not to talk bad things, like fighting; not to do
- any wrong thing which the individual can feel that my
- 19 creator will be displeased with me.
- 20 Q Now, sir, during Ramadan, the not to eat or
- 21 drink, is that considered complete fasting?
- 22 A That's right.
- 23 Q And what is the purpose of that in the Islamic
- 24 faith?
- 25 A The purpose is to -- that one should be trained

- 1 to sacrifice his or her wish and will over the will of the
- 2 creator.
- 3 Q For the will of the creator?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And that creator has a name in the faith?
- 6 A Yeah.
- 7 Q And what is that name?
- A That's a very personal name with no masculine or
- 9 feminine, no gender, nothing, and that's Allah.
- 10 Q And that is supposed to be the person, according
- 11 to Islamic faith, that created all life?
- 12 A Creator for the whole entire universe.
- 13 Q Okay. Now, is there a figure in Islam that is
- 14 called Allah?
- 15 A No figure.
- 16 Q I mean, is there a person that's referred to as
- 17 Allah?

- A Well, actually, Allah, the creator, is beyond
- 19 comprehension of a human being who have been created from a
- 20 drop of seed.
- 21 Q Okay. And the fasting that's prescribed during
- 22 Ramadan, is that to go on seven days a week?
- 23 A Yeah, seven days a week.
- Q And during Ramadan, in addition to the fasting,
- 25 are there special prayers or feasts or happenings at the

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mosque?
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               Yeah. The special prayers is starting at 8:00.
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               Eight o'clock at night?
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               At night.
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               Would that be before or after the fast is broken?
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              The fast is broken just at the sunset.
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              And what time of day would that normally be?
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               The sunset would vary a minute or two every day,
     like 5:05. Another day would be 5:06, 5:07, something like
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     that.
               Thank you.
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                              (Whereupon, the document referred
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                              to as Defendant's Exhibit No. 5
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                              was marked for identification.)
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               MS. GUTIERREZ: And I'm going to show the witness
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     what's been marked as Defendant's Exhibit 5.
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               BY MS. GUTIERREZ:
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              Could you first tell us what that is?
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               Yeah. This is the calendar, the Ramadan 1403
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     After Hizrah (phon. sp.).
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              Okay. And what is 1403 A.H. --
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              A.H. is --
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              -- in relationship to our calendar?
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          Q
              Yeah. This relates to December 1998 and January
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- 1 Q That would be last year's Ramadan?
- 2 A That's right.
- Q Okay. Now, sir, on this calendar, does it
- 4 distinguish what the first day of Ramadan was?
- 5 A The first day of Ramadan was Sunday, that is
- 6 the --
- 7 Q Can you indicate what that date would be in an
- 8 A.D. calendar?
- 9 A In A.D. calendar, it should be December 20th.
- 10 Q Okay. And does it indicate the time that the
- 11 fast begins?

- 12 A Yeah. The fasting starts at 6:01.
- Okay, because that's the designation of dawn?
- 14 A That's right.
- 15 Q So on this calendar, first, it indicates that you
- 16 start the fast, is that right?
- 17 A That's right.
- 18 Q And you're to begin the fast right before dawn?
- 19 A Just before dawn.
- Q Okay. And it tells you when dawn is on that day,
- 21 is that right?
- 22 A That's right.
- 23 Q And the first day of Ramadan last year, in
- 24 December of 1998, would have been December the 20th, if you
- look at your calendar? The first day would have been?

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1 A The first day was December 20th.
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- Q Okay. And does it also indicate the time for
- 3 sunrise?
- 4 A Yeah. The sunrise is --
- 5 Q Is that a later time than dawn?
- 6 A That's 7:22.
- 7 Q Okay. On that day, on the 20th of December?
- 8 A 7:22.
- 9 Q Okay. And does it list a time, according to the
- 10 Ramadan calendar, that's called afternoon?
- 11 A Yeah. That's the time of the prayer -- prayer,
- 12 12:03.
- 13 Q So that's one of the prayer times --
- 14 A One of the prayer --
- 15 Q -- that's prescribed, is that right?
- 16 A Yeah.
- 17 Q And does it also list a time for sunset?
- 18 A Yeah. The sunset is 4:51.
- 19 Q And is that the time that fast is broken?
- 20 A That's right.
- Q Okay. And then does it also list a time for
- 22 night?
- 23 A Beg your pardon?
- 24 Q If you look at the calendar, does it list a time
- 25 for night?

- 1 A Yeah, for the night.
- 2 Q Above those designations that we've just gone
- 3 through, start fast, dawn, sunrise, noon, afternoon,
- 4 sunset, and night, do those designations appear in another
- 5 language above them?
- 6 A Yeah. It's Isha (phon. sp.).
- 7 O Isha?
- 8 A That's right.
- 9 Q And if you know, where is that language from?
- 10 A It actually is -- every scripture has been
- 11 revealed in a certain language.
- 12 Q Okay. But that's a language that the Muslims
- 13 recognize?
- 14 A That's the language of the Holy Koran.
- 15 Q The Holy Koran, okay.
- And, sir, what you've described as during Ramadan
- 17 and the mandatory fast, would that take place right before
- 18 dawn, which is the second column, and end right after
- 19 sunset?

- 20 A That's right.
- Q Okay. Now, the fast means no food and no water?
- 22 A No food, no water, but all activities are to be
- 23 controlled.
- Q Okay. That means physical activity that you
- 25 would do?

- 1 A Physical. Yeah, everything.
- 2 Q Would that include athletics?
- A No, no, no. I mean -- activities.
- Q Oh, okay. And but that would include sex?
- 5 A That's right.
- 6 Q Faithful Muslims are not supposed to have sex
- 7 during Ramadan fast time?
- 8 A Even with their own wife.
- 9 Q Okay, right. And now, the breaking of the fast
- 10 is what? What happens when one breaks --
- 11 A Break fast, that is completion of the fast,
- 12 taking a sip of water or anything that will break the fast.
- 13 Q Okay. And after breaking the fast, do you then
- 14 have a regular meal?
- 15 A That's right. We have the prayers and then the
- 16 regular meal.
- 17 Q And after that, is that when the 8:00 prayer
- 18 happens?
- 19 A Yeah. Eight o'clock, yes.
- 20 Q Now, if you would just take a minute and look
- 21 down through this and tell us what the ending date of, of
- 22 Ramadan in January of 1999 was.
- 23 A Yeah, the ending date, the last fasting day was
- 24 Monday. That was the 30th day.
- 25 Q The 30th day on what calendar?

- 1 A The day of Ramadan. Ramadan.
- 2 Q Ramadan. Okay.
- 3 And what date would it have been in our calendar?
- 4 A It's January 18th.
- 5 Q Okay. Now, is there any special significance to
- 6 the last -- and does this calendar indicate what the times
- 7 were for all of those categories, start fast, dawn,
- 8 sunrise, noon, afternoon, sunset, and night --
- 9 A That's right.
- 10 Q -- occur for each of the 30 days of Ramadan?
- 11 A That's correct.
- 12 Q Is Ramadan slways 30 days?
- 13 A It is either 29 days or 30 days.
- 14 Q And that, again, depends upon the moon?
- 15 A It depends upon the sighting of the moon.
- 16 Q The sighting of the moon?
- 17 A That's right.
- 18 Q Okay. Now, sir, the last 10 days of Ramadan,
- 19 form day 20 to day 30, does that have any special
- 20 significance?
- 21 A Prom 10 to 20?
- 22 Q Right. From the 20th day of Ramadan to the 30th
- 23 day, which would be the last 10 days of Ramadan, is there
- 24 any special significance to those last 10 days?
- 25 A Yeah. The last 10 days, yeah. It's --

- 1 Q What is that significance?
- 2 A The significance is that if one wants to stay in
- 3 the mosque 24 hours.
- 4 O You mean around the clock?
- 5 A Around the clock, for self-restraint.
- 6 Q Okay. And is that encouraged?
- 7 A That is encouragement towards righteousness.
- 8 Q Okay. And do people participate in that?
- 9 A Pardon?
- 10 Q Do people participate in that?
- 11 A Well, actually, it's something optional.
- 12 O Okay. I understand it's optional and all, but do
- 13 people choose to do that, to stay at the mosque around the
- 14 clock.
- 15 A Yeah. If somebody wants to, yeah.
- 16 Q Okay. Have you done that before, sir?
- 17 A Yeah, I have done that the previous years.
- 18 Q Do you usually do that?
- 19 A Yeah, if I can get off days from the job.
- 20 Q From your job. Okay. So it depends upon whether
- 21 or not you're able to do it?
- 22 A That's right.
- 23 Q If you have a choice, you choose to do it?
- 24 A Yeah. If I get time, then I'll do it.
- 25 Q Are there occasions during Ramadan where special

- 1 prayers are led by members of the mosque?
- 2 A Yeah. These are the prayers from 8:00 till 10,
- 3 10:30, depends.
- 4 Q Is it considered any kind of honor for a member
- 5 of the mosque to be asked to lead the prayers?
- A Right. Yeah. It is a very great honor that an
- 7 individual is asked to lead 3- to 400 people in prayers.
- 8 Q In prayer?
- 9 A That's right.
- 10 Q Particularly during the holy month of Ramadan?
- 11 A That's right.
- 12 Q Is holy a word that would be used to describe
- 13 Ramadan?

- 14 A Yeah.
- 15 Q Okay. And, sir, during Ramadan, in light of the
- 16 fact that it's an honor, are young people participants in
- 17 the prayers and the activities of the church?
- 18 A Yeah. Young peoples are encouraged.
- 19 Q And encouraged to participate?
- 20 A That's right.
- 21 Q With their elders?
- 22 A That's right.
- Q Okay. And are there occasions where young people
- 24 lead the prayers during Ramadan?
- 25 A Yeah.

- Okay. Sir, let me direct your attention to the
- 2 calendar that you have. It would be the 25th day of
- 3 Ramadan. What date is that?
- 4 A That was Friday.
- 5 Q Okay. But also, if you look at the 25th day --
- 6 A The 25th day of Ramadan, that's Wednesday.
- 7 Q Okay, that's a Wednesday?
- 8 A That's right.
- 9 Q And what day would that be in our calendar?
- 10 A In this calendar, yeah, that's 25th of Ramadan is
- 11 Wednesday.
- 12 Q No. And what date would it be in the A.D.
- 13 calendar?
- 14 A It is the 13th of January.
- 15 Q Thirteenth of January. And does it tell you what
- 16 the start fast time is?
- 17 A Yeah. It's -- the starting time is 5:56.
- 18 Q And that's because dawn is what time?
- 19 A Dawn -- no, the dawn actually, on this day, 13,
- 20 it starts 6:06.
- 21 Q Okay. The fast has to start before the dawn.
- 22 A Just before the dawn, yeah.
- 23 Q And what time does the calendar indicate would be
- 24 the break fast?
- 25 A 5:09.

- Q And what time does it indicate -- because that's
- 2 sunset, is that right?
- A Yeah, that's the sunset time, 5:09.
- Q So one would have to fast all the way --
- 5 A That's right.
- 6 Q -- until-- and then break it after sunset occurs,
- 7 is that right?
- 8 A That is correct.
- 9 Q All right. Now, the day that we're looking at,
- 10 the 25th day of Ramadan, is that one of the last 10 days of
- 11 Ramadan?
- 12 A Yeah, that's right.
- 13 Q Now, directing your attention, sir, back to
- 14 Ramadan of last year, was there an occasion around that
- 15 date that your son Adnan led a prayer in the mosque?
- 16 A Yeah. He -- on Thursday.
- 17 Q On Thursday? What date?
- 18 A That is 14 January.
- 19 Q The 14th of January?
- 20 A January. He led the congregation in prayers.
- 21 Q And that year would be 1999?
- 22 A That's right.
- Q Okay. Was that an important occasion for Adnan?
- 24 A Yeah. It was very important because we could see
- 25. that he has developed confidence enough and he knows to

- lead -- how to lead the prayer.
- 2 Q Was that an important occasion for you?
- 3 A It was --
- 4 Q Why?
- 5 A -- very happy and important occasion for us.
- 6 Q Why? He's the one leading the prayer.
- 7 A Because he was leading the prayers.
- 8 Q Okay. But why was that important to you?
- 9 A Well, that's what we have been teaching him and,
- 10 you know, taking care of him, it's worth it.
- 11 Q Did you consider it an honor that he was invited
- 12 to lead the prayers?
- 13 A Of course.
- 14 Q And were you present when he led those prayers?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q And was that, in fact, a happy occasion for you?
- 17 A That's right.
- 18 Q In order to lead the prayers, did that involve
- 19 practice?
- 20 A Yeah, it needs quite a bit of practice to commit
- 21 to memory, because the person will be reading from the
- 22 memory.
- 23 Q And say the prayers and lead the fellow members
- 24 of the mosque in prayers from memory of specific prayers?
- 25 A Yes, specific prayers from the Holy Koran.

- 1 Q They don't make up -- right. They don't make up
- 2 their own prayers?
- 3 A No, they cannot.
- 4 Q They have to read the prayers that are dictated
- 5 in the Koran?
- 6 A Exactly.
- 7 Q And the Koran is written not in English?
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 O Okay. And not -- it's not written in the
- 10 language that your son speaks?
- 11 A No way.
- 12 Q Is Arabic a language that your son has ever
- 13 learned?
- 14 A The Koran is actually revealed in Arabic.
- Q Okay. And is he trained to pronunciate that?
- 16 A Yeah. It is hard, how to pronunciate it, because
- 17 it is to be pronunciated correctly.
- 18 Q Do the Muslims at your mosque speak Arabic to
- 19 each other?
- 20 A Well, if they belong to countries which are
- 21 from -- and --
- 22 Q That speak Arabic themselves?
- 23 A -- countries, yes.
- 24 Q And do those countries include Pakistan?
- 25 A Yeah, but -- yeah, those countries. In Pakistan,

- 1 you know, they don't speak --
- Q Okay. Is Arabic a language that you've ever
- 3 spoken to any of your children at home?
- A We don't know how to speak it, so --
- Okay. Now, the practice that's required to lead
- 6 the prayers, does that occur before the day that the person
- 7 leads the prayers?
- 8 A Well, he would have to give quite a bit of time
- 9 to prepare himself.
- 10 Q Now, prior to the 14th, did you know that your
- son had been selected to lead the prayers on the 14th?
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q And did you ever become aware of whether or not
- 14 he practiced to lead those prayers?
- 15 A Yeah, because he is going -- he has been going
- 16 with me.
- 17 Q Because he has been going to you where?
- 18 A To the mosque.
- 19 Q And is that during Ramadan of last year?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 Q And what was the normal practice of you and he in
- 22 regard to meeting the Ramadan obligation?
- 23 A Can you say that again, please?
- Q Yes. What was -- did you and your son Adnan have
- 25 a regular practice --

- 1 A Yeah.
- Q -- as required, to meeting the Ramadan --
- 3 A Regular practice, I will ask him if he has
- 4 committed to memory; are the one he committed to memory,
- 5 still he remembers it and he revised it. And we go
- 6 together to the mosque.
- 7 Q You go together where?
- 8 A To the mosque.
- 9 Q And what -- in the daytime -- and back then in
- 10 December and January, did Adnan have a job?
- 11 A We never let him have any job. Before, he did
- 12 one job. That was in -- when he was in 12th grade.
- Q When he was?
- 14 A When he was in 12th grade.
- 15 Q Okay. And was that before Ramadan or after
- 16 Ramadan?
- 17 A I'm not sure about that.
- 18 Q Okay. And that job was what?
- 19 A That was -- he said that it's concerning -- he
- 20 wanted to go into medicine, so he says it's like
- 21 ambulancing.
- 22 Q You don't sound like you really approved of him
- 23 working.
- 24 A Beg your pardon?
- 25 Q You don't sound like you approved of him working?

- A No, actually we did not.
- 2 Q And why not?
- 3 A Because we wanted him to give -- his top
- 4 priority, number one, is his studies.
- 5 Q To your knowledge, was he a good student?
- 6 A Yeah.
- 7 Q Okay. But you wanted him to devote all of his
- 8 energy to that?
- A And because he was top 5 percent student of the
- 10 class.
- 11 Q Now, sir, again going back to Ramadan, beginning
- on December 20th, 1998, through January 18th, 1999, you
- 13 were starting to tell us that you would go to the mosque.
- 14 · A That's right.
- 15 O And what time would that be?
- 16 A I ordinarily would go before 8:00.
- Q Okay. And how much before 8:00?
- 18 A Well, it depends. Maybe 7:30, quarter to 8 or
- 19 things like that.
- 20 Q Would you appear in the mosque close in time to
- 21 the time when you would break your fast?
- 22 A Beg your pardon?
- Q Would you go to the mosque at any time that was
- 24 close in time to the time that you would break your fast?
- 25 A We could, but mostly -- sometimes at mosque and

- 1 sometimes at home.
- Q Okay. On the times that you went to the mosque
- 3 to break the fast, how would you break it?
- A We just take sip of water or some dates, that's
- 5 it.
- 6 Q Okay. And then after -- so you break the fast
- 7 with very little to go in your stomach?
- 8 A That's right.
- 9 Q Just sometimes water?
- 10 A Yeah, water.
- 11 Q And after you broke your fast and on the days
- 12 that you did it at the mosque, would you then remain there
- until the 8:00 prayers or would you go home?
- 14 A Well, actually, we tried to go home so that we
- 15 could have meals, have a little bit rest and them come
- 16 back.

- 17 Q Okay. So you'd break your fast with just a
- 18 little bit, then you'd go home to have a meal?
- 19 A That's right.
- 20 Q Okay. Now, who would you go to the mosque with
- 21 on the days that you would go?
- 22 A Well, I will definitely take Adnan with me.
- Q Okay. And did sometimes your other son, Tanvir,
- 24 go?
- A He may accompany us, he may not.

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1 Q Okay. And your younger son?
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- 2 A Sometimes he would go with us and sometimes he
- 3 say I feel sleepy, so we let him go.
- 4 Q And your younger son is much younger. How old is
- 5 he?
- A Right now, he's about 11 years old.
- 7 O How old is he?
- 8 A Eleven years.
- 9 Q Eleven. Okay.
- Now, sir, back on that time, on the days that you
- 11 didn't go to the mosque during Ramadan to break fast, would
- 12 you break it at home?
- 13 A That's right.
- 14 Q Then would you break it in the same way, with
- 15 just some water and dates or something?
- 16 A That's right.
- 17 Q All right. And would you still then have a meal?
- 18 A That's right.
- 19 Q Now, you had raised all your sons as Muslims?
- 20 A Yeah.
- 21 Q And did you expect them to fast?
- 22 A That's right.
- 23 Q Is that right?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And to your knowledge, did they fast?

- 1 A Yeah, sure, because I experience looking at their
- 2 face and eyes. I could say that whether this person was
- 3 fasting the whole day or not.
- 4 Q Okay. And you checked to see if they were
- 5 fasting?
- 6 A Yeah.
- 7 Q And did your checking relate to your concern
- 8 about the purposes of Ramadan and the fasting as
- 9 discipline?
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q Is that right?
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q And from your checking them, did you believe that
- 14 your son Adnan fasted during Ramadan?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q And did you believe your son Tanvir fasted during
- 17 Ramadan?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 Q Were they required to go to the mosque to pray or
- 20 could they pray elsewhere?
- 21 A They could pray anywhere, but it's preferable.
- 22 Q It's preferable, but it's allowable to pray
- 23 elsewhere if you're somewhere else when prayer time comes?
- 24 A Anywhere on earth.
- Q Okay. Sir, you have actually been here the last

- 1 couple days, waiting to testify?
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q And has that run into prayer time?
- 4 A Yeah.
- 5 Q And have you prayed actually here in the
- 6 courthouse?
- 7 A Yeah, I did.
- 8 Q Is that an acceptable way to meet your obligation
- 9 as a Muslim?
- 10 A That's correct.
- 11 Q Now, sir, did Ramadan this year just end?
- 12 A Yeah. It was 10 days after the last year.
- 13 Q I'm sorry, it was 10 days after?
- 14 A Yeah, there is a difference of 10 days.
- 15 Q Between year to year?
- 16 A Between year before.
- 17 Q Okay. So it didn't start on the 20th of
- 18 December, it started on the 30th of December?
- 19 A No, it's before that.
- 20 Q Before. Oh, it goes the other way?
- 21 A Yeah.
- Q Okay. So Ramadan actually finished in December?
- 23 A No, it was in probably January.
- Q Okay, in January.
- 25 And did it follow the same pattern this year as

- it has followed before?
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q Okay. Now, let me direct your attention back
- 4 again on the 14th. January 14th is the day that your son
- 5 led the prayer?
- 6 A Yeah.
- 7 O And how often before that did he have to
- 8 practice?
- 9 A Well, it take him three or four days to practice
- 10 sometime.
- 11 Q Okay. And were those the three or four days
- 12 before he had to lead the prayer?
- 13 A Before his turn comes, yeah.
- 14 Q Okay. And did the practice take place at the
- 15 mosque or at some other place?
- 16 A He could practice it at home or he could practice
- 17 at the mosque.
- 18 Q And where did he -- did you become aware of him
- 19 practicing?
- 20 A Well, actually, when I asked him have you
- 21 committed to memory and he said yeah, I have revised and I
- 22 have committed to memory something new, too.
- 23 Q Okay. Did the practice -- was it okay for him to
- 24 practice someplace other than the mosque?
- 25 A Yeah, he can do it.

- 1 Q Okay. As long as he memorized and had the
- 2 pronunciations of the prayer correctly?
- 3 A That's right.
- 4 Q Okay. Now, in the last 10 days of Ramadan that
- 5 ended in January 1999, did you spend the nights around the
- 6 clock at the mosque?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Any of that time did you?
- 9 A No, because I did not have enough days off from
- 10 the job and I had to go every day to the job, so I couldn't
- 11 afford to spend the night.
- 12 Q So during that last 10 days, did you also go to
- 13 the mosque?
- 14 A Yeah.
- 15 Q And did you always make the 8:00 prayer?
- 16 A That's correct.
- 17 Q And did your son Adnan go with you?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 Q And was that your normal practice?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 Q Now, sir, how many families are members of the
- 22 mosque?
- 23 A More than 500 families.
- 24 Q More than?
- 25 A 500.

- 1 Q 500 families?
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q So that would involve an actual total of over
- 4 1,000 people?
- 5 A That's right.
- 6 Q Okay. Might be 1500, almost 2,000 people?
- 7 A At times.
- 8 Q Do more people come to the mosque to pray during
- 9 Ramadan --
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q -- than other times?
- 12 A That's correct.
- 13 Q All right. And did you require your sons to go
- 14 with you to pray during Ramadan?
- 15 A Yeah, I asked them to go.
- 16 Q Did you -- well, now, you asked them. Does that
- 17 mean that they were expected to go?
- A Well, when we ask them, they are, yes, they are
- 19 expected to go with us there.
- 20 Q They're expected to do what you ask?
- 21 A That's right.
- 22 Q Because you are the father?
- 23 A That's right.
- Q And do they normally do what you ask?
- 25 A Beg your pardon?

- 1 Q Do they normally do what you ask?
- 2 A In most cases.
- Q Okay. And did they go with you on a daily basis
- 4 to the mosque to pray for evening prayer together with you?
- 5 A Yeah, that's correct.
- 6 Q And did that include Adnan?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q Okay. And, sir, was there a young people's group
- 9 at the mosque?
- 10 A Of all ages, from five years up.
- 11 Q Was there any special group of young men or
- 12 teenage men or young adult men?
- 13 A Yeah, there are groups that students strike, you
- 14 know.
- 15 Q Were there things other than the prayer
- 16 activities inside the mosque that were available for the
- 17 young people to do?
- 18 A Yeah. They've got basketball and they've got --
- 19 they can go for football game, for so many games.
- 20 Q Okay. On the mosque property itself?
- 21 A On the mosque property or as a group somewhere
- 22 else.
- 23 Q Did you observe Adnan interacting with other
- 24 young men, Muslims his age, whose families also interact --
- 25 whose families also belong to the mosque?

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1 A Yeah.
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- 2 Q And at the evening prayer that began at about
- 8:00, did it take a specific amount of time?
- A Yeah, it takes about maybe 2 to 2½ hours.
- 5 Q Two to 2½ hours?
- So what time would you normally leave the mosque?
- 7 A Well, it depends, but maybe about 10:30 or so.
- 8 Q Okay. Was it possible for your sons to leave
- 9 before you did?
- 10 A No, he won't.
- 11 Q He wouldn't?
- 12 A He won't.
- 13 Q Because it would displease you?
- 14 . A Because he would say that well, my father is
- 15 here, I will stay here.
- 16 Q And he'll stay?
- 17 A That's right.
- 18 Q Now, Adnan had use of a car, for the most part,
- 19 himself?

- 20 A We had just the one car at that time.
- 21 Q As a family, you just had one car?
- A No. We had two cars but the other car will be
- 23 taken by the rest of the family.
- 24 Q I'm sorry, the other car would be?
- 25 A The other car, either my wife and my other son,

- 1 they may take it.
- Q Would use it, okay. So he had to share the one
- 3 other car?
- 4 A Yeah.
- 5 Q And who did Adnan had to share that car with?
- A Yeah, for the prayers, with me.
- 7 Q With whom?
- 8 A With me.
- 9 Q With you?
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q Okay. So when you would go to the mosque, having
- 12 broken the fast from home, would you and he travel
- 13 together?
- 14 A Yeah.
- Okay. Was it possible for your son to sneak out
- 16 early, without you?
- 17 A I haven't noticed it.
- 18 Q You hadn't noticed that?
- 19 A No. If he wants to go --
- Q Would that be something significant to you?
- 21 A Well, actually, he would say that I have to take
- 22 care of school work or such things and he would go.
- 23 Q Okay. There might be other mosque activities
- 24 that took him away from prayer?
- 25 A Well, actually, after completing the prayers.

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Okay. All right, now, Mr. --
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                MS. GUTIERREZ: I'm going to move in now Defense
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                If you could help me out, what number?
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                THE CLERK: Five.
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                MS. GUTIERREZ: No, the calendar.
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               THE CLERK: Five.
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               MS. GUTIERREZ: Oh, it's 5? Oh.
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               I would move this into evidence.
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               THE COURT: Any objection?
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               MR. URICK: No objection.
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               THE COURT: Very well. It's admitted.
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                               (Whereupon, the document referred
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                              was received into evidence.)
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               BY MS. GUTIERREZ:
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               All right. Now, Mr. Rahman, let me direct your
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     attention to your son being at Woodlawn High School. He
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     has always gone to public school?
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          A
               Yeah.
               And has he always been a good student?
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               He has been top student, 5 percent, till -- to
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     eighth grade.
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               Okay. Since eighth grade?
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Since eighth grade.

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- Q Okay. Now, let me direct your attention --
- 2 someone under your religion Adnan's age or around his age,
- 3 is he permitted to date, according to the religion?
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q And is dating something that you would find --
- 6 you understand what I mean when I say date?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q Okay. Dating, having a social relationship with
- 9 a young woman his age?
- 10 A Yeah. That's not encouraged.
- 11 Q That's not encouraged.
- 12 And if a young man of his age is found to have
- violated that, even though he was not encouraged to do so,
- 14 what do you do about it?
- A Well, when it comes to that, they are classmates,
- 16 you know.
- 17 Q There are?
- 18 A Classmates in the same class, boys and girls. So
- 19 if they want to go out, they can discuss their studies or
- 20 games or things like that.
- 21 Q So there are innocent ways that girls and boys
- 22 are --
- 23 A That's right.
- 24 Q -- permitted to interact?
- 25 A That's right.

- 1 Q They're just not allowed to date each other as a
- 2 girlfriend and boyfriend?
- 3 A That's right.
- 4 Q If a young person doesn't follow the
- 5 encouragement of the community or their parents and dates
- 6 anyway, what are the consequences to that behavior?
- 7 A Well, they will be counseled and they will be
- 8 encouraged to do the right things.
- 9 Q And who would do the counseling and the
- 10 encouragement?
- 11 A Mostly, the parents will do it.
- 12 Q And is there any other resource that the parents
- 13 have to turn to?
- 14 A Well, they turn to -- there are some righteous
- 15 people in the community --
- 16 Q In the mosque?
- 17 A In the mosque.
- 18 Q Other Muslims?
- 19 A Other Muslins.
- 20 O Elders?
- 21 A Elders, yeah.
- 22 Q Okay. And what would they do?
- 23 A They would try to counsel them and encourage them
- 24 to do the right things.
- 25 Q To do the right thing?

- 1 A That's right.
- Q According to Islamic faith?
- 3 A That's right.
- 4 Q Meaning that they should stop dating?
- 5 A That's right.
- 6 Q Now, sir, let me direct your attention to the
- 7 fall of 1998. In October, did you have occasion to become
- 8 aware that perhaps your son Adnan might be dating someone?
- 9 A Well, actually, at that time, I'm not sure about
- 10 that.

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- 11 Q You weren't sure of it but did you receive
- 12 information that led you to question whether or not he was
- 13 dating somebody?
- 14 A Yeah. I had been questioning it but, actually,
- if they are classmates, it's kind of hard to detect whether
- 16 they're boyfriend or girlfriend or they're just friends.
- 17 Q Once you became aware that maybe that existed,
- 18 what action did you take?
- 19 A Well, if we know such thing, we will encourage
- 20 them towards the good deed, the righteous deeds.
- 21 Q Meaning -- would that mean to stop dating, if
- 22 that's what he was doing?
- 23 A That's right, yeah.
- Q Okay. And it didn't matter whom a young person
- 25 was dating, it's that all dating was out, no matter who it

- 1 was?
- 2 A It doesn't make any difference.
- 3 Q. Right. Okay. But they were still allowed to
- 4 have interaction with people of the opposite sex, as long
- 5 as it wasn't as a girlfriend or boyfriend --
- 6 A That's correct.
- 7 Q -- is that correct?
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 Q And did you have occasion to counsel your son
- 10 Adnan about what the righteous way was?
- 11 A Well, that is to give his, you know, priority
- 12 number one to his studies. And whenever he feel like
- 13 getting married, he can get married anytime.
- 14 Q Okay. And was he encouraged to marry the girl
- 15 that he might be dating?
- 16 A Actually, I'm not sure about that.
- 17 Q Well, did you encourage him to do that?
- 18 A Well, actually, it's now allowed with the Book of
- 19 the Scriptures to marry them and they can keep their own
- 20 religion.
- 21 Q Okay. I understand that, but did there come a
- 22 time when you asked Adnan was he dating some girl?
- 23 A Yeah, we asked him.
- Q And did he tell you that he was?
- 25 A Yeah, he was.

- 1 Q Yes. And was that easy for him to tell you?
- A Well, it was hard, but he has to tell me the
- 3 truth.
- 4 Q And after he told you, did you then counsel him?
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q Did you take any other action against him?
- 7 A Well, encourage him. You know, most of, you
- 8 know, counseling and encourage.
- 9 Q Did you throw him out of the house?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Did you ask him to leave your home?
- 12 A No. That would not resolve the problem.
- 13 Q Okay. And did you take away his car?
- 14 A No, we didn't.
- 15 Q Did you beat him?
- 16 A No.

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- 17 Q Did you inflict any other physical punishment?
- 18 A Nothing, no.
- 19 Q Or the loss of any other privilege?
- 20 A No.
- Q Why not?
- 22 A Because I believe that if he is treated otherwise
- 23 it would influence him better than punishing him like that.
- 24 Q Is that the way of Islam, as you've been taught
- 25 it?

- 1 A Yeah. Islam encourages.
- 2 Q Encourages.
- 3 A Encourages.
- 4 Q They don't force?
- 5 A Well, to force something that would get a
- 6 complete establishment.
- 7 Q Now, did there come a time when you and your wife
- 8 went up to Woodlawn High School at a time when you believed
- 9 that Adnan was at a dance with a girl?
- 10 A Yeah. Adnan has been telling me when it will be
- 11 this -- function in the school and he --
- 12 Q Did he generally tell you when he had some
- 13 function at school?
- 14 A Yeah. He told me that he has got a function in
- 15 the school, so I did not ask him when he was detained. But
- 16 we allowed him to attend the school functions.
- 17 Q And did there come a time when you became
- 18 concerned that that might not be an appropriate function --
- 19 A Yeah.
- 20 Q Is that why you and your wife went up?
- 21 A We went to check on what's going on.
- 22 Q When you got up there, did you ask for him to be
- 23 brought to you?
- 24 A I'm not sure about that.
- O Okay. Was there -- did you speak to him?

- 1 A To Adnan?
- 2 Q While you were up there?
- 3 A Yeah.
- 4 Q Okay. And was this at nighttime?
- 5 A Yeah, it was night.
- 6 O And did it turn out to be a dance?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q In your view, was it appropriate that he be
- 9 there?
- 10 A Well, that he should be home at that time.
- 11 Q Okay. So it wasn't appropriate that he be up
- 12 there at a dance?
- 13 A That's right.
- 14 Q Because that was not an approved function?
- 15 A No, we would not allow those things to happen.
- 16 Q You wouldn't allow them. And by you, do you mean
- 17 Muslims of your mosque?
- 18 A Yeah, that's right.
- 19 Q Okay. Under the tenets of Islam --
- 20 A No, we would not allow them to do this.
- 21 Q Okay. And did there come a time when you or your
- 22 wife asked to meet a girl?
- 23 A To meet the girl?
- 24 Q While you were up at that dance, to meet a girl?
- 25 A I can't recollect.

- 1 Q Okay. Well, were you present when your wife met
- 2 a girl by the name of Hey Men Lee?
- 3 A Yeah. There was a girl, she saw a girl.
- Q Okay. And did she speak to your wife?
- 5 A I was a little away. I'm not sure.
- 6 Q You didn't hear what they said?
- 7 A No.
- 8 O But you were aware of this girl by the name of
- 9 Hey Men Lee?
- 10 A Yeah, That's right.
- 11 Q And were you at that time concerned as to whether
- 12 or not your son Adnan was having an improper relationship
- 13 with her?
- 14 A We didn't know about that.
- 15 Q You didn't know whether or not it existed?
- 16 A We didn't know whether it existed or it does not.
- 17 Q But at that time, did you suspect it?
- 18 A No. I'm not sure about that.
- 19 Q Did you then leave the dance?
- 20 A Yeah, we left.
- 21 Q And did you ask your son to go with you?
- 22 A Yeah.
- 23 Q And did he comply with that?
- 24 A Yeah.
- 25 Q And did he go home?

- A Then he came back.
- 2 Q He came back to the dance?
- 3 A Yeah.
- 4 Q Was that okay with you?
- 5 A Well, that's the way he chose, to come back.
- 6 Q That's what he chose to do. Would that have been
- 7 your choice?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q Did you do anything to stop him --
- 10 A Well, actually --
- 11 Q -- from coming back to --
- 12 A Yeah. On the next day, you know, we --
- 13 Q No, on that night. On that night --
- 14 A No, not on that night.
- 15 Q And why not? Couldn't you have ordered him to
- 16 stay home and not go back to the dance?
- 17 A We got him home and then he went back.
- 18 Q And then he went back. And that was against your
- 19 wishes?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q But you were aware of it?
- 22 A That's right.
- 23 Q Did you regard that as his choice?
- 24 A Yeah.
- 25 Q Okay. And why didn't you do anything more to

- 1 stop him from going back?
- A Well, actually, we couldn't do more than that at
- 3 that particular time.
- 4 Q Okay. What is the belief --
- 5 MR. URICK: Objection. I don't think the answer
- 6 was finished.
- 7 THE COURT: I'm sorry, sir, your answer was? Why
- 8 didn't you do anything more? Your answer was?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Well, that night when he went back,
- 10 then we did not go back to bring him home because we
- 11 thought that tomorrow we would make him understand.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay, that tomorrow -- you need to
- 13 speak up louder so they can hear you, because I can hear
- 14 you but I don't know that the jurors can.
- 15 THE WITNESS: All right.
- 16 MS. GUTIERREZ: When you used the term make --
- 17 THE COURT: I'm sorry, would you finish your
- 18 answer so that they can hear it?
- 19 THE WITNESS: Beg your pardon?
- 20 THE COURT: See, when you turn your head to me.
- 21 your mouth goes away from the mike.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 23 THE COURT: And although I hear what you just
- 24 said, I don't know that the jurors heard what you just
- 25 maid.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 2 THE COURT: And they're shaking their head. They
- 3 didn't hear you.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Actually, that night he went back,
- 5 so we did not go back to bring him home. Rather, we
- 6 decided that if he comes home, then tomorrow we will talk
- 7 to him and tell him that you are not supposed to go back
- 8 there.
- 9 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:
- 10 Q In Islam, Mr. Rahman, is there a theory about
- 11 what the relationship is between a faithful Muslim and God?
- 12 A Well, the basic understanding is that the creator
- 13 has created the human being from a sperm, has the power to
- 14 know, has the power to see, has the power to hear the
- 15 individual. So this is a matter strictly, in a way,
- 16 between the creation and the creator.
- 17 Q Okay. Meaning between each individual and the
- 18 crestor7
- 19 A And Allah, that's right.
- 20 Q And is that -- does that bear any relationship to
- 21 why you didn't take immediate punishment on Adnan7
- 22 A Well, sometimes to punish a child, it's better to
- 23 treat him nicely and that could repair and that could, you
- 24 know, done good to him.
- 25 O There came a time when Adnan admitted his

- 1 relationship with his young woman, Hey Men Lee?
- 2 A Yeah, that's right.
- 3 Q And at that time, you made him very aware that
- 4 that was not appropriate?
- 5 A That's right.
- 6 Q Is that right?
- 7 A That's right.
- 8 Q And did you demand that he break off the
- 9 relationship?
- 10 A Well, actually, we told him, you know, that
- 11 that's not correct way to do things.
- 12 Q Okay. So you told him what was the correct way
- 13 and not the correct way, but did you order him to break off
- 14 his relationship once he admitted that there was one?
- 15 A Well, actually, these are such things which
- 16 cannot be ordered because they cannot be implemented then.
- 17 Q Okay. But he knew very well where you stood?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 Q As to what was appropriate and not?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 Q And did you -- other than counseling him orally
- 22 and reminding him what was appropriate, did you ever taken
- 23 any action against him because he admitted this
- 24 relationship?
- A Well, actually, we told him that you aren't

- 1 supposed to do that and if -- you know, things like that
- 2 will make us very much unhappy and you don't want to see
- 3 that.
- Q Did there come a time when he advised you that he
- 5 had broken the relationship -- or the relationship had been
- 6 broken off?
- 7 A Well, actually, he said that these are classmates
- 8 and we are the magnet students, so we exchanges notes and
- 9 consult each other on different problems.
- 10 Q Okay. And at that time when he said that, were
- 11 you aware that he got a cell phone?
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q And were you aware of what his purpose was?
- 14 A Well, actually, when he worked and, you know, for
- a while and he had some money, so he wanted to buy a cell
- 16 phone.
- 17 O And that was okay with you?
- 18 A Yeah.
- 19 O Were you aware that he used the cell phone to
- 20 keep in touch with girls?
- 21 A Well, actually, when it comes to phone and cell
- 22 phone, it's hard to check, you know, who --
- Q Okay. So you didn't become aware of that?
- 24 A It's almost impossible to be aware of.
- Q Okay. If that were confirmed to you, would you

- 1 kick him out?
- A Well, if that was confirmed, we will take the
- 3 phone away. You know, it's --
- Q Okay, because that would be an improper
- 5 purpose --
- 6 A That's right.
- 7 Q -- for the phone?
- 8 A That's right.
- 9 Q But you wouldn't kick him out of your house?
- 10 A Not nothing --
- 11 Q Or kick him out of your family?
- 12 A No, because it would not resolve the problem.
- MS. GUTIERREZ: I'm finished with questions,
- 14 Judge.
- Thank you, sir. Mr. Urick may have some
- 16 questions for you.
- 17 THE COURT: Sir, do you have questions and, if
- 18 so, about how long do you expect to be, approximately?
- 19 MR. URICK: I'd say no longer than 15 minutes,
- 20 probably less than that.
- 21 THE COURT: All right. And then probably
- 22 redirect.
- So why don't we do this. It's 5:25, we'll recess
- 24 for today and then we'll come back tomorrow.
- I need to advise you that I have one case on my

- 1 docket, so I'm going to do the same thing we did today.
- 2 I'm going to start off with this case
- 3 Ladies and gentlemen, first I'm going to ask you,
- 4 by a show of hands, did you have any difficulty getting
- 5 paid when I sent you over today? Very well.
- 6 I'm going to follow that same procedure again
- 7 because I find that that might be the best way, especially
- 8 with only one case on the docket for tomorrow.
- 9 Let me advise you that tomorrow, instead of going
- 10 to the Jury Commissioner's Office first, ask that you come
- 11 here and be assembled by 9:30. Whatever is going to
- 12 happen, I'm going to take this case first and then let them
- work out the other case. I'm going to take the continued
- 14 case, this case, as soon as all parties are assembled.
- I ask that you leave your notepads face-down. I
- 16 ask that you not discuss the testimony that you've heard
- 17 today or any other testimony, either amongst yourselves or
- 18 with anyone else and ask that you be assembled tomorrow no
- 19 later than 9:30. We will start this case and, again, as we
- 20 did today, I will recess around 12:15-ish, allow you to go
- 21 across. We'll take a luncheon recess and then resume.
- I have no other scheduled hearings or
- 23 appointments or meetings at lunchtime, so we should be able
- 24 to move pretty much like we did today.
- 25 I'm going to ask counsel to be prepared to work

- 1 like we did today. I know it's unusual to work till 5:30
- 2 but I'm going to continue to do it this in hopes that we
- 3 can resolve this case.
- 4 Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you again.
- 5 I know I thank you often but I just want you to know your
- 6 continued patience is appreciated by this Court. Your
- 7 continued promptness is appreciated by this Court. If I
- 8 don't say it, don't think that I don't notice; I do notice
- 9 and I do appreciate it.
- 10 And so, I'd ask that you have a safe journey home
- 11 and I will see you tomorrow.
- (Whereupon, at 5:34 p.m., the jury was excused.)
- 13 THE COURT: Sir, I must advise you that you are
- 14 still a witness and I must ask that you return tomorrow at
- 15 9:30.

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- 16 THE WITNESS: All right.
- 17 THE COURT: Once you arrive, you are welcome to
- 18 come right in and take the witness stand, have a seat,
- 19 because you will be the first witness. And I must tell
- 20 you, you cannot discuss your testimony with anyone. You
- 21 can't talk to Ms. Gutierrez and you can't talk to the
- 22 State's attorneys because you're a witness on the witness
- 23 stand. And you can't talk to anyone who might be called as
- 24 a witness who has not yet testified, okay? You might know
- of someone who might be going to be a witness, you can't

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talk to them about your testimony. Do you understand?
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              THE WITNESS: All right.
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              THE COURT: I'll see you tomorrow at 9:30.
              THE WITNESS: Thank you very much.
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              THE COURT: And you're free to go for the
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     evening. Thank you.
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              Ladies and gentlemen, this Court stands in recess
     until 9:30 tomorrow morning.
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               (Whereupon, at 5:35 p.m., the trial was
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     adjourned.)
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