

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.  
2 MR. URICK: Yes.  
3 THE COURT: May he be released from the summons?  
4 MR. URICK: Yes.  
5 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.  
6 THE COURT: Sir, you are now released from the  
7 summons, which means you're free to go. I must advise you  
8 you cannot discuss your testimony with anyone who will be a  
9 witness in this case, but if you'd like to remain in the  
10 courtroom, you're welcome to do that, do you understand?  
11 THE WITNESS: All right.  
12 THE COURT: With that, you're free to go.  
13 THE WITNESS: Okay, thank you.  
14 (Whereupon, at 2:44 p.m., the witness was  
15 excused.)  
16 THE COURT: Your next witness?  
17 MS. GUTIERREZ: The Defense would call Saad Patel  
18 to the stand.  
19 THE COURT: Step up, please. Raise your right  
20 hand, please, and listen to Mr. White, this gentleman right  
21 here.  
22 Whereupon,  
23 SAAD PATEL  
24 was called as a witness at 2:44 p.m., and after having been  
25 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

1           THE CLERK: Please keep your voice up. State  
2 your name for the record.  
3           THE WITNESS: I'm Saad Patel.  
4           THE CLERK: Spell your first and last name for  
5 the record.  
6           THE WITNESS: First name S-A-A-D, last name  
7 Patel, P-A-T-E-L.  
8           THE CLERK: State your address for the record.  
9           THE WITNESS: [REDACTED] Springs Court,  
10 Baltimore, Maryland 21228.  
11           THE COURT: Witness with you, Ms. Gutierrez.  
12           MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor.  
13                         DIRECT EXAMINATION  
14           BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
15           Q   Mr. Patel, first of all, how old are you?  
16           A   I'm 18 years old.  
17           Q   Okay. Now, Mr. Patel, Randolph Spring Court,  
18 what neighborhood is that located in?  
19           A   That's in the Woodbridge area.  
20           Q   Okay. Now, Mr. Patel, let me direct your  
21 attention to last year, but first of all, are you currently  
22 a student?  
23           A   Yeah. I'm a college student --  
24           Q   Where?  
25           A   -- at Towson University.

1 Q Okay. And what are you studying?  
2 A I'm just taking gen. ed. classes right now.  
3 Q Okay. And so, you're in your freshman year?  
4 A Freshman year.  
5 Q And that freshman year started in September of  
6 1999?  
7 A Yes, ma'am.  
8 Q Let me direct your attention back to September of  
9 1998 through May of 1999, last school year.  
10 A Okay.  
11 Q Were you a student then?  
12 A Yes, I was.  
13 Q And where were you a student?  
14 A At Woodlawn High School.  
15 Q And what program were you in?  
16 A I was in the Magnet Program.  
17 Q And is that also known as the Gifted and  
18 Talented?  
19 A Yes, ma'am.  
20 Q All right. And how long were you in that  
21 program?  
22 A Since my freshman year in high school.  
23 Q And while you were there, did you know a student  
24 by the name of Hey Men Lee?  
25 A Yes, I did.

1 Q How did you know her?  
2 A She was in a few of my classes and just knew --  
3 Q At Woodlawn?  
4 A At Woodlawn.  
5 Q Did you know her before Woodlawn?  
6 A No, I didn't.  
7 Q How would you characterize your relationship with  
8 her?  
9 A We were just friends. Whenever I saw her, I'd  
10 just say hey, what's up.  
11 Q Had you ever socialized with her?  
12 A No. I mean, not off school.  
13 Q Now off of school, but in school?  
14 A Yeah. Just joke around now and then.  
15 Q All right. And did you know back then, last  
16 year, a person by the name of Adnan Syed?  
17 A Yes, I --  
18 Q Could you identify him?  
19 A Right there (pointing).  
20 Q Sitting next to me?  
21 A Yes, ma'am.  
22 Q All right. And how is it that you knew him?  
23 A I've known him since birth.  
24 Q Since birth?  
25 A Since birth.

1 Q And how is it that you've known him?

2 A Through my parents. I guess my parents know his  
3 parents, so that's how I met him.

4 Q And is there any other connection between your  
5 family and his?

6 A Through the community, I guess. That's it.

7 Q And what community are you talking about?

8 A Our mosque.

9 Q The mosque. And what mosque is that?

10 A The mosque on Johnnycake Road.

11 Q And what kind of mosque -- what faith is that?

12 A Oh, it's for the Muslim faith, where people --

13 Q Have you been a member of that mosque since your  
14 birth?

15 A Yes, I have.

16 Q And do all the members of your family belong to  
17 that mosque?

18 A Yes, ma'am.

19 Q And as a result of you belonging to the mosque,  
20 you attend what are called prayers there?

21 A Yes, I do. I attend.

22 Q And do you participate in other activities for  
23 young people?

24 A Yes, I do.

25 Q And does Adnan Syed belong there?

1           A     Yeah, he belongs there.

2           Q     And does he participate in the prayers?

3           A     Yes, he did.

4           Q     And does he participate in other activities of

5 the mosque?

6           A     Yes, he did.

7           Q     And do other members of his family also so

8 participate?

9           A     Yes, they do.

10          Q     How is it you know that?

11          A     I know his parents. How do I know -- oh, I know

12 his parents through him and through my parents.

13          Q     Have you physically seeing Adnan Syed regularly

14 praying at the mosque?

15          A     I didn't go that often, but whenever I went, I

16 saw him there.

17          Q     Okay. So he was there every time you went?

18          A     Most of the time, yeah, he was there.

19          Q     But you didn't go all the time?

20          A     I didn't go all the time. No, I didn't.

21          Q     Was there anything wrong with that, your not

22 going all the time?

23          A     I mean, it's recommended that I go. I can also

24 pray at home.

25          Q     Okay. And do you do so?

1           A     Oh, I pray.

2           Q     Okay. Now, Mr. Patel, directing your attention

3 back to that school year, in school, how would you

4 characterize your relationship with Adnan Syed?

5           A     We're -- we played sports together.

6           Q     What sport did you play?

7           A     Senior year?

8           Q     Um-hum.

9           A     We played football together and we used to go to

10 practice together. And basically, whenever I saw him in

11 the hallways, you know, just say hey, what's happening?

12          Q     What kind of a athlete at football was he?

13          A     He was a pretty good athlete.

14          Q     And what kind of student was he?

15          A     He was a very good student.

16          Q     And were you also a good athlete?

17          A     Yeah, I was a good athlete. Yes, I was.

18          Q     And a good student?

19          A     Yes.

20          Q     Okay. Now, Mr. Patel, would you have called him

21 a friend?

22          A     Yeah, he was a pretty good friend.

23          Q     As a friend, did you see him outside of school?

24          A     Yeah, sometimes.

25          Q     Other than the mosque activities, did you see

1 him?

2 A Yeah. We went out a couple times.

3 Q And where did you go?

4 A The movies or went to a basketball game.

5 Q All right. Now, sir, did you become aware from

6 any source of a relationship between Hey Men Lee and Adnan

7 Syed?

8 A He told me about it himself.

9 Q Okay. And did you observe that relationship?

10 A I mean, I saw -- I saw them and stuff but it

11 wasn't a big deal to me.

12 Q It wasn't a big deal, the fact that they were

13 having a relationship?

14 A Not to me.

15 Q Okay. Now, sir, just -- back then, you were

16 still a Muslim?

17 A Yes, I was.

18 Q And you still prayed, as required?

19 A Yes, I did.

20 Q And you considered yourself an active Muslim?

21 A Yes, I did.

22 Q Were you aware that the Muslim faith does not

23 encourage people, young people to date each other?

24 A Yes, they don't encourage it.

25 Q Okay. And do you encourage that the Muslim faith

1 doesn't encourage young people to have sex with each other  
2 prior to marriage under any circumstance?

3 A Yes, I know about that.

4 Q When you became aware from him that they had a  
5 relationship, what did you understand their relationship to  
6 be?

7 A I thought they were just going out and having  
8 fun, I guess.

9 Q Dating?

10 A Dating.

11 Q Was it dating, from what you were told?

12 A From what I saw, that's what I assumed.

13 Q Dating as a girlfriend and a boyfriend?

14 A Boyfriend, yes.

15 Q Okay. And did you ever discuss with Adnan or  
16 receive information from any other source that told you  
17 whether or not they had sex?

18 A No one else told but I -- I asked him once. I  
19 was just like, you know, what's going on and --

20 Q And did he answer you?

21 A Yeah, he told me. Yes.

22 Q And did he indicate whether or not he was having  
23 sex with Hey Men Lee?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And what did he tell you?

1           A     That's it, he was having sex. He didn't go into  
2 detail or nothing. That was that, you know.

3           Q     Okay. As a result of your finding out that  
4 information, did you report Adnan to anyone?

5           A     Did I -- excuse me?

6           Q     Did you report him to anyone?

7           A     No, I didn't.

8           Q     For dating against the Muslim religion?

9           A     No. I didn't tell no one.

10          Q     Or for having sex with a woman to whom he was not  
11 married?

12          A     No, didn't report that to anyone.

13          Q     Is there any procedure for you, as a Muslim, to  
14 report that kind of activity?

15          A     There is no procedure. I mean, it's between him  
16 and --

17          Q     Okay. Now, from the time that you learned that  
18 he was having this relationship, did you become aware of  
19 any ups or downs in that relationship?

20          A     I wasn't aware of any. I didn't really -- I used  
21 to just ask him, like, how's she doing, stuff like that.  
22 That's it.

23          Q     Were the ups and downs of their relationship, if  
24 there were any, was that important to you?

25          A     I mean, he's a friend so I cared about him, but

1 if there were, I mean, it would have been important to me,  
2 but I wasn't really --

3 Q Did you become aware of a break up in the  
4 relationship?

5 A Yeah, I was aware.

6 MS. MURPHY: Objection.

7 THE COURT: Sustained

8 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

9 Q Did you ever become aware of whether or not there  
10 were ups or downs in their relationship?

11 MS. MURPHY: Objection.

12 THE COURT: Sustained.

13 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

14 Q And, sir, what else did Adnan tell you about the  
15 relationship?

16 A I used to just ask him, like, what's going on and  
17 how's -- how are they doing, basically.

18 Q And what would he ever tell you?

19 A He would just be honest with me. He's like  
20 everything's fine, you know. We're just going out and  
21 stuff like that, basically.

22 Q Did there ever come a time when he told you  
23 something different, that everything wasn't fine?

24 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.

25 THE COURT: Overruled.

1 THE WITNESS: Not that I remember.

2 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

3 Q Let me direct your attention to that same school

4 year, the period of time from the 20th of December through

5 the end of January. Did that time period have any

6 significance to you as a Muslim?

7 A The 20th of December to the end of January?

8 Q Yes.

9 A I think Ramadan started --

10 Q Could you tell us in your own words what Ramadan

11 is?

12 A It's when Muslims fast, they fast during that

13 month.

14 Q Is it a special month?

15 A It's a special month, yes.

16 Q What does the fasting require?

17 A You don't eat from dawn till dusk and you

18 shouldn't eat, drink, smoke, shouldn't do any bad things.

19 Q And, sir, during Ramadan, are there special

20 prayers that are said?

21 A Yeah. At nighttime, they have extra prayers and

22 you just go there and pray.

23 Q And during that month, do more Muslims go to the

24 mosque to pray?

25 A Yes, more Muslims come.

1           Q     Is your attendance at the mosque greater or  
2     lesser than at other times of the year during Ramadan?  
3           A     During that month, I come more often. I go more.  
4           Q     And during that time, did you ever become aware  
5     of a time in which Adnan led the prayers for the mosque?  
6           A     I didn't go to the mosque that day but I heard it  
7     from a lot of people there. They're talking about it  
8     because it's like a big thing when you have someone your  
9     age lead prayers there. And they're like, oh, he led --  
10          Q     Why is it such a big thing for a young person to  
11     lead prayers?  
12          A     Because usually, like, the adults lead prayers,  
13     and he's -- and other kids lead prayers, but I guess for  
14     him it was, like, someone I know and it was kind of cool,  
15     you know.  
16          Q     Did you talk to Adnan about that?  
17          A     Yeah. He told me about it. He was, like, were  
18     you there? And I was just, like -- I was, like, no I  
19     wasn't there.  
20          Q     When he told you about it, how was he?  
21          A     He was excited about it. You know, he was --  
22          Q     Do you remember the day that that was?  
23          A     The day he led prayers?  
24          Q     Yes.  
25          A     I don't remember the day but I think it was the

1 26th of Ramadan, which is about -- which is -- it was like  
2 13th or 14th or 12th or something. February 12th or 13th.  
3 Q Okay. Whatever the 26th, around that day of  
4 Ramadan?  
5 A Yes.  
6 MS. GUTIERREZ: May I approach the witness again,  
7 Your Honor?  
8 THE COURT: Yes, you may.  
9 MS. GUTIERREZ: If I could have the calendar  
10 again, Mr. White. Thank you.  
11 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
12 Q If you could take a look at this and tell us what  
13 that is.  
14 A This is a calendar of -- the Islamic calendar.  
15 Q And for what year is it? Not in Islamic terms  
16 but in our terms?  
17 A December '98-January '99.  
18 Q And does that include the month of Ramadan?  
19 A Yes, it does.  
20 Q Does it identify the dates of Ramadan?  
21 A Yes, it does.  
22 Q I'm not sure, did you say the 26th day of  
23 Ramadan --  
24 A It was the 26th and the night of the 27th. It's  
25 kind of --

1 Q Okay. And what day in our calendar would that --  
2 A I think it was the night of the 14th,  
3 January 14th.  
4 Q That's what month?  
5 A January.  
6 Q January 14th?  
7 A Yes.  
8 Q Not January 13th?  
9 A No.  
10 Q January 14th, and what year would that be?  
11 A 1999.  
12 Q Mr. Patel, were you in contact with Adnan?  
13 A I saw him at school and at the mosque when I  
14 went.  
15 Q Okay. And you -- speak to him outside of school?  
16 A Yeah.  
17 Q And to your knowledge, especially when you spoke  
18 with him about the day that he led prayers, knowing that it  
19 was such an honor -- is leading prayers something that one  
20 must practice to do?  
21 MS. MURPHY: Objection.  
22 THE COURT: Overruled.  
23 If you know, do you have to practice to do that?  
24 THE WITNESS: You have to pray but you don't have  
25 to practice. But it's recommended that you do.

1 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
2 Q And why is that?  
3 A Because it's your faith and you should, I guess,  
4 learn how to pray, learn how to lead prayers.  
5 Q Okay. And prayers that are led for the faithful  
6 during Ramadan are in what language?  
7 A Excuse me?  
8 Q The prayers that are led for the faithful during  
9 Ramadan are in what language?  
10 A Arabic.  
11 Q Arabic?  
12 A Yes.  
13 Q And is that a language that you're aware of that  
14 Adnan Syed speaks?  
15 A He doesn't speak Arabic but --  
16 Q Do you?  
17 A No, I don't.  
18 Q Is that a language that's spoken among the  
19 faithful at your mosque?  
20 A People speak it but not everyone.  
21 Q But not Adnan?  
22 A Not Adnan, no, not that I'm aware of.  
23 Q Was there ever a time when -- in your  
24 relationship with Adnan that he hid his relationship with  
25 Hey from you?

1           A     No.

2           Q     Did you ever become aware of a time when Adnan  
3     and Hey were broken up?

4           A     Yeah, I knew that.

5           Q     And when did that happen and how did you learn of  
6     it?

7           A     He told me they had broken up, but I don't  
8     remember when it was at all.

9           Q     In relationship to Ramadan, do you have any idea?  
10           MS. MURPHY:  Objection.

11           THE COURT:  Sustained.  He said he did not know  
12     when it was.

13           BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

14           Q     Whenever that period of time was, after that  
15     period of time, did you ever become aware of Adnan dating  
16     any other girl?

17           A     I knew -- yeah, he told me that he was seeing  
18     someone else.

19           Q     And knowing that you were aware that that was not  
20     an approved behavior for a young Muslim, did you tell  
21     anybody else of that?

22           A     No, I didn't.

23           Q     And did you become aware of when Adnan got a cell  
24     phone?

25           A     Yes.

1 Q And did you receive his cell phone number?  
2 A Yes.  
3 Q And did he reach you -- did you ever reach him on  
4 his cell phone?  
5 A I don't -- I called him once but I didn't get in  
6 contact with him. It was right when he got it, so --  
7 Q Okay. Right when he got the cell phone?  
8 A Right when he got it, yeah.  
9 Q But you actually got a cell phone from what  
10 source?  
11 A He gave it to me, he gave me his number.  
12 Q Were you aware of a girl by the name of Nisha  
13 Tanna (phon. sp.)?  
14 A By what name?  
15 Q By the name of -- a young girl by the name of  
16 Nisha Tanna?  
17 A Yeah, I heard about her.  
18 Q How did you hear about her?  
19 A He -- I think Adnan told me about her. I think  
20 she was from Rockville.  
21 Q Okay. And what is it that he told you about her?  
22 A He just told me that he met her, he met a girl  
23 named Isha. That's about it.  
24 Q Are you aware of whether or not he was pursuing  
25 her as a girlfriend?

1           A     I assumed that because why else would he bring  
2     her up, you know? So --

3           Q     And did you become aware of a girl by the name of  
4     Angeli?

5           A     Yeah, I heard about her, too.

6           Q     How did you hear about her?

7           A     He told me about her.

8           Q     And what context was that -- in what context was  
9     that?

10          A     He just told me that he met a girl who was from  
11     Philly, from Philadelphia.

12          Q     From Philadelphia?

13                 Were you aware of whether or not she was a  
14     college student?

15          A     No, I didn't know about all -- I didn't know  
16     about that at the time.

17          Q     At the time.

18                 Did you ever understand him to be  
19     girlfriend/boyfriend with her?

20          A     I knew they were seeing each other but they could  
21     have been friends, I don't know.

22          Q     During any of this time, Mr. Patel, were you  
23     aware of whether or not Adnan's parents were aware of his  
24     relationship with any young girl?

25          A     I don't know.

1 Q And did you attend social events at Woodlawn High  
2 School?  
3 A Not really.  
4 Q Did you attend the Homecoming Dance?  
5 A No, I didn't go to that.  
6 Q Did you ever hear about the events of that dance  
7 from Adnan?  
8 A Yes, he told me about it.  
9 Q And were you aware that his parents came up to  
10 Homecoming?  
11 A Yes.  
12 Q And prior to that, were you aware of whether or  
13 not his parents approved of his dating?  
14 A I don't know. I don't know.  
15 Q Did you ever, ever become aware of information  
16 that his parents actually approved of his dating Hey Men  
17 Lee at any time during their relationship?  
18 MS. MURPHY: Objection.  
19 THE COURT: Sustained.  
20 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
21 Q During Ramadan of last year, you said you  
22 attended the mosque more often than you had other times?  
23 A Yes.  
24 Q And the attendance, did that include the evening  
25 prayer?

1 MS. MURPHY: Objection.  
2 THE COURT: Sustained.  
3 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
4 Q What did your attendance at the mosque consist of  
5 during Ramadan?  
6 MS. MURPHY: Objection.  
7 THE COURT: Sustained.  
8 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
9 Q What time of night was the evening prayer?  
10 MS. MURPHY: Objection.  
11 THE COURT: Sustained.  
12 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
13 Q Did you ever see Adnan at the evening prayer?  
14 A Yes.  
15 Q Okay. How regularly?  
16 A Well, when I went there, I used to see him and  
17 other guys up there, so --  
18 Q And was that at the time of the evening prayer?  
19 A Yes.  
20 MS. MURPHY: Objection.  
21 MS. GUTIERREZ: And what was he doing on  
22 occasions that you saw him at the evening prayer?  
23 MS. MURPHY: Objection.  
24 THE COURT: Overruled.  
25 THE WITNESS: When I saw him there, he was

1     praying, and I guess we just talked.

2             MS. GUTIERREZ: I have no further questions.

3             THE COURT: Thank you.

4             Any questions?

5             MS. MURPHY: Just briefly, Your Honor.

6             THE COURT: Very well.

7                     CROSS-EXAMINATION

8             BY MS. MURPHY:

9             Q     Mr. Patel, good afternoon.

10            A     Hi.

11            Q     Now, your testimony is you weren't there on the

12     14th of January when the Defendant led the prayers?

13            A     Yes.

14            Q     And you didn't go on the 13th?

15            A     The day before he led prayers?

16            Q     Right.

17            A     I may have.

18            Q     You don't remember?

19            A     I don't remember.

20            Q     The 12th?

21            A     I probably was there because I'm there more often

22     during Ramadan. I was there -- so I went almost every day

23     during the month of Ramadan but I didn't go the day he led

24     prayers and a few other days before.

25            Q     So that's the only day you definitely know you

1 weren't there, was the day he led prayers?

2 A I may have been there but I wasn't there when he

3 led the prayers.

4 Q Oh, okay.

5 But the rest of it's pretty hard to remember? I

6 mean, this is a year later.

7 A You could say that.

8 Q Well, are you saying that?

9 A Yes, I am.

10 Q And it's not something remarkable if you don't

11 go, right?

12 A It's recommended that you do go but --

13 Q But you can pray at home?

14 A You can pray at home but during this month you

15 should go.

16 Q But you didn't?

17 A I did except for that day -- I mean that time.

18 Q But some nights you didn't?

19 A Yeah, I missed some nights here and there.

20 Q Did you get in trouble?

21 A I didn't get in trouble, but my parents told me

22 to go.

23 Q Okay. But it wasn't anything earth-shattering

24 that you didn't happen to go on those nights?

25 A No.

1           Q     Now, the Defendant told you about a girl named  
2     Isha?  
3           A     Yes.  
4           Q     And the Defendant told you about a girl named  
5     Angeli?  
6           A     Angeli, yes.  
7           Q     Is there anything you know about -- you didn't  
8     meet these girls personally?  
9           A     I never met them.  
10          Q     You only know about them from what the Defendant  
11     told you?  
12          A     Yes.  
13          Q     And you never actually saw him with these girls?  
14          A     No.  
15          Q     Now, you told us a little bit about Ramadan and  
16     you said during that time you shouldn't eat, drink, smoke  
17     while you're fasting?  
18          A     Yes.  
19          Q     That would include marijuana, I'm assuming?  
20          A     Yes.  
21          Q     You shouldn't -- and isn't it true that you  
22     shouldn't think bad thoughts during Ramadan?  
23          A     You shouldn't but you're a human being. You  
24     know, what can you do? You try not to but --  
25          Q     But you're encouraged not to?

1           A     You're encouraged not to.  
2           Q     Right. And you shouldn't lie?  
3           A     You shouldn't lie.  
4           Q     You shouldn't deceive people?  
5           A     No.  
6                 MS. MURPHY: No other questions, Your Honor.  
7                 THE COURT: Thank you.  
8                 Any redirect?  
9                         REDIRECT EXAMINATION  
10                BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
11           Q     On the days of the year other than Ramadan, are  
12 you allowed to lie?  
13           A     Not --  
14                 MS. MURPHY: Objection.  
15                 THE COURT: Sustained.  
16                BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
17           Q     You said generally, in answer to Ms. Murphy's  
18 question, that you were there during Ramadan?  
19           A     Yes, I was.  
20           Q     But you remember specifically you weren't there  
21 on the 14th? Or you weren't there on the day that he led  
22 the prayers?  
23           A     I wasn't there when he led the prayers.  
24           Q     When he led the prayers. So you might have  
25 actually been at the mosque but not actually praying --

1           A     Yes.

2           Q     -- or able to listen to him?

3           A     Yes.

4           Q     But generally, otherwise, you were there every  
5 day of Ramadan?

6           A     Most of the time I was there.

7           Q     Because it was recommended?

8           A     It was recommended.

9           Q     And every time you were there, was Adnan there?

10          MS. MURPHY:  Objection as to form.

11          THE COURT:  Overruled.

12          Do you recall?

13          THE WITNESS:  Yes.  He was there most of the  
14 time.  Most of the time he was there.

15          BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

16          Q     Much more than you?

17          A     Oh, he was there more than I was.

18          MS. GUTIERREZ:  Thank you.  I have nothing  
19 further.

20          THE COURT:  Anything further, Ms. Murphy?

21          MS. MURPHY:  No, Your Honor.  Thank you.

22          THE COURT:  May this witness be excused,  
23 Ms. Gutierrez?

24          MS. GUTIERREZ:  Yes, Your Honor.

25          THE COURT:  May he be released from the summonses?

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.

2 THE COURT: Ms. Murphy?

3 MS. MURPHY: Yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: All right, sir, you are free to go.

5 You may not discuss your testimony with anyone who is yet

6 to be a witness in this case. However, since you've been

7 released from the summonses as a sequestered witness, you

8 may remain in the courtroom since you will not be called

9 again.

10 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

11 THE COURT: You're welcome.

12 (Whereupon, at 3:08 p.m., the witness was

13 excused.)

14 MS. GUTIERREZ: Our next witness would be

15 Mr. Patel.

16 THE COURT: Sir, step all the way up here to the

17 witness stand. When you reach, I'd like you to direct your

18 attention to my courtroom clerk, raise your right hand, and

19 listen to what he has to say.

20 Whereupon,

21 MAQBOOL PATEL

22 was called as a witness at 3:08 p.m., and after having been

23 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

24 THE CLERK: You may be seated.

25 Keep your voice up, state your name for the