

1 MARIA AL QUASEM,

2 THE WITNESS, AFTER FIRST BEING DULY CAUTIONED AND SWORN,  
3 TETIFIED ON HER OATH THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING  
4 BUT THE TRUTH AS TO THE FOLLOWING:

5 DIRECT

6 BY MR. FEAZELL

7 Q Could you state your name for the record, please, ma'am?

8 A Maria Lisa Belmarez Al - Qasem.

9 COURT REPORTER: You're going to have to speak up.

10 A Maria Lisa Belmarez Al - Qasem.

11 COURT REPORTER: Spell Belmarez for me, please.

12 A B-e-l-m-a-r-e-z. (spelling)

13 Q Okay. And, then is that a capital A L and a capital Q?

14 A Yes. Al - Qasem.

15 Q All right. How are you doing?

16 A All right.

17 Q Sorry you had to wait.

18 A That's okay.

19 Q Now, everything we're going to be talking about is very  
20 important. The people sitting back over here -- these two  
21 ladies, are on our Jury.

22 A Okay.

23 Q They need to hear what you've got to say.

24 A Okay.

25 Q All right?

1 A All right.

2 Q So, I need for you to speak up loud.

3 A Okay.

4 Q Okay. The lady sitting right over here is going to be

5 taking down every thing we say. That means you have to answer

6 outloud.

7 A Okay.

8 Q Say yes or no. She can't get a headshake. All right?

9 A Okay.

10 Q And, you may want to lean into the microphone every once

11 in a while, because you're going to have to talk loud.

12 A Okay.

13 Q Now, where do you live, ma'am.

14 A Right now?

15 Q Yeah. What -- not the address, just what town.

16 A Waco.

17 Q In Waco, Texas?

18 A Yes.

19 Q All right. How long have you lived in Waco?

20 A Twenty-three years.

21 Q Okay.

22 COURT REPORTER: Twenty-three?

23 A Yes, ma'am.

24 Q See, you need to talk real loud. Ma'am, I'm going to ask

25 you if you know a person by the name of Muneer Deeb?

1 A Yes, I do.

2 Q How did you meet Mr. Deeb?

3 A Okay. When my husband and me -- we moved to a Faye Street.

4 where he was a --

5 COURT REPORTER: Moved to where?

6 A A Faye Street.

7 COURT REPORTER: Fate?

8 A Faye.

9 Q Faye.

10 A We weren't married yet --

11 Q All right. Now, stop. Stop just a minute. Try to talk

12 slow, and try to talk loud, so the lady can get it down, all

13 right?

14 A Okay.

15 Q You moved to Faye Street you and your husband. Tell us, please,

16 what is your husband's name, and after you've said it, please

17 spell it for the lady.

18 A Karim Al-Qasem.

19 Q All right. Please spell it.

20 A K-a-r-i-m A-l - Q-a-s-e-m. (spelling)

21 Q Okay. And he's your husband?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Ya'll moved to Faye Street, and then what happened?

24 A At that time Lightly was living across the street.

25 Q Now, Lightly -- who is Lightly?

1 A Muneer.

2 Q Uh?

3 A Muneer Deeb.

4 Q Mr. Deeb. Okay. Why do you call him Lightly?

5 A Well, when I met Lightly, I couldn't pronounce Mu -- Ma --  
6 Muneer. And, he told me that it was translated to Lightly. So,  
7 I always called him Lightly.

8 Q Okay.

9 MR. McCALL: In that event that she has difficulty in pro-  
10 nouncing it, if they -- if she could refer to him as Mr. Deeb,  
11 rather than any nick-name, or --

12 MR. FEAZELL: Judge, I think that she should be able to  
13 refer to him by whatever name she's known him by.

14 COURT: I'm going to let the witness refer to him how she  
15 wants to.

16 MR. McCALL: All right.

17 BY MR. FEAZELL:

18 Q Thank you, Judge. Now, he also had another nick-name that  
19 he - that he went by sometimes. What was that?

20 A Lucky.

21 Q All right. But, you called him Lightly. Now, when you got  
22 to Faye Street, tell us how you met Mr. Deeb?

23 A Well, when we moved across from Faye, you know, the house  
24 was kind of dirty, and we didn't a broom or a mop, or water,  
25 really. So my husband went across the street, borrowed some

1 water, a bucket of water, I think it was a mop, too. That's  
2 when they met.

3 Q All right. Did they strike up a friendship?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did Karim and Mr. Deeb have anything in common, such as  
6 their nationality?

7 A Yes.

8 MR. McCALL I'm going to object to the leading the witness,  
9 Your Honor.

10 COURT: Overruled.

11 Q What was their nationality, hon?

12 A Well, Karim is Jordanian. I think Lightly is Jordanian,  
13 too. See, when they met, because they were Arabs -- that's  
14 how they got along, because they spoke Arabic all the time,  
15 they got along real good.

16 Q So, they both speak the same language?

17 A Yes.

18 Q All right. When was that? What year?

19 A I think it was in '81.

20 Q All right.

21 A Yeah

22 Q Do you know whether or not, or were you privy to any conver-  
23 sations when your husband and Mr. Deeb might have discussed a  
24 business venture?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And, what was the nature of that business venture.

2 A They wanted a convenience store.

3 Q And, in fact, did they eventually open a convenience store?

4 A Yes, they did.

5 Q Okay. One at a time, all right? They did?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q What kind of store, ma'am did they open?

8 A It's supposed to have been like a Seven-Eleven, or Quick-

9 Pak, something like that.

10 Q A convenience store.

11 A Yes.

12 Q And, was that the Rainbow store?

13 A Yes,

14 Q And, where was the Rainbow store situated? Where was it?

15 A 1423 Herring.

16 Q And, where is that in relation to the Methodist Home?

17 A Right across the street. No. Yeah. Right across the street.

18 Q What is the Methodist Home? Do you know?

19 A I always thought it was a home for kids that didn't have

20 parents, or kids who are always in trouble.

21 Q Okay. A home for children?

22 A Yes. That's what I always thought it was.

23 Q Did you have many customers from the Methodist Home?

24 A Most of them were customers -- you know, customers from

25 there.

1 Q Okay. Now, speak up.

2 A Most of the kids that came to the Rainbow Drive  
3 In.

4 Q Okay. About when was it that they opened this store?

5 A Sometime in February. I think it was the fifteenth, I think  
6 is when it was.

7 Q All right. What year?

8 Of '80 -- '82.

9 Q Now, who all worked in the store when you first opened?

10 A My husband and Lightly.

11 Q Okay. Your husband and the Defendant, Mr. Deeb. By the  
12 way, do you see Mr. Deeb in the courtroom?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Could you point him out, please.

15 A He's sitting right there.

16 Q Okay. The one in the middle, in the blue suit?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Does he look any different?

19 A Thinner, really.

20 Q A little thinner.

21 A Yes.

22 Q There's --

23 A Mustache --

24 MR. McCALL: I object, he's injecting something that's not  
25 in evidence, and that's off the record.

1 COURT: Sustained.

2 BY MR. FEAZELL:

3 Q So, when it first opened, it was Mr. Deeb and your husband  
4 were working?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Did you hire anybody else to work in the store?

7 a Yes. He did.

8 Q Who was that?

9 A Kristine -- I think it -- I don't remember her last name --  
10 I just know her name, is Kristine.

11 Q Okay. Now, please, speak up.

12 A I know it was Kristine.

13 Q Kristine. All right. Do you remember about when it was that  
14 Kristine started working there?

15 A I think it was a couple of months after they opened.

16 Q Okay. Did you stay at the store a lot, too?

17 A I went a lot to the store, yes.

18 Q What hours was the store open?

19 A From seven in the morning to eleven.

20 Q How many days a week?

21 A Seven days a week.

22 Q So, that's a lot of time to spend down there.

23 A It is.

24 Q Yeah. So, ya'll hired Kristine to help. Through Kristine,  
25 did ya'll meet somebody else?



1 A Yes.

2 Q Who was that?

3 A We met David.

4 Q David who?

5 A Spence.

6 Q Okay. How did you come to meet David Spence, through  
7 Kristine Jewel, or Kristine, I'm sorry.

8 A Kristine was working there and David, you know, would come  
9 over there -- spend time when she was there.

10 Q Well, what was David to Kristine? Her brother, or --

11 A No. They were -- at that time, they were living together.

12 Q All right. All right. How much time did David spend at  
13 the store?

14 A Well, I didn't stay there all the time, but when I did  
15 went -- you know, when I went to the store, he would be there.  
16 You know, if Kristine was working, he would be there.

17 Q Okay. At any point during the time that David was staying  
18 at the store, do you know from your own personal knowledge  
19 whether or not, he had a job nearby?

20 A Okay. You're asking me if David had a job any at that time  
21 Kristine --

22 Q Yes.

23 A Yes, he did.

24 Q Okay. And, where was that?

25 A It was located behind the store. I don't know the name of

1 it, but it was behind the store.

2 Q All right. Do you know what kind of work it was?

3 A It had to do with aluminum.

4 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.

5 A It had to do with aluminum.

6 Q Aluminum. Did -- did-- did Deeb and David become friends?

7 MR. McCALL: Objection. Leading.

8 COURT: Sustained.

9 Q Maria tell us whether or not -- whether or not you ever  
10 observed David and Mr. Deeb Talking to each other?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Did they talk a lot or a little bit?

13 A A lot.

14 Q Spend a good bit of time together?

15 A Yes, they did.

16 Q How about your husband, Karim? His relationship with David?

17 A You mean -- well, Karim, when he saw David, he would say 'Hi',  
18 you know, stuff like that, but they weren't as close as Lightly  
19 and David.

20 Q Okay. Did -- tell the Jury whether or not it appeared that  
21 David and Deeb were close.

22 MR. McCALL: I'll object to any conclusion or any opinion  
23 on the part of the witness, if she could state what -- what  
24 they did, or what she saw them do, that would be another matter --  
25 what her observations were, but not her opinion, or conclusion.

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1 COURT: Overruled.

2 BY MR. FEAZELL:

3 Q Were they together enough that you formed any kind of  
4 opinion about their relationship? Where they close, or not?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. Thank you. Let me ask you, did you ever meet a  
7 girl named Gayle Kelley?

8 A Yes, I did.

9 Q How did you meet Gayle?

10 A She used to come to the store.

11 Q Used to come to the store?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did she come very often, or not?

14 A Yes, she did.

15 Q All right. What would she do when she came to the store?

16 A She'll come in, you know, get what she's going to get,  
17 talk to -- talk to Lightly, and then she'll leave.

18 Q Did she spend much time talking to Deeb?

19 A At the store? About five -- a few minutes.

20 Q Okay. Did you ever see -- did you ever see Gayle and  
21 Spence talking?

22 A No, I haven't -- never seen them.

23 Q Okay. Do you know whether or not Spence ever saw Gayle?

24 MR. McCALL: I'll object to anything -- whether or not  
25 she'd ever seen him -- he'd ever seen her, is that what you

asked, I'm sorry.

Q I want to know if Mrs. Qasem ever saw Spence and Gayle in the store at the same time?

A MR. McCALL: Okay.

A No, I haven't.

Q To your knowledge, did Deeb develop any kind of relationship with Gayle?

MR. McCALL: I'll object to any kind of speculation, or opinion, or conclusion, if she testified as to what her observations were, or what she saw, it would be one thing, but an opinion, or conclusion would be another. The predicate hadn't been laid either.

COURT: Overruled.

BY MR. FEAZELL:

Q That means you can answer my question. Did Deeb develop a relationship with Gayle?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Did Deeb ever talk about Gayle very much?

A Yes. He did.

Q How did he tell you that he felt about Gayle?

A How he felt about her?

Q Yes, ma'am.

A He felt more like a close friend.

Q Okay. Did he do things for her?

A Yes. He did.

1 Q What kind of things did he do for her?

2 A Let me see. One time Gayle called at our house, and it  
3 was very early and Lightly was supposed to open that day, and  
4 I answered the phone and she said that she wanted to speak to  
5 Lightly, and we went and woked him up, and he started talking  
6 to her. That time she wanted him to take her to Dallas, and  
7 she wanted my husband to take his place while he went to take  
8 her out there.

9 Q Okay. Did Deeb tell you about this?

10 A Yes, he did.

11 Q Okay. Did he tell you why she wanted to go to Dallas?

12 A He said that she had ran away, and she was in trouble at the  
13 Home.

14 Q All right. After, he took her to Dallas, do you know any-  
15 thing else he did for her?

16 A I know he bought her groceries and -- I don't know if that's  
17 what you're talking about.

18 Q, He bought her groceries while she was in Dallas?

19 A No. When she was -- when she came back.

20 Q She came back.

21 A Yes.

22 Q How long was she in Dallas?

23 A I don't remember. It wasn't that long."

24 Q What else did -- what else did he do for her, besides buy  
25 her groceries after she got back?

1 A He rented an apartment.

2 Q Rented an apartment?

3 A Yes.

4 Q For Gayle?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. And, where was that apartment?

7 A Northwood.

8 Q All right. Now, speak up so everybody can --

9 A Northwood.

10 Q Northwood Apartments.

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. What else did he do for her?

13 A I know he loaned her money. Took her out to eat a lot.

14 Q Took her out to eat a lot?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did he -- did he ever say that he liked her?

17 A The way he was talking, it sound like he did like her.

18 Q That he did?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. Do you have any idea how long Gayle lived in the

21 apartment that Deeb rented for her?

22 A I think it was two days. One night, and two days.

23 Q Okay. While Gayle was at that apartment during that short

24 time, did you have occasion to go over there?

25 A Yes. I did.

1 Q Now, why did you -- why did you go over there, Maria?

2 a Lightly came to the store, he was upset, angry, and --

3 Q Okay. You mean, Deeb came to the Rainbow --

4 A Yes.

5 Q Upset and angry. All right. What happened?

6 A He came and he was telling us that she had a bunch of people  
7 there -- they were having a party and that he was paying for,  
8 you know, the food, the-- the apartment for her, not for -- for  
9 his -- her friends.

10 Q Okay. You said he was upset, how do you know he was upset?

11 A The way he was talking, the way he was, you know, -- he  
12 came in.

13 Q How was he talking, and how did he come in?

14 A Well, he came in -- not his usual self, but he usually  
15 walks slowly --he came in, you know, and he started talking to  
16 my husband and then he started talking, you know, telling me  
17 what was going on, and he told me he wanted to go to the apart-  
18 ment.

19 Q He told you what?

20 A He told me he wanted me to go to the apartment.

21 Q He wanted you to go. Okay.

22 A And --

23 Q What else did he say?

24 A He wanted me to go there and see who that guy was that she  
25 said was his brother -- her brother.

1 Q All right.

2 A So, I went to the apartment --

3 Q Okay. No, before you went to the apartment, did he say  
4 anything else?

5 Q I think that he said that, they were having a party.

6 Q When he let you go to the apartment, was he still acting  
7 mad?

8 A He was very mad, yes. He was talking to my husband.

9 Q Okay.

10 A So, I went to the apartment, and Gayle was sitting outside  
11 on top of the hood with two guys.

12 Q Gayle was?

13 A Yes. She was sitting with a Spanish guy and a White guy.

14 Q All right.

15 A So, I went up there, and I told Gayle if I could see her  
16 apartment, and so she said yeah, and I told her that Lightly  
17 was mad.

18 Q Uh huh.

19 A And, -- I asked -- she said --

20 MR. McCALL: I'll object to any narrative, Your Honor.

21 COURT: Overruled.

22 Q So,

23 MR. McCALL: Or, any reference to hearsay between the conver-  
24 sation -- between somebody else.

25 Q All right. So, you told Gayle that Deeb was mad?



1 A Yes.

2 Q Then, what?

3 A We went in side the apartment, and I sat down and started  
4 talking. She said he didn't have no right to get mad.

5 Q Okay. Now, don't tell us what Gayle said, we can't -- can't  
6 do that.

7 A Okay.

8 Q All right.

9 A Okay.

10 Q But, without telling us what Gayle said, were you able to  
11 find out anything about the boy that Deeb wanted to find out  
12 about?

13 A Yes. She did say it was her boyfriend.

14 Q Her boyfriend. Had you ever seen that boy before?

15 A No.

16 Q Okay. Did you ever see him after that?

17 A No.

18 Q What else happened in the apartment.

19 A She showed me a dress.

20 Q She showed you a dress?

21 A Yes.

22 Q All right. Why did she show you the dress?

23 A She showed me the dress because it was "this girl's that  
24 he used to go with before, and she told me --

25 Q Wait a minute. It for a girl who used to go with?

1 A Lightly used to go with or was going with, no -- he used  
2 to belong -- he bought a dress for Kevina.

3 Q For Kevina?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay.

6 A And, the reason that she showed it to me was because it was  
7 very expensive.

8 Q All right.

9 A And, she wanted me to see that he'd go buying expensive  
10 clothes for that girl and he was, you know, he was mad about  
11 the food that they had ate during the party.

12 Q Okay. Now, this name Kevina -- had you heard the name  
13 Kevina before?

14 A Yes. I have.

15 Q Okay. We'll come back to that in a minute. Did you do  
16 anything else at the apartment, Maria?

17 A No.

18 Q What did you do when you left the apartment?

19 A Went back to the store.

20 Q All right. Did -- was Mr. Deeb there waiting for you?

21 A Yes. He was.

22 Q Was he still upset?

23 MR. McCALL: I'm going to object to the leading question,  
24 Your Honor.

25 COURT: Sustained.

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1 BY MR. FEAZELL:

2 Q What was his attitude when you got there?

3 A Well, he wanted to know if -- what he told me -- who the  
4 guy was.

5 Q Uh huh.

6 A And, I told him that it was her boyfriend. And she said  
7 it was her boyfriend.

8 Q Uh huh.

9 A And, he looked like he was kind of upset that she had lied  
10 to him, and when he knew -- he said that he knew that it wasn't  
11 her brother. You know, I think she was kissing him, because  
12 he said something about, you don't go kissing your brother. So,  
13 I think he knew that it wasn't her brother in the first place.

14 Q Okay. How was he acting?

15 A I think he was still kind of upset.

16 Q All right. What gave you that impression? What was he  
17 doing?

18 A Because he told me -- when he told, you know, us that were  
19 there that he was going to go kick her out at night. He was  
20 going to tell her to just pack up and leave.

21 Q Okay. Do you know whether or not he did that?

22 A Well, when I was talking -- I think he did, because when  
23 he went back to the --

24 MR. McCALL: I'm going to object to the -- any speculation  
25 or anything based on hearsay, other than what she actually

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1 knows.

2 Q Just tell us what you saw, okay? Or what you heard from  
3 Mr. Deeb.

4 A He said, the next day that she had left, because her clothes  
5 weren't there no more.

6 Q Okay. He told you she had left the next day.

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. Did you ever see Gayle again after that?

9 A Maybe once. I don't -- I can't remember -- I think once  
10 she went to the store.

11 Q Okay. And was that before or after the murders?

12 A I think it was after.

13 Q After the murders. Okay. But, between that time and the  
14 murders, did you see Gayle again?

15 A No. I didn't.

16 Q During the time that Mr. Deeb was renting this apartment  
17 for Gayle Kelley, and buying dressed for Kevina, where was he  
18 living?

19 A With us.

20 Q With you?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Where did he sleep?

23 A He slept in our apartment.

24 Q But, I mean in a bed, on a couch?

25 A On a bed.

1 Q You had more than one bedroom?

2 A It was a two bedroom apartment.

3 Q Okay. Did you ever know of him to sleep in his car?

4 A To sleep in his car? I don't know.

5 Q Okay. Now, let's talk about Kevina for a minute. When did

6 you -- when did Deeb first tell you about

7 A When he first told me about Kevina? Sometime when the

8 store opened.

9 Q Right about the time the store opened?

10 A Yes. He -- because that's when he was going with her.

11 Q What did he tell you about Kevina, Maria?

12 A What he told me?

13 Q What did he say about the way he felt about Kevina?

14 A I think she -- she's the one he cared about the most. You

15 know, because he was always, you know, trying to do things

16 for her.

17 Q Like he did things for Gayle?

18 A I think more Kevina.

19 Q He did more for Kevina?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did he tell you about some of the things he did for Kevina?

22 A I know he paid on her car and he pays on her apartment, and

23 then he bought her-- he said something about buying her gro-

24 ceries --

25 Q I'm sorry what --

1 COURT REPORTER: What?

2 A Buy her groceries, pay for her car, for her apartment,  
3 bought her clothes.

4 Q Okay. Please, remember to speak up so these ladies over  
5 here can hear you too, all right?

6 A Okay. Yes.

7 Q Did he say what his relationship with Kevina was like?  
8 Whether or not she felt the same about him?

9 MR. McCALL: I'm going to object to the leading -- if you  
10 asked her what -- what the relationship was, he's suggesting  
11 the answer in the second part of his question, there.

12 MR. FEAZEELL: I'm just trying to find out, Your Honor, what  
13 it was like, period. Good, bad, indifferent.

14 MR. McCALL: You could do that without leading the witness,  
15 though, that's what I objected to.

16 COURT: I'll allow the question.

17 BY MR. FEAZEELL:

18 Q You can answer. What was the relationship like?

19 A The relationship?

20 Q Yes. His with Kevina and hers --

21 A I think he cared more about her than she cared about him.

22 Q What gave you that impression?

23 A I know one time I went to go use the -- her phone at her  
24 apartment.

25 COURT REPORTER: You went to use the phone?

1 A Yes, ma'am. I went to go use the phone at her apartment,  
2 and Lightly, at that time had followed her before, and she told  
3 me, she goes -- you know, I was talking on the phone to him, you  
4 know, at the store, and she -- he wanted to talk to her, and she  
5 said, 'No, I don't want to talk to him.' And, she says, 'Just  
6 don't --

7 MR. McCALL: I'm going to object to hearsay.

8 COURT: Sustained.

9 Q Maria, we need to find out about the relationship. Could  
10 you tell us about it from things you know from what Mr. Deeb  
11 said?

12 A It's just that -- I don't know, like I said just that I thought  
13 that he cared more about her than she cared about him. I don't  
14 know, you know -- they knew each other a long time, I know that.  
15 I don't know how close they were, or nothing like that, I just  
16 know that he cared more.

17 Q What about some of the other girls from the Methodist Home?  
18 Did he do things for them, too, or not?

19 A Yes. He did.

20 Q Okay. For a bunch of them, or for a few?

21 A I think he did for a bunch of them.

22 Q Okay. Anything in particular?

23 A The reason that I said that I think it was for a bunch of  
24 them was because one time I was at the store and I was, you  
25 know, the phone call -- the phone rang, and I answered it, and

1 it was a girl. And, she said, 'May I speak to the guy that  
2 takes you out to eat steaks?' And, I said which guy is that?  
3 Because my husband and Lightly were there. And, she says, 'Well,  
4 the guy that wears glasses.' I said they both wear glasses.  
5 She said, 'The guy with the mustache.' They both have a mus-  
6 tache. Then she said, 'The, you know, short one.' I said they're  
7 both short. So, finally, I was getting mad, and I think she  
8 was talking to another girl on the phone, you know, next to  
9 her, and then she said, 'May I speak to Lucky?' And, I said  
10 fine you can speak to Lucky. And, I gave him the phone.

11 Q Okay. What I was wondering -- did some of the girls from  
12 the Methodist Home hang around the store?

13 A Yes. They did.

14 Q Do you know whether or not Mr. Deeb ever gave them things  
15 off the shelves, or things out of the store, without telling us  
16 what --

17 MR. McCALL: I'll still object to his leading the witness.

18 COURT: Sustained.

19 Q Okay. Just -- did some other girls hang around the store?

20 A The girls -- they did hang around the store.

21 Q Okay.

22 A And,

23 Q How did Deeb treat them?

24 A The girls come in the store, and he was always, you know,  
25 like hugging, and asking them if they need anything, you know,

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1 sometimes they wanted something to drink, or --

2 Q What if they said, yes, they needed something?

3 A He usually asked them what they wanted, and, you know, if  
4 they wanted -- sometimes he would, you know, like, they wanted  
5 some cigarettes, they wanted ,you know, him to let them borrow  
6 some money, you know, he was nicer to the girls. Because, I  
7 remember one time there was a guy there, and Lightly got mad  
8 because the guy stayed more than, you know, just standing around --  
9 he didn't want guys standing around there, unless they were  
10 going to buy something.

11 Q Okay. But, now what if the girl told Deeb she needed some-  
12 thing, what would Deeb do?

13 A If the girl needed something? I don't know what you mean  
14 by needed something.

15 Q I mean wanted something in the store.

16 A He let them have it.

17 Q Okay. Maria, Did Deeb ever mention an insurance policy to  
18 you?

19 A Yes, he did.

20 Q And, one in particular, on a girl?

21 A Yes. He did.

22 Q Did he tell you who it was on?

23 A Yes. He said it was Gayle Kelley.

24 Q All right. This is the same Gayle Kelley we were talking  
25 about a while ago?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Did he mention that to you just once, or several times?

3 A Well, the day he bought the insurance policy, he -- my  
4 husband told me that he --

5 MR. McCALL: I'm going to object to any hearsay, Your Honor.

6 COURT: Sustained.

7 Q Please, tell us just what Deeb told you all right?

8 A I'm sorry. He told me that he had gotten an insurance poli-  
9 cy on Gayle and he said, 'If anything happens to Gayle, I'll  
10 get the money.'

11 Q Uh huh.

12 A And, you know, I think that's what mostly he was talking  
13 about -- if anything happens to her, he'll get the money.

14 Q How many times did he mention that to you?

15 A At that first day that he had got it probably about  
16 three or four times --

17 Q Okay.

18 A -- that he'd gotten it.

19 Q Okay. Three or four times the first day?

20 A That he got it.

21 Q Okay. What about after that?

22 A One time he mentioned it after that is when -- the -- the  
23 kids got killed.

24 Q Okay. You're talking about when the three kids got murdered  
25 out at the lake?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q All right. What did he say to you then?

3 A Okay. He said --

4 Q Well, let me ask you first, where were you?

5 A I had went to Mexico --

6 Q No. No. Okay. Go ahead tell us, where were you?

7 A That night that he said something?

8 Q Yes.

9 A Okay. I went to Mexico, --

10 Q Uh huh.

11 A And, I came back -- because my Mom was in the hospital, so

12 I came back the next day, and then I got here on the fourteenth

13 at ten o'clock. That's what time my bus came in.

14 Q July 14?

15 A Yes.

16 Q At ten o'clock. That would've been the day after the mur-

17 ders.

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Okay. That morning -- the next day -- the morning -- Lightly

21 had to open that morning.

22 Q All right.

23 A And, I went to the store -- I was going to drop off my hus-

24 band there, because I was going to go see my mom.

25 Q Uh huh.

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1 A And, he was sitting behind the counter reading the news-  
2 paper.

3 Q Who was sitting back there?

4 A Lightly.

5 Q All right.

6 A He was reading the paper and laughing.

7 Q Laughing?

8 A Yes.

9 MR. McCALL: I'm going -- I'm going to object to the repe-  
10 titious, when -- if the question is asked and answered, the pro-  
11 secuter doesn't need to repeat the answer.

12 COURT: Sustained.

13 Q I was starting a question, Your Honor. What was he laugh-  
14 ing about, Maria?

15 A He was laughing about -- holding the paper -- about those  
16 three kids had gotten killed and he told me Gayle Kelley's  
17 boyfriend got killed.

18 Q He told you what?

19 A He said Gayle Kelley's boyfriend got killed.

20 Q All right.

21 A And, I said, what. And, he said look it's in the paper.  
22 And, I started reading it, and that's when I read that, you  
23 know, I think his name was Kenneth Franks, and I don't know,  
24 there were other names in there. And then he told me, he says,  
25 One of them should have been Gayle. You know, one of the

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1 girls should have been Gayle Kelley because he would be rich  
2 right now.

3 Q Okay. One of them should have been -- okay. What did he  
4 say after that?

5 A And, he told me that he was glad to have them killed, he  
6 wished--

7 Q All right. Wait a minute. I'm sorry. Slow down, speak  
8 loudly, because I'm having trouble hearing you myself.

9 A Okay.

10 Q He said what?

11 A He said that he was glad that they had gotten killed, and  
12 that if one of them was Gayle he would have had some money.

13 And, he said something else, I just forgot. Oh, that they  
14 deserved it and he wished he would have done it.

15 Q Okay. Could you tell that to the Jury? What else did he  
16 say?

17 A He said that they deserved it, and he wished that he had  
18 done it.

19 Q That he had done it?

20 A Yes.

21 COURT REPORTER: Would you like a drink of water? I'd be  
22 glad to get you some.

23 Q Maria, --

24 COURT REPORTER: I asked her if she would like a drink of  
25 water.

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1 Q I'm sorry. About that time, June, July, around that period  
2 of '82, how was the store doing financially?

3 A I don't think that it was doing that good.

4 Q What do you mean --

5 MR. McCALL: Judge, I don't want her to answer, then, if it's  
6 not something that -- if it's not something that's in her personal  
7 knowledge, if she wasn't involved in the operation of it, financial  
8 end of it.

9 COURT: Overruled.

10 BY MR. FEAZELL:

11 Q What do you mean, you don't think it was doing that good?  
12 Explain that to us, Maria, please.

13 A Well, Lightly and my husband both told me they owed some  
14 money to, you know, like ice, or beer, and coke, or something  
15 like that. They owed them money, so I didn't gather that they  
16 were doing that good, if they owed them money.

17 Q Okay. We'll pass the witness, Your Honor.

18 MR. McCALL: Do you want me to continue, because it's going  
19 to take me about thirty minutes, or so.

20 COURT: How long is your cross examination going to take?

21 MR McCALL: About thirty minutes, I imagine.

22 COURT: All right Ladies and Gentlemen, let's call it  
23 a day. I'll see you in the morning at nine o'clock, but  
24 before you leave, I need to remind you of the instruction  
25 about radio and television, so forth. Does everybody remember

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1        those instructions? See you in the morning at nine  
2        o'clock. Please remain seated while the Jury leaves  
3        the courtroom.

4        (THE JURY IS REMOVED FROM THE COURTROOM, AND EXCUSED  
5        UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 1985, NINE O'CLOCK A.M.)

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2 COUNTY OF JOHNSON

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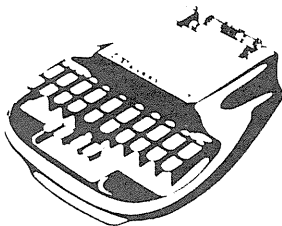
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1 TRIAL ON THE MERITS, FEBRUARY 28, 1985

2 (OUT OF THE HEARING AND PRESENCE OF THE JURY, NINE A.M.,  
3 FEBRUARY 28, 1985)

4 MR. BUTLER: If there's any way we can do it right now, I  
5 don't think it will take long, Judge, because I'd like to be  
6 able to get word back to Waco.

7 COURT: All right.

8 MR. BUTLER: Our office called last night, and said they'd  
9 been receiving phone calls from witnesses who had been  
10 subpoenaed on this Cause Number. The witnesses were telling  
11 them that the subpoena directed them to report on Saturday,  
12 this coming Saturday.

13 MR. FEAZELL: Defense subpoenas.

14 MR. BUTLER: The witnesses were not subpoenaed by the State.  
15 We can't tell them not to appear on a Defense Subpoena, so I  
16 wanted to bring it up in Court. It's probably a typographical  
17 error.

1 COURT: We're not going to hold Court on Saturday, Gentle-  
2 men.

3 MR. McCALL: It was on one. I've already talked to one or  
4 two people, now if you'll tell me who it is.

5 MR. BUTLER: I -- I have no knowledge of who it is.

6 COURT: What you can do is just change it to the -- Monday  
7 morning.

8 MR. McCALL: I'll get in touch with those people.

9 COURT: I don't want a bunch of witnesses coming up here  
10 on Saturday morning, when we're not holding Court.

11 MR. McCALL: We've talked to them.

12 MR. ANDERSON: We found that out yesterday afternoon, Judge.  
13 and talked to a couple. We'll contact everyone else.

14 MR. BUTLER: So there won't be any problem with our office  
15 telling them not to come until --

16 COURT: Telling them not to come until Monday morning until  
17 nine.

18 MR. McCALL: No.

19 MR. ANDERSON: The second subpoena in that went out on the  
20 fourth, and that was what -- it wasn't supposed to be.

21 COURT: That's no problem. Make sure they know it's Mon-  
22 day morning instead of Saturday.

23 MR. ANDERSON: Okay.

24 COURT: All right. Bring the Jury in.

25 (THE JURY IS BROUGHT INTO THE COURTROOM TO BEGIN THE TRIAL

1 ON THE MERITS, FEBRUARY 28, 1985)

2 COURT: Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. All right. Be  
3 seated, please, Gentlemen. Call your next witness, State.

4 MR. FEAZELL: Your Honor, I believe Maria Qasem was on the  
5 stand, and ready for cross examination.

6 COURT: Maria Qasem.

7 (State's witness, Maria Al-Qasem returns to the stand)

8 CROSS EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. McCALL:

10 Q Good morning, Mrs. Qasem.

11 A Good morning.

12 Q I'll be asking the questions for most of this morning, and  
13 then Mr. Feazell and Mr. Butler will ask you some more questions.  
14 If you need any water at any time if you would indicate it. The  
15 Court will be glad to accomodate you on that.

16 A Okay.

17 Q Okay. Would you begin by telling me when you met Karim?

18 A When I met Karim? Oh, in 1980, the month? Do you need a  
19 month, too?

20 Q Well, as close as you can come.

21 A It had to be somewhere between February and March.

22 Q Okay. Early 1980.

23 A Yes.

24 Q At the time you first met Karim, he could communicate in  
25 English all right, I suppose.

1 A Yes.

2 Q Not fluent -- he wasn't fluent in English -- he didn't  
3 speak English real well, did he?

4 A He didn't speak English very well --

5 Q Right.

6 A Is that what you're saying?

7 Q He didn't speak English real well, did he?

8 A No, he didn't speak English very well. I understood what  
9 he was saying, and I speak only English. Well, I knew some  
10 Spanish, but I did understand what he was saying.

11 Q You could understand what he was saying, but he -- he wasn't  
12 fluent in English, was he? Had a real good command of the  
13 English language.

14 A Like I said, I understand him.

15 Q All right. He -- on many occasions, though, when he was  
16 talking to Muneer, he would prefer to speak in Arabic, wouldn't  
17 he?

18 A When he talked to Lightly, yes. He would speak Arabic.

19 Q Like there at the store -- ususally they were at the store together  
20 most of the day, weren't they?

21 A Yes. They were.

22 Q When did you first meet Muneer.

23 A Oh. That was in '81. And it was in May or June.

24 Q All right. Then it was about six months later after that,  
25 that Karim and Muneer started talking about opening up the store.

1 Is that about right?

2 A That was in December and January . I remember, because  
3 six months had gone.

4 Q During that time had you seen Muneer quite a bit, from the  
5 time you met him until the time the store was opened up?

6 A Are you asking me if I'd seen Lightly a lot that time, from  
7 the time that we met him until the time that we opened the store?

8 Q Uh huh.

9 A Yes. We did.

10 Q Wouldn't it be fair to say that during your impression that  
11 you got of Muneer during that time was that he was a -- a happy  
12 amiable person?

13 A That he was a happy person? Is that what you're asking me?

14 Q Right. Outgoing -- An outgoing type personality.

15 A He was always, you know, he said hey --

16 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I didn't understand you.

17 A He was happy and outgoing.

18 Q And, he liked to -- he liked to help people and things like  
19 that?

20 A Okay. You're asking me if he liked to help people, right?

21 Q Do things for them, -- do things for them, things like that  
22 especially when the store opened up?

23 A Okay. When the store opened up the most people he helped  
24 were girls.

25 Q Okay.

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1 A But, he did, you know.

2 Q And, the store opened up about February of 1982, is that  
3 right?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Now, the store itsself, do you know the dimesions of it in  
6 feet? Like, about how long it was and how wide it was, would  
7 you say it was about twenty-five feet wide? Does that sound  
8 about right to you?

9 A Are you asking me if I measured the store?

10 Q No. Not if you measured it, but -- does it seem to you that  
11 it was about twenty-five feet wide, or, you know --

12 A From the door, or what?

13 Q From the inside of the door to -- to the wall.

14 A I -- I don't know. I didn't measure.

15 Q I mean would it be something like, from here to over this  
16 corner somewhere?

17 A I don't know what you're asking me. From the door to the  
18 counter, or from the door to the drinks, or from the door to  
19 the candy? I don't know what you're asking me.

20 Q From the door to where the vaults were on the opposite wall

21 A From the door to the other wall.

22 Q Right.

23 A Is that what you're asking me? Okay. It would be from here  
24 to -- to I guess to the first row.

25 Q Okay. And, that's somewhere around twenty-five feet, something

1 like that. Does that look about right?

2 A Okay.

3 Q Okay. Then, then the counter -- you had the counter, and  
4 that's where the cash register was, right?

5 A Right.

6 Q Now, about how wide was the counter? It wasn't very wide,  
7 was it? About three feet, two and a half feet, something like  
8 that?

9 A Okay. The counter was this way. It was from the door to  
10 about where -- I guess where Mr. Feazell is sitting. So, it  
11 was long.

12 Q All right. And, it was about two or three feet wide, some-  
13 thing like that. Is that about right?

14 A No. Let's see. I don't know if it was wide or not -- where  
15 they had the cash register sitting at -- and the cash register --  
16 I don't know how wide it was, really. I don't know if it was  
17 wide or not.

18 Q Okay. Just hold up your hands about how wide it was. Now,  
19 I'm just asking for an estimate.

20 A Okay. I guess from here to about here.

21 Q All right. Somewhere around three feet, something like  
22 that.

23 A I guess so.

24 Q How many children do you have, now, Maria?

25 A Right now?



1 Q Yes.

2 A Two.

3 Q Two boys, or a boy and a girl, or what?

4 A Two boys.

5 Q Okay. What -- what are their dates of birth?

6 A Our oldest little boy was born December 14, 1981.

7 Q All right.

8 A My other little boy was born March 17, 1982, or '83.

9 Q Okay. So he's going to be two or three, or --

10 A He's going to be two in March.

11 Q He'll be two?

12 A Yes.

13 Q All right. So, he was born in '83.

14 A Okay. '83.

15 Q All right. So you had -- at the time the store opened, you

16 had an -- an infant.

17 A Yes.

18 Q He was just about three months old, or something like that?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Most of the time after the store opened, did you spend time --

21 it takes a lot of time to take care of a young child, I know.

22 Most of the time when the store opened up, did you stay at home

23 with your baby, or at your mother's with the baby?

24 A You're asking me if I stayed at the store, or where did I

25 spend most of my time, is that--

1 Q Right. Did you spend most of your time at home with your  
2 baby?

3 A No. I didn't spend most of my time at home. I -- if my  
4 husband was working I'd go to the store. I'm not saying that  
5 I stayed there, you know, all day. I'm saying that I used to go  
6 all the time, you know, back and forth, back and forth, but I  
7 did spend quite a time there. I'm not saying that I sat there,  
8 or --

9 Q Sure, I understand.

10 A -- all the time that he was there. But, I did go a lot there.

11 Q About how many hours in a normal day would you be there?

12 At the store.

13 A At the store, normal hours.

14 Q Right. If you kind of added up all the time that you were  
15 at the store, you know, when it opened up on an average day?

16 A Okay. Can I just use one day as an example, or I can use --

17 Q All right.

18 A Okay. If my husband opened up in the morning, I would go  
19 over there with him, since I didn't have no were else to go, or  
20 nothing to do, you know, I had the baby any way. I would stay  
21 there for a while, if I needed, you know, if I wanted to eat,  
22 drink, or something, I did, you know, I would do that. You know,  
23 I used to -- and, okay, I stayed maybe an hour, hour and a half.  
24 Okay. I left I come back at lunchtime, or whatever, stay another  
25 two hours, three hours, left came back, at about four or five,

1 stayed there a couple of hours, left, came back, at about nine,  
2 or, you know, something like that and stayed there, until they  
3 closed.

4 Q Okay. You -- it was -- the store was open about sixteen  
5 hours -- sixteen hours a day, is that right?

6 A I know it was open from seven until eleven.

7 Q All right. So, what you described to me, I believe would  
8 have you being there about half the time. Out of the sixteen  
9 hours, you might have been there, you know six or eight --

10 A You see what I'm saying -- I'm just using one day as an  
11 example. I might have been there more, and it might have been,  
12 you know, less. But, most of the time when my husband was there,  
13 I was there, also.

14 Q What you described to me is kind of a normal day -- would  
15 have you there about half the time.

16 A Okay.

17 Q That the store was open, if I understand what you just  
18 said. Does that sound about right?

19 A I guess it sounds right.

20 Q When -- when in your recollection -- did you say yester-  
21 day that Kristine Jewel was hired in April or May of '82?

22 A I said that she was hired a couple of months after the store  
23 opened so probably.

24 Q Okay. That would be somewhere around April of '82, then,  
25 right?

1 A Yes. It would be.

2 Q How many -- was she hired as a full time employee where  
3 she was working forty hours a week?

4 A When they hired her, Lightly was the one that wanted to hire  
5 her. Well, they had worked it out with themselves that she was --  
6 first they were going to, you know, stay with her for a while  
7 'till she got, you know, going, you know, I guess, like, train  
8 her or something like that. She was going to be putting, I  
9 guess, forty hours in. I know that --

10 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear you. I didn't  
11 understand you.

12 A Okay. I know Kristine, when she started working, they would  
13 have like -- one day Lightly opened, one day my husband opened,  
14 and one day Kristine opened. But that doesn't mean that Lightly  
15 or Kristine -- I mean, Lightly or Kristine opened that my  
16 husband wouldn't go up ther either, you know, he still --

17 Q I understand that, right.

18 A -- would still go. I -- I don't know if she put in her forty  
19 in -- her forty hours in or not.

20 Q After a while, though, she got to where she was putting  
21 in forty hours a week, wasn't she?

22 A I guess, I'm not sure about that?

23 Q Okay. Karim, your husband would know more about the exact  
24 hours that she worked, I guess.

25 A Yes.

1 Q Do you know what her rate of pay was? Or would that be  
2 something I need to ask --

3 A Probably you'd ask him, because I don't know.

4 Q While at the store, did you get to know David Wayne Spence?

5 A Yes.

6 Q About when was it that -- that you met him?

7 A Like I said yesterday, it was the same time I met Kristine.  
8 Because David was staying around the store because Kristine was  
9 working.

10 Q Okay. And, he -- he was there very often, wasn't he?

11 A Yes. He was.

12 Q And, he didn't go to work full time at Burk Aluminum until  
13 after the lake murders, isn't that right?

14 A I don't know. I don't remember exactly.

15 Q Do you recall that he -- where he lived at the time, you  
16 know, when you first met him, and he started coming over there --  
17 was just a matter of a few blocks from the store?

18 A I don't know. I don't know where he lived at when -- you  
19 know, he started working there.

20 Q When did he -- at the time Kristine came to work at the  
21 store, was -- David -- were David Spence and Kristine Jewel  
22 already boyfriend and girlfriend, at that point?

23 A I'm sorry. Could you repeat that again?

24 Q Okay. At the time Kristine came to work at the store about  
25 April of '82, were she and David already boyfriend and girlfriend

1 at that point? At that time?

2 A I believe so, because she said they were living together,  
3 I'm not sure.

4 Q And, that's why he would come over to the store very often --  
5 was because -- I mean -- when Kristine was there especially?

6 A Okay. I'm not saying that he didn't come to the store  
7 when she wasn't there. He did go to the store all the time  
8 when she was there. I'm not saying that he, you know --

9 Q He came other times, too?

10 A Yeah. He did come other times. But most the time, when  
11 Kristine was there.

12 Q Did he stay -- usually did he stay the entire -- most, or  
13 all of Kristine's shift, wouldn't he?

14 A Like I said, I wasn't there all the time I did go back and  
15 forth, but when I did go, and Kristine was working, he would  
16 be there.

17 Q Usually when Kristine was working, then, when you were in  
18 the store, you would see David Spence there also?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Now, it's a fact, then, that -- isn't it? -- that Muneer  
21 and David Spence were not friends to the extent that Muneer was  
22 friends with Karim, your husband?

23 A Could you, please repeat that?

24 Q Muneer did not have as close of a relationship with David  
25 Spence -- he wasn't friends with him like he was with Karim?

1 A Okay. You're asking me if Lightly was real close to David --  
2 Q I'm say --  
3 A More closer to David or to my husband?  
4 Q That he was a lot closer to Karim, your husband, than he  
5 was to David, wasn't he?  
6 A Well, when, my husband and Lightly, you know, they were  
7 friends, but when they met -- when he met David -- my husband  
8 didn't go, you know -- my husband would go somewhere he  
9 would most of the time take David with him. I'm not saying  
10 that Karim wasn't that close a friend, I'm saying that David  
11 hung around -- Lightly hung around mostly with David. When  
12 they, you know, he met David.  
13 Q Okay. He continued -- he lived -- Muneer lived with you  
14 and Karim?  
15 A Yes. But, he still, you know -- when he left to go out, you  
16 know, he closed the store and he came home. Lightly wouldn't  
17 be home, he was, you know, he would take off. I know there  
18 was a time when he used to take David and Kristine out to eat.  
19 You know, I'm not, you know, I'm not saying anything. He still  
20 talked to my husband, even though he was talking to, you know,  
21 David..  
22 Q All right. When Muneer went out with David on occasions  
23 with Kristine and David.  
24 A Lightly -- yeah Lightly --  
25 Q Okay. Lightly.

1 A -- went out with them.

2 Q You know him as Lightly?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Because I think that trans --

5 A Yeah.

6 Q Muneer translates --

7 A Light.

8 Q -- into light.

9 A Yes.

10 Q And, you and Karim, on occasions did things with -- with

11 Kristy when she was with David, like swimming over at the Riviera

12 Apartments, something like that.

13 A The who? The -- our apartment?

14 Q You were at the Riviera Apartments at the time, isn't that

15 where ya'll lived?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Okay. I'm talking about now --July --

18 A Okay.

19 Q July the Fourth, say 1982, ya'll lived at the Riviera?

20 A No. The Le Chateau.

21 Q Le Chateau. All right.

22 A Okay. The Fourth of July was when David started coming to

23 our apartment. And the reason I remember that is because it

24 was the Fourth of July, and there were a lot of fireworks, and

25 they had closed the store, and David wanted to go the lake. He

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1 you know, he wanted to go swimming. And, that's when I told  
2 my husband, you know, that we've got a swimming pool and why  
3 don't we just go to our apartment, and, you know we have a  
4 swimming pool there anyway. So, that's when, you know, that's  
5 the first night they came over to our place.

6 Q Okay. Now, you're around -- you're around David Spence  
7 quite a bit then, when you were in the store and he was present,  
8 if I understand what you are saying.

9 A I was around David, is what you're saying?

10 Q In his presence at the store, on -- on a lot of occasions?  
11 You were in the store at the same time as David Spence a lot  
12 of times -- at the store?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Were you in there on some occasions when some girls would  
15 be in the store when you and David were both there?

16 A I'm not -- well --

17 Q When some girls from the Methodist Home, or some -- some  
18 place else were in the store.

19 A Okay. I know -- okay -- I know the girls from the Methodist  
20 Home used to come to the store, but I don't -- I can't remember  
21 for sure if David -- if I was there and David was there, and  
22 they came over, you know, I don't know. I can't remember.

23 Q You were around David enough to know whether or not --  
24 what type of attention that he paid to -- to women, weren't you?  
25 You were around David enough to --

1 A Know if he flirts, or what?

2 Q Right. Or flirts, or kind of eyeballed a girl when he  
3 was around a good looking girl, or what?

4 A You're asking me if I knew if he flirted around a lot, or  
5 what?

6 Q Right. Did you see him flirt with some other girls or  
7 look at them, or kind of eyeball them when they came in the store  
8 or any other place that you were with him? You know, --

9 A Okay. Like I said a while ago, I -- I don't remember David --  
10 me and David being in the store at the same time all those  
11 girls came in. You know, when the girls came in. I know  
12 the girls from the Methodist Home came in a lot and I was there  
13 a lot, and David was there a lot, but I can't remember if David,  
14 you know, what you're asking me -- did -- that.

15 Q Okay. Did -- were you around David Spence much when he was  
16 talking about women, girls, anybody in particular, or just talk-  
17 ing about girls in general?

18 A I can't say I remember.

19 Q You can't recall any conversation like that?

20 A I can't remember, myself, that -- you know, that, you know --  
21 you're asking me.

22 Q I'm not -- I'm not referring to any particular conversation,  
23 but just -- were you ever around him when he was talking about  
24 girls, or sex, or anything like that?

25 A No.

1 Q Were you -- were there some times at the store when you  
2 heard Muneer and David talking -- when Muneer would object to  
3 David -- tell David Spence that he didn't like the way he was  
4 treating Kristine Jewel?

5 A You're asking me if Lightly got mad at David?

6 Q First of all, let me ask this: are you aware as to how -- how  
7 David Spence treated Kristine Jewel? Just what kind of a rela-  
8 tionship did they have?

9 A You're asking me if -- you're asking me that when he treated  
10 her --

11 Q Kristine, right. How did David treat Kristine, or just  
12 what kind of relationship did they have -- it was a stormy type  
13 of relationship, wasn't it?

14 A I know one time I had a -- a conversation with Kristine and  
15 David at our apartment, and Kristine was telling me that David  
16 tied her up outside you know, like a dog, and left her all night,  
17 like, you know, out there, is that what you're talking about?

18 Q See, but some things like that wouldn't be very good to  
19 Kristine though , or any woman, would it?

20 A No.

21 Q You wouldn't want Karim tying you up.

22 A No, I sure wouldn't.

23 Q Now, so you knew some of these things. "

24 A Uh huh.

25 Q Had you ever heard -- had you ever heard Muneer talking to

1 David about things like that? Maybe not that particular inci-  
2 dent, but telling him he didn't like the way -- he didn't approve  
3 of the way that he was treating Kristine?

4 A If I remember Lightly telling David that he didn't like  
5 the way he treated Kristine.

6 Q Anything like that, yes.

7 A I think the only time he ever mentioned it was when David  
8 came to the store mad, and was, you know, hollering at her in  
9 the store, and Lightly did tell him that she was a lady, you know  
10 I don't remember him telling him nothing about, you know, the  
11 way he was treating her. I just remember he told him to leave  
12 that this was a store, not a place that he had to fight.

13 Q He -- David was yelling at Kristine?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And, Muneer told him to get out of there?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Kind of took -- taking up for Kristine, and keeping the  
18 peace in the store, too?

19 A Yes. Because, he said that he didn't want any trouble in  
20 the store, you know, which is the same thing I would have said  
21 too. I would have told David to leave, if I was there, you know  
22 not to be doing that in the store.

23 Q And, Muneer treated Kristine and treated other girls that --  
24 that came in the store like a gentleman, didn't he? He wasn't  
25 rude to them, or yell at them. He was polite to them, wasn't

1 he?

2 A He treated Kristine different from the other girls. I mean  
3 Lightly was always hugging on girls, but he didn't hug on  
4 Kristine. You know, the girls coming in, and he go hugging --  
5 you know, give them a hug, and, you know, that's just the way,  
6 I mean, you know he was always doing them, but he never did Kristine  
7 that way.

8 Q And, he didn't do anything that any of the girls objected  
9 to, did he?

10 A Are you -- you're asking me what did he do to the girls  
11 that didn't object?

12 Q Well, I mean he didn't throw himself on any of these girls,  
13 I mean, it was just a friendly hug, or something when he'd see  
14 one of these girls that he knew.

15 A Are you talking about any girl, or just girls?

16 Q Some of the girls that he hugged at the store.

17 A I mean, he did hug a lot of girls. He even hugged Gayle  
18 one time, and, you know, what Gayle mostly did to him was shoot  
19 the finger or say something bad at him, you know, to him. She  
20 liked joking around, I don't think she liked it when he was,  
21 you know, getting kind of serious.

22 Q Okay. Well, we'll talk about something else on that in  
23 just a minute. Now, were -- do you remember any occasions,  
24 is it a fact that Muneer had a -- a disagreement with David  
25 Spence on occasion, where David Spence owed Muneer some money?

1 After the lake murders, Spence owed Muneer some moey?

2 A You're asking me if he got mad, or what?

3 Q That they had a disagreement.

4 A If they had a disagreement? I know they did have a dis-  
5 agreement, you know, once, and I did know it was after the  
6 murders.

7 Q Ther was -- do you recall a conversation when -- when David  
8 Spence accused -- accused Muneer of trying to take Kristine  
9 from him -- kind of -- Spence thought Muneer was kind of hust-  
10 ling Kristine. They had a disagreement over that.

11 A I remember Lightly saying that David was mad, you know, about  
12 him, you know, taking Kristine, because, like I said, he used  
13 to take her out to eat, too. And, ride in the car. And, like  
14 I said, Lightly was -- he used to be out most the time at night.  
15 And, that's what he, you know, he -- after work he'd take her  
16 seeing with him. I don't know if that's the reason that David  
17 got mad. I just know that, you know, he said David was mad  
18 I thought -- I thought that was the reason.

19 Q Shortly after -- shortly after one of these occasions that  
20 Muneer took Kristine out to eat, is when they had the argu-  
21 ment, isnt' it?

22 A I really don't know.

23 Q Well, what I just asked about.

24 A Oh, argument over Kristine?

25 Q Right.

1 A I thought it was before, because I know he took her out  
2 one time to her home, gave her a ride, and David had gotten  
3 upset, so I guess it was that time.

4 Q Okay. So, they -- Muneer and David had -- had arguments  
5 on several occasions. It wasn't like they were close friends  
6 and always got along, and --

7 A No.

8 Q Like -- like -- like Karim and Muneer did.

9 A They did get along, like I said when Kristine started work-  
10 ing --

11 Q I'm asking if they had more arguments than like Karim and  
12 Muneer had, did not have.

13 A You're asking me if David and Lightly had a lot of arguments,  
14 right?

15 Q More than anything near what Karim and Muneer had, yes.

16 A I know they had -- I know they had, I think , two, you know,  
17 I don't know about more.

18 Q The question was, though, they didn't get along together  
19 like Karim and Muneer did?

20 A Okay. you're asking me if Lightly and David got along,  
21 right?

22 Q I'm asking you if -- if Muneer and Karim got along better  
23 and were closer friends than David Spence and Muneer.

24 A Okay. My husband and Lightly were friends, right, they  
25 both, you know, they -- they didn't hang around like David and

1 Lightly, like I told you before. I mean, my husband talked  
2 to Lightly because he was his partner. He lived in our home.  
3 Q And, they didn't have any arguments, did they?  
4 A I don't know what my -- I don't -- I don't know if they had  
5 arguments, you know, I don't, -- not that I know of, I don't  
6 think they did.  
7 Q All right. Let me ask about in the -- in the period --  
8 one week -- in a one week period before the lake murders, were you  
9 you in the store at that time, about eight hours a day? Were  
10 those pretty much normal days as far as you being in and out  
11 of the store, like the day -- the typical day that you described  
12 earlier?  
13 A You're asking me if the week before the murders, I was going  
14 to the store? Like I said before?  
15 Q Uh huh. Now, are -- the week -- the one week period before  
16 the lake murders --  
17 A Okay. Before the lake murders. Okay.  
18 Q -- were you in the store about eight hours a day, kind of  
19 like the normal day you described earlier?  
20 A Just the same way I had been going to the store.  
21 Q All right. So, it was about -- those seven days before the  
22 lake murders were about like the normal day that you described  
23 earlier, as far as when you were in and out the store, isn't  
24 that right?

25 MR. FEAZEELL I want to object, Judge. I think the lady



1 has answered the question about three differen times. It's  
2 repetitious.

3 MR. McCALL: I want to make sure -- sure she understands --  
4 I'll be glad to rephrase it.

5 COURT: Let's move on, Counsel.

6 BY MR. McCALL:

7 Q The time that you were in the store, on the one week period  
8 before the lake murders, so you recall approximately how many  
9 times you saw David Spence in the store, during that one week  
10 period?

11 A Like I said before, if Kristine was working, he would be there,  
12 so I guess he was there all the time, you know like he  
13 usually was.

14 Q Okay. Are you saying -- Kristine worked every day in the  
15 one week priod before the lake murders, didn't she?

16 A No. Kristine didn't work every day. Like I said before,  
17 they rotated like one day Lightly, one day my husband, one  
18 day Kristine. I'm not saying that Kristine didn't go there, and  
19 I'm not saying that David didn't go there.

20 Q What I'm asking is, is Kristine worked forty hours -- about  
21 forty hours a week at the time, right before the lake murders,  
22 didn't she?

23 A Like I said before, I don't know if she worked the forty  
24 hours. Like I said, they rotated that they -- you know, Lightly  
25 would be there one day, and open; and then, my husband would

1 come in, or Kristine would , but they were all, you know, my  
2 husband and Lightly were there. And Kristine, -- they rotated  
3 the days. I don't know if she was there forty hours, or not.  
4 I don't know about that.

5 Q All right. Karim would know more about that, wouldn't he?

6 A Yes. He would.

7 Q Okay.

8 A Most of the times thay had two -- most of the time there  
9 were two people in the store weren't there?

10 A Okay. You're saying that Lightly was there all the time,  
11 or who?

12 Q Well, that isn't -- here's what I'm asking: the one week  
13 period before the murders --

14 A Okay.

15 Q -- Kristine was there practically every day of those seven  
16 days, wasn't she?

17 A I honestly --

18 Q Sometime during --

19 A -- can't remember. I know that she had her working days,  
20 like I said, they rotated, so she's bound to have been there  
21 sometime or the other.

22 Q She worked at leat five days a week?

23 MR. FEAZELL: Judge, I'm going to object again, it's repeti-  
24 tious. They've gone over that about eight times. Maria keeps  
25 saying she doesn't remember.

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1 COURT: Sustained.

2 MR. FEAZELL: Thank you.

3 BY MR. McCALL:

4 Q But each day that you were in there, you saw David Spence  
5 in the one week period before the murders?

6 A Like I said before, if Kristine was working, David would  
7 be there. I'm not saying that he wasn't there when she wasn't  
8 working, he did come a lot, and especially when they started  
9 talking, and getting along, like, you know, like Lightly -- they  
10 got along. My husband and Lightly would hang around there.

11 Q My question was: do you recall seeing David Spence in the  
12 store practically every day that you -- when you were in there  
13 during the one week period before the murders?

14 MR. FEAZELL:: Now, I'm going to object again, Your Honor,  
15 beacuse it's repetitious.

16 COURT: Sustained.

17 BY MR. McCALL:

18 Q When did -- do you recall when you first got to know some-  
19 one name Gayle Kelley?

20 A Yes.

21 Q About when was that?

22 A About the -- do you want the month on that?

23 Q The month and year as the best you can recall. The first  
24 time you saw her.

25 A I know it was the same year we opened, I'm not sure about

1 the month. I think it must have been following, you know,--  
2 when we started -- when we opened the store. But I didn't --  
3 I didn't, you know, -- we just -- I didn't speak to her, then,  
4 you know, she was a customer. I didn't, you know, I didn't  
5 speak to all the customers. You know, the only reason I started  
6 talking to her was because of Lightly.

7 Q Now, I'm talking about when you first saw her.

8 A When I first saw her? I was -- I -- it must have been  
9 when the store opened.

10 Q All right. That's what I'm asking. From that point on  
11 she was in the store quite often, wasn't she?

12 A From when it opened?

13 Q From when it opened and when you first saw her, she was  
14 in the store --

15 A Quite a lot?

16 Q -- very often.

17 A Well, she'd come to the store to get, you know, what she  
18 was going to get I guess about -- say about two or three times --  
19 maybe two -- two or three times a day, maybe, I'm not sure.

20 Q Practically everyday.

21 A Probably so.

22 Q Okay. It's just a couple of blocks from where she lived,  
23 to the store, wasn't it?

24 A It was right across, yes.

25 Q And, when you were in the store, you wouldn't always notice

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1 who was there and who wasn't there, would you? If nothing  
2 unusual was happening there wouldn't be always any particular  
3 reason for you to notice who was in the store?

4 A If customers came into the store, I usually noticed them,  
5 especially, you know, when they came in. Because I always look  
6 at people that come in, you know -- did you ask me if I noticed  
7 them when they came in, or what?

8 Q Yeah. I'm not saying -- I'm saying that -- it's not some-  
9 thing that you'd make a mental note of to try to -- something  
10 that happened two and a half years ago -- to remember who was  
11 in the store at a certain time unless something unusual happened,  
12 isn't that right? My -- my question is: Something that happened  
13 two and a half years ago is kind of difficult who was in the  
14 store at the same time and what not unless something unusal  
15 happened, isn't that right?

16 A Any unusual? What do you mean by unusual?

17 Q If there was something to -- to get your attention, something  
18 out of the ordinary.

19 A I remember Gayle coming to the store, but I don't understand  
20 what you mean unusual. .

21 Q Let -- let me ask this: do you have any -- a recollection  
22 of David Spence and Gayle Kelley having been in the store at the  
23 same time, not neccesarily talking to each other, but in the  
24 store at the same time?

25 A I don't know about that. I don't know.

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1 Q You just don't recall?

2 A No, I don't.

3 Q Because, -- now, yesterday, you know, did you say that they  
4 never were in the store together? When the prosecutor asked  
5 you the question?

6 A I don't remember if I said -- I told them no, you know, I  
7 don't know if they were in the store at the same time, and I --  
8 I know David was there a lot, and I know Gayle came in the store,  
9 but I don't know if they both were there at the same time. You  
10 know. I don't know if Gayle -- David was standing there and  
11 Gayle came in, and David -- I don't know that. I just know  
12 that David was there a lot. Gayle did come to the store a lot.  
13 I do know that, but I don't know if they were at the time, you  
14 know I didn't work there.

15 Q You'd -- so if nothing unusual happened to mark your atten-  
16 tion to it, then it would be difficult to remember two and a  
17 half years later, wouldn't it?

18 A You're asking if I remember Gayle two and a half years  
19 later, or if --

20 Q I'm saying -- I'm asking -- I'm saying unless there was  
21 something to call your attention to it, it would be hard for  
22 you to remember when any two people were in the store together  
23 at the Rainbow Drive-In. Isn't that true?

24 A What's true.

25 Q That --

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1 A You keep asking and I don't know.

2 Q Okay. Unless there -- unless there was something to get  
3 your attention --

4 A I -- okay. You're asking me if there was something to get  
5 my attention and somebody broke a, you know, a coke bottle,  
6 what are you asking me?

7 Q Here's what I'm asking you: it's difficult to remember when  
8 any two people were together in the store two and a half years  
9 ago.

10 A That's true.

11 Q Right?

12 A It's kind of hard.

13 Q You know, in essence then, -- I mean what I understand you're  
14 saying is -- you're not saying they weren't in the store together  
15 at the same time, you just don't remember them -- have a recollec-  
16 tion of their being in the store together at the same time?

17 A You're asking -- Was Gayle with David, right?

18 Q I'm -- that's right.

19 A Okay. That's true. I don't remember if they were in the  
20 store at the same time.

21 Q And, you certainly not -- you're just saying you don't re-  
22 member, not that they weren't.

23 A That's right. I don't remember. I'm not saying that they  
24 weren't.

25 Q Okay. About -- about how tall is Gayle Kelley, compared to

1 you -- I mean -- did you stand by her sometime where -- do you  
2 have an idea -- a pretty good idea about Gayle Kelley's height?

3 A You're asking me how tall Gayle Kelley is, right?

4 Q That's right. How tall are you, Maria? Do you know?

5 A I'm 5'7".

6 Q How -- did you look eyeball to eyeball with Gayle Kelley?

7 Ya'll were about the same height, weren't you? You stood by  
8 her sometime did you?

9 A Yeah, but I don't know about height, I mean I didn't --  
10 you know --

11 Q I'm asking you if you were about the same height as Gayle  
12 Kelley.

13 MR FEAZELL: Now, I'm going to object, Judge. It's repeti-  
14 tious. She just answered, 'I don't know about height.'

15 COURT: Overruled.

16 BY MR. McCALL:

17 Q I'm asking you if you're about the same height -- weren't --  
18 you were around Gayle Kelley on several occasions, weren't you?  
19 Where you were near her?

20 A Yes. I'm trying to think -- my mind on how tall she is.  
21 I guess about the same height, or maybe a little -- she was  
22 a little bit shorter.

23 Q Now, her hair -- do you recall her hair at the time -- say  
24 the week before the lake murders?

25 A What about her hair?



1 Q Well, do you -- do you have a recollection in your mind  
2 as to the color of it?  
3 A Color?  
4 Q Right.  
5 A It was brown.  
6 Q Did it have kind of a red tint to it?  
7 A Tint?  
8 Q It had kind of a red shade to it, didn't it?  
9 A I don't know. I noticed brown. I don't know about red in  
10 there -- I don't know.  
11 Q You just don't recall?  
12 A No.  
13 Q She had a -- she had kind of a slight body build didn't she?  
14 Kind of thin.  
15 A Not to me, but it's thinner than me.  
16 Q I'm talking about -- you're having a difficult time remember-  
17 ing all really what she looked like, aren't you?  
18 A No. I know what she looked like, because, to me, really  
19 everybody is thinner than me. She was thinner than me.  
20 Q Well, to the ordinary -- to -- if you're going to describe  
21 her to someone, would you describe her as having slight frame --  
22 a slight, or thin build?  
23 A No. She didn't have -- are you asking me if she looked  
24 like a post, or --  
25 Q No.

1 A Okay. She looked like a middle weight girl, I guess.

2 Q She wasn't a big boned broad -- broad girl, or overweight,  
3 was she?

4 A No. She wasn't .

5 Q Her personality -- she was rather loud and outgoing wasn't  
6 she?

7 A Yes. She was very outgoing.

8 Q When she would be talking she would be shifting around  
9 on her feet, and talking pretty fast and loud, wouldn't she?

10 A I guess.

11 Q She could leave -- after seeing her, say five times or more,  
12 she's the type of person that could leave a rather distinctive  
13 impression with someone, couldn't she? Didn't she?

14 A No -- yeah -- because I couldn't say -- well -- I knew the  
15 way -- you're asking me --

16 Q I've had the -- you -- you were going to say that you couldn't  
17 mistake Gayle. What I'm -- that's what I'm asking -- she left  
18 a distinct impression after seeing her a number of time, didn't  
19 she?

20 A What are you talking about?

21 Q I'm talking about her personality --

22 A The way she was talking?

23 Q -- and her looks.

24 A I was talking about the way she talks.

25 Q That, too. The way she looks, and the way she talks, left

1 a rather distinctive impression with someone after seeing her  
2 five times or more.

3 A Well, only thing is -- if I seen Gayle, and I seen another,  
4 you know, like Kristine, I wouldn't, you know, Kristine is quiet,  
5 and Gayle is always, you know, talking a lot. Is that what you're  
6 asking me?

7 Q I'm saying that after you had seen and been around Gayle  
8 Kelley five or more times and observed her personality and her  
9 mannerisms and her appearance, that she would leave, with most  
10 people a distinctive impression, wouldn't she?

11 A I guess she would.

12 Q Now, when you went over to the apartment at Northwood, where  
13 Muneer had paid the first month's rent on the apartment lease  
14 for Gayle Kelley, you went over there -- there were a bunch of  
15 people over there weren't there?

16 A Okay. The time I went to her apartment, did we --

17 Q Now, if you'd be -- first of all if you could answer yes or  
18 no, and then we'll go into -- my question was simply: when you  
19 went over there, there were a number of people at the apartment,  
20 weren't there?

21 A What do you mean, a number? I'm not, I mean, how many?

22 Q Several. Several people.

23 A There were several people in the apartment? No, there was  
24 nobody in the apartment.

25 Q Were they all outside the apartment?

1 A Gayle and two other guys were outside.

2 Q Okay. So, three people were over there?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Is that the occasion where they had, had a party, or some-

5 thing over there?

6 A I don't know if they had a party. Lightly told me they had

7 a party. Lightly is the one that told me that she had a party

8 there.

9 Q All right. He -- he told you about that. Muneer didn't

10 drink beer, or any alchoholic beverages at all, did he?

11 A No.

12 Q And, he had told you that he didn't want them drinking any

13 beer or alchoholic beverages, or anything over there.

14 A You're saying Lightly didn't want them drinking beer --

15 Q That's --

16 A -- in his apartment?

17 Q Right.

18 A I know he said that they were drinking, and I know he was

19 upset, but mostly what he was upset about was because she said

20 that it was her brother, when he thought it was her boyfriend

21 there. That's what mostly he was upset about.

22 Q But, he was upset about the drinking part and the -- and

23 a -- did he talk to you, too about a number, about several

24 people being over there, like four or five people, or so being

25 over at the apartment?

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1 A I know he said there was a lot, you know, people -- they  
2 were having a party, drinking, and he got mad because he said  
3 he was paying for the apartment, for you know, for her to give  
4 parties.

5 Q That's right. Now, when -- when you first met Alex Sanchez,  
6 that was because he had sold some insurance to your mother, hadn't  
7 he?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Alex Sanchez.

10 A Yes he insured my mother.

11 Q And, sometime after the store opened, -- that Karim purchased  
12 one of these accidental -- one of these accident policies?

13 A He purchased two.

14 Q Didn't he purchase two of them?

15 A He purchased one for himself, and one for me.

16 Q All right. And it's the same -- you're familiar with the  
17 policy that Muneer purchased later for himself, and the one that  
18 he paid the premium -- premium on for Gayle Kelley, aren't you?

19 A Do I know about it? You're asking --

20 Q Is that the same kind of policy that Ka -- that Karim  
21 had purchased two policies of earlier, isn't it?

22 A I think it was. I'm not sure if it was the same one he  
23 purchased.

24 Q It was in -- the two policies that Karim got were accident  
25 policies that would cover, like, if someone got hurt on the

1 job, or away from the job, and things like that, right?

2 A I don't know. I didn't read the policy, he bought it.

3 Q But he bought two of them from Alex Sanchez, do you  
4 about how -- how much longer after that, that it was that Muneer  
5 purchased his?

6 A No. I don't. It wasn't that much longer.

7 Q It was just a couple of weeks -- a couple of weeks later  
8 Muneer purchased the same sort of policy?

9 A I don't know if it was weeks. Like I said, I just -- I know  
10 but I don't know when he purchased it.

11 Q Do you know Karim bought his first --

12 A Yes.

13 Q -- and shortly after that --

14 A I know my husband bought his first.

15 Q -- Muneer bought his. You didn't -- there wasn't any workers'  
16 compensation insurance on the employees at the store, was there?

17 A No. I don't think so.

18 Q These accident policies were something to cover the people  
19 that work there, too, like, Kristine, weren't they?

20 A I don't know about that.

21 Q Kristine Jewel had one didn't she? Do you know about  
22 that or do I need to ask --

23 A No --

24 Q -- your husband about that?

25 A I know Kristine said she had purchased one, but I, you know,

1 we didn't talk about it.

2 Q Okay. But, you said she had purchased one?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Before Muneer?

5 A I don't know if it was before, or after.

6 Q You don't know any time when it was. And, you weren't pre-  
7 sent when Muneer and Alex -- when Muneer purchased his policy,  
8 and paid the premium on Gayle's were you?

9 A No, sir. I wasn't.

10 Q When talking with -- did you talk with Gayle Kelley from  
11 time to time? When she was at the store?

12 A Did I talk to her? Like, hi, and stuff like that?

13 Q Or, any kind -- any kind of conversation, yes.

14 A I never really talked that much to Gayle when she went to  
15 the store.

16 Q She --

17 A She mostly talked to Lightly.

18 Q Did -- did -- did you ever hear her talking about her boy-  
19 friend, Henry Reyes, or Henry Reyes, I think Reyes would be the  
20 way you'd pronounce it?

21 A No.

22 Q Okay. Shortly before the -- shortly before the murders, or  
23 in June or July do you remember any conversation about Henry  
24 Reyes?

25 A No. The only person she ever told me that was her boyfriend

1 was that guy that had gotten killed. That's the only one she  
2 ever mentioned that was her boyfriend.

3 Q When -- you didn't know Mr. Reyes?

4 A No.

5 Q Muneer -- the time -- from the time you opened the store  
6 up until the store closed, well until -- until -- say until the  
7 time of the lake murders, Muneer lived in the same apartment,  
8 didn't he?

9 A From the time the store opened to the time to the time it  
10 closed, he lived with us, right.

11 Q From the time -- from the time the store opened until the  
12 lake murders, the three of ya'll lived together in a two bedroom  
13 apartment, didn't you?

14 A Yes. He lived with us.

15 Q And, the rent money would just come out of the store money?

16 A Yes. It did.

17 Q Out of the cash register?

18 A Yes. It did.

19 Q Both Muneer and Karim, they spent most -- if the store was  
20 open sixteen hours a day -- it is open seven days a week, right?

21 A Right.

22 Q They were there most of the time, even on their off time,  
23 weren't they?

24 A I really believe that my husband was there more than Lightly.

25 Q All right. Both of them, though, were there a lot on their

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1 off time, would that be a fair statment? Maybe Karim more than  
2 Muneer, but Muneer was there a lot on his off time, too, wasn't  
3 he?

4 A I guess he was.

5 Q Then, if -- then the -- they would go get a hamburger, or  
6 something like that from lunch -- for lunch?

7 A I mean -- do you -- okay -- Lightly and my husband would go  
8 get something for lunch, or they said they would eat something  
9 there.

10 Q Or eat something there. Muneer's living expenses were not all  
11 that high, were they?

12 A Lightly's expenses were high?

13 Q I said they were not that high, were they -- the -- the --  
14 his living expenses -- if -- the money came out of the cash-  
15 register to pay the rent.

16 A Yes.

17 Q He didn't spend that much on food on himself, did he?

18 A He usually ate out a lot, is that what you're -- he used to  
19 eat out a lot. Not with us all the time, he used to go by him-  
20 self, or --

21 Q Okay. Are you familiar, you know, back at them time, say from  
22 when you owned the store, until the lake murders, you person-  
23 ally aware of all the sources of income that Muneer -- or money  
24 sources of money that Muneer had are you?

25 A Sources of money? Are you talking from the store?

1 Q Or any where else. I'm asking you -- you're not familiar,  
2 you don't know all the places where Muneer was getting money.

3 A All the places -- I know he was getting money from the store,  
4 and I know at one time he mentioned his dad gave him some money,  
5 just that one time he had mentioned it to me that I know about.

6 Q All right. So, that's what I'm asking -- you wouldn't -- you  
7 wouldn't know all the sources of income or sources of money that  
8 Muneer had in this period of when the store opened until the lake  
9 murders, were you?

10 A I guess. I don't know.

11 Q You don't recall, or -- you don't recall Raylene Rice ever  
12 having been in the store, do you?

13 A No. I don't know.

14 Q Do you recall seeing her, or Jill Montgomery? Have you  
15 seen pictures of her -- when you met with the -- the -- anybody  
16 from the District Attorney's office?

17 A Have I seen pictures of her?

18 Q Okay. Have -- do you ever recall having seen her in the store  
19 at any time?

20 A No. No, I don't think so. I'm not sure.

21 Q Or, do have any recollection of having seen Kenneth Franks  
22 in the store before?

23 A I'm not sure about that either. I don't know if he was there.

24 Q Were you in the store -- I don't know the exact time of it --  
25 but in occasion where Muneer had a ring -- a ring out and Gayle

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The following is a true and correct statement made by my person  
Jesse H. Ivy.

David Spence said to me that Gilbert had signed and recorded a statement against him. And as Spence and Gilbert was in a room together, Gilbert told Spence that he might as well go ahead and tell them everything. Because he (Gilbert) had already told them everything because his conscience bothered him. On that recorded statement Spence said the law officers let him listen to some of it, up to where Gilbert fell out of the car and Spence stabbing one of the girls in the neck in the front seat. They were driving around with the victims in the car, when they commented about how the girl in the front seat titties looked so good. They then went to a park and parked. They were messins with the girl in the front seats titties, saying they would like to fuck her. But the girl didn't want to fuck, so they started messing with her trying to get her clothes off. Some how Gilbert fell out of the car and when Gilbert turned around he saw Spence stabbing the girl in the neck. That is all the (officers) would let him listen to on the tape. I told Spence that he should write everything down on paper for me, so that I could get some one to help him though he would have to be stright with me. So he told me he was guilty but dead people can't talk. He then said that he and Gilbert were payed to kill these three (3) people, because one of the girls had messed over a friend of his who owned the "Rainbow Drive In". Spence said the police in Waco was trying to get people down here to kill him.

*Subscribed and sworn  
to before me this 2 day of  
February 1984 Notary Public*

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