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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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 2 COUNTY OF C O O K )  
 3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 3 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CRIMINAL DIVISION  
 4 THE PEOPLE OF THE )  
 4 STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
 5 Plaintiff, )  
 5 -vs- ) No. 09-CR-00762  
 6 )  
 7 WILLIAM BALFOUR, )  
 7 Defendant. )

JURY TRIAL

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 9 EXCERPT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the  
 10 HONORABLE CHARLES BURNS, Judge of the Criminal  
 11 Division, and a jury, heard on the 23rd day of April,  
 12 2012.

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STATE WITNESSES:	DX	CX	RDX	RCX
JULIA HUDSON				
By Mr. McKay	4		160	
By Ms. Thompson		133		167

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1 THE CLERK: William Balfour.  
2 THE COURT: Is there anything we need to  
3 address outside the presence of the jury?  
4 MS. THOMPSON: No, your Honor.  
5 MR. MCKAY: No.  
6 THE COURT: Let's bring out the jury.

7 (The following proceedings were had in  
8 open court in the presence and hearing  
9 of the jury:)

10 THE COURT: We are still in the State's case in  
11 chief.

12 Mr. McKay, are you prepared to call your  
13 witnesses?

14 MR. MCKAY: Yes, we are, Judge.

15 The People would call Julia Hudson.

16 (Witness duly sworn.)

17 THE COURT: Make sure you keep your voice up  
18 loud enough that everybody can hear you.

19 Mr. McKay, you may proceed.

20 MR. MCKAY: Thank you.

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1 JULIA HUDSON,  
2 a witness called herein, having been first duly  
3 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY

6 MR. MCKAY:

7 Q. In a loud, clear voice, could you please  
8 introduce yourself to the ladies and gentlemen of the  
9 jury and spell your last name for the court reporter.

10 A. Julia Hudson, H-u-d-s-o-n.  
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11 Q. Ms. Hudson, without giving us your current  
12 address, can you tell us what town you live in.

13 A. Chicago.

14 Q. Ms. Hudson, who is Darnell Donerson?

15 A. My mother.

16 Q. Who is Jason Hudson?

17 A. My brother.

18 Q. Who is Julian King?

19 A. My son.

20 Q. Besides Julian, did you have any other  
21 children?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Who is Julian King's biological father?

24 A. Gregory King.

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1 Q. In the '90s and throughout the next decade,  
2 where were you living?

3 A. 70th and Yale.

4 Q. What was the address?

5 A. 7019 South Yale.

6 Q. What kind of a house is located at 79th and  
7 South Yale?

8 A. It was a big house, big family house.

9 Q. Okay. Who lived in that house in 2006,  
10 2007?

11 A. It was me, my mother, my brother, and my  
12 son.

13 Q. As an aside, your mother's last name was  
14 Donerson at the time of her death, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Why is her name different than your name,  
17 Jason's, and Jennifer's?

18 A. Because my mother was married, and we took  
19 on her maiden name which is Hudson.

20 Q. Okay. Now, growing up, what schools did you  
21 go to?

22 A. Well, I attended Beale School, but I  
23 graduated from Bonn. Then I went to Dunbar for  
24 vocational high school.

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1 Q. Did you graduate from Dunbar?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What schools did your brother Jason go to?

4 A. Jason went to -- we all started off at  
5 Beale. Then when we moved, we went to Bonn. Then  
6 Jason went to Yale. Then he went to Simeon for high  
7 school.

8 Q. What about Jennifer; what high school did  
9 Jennifer go to?

10 A. Dunbar as well.

11 Q. Did you graduate from high school?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Now, what do you do for a living?

14 A. I drive a school bus.

15 Q. What company do you work for?

16 A. Sunrise Transportation.

17 Q. How long have you been working as a school  
18 bus driver for Sunrise Transportation?

19 A. Since July of 2002.

20 Q. Okay. Where is the offices for the Sunrise  
21 Transportation Company?

22 A. The one I work out of is 8500 South  
23 Vincennes.

24 Q. About how far is 8500 South Vincennes from

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1 the family house at 7019 South Yale?

2 A. It is not far at all, maybe a  
3 mile-and-a-half, blocks.

4 Q. I want to direct your attention to the  
5 summer of 2006. Where were you living at that time?

6 A. 7019 South Yale.

7 Q. Around that time, did somebody reappear in  
8 the neighborhood who had once lived there when you  
9 were much younger?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Who?

12 A. William.

13 Q. Do you see that man, William, in the  
14 courtroom today?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Could you point to him and tell us what he  
17 is wearing today.

18 A. A white shirt and gray tie (indicating). Mm  
19 your Honor, may the record reflect an in-court  
20 identification of the defendant William Balfour.

21 THE COURT: The record will so reflect.

22 BY MR. MCKAY:

23 Q. When the defendant was back in the  
24 neighborhood in 2006, was he living in that

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1 neighborhood?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Had he once lived in that neighborhood years  
4 before?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. During that summer of 2006, did you and he  
7 begin a relationship?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Approximately when and how did your  
10 relationship start with the defendant?

11 A. Well, at first, it was the summer. Well, at  
12 first, like I knew William, but I wasn't interested  
13 in him like that. But he kept on, he kept on. Then  
14 one thing just led to another. I eventually fell for  
15 him after him being so persistent.

16 Q. I'm sorry?

17 A. I said I eventually fell for him after he  
18 was being so persistent.

19 Q. Did you begin a romantic relationship with  
20 him?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. As the summer months and the fall months of  
23 2006 rest, did anybody in your family talk to you  
24 about any future you would have with him?

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- 1 A. Well, yes.
- 2 Q. would that include your sister Jennifer?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Despite anything she said and anything  
5 anybody else said, did your relationship go to the  
6 next level?
- 7 A. Yes, it did.
- 8 Q. why don't you tell us what happened on  
9 December 30, 2006.
- 10 A. We got married.
- 11 Q. where did you get married?
- 12 A. Excuse me?
- 13 Q. where did you get married?
- 14 A. 2627 West Jackson.
- 15 Q. what is there?
- 16 A. My uncle stayed there.
- 17 Q. who presided over the wedding?
- 18 A. My uncle did.
- 19 Q. what is your uncle's name?
- 20 A. Tyrone Hudson.
- 21 Q. Was your mother at the wedding?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Was your brother Jason at the wedding?
- 24 A. No.

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- 1 Q. Was your sister Jennifer at the wedding?
- 2 A. No.



3 Q. why not?

4 A. I didn't tell them.

5 Q. Was your son Julian there?

6 A. Yes, he was there.

7 Q. Well, let me ask you this: After you got  
8 married to this defendant on December 30, 2006, where  
9 did you and your new husband live?

10 A. 7019 South Yale.

11 Q. When he moved in, was it just you, him, your  
12 mother, Jason, and Julian?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How big is this house?

15 A. It is a huge house. It had nine bedrooms  
16 and four washrooms.

17 Q. Where did you and your new husband sleep in  
18 the house?

19 A. We was on the -- we always called it the  
20 first floor. I had a bedroom down there. So that  
21 was our room.

22 Q. On the first floor?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Where did your brother Jason sleep?

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1 A. He slept on the first floor too as well, in  
2 the first bedroom.

3 Q. Where did your mother Darnell Donerson  
4 sleep?

5 A. Her room was upstairs.

6 Q. How about your son Julian?

7 A. He slept upstairs with her.  
8 Q. Had your sister Jennifer moved out by then?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. For the first couple of weeks, maybe the  
11 first two months, how would you describe your  
12 marriage?  
13 A. Well, I had never been married before. So  
14 to me, it was normal, I believe.  
15 Q. Now, I want to direct your attention to just  
16 a few months after you married this man, February  
17 2007. Did you have occasion to go somewhere?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. Where?  
20 A. I went to Japan.  
21 Q. Why?  
22 A. Because my sister had done Dream Girls so  
23 they was promoting Dream Girls in Japan. So she  
24 invited me along on the trip.

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1 THE COURT: If you could slow down. You talk  
2 real fast. Okay.  
3 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
4 BY MR. MCKAY:  
5 Q. How long did you -- strike that.  
6 How long were you in Japan in the early  
7 part of 2007?  
8 A. Well, we was in Japan for like three days,  
9 but we were gone for about a week because we were in  
10 LA as well.

- 11 Q. Did the defendant go with you?  
12 A. No.  
13 Q. He could not leave the State, correct?  
14 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.  
15 THE COURT: Objection sustained.  
16 BY MR. MCKAY:  
17 Q. Well, how long were you gone?  
18 A. Totally I was gone about a week.  
19 Q. When you returned home, did things in your  
20 marriage change?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. For the better or for the worse?  
23 A. For the worse.  
24 Q. Now, did the defendant have any nicknames?

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- 1 A. Yes, they called him Flex.  
2 Q. Would that be spelled F-l-e-x?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. Did the defendant work?  
5 A. Yes.  
6 Q. Where did he work?  
7 A. He worked at Cosi's.  
8 Q. For the court reporter, is that C-o-s-i?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. What is Cosi?  
11 A. It is a restaurant.  
12 Q. What did he do at Cosi Restaurant?  
13 A. He was a baker.  
14 Q. What Cosi Restaurant locations did he work

15 at during the course of your marriage?

16 A. He started off on Grand, and then I believe  
17 it was 116 South Michigan.

18 Q. As a baker, typically what shifts would he  
19 work?

20 A. They varied. Like one week he might come in  
21 in the morning and open and then another week he  
22 might close.

23 Q. Besides working at Cosi, did the defendant  
24 do something else to earn a living?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What?

3 A. He sold drugs.

4 Q. How do you know that?

5 A. How do I know that?

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. Because I would see his clientele. I would  
8 see him basically maybe in the act, in the acts.

9 Q. Where typically would he be when he was  
10 selling drugs?

11 A. He would be in the neighborhood.

12 Q. On foot or in a vehicle?

13 A. Both. It depends on how far they were.

14 Q. Did he have any equipment that helped him in  
15 his drug sales?

16 A. I don't understand the question.

17 Q. Did he have a telephone?

18 A. Yes.

- 19 Q. A cell phone?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. As his wife, did you begin to know members
- 22 of his family?
- 23 A. Some.
- 24 Q. Could you name some of them for us.

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- 1 A. I knew his mother.
- 2 Q. What was her name?
- 3 A. Michelle. His brother Raymond, his sister
- 4 Sensuous, his auntie Rene, his cousin Dunn and her
- 5 sister Superior, and I knew his Godmother and her
- 6 brother.
- 7 Q. What was her name?
- 8 A. Angie.
- 9 Q. Now, the defendant's mother Michelle you
- 10 mentioned, what was her last name?
- 11 A. Davis.
- 12 Q. The defendant's brother Raymond, what was
- 13 his last name?
- 14 A. Balfour.
- 15 Q. Did Raymond Balfour have a nickname?
- 16 A. Widget.
- 17 Q. Is that w-i-d-g-e-t?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. The defendant's sister was named?
- 20 A. Muffin.
- 21 Q. Sensuous?
- 22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Is that S-e-n-s-u-o-u-s?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Did she have a nickname?

2 A. Muffin.

3 Q. while you and your husband were living at  
4 7019 South Yale, where was his family living?

5 A. 80th and Coles.

6 Q. would that be 8047 South Coles?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Is that on the east side of Chicago?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. How far is that from the 7000 block of South  
11 Yale?

12 A. That is pretty far.

13 Q. where did your son Julian go to school in  
14 2008?

15 A. He went to Gunsaulus Academy.

16 Q. where is Gunsaulus Academy located?

17 A. 44th and Sacramento.

18 Q. what grade was he in by October of 2008?

19 A. He had just started the second grade.

20 Q. what kind of a student was he?

21 A. He was a straight A student.

22 Q. while the defendant was living in your home,  
23 so too was your son, correct?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. How did the -- what did the defendant call  
2 your son Julian?

3 A. He called him the little monster.

4 Q. Did your brother Jason own a gun?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you know what kind of a gun he owned?

7 A. It was a .45 caliber SIG SAUER.

8 Q. SIG SAUER?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. For the court reporter, is that S-i-g  
11 S-a-u-e-r?

12 A. Are you asking me a question? Yes.

13 Q. Is that how it is spelled?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did you ever see that gun?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Where would your brother Jason normally keep  
18 his weapon?

19 MS. THOMPSON: Objection to foundation, Judge.

20 THE COURT: Sustained.

21 Rephrase the question.

22 BY MR. MCKAY:

23 Q. Do you know where your brother Jason kept  
24 his gun?

1 A. He would keep it in his room.

2 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Be a little more specific.

4 Objection sustained.

5 BY MR. MCKAY:

6 Q. Was it yes or no?

7 Do you know where your brother Jason  
8 kept his gun?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. How do you know?

11 A. Sometimes I would put it up for him.

12 Q. Where would you put up the gun for him?

13 A. I would put it in his closet, under his bed,  
14 anywhere in his room.

15 Q. I am sorry?

16 A. Anywhere in his room where he can get to it.

17 Q. I see. How many times would you actually  
18 put the gun up for him?

19 A. Quite a bit.

20 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, may I.

21 THE COURT: Sure.

22 BY MR. MCKAY:

23 Q. Showing you People's Exhibit No. 27 for  
24 identification.

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1 THE COURT: The sheriff can check it. It seems  
2 like the clip is out.

3 MR. MCKAY: Yes, it is, Judge.

4 THE COURT: Just make sure it is.

5 BY MR. MCKAY:

6 Q. Do you recognize this?

7 THE COURT: Can you do that.



8 BY MR. MCKAY:

9 Q. Do you recognize this, Ms. Hudson?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What is it?

12 A. Jason's gun.

13 Q. Is it in the same or substantially the same  
14 condition today as it was when you last saw it?

15 A. Except for them numbers on it, but yes.

16 Q. Except for these numbers written by somebody  
17 else, right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Thank you.

20 THE COURT: I might have missed it. Did you  
21 mark that as an exhibit?

22 MR. MCKAY: 27.

23 THE COURT: Thank you.

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1 BY MR. MCKAY:

2 Q. Did your brother Jason have any extra  
3 bullets for that gun, People's Exhibit No. 27?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you know where he kept those bullets?

6 A. In his room as well.

7 Q. How do you know that?

8 A. I would see it.

9 Q. Tell us where you would see bullets for that  
10 particular weapon?

11 A. He had his television stand. It had the  
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12 level at the top. They would be up there. He had a  
13 wire rack for storage. They would be up there.  
14 Sometimes they would be on the top shelf in his  
15 closet.

16 Q. Did your brother Jason have a holster for  
17 that gun?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Was that gun ever stolen from your brother?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. How many times?

22 A. Twice.

23 Q. After the first time, was it returned to  
24 him?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. After the second time, was it never returned  
3 to him?

4 A. It was never returned.

5 Q. Early in your marriage, Ms. Hudson, how did  
6 the defendant get along with your mother?

7 A. Early in the marriage?

8 Q. Yes, ma'am.

9 A. It was fine.

10 Q. Later in the marriage, how did your mother  
11 get along with the defendant?

12 A. She didn't really care for him later on in  
13 the marriage.

14 Q. Early in the marriage, how did the defendant  
15 get along with your brother Jason?

16 A. It was fine.

17 Q. Later in the marriage, how did your brother  
18 get along with the defendant?

19 A. They didn't get along at all.

20 Q. You mentioned this trip to Japan. When you  
21 would travel and he was not there, how did that make  
22 him feel?

23 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

24 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

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1 BY MR. MCKAY:

2 Q. Well, when you returned from Japan, did your  
3 marriage change?

4 A. Yes, it did.

5 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, asked and answered.

6 THE COURT: Okay. The answer may stand.

7 BY MR. MCKAY:

8 Q. How?

9 A. Well, he was jealous. Like he didn't like  
10 anybody to do anything for me. It was always a  
11 problem. You know, so I didn't like that. And then  
12 when I came home from Japan, he was receiving phone  
13 calls from other females late into the night, and it  
14 was okay with him, but it wasn't okay with me.

15 Q. How did you know about these phone calls  
16 from other females?

17 A. Oh, because I would check his phone.

18 Q. At some point during the course of your  
19 marriage, did you learn the names of these other

20 females?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What were their names?

23 A. There was Shonta. There was Diana, and  
24 there was Tosha.

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1 Q. Shonta, Diana and Tosha?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Was the defendant jealous about other things  
4 during your marriage?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Let me ask you about your son Julian. Was  
7 the defendant jealous of Julian?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How so?

10 A. Julian couldn't kiss me.

11 Q. What?

12 A. Julian couldn't kiss me. Don't kiss my  
13 wife. Julian couldn't lay up under me. That is my  
14 wife. Get up off my wife. He was very jealous of  
15 Julian.

16 Q. How old was your child when the defendant  
17 was saying these things about -- to you and to your  
18 son?

19 A. He was six.

20 Q. Did you receive gifts from people in your  
21 family for birthdays, etcetera?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How did the defendant feel when you received

24 gifts, especially from your sister?

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1 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

2 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

3 Rephrase the question, please.

4 BY MR. MCKAY:

5 Q. Can you tell us if your husband would get  
6 jealous if you received gifts?

7 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, form of the question.

8 THE COURT: To that question, I will allow it.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 BY MR. MCKAY:

11 Q. How so?

12 A. If I was a little too excited about the  
13 gift, he had a problem because he didn't buy it, he  
14 didn't provide it. I guess I was showing gratitude  
15 to somebody else and not him so it was a problem.

16 Q. At some point in your marriage did you  
17 separate from this defendant?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. When was that?

20 A. Like February of '08.

21 Q. Between the time you returned from Japan  
22 until February of '08, how many women did you learn  
23 about that were sharing time with your husband?

24 A. I knew of three.

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1 Q. During that time, did you cheat on him?

2 A. No.

3 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

4 THE COURT: That will be asked and answered.

5 The answer may stand.

6 Go ahead.

7 BY MR. MCKAY:

8 Q. Regarding Shonta, Tosha, and Diane, how did  
9 you know about these women?

10 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, asked and answered,  
11 Judge.

12 THE COURT: I will allow it.

13 You can answer.

14 THE WITNESS: You know, like it wasn't a  
15 secret. They would call. If I answer, they going to  
16 argue with me. So they were bold about the  
17 relationship.

18 BY MR. MCKAY:

19 Q. Did there come a time where you actually saw  
20 them?

21 A. Can you kind of rephrase that.

22 Q. Sure. Was there a time sometime after you  
23 learned about them that you actually met them or  
24 talked to them?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. When you separated in February of 2008, who  
3 moved out, you or him?

4 A. He did.

5 Q. When the defendant was out of the house, do  
6 you know where he lived?

7 A. He said that he was living with his auntie  
8 Rene.

9 Q. Where did she live?

10 A. 127th and Ashland.

11 Q. That is what he said?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Was he living there?

14 MS. THOMPSON: Objection to the foundation.

15 THE COURT: Sustained.

16 Rephrase.

17 BY MR. MCKAY:

18 Q. Well, did you learn if he lived anywhere  
19 else?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Despite the fact that he had been kicked out  
22 of your house, how often was he in the neighborhood  
23 on Yale?

24 A. Every day.

1 Q. What was he doing in the neighborhood  
2 despite the fact that he was no longer living there?

3 A. He was there. That is where he did a lot of  
4 his business transactions. He was just there in the  
5 neighborhood.

6 Q. Despite the fact that you and your husband  
7 were separated, did you still continue a physical

8 relationship with him?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Despite the fact that you were separated  
11 from your husband, did you still communicate with  
12 him?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How did you communicate with him?

15 A. Through phone, through text, and when I  
16 would see him in the neighborhood every now and then,  
17 we would speak.

18 Q. Let's talk about the cell phone. You  
19 mentioned your mother had a phone?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Was her cell phone number 773-992-8946?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did your brother Jason have any cell phones?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. How many?

2 A. Two.

3 Q. By that, I am talking about the fall of  
4 2008. Is that okay?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did Jason's two cell phone numbers include  
7 area code 269-214-1727?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And 773-272-5264?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. By the middle part of October 2008, how many



- 12 cell phones did you have?
- 13 A. Two.
- 14 Q. Was one an old one, one a newer one?
- 15 A. The cell phones wasn't --
- 16 Q. Well, let me rephrase, if I may.
- 17 Was one from T-Mobile and one from
- 18 Sprint?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. I want to ask you about the Sprint cell
- 21 phone. Okay.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. What number was that?
- 24 A. In 2008 of October?

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- 1 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 2 A. It was 773-678-1156.
- 3 Q. The T-Mobile cell phone in October 2008?
- 4 A. 773-679-0151.
- 5 Q. Now, that T-Mobile phone -- strike that.
- 6 That T-Mobile phone that you just
- 7 mentioned, who gave you that phone?
- 8 A. Jennifer.
- 9 Q. Was that phone registered to an alias, a
- 10 Cassie Jenkins?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Your Sprint phone, was that registered to
- 13 you?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. I want to ask you about his phone. Did he

- 16 have a cell phone in October 2008?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. What was his, the defendant's cell phone  
19 number in October 2008?  
20 A. 773-425-8517.  
21 Q. Do you know if Sprint was the carrier for  
22 the defendant's phone at that time?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. In 2008 did your brother Jason have a

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- 1 vehicle?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. What kind?  
4 A. A Chevy Suburban.  
5 Q. What color?  
6 A. White.  
7 Q. A big SUV?  
8 A. Yes.  
9 Q. Who got it for him?  
10 A. Jennifer.  
11 Q. How often were you in Jason's SUV?  
12 A. All the time.  
13 Q. Did you ever drive it?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. How often was your mother in Jason's SUV?  
16 A. She was in there not as much as me, but she  
17 was in there. It was quite a bit.  
18 Q. How about your son Julian?  
19 A. He would ride in it as well.

20 Q. Besides your mom, your brother, and your  
21 son, were other friends, close friends and family  
22 members in it?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Could you name some of those people for us.

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1 A. Friends and family; there was Jarvis. There  
2 was my cousin Charles, my cousin Curtis, my cousin  
3 Dedrick, Dunn, his friend BJ which is John, my  
4 brother Lonnie. There was Jason's friends, Bobby.

5 Q. When you mentioned Jarvis, would that be a  
6 young man named Jarvis Williams?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When you mentioned a cousin named Curtis,  
9 would that be Curtis Clemmons?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. When you mentioned BJ, would that be a young  
12 man named John Jones?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. When you mentioned Bobby, would that be a  
15 young man named Bobby Moore?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Those were friends of your brother's,  
18 correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How about some other people, other friends  
21 or close family members that were in Jason's vehicle?

22 A. Kent. He had female friends. I don't know  
23 their names.

24 Q. How about the female friends; do you know

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1 any of their names?

2 A. No.

3 Q. How many of them?

4 A. There was quite a bit.

5 Q. When you say Kent, what is his last name?

6 A. Williams.

7 Q. Any other cousins, aunts, uncles, any other  
8 family members that were in Jason's truck?

9 A. Not that I can recall.

10 Q. How big of a man was Jason Hudson?

11 A. A big man, 6'1", 360.

12 Q. Because of his size, how far back would the  
13 driver's seat have to be in that vehicle when he was  
14 driving?

15 A. All the way back to the back seat.

16 Q. When he was parked at the house on Yale,  
17 where was it normally parked?

18 A. In the driveway.

19 Q. When you say the driveway, is that a strip  
20 that is just south of the house and goes from the  
21 front on Yale all the way back to the alley?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What part of that driveway did Jason usually  
24 park his SUV?

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- 1 A. The front.
- 2 Q. The front?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Were there any vehicles behind him?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Which?
- 7 A. It was an Escort.
- 8 Q. An Escort?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Whose Escort was that?
- 11 A. It was my mother's car.
- 12 Q. Anything wrong with it in 2008?
- 13 A. It didn't work.
- 14 Q. Did it move?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. So when Jason would park his vehicle in
- 17 front of that Escort, how would he do it?
- 18 A. He would back in off the street, and he
- 19 would turn the front of the car toward the house, and
- 20 he would put his bumper on the back of the Escort.
- 21 Q. Why would Jason park his vehicle where his
- 22 rear bumper is against the front bumper of the
- 23 Escort?
- 24 A. Because Jason had speakers, sounds, and with

1 him parking his bumper on the back, you couldn't open

2 his doors to steal his speakers.

3 Q. Why would Jason turn the front part of his

4 car towards the house and not directly out to the

5 street?

6 A. So he can get out.

7 Q. I'm sorry?

8 A. So he was allowed to get out the car because  
9 it was a gate on the side. If he turned, then he has  
10 enough room to exit the vehicle.

11 Q. He had room to get out of the car on the  
12 driver's side?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. When his car was parked diagonally, so to  
15 speak, what side -- strike that.

16 what is facing the passenger's side of  
17 his SUV?

18 A. What is facing the passenger's side of the  
19 SUV, the house.

20 Q. The house. How many sets of keys did Jason  
21 have for that SUV?

22 A. One.

23 Q. Did Jason have a walking cane?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Did he need it every day in October of 2008?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did he have one or two legs?

4 A. Two.

5 Q. After you separated from the defendant, did  
6 the defendant make statements of a threatening nature  
7 to you?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. I would like to talk to you about some of  
10 them. Ms. Hudson, I want to direct your attention to  
11 May 6, 2008, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Did you have  
12 an occasion to be outside the house at 7019 South  
13 Yale?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. In what part of the house were you at that  
16 time on that day?

17 A. I was in the back of the house.

18 Q. When you say the back of the house, inside  
19 or outside?

20 A. Outside.

21 Q. What is in the back of the house?

22 A. An alley.

23 Q. Did you see anybody in the alley at that  
24 time?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who?

3 A. There was Reggie, and there was this guy  
4 named TY, and then William pulled into the alley.

5 Q. Let me stop you right there.

6 who is Reggie?

7 A. Reggie is a neighbor that stay directly  
8 behind us.

9 Q. A building across the alley?

10 A. Right across the alley.

11 Q. Who was Reggie to anybody in your family?

12 A. Reggie was Jason's -- he was his friend, and

13 Reggie did -- like Reggie walked Jason's dog. Reggie  
14 cleaned Jason's room. He did little odds and ends  
15 around the house.

16 Q. Who was he to you?

17 A. My neighbor, so to speak. He was my friend  
18 as well.

19 Q. Who was he to your mother?

20 A. A neighbor.

21 Q. And to your son Julian?

22 A. Reggie.

23 Q. How old was Reggie back then?

24 A. I don't know.

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1 Q. You mentioned TY. Who was TY?

2 A. TY is a mechanic, an alley mechanic.

3 Q. When you saw Reggie and TY out in the alley  
4 on May 6th in the early evening, what were they  
5 doing?

6 A. Working on a car.

7 Q. What were you doing when you went outside?

8 A. I was going outside because I was going -- I  
9 was going to the store.

10 Q. When you were out there in the alley with  
11 Reggie and TY, did somebody drive up?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who?

14 A. William.

15 Q. What car was he driving in May of 2008?

16 A. A Bonneville.



17 Q. what color was that Bonneville?

18 A. Tan.

19 Q. What happened when the defendant drove up in  
20 the Bonneville?

21 A. He drove up, and he was talking to TY. He  
22 was talking to TY. I didn't want to talk to him. So  
23 I was going to just go on to the store because at the  
24 back door through the alley, the store is right

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1 there. So I was going to the store, and he stopped  
2 me.

3 Q. who stopped you?

4 A. william.

5 Q. what happened when the defendant stopped  
6 you?

7 A. He said that he wanted to talk to me.

8 Q. when the defendant said he wanted to talk to  
9 you, what did you do?

10 A. I looked at Reggie like I don't know about  
11 this, but if I get in his car, you see where I went.

12 Q. After looking at Reggie, did you get into  
13 somebody's car?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. whose?

16 A. william's.

17 Q. when you got into the defendant's car, was  
18 anybody in the car with you besides him?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did you drive away with the defendant?

- 21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. where did you go?  
23 A. We went to McDonald's.  
24 Q. where is that located?

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- 1 A. 69th and Lafayette.  
2 Q. when you got to the McDonald's at 69th and  
3 Lafayette, did you go inside the McDonald's or were  
4 you outside?  
5 A. We went through the drive-thru.  
6 Q. Did you have a conversation with the  
7 defendant there in his car at that McDonald's at 69th  
8 and Lafayette?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. Could you please tell the ladies and  
11 gentlemen of the jury what he said to you and what,  
12 if anything, you said to him.  
13 A. Well, he said I can't do this without you.  
14 I can't -- I asked him what do you mean? He said I  
15 can't eat, I can't sleep, I can't work. I want to be  
16 back together. I was like I can't do it.  
17 Q. when you said you couldn't do it when he  
18 wanted you back, what did the defendant say to you  
19 then?  
20 A. If you leave me, you will be the last to  
21 die. I'm going to kill your family first.  
22 Q. Ms. Hudson, did the defendant still have  
23 that Bonneville on the night of June 19, 2008?  
24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. On that date in the evening hours, did  
2 something happen to the defendant in that car?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What?

5 A. He was arrested.

6 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor. May I  
7 have a sidebar.

8 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

9 Move on.

10 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, may I have a  
11 sidebar, please.

12 THE COURT: Fine.

13 (Proceedings were had which were not  
14 herein transcribed.)

15 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.

16 You may proceed.

17 MR. MCKAY: Thank you, Judge.

18 BY MR. MCKAY:

19 Q. In late July 2008, Ms. Hudson, did you have  
20 the occasion to go somewhere outside the State of  
21 Illinois?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Where did you go?

24 A. To my family reunion.

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- 1 Q. Where was that held?
- 2 A. St. Louis.
- 3 Q. Who went to that family reunion?
- 4 A. Out of my household? That was all of us;
- 5 me, my mother, my brother, and my son.
- 6 Q. And the defendant did not go, correct?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. How long were you in St. Louis?
- 9 A. Like four days. Like the 25th to -- I think
- 10 I left the 24th to like the 28th.
- 11 Q. Of July?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. By the end of July 2008, did you know a man
- 14 by the name of Richard?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. How did you meet Richard?
- 17 A. We were coworkers.
- 18 Q. Where?
- 19 A. At Sunrise.
- 20 Q. What was Richard's last name?
- 21 A. Parker.
- 22 Q. By July of 2008, what was your relationship
- 23 with Richard?
- 24 A. That was my buddy. We were extremely close

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- 1 friends.
- 2 Q. At that time --
- 3 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, if we could have a
- 4 moment. It is not having to do with the evidence.

5 THE COURT: I think I know what you are talking  
6 about. Is it with regard to the screen?

7 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 (A recess was taken.)

10 BY MR. MCKAY:

11 Q. Ms. Hudson, when you say Richard was your  
12 buddy, was it anything more than a friendship at that  
13 time in late July 2008?

14 A. No.

15 Q. I want to direct your attention to July 30,  
16 2008. At approximately 9:30 p.m., where were you at  
17 that time?

18 A. I was standing in front of my home.

19 Q. On Yale?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What were you doing?

22 A. Talking to Richard.

23 Q. While you were talking to Richard outside of  
24 your house, did you see anybody?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who?

3 A. William.

4 Q. Where was he when you first saw him?

5 A. When I first saw him, he was on the corner  
6 of Yale closest -- the south corner of 70th and Yale.

7 Q. While you were talking to Richard, what  
8 happened?

- 9 A. He basically like kind of ran up on us.  
10 Q. Who is he?  
11 A. William.  
12 Q. How did he look when he ran up on the two of  
13 you?  
14 A. He looked angry. He wasn't happy.  
15 Q. Before the defendant reached you, did you  
16 tell Richard to do something?  
17 A. I told him to go, just go.  
18 Q. Did he?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. After Richard left you, what did the  
21 defendant do?  
22 A. He snatched my phone and we argued.  
23 Q. After he snatched your phone and argued,  
24 what did the defendant do?

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- 1 A. Well --  
2 Q. With your phone?  
3 A. He text Richard from my phone.  
4 Q. Ms. Hudson, I would like to direct your  
5 attention to the next day, July 31, 2008. In the  
6 evening did anybody spend the night?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. Who?  
9 A. William.  
10 Q. Where?  
11 A. At the house on Yale.  
12 Q. At about 10:00 p.m. on the night of July 31,

- 13 2008, where were the two of you?  
14 A. In my room.  
15 Q. Was anybody else there at that time?  
16 A. In the house?  
17 Q. In the bedroom.  
18 A. No.  
19 Q. Were you supposed to work the next day?  
20 A. No.  
21 Q. In your bedroom at that time, did you say  
22 something to the defendant?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. What did you say?

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- 1 A. I told him that neither one of us has to  
2 work the next day so we going to get up, we going to  
3 go file for a divorce.  
4 Q. When you said that, did the defendant say  
5 anything to you?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. What did he say?  
8 A. If you leave me, you will be the last to  
9 die. I'm going to kill your family first.  
10 Q. Was the next morning August 1, 2008?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. What time did the defendant leave that  
13 morning?  
14 A. It was about 8:00, about 8:00 a.m.  
15 Q. Sometime after the defendant left that  
16 morning, did you and Jason -- did you discover

17 something missing?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What did you discover missing?

20 A. Jason's gun was gone, and there was some  
21 money gone.

22 THE COURT: I'm sorry?

23 Jason's gun was gone, and what was the  
24 second?

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1 THE WITNESS: And some money.

2 MS. THOMPSON: I would object. I would ask for  
3 foundation.

4 THE COURT: Okay. It will be sustained. Lay a  
5 foundation.

6 BY MR. MCKAY:

7 Q. Do you know where Jason's gun was before it  
8 was discovered missing the next day?

9 A. It was in his room.

10 Q. How do you know that?

11 A. Because I put it there.

12 Q. Where did you put it?

13 A. It was under his bed.

14 Q. Did you know a woman named Jeanine Myers?

15 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor. There is  
16 still no foundation how she knew it was missing the  
17 next day.

18 THE COURT: I will allow the question and  
19 answer to stand. You can cross on it.

20 BY MR. MCKAY:



- 21 Q. Do you know a woman named Jeanine Myers?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. Who was Jeanine Myers?  
24 A. My friend.

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- 1 Q. Do you know where Jeanine worked back in  
2 2008?  
3 A. Sunrise.  
4 Q. Same company with you?  
5 A. Yes.  
6 Q. Did you know her husband?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. What was his name?  
9 A. Robbyn.  
10 Q. Is Jeanine with us today?  
11 A. No.  
12 Q. When did she pass?  
13 A. Like maybe March of last year.  
14 Q. Directing your attention to August 23, 2008,  
15 in the evening, did you have the occasion to go  
16 somewhere?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. Where?  
19 A. I went to Jeanine's son's birthday party.  
20 Q. Where did they live at that time?  
21 A. I don't recall the exact address.  
22 Q. Was it a suburb?  
23 A. It was in Englewood. It was like 116th and  
24 like Eggleston, somewhere out that way.

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1 Q. Who did you go to the party with?

2 A. I took Julian and William went with me.

3 Q. About what time do you think you got to the  
4 party?

5 A. It was maybe 6:00, 6:30.

6 Q. In the evening?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Now, you told us about 7019 South Yale. Did  
9 there come a point in the very early fall of 2008  
10 that you began to live somewhere else?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Where?

13 A. 56th and Sacramento.

14 Q. Why did you -- is that a house or an  
15 apartment?

16 A. It was an apartment.

17 Q. Why did you get an apartment at 56th and  
18 Sacramento?

19 A. Well, I was done with the marriage. I  
20 wanted to be done with the marriage. Then I would  
21 talk to people, and they would say well, he is not  
22 your boyfriend. He is not somebody, you know, you  
23 are messing around with in that way.

24 He is your husband. The door should

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1 always be open towards your husband. At that point,  
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2 my family was over him. So to me, in order to make  
3 up my own mind, to maybe even try this out again, I  
4 moved into my own place so that I can be on my own.

5 Q. Did you move into an apartment at 5603  
6 Sacramento, South Sacramento, on or about September  
7 1, 2008?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. During that time, did the defendant stay the  
10 night?

11 A. Can you repeat your question.

12 Q. During that time while you were in that  
13 apartment, did the defendant ever stay the night?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Approximately how many times?

16 A. Maybe twice a week.

17 Q. Did the defendant have keys to that  
18 apartment?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. I want to direct your attention to the  
21 evening of September 12, 2008, around 6:30 p.m. or  
22 so. Where were you?

23 A. I was in that apartment.

24 Q. Was anybody in the apartment with you?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who?

3 A. William.

4 Q. Was anybody else in the apartment besides  
5 you and him at that time?

6 A. No.

7 Q. At that time, did you say something to the  
8 defendant about your marriage?

9 A. I told him I couldn't do it. It wasn't  
10 going to work.

11 Q. When you said you couldn't do it, it wasn't  
12 going to work, what did the defendant say to you?

13 A. He asked me was I leaving him for Richard.  
14 I told him no, I wasn't leaving you for Richard. I'm  
15 leaving you for me.

16 Q. When you said you weren't leaving for  
17 Richard, you were leaving for you, did the defendant  
18 say anything to you?

19 A. Well, he told me that I wasn't a chapter in  
20 his book like I would be in Richard's book. I was  
21 his book, and he reminded me again if you leave me --  
22 remember, if you leave me, I'm going to kill you.  
23 You are going to be the last to die. I am going to  
24 kill your family first.

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1 Q. When he said to you you are just a chapter  
2 in his book, who was he referring to when he said  
3 his?

4 A. Richard's book.

5 Q. When he said you were a chapter in my book,  
6 who was he referring to?

7 A. He said that you are my book.

8 Q. Who was he referring to?

9 A. He was talking about himself.

10 Q. Did you have a vehicle in September 2008?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. What kind of car?  
13 A. I had 2003 Chevy Impala.  
14 Q. What color was it?  
15 A. Brown.  
16 Q. Did you have that car with you at your  
17 apartment at 5603 South Sacramento during the early  
18 part of the day on September 18, 2008?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. In the evening did you discover something  
21 missing?  
22 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor. May I  
23 have a sidebar, please.  
24 THE COURT: Okay.

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1 (Proceedings were had which were not  
2 herein transcribed.)  
3 THE COURT: I did sustain the objection.  
4 You may proceed.  
5 MR. MCKAY: Thank you, Judge.  
6 BY MR. MCKAY:  
7 Q. On September 19, 2008, did you move out of  
8 your apartment you got just a few weeks before?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. Where did you move back to?  
11 A. I moved back to Yale.  
12 Q. On or about October 1, 2008, sometime around  
13 1:00, did you receive a phone call?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Who did you get a call from?

16 A. I received a couple of phone calls that day.

17 MR. KOZIBOSKI: Your Honor, we are having the  
18 same technical problem again.

19 (Discussion held off the record.)

20 THE COURT: Mr. McKay, pose another question.

21 MR. MCKAY: Thank you, Judge.

22 BY MR. MCKAY:

23 Q. Directing your attention again to October 1,  
24 2008, around 1:00 in the afternoon, did you receive a

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1 phone call?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. From one person, more than one person?

4 A. I received a few phone calls.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. More than one person.

7 Q. Did one of them include the defendant?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When the defendant called you, did you tell  
10 him about another caller?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What did you tell the defendant on the phone  
13 at that time?

14 A. We were on the phone talking. My other line  
15 clicked. I'm like Richard is calling me, and I hung  
16 up on him.

17 Q. You hung up on who?

18 A. On William.

19 Q. That same day approximately 4:00 in the  
20 afternoon, where were you?

21 A. I was at the base, my job.

22 Q. The Sunrise Bus Company?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Around 4:00, what were you doing at work?

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1 A. I was standing around. I was talking to a  
2 few of my coworkers.

3 Q. Where were you going to go after you left  
4 the ramp that afternoon?

5 A. Well, I was going to go and retrieve my car.

6 Q. Where was your car at that time?

7 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

8 THE COURT: Overruled.

9 THE WITNESS: It was at the police station.

10 BY MR. MCKAY:

11 Q. Well, while you were with the coworkers, did  
12 you see anybody?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Who?

15 A. William.

16 Q. Where did you see the defendant when you  
17 were on the ramp talking to coworkers at work that  
18 afternoon?

19 A. He was walking through the parking lot  
20 coming toward me.

21 Q. When you saw him, what did you do?

- 22 A. I took off. I ran.  
23 Q. Where?  
24 A. I went inside the building.

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- 1 Q. When you went inside the building, can you  
2 tell us what happened next.  
3 A. I went inside the building. I was trying to  
4 get away from him. I didn't want him to see me. So  
5 I can't really explain how the building is made. I  
6 don't know if everybody will get it.  
7 I went to the right. There is a way  
8 that you can go around. So when he came through the  
9 door, he went around. So that is my chance to get  
10 away.  
11 So I'm going back out toward the door  
12 when one of my coworkers coming in like Julia. I  
13 stop, and I turned around. I looked at her. And he  
14 stopped, and he looked at me and said that is what  
15 you on?  
16 Q. When you say he, who are you talking about?  
17 A. William.  
18 Q. The defendant came into your place of work?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. How did he look when you saw him inside your  
21 office that afternoon?  
22 A. He was upset.  
23 Q. After he said is that what you are on, what  
24 did you do?



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- 1 A. I said yeah, and I kept on going.
- 2 Q. Where did you go?
- 3 A. I went outside, and me and one of my
- 4 friends, we got into her car. Her car was the
- 5 closest.
- 6 Q. What was your friend's name?
- 7 A. Maquita.
- 8 Q. What happened?
- 9 A. Maquita took me to -- I was driving my
- 10 mother's car because my car was gone. She took me to
- 11 the car.
- 12 Q. Where your mother's car was parked?
- 13 A. My mother's car.
- 14 Q. What happened next?
- 15 A. I jumped out the car, and I got in the car.
- 16 He is coming.
- 17 Q. Who is coming?
- 18 A. William. So Quita takes her truck -- she
- 19 has a truck, and she blocked him so that I was able
- 20 to go out to traffic to get away.
- 21 Q. Did you?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Where did you go?
- 24 A. I went and got my mother.

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- 1 Q. At 7019 South Yale?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. I want to direct your attention to October  
4 9, 2008. Were you working on that day?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Were you driving a school bus that day?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Around 3:30 in the afternoon on that date,  
9 can you tell us approximately where your school bus  
10 was.

11 A. I was headed back to the base, but I was on  
12 73rd and Vincennes.

13 Q. Was anybody on the school bus with you  
14 heading back to the base?

15 A. No.

16 Q. When you were at 73rd and Vincennes, what  
17 did you see?

18 what did you do?

19 A. Well, I saw William's car.

20 Q. Where was his car?

21 A. His car was on 73rd and Vincennes.

22 Q. Let me stop you.

23 what kind of car did the defendant have  
24 on that day?

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1 A. He had the green Chrysler.

2 Q. Go ahead.

3 A. I pulled the bus over because I was going to  
4 confront him.

5 Q. Did you pull your bus over?

- 6 A. I pulled my bus over.
- 7 Q. To the curb?
- 8 A. To the curb.
- 9 Q. what happened next?
- 10 A. I wanted to get off the bus because I saw
- 11 his car. I didn't see him. When I saw the car, I
- 12 knew he was around. I went to get off the bus.
- 13 Before I can get off, he had jumped on the bus.
- 14 Q. when he got onto the bus, where did he
- 15 situate himself?
- 16 A. He sat himself up on the seat right above
- 17 the stairs.
- 18 Q. was anybody on the bus with you besides him
- 19 at that time?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. At that time did the defendant say anything
- 22 to you in your bus?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. what?

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- 1 A. He told me, he say, you know I came up your
- 2 job to kill you that day.
- 3 Q. when he said you know I came to your job to
- 4 kill you that day, what did he say next?
- 5 A. He said I want you to listen at me and
- 6 listen at me good. So I looked at him. Then he said
- 7 I have been thinking about taking Julian. I was like
- 8 you been thinking about taking Julian? what you mean
- 9 you been thinking about taking Julian?

10 He said well, you know, you all not  
11 doing nothing with him. I'm like Julian is where he  
12 needs to be. He is with us. He is with his family.

13 Q. After he told you he was thinking of taking  
14 your son, did this discussion continue?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. At that time, did you tell the defendant you  
17 were going to spend your birthday evening with  
18 Richard Parker?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. After that, did the defendant say anything  
21 to you of a threatening nature?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What did he say?

24 A. If you leave me, I'm going to kill you. You

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1 will be the last to die. I'm going to kill your  
2 family first.

3 Q. Could you estimate for the ladies and  
4 gentlemen of the jury approximately how many times  
5 the defendant threatened to kill you but kill your  
6 family first during the course of this separation?

7 A. 25, 26 times. He said it all the time.

8 Q. On October 18, 2008, was that Sweetest Day?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did you spend Sweetest Day with your  
11 husband, William Balfour?

12 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, relevance.

13 THE COURT: Overruled.

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You can answer.

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15 THE WITNESS: No.

16 BY MR. MCKAY:

17 Q. Did you spend Sweetest Day with somebody  
18 else?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who?

21 A. With Richard.

22 Q. Did Richard give you any gifts that day?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What?

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1 A. He bought me some balloons and some perfume.

2 Q. Did you go out somewhere with Richard Parker  
3 on Sweetest Day?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Where did you go?

6 A. Well, we was going to go to the show to see  
7 The Secret Life of Bees, but they were overbooked.  
8 So we went to Jennifer's house. Me, Jennifer, David,  
9 and Richard, we went to a diner up north.

10 MS. THOMPSON: Objection again to the  
11 relevance, Judge.

12 THE COURT: The answer may stand. Overruled.

13 BY MR. MCKAY:

14 Q. After going to this diner with Richard,  
15 Jennifer, and David, did you and Richard go somewhere  
16 else?

17 A. Yes.

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Q. Where did you go?

A. We went to the motel.

MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor, to the  
relevance.

THE COURT: To that question, the objection is  
going to be overruled.

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1 BY MR. MCKAY:

2 Q. The Sweetest Day balloons -- strike that.

3 MR. MCKAY: Sidebar, Judge.

4 (Proceedings were had which were not  
5 herein transcribed.)

6 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.

7 BY MR. MCKAY:

8 Q. After receiving the Sweetest Day balloons  
9 from Richard, did you bring them home?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. When was your birthday in 2008?

12 A. October 23rd.

13 Q. Did you go to work that day?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. After work, did you return home?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you have plans for dinner that night?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you go out to dinner on your birthday,  
20 October 23, 2008?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. who did you go out to dinner with?

23 A. I took Julian. I invited my mother. She  
24 didn't want to go because my friends was going. So

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1 it was me, Julian, Helena, Juanita, Maquita, and  
2 Chanelle.

3 Q. Where did you go?

4 A. We went to Red Lobster.

5 Q. Richard was not there?

6 A. No.

7 Q. The defendant was not there?

8 A. No.

9 Q. At some point that night, did you make it  
10 home?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, I want to direct your attention to  
13 Friday, October 24, 2008. About what time did you  
14 wake up that morning?

15 A. Maybe about 7:15, 7:30.

16 Q. Did you have your cell phones that morning?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did you learn when you woke up whether the  
19 defendant had tried to contact you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you respond to any of those  
22 communications?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did those communications include texts as

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1 well as calls?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Was your son Julian home that day?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Why?

6 A. Chicago Public Schools didn't have any

7 school that day.

8 Q. At about 8:10 a.m. on the morning of October

9 24, 2008, where were you inside your house?

10 A. About 8:10, I was on my way out the door.

11 Q. Then 8:05 or so?

12 A. I was in my room.

13 Q. What were you doing in your room?

14 A. I was getting dressed for work.

15 Q. Is there a bedroom in your room?

16 Is there a window in your bedroom?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. While you were getting ready for work, did

19 you hear anything?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What did you hear?

22 A. I heard a horn.

23 Q. After you heard that horn, what did you do?

24 A. I looked out the window.

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1 Q. When you looked out the window, what or who

2 did you see?



3 A. I saw William up on the window staring into  
4 my bedroom.

5 Q. When you say you saw William, you are  
6 talking about the defendant?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How close was the defendant's face to your  
9 bedroom window?

10 A. His nose could have been touching it. He  
11 was close.

12 Q. Was the window open or closed?

13 A. It was closed.

14 Q. Could you see where his green Chrysler was  
15 at that time?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Where was it?

18 A. It was at the back, the very back of the  
19 driveway, like on the car pad.

20 Q. By the alley?

21 A. By the alley.

22 Q. When you saw the defendant right outside  
23 your bedroom window, what happened at that point?

24 A. I asked him, I'm like what are you doing out

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1 here? Then he started to talk, but I didn't have  
2 time to stand in the window and talk to him because I  
3 was running late for work. I'm like just come in.  
4 So I opened the door for him.

5 Q. What door?

6 A. The front door.

7 Q. You let him in?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. At the time you let the defendant into your  
10 home, where was your mother, your brother, and your  
11 son?

12 A. They were all sleeping.

13 Q. How was the defendant dressed when he walked  
14 into your home that morning?

15 A. He had on a tan leather jacket. He had on a  
16 gray thermal long-sleeve shirt, black jogging pants,  
17 and blue and black Jordans.

18 Q. I'm sorry?

19 A. Blue and black gym shoes.

20 Q. What kind of gym shoes?

21 A. They were Jordans.

22 Q. When he walked into your home, what is the  
23 first thing he said to you?

24 A. Why you been ignoring me?

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1 Q. Did you smell anything on his breath?

2 A. He smelled like alcohol.

3 Q. When he asked you why are you ignoring me,  
4 did you continue the conversation there by your front  
5 porch or did you go somewhere?

6 A. We went back to my bedroom because I was  
7 getting dressed so I had to finish getting dressed.

8 Q. Had you received anything from your sister  
9 Jennifer that was situated in the hallway on the  
10 first floor?

- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What?
- 13 A. Some balloons.
- 14 Q. As you proceed from the front door to  
15 wherever your bedroom is, can you see those balloons?
- 16 A. Can you proceed? Can you repeat the  
17 question.
- 18 Q. Strike that.
- 19 Did you and the defendant walk to your  
20 bedroom?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. As you were walking towards your bedroom,  
23 did the defendant say anything to you?
- 24 A. Not until we got in the bedroom.

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- 1 Q. All right. What happened when you got into  
2 the bedroom?
- 3 A. He saw the Sweetest Day balloons.
- 4 Q. I see.
- 5 A. He is like ain't you a little too old for  
6 balloons, and he punched a balloon. I was like oh,  
7 that is my Sweetest Day gift.
- 8 THE COURT: What did you say?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Oh, that is my Sweetest Day gift  
10 before I realized what I said and who I said it to.
- 11 BY MR. MCKAY:
- 12 Q. Did you accidentally tell him who gave you  
13 those Sweetest Day balloons?
- 14 A. No.

15 Q. But the defendant didn't give you those  
16 balloons, did he?

17 A. No.

18 MS. THOMPSON: Objection to leading.

19 THE COURT: Overruled.

20 BY MR. MCKAY:

21 Q. After the defendant punched those balloons,  
22 then what happened?

23 A. He went to the washroom.

24 Q. Is the washroom on the first floor?

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1 A. It was right on the first floor, yes.

2 Q. Go ahead.

3 A. And after he came out the washroom, we left.

4 Q. When you say we left, who walked out first,  
5 who walked out second?

6 A. He walked out first.

7 Q. What, if anything, did you do with the front  
8 lock on the front door?

9 A. I turned on the handle. I turned the lock.

10 Q. The handle lock?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Is there a dead bolt lock in addition to  
13 that doorknob lock?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did you turn that dead bolt lock?

16 A. No.

17 Q. How were you going to get to work that  
18 morning?

- 19 A. I was driving.  
20 Q. Where was your car parked that morning?  
21 A. In front of the house.  
22 Q. As you were walking outside, where was  
23 Jason's SUV?  
24 A. In the driveway.

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- 1 Q. Parked there in the driveway?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. In the manner in which you told us about  
4 earlier?  
5 A. Yes.  
6 Q. Before you got into your car, did the  
7 defendant ask you anything?  
8 A. He asked me can we get up later on?  
9 Q. What did you tell him?  
10 A. I told him I ain't think so.  
11 Q. When you told him that, did you get inside  
12 your car?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. As you pulled away from the curb, could you  
15 see the defendant in your rearview mirror?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. Where was he standing?  
18 A. He was standing -- he was still in front of  
19 the house.  
20 Q. Right there on Yale?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. Did the defendant say anything else to you

23 besides asking to see you later that night before you  
24 pulled away from the curb?

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1 A. Yes. When I was standing at the top of the  
2 stairs, he was standing at the front of the house.  
3 He looks up. I remember he looks up, and he looked  
4 back at me.

5 He said, you know, I saw your mother  
6 this morning. I'm like how you see my momma this  
7 morning? He said she was in the window, like that.  
8 I remember like okay, and I just left.

9 Q. He said I saw your mother this morning?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Not I see your mother right now?

12 A. No. I saw your mother this morning.

13 Q. Did you drive to work?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. About what time did you arrive at the  
16 Sunrise Bus Company on October 24, 2008?

17 A. I got there maybe about 8:30.

18 Q. When you got to work that morning, did you  
19 receive some notice of some kind?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What?

22 A. I received a wage garnishment.

23 Q. What was this wage garnishment notice about?

24 A. A car that I had cosigned for William.

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1 Q. What kind of a car had you cosigned on a  
2 loan for the defendant?

3 A. It was a Chrysler LHS.

4 Q. Was that back in 2007?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How much was owed on that car loan that you  
7 cosigned for the defendant?

8 A. About \$9,000 and some change.

9 Q. When you received this wage garnishment  
10 notice that this car loan was still outstanding, what  
11 did you do about it?

12 A. I called him.

13 Q. Did you call him from your Sprint cell  
14 phone, 773-678-1156?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Where were you specifically when you started  
17 dialling his cell phone number?

18 A. I was walking out the door of the base on my  
19 way to my bus.

20 Q. Did the defendant answer the call?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you have a conversation with the  
23 defendant at that time?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. How long did that conversation last?

2 A. 18 minutes.

3 Q. Could you tell us what you told the  
4 defendant that morning you called him while you were  
5 getting onto your bus.

6 A. I remember I was angry because I wasn't  
7 fitting to pay for this car. So I called him, and I  
8 told him that he needs to fix this. He told me -- he  
9 say I'm going to fix this. You know, they messed up.

10 I understood what he meant by they  
11 messed up. He was asking me -- you know, he was  
12 saying that he was tired. I told him that he should  
13 go and get him some sleep. He told me that he wanted  
14 to go to Duke's house to get two hours of sleep, but  
15 Duke girlfriend didn't like him.

16 I remember asking him why don't nobody  
17 like you? He said whatever he said why don't nobody  
18 like him. Then he was asking me could he see me  
19 later on. I wasn't trying to see him later on.

20 Q. How many times did he ask you during this  
21 phone call if he could see you later on?

22 A. Maybe twice.

23 Q. Did you ever agree to see him during this  
24 phone call?

1 A. No.

2 Q. You stated you were angry, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did the defendant raise his voice during  
5 this conversation?

6 A. No.



7 Q. Now, during your time being married to this  
8 man, when the defendant was angry, would he raise his  
9 voice?

10 A. No.

11 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

12 THE COURT: Overruled. The answer stands.

13 BY MR. MCKAY:

14 Q. When he told you he was tired, where did he  
15 say he was going to go?

16 A. To Duke's house.

17 Q. Now, do you know who Duke is?

18 A. No.

19 Q. What did he say he was going to do at Duke's  
20 house?

21 A. Go to sleep.

22 Q. Did anybody during this 18-minute phone  
23 conversation with the defendant get on your bus?

24 A. I talked to him during the duration of my

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1 trip to where I was going. So when I pulled up,  
2 there were other buses. So my ex worked with me. He  
3 was approaching my bus. So I got off the phone -- I  
4 was trying to get off the phone with William so that  
5 he wouldn't hear. You know, I didn't want that.

6 Q. You didn't want William to --

7 A. To hear this other guy speaking to me.

8 Q. Who was this other guy?

9 A. My coworker Marnell which is my  
10 ex-boyfriend.

- 11 Q. He was a bus driver?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Where did you and Marnell and other bus  
14 driving go to that morning for a specific job?
- 15 A. We went to Evergreen Park.
- 16 Q. What was your assignment on the morning of  
17 October 24, 2008, with the Sunrise Bus Company?
- 18 A. To take them to the Brookfield Zoo.
- 19 Q. Students from Evergreen Park?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. That morning did you drive these students to  
22 the Brookfield Zoo?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- 24 Q. About what time did you and these kids get

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- 1 to Brookfield Zoo?
- 2 A. Maybe about 9:40.
- 3 Q. When you dropped the kids off at the zoo,  
4 where do you go?
- 5 A. Well, we got on one bus, and we went to the  
6 mall.
- 7 Q. Who is we?
- 8 A. Me and the rest of the coworkers that was on  
9 that trip.
- 10 Q. Approximately how many drivers took students  
11 from Evergreen Park School?
- 12 A. It was about eight buses so it was about  
13 eight drivers.
- 14 Q. While the kids are at the zoo, what do you

15 and the coworkers do?

16 A. We were at the mall. Some of us was walking  
17 around the mall, but we all sat down and we ate  
18 lunch.

19 Q. Do you still have your cell phone with you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. At about 1:04 p.m., did you have the  
22 occasion to text anybody?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who did you text?

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1 A. I text William.

2 Q. What did you say in your text message to the  
3 defendant?

4 A. I asked him did he get his two hours of  
5 sleep?

6 Q. Did he respond to you right away?

7 A. No.

8 Q. That morning after you left the house into  
9 the early morning -- early afternoon, did you receive  
10 a call or a text from your mother?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Anything unusual about that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Why was that unusual?

15 A. She always text like with me when I go to  
16 work, make sure you come right home after work.  
17 Julian, he might need something to eat, you know,  
18 stuff like that. Then she just always text us,

19 always.

20 Q. At some point later that afternoon did you  
21 receive some texts from the defendant William  
22 Balfour?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did these texts begin at 2:21 p.m. and get

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1 four in a row up to and including 2:26 p.m.?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. At 2:27 p.m., did you text the defendant?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What did you say in your text message to the  
6 defendant at 2:27?

7 A. I asked him where are you.

8 Q. When you sent that message out to him, did  
9 he get back to you at 2:28?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What was the defendant's message to you when  
12 you asked him where was he?

13 A. Over at Pudro's crib on Eggleston.

14 Q. Who is Pudro?

15 A. I don't know.

16 Q. When he said over at Pudro's crib on  
17 Eggleston, where is Eggleston Avenue in relation to  
18 the 7000 block of South Yale?

19 A. Approximately six blocks.

20 Q. Which way?

21 A. West.

22 Q. So that -- strike that.

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Eggleston is six blocks west of your  
24 mother's house, right?

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1 A. Yes.  
2 Q. It is not on the west side of Chicago, is  
3 it?  
4 A. No.  
5 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.  
6 THE COURT: Overruled.  
7 BY MR. MCKAY:  
8 Q. After your assignment with the children and  
9 Brookfield Zoo were over, did you make it back home?  
10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. About what time did you arrive home from  
12 work that afternoon?  
13 A. I want to say it was 2:30.  
14 Q. When you pulled up in front of your house,  
15 was Jason's SUV there?  
16 A. No.  
17 Q. When you pulled up to the curb, did you get  
18 out right away or did you do something?  
19 A. I sat in the car.  
20 Q. When you sat in the car, what did you do?  
21 A. I was on the phone. Yes, I sat in the car.  
22 Q. Who were you talking to?  
23 A. I don't recall who I was talking to at this  
24 time.

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- 1 Q. How long were you sitting in your car?  
2 A. I sat in the car for a while.  
3 Q. At some point, did you get out?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. When you got out of your car, where did you  
6 go?  
7 A. I went in the house.  
8 Q. How many stairs are there from the ground  
9 floor up to the front door?  
10 A. Five, six.  
11 Q. As you got up to that top step, did you  
12 notice anything unusual?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. What?  
15 A. There was a bullet hole up under the lock on  
16 the door.  
17 Q. Was that bullet hole there before that  
18 afternoon?  
19 A. No.  
20 Q. After seeing that bullet hole, what did you  
21 do next?  
22 A. I remember tracing my finger over the bullet  
23 hole, and I opened the door.  
24 Q. How did you open the door?

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- 1 A. With my key.  
2 Q. After you used your key, what happened?  
3 A. I opened the door, and Julian's piggy bank

4 was on the porch.

5 Q. Is there an enclosed front porch there?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Describe what you say about Julian's piggy  
8 bank.

9 A. When I opened the door, like literally  
10 almost the piggy bank was to the point where I almost  
11 knocked it over when I opened the door had it been  
12 any closer. I found that strange because when I left  
13 that morning, it was in my room. So his piggy bank  
14 was right there on the porch, which is not the spot  
15 it was kept in.

16 So I'm thinking because the area we  
17 lived in, shooting was an everyday thing. I thought  
18 that a stray bullet had hit our door. So I'm going  
19 in the house momma, momma, momma. I am culling her  
20 name. She is never answering me.

21 Excuse me.

22 Q. When you called out your mother's name, did  
23 anybody respond?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. what did you do?

2 A. So I kept going, right. I am steady calling  
3 her. So I'm going like toward my room, the living  
4 room, which is -- well, downstairs. The door is  
5 pushed up so I see a foot. I'm thinking it is my son  
6 on the floor playing like a kid would do. He was  
7 literally just as big as she was.

8                   So as I am opening the door, I am  
9 scanning. I realized it is my mother on the floor.  
10 I am thinking that she fell. I'm like let me help my  
11 mother up. That is what I am thinking. As I open  
12 the door, as it got completely open, I saw that  
13 wasn't the case.

14           Q.    what did you see?

15           A.    She was laying on her stomach. Her head was  
16 on her arm, and there was blood on her arm. I just  
17 didn't see any life there.

18           Q.    what did you do next?

19           A.    I left. I was running. I was screaming. I  
20 was hollering somebody, please help me, somebody  
21 killed my mother, call the police, somebody help me.

22           Q.    where did you go?

23           A.    I went outside. I had both my phones in my  
24 hand. At this point, my mind is not there. So I'm

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1   trying to call the police.

2           Q.    Did you call 911 on one of your phones?

3           A.    Yes, I did.

4           Q.    In fact, did you make a phone call from the  
5 678-1156 number at 2:41 and 55 seconds p.m.?

6           A.    Yes, I did.

7           Q.    After you called 911, did you see anybody  
8 you knew?

9           A.    Yes, Jarvis. When I came running out the  
10 house, the lady from the church was out there.

11          Q.    The lady from what church?



12 A. It is a church, Cavalry Life Pentecostal.  
13 It is directly across the street the house. So she  
14 was out there. I am screaming. Of course she is  
15 paying attention. I am screaming.

16 So she was standing there. Then Jarvis  
17 came walking up the street like what is wrong, what  
18 is wrong? I'm like somebody killed my momma,  
19 somebody killed my momma, like that.

20 I realized that I didn't touch her. You  
21 know, I didn't touch her. So I'm like go check and  
22 see if she is alive. He came out, he was like no.

23 Then I'm calling -- after I called the  
24 police, I'm calling Jason's phone because I didn't

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1 know Jason was gone. I thought he was gone.

2 Q. Let me ask you this: After you saw your  
3 mother, did you run right out of the house?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You didn't go into Jason's room, did you?

6 A. No.

7 Q. When you came back out, did you know where  
8 Jason was?

9 A. No. I thought he was gone.

10 Q. Why not?

11 A. His truck wasn't there.

12 Q. Did you send Jarvis in to find anybody  
13 besides checking on your mother?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Who?

16 A. I was calling Jason, and he wasn't  
17 answering. So I told Jarvis, I say go in the house  
18 and search the house for Julian.

19 Q. After Jarvis came out, what did he say about  
20 your son?

21 A. He said he didn't see him in there.

22 Q. While you were on the phone with the police,  
23 were you also talking to this lady from the church  
24 across the street?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Soon after you called 911, did anybody  
3 arrive at your mother's house?

4 A. Soon after I called 911?

5 Q. Yes, ma'am.

6 A. The ambulance came.

7 Q. Besides the paramedics, did anybody else  
8 arrive?

9 A. The police was there.

10 Q. Did you have a conversation with police  
11 officers right there outside your mother's house?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you have a conversation with a female  
14 police officer?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. During that conversation with the female  
17 police officer, did she ask you anything?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What did she ask you?

20 A. She asked me did I know who could have done  
21 this.

22 Q. What did you tell her?

23 A. Yes.

24 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

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1 THE COURT: The answer may stand.

2 BY MR. MCKAY:

3 Q. What did you say?

4 A. William.

5 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Basis?

7 MS. THOMPSON: Hearsay.

8 THE COURT: What this witness said, the  
9 objection is overruled.

10 BY MR. MCKAY:

11 Q. Did you tell that police officer or a police  
12 officer about the threats that you told all of us  
13 here today?

14 A. Yes.

15 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

17 BY MR. MCKAY:

18 Q. Well, were you still on the block on Yale at  
19 3:26 and 24 seconds that afternoon?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Approximately an hour after you arrived home  
22 from work?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did somebody call you at that time?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. who?

3 A. William.

4 Q. When he called you, did you answer?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who was standing next to you when you  
7 answered the phone?

8 A. The police.

9 Q. Did the police officers tell you anything  
10 about whether to tell the defendant their  
11 whereabouts?

12 A. Well, we were discussing, me and the police  
13 officer.

14 Q. Right.

15 A. So I said here he is right now. They say  
16 well, answer, but don't tell him that you are  
17 standing here with us.

18 Q. Okay. With that said by the police officer,  
19 did you answer the defendant's phone call?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Could you tell the ladies and gentlemen of  
22 the jury what the defendant said to you when he  
23 called you at 3:26 that afternoon.

24 A. He asked me what was going on over there. I

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1 told him what happened, and he said -- I asked him  
2 how do you know what is going on? He said well,  
3 Brittany told me.

4 Q. Brittany told him?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Go ahead.

7 A. Then he said that he was coming.

8 Q. Coming?

9 A. Yes. So they asked me to ask him where was  
10 he. So I'm like where are you? He was like I'm up,  
11 up north, like he was stuttering. He told me he was  
12 up north.

13 Q. Up north?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Not on the west side?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Not by Pudro's crib on Eggleston?

18 A. No.

19 Q. When you asked him how did he know, he said  
20 what?

21 A. Brittany told him.

22 Q. Who is Brittany?

23 A. Brittany is his play sister.

24 Q. Where did this Brittany live in relation to

1 your house on Yale?

2 A. She stayed across the street.

3 Q. Did that phone call the defendant made to

- 4 you at 3:26 last about a minute and 36 seconds?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Now, Ms. Hudson, after that phone call, did
- 7 you go with police officers to another location?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Where did you go?
- 10 A. We went to the police station.
- 11 Q. Around 3:42 p.m., did you make a call to the
- 12 defendant?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. He didn't pick up though, did he?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Did your call go into voicemail?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Do you recall if you left a message?
- 19 A. I didn't leave a message.
- 20 Q. Did you talk to police officers at the
- 21 police station?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Was that at 51st and Wentworth?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Did the police officers -- strike that.
- 2 Did you give the police officers any
- 3 information?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. To help them in their investigation?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What did you tell them?

8 A. Of course the main thing was locating  
9 Julian, so where can we find Julian. So I told them,  
10 I said we can try Lacricia's house. Then I gave them  
11 Shonta's address. That is what I told them.

12 Q. Besides giving them Shonta's address and  
13 Lacricia's house, did you tell them what William  
14 Balfour's telephone number was?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was that the Sprint number you told us  
17 earlier?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. 773 --

20 A. 425-8517.

21 Q. Besides giving the police the defendant's  
22 name and cell phone, you gave them Shonta's address?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who is Shonta?

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1 A. His girlfriend.

2 Q. What address did you give the police?

3 A. 1925 South Spaulding.

4 Q. How did you know that address?

5 A. I don't recall. I just knew it.

6 Q. Besides giving the police the defendant's  
7 name, his cell phone number, Shonta's name and her  
8 address, did you give them any other names and any  
9 other addresses?

10 A. Well, I told them about a garage.

11 Q. A garage?

- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Where?
- 14 A. 63rd, a little west. I don't know the  
15 address right now.
- 16 Q. How about 59th and Damen?
- 17 A. That sounds like it.
- 18 Q. Now, you knew your mother-in-law, did you  
19 not?
- 20 A. Repeat the question.
- 21 Q. You knew your mother-in-law, did you not?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Did you give the police her name?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. And her address?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Besides giving the police the defendant's  
4 name, phone number, your mother-in-law's name and  
5 address, Shonta's name and address, did you give them  
6 another name of another person maybe they should find  
7 to help look for your son and this guy?
- 8 A. His brother.
- 9 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 11 BY MR. MCKAY:
- 12 Q. Besides his brother, was there another  
13 person, a name of another person?
- 14 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor. This is  
15 all hearsay at this point.



16 THE COURT: Hearsay that she gave the  
17 information to other people?

18 MS. THOMPSON: If it is an out of court  
19 statement, whether it is this witness or not.

20 THE COURT: I understand your objection. Your  
21 objection is overruled.

22 BY MR. MCKAY:

23 Q. Another female?

24 A. His aunt.

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1 Q. How about somebody who he wasn't related to?

2 A. Lacricia.

3 Q. Did you know another female he spent time  
4 with besides Shonta?

5 A. Tosha.

6 Q. Did you give the police an approximate  
7 address of Tosha?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q. After 6:00, around 6:16 p.m., did you send a  
10 text to the defendant?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you recall the message you sent in that  
13 text message to him?

14 A. I thought you were coming, where are you?

15 Q. He never responded, did he?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did the police find your son that night?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Where did you spend that night, Ms. Hudson?

- 20 A. At the Trump Hotel.  
21 Q. With who?  
22 A. With my sister Jennifer.  
23 Q. Did the police find your son the next day,  
24 Saturday, October 25th?

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- 1 A. No.  
2 Q. Did they find your son Sunday, October 26th?  
3 A. No.  
4 Q. Where were you on October 27, 2008?  
5 A. At the Trump Hotel.  
6 Q. Was there a television in that room you were  
7 staying?  
8 A. Yes.  
9 Q. Did you have occasion to watch the news that  
10 day?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. What did you learn watching the news that  
13 day?  
14 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.  
15 THE COURT: Sustained.  
16 BY MR. MCKAY:  
17 Q. After watching the news, what did you do?  
18 A. What did I do?  
19 Q. Yes, ma'am.  
20 A. I hollered and I screamed. That is what I  
21 did.  
22 Q. Did you return to the family house at 7019  
23 South Yale right away?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. After the police investigation, did anybody  
2 go back to that house to retrieve items for you?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did those items include your clothes?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did your mother have a purse?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Was that returned to you?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What was inside that purse?

11 A. It was money, it was her credit cards, it  
12 was her ID, a Social Security card. Everything she  
13 had in there was in there.

14 Q. Nothing was stolen?

15 A. No.

16 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 BY MR. MCKAY:

19 Q. Were the checks your sister gave your mom  
20 ever cashed by anybody?

21 A. No.

22 Q. This piggy bank that you said was on the  
23 enclosed front porch which was inside the piggy bank  
24 that day you walked in?

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- 1 A. The money.
- 2 Q. Were those coins placed into a box a couple  
3 of days later?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Not stolen?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Besides those things of value, were there  
8 other things of value still inside that house that  
9 friends and family needed to retrieve?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Did your brother Jason have a collection of  
12 jerseys?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. How many jerseys did he have?
- 15 A. He had about ten. They were all throwbacks.  
16 He paid at least 350 for each one.
- 17 Q. Did Jason have any flat screen televisions  
18 in his bedroom?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Was that stolen?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Did your son Julian have a computer in his  
23 bedroom upstairs or in a room upstairs?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Was that taken on the 24th of October 2008?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Now, prior to today, did you have the  
4 occasion to listen to the 911 tape of the phone call

5 you made on October 24, 2008, at approximately 2:41  
6 p.m.?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did that tape accurately reflect what you  
9 said to the 911 operators and what they said to you?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Was the tape that you listened to in any way  
12 altered in any way?

13 A. No.

14 MS. THOMPSON: May we have a quick sidebar?

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 (Proceedings were had which were not  
17 herein transcribed.)

18 THE COURT: Proceed.

19 BY MR. MCKAY:

20 Q. Ms. Hudson, you testified just a second ago  
21 that earlier before today you listened to the 911  
22 call that you made; is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Was the call that you listened to before

1 testifying today on a disk?

2 A. It was just played for me.

3 Q. Okay. Do you know that when you call 911 or  
4 anyone calls 911, there is a recording made of the  
5 call?

6 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, if I may, we would  
7 stipulate --

8 THE COURT: You want to stipulate?

9 MS. THOMPSON: -- that Ms. Hudson would  
10 identify this recording if she heard it as the same  
11 she heard earlier, that it is still a true and  
12 accurate copy.

13 It can be admitted.

14 MR. MCKAY: We will accept that stipulation.

15 Your Honor, we will call it People's  
16 Exhibit No. 28.

17 (People's Exhibit No. 28 was received  
18 in evidence.)

19 THE COURT: Do you wish to play it for the  
20 jury?

21 MR. MCKAY: I would. Thank you, Judge.

22 BY MR. MCKAY:

23 Q. Ms. Hudson, in just a second, we are going  
24 to play the tape.

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1 MR. MCKAY: At this time, we ask to publish  
2 People's Exhibit No. 28 to the jury.

3 (Audio recording played.)

4 BY MR. MCKAY:

5 Q. Ms. Hudson, when the operators asked you  
6 what is your last name and then there is a period  
7 where we don't hear the operator's voice at all, it  
8 appears that you are talking. Who are you talking to  
9 at that time?

10 A. I was talking to the lady across the street.  
11 Now that I am listening again, it sounds like I was  
12 talking to Jarvis as well.

13 Q. Ms. Hudson, I am going to show you some  
14 exhibits already in evidence, People's Exhibit No. 1.  
15 what is shown in this photograph?

16 A. The house, yes.

17 Q. Is this how the house looked at 7019 South  
18 Yale on October 24, 2008, after the police arrived?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. I am showing you People's Exhibit No. 2.  
21 who is this?

22 A. My mother.

23 Q. Is this how your mother looked when she was  
24 alive?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Showing you People's Exhibit No. 3, who is  
3 this?

4 A. My brother.

5 Q. Where was this picture taken of your brother  
6 Jason Hudson?

7 A. At my job.

8 Q. In fact, what do you see in the background  
9 behind your brother?

10 A. School buses.

11 Q. Now I would like to show you People's  
12 Exhibit No. 4. Who is this?

13 A. My son.

14 Q. Where was this picture taken of your son?

15 A. In my mother's room at the house.

16 Q. I want to show you some more photographs.

17 All right. First, I am going to show you an exhibit  
18 we have already marked as People's Exhibit No. 8 for  
19 identification. What is it?

20 A. The house.

21 Q. That is right. Yet there is something on  
22 the side of the house that you talked about earlier;  
23 is that correct?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. What is it?

2 A. The car.

3 Q. What car?

4 A. The Escort.

5 Q. Is this the car that your brother would back  
6 his SUV up against?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And then park it diagonally?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. In what direction would he park the car  
11 diagonally after backing up against the Escort?

12 A. What part would --

13 Q. The front part of his car?

14 A. It would be facing this way (indicating).

15 Q. Which is what?

16 A. Toward the house.

17 Q. Showing you People's Exhibit No. 9 for  
18 identification, what is this?

19 A. The front door.

20 Q. Is this the front door that you entered on



21 the afternoon of October 24, 2008?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Now, do you see anything in this front door

24 that wasn't there when you left in the morning?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. what is it?

3 A. A bullet hole.

4 Q. With my pen, could you just circle the

5 bullet hole on People's Exhibit No. 9.

6 A. (Witness complied).

7 MR. MCKAY: May the record reflect the witness

8 has placed a circle in the center right portion of

9 People's Exhibit No. 9.

10 THE COURT: The record will so reflect.

11 BY MR. MCKAY:

12 Q. I would like to show you People's Exhibit

13 No. 10. what are we looking at in this picture?

14 A. The piggy bank.

15 Q. Is this a view taken from the outside of the

16 house with the door open?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Does it show that enclosed front porch?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. The piggy bank wasn't there when you left in

21 the morning, was it?

22 A. No.

23 Q. where had it been when you left for work?

24 A. It was in my room.

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1 MS. THOMPSON: I can't -- with him standing  
2 there, I can't hear anything.

3 THE COURT: When you turn, sometimes it is a  
4 little harder to hear. So if you could speak a  
5 little louder, I would appreciate it.

6 THE WITNESS: Okay.

7 BY MR. MCKAY:

8 Q. Ms. Hudson, showing you People's Exhibit  
9 No. 11 for identification. What does this show in  
10 this photograph?

11 A. The piggy bank.

12 Q. A close-up of it?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. With the coins in it?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. On the other side of that front porch were  
17 some other items; is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. I would like to show you People's Exhibit 12  
20 for identification. What is shown in this  
21 photograph?

22 A. I see some keys and a lock.

23 Q. Now, besides his toys, did your son Julian  
24 play with anything else?

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1 A. Yes. He always had a set of old keys.

2 Q. What, if anything, would he do with those  
3 keys?

4 A. He always wanted to drive. So every morning  
5 he would get up. He had a Cozy Coupe, which is a kid  
6 powered toy. He would get his keys and get in the  
7 car, and he would turn it. He also thought the  
8 Escort in the yard was his car.

9 Q. The car that didn't work?

10 A. Yes. He would go to it and play in it, and  
11 I would have to get him out the car. You can't play  
12 in this car, Julian. So yes, he played with the  
13 keys.

14 Q. Now I am going to show you an exhibit we  
15 have marked as People's Exhibit No. 13 for  
16 identification. What is shown in this photograph?

17 A. I see some balloons.

18 Q. What balloons are those?

19 A. Those are my birthday balloons.

20 Q. Not the Sweetest Day balloons?

21 A. No.

22 Q. In what room are the birthday balloons in  
23 this particular photograph?

24 A. This is the hallway.

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1 Q. After you turn into -- in from this hallway  
2 into the room where there is a treadmill, what room  
3 is that?

4 A. That is the living room.

5 Q. Is that the path that you took before you  
6 discovered your mother?

7 A. Through that hallway, yes. This was the  
8 door that was pushed up, that I pushed open and she  
9 was right there (indicating).

10 Q. Was that door pushed open before you left  
11 for work in the morning?

12 A. We never closed that door.

13 Q. I am showing you People's Exhibit No. 14 for  
14 identification. Is this another view of that  
15 hallway, a different angle showing those birthday  
16 balloons?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. We talked earlier that your mother slept in  
19 the bedroom upstairs, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Showing you People's Exhibit 15 for  
22 identification, what is shown in this photograph?

23 A. Her purse and Julian's bookbag.

24 Q. Is this the purse that contained the blank

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1 signed checks from your sister Jennifer, your  
2 mother's cash, credit cards, and everything else of  
3 value?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. All those things were returned, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Showing you People's 16, is this a close-up  
8 of your mother's purse in your mother's bedroom?

- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Now, your bedroom was on the first floor; is  
11 that correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Showing you People's Exhibit 17 for  
14 identification, what is this a picture of?
- 15 A. I see my bed and a door.
- 16 Q. Okay. Is that the doorway through which the  
17 defendant entered that morning you let him in when  
18 you saw him standing right outside your window?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Showing you People's Exhibit 18, what is  
21 this a picture of?
- 22 A. The windows.
- 23 Q. Of what bedroom?
- 24 A. My bedroom.

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- 1 Q. Now, do we see Sweetest Day balloons in this  
2 picture?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Why not?
- 5 A. It is the wrong angle.
- 6 Q. Well, if you can show us on People's 18  
7 where would the balloons be if the photographer was  
8 standing in the right place?
- 9 A. Well, it would be the other way.
- 10 Q. Which way?
- 11 A. Like if they were standing here and they  
12 took the photograph facing you, then that is where

13 the balloons would have been (indicating).

14 Q. On the right side?

15 A. No, they were actually on the left side.

16 Q. So this doesn't show?

17 A. No.

18 Q. But for that, does it show your bedroom as  
19 it appeared back then?

20 A. This is my bedroom, yes.

21 Q. Does it show that window that you looked out  
22 and saw the defendant standing right outside?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. There is a curtain in that picture?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you have to do something with that  
3 curtain to see the defendant?

4 A. Yes, I moved it back.

5 Q. Now, Julian slept upstairs, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did he have another room downstairs,  
8 however?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Showing you People's Exhibit 19 for  
11 identification, what is shown in this photograph?

12 A. His toys and his bed.

13 Q. Is that another room Julian played in?

14 A. This was his bedroom, but he didn't sleep in  
15 there. He just basically -- when he played with  
16 toys, he played in there.

17 Q. Do those pictures that I have just shown  
18 you, People's Exhibit 8 up to and including 19, truly  
19 and accurately depict your house on October 24, 2008,  
20 after the police got there?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, at this time, we move  
23 to admit People's Exhibits 8 through 16.

24 THE COURT: Any objection?

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1 MR. MCKAY: I'm sorry. 8 through 19.

2 MS. THOMPSON: No objection.

3 THE COURT: No objection. The identification  
4 marks will be stricken. They will be moved into  
5 evidence.

6 (People's Exhibit Nos. 8-19 were  
7 received in evidence.)

8 MR. MCKAY: I'd seek to publish them right now  
9 Judge.

10 THE COURT: Any objection?

11 MS. THOMPSON: No objection.

12 THE COURT: They can be published.

13 BY MR. MCKAY:

14 Q. We will start with No. 8, Ms. Hudson,  
15 People's Exhibit 8. This is the house from the side  
16 view that shows the driveway, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You told us about the driveway just south of  
19 your house; isn't that right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Obviously we see the Ford Escort, correct?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. Jason's truck would be parked in front of  
24 that, right?

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1 A. Right.  
2 Q. Would it be angled towards the house after  
3 it is up against the bumper of the Escort?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. That truck was there in the morning though,  
6 wasn't it?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. It wasn't there when you got back, was it?  
9 A. No.  
10 Q. Let's go to No. 9. Now, what are we looking  
11 at here, Ms. Hudson?  
12 A. The front door.  
13 Q. With your finger, can you place a circle  
14 around the hole in the front door. Go ahead.  
15 A. Touch this?  
16 Q. Yes.  
17 A. (Witness complied).  
18 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, may the record reflect  
19 the witness placed a circle around the bullet hole in  
20 People's Exhibit 9.  
21 BY MR. MCKAY:  
22 Q. That wasn't there when you left for work in  
23 the morning, was it?  
24 A. No.



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1 Q. Let's go to People's 10.

2 THE COURT: Just one second.

3 Print that out.

4 MR. MCKAY: Thank you, Judge.

5 Your Honor, do we have to do it again?

6 THE COURT: Print it again.

7 Go ahead.

8 BY MR. MCKAY:

9 Q. Let's go to the next People's Exhibit. This  
10 will be People's 10. What are we looking at here,  
11 Ms. Hudson?

12 A. The piggy bank.

13 Q. In the front porch?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. This is the view from outside the front  
16 steps looking in?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Let's go to People's Exhibit No. 11. Is  
19 this a close-up of that piggy bank containing the  
20 coins?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. This piggy bank was not on the front porch  
23 when you and the defendant left that morning,  
24 correct?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Let's go to People's No. 12. Now, you  
3 talked about your son Julian playing with some keys?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you see anything in People's Exhibit  
6 No. 12?

7 A. Keys.

8 Q. Could you place a circle around the keys in  
9 this photograph.

10 A. (Witness complied).

11 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, could we print up a  
12 copy of this exhibit now.

13 THE COURT: One second.

14 BY MR. MCKAY:

15 Q. Could you place that circle again,  
16 Ms. Hudson, around the keys.

17 A. (Witness complied).

18 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, could we print up a  
19 copy.

20 THE COURT: Okay. This is People's No. what?

21 MR. MCKAY: Should be 12.

22 THE COURT: Go ahead.

23 BY MR. MCKAY:

24 Q. Let's go to the next exhibit which I believe

1 is People's Exhibit No. 13. What are we looking at  
2 here in this photo?

3 THE COURT: One second.

4 It didn't print up with the circle.

5 Go ahead. 13?

6 BY MR. MCKAY:

7 Q. Let's go to 13. What are we looking at  
8 here, Ms. Hudson?

9 A. We are looking at the -- I see the purse and  
10 the balloons and the doorway.

11 Q. That is the birthday balloons your sister  
12 gave you?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Let's go to People's Exhibit 14. That is  
15 that area from a different angle?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Let's go to People's Exhibit 15. What are  
18 we looking at here?

19 A. My mother's purse and Julian's bookbag.

20 Q. Julian's bookbag?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Let's go to People's Exhibit 16. What is  
23 this, a close-up?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. With your finger, can you place a circle  
2 around your mother's purse.

3 A. (Witness complied).

4 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, could we print up a  
5 copy of this exhibit.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Let's try to print this one.

7 MR. MCKAY: May I proceed?

8 THE COURT: Yes. Go ahead.

9 BY MR. MCKAY:

10 Q. Now, Ms. Hudson, I would like to show you a  
11 couple other photographs. Okay. You told us earlier  
12 how your husband was dressed that morning he was  
13 standing right outside your window and came in drunk;  
14 is that correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I want to show you some pictures taken of  
17 him later that night. First, I want to show you  
18 People's Exhibit 20 for identification. Can you tell  
19 us who is depicted in this photograph.

20 A. William.

21 Q. I am going to show you People's Exhibit 21  
22 for identification. Can you tell us who is depicted  
23 in this photograph.

24 A. William.

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1 Q. Do these pictures truly and accurately show  
2 how William Balfour looked as far as his face is  
3 concerned on October 24, 2008?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. But there is something different about the  
6 clothes he is wearing when these pictures were taken,  
7 correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Was he wearing these pictures (sic) when he  
10 came to your home that morning on October 24th?

11 A. He was not wearing those clothes.

12 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, at this time, I move to  
13 admit People's Exhibits 20 and 21.

14 THE COURT: Any objection?

15 MS. THOMPSON: Our objection is that she can't  
16 say that that is what he looked like at the time.  
17 She can't set a foundation for those photos.

18 THE COURT: You can cross on that,  
19 Ms. Thompson. The objection is going to be  
20 overruled.

21 (People's Exhibit Nos. 20-21 were  
22 received in evidence.)

23 THE COURT: Are you asking to publish those?

24 MR. MCKAY: Yes, I am.

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1 THE COURT: Any objection?

2 MS. THOMPSON: We object, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: For the same purpose?

4 MS. THOMPSON: Yes. She can't establish at  
5 what time these photographs are taken, Judge, or when  
6 he looked like that. So it is not relevant at that  
7 point.

8 THE COURT: Ms. Thompson, I understand your  
9 objection. I will allow you to cross on that area if  
10 you desire. The objection is going to be overruled.  
11 You can publish the exhibits.

12 MR. MCKAY: Can you publish People's Exhibit 20  
13 right now.

14 BY MR. MCKAY:

15 Q. Is this a picture of your husband, at least  
16 as far as his face is concerned?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Showing you People's Exhibit 21, is this a  
19 picture of your husband as far as his face is  
20 concerned on October 24, 2008?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You told us that he was wearing a tan  
23 jacket, some gray shirt, and some blue and black  
24 Jordan gym shoes; is that correct?

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1 A. Yes.

2 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, misstates the  
3 evidence.

4 THE COURT: Overruled.

5 BY MR. MCKAY:

6 Q. I am going to show you a picture that we  
7 have marked as People's Exhibit No. 25 for  
8 identification. Do you recognize the man shown in  
9 this photograph?

10 A. Yes.

11 MS. THOMPSON: I would object. I haven't seen  
12 this. I have no idea what he is --

13 THE COURT: It is not up on the screen. Can  
14 you show the photograph to Ms. Thompson, please.

15 MR. MCKAY: I did.

16 BY MR. MCKAY:

17 Q. Do you recognize the man who is shown in  
18 People's Exhibit 25?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who is it?

21 A. William.

22 Q. Is this how William Balfour looked when he  
23 came to your window in the morning of October 24,  
24 2008?

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1 A. Yes.

2 MR. MCKAY: At this time, I would ask to admit  
3 People's Exhibit No. 25 into evidence.

4 MS. THOMPSON: No objection, Judge.

5 THE COURT: It will be admitted.

6 (People's Exhibit No. 25 was received  
7 in evidence.)

8 MR. MCKAY: At this time, I'd ask to publish  
9 People's Exhibit No. 25 to the jury.

10 MS. THOMPSON: No objection, Judge.

11 THE COURT: It can be published.

12 BY MR. MCKAY:

13 Q. Take a look, Ms. Hudson, at the shoes your  
14 husband is wearing as he entered a Citgo Gas Station  
15 at 8:28 a.m. Do you see them?

16 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor, to the  
17 statement. There is no foundation to that.

18 THE COURT: Objection sustained as to the time.  
19 There is no foundation laid at this point in time.

20 BY MR. MCKAY:

21 Q. Ms. Hudson, take a look at the shoes your  
22 husband is wearing in this photograph. Do you see  
23 them?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. With your finger, can you circle at least  
2 the right shoe he is wearing in this picture.

3 A. (Witness complied).

4 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, the witness has placed  
5 a circle around the royal blue colored right gym shoe  
6 in People's Exhibit No. 25. We ask that this be  
7 printed up.

8 THE COURT: Can we print this also, please.

9 BY MR. MCKAY:

10 Q. Ms. Hudson, take a look at the hard copy,  
11 People's Exhibit No. 25. With this pen, could you  
12 make a big circle around the area that would include  
13 the right gym shoe the defendant was wearing.

14 A. You said a big circle?

15 Q. Yes. Don't cover the shoe up.

16 There you go.

17 A. (Witness complied).

18 MR. MCKAY: The witness has placed a circle on  
19 the lower right portion of People's Exhibit No. 25.

20 BY MR. MCKAY:

21 Q. You told us that morning, Ms. Hudson, that  
22 the defendant appeared outside your window and his  
23 green Chrysler was parked in the rear part of the  
24 driveway by the alley, correct?

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1 A. Yes.



2 Q. I want to show you People's Exhibit 22 for  
3 identification. Do you recognize what is shown in  
4 this photograph?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What?

7 A. The green Chrysler.

8 Q. The green Chrysler owned by your husband?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Does it appear to be in the same condition  
11 today as it was on October 24, 2008?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Was this the green Chrysler that was parked  
14 in the back of your mother's property on the morning  
15 of October 24, 2008?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Now I will show you People's Exhibit No. 23.  
18 Can you tell us what is depicted in this photograph?

19 A. The jacket he was wearing.

20 Q. What color jacket that he was wearing when  
21 you saw him?

22 what color was this?

23 A. It is tan.

24 Q. Tan.

1 Does this appear to be the jacket he was  
2 wearing on the morning of October 24, 2008, when he  
3 came to your window?

4 A. Yes.

5 MR. MCKAY: Okay. At this time, I move to

6 admit People's Exhibits 22 and 23 into evidence.

7 THE COURT: Any objection?

8 MS. THOMPSON: No, Judge.

9 THE COURT: It is allowed.

10 (People's Exhibit Nos. 22-23 were  
11 received in evidence.)

12 MR. MCKAY: I'd ask these two photographs be  
13 published.

14 MS. THOMPSON: No objection, Judge.

15 THE COURT: You can publish the photograph.

16 BY MR. MCKAY:

17 Q. Is this the green Chrysler owned by your  
18 husband on October 24, 2008?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Now take a look at People's No. 23. Is this  
21 the tan jacket he was wearing October 24, 2008, in  
22 the morning outside your bedroom window?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now I would like to show you People's

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1 Exhibit No. 24 for identification. Do you recognize  
2 what is shown in this photograph?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What is it?

5 A. My brother's truck.

6 Q. Jason's SUV?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When you were talking to the police on the  
9 24th of October, besides the information we have

10 already talked about, did you give the police the  
11 license plate number of Jason's vehicle?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Does this picture truly and accurately show  
14 how Jason's vehicle looked in October 2008?

15 A. Yes.

16 MR. MCKAY: I'd ask that People's 24 be  
17 admitted into evidence.

18 MS. THOMPSON: No objection.

19 THE COURT: Admitted.

20 (People's Exhibit No. 24 was received  
21 in evidence.)

22 MR. MCKAY: I'd ask it be published.

23 MS. THOMPSON: No objection.

24 THE COURT: It can be published.

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1 BY MR. MCKAY:

2 Q. Ms. Hudson, taking a look at People's  
3 Exhibit No. 24, it does not appear in this photograph  
4 that it was raining the day this picture was taken,  
5 correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Why don't you tell us what the weather was  
8 like on October 24, 2008, from the afternoon on  
9 through the evening.

10 A. It had stormed.

11 Q. Rained?

12 A. I remember thunder, loud thunder, so it  
13 rained, yes.

14 Q. How about the next day, Saturday, the 25th;  
15 do you remember what the weather was like that day?

16 A. Yes, it was the same.

17 Q. How about Sunday, the 26th?

18 A. The same.

19 Q. Now, earlier you told us that when the  
20 defendant called you at 3:26, he told you at that  
21 time he was up north. You asked him how did he know  
22 about what was going on at the house, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And he told you what?

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1 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, asked and answered.

2 THE COURT: All right. I will allow it. It  
3 has been asked and answered, but I will allow it.

4 Go ahead.

5 THE WITNESS: He told me that Brittany told  
6 him.

7 BY MR. MCKAY:

8 Q. I would like to show you People's Exhibit 26  
9 for identification. Do you recognize what is shown  
10 in this photograph?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What is it?

13 A. Brittany's residence.

14 Q. The building she lived in?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who lived there with her?

17 A. Her mother.

- 18 Q. What is her mother's name?  
19 A. Lacricia.  
20 Q. What floor do they live in in this  
21 three-flat we see in this picture?  
22 A. The third floor.  
23 Q. Are you sure?  
24 A. No.

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- 1 Q. Okay. Be that as it may, is this the  
2 building they lived in?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. Where is this building located in relation  
5 to your family's house on Yale?  
6 A. It is across the street a little south.  
7 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, at this time, I move to  
8 admit People's Exhibit 26 into evidence.  
9 THE COURT: Any objection?  
10 MS. THOMPSON: We have no objection.  
11 THE COURT: It will be admitted.  
12 (People's Exhibit No. 26 was received  
13 in evidence.)  
14 MR. MCKAY: I would ask to publish People's 26  
15 at this time.  
16 MS. THOMPSON: No objection.  
17 THE COURT: It can be published.  
18 BY MR. MCKAY:  
19 Q. Ms. Hudson, I am going to show you an  
20 exhibit we have already marked as People's Exhibit  
21 No. 29 for identification, specifically, one of these

22 three key chains. Okay. Looking at one of these  
23 three key chains of People's Exhibit 29, do you  
24 recognize anything about this key chain I am holding?

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1 A. The F.

2 Q. The F, the letter F that is a pendant on  
3 this key chain?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How do you recognize it?

6 A. I bought it.

7 Q. For who?

8 A. For William.

9 Q. Does this letter F pendant on this key chain  
10 appear to be in the same condition today or close to  
11 it as when you bought it for your husband?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Now, we talked earlier about phone calls  
14 between you and your husband on October 24, 2008; is  
15 that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You told us earlier that the defendant has a  
18 Sprint cell phone with an area code of 773-425-8517,  
19 right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You were familiar with that number, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. In fact, you made a lot of calls to him?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Received a lot of calls from him?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. A lot of texts to him, right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. A lot of texts from him, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Before testifying here today, did you have a  
8 chance to look at his phone records regarding  
9 communication with you on October 24, 2008?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Showing you Group Exhibit 30 marked 30-A,  
12 30-B, and 30-C, are these three pages of the  
13 defendant's phone usage for just the day of October  
14 30, 2008?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Well, just these three pages?

17 A. Oh, just three pages. You said October  
18 30th?

19 Q. I am sorry if I said that.

20 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: We are talking over objections.

22 what is the basis of your objection?

23 MS. THOMPSON: This isn't a self-authenticating  
24 document. How would she be able to identify my

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1 client's phone records?

2 THE COURT: well, I'm not sure about that  
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3 either. Let's see what the question is before I  
4 rule.

5 Go ahead.

6 BY MR. MCKAY:

7 Q. Did you have a chance to look at the  
8 defendant's phone records for October 24, 2008?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Looking at those phone records, did you  
11 recognize your numbers?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Your two numbers?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Recognizing your two numbers, can you  
16 identify some of the communication the defendant was  
17 making to your phones?

18 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we object. She  
19 cannot testify to what is on a document that is  
20 unfounded hearsay.

21 THE COURT: I agree. She can identify  
22 particular phone numbers, but I don't think she can  
23 authenticate these records. If you want to ask  
24 specific questions, go ahead, Mr. McKay.

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1 BY MR. MCKAY:

2 Q. Ms. Hudson, taking a look at page 1 of 3  
3 which is 30-A for identification, do you see the  
4 defendant's phone sending out a text to you at 3:26  
5 and 50 seconds?

6 A. Yes.



7 Q. Do you see the defendant's phone sending out  
8 a text to you at 3:30 and 29 seconds -- a phone call  
9 to you at 3:30 and 29 seconds a.m.?

10 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we object to what  
11 the records show was the activity. If she can  
12 identify a number, that is one thing.

13 THE COURT: I believe she can identify phone  
14 numbers. As to times listed, I am going to sustain  
15 the objection. I don't think she is competent to do  
16 so.

17 Ask another question.

18 BY MR. MCKAY:

19 Q. Do you see the defendant's phone sending a  
20 call to your phone -

21 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, Judge.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Same objection, I assume?

23 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Judge.

24 THE COURT: Same ruling, sustained.

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1 BY MR. MCKAY:

2 Q. You told us that at 8:43 you made a phone  
3 call to the defendant after you got to work and  
4 learned of a notice, didn't you?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Now, taking a look at People's 30-A for  
7 identification, do you see your Sprint cell phone  
8 number?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What number was that?  
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11 A. 773-678-1156.  
12 Q. Was that when you made a call?  
13 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, Judge.  
14 THE COURT: Objection is sustained.  
15 BY MR. MCKAY:  
16 Q. Who did you call?  
17 A. I called William.  
18 Q. Who did you talk to for a little over 18  
19 minutes that morning?  
20 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, asked and answered.  
21 THE COURT: Okay. It was. Sustained.  
22 MR. MCKAY: We will call the Sprint --  
23 MS. THOMPSON: Objection to the testimony --  
24 THE COURT: Mr. McKay, just post questions,

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1 please.  
2 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, if I could have a  
3 moment.  
4 THE COURT: Sure.  
5 BY MR. MCKAY:  
6 Q. Ms. Hudson, when you moved from your  
7 apartment at 56th and Sacramento back to your  
8 mother's house at 79th and South Yale, did you remove  
9 anything from the bathroom in that apartment?  
10 A. Yes.  
11 MS. THOMPSON: Objection to the relevance.  
12 THE COURT: I will allow it.  
13 BY MR. MCKAY:  
14 Q. What?

15 A. The shower curtain.

16 Q. When you moved back home, where was the  
17 shower curtain?

18 A. When I moved back home from 56th and  
19 Sacramento, I left the shower curtain in the truck.

20 Q. Whose truck?

21 A. Jason's truck.

22 MR. MCKAY: Thank you, Judge. Nothing further.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Thompson, if we could  
24 just have a quick sidebar here.

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1 (Discussion held off the record.)

2 THE COURT: It is about ten after 5:00. I am  
3 going to take a short recess at this time. You are  
4 free to go back to the jury room and stretch out and  
5 relax. It is not going to be a long recess. We will  
6 continue with the examination of Ms. Hudson at that  
7 time.

8 Again, you have not heard all the  
9 testimony in this matter so don't discuss the case or  
10 anybody's testimony. The proper time to do so is at  
11 the conclusion of the case after all the evidence,  
12 the arguments of counsel, and my instructions of law.

13 Again, if someone tries to talk to you  
14 about this case or discuss this case in your  
15 presence, please report it to the deputy immediately.  
16 It is going to be a fairly short recess. We will get  
17 back to work in a few minutes, but we are going to  
18 take a short break at this time. I know you have

19 been sitting for two-and-a-half hours.

20 (A recess was taken.)

21 THE COURT: Let the record reflect we are back  
22 in court. We have the jury in the courtroom with the  
23 attorneys and Mr. Balfour.

24 Ms. Thompson, you may inquire.

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1 MS. THOMPSON: Thank you.

2 CROSS-EXAMINATION

3 BY

4 MS. THOMPSON:

5 Q. Ms. Hudson, you testified that your marriage  
6 to William Balfour started to go bad all the way back  
7 to February of 2007, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. By February of 2008, he had left your home?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You testified today that sometime soon  
12 thereafter, he started to make threats?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And the threats that you are saying he made  
15 were not just to you?

16 A. No.

17 Q. They were threats to kill your entire  
18 family?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Your mother, did he threaten your mother?

21 A. He said if you leave me, I will kill your  
22 family and I will kill you last.

23 Q. And the first time he made that threat you  
24 are saying was May 6th of 2008?

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1 A. No, I didn't say that.

2 Q. The first time you testified today about a  
3 threat like that was a date of May 6, 2008; is that  
4 correct?

5 A. Yes, that is correct.

6 Q. During May, let's say May 7th, you didn't  
7 call the Chicago Police Department, did you?

8 A. No.

9 Q. You didn't call them on May 8th?

10 A. No.

11 Q. You didn't call them on May 9th?

12 A. No.

13 Q. This was a threat against your entire  
14 family, Ms. Hudson?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You never called the Chicago Police  
17 Department about that threat against your entire  
18 family made in May of 2008?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Now, you said that there was a threat made  
21 to you again in July of 2008, correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And again, this was against your entire  
24 family?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And that means your mom could be vulnerable?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Your brother could be vulnerable?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Your son could be vulnerable?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. You never called the Chicago Police  
9 Department about any threat made against you in July  
10 of 2008, did you?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. In fact, you continued to have sex with  
13 William Balfour on a regular basis; is that correct?
- 14 A. I continued to have sex with him, yes.
- 15 Q. In fact, you would go to motel rooms with  
16 William Balfour for the express purpose of having sex  
17 with him?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And that continued on up until October 17,  
20 2008?
- 21 A. On or about, yes.
- 22 Q. In fact, in October of 2008, you went with  
23 William Balfour to motels for the purpose of having  
24 sex at least three to four times, correct?

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- 1 A. Not in October, no.
- 2 Q. Well, you told the -- you spoke with an

3 investigator, in fact, a clerk with the state's  
4 attorney's office, didn't you?

5 A. Can you repeat your question.

6 Q. You spoke with a clerk named Stephanie  
7 Gersch with the state's attorney's office in October  
8 of 2011; isn't that correct?

9 A. I don't recall.

10 Q. Isn't it true that you went and met with the  
11 state's attorneys in their offices on October --  
12 August 20th and August 26th?

13 A. I have met with the state's attorneys  
14 several times, but I don't recall the name.

15 Q. Well, Mr. McKay was there, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And there was another -- a group of people,  
18 correct?

19 A. There is always a group of people, yes.

20 Q. One of those people was taking notes?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And that was a younger woman, correct?

23 A. Yes. Now I remember.

24 Q. You told them at that time that you went to

1 motel rooms with William Balfour three to four times  
2 in October for the purpose of having sex in 2008?

3 A. I don't recall saying three or four times in  
4 October. But yes, I have been three or four times  
5 with him to a motel, yes.

6 Q. You told them sometimes you would go to a

7 motel on Stony Island?

8 A. The only motel I have ever been to is on  
9 Stony Island.

10 Q. You actually told them that there was  
11 another motel over on 81st, correct?

12 A. Stony Island.

13 Q. You told them there were two separate motels  
14 at one point, didn't you?

15 A. I don't recall that.

16 Q. That would have been in the same interview  
17 where you spoke with the state's attorneys in August  
18 of 2011?

19 A. I don't recall that.

20 Q. You said again that william threatened you  
21 on September 18, 2008?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Again, he threatened your family?

24 A. Correct.

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1 Q. Now, you never called the police to report  
2 that threat?

3 A. No.

4 Q. You never sought an order of protection?

5 A. No.

6 Q. You never told your mother to seek an order  
7 of protection?

8 A. I didn't tell her to seek an order of  
9 protection, but I told her about the threats.

10 Q. Well, you didn't tell her to seek an order



11 of protection, did you?

12 A. No.

13 MR. MCKAY: Objection, asked and answered.

14 THE COURT: Ask another question. Sustained.

15 BY MS. THOMPSON:

16 Q. September 18th is after August 1st, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. In fact, that is when you say William  
19 Balfour spent the night at your place with you, July  
20 31st, right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And you said then the gun went missing  
23 August 1st?

24 A. Correct.

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1 Q. So these threats of September 18th that you  
2 are saying William Balfour made against your family  
3 came after that gun went missing, correct?

4 A. Repeat your question.

5 Q. These threats you are saying William Balfour  
6 made to you on September 18th were after that gun  
7 went missing according to you, correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Yet you never called the police?

10 A. No.

11 Q. You said that he showed up at your work in  
12 the beginning of October of 2008?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. He came there, and he was angry, and he was

- 15 approaching you on the ramp, correct?  
16 A. Correct.  
17 Q. This is a place of business where other  
18 people work?  
19 A. Correct.  
20 Q. Your friend Jeanine worked there?  
21 A. Correct.  
22 Q. Your friend Maquita worked there?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. And you said he had to be blocked from

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- 1 coming near you, Maquita had to block the traffic so  
2 you could make your way out, correct?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. You never called the police to report that  
5 William Balfour came to your business angry and  
6 threatening you, did you?  
7 A. I want to answer your question but --  
8 THE COURT: I didn't hear you. You want the  
9 question re-asked?  
10 THE WITNESS: Yes, please.  
11 BY MS. THOMPSON:  
12 Q. Did you ever file a police report about  
13 William Balfour showing up at your place of business  
14 threatening you?  
15 A. No.  
16 Q. You said that just days after that, he got  
17 on your bus, correct?  
18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And he told you I was going to kill you that  
20 day?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And he told you he was going to take your  
23 son away?

24 A. That he was thinking about taking my son

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1 away, yes.

2 Q. He told you the reason he was going to take  
3 your son away is because you never did anything with  
4 him, correct?

5 A. Because we wasn't doing anything with him.

6 Q. You never reported that threat to the  
7 police?

8 A. No.

9 Q. In fact, it was only eight days later that  
10 you went to the motel with William Balfour to have  
11 sex?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Ms. Hudson, you were shown some pictures  
14 from your house?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. The only balloons that appear in any of the  
17 pictures you saw were balloons that were sent to you  
18 from your sister Jennifer Hudson, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. You spoke to the police right after this  
21 event on October 24th, right after you discovered it?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. You spoke to them before anybody came in and  
24 took pictures in your home, correct?

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Now, you talked about seeing some pictures  
3 with william, and he is in what appear to be  
4 different clothes than when you saw him in the early  
5 morning of October 24th, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Now, you told the ladies and gentlemen of  
8 the jury that it stormed on October 24th, correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. None of the clothes that william was wearing  
11 when you saw him in the morning of October 24th were  
12 rain gear, correct?

13 A. Repeat your question, please.

14 Q. It was a suede jacket, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. It was a white sweater or sweatshirt, a  
17 cream color? I don't know what color you described  
18 it?

19 A. That is not correct.

20 Q. Could you describe it for the ladies and  
21 gentlemen of the jury.

22 A. What I saw when he came to my house in the  
23 morning?

24 Q. Yes.

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1 A. He had on a tan suede jacket, a gray thermal  
2 shirt, black jogging pants, and blue and black  
3 Jordans.

4 Q. So he had a gray thermal shirt?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Not a waterproof shirt?

7 A. No.

8 Q. He had on Jordan gym shoes?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Not waterproof?

11 A. They were leather.

12 MR. MCKAY: Objection.

13 THE COURT: Overruled.

14 BY MS. THOMPSON:

15 Q. You know what Jordan gym shoes are, right?

16 A. They are leather.

17 Q. They are leather, right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You would not try to wear them through a  
20 rainstorm, correct?

21 A. I have.

22 Q. Now, Ms. Hudson, you testified that William  
23 Balfour made several calls to you that you didn't  
24 answer in the early morning of October 23rd or 24th,

1 correct?

2 A. I didn't answer the calls, no.

3 Q. You said you checked your phone the next day  
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4 to see that there were calls on your phone?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And the reason you had to check your phone  
7 is because those happened at the time you were in  
8 bed, correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. But you did, in fact, answer one of his  
11 calls at 3:30 in the morning and spoke to him for  
12 three minutes, right?

13 A. I don't recall that.

14 Q. You reviewed some phone records with the  
15 State; is that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Is that a yes?

18 A. Yes, I reviewed some phone records with the  
19 State.

20 Q. Now, your phone number at that time, again,  
21 I know you have testified, but to clarify was  
22 773-679-0151?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, the night before was your birthday,

1 correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you and William exchanged several texts  
4 that evening, correct?

5 A. I don't really recall, but it is possible.

6 Q. You texted William at about --

7 MS. THOMPSON: If I could have just a moment,  
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8 Judge, so I can make sure I get this timing right.

9 BY MS. THOMPSON:

10 Q. You texted William at about 7:59, at almost  
11 8:00 at night, and you text him what's up, right?

12 MR. MCKAY: Your Honor, objection, foundation,  
13 just as to the date.

14 BY MS. THOMPSON:

15 Q. That was on October 23, 2008, correct?

16 A. I don't recall.

17 Q. The last text between you and William was a  
18 text from you to him also at 5:18 on that same day;  
19 is that correct?

20 MR. MCKAY: Objection.

21 THE COURT: Basis?

22 MR. MCKAY: Relevance, also lack of foundation.

23 THE COURT: Well, if she knows, I will allow  
24 the question.

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1 You can answer, Ms. Hudson, if you know.

2 THE WITNESS: I don't recall that either.

3 BY MS. THOMPSON:

4 Q. Then you text him again. He still hadn't  
5 responded to your last text, and you text him at  
6 9:20, don't go in, I want to see you tonight,  
7 correct?

8 A. I remember that, yes.

9 Q. That is the last text until he texted you  
10 back to say all right; is that right?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. So you asked him to come and see you, and he  
13 said that he would in the text messages?

14 A. Oh, that is a question? Yes.

15 Q. So the next thing is you see him at your  
16 house in the morning, correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Where he would expect to find you, correct?

19 MR. MCKAY: Objection to what he would expect.

20 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

21 BY MS. THOMPSON:

22 Q. Well, he shows up at your house the next  
23 morning?

24 A. Correct.

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1 Q. There was no text in between or phone  
2 message in between telling William not to come to see  
3 you, was there?

4 MR. MCKAY: Objection.

5 THE COURT: Overruled.

6 THE WITNESS: No.

7 BY MS. THOMPSON:

8 Q. Now, at the time, William didn't keep  
9 clothes at your house, correct?

10 A. No.

11 Q. He called you sometime also like 6:30 in the  
12 morning, right?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. So you don't know when William started to  
15 wear the clothes you saw him in at 8:00 in the



16 morning outside your house, right?

17 A. No.

18 Q. You said that after you left your home, you  
19 went to work on the morning of October 24th?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. William was outside of your house?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you got in your car, and you pulled  
24 away?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And when you pulled away, you went directly  
3 to work which is only a few blocks away from your  
4 home?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. When you got there, you noticed that there  
7 was a garnishment?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. It made you angry, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Because this was his car?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And you shouldn't owe any money on it?

14 A. No, I shouldn't.

15 Q. So you called him to make sure that he knew  
16 it was his responsibility?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And he answered the phone?

19 A. Correct.

- 20 Q. And he talked to you for 18 minutes?  
21 A. Correct.  
22 Q. And he told you he would take care of it?  
23 A. Correct.  
24 Q. And he never lost his temper?

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- 1 A. He never got loud with me.  
2 Q. Well, you told the police that it wasn't a  
3 heated discussion, correct?  
4 A. It wasn't a heated discussion, no.  
5 Q. And he never got heated when he was talking  
6 to you about this, correct?  
7 A. Correct.  
8 Q. What he told you at the end of that  
9 conversation was that he was going to go to a  
10 friend's house to get a couple of hours of sleep,  
11 correct?  
12 A. He was going to Duke's house, yes.  
13 Q. And he mentioned the name of the person; he  
14 said he was going to Duke's house?  
15 A. Correct.  
16 Q. And you didn't know who Duke was?  
17 A. No, I don't know Duke.  
18 Q. Did you learn later that there was a Duke  
19 just two blocks down?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. Ms. Hudson, you would agree with me that  
22 Englewood is a violent neighborhood, correct?  
23 A. Correct.

24 Q. There is a lot of shooting that happens

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1 there?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. There is a lot of drug traffic that happens  
4 there?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. William Balfour was involved in the drug  
7 traffic out on Yale, your street?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And your brother sold drugs?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Jason was a drug dealer, and he kept the  
12 drugs in your house, correct?

13 MR. MCKAY: Objection to the form of the  
14 question, compound.

15 THE COURT: It is compound. Break it down.  
16 Sustained.

17 BY MS. THOMPSON:

18 Q. Jason kept drugs in your house, correct?

19 A. I have no knowledge of that.

20 Q. Well, you knew he kept an illegal gun in  
21 your house?

22 A. Correct.

23 MR. MCKAY: Objection to the form of that  
24 question.

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1 THE COURT: It is overruled. The answer  
2 stands.

3 BY MS. THOMPSON:

4 Q. You weren't involved in his drug deals?

5 A. No.

6 Q. But there were people in the neighborhood  
7 that were, right?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. You talked a little bit about somebody named  
10 Reggie?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. He was a neighbor?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. His house is back to back with yours?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. There is an alley between?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. The alley that you say you saw William's car  
19 in?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. The morning of October 24th?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. William's car was visible from your window  
24 in the alley at the end of the driveway, correct?

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1 A. Well, the car wasn't exactly in the alley.  
2 It was closer to the alley. It was on the garage  
3 pad. We had a garage. It was tore down. The pad is

4 still there. The car was sitting on that, yes.

5 Q. It was the green Chrysler that you  
6 recognized?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Now, Reggie would do different errands for  
9 your brother?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. You said he would cleaning, things around  
12 the house?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. He often had keys to your home?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And he often had the key to the SUV?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. He would drive the SUV from time to time?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You testified that Jason had -- Jason had  
21 some -- you didn't actually testify to this, but  
22 Jason had a problem with his leg at one point,  
23 correct?

24 A. Correct.

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1 Q. He had a walking cane?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. The reason he had that cane is because his  
4 leg had been shot on a previous occasion?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And it had been shot to your knowledge seven  
7 times from knee to ankle?

8 A. Incorrect. He was shot five times in his  
9 leg.

10 Q. So five times from knee to ankle?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. All in the left leg?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that was when he was up in Michigan,  
15 correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And he was there with your other brother,  
18 Lonnie Simpson?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. He was living there for a time?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. It was, in fact, Lonnie that got Jason the  
23 gun that he had sometime after this shooting?

24 A. Correct.

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1 Q. On the day of your family's murders, Reggie  
2 called you, correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And he called you on his cell phone that  
5 belonged to Jason?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Reggie isn't as big as your brother, right?

8 A. No.

9 Q. He is how tall would you estimate?

10 A. 5'3".

11 Q. He is very short, right?

- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. There is some other guys in your  
14 neighborhood that are pretty short that hang around  
15 with Jason, right?
- 16 A. Correct. That is true.
- 17 Q. Phillip Mitchell, how tall would you say he  
18 is?
- 19 A. 4'11", 5'1".
- 20 Q. Christopher Mitchell, how tall would you say  
21 he is?
- 22 A. About 5'1". They are about the same height.
- 23 Q. They both knew your brother pretty well,  
24 correct?

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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Now, in all the times that you have been  
3 with William Balfour, you have never seen him with a  
4 gun, correct?
- 5 A. I have never seen him with a gun, no.
- 6 Q. Including on August 23rd when you went to  
7 Jeanine's house, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. You never saw him or noticed that he had a  
10 gun in his waistband that day, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. You, by the way, went to a birthday party  
13 for Jeanine's son with William?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. On August 23rd?

- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Let's talk about the other things that you  
18 do know about William and that you did know back in  
19 2008. You knew that William had a girlfriend named  
20 Shonta?
- 21 A. What part of 2008?
- 22 Q. I'm sorry?
- 23 A. What part of 2008 because at that point in  
24 2008, I knew Shonta was a girlfriend. At one point,

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- 1 yes.
- 2 Q. In fact, you knew Shonta's address?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. You knew the street address and the street?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. You also knew that William had a girlfriend  
7 named Tosha?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And you knew the approximate area where  
10 Tosha lived, right?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And you knew that William had a girlfriend  
13 named Diana?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. In fact, William had a habit right around  
16 October 24th of 2008 of bringing Diana to your  
17 street, right?
- 18 A. I would say that is incorrect.
- 19 Q. Well, you are aware that he introduced Diana



20 to the people that lived on your street around  
21 October 24, 2008?

22 A. I have no knowledge of that.

23 Q. Well, you knew about Diana?

24 A. I found out about Diana, yes.

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1 Q. You knew that she was somebody that William  
2 considered a girlfriend also?

3 MR. MCKAY: Objection.

4 THE COURT: Sustained.

5 BY MS. THOMPSON:

6 Q. Well, you knew her as William's other  
7 girlfriend, correct?

8 THE COURT: Could you answer that question?

9 THE WITNESS: I am trying to figure out how to  
10 answer the question.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 THE WITNESS: Can I put it in my own words?

13 THE COURT: You can answer the best you can.

14 THE WITNESS: Okay.

15 Diana was who I thought was Brittany's  
16 friend. Then later I found out that her and William  
17 were having a relationship.

18 BY MS. THOMPSON:

19 Q. So you thought she was friends with Brittany  
20 Acoff?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. You found out that she was really the  
23 girlfriend of William?

24 A. Correct.

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1 Q. One of the ways you found out these things  
2 about William is that you went through his phone?

3 A. Not about Diana, no.

4 Q. But about the other girlfriends?

5 A. When they were calling, yes.

6 Q. Sometimes you would speak to these other  
7 women?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. You knew at one point that he was staying  
10 with Tosha, right?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And you knew that he was also staying with  
13 Shonta?

14 A. No.

15 Q. But you knew her exact address?

16 A. Exactly.

17 Q. Let's talk about that phone call you say  
18 where he says he was up, up, up north. That is what  
19 you testified, right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. 1925 is north of 70th and Yale, isn't it?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And 1925 South Spaulding is where Shonta  
24 lives?

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1 A. Correct.

2 MS. THOMPSON: If I could have just a moment.

3 THE COURT: Sure.

4 BY MS. THOMPSON:

5 Q. Ms. Hudson, sorry. I am going to have to  
6 talk to you about a very difficult time.

7 When you were outside your home on Yale  
8 on October 24th, you spent some time out there before  
9 going inside your house?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. When you were out there, you had your phone  
12 in your hand because you were talking to someone?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. After the startling things that you saw  
15 inside your house, you came back outside?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And it is your testimony that it was at that  
18 time you called the police, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. You also saw Jarvis Williams?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. He is a 15-year-old that lived down your  
23 street, correct?

24 A. Correct.

1 Q. You asked him to please go into the house?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. After he went into the house, Jarvis said he  
4 would try to call Jason, correct?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Well, Jarvis did in your presence try to  
7 call Jason; isn't that correct?

8 A. I don't recall that at all.

9 MS. THOMPSON: I think I am done, Judge. Just  
10 a moment.

11 Nothing further.

12 THE COURT: Any redirect?

13 MR. MCKAY: Yes.

14 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY

16 MR. MCKAY:

17 Q. When the defendant said I'm, I'm, I'm up  
18 north, he didn't say I'm, I'm, I'm out west, did he?

19 A. No.

20 Q. When the defendant said he was going to go  
21 to Duke's house to take a nap, he didn't say he was  
22 going to go to his mother's house on the east side,  
23 did he?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. He didn't say he was going to go to his aunt  
2 Rene's house on the south side, did he?

3 A. No.

4 Q. How is it that Reggie had one of Jason's  
5 cell phones?

6 A. Jason would give Reggie his cell phones  
7 because Reggie would walk the dog. Reggie didn't  
8 have a phone. So that is how Jason would contact

9 him. If Jason needed him, he would call Reggie.  
10 Q. Who helped take care of Reggie?  
11 A. Jason and his little odd jobs helped take  
12 care of Reggie.  
13 Q. Jason was one of Reggie's best friends;  
14 isn't that right?  
15 A. Correct.  
16 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.  
17 THE COURT: Overruled.  
18 BY MR. MCKAY:  
19 Q. Counsel asked you about some text messages  
20 from the night before. Do you remember those  
21 questions?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. Now, when you have a cell phone, Ms. Hudson,  
24 you have the ability to delete some of the messages

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1 on your phone, right?  
2 A. Correct.  
3 Q. You have the ability to delete messages that  
4 you send or delete messages that you receive, right?  
5 A. Correct.  
6 Q. Well, of the messages the defendant didn't  
7 delete from the night before --  
8 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor, assumes  
9 facts not in evidence.  
10 THE COURT: I think you are probably right, but  
11 let's hear the question.  
12 BY MR. MCKAY:

13 Q. When you texted him at 8:59 p.m., you asked  
14 him what's up, right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you were texting from the 679-0151  
17 number, right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. According to what Ms. Thompson was reading,  
20 we don't see his message back to you, do we?

21 A. No.

22 Q. The next thing we see regarding your phone  
23 number is a text to him, and your message is out to  
24 eat, right?

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And you sent that at about 9:19, right?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. So he must have asked where were you?

5 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

6 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

7 BY MR. MCKAY:

8 Q. Well, when you texted him out to eat, he  
9 sent you a text at 9:19 where he said oh, with your  
10 guy, didn't he?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you said at 9:40 p.m. nope, he not here,  
13 with my girls?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. You are telling this man you are not out  
16 with some other guy, aren't you?

17 A. Yes.

18 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor. They  
19 speak for themselves.

20 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.

21 BY MR. MCKAY:

22 Q. By the way, when he was texting you that  
23 Thursday night, do you know where he was?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. Do you know who he was with?

2 A. No.

3 Q. At 3:30 in the morning when he was calling  
4 and texting you while you were asleep, do you know  
5 who he was lying next to?

6 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Objection is going to be sustained.

8 BY MR. MCKAY:

9 Q. Speaking of sleeping, how would your son  
10 Julian usually dress for bed?

11 A. Well, Julian had a bed wetting problem.

12 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, beyond the scope.

13 THE COURT: I will allow it.

14 BY MR. MCKAY:

15 Q. Thank you. Go ahead.

16 A. He had a bed wetting problem so he would  
17 wear a shirt and a diaper and some shorts.

18 Q. Shorts?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. In the morning when he would wake up, what

21 would Julian do with that diaper?

22 A. He would take it off. It was wet.

23 Q. And put the shorts back on?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Now, counsel asked you about these threats.  
2 She asked you -- strike that.

3 She said you didn't call the police in  
4 May of 2008, right?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And you didn't?

7 A. No, I didn't.

8 Q. And she said to you you didn't call the  
9 police in July of 2008, right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you didn't?

12 A. I didn't.

13 Q. And you didn't call the police in September  
14 of 2008, did you?

15 A. No, I didn't.

16 Q. Why didn't you call the police during those  
17 months that these threats were being made by this man  
18 to you and your family?

19 A. I didn't believe him.

20 Q. But your relationship with Richard changed  
21 by the middle of October 2008, didn't it?

22 A. Yes.

23 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Objection sustained. Don't lead,  
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1 Mr. McKay.

2 BY MR. MCKAY:

3 Q. Did your relationship change with Richard by  
4 the middle of October 2008?

5 A. Yes.

6 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

7 THE COURT: Overruled.

8 BY MR. MCKAY:

9 Q. And who did you spend Sweetest Day with on  
10 October 18, 2008?

11 MS. THOMPSON: Objection, asked and answered,  
12 Judge.

13 THE COURT: All right. It has been asked and  
14 answered. Sustained.

15 MR. MCKAY: Judge, can I have a moment.

16 BY MR. MCKAY:

17 Q. Counsel asked you about your brother selling  
18 drugs. Do you remember those questions?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. By the month of October 2008, did your  
21 brother have any enemies?

22 MS. THOMPSON: Objection.

23 THE COURT: Objection is going to be overruled.

24 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, may I have a

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1 sidebar?

2 THE COURT: No.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, he did.

4 BY MR. MCKAY:

5 Q. Who?

6 A. William.

7 MR. MCKAY: Thank you, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Any recross?

9 MS. THOMPSON: If I can have a moment, Judge.

10 THE COURT: Take a moment.

11 RECCROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY

13 MS. THOMPSON:

14 Q. Ms. Hudson, you testified you didn't even  
15 know where your brother kept his drugs, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So you want this jury to believe that you  
18 know exactly who he had his drug business with and  
19 who might have been his enemy; is that correct?

20 A. I didn't say all of that.

21 Q. Okay. You don't know every person that  
22 Jason had drug dealings with, did you?

23 MR. MCKAY: Objection.

24 THE COURT: Overruled.

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1 THE WITNESS: No.

2 BY MS. THOMPSON:

3 Q. So you don't know if any of them considered  
4 him an enemy, do you?

5 A. No.

6 MS. THOMPSON: Nothing further.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Hudson, you may step  
8 down. Please do not discuss your testimony with  
9 anyone who may testify in this matter.

10 (Witness excused.)

11 (Proceedings were had which were not  
12 herein transcribed.)

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