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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND

STATE OF MARYLAND

vs. Indictment No. 199103042-46

ADNAN SYED,

Defendant.

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(Trial on the merits)

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BEFORE:

HONORABLE WANDA KEYES HEARD, Associate Judge

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1 App. 131 and Murphy versus State which is an old case I  
2 believe. It's been around for a while at 120, 129.  
3 And with regard to the Defense motion after  
4 considering everything, first I'd like to know whether  
5 Ms. Gutierrez, would you like to be heard before I  
6 conclude? In light of the fact I have the cases in  
7 front of me now which yesterday I did not and I will  
8 hear from the State as well in response.

9 MS. GUTIERREZ: Just briefly, Your Honor. I  
10 appreciate that the Court has read the case law. I  
11 cited Venable and provided the Court Venable because it  
12 is the most recent pronouncement on at least the  
13 related issue. Although Venable of course, was the  
14 prosecutor calling the Defense attorney in response  
15 during the trial.

16 THE COURT: That's right. Just the reverse  
17 of what we have.

18 MS. GUTIERREZ: And Judge, for those  
19 purposes, you know it's not quite the same issue. The  
20 Defendant, you know has certain constitutional rights  
21 that -- the State may have certain rights to fairness  
22 and due process. Its rights can not be equated with  
23 the Defendant's rights against which it must be  
24 weighed, but I think that the reasoning Venable was the  
25 same and in reversing Venable on this very issue the

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(10:29 a.m.)

3 THE COURT: Good morning, Counsel. Before we  
4 bring the jury out there are a number of matters that I  
5 would like to take up, one at a time.

6 First, with regard to the Defendant's motion to  
7 call Mr. Urick as a witness, Ms. Gutierrez I have  
8 reviewed your motion and I have reviewed the law that  
9 you cited. In addition, the Mahoney case which I  
10 received. Interesting enough the State had also  
11 provided me with a copy of the Mahoney case. Although  
12 no brief was attached they also provided me with a case  
13 of Graduisky, I'm not sure how to pronounce that.

14 MS. GUTIERREZ: Graduisky, I think.

15 THE COURT: All right. That's at 321 F  
16 second, 263, 1963 case. I'm assuming --

17 MS. GUTIERREZ: Are you talking about  
18 Maloney, Judge?

19 THE COURT: Yes, Maloney.

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay.

21 THE COURT: M-A-L-O-N-E-Y, which is at 241 F  
22 sup., 49. I received Venable versus State which is a  
23 Maryland case at 108 Maryland App. 395 as well as  
24 Johnson versus State which is a Court of Appeal, Court  
25 of Special Appeals case at 326. I'm sorry, 23 Maryland

1 Court cited that reasoning and that in intimating, of  
2 course there might be other circumstances where it  
3 would be appropriate for a prosecutor to be able to  
4 call a Defense lawyer even though the general view is  
5 that's not a good thing. It's not a good thing under  
6 the rules, it's not a good thing under laws that govern  
7 the conduct of lawyers, it's not a good thing any time  
8 for an advocate to be removed.

9 Judge, what is instructed is in this case and I  
10 believe it's connected to this issue, is that when  
11 lawyers are, whenever it is you think someone who is  
12 your opposing counsel might be called to the witness  
13 stand and you are duty bound to do something about it,  
14 to not let that occur because all law recognizes that  
15 is not a good thing. It is difficult if not sometimes  
16 impossible for an advocate to be an advocate, to remain  
17 an advocate while on as a witness because any  
18 witnesses' credibility is an issue and that does harm.  
19

20 In this very case, you know the State filed a  
21 motion which cost me and my client a lot of money on an  
22 issue because they sought to disqualify me because I  
23 might be a witness because of a prior representation of  
24 a witness in this case.

25 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, but that's not

1 before me. I mean, I don't know anything about it.  
2 MS. GUTIERREZ: The reason being is that they  
3 did that based on their perception that is rightful,  
4 that it is never appropriate for an advocate to be a  
5 witness.

6 THE COURT: But that was not filed in this  
7 matter in front of me.

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: No Judge, and I'm not  
9 suggesting --

10 THE COURT: Oh, very well.

11 MS. GUTIERREZ: It is and I'm not trying to,  
12 but it is instructive here. Part of the reasons for  
13 notice requirement are to be consistent with due  
14 process are consistent with the law, but there are  
15 others, a myriad of others reason for notice. It's to  
16 avoid surprise in a trial, it's to avoid these kinds of  
17 situations. If it is perceivable that a rational  
18 advocate thinks such a thing that is unusual is -- the  
19 general rule is to avoid the situation like here, then  
20 an advocate is duty bound to do something to prevent  
21 that from occurring.

22 If, in fact we had been given notice that in  
23 addition to the bargain we've been told about which was  
24 required which is required under any theory, under all  
25 case law, under our rules, under Federal Rules, under

1 Federal practice, under State practice to reveal to a  
2 Defendant a bargain that may have been given to a  
3 witness in his case. Particularly when that bargain is  
4 the basis of the argument for the credibility of the  
5 witness who is the knowledge of the State prior to the  
6 day was that he admitted lying and their entire  
7 credibility argument for the jury to believe this  
8 witness is premised on to accept him and incidentally  
9 he's now fessed up and acknowledged his participation  
10 in the crime he's pled guilty and his guilty plea, you  
11 know which we don't acknowledge as a guilty plea, but  
12 whatever it is that it's called, the litany and the  
13 plea bargain indicate his trustworthiness and part of  
14 its trustworthiness is that this was an arrangement  
15 reduced to writing and he was independently represented  
16 by a lawyer.

17 If we had been told that the prosecutor had  
18 provided the lawyer and in addition provided that the  
19 lawyer be free it would be as if we were told that Mr.  
20 Urick arranged to pay Mr. Wilds a thousand dollars for  
21 his testimony. If we had been given that notice,  
22 assuming that's lawful which we maintain it is not, if  
23 there's anything that constitutes what is a crime in  
24 Maryland interfering with a witness it is the payment  
25 of money.

1 Lawyers are worth money. If we had been told of  
2 that Judge, then I would have been duty bound and I  
3 certainly would have done so to file a motion then when  
4 we were told, in ample enough time to predict this  
5 moment. That of course, Mr. Urick was a vital witness.  
6 that of course his testimony was not cumulative to Jay  
7 Wilds, to testify as to the circumstances of a  
8 prosecutor hand picking a lawyer that he's then going  
9 to argue to the jury the existence of which is  
10 independent proof of why this witness should be  
11 believed and we would have so moved ahead of time and  
12 we wouldn't be here. We wouldn't have this juncture.

13 In light of recognition that we were not given  
14 notice I feel that we're asking for the best that we  
15 can ask for. If the Court read the motion it should  
16 note that we have not asked for the sequestration of  
17 Mr. Urick and that is out of fear, Judge. We're in  
18 this place not of our own doing. We do not wish to  
19 bring the house of cards on us, we're not asking for a  
20 mistrial, we don't want to be forced to so ask or to  
21 add to a circumstance that might well lead us there.  
22 We will have certain relief that we will ask for, I  
23 believe based on our view and on the case law following  
24 Mr. Urick's testimony which we would offer is only  
25 limited to that single issue which relates to the

1 benefit of the bargain that this witness has testified  
2 he received which is as if he paid him money.  
3 For the record Judge, I would direct the Court's  
4 attention to recall last Friday Mr. Wild's lawyer was  
5 present and made an attempt to approach the Court. We  
6 believed it was inappropriate, we never had to reject  
7 it because I believe the Court ruled it was  
8 inappropriate in that Ms. Benaroya wasn't a party and  
9 shouldn't approach, but there was a moment when she  
10 came up and what she was insistent on the Court knowing  
11 was that she was pro bono. There's no other definition  
12 for pro bono other than that she's doing this free. We  
13 believe that's an additional bargain. What the Court  
14 may not have noticed but she brought up with her a pad  
15 on which she was insistent at the top she continued to  
16 write pro bono in very large letters, but what she was  
17 writing was a time sheet keeping track of her hours.  
18 There certainly exists in this case and I will tell you  
19 Judge, I didn't think to make a record then because she  
20 certainly wasn't a party and she should have not  
21 approached and it never occurred to me that I would  
22 arrive at a juncture of learning that a prosecutor's  
23 supplied a lawyer to its chief witness. She's not a  
24 Public Defender and she is in private practice in a  
25 separate jurisdiction, she has no basis for having been



1 appointed. There are no separate proceedings here  
2 involving her being appointed by a Court which  
3 certainly --

4 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, and do you not  
5 have her under subpoena still? You haven't released  
6 her?

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well Judge, I haven't  
8 released her but if you recall although she's aware of  
9 the subpoena and the extent much money trying to get  
10 her personally served and although she acknowledged it  
11 on the record that she's aware of the subpoena she has  
12 not been personally served because basically, we  
13 believe she's avoided service. I haven't asked for any  
14 relief of that because we're a long way away of needing  
15 her.

16 THE COURT: But couldn't you actually get the  
17 information you're requiring from her directly? How  
18 were you retained, under what circumstances -- why  
19 don't I wait to you stop talking and then --

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'm sorry. He was reminding  
21 me of the fact I forgot and that is, we've had with Ms.  
22 Benaroya.

23 THE COURT: And I'm saying --

24 MS. GUTIERREZ: She wants to ask us  
25 questions. She will not answer a single question.

1 THE COURT: But my point is couldn't you then  
2 not get that same information from her? How were you  
3 retained?

4 MS. GUTIERREZ: Maybe, Judge.

5 THE COURT: How much are you being paid? Who  
6 contacted you? Did your client, Mr. Wilds understand  
7 that the State, if that's the fact.

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Maybe, Judge.

9 THE COURT: I mean all the information that  
10 you are seeking could be obtained either if the State  
11 chooses to call her or either in your own case in chief  
12 to show that this witness, Mr. Wilds is in some way in  
13 receipt of a bargain that he has not disclosed to you  
14 or to the jury and therefore it effects his  
15 credibility.

16 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well Judge, number one, we're  
17 going to attempt to seek that.

18 THE COURT: Then I'd like -- and I'd let you  
19 know if you're not able to serve her that I'd ask you  
20 let me know immediately.

21 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'm going to ask the Court --  
22 I'm going to ask the Court now particularly in light of  
23 this relationship with Ms. Benaroya who talks to Mr.  
24 Urick but won't talk to us, that she be immediately  
25 notified as an officer of the Court whether or not

1 she's accepted service. Judge, I've gone to great  
2 lengths to serve her. I've had an investigator locate  
3 where she lives, when she appears. She's indicated to  
4 us she will not accept service which is an appalling  
5 fact to me given that she's a lawyer and frankly, Judge  
6 I expected her to be here yesterday.

7 THE COURT: I did too. And in fact, I was  
8 surprised that she was not.

9 MS. GUTIERREZ: So when she showed up on  
10 Friday I didn't think to rush and get her served  
11 because none of this had come up. I had sought to  
12 serve her because I thought it might be important and  
13 there might be issues that related to come up but I  
14 wasn't sure it was going to be relevant and I hadn't  
15 asked for the Court's help and then didn't seek it.  
16 After she came I expected her to be here and would have  
17 caused her to be served and that would be one of the  
18 reliefs.

19 In answer to the Court's question I have to say a  
20 very, very hesitant maybe. Maybe I can get the same  
21 information, but maybe I can't and even if we could get  
22 it from her Judge -- now, one of the reasons that I  
23 went to the effort to bring to the Court the case law  
24 is that it all stands for the proposition that an  
25 accused right to present its case as it sees fit. As

1 long as it's not, you know irrelevant, as long as  
2 there's not any other way to do it, you know as long as  
3 it's not a ploy, but when it's compelling even if it  
4 alters the norm of what we expect, even if goes against  
5 the grain, like oh, no we don't want advocates to be  
6 witnesses and Judge, if ever there's a situation when  
7 there is surprise -- and I brought up the prior action  
8 of moving to accuse Ms. -- they were on notice they  
9 clearly think these things. That if there's an issue  
10 out there that they're duty bound to bring it up in  
11 sufficient time to avoid this very problem. How a  
12 prosecutor could not know that getting someone a lawyer  
13 and then providing for that lawyer to be pro bono was  
14 not a benefit conferred on the witness who's  
15 credibility it is dependent on.

16 And so Judge, the answer I think even if it's a  
17 maybe, can we get the same things, I state  
18 unequivocally there is no way to get the impact. The  
19 only person hanging over this witnesses' head is this  
20 man, not Ms. Benaroya. The only person who has the  
21 determination to make a decision about what happens to  
22 him is that man. It's only if it pleases that man.  
23 The fact that this witness maybe beholden to the man  
24 who holds all of the strings is vital. Could we get  
25 the sum of the same things, yes we could, but it's not

1 the same and this Court should not exercise its  
2 discretion on the hope that maybe we can do it. It's  
3 our right to determine what's our best evidence, what's  
4 our best defense and we determine Judge, and I think  
5 the facts support us. It is a far different matter for  
6 the jury to hear Mr. Urick acknowledge that he got the  
7 lawyer for the man who's credibility is at the base of  
8 his case without which Judge, he has no case. Without  
9 Jay Wilds they can not get over a motion for judgment  
10 of acquittal either at the end of his case or at the  
11 end of ours. This is critical. It's a far different  
12 matter for the Defense to be able to put Mr. Urick on  
13 then it is to try to get those things from Ms. Benaroya  
14 and so Judge, that is our motion.

15 I believe that the case law supports that  
16 this Court should. He's a competent witness under our  
17 rules. The law says the fact that he's a prosecutor  
18 doesn't render him incompetent and although the law  
19 puts it in the discretion of the Court, all of the law  
20 does suggest to this Court that when it is compelling,  
21 when it is vital, when it's not a subterfuge that the  
22 Court should exercise its discretion and allow it.

23 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Gutierrez. Either  
24 Mr. Urick or Ms. Murphy.

25 MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor. I'd like

1 to address briefly the motion. The State of course  
2 opposes the motion.

3 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, we would object to Mr.  
4 Urick responding to the motion that is the issue of  
5 which is whether or not he testifies for the record.

6 THE COURT: I understand. For the record,  
7 he's still Counsel for the State and at this time I'd  
8 like to hear from Mr. Urick.

9 MR. URICK: First point I'd like to make is  
10 as

11 the -- assuming that the evidence would be admissible  
12 and I'm assuming that arguendo. The case law is quite  
13 clear that this is a discretionary matter and courts  
14 are very reluctant. As the courts seem to indicate one  
15 of the compelling reasons for calling the witness would  
16 be that that is a unique source of information. Ms.  
17 Gutierrez has not and can not show that I would be the  
18 only source of this sort of information since that I  
19 would be a necessary witness that it could not be  
20 obtained by some other means.

21 The second thing I would like to address is the  
22 actual admissibility. Ms. Gutierrez seems to have a  
23 somewhat -- she has a wrong, an incorrect idea of what  
24 a benefit is. What you're dealing here with is  
25 assistance of counsel and this morning I provided the

1 Court's law clerk and Ms. Gutierrez a sheet with a  
2 bunch of cases on it. I should have titled it so it  
3 would be clear what I was doing. All of these cases  
4 detail that assistance of counsel is a fundamental  
5 right under our constitution, hence it is not a benefit  
6 it is a right. All attorneys have a obligation to  
7 respect that right and to seek to effectuate it.  
8 State's attorneys have a special position in regards to  
9 that because we have no client for whom it would be a  
10 conflict for us in dealing with others so we have to  
11 try to safeguard the protection of everybody that we  
12 deal with. Again I point out the case law, you know  
13 that quite clear you're dealing with a fundamental  
14 right, not a benefit.

15 The second thing that I would like to point out in  
16 this area is that the particular assistance of counsel  
17 is effectuated through judicial review. Judge McCurdy  
18 held an in camera review with Jay Wilds, with his  
19 attorney and Benaroya. At that review where I was not  
20 present, the Judge advised Mr. Wilds of his right to a  
21 counsel of his choice, to his right of independent  
22 counsel, assistance of counsel. He reviewed the facts  
23 of the representation of Mr. Wilds. Judge McCurdy  
24 offered Mr. Wilds the opportunity to withdraw from the  
25 plea, to continue with the plea, to have the Court

1 appoint an attorney if he wanted, to accept Ms.  
2 Benaroya's representation. Based on the election that  
3 day Judge McCurdy found that Ms. Benaroya's  
4 representation was Jay Wilds exercising his  
5 constitutional right to an attorney of his choice.  
6 Secondly, found that in fact Jay Wilds was  
7 receiving independent assistance of counsel and that  
8 there was nothing improper. For all of those reasons  
9 the State would oppose this motion.

10 THE COURT: By the way I'll accept that as a  
11 proffer that if there were a hearing and there were  
12 sworn witnesses that that's what the State would  
13 present. As a counter to the motion that the Defense  
14 has filed.

15 MR. URICK: The State would make the same  
16 proffer.

17 THE COURT: Very well. Ms. Gutierrez.

18 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes Judge, I'd like to  
19 respond to a couple of things. First of all, what  
20 benefit it is? What benefit it is, is a broad  
21 definition to provide someone with a lawyer is worth  
22 money. There is a procedure to provide persons accused  
23 of, suspected of, charged with criminal matters with  
24 lawyers. That is a judicial process. Mr. Wilds  
25 fundamental right to counsel is not what's at issue.

1 Would he have been entitled to have a lawyer appointed  
2 to him once he was charged with a crime, well of course  
3 that answer is evident, that's not at issue here. We  
4 certainly don't have standing to raise nor are we  
5 concerned with Mr. Wilds right counsel.  
6 All we are raising is that clearly the propriety  
7 of something Judge, that I have no difficulty stating  
8 unequivocally, there is no jurisdiction in America that  
9 affords a prosecutor the right to pick counsel for its  
10 witnesses, nowhere. Not in any state, not in any  
11 federal jurisdiction. That is a judicial function.  
12 Yes a prosecutor is charged under the ethic rules with  
13 respecting that and obviously if Mr. Wilds asked for a  
14 lawyer Mr. Urick was duty bound to provide for one.  
15 But the subject of Mr. Wilds in his plea agreement have  
16 been litigated before. I will tell you this is the  
17 first I've heard of the proceeding and if such a  
18 proceeding occurred then it occurred Judge, I believe  
19 between the last trial and this trial, but there is no  
20 proceeding on the record prior to September 8th, 1999  
21 and this witness has testified and Mr. Urick hasn't  
22 attempted to rebut any of that to say it's not true.  
23 That he first met his lawyer on the first day a  
24 criminal information was filed and that day was  
25 September 7th, the day before. Mr. Urick and Benaroya

1 and this witness appeared before Judge McCurdy and in  
2 that proceeding Mr. Urick did appear and Ms. Benaroya  
3 appeared but barely opened her mouth, one time. She  
4 asked no questions, there is not a single time except  
5 to answer a question put to her by Judge McCurdy is  
6 that your understanding of the plea, the written plea  
7 agreement and she said, yes. Judge McCurdy didn't know  
8 then that his lawyer had been provided by the State as  
9 an additional benefit, made no inquiry. There were no  
10 facts whatsoever and so it stands that at the time he  
11 signed the plea agreement, even though he now may have  
12 said and I use may loudly. That he now may have said  
13 to Judge McCurdy and I believe that that occurred, it  
14 occurred within the last month, that oh, yes I'm happy  
15 with the lawyer. That the issue of what Mr. Urick did  
16 by providing the lawyer, by selecting who that lawyer  
17 would be, by arranging that that would be at no charge  
18 to this witness.

19 If this witness were entitled to a lawyer then he  
20 was duty bound to either go to a Judge or call up  
21 Elizabeth Julian, a Public Defender for Baltimore City  
22 and say, I have an indigent person, I'm trying to work  
23 at a deal, he's requested counsel, a point one.

24 In this jurisdiction as in every other  
25 jurisdiction in Maryland 365 days a year there is a

1 duty Public Defendant always available to the  
2 judiciary, to the police for any purpose in which the  
3 presence of a lawyer to represent an indigent defender  
4 is required. It's not hard to do. So whatever -- a  
5 made up procedure to protect in retrospect to have a  
6 witness who has this benefit and they feel indebted in  
7 a way that may effect what he testifies to the man who  
8 provided him the lawyer, to the man who selected the  
9 lawyer, to the man who caused the lawyer to not charge  
10 him may impact even if there was such a proceeding.  
11 Whatever its scope does doesn't impact on what happened  
12 on the 7th. That didn't happen, there was no inquiry  
13 and if the Court wants, I believe the videotape,  
14 whether it's with the file or in the record of that is  
15 readily available. Back at my office I have a printed  
16 up transcript of the proceeding on the 7th that will  
17 show that lawyer came up. Lawyer selected and  
18 arranged by Mr. Urick never muttered a word at all and  
19 if the Court needs to see that you give me time, I'll  
20 run up, have somebody run up and get that. The  
21 videotape is available, I don't know where it was, we  
22 filed a motion, it was made available but kept in the  
23 Court record since we had to file a motion since I  
24 wasn't party and had to go through this procedure  
25 because the court reporter wouldn't produce the

1 videotape without a court order allowing me, a non  
2 party --  
3 THE COURT: To view the tape.  
4 MS. GUTIERREZ: And not representing a party  
5 to that videotape to view it and that order was signed  
6 and the videotape was produced. We were asked to get  
7 that videotape and take it right to Judge Quarles. we  
8 never made a copy of it, we viewed it, we did that and  
9 so I believe that videotape would be readily available.

10 I just don't know physically where it is.

11 THE COURT: I'm satisfied with your  
12 representation of what the videotape entails.

13 MS. GUTIERREZ: And Judge I viewed that, Mr.  
14 Urick appeared there. Mr. Urick is the one that caused  
15 that no statement of facts be read. Mr. Urick's  
16 decision to impact on that procedure is critical to us  
17 attacking the credibility of a witness that he feel  
18 beholden to him and this jury may believe that that  
19 witness it beholden to the man that still holds the  
20 keys.

21 So whatever proceeding there may have been in  
22 retrospect fearing the disclosure that we sought for  
23 months suspecting -- if they took him later to any  
24 Judge, to all Judges and he says, oh, no I'm perfectly  
25 happy with the lawyer that he got. She's already my



1 lawyer. Judge, it's a fraud. Perpetrating that fraud  
2 and trying to clean it up doesn't take it back to the  
3 beginning.

4 THE COURT: I don't want you to have to  
5 compete with what's going on outside.

6 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, it may well be since  
7 this is the first week of that proceeding and if that  
8 proceeding before Judge McCurdy then it would be  
9 readily available on video and I'll ask the Judge to go  
10 back because I will bet that there may not be anything  
11 on that record that Judge McCurdy was made aware enough  
12 to trigger that he even understood that that witness  
13 may not have retained his own lawyer. That the  
14 arrangements for the lawyer came through a prosecutor  
15 for his witness. You can look at that, but whatever it  
16 shows it doesn't alter the fundamental issue that the  
17 lawyer was gotten by this lawyer. Whether he satisfied  
18 or not whatever he says, that goes to his credibility,  
19 that's part of the argument.

20 Of course he's satisfied now, he got all the  
21 benefit, he's out to please the man who beholden him  
22 with an actual benefit. Lawyers aren't potted plants,  
23 they cost money. If one is indigent and entitled to a  
24 lawyer there's a way to do it. Prosecutors never get  
25 pick lawyers. It is critical to this case.

1 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Gutierrez. I  
2 would agree with you that normally prosecutors don't  
3 pick lawyers for Defense Counsel and I would also agree  
4 with you that the Court rarely picks attorneys for  
5 Defense Counsel, for Defendants. In fact, the  
6 Defendants absolutely have a right to pick counsel.  
7 They have a right to pick substitute counsel, they have  
8 the right to excuse their counsel and say they'll  
9 represent themselves, but that right remains with them.

10  
11 I find that there must be a compelling reason to  
12 call Mr. Urick as a witness in this case in order that  
13 you may be afforded the opportunity to challenge the  
14 credibility of Mr. Wilds with regard to any deal or  
15 benefit derived from the State through the presentation  
16 I'll call it, of an attorney for Mr. Wilds. I also  
17 find that first you made an argument, a rather  
18 compelling presentation of facts. When I say  
19 compelling I mean that you have available to you  
20 through your very argument to this Court those items in  
21 evidence to challenge the credibility of Mr. Wild's  
22 testimony with regard to anything Mr. Urick may have  
23 done to assist. The witness himself, Mr. Wilds  
24 provided you with that evidence and you readily used it  
25 in your argument to this Court. So I find that you

1 have that availability.

2 Secondly, you have the availability of calling Ms.  
3 Benaroya who I feel would offer you an additional  
4 opportunity to present evidence to attack the  
5 credibility of Mr. Wilds. For that reason I do not  
6 find a compelling reason to call or allow you to call  
7 Mr. Urick as a witness in this case and with that, with  
8 regard to that motion your motion is denied. I do  
9 appreciate your argument however, and I will note your  
10 objection and make sure that your motion appears in the  
11 record and I'm sure that at the time you may want to  
12 reiterate or reargue this issue at another time, but I  
13 will also preserve the materials you've provided to me  
14 in the record so the record reflects that, but your  
15 motion is denied.

16 MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Judge. I do have  
17 a couple other motions in light of that. First of all  
18 --

19 THE COURT: Well, before you go into any  
20 other motions let me deal with the motions in front of  
21 me and then you can add to that because I would like --  
22 I think you need to know that there are a number of  
23 other things that you've asked for already and I would  
24 like to deal with those first before I take up  
25 something new. Second, I've been provided this mornin

1 with notes from both detectives. Detective Ruiz.

2 MR. URICK: Ritz.

3 THE COURT: Ritz.

4 MS. GUTIERREZ: These are the notes of the  
5 two  
6 hours --

7 THE COURT: Yes, oh yes.

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: We expected an affidavit.

9 THE COURT: Yes.

10 MS. GUTIERREZ: That did not exist.

11 THE COURT: No affidavit, Ms. Gutierrez  
12 because I have notes and I have a second set of notes  
13 from, I assume they're Detective McGilvary.

14 MR. URICK: That's correct, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: I don't know who is whose, all I  
16 know is that there is two sets of notes that appear to  
17 be in different handwriting. Perhaps Mr. --

18 MS. GUTIERREZ: Are they identified as to  
19 which?

20 THE COURT: No, they're not. I'm asking  
21 perhaps Counsel --

22 MR. URICK: I believe the yellow is Detective  
23 McGilvary's.

24 THE COURT: McGilvary's is in the yellow.

25 MS. GUTIERREZ: And are they identified as to

1 which conversation? Is that --  
 2 THE COURT: Well Ms. Gutierrez, it's --  
 3 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay.  
 4 THE COURT: I'm granting your motion to have  
 5 them. In fact, the Court has made copies for you. So  
 6 I'm giving them to you and I'm granting your motion  
 7 that you should have these to assist you in any way  
 8 that you believe necessary in your cross examination of  
 9 Mr. Wilds. I'm giving an additional set of these notes  
 10 to the State and I'm keeping -- there's one for  
 11 actually Ms. Murphy as well and I'm going to ask the  
 12 court clerk to put the originals in the Court file. I  
 13 have another copy for myself.  
 14 So, with regard to your motion to have the notes I  
 15 find that you get the notes, you have the notes, that  
 16 they may be used in any way you deem necessary. Now, I  
 17 must add, those notes are notes of the detectives, not  
 18 of this witness.  
 19 MS. GUTIERREZ: I understand.  
 20 THE COURT: They are not signed by this  
 21 witness or adopted nor are they signed by the author of  
 22 the notes, but you now know who the notes are and you  
 23 may use those notes to assist you in anyway you deem  
 24 appropriate in cross examining the witness on the  
 25 statement he may have made that was not taped.

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: I would make a request just  
 2 to have a little bit of time.  
 3 THE COURT: You'll have time to review those.  
 4 MS. GUTIERREZ: If I can do that.  
 5 THE COURT: Because I have another issue  
 6 before you raise your next motion. I have a note from  
 7 the jury. I will read it slowly and then I will allow  
 8 each of you to have a chance to look it if you need to.  
 9 Yesterday when leaving the courthouse, Mr. Wilds  
 10 approached me and another juror and asked if he could  
 11 have a light. Today Mr. Wilds approached me and  
 12 another juror again and asked for a light. We would  
 13 appreciate it if you would ask him not to approach us  
 14 again from jurors, it appears 12, one and three and I'm  
 15 going to pass the note to the court clerk so that he  
 16 can show the note to Counsel. I take it Mr. Wilds is  
 17 here, is he not?  
 18 MR. URICK: Yes.  
 19 THE COURT: Okay. Anybody want to offer a  
 20 suggested response to the jury?  
 21 MR. URICK: We have admonished him several  
 22 times not to speak to anyone. This is no excuse. I  
 23 suspect that when he goes out front to smoke a  
 24 cigarette he sees someone with a match, he goes over  
 25 and asks if he can have a light. Perhaps the Court

1 would want to admonish him that he's not to speak to  
 2 anyone around the courthouse, period.  
 3 THE COURT: Well, my question was, did you  
 4 want to offer a response to the jury?  
 5 MR. URICK: I would asked that they be voir  
 6 dired to see if it has effected their ability to --  
 7 THE COURT: I frankly -- I'll hear from Ms.  
 8 Gutierrez and if you have a suggestion for the jury  
 9 because I have one and it's very easy, it's thank you  
 10 very much for notifying the Court, it will be handled  
 11 no one will approach you, period and that's my  
 12 suggestion.  
 13 MS. GUTIERREZ: I would agree with that and  
 14 that's pretty straight forward.  
 15 THE COURT: It's very straight forward.  
 16 MS. GUTIERREZ: The jurors clearly went out  
 17 of their way knowing that they should report this and  
 18 that this was improper. In response to the responding  
 19 to the jurors I think, I agree with the Court's  
 20 suggestion that we should reassure the jurors. I would  
 21 object questioning the jurors any more because again,  
 22 the fear is, you know, that opens it up to making it  
 23 something more then it is and given the straight  
 24 forwardness of the note and the detail of the  
 25 information I think it's trustworthy that if something

1 else occurred they would have told us and they're  
 2 asking for the Court's relief and yes I suggest we give  
 3 it.  
 4 I do have a further request even going to Jay  
 5 Wilds and I will note that in this courtroom Mr. Wilds  
 6 is sitting as close as you can get to juror number  
 7 twelve. You know, that he had to of known they were  
 8 jurors. He's been in front of these jurors for two  
 9 full days at a most serious occasion he could hardly  
 10 forget what they look like and then go approach them.  
 11 He knows better and clearly it's not enough to tell Mr.  
 12 Wilds. I would ask that Mr. Wilds if he continues to  
 13 testify be restrained by the Sheriff. When he's out of  
 14 here then he be put in a specific place, that he be  
 15 held when the jurors leave, make sure they're gone to  
 16 ensure -- he clearly can't follow instructions, he had  
 17 to of known it was wrong and so in regard to that  
 18 issue. I do have other motions regarding Mr. Wilds,  
 19 but that's what I would ask the Court. Not just to  
 20 ream him out, but to take precautions that he's not  
 21 allowed to roam about and possibly ask other jurors for  
 22 lights or for anything at all.  
 23 THE COURT: I actually like your suggestion,  
 24 Ms. Gutierrez and I am going to take that suggestion.  
 25 In addition to admonishing Mr. Wilds again I'm going to

1 ask the clerk and my staff to make sure that he is  
2 escorted and placed in certain places until we are  
3 satisfied that all the jurors have left and we'll do  
4 that until he concludes his testimony to ensure that he  
5 has no further contact. In addition to admonishing him  
6 of what his responsibilities are in the event he is at  
7 lunch or at any other time in the building.

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: In addition Judge, I'm a  
9 smoker and I have an extra pair of matches and those  
10 can be issued to ensure that he has no reason to  
11 approach anybody for anything.

12 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, I'm not going to  
13 encourage anyone --

14 MS. GUTIERREZ: I know that.

15 THE COURT: To smoke including you. So, to  
16 that  
17 end --

18 MS. GUTIERREZ: \_\_\_

19 THE COURT: I understand. Now that I've  
20 concluded those two matters I would just let you know  
21 the note says, thank you, the Court will direct all  
22 witnesses not to have any contact with you and I will  
23 direct Ms. Connelly to take this.

24 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, in that I would ask  
25 that the note specifically direct Jay Wilds to have no

1 contact with you because that's really what they asked  
2 for assurance of. You're not just blanket laying --

3 THE COURT: I understand.

4 MS. GUTIERREZ: Notifying that you tell them  
5 that. Specifically, I'll direct Mr. Wilds to have no  
6 contact.

7 MR. URICK: The State feels the Court's  
8 initial phrasing would be appropriate.

9 THE COURT: I changed it but underlined all.  
10 All right.

11 MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: And that's the only thing -- I  
13 think that will be sufficient because I think it's  
14 important that they know that and I also as I've done  
15 each day will continue to advise them that they should  
16 let me know if anyone should contact them or have any  
17 further contact. Yeah, just give that to them and then  
18 you may leave and come back. The reason I'm having  
19 that done at this time is because they have been  
20 sitting there since 9:30 so I want them to at least  
21 know we are doing something here.

22 MS. GUTIERREZ: Right. And that they'll all  
23 get a chance.

24 THE COURT: And that they'll all get a  
25 chance. Now Ms. Gutierrez, you indicated you had some

1 other matters that you would like to raise.

2 MS. GUTIERREZ: I do, Judge. They also  
3 involve Mr. Wilds. I'm making a motion to strike Mr.  
4 Wild's testimony and Judge, now I know, I suspect it  
5 existed and maybe it might change my mind later. I  
6 don't know yet, but I'm making it on the basis of the  
7 failure to give us notice, to advise what the bargain  
8 was and I'd ask the Court incorporate the arguments  
9 I've already made on the other motion because I think a  
10 lot of them are the same as to who Jay Wilds is.

11 Now the basis for notice, notice to the Court  
12 surprise and to allow a Defendant to fairly pick his  
13 best defense. Jay Wilds is it in this case. The issue  
14 that the prosecutor selected his lawyer and arranged  
15 for that lawyer not to cost him any money was critical  
16 evidence. That clearly would have gone into opening.

17 Notwithstanding the fact that there's all these  
18 other things that attack his credibility, we're  
19 entitled to them too and the absence of the information  
20 was so fundamental and there was no way -- yes, can we  
21 capitalize on it now they we have it, yes but that's at  
22 the end. All studies of juror show that most jurors  
23 made up their mind in opening. What they're looking  
24 for, that why we as advocates spend so much energy. No  
25 it may not be evidence but there's a reason we're

1 allowed to be there and putting it out and have jurors  
2 on alert for the feared. We were deprived of that  
3 because we were given no notice.

4 I would maintain Judge, that in addition to due  
5 process and the right to have notice that it was  
6 required disclosure under any theory. It is a benefit,  
7 it is part of what Mr. Wilds get, got and it is what  
8 they are arguing as the only basis for his  
9 trustworthiness and the failure to give to us ahead of  
10 time.

11 Judge, it is important, this is the second trial.  
12 This didn't come out in the first trial I would say  
13 because of the detailment, so they never volunteered it  
14 or asked a question that might suggest it, it was their  
15 intent to hide it. It was their intent that it not  
16 come out and Judge, I remind you that yesterday this  
17 Court sustained a number of objections to any of my  
18 questions about -- near that and I understood that  
19 until Mr. Wilds in an effort to explain why he asked to  
20 turn off the tape recorder during the middle of the  
21 tape recorded statement on the 28th offered the  
22 information that he asked for assistance getting a  
23 lawyer and that of course, is what led to a series of  
24 questions that got me no information until I asked him  
25 about it on the 7th and this Court allowed me and they



1 didn't dare object to that question, they didn't object  
2 and it was only in response to that that he answered.  
3 It was pure for fortuity. And in light of having  
4 chosen to hide it and not reveal it to the defense,  
5 Judge that's the things that can be corrected and many  
6 of those things can even be corrected all the way up to  
7 the end of the trial.

8 There may be other relief that we ask Judge, but  
9 there is no correction for this unless this Court is  
10 prepared to allow us to go back and reopen to the jury  
11 armed with all the knowledge we should have had about  
12 the only witness that can make or break a case against  
13 Adnan Syed. That's the only remedy that can possibly  
14 make us whole. So, we would move to strike all of his  
15 testimony.

16 THE COURT: Very well. I'll hear from the  
17 State.

18 MR. URICK: Without going into the same  
19 detail I will elaborate my previous response. Ms.  
20 Gutierrez is arguing benefit in a situation that's not  
21 appropriate. Assistance of counsel is a fundamental  
22 right, it is not a benefit. The case law established  
23 that quite clearly.

24 Secondly, the assistance of counsel is effectuated  
25 through judicial review. I was not present for that

1 but it was my belief that that was on the record. I  
2 don't know, I wasn't there, I can't state that for  
3 certain. Judge McCurdy might be able to clarify that,  
4 I can't but it was my impression that that was on the  
5 record. Hence, there is no benefit here, this is a  
6 fundamental right and it was effectuated through  
7 judicial review that found as I previously mentioned we  
8 would oppose Ms. Gutierrez's motion.

9 THE COURT: Very well. Motion to strike the  
10 testimony of Mr. Wilds is denied. However, I'm going  
11 to allow Counsel in closing argument to argue the  
12 credibility of Mr. Wilds being effected by anything  
13 that Mr. Urick may have done in assisting him in  
14 getting counsel and that is anything that came out  
15 through Mr. Wilds's testimony of what he believed, not  
16 what may in fact have occurred, but what he believed  
17 happened. Because it's his belief that controls his  
18 credibility, what he testified to, why he testifies in  
19 the way he testifies, why he signed the agreement and  
20 why he testified in this case.

21 So, to the extent that he believes that there was  
22 some benefit and that anything Ms. Gutierrez has  
23 indicated so far effects his credibility then you may  
24 argue that in closing. Also to the extent you may  
25 choose to call another witness like Ms. Benaroya which

1 establishes even more, so any role that Mr. Urick had  
2 in obtaining that attorney, that particular attorney  
3 and again, I don't know what Ms. Benaroya is going to  
4 say but if you find there's even more evidence that  
5 will add to that -- the issue to the credibility of Mr.  
6 Wilds being related in that way you may argue that.

7 But I do find that is a minor issue to the total  
8 weight of his credibility, that it is something to be  
9 raised, but it goes along with the aspects of the plea  
10 agreement which you went through in detail. Which also  
11 may be argued obviously to bring forth to the jury's  
12 attention the manner in which they should weigh heavily  
13 or not weigh heavily the testimony of Mr. Wilds, so for  
14 that reason your motion to strike his testimony is  
15 denied, but you will be given latitude to argue that in  
16 closing and also to the extent it may come up through  
17 any other witnesses.

18 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well Judge, in light of what  
19 the Court said, if the Court recalls the cross  
20 examination on the plea agreement actually took place  
21 on Friday and I would ask and I appreciate the Court's  
22 indication that it's going to give me wide latitude.  
23 But because this was a surprise, a new knowledge in  
24 order to effectively take advantage of that I think we  
25 would have to go back to the plea agreement that I

1 pretty much had fully covered on Friday. That's what I  
2 covered, but of course, I had none of the information  
3 that I have now in regard to the lawyer issue and how  
4 that came about and so I would certainly be requesting  
5 that that wide latitude include my ability to go back  
6 to areas that clear have already covered but without  
7 this knowledge.

8 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, I'm going to deny  
9 that request. My notes reflect that yesterday you  
10 spent just over an hour on the plea agreement in  
11 addition to -- in addition to the questions on Friday.

12 MS. GUTIERREZ: But that was before I got the  
13 information.

14 THE COURT: Well, actually I think --

15 MS. GUTIERREZ: The magic information came at  
16 ten after four.

17 THE COURT: The magic information actually  
18 came from the witness earlier on.

19 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, Judge.

20 THE COURT: He, himself said --

21 MS. GUTIERREZ: Its ten after four --

22 THE COURT: All right.

23 MS. GUTIERREZ: In which he says he got Mr.  
24 Uricks' assistance in obtaining counsel.

25 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, I hear what you're

1 saying, I will indicate to you that to the extent there  
2 are particular questions that you would like to  
3 revisit, that part of the motion of revisiting the same  
4 questions is denied. If there is some new area that  
5 you do not believe has been thoroughly covered by Mr.  
6 Wild's response that still remains open and the Court  
7 would never restrict you into an area that you have yet  
8 questioned the witness on.

9 So, I will allow you to do that, what I'm asking  
10 and directing is that you not revisit any area that you  
11 have already covered and if you have additional, more  
12 specific questions for Mr. Wilds that have not been  
13 covered you're welcome to do that and I also would  
14 point out and through any other witness that you have  
15 yet to call or has yet to take the stand.

16 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, I would make a further  
17 motion and note for the record that in response Mr.  
18 Urick continues to try to utilize the so called  
19 judicial review that he says he wasn't at and has never  
20 once revealed the date of it. To note, for the record  
21 he could not have occurred before the 7th since Mr.  
22 Urick didn't charge Mr. Wilds before the 7th. It does  
23 not appear on the 7th in that it hadn't happened  
24 afterwards.

25 In light of his remarks I would move and ask for

1 this Court to order the release of that tape that  
2 occurred before Judge McCurdy and it occurred in a  
3 videotape proceeding, I would be in the same position  
4 of where we could pay a great deal of more money  
5 because if it happened it's a public record and I can  
6 get the hard transcript of it. That takes a great deal  
7 more time and money and I would ask the Court to order  
8 the release to us. Preparing a copy of the videotape  
9 is a pretty simple matter and generally can be done.  
10 you know over night. You just make a copy of that.  
11 they locate that tape and make a copy of it.

12 So, I would ask for an order allowing us and since  
13 we've prepared an order I guess we could prepare  
14 another one and talk to Ms. Sheldon and I think a  
15 verbal order would cause that to be prepared because I  
16 think that we are entitled to that.

17 THE COURT: Can I deal with just that one  
18 issue? Mr. Urick, do you have a problem with or do you  
19 know what the status of this hearing before Judge  
20 McCurdy involving the -- at that time the Defendant,  
21 Jay Wilds? Is it sealed? Is  
22 it -- I mean, is that --

23 MR. URICK: It's my impression and that's  
24 just my belief that it was on the record, an open --

25 THE COURT: It was on the record?

1 MR. URICK: Yeah, it was an on the record  
2 although in camera in chambers it was on the record.  
3 That was my impression.

4 THE COURT: So you're saying it's available  
5 for Counsel, Ms. Gutierrez to obtain a copy of it?

6 MR. URICK: I believe it should be.

7 THE COURT: Without any difficulty?

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Do you know as to when it  
9 occurred?

10 THE COURT: Do you know the date of the  
11 proceeding

12 MR. URICK: I think it was within a week or  
13 two of the plea.

14 THE COURT: Okay. And so the date would be?

15 MR. URICK: Sometime in September, I believe.

16 THE COURT: Sometime in September. That's  
17 not a date, that's a month.

18 MR. URICK: I was not present.

19 THE COURT: Can you obtain the date?

20 MR. URICK: I will see if I --

21 THE COURT: Is there any record anywhere?  
22 The clerk's office or case number?

23 MR. URICK: I would have to try to search  
24 that down.

25 THE COURT: You don't have a case number of

1 the proceeding? In other words, the charge that Mr.  
2 Wilds was facing?

3 MR. URICK: It's on the plea agreement  
4 itself.

5 THE COURT: Ms. Connelly, if you would look  
6 at the case number on Exhibit Number, which is what?  
7 Ms. Gutierrez, do you know the exhibit?

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: I think it's 35.

9 THE COURT: Exhibit 35 and I'd ask that you  
10 go to the clerk's office and find out when the plea --  
11 call the clerk's office and find out the date.

12 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well Judge, I will note  
13 there's a long and tortured history here.

14 THE COURT: Well, this is not going to be  
15 long and tortured.

16 MS. GUTIERREZ: The existence -- well, the  
17 file number on the --

18 THE COURT: This is going to be very simple.

19 MS. GUTIERREZ: Plea agreement, I believe is  
20 not a correct number.

21 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, let me find that  
22 out since Mr. Urick tells me that that's the case  
23 number.

24 MR. URICK: I'm sorry.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Urick tells me that that's

1 the number I should use to contact the clerk's office  
2 let me do that and if it turns out that it's not the  
3 correct number and I've been misled then I'll deal with  
4 that.

5 MR. URICK: I misspoke, that was the tracking  
6 number. The case number is 299 --

7 THE COURT: One moment. 299 --

8 MR. URICK: 250.

9 THE COURT: 250.

10 MR. URICK: 001.

11 THE COURT: 001 and his name is not an alias,  
12 it is Jay, J-A-Y.

13 MR. URICK: Yes.

14 THE COURT: W-I-L-D-S?

15 MR. URICK: Yes.

16 THE COURT: Very well. Ms. Connelly, if you  
17 could kindly locate this guilty plea, get me a date,  
18 find out from Ms. Sheldon if the tape is available.  
19 Ms. Gutierrez, your next issue.

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes Judge, at this time we  
21 would make a motion before full disclosure pursuant to  
22 the Rules, pursuant to Maryland case law, pursuant to  
23 Federal case law, pursuant to Brady, pursuant to due  
24 process for full disclosure covering any and all  
25 circumstances of exactly what help Mr. Urick provided

1 in getting a lawyer, how the lawyer was selected or was  
2 any other circumstances surrounding the selection of  
3 that lawyer or the setting that up. What was  
4 communicated from Mr. Urick to Mr. Wilds? Was there  
5 any correspondence between that lawyer and Mr. Urick or  
6 anyone acting as Mr. Urick's agent or from anyone  
7 assisting or acting as Ms. Benaroya's agent?

8 That correspondence request would include  
9 any phone records, any notes of conversations, whether  
10 or not the information was reduced to a formal piece of  
11 correspondence. The substance of any conversations and  
12 now that we're on notice that subsequent to the plea  
13 that there was a further proceeding, what if any --  
14 what if anything occurred that led to that second  
15 proceeding where this client was asked if he was happy  
16 with the lawyer and satisfied with the lawyer that was  
17 selected by Mr. Urick.

18 We'd also request information on all the same  
19 grounds, any information as from Mr. Urick as to  
20 whether or not he's ever picked a lawyer for the main  
21 suspect in a murder case outside the formal procedures  
22 available in this jurisdiction to do so whether or not  
23 in this case or any other case. He's made a referral  
24 to the Public Defender's office if he ever approached  
25 any judicial entity, what if any arrangements were made

1 to pay the lawyer or not pay the lawyer through any  
2 means. Direct money, other billing, any means  
3 whatsoever. By any that would be including the State's  
4 Attorney's Office hasn't received any billing from Ms.  
5 Benaroya or correspondence or the submission of  
6 documents indicating her time and when it was.

7 Any information regarding how he specifically  
8 picked this lawyer, with his relationship with this  
9 lawyer is and what is the substance of any of their  
10 conversations prior to the 7th, on the 7th, regarding  
11 the plea, regarding their specifically not just the  
12 terms of the plea, but who made the decision regarding  
13 1A in the plea. Regarding an attestation by Mr. Wilds  
14 that he's always told the truth in all of his dealings  
15 with the police or with the prosecutor up and until  
16 that time and the substance of any conversation  
17 regarding how that lawyer got to be there on the 7th  
18 and what if any conversations took place that included  
19 Mr. Urick in the presence of Ms. Benaroya on the 7th  
20 that also included the presence of Mr. Wilds regarding  
21 the introduction of the lawyer.

22 He's testified he had never met the lawyer before  
23 that day and what was said about the lawyer or  
24 communicated about the lawyer in any manner. A  
25 telephone message, a telephone call through one of the

1 detectives through any other person or communication to  
2 anyone else meant to get to Mr. Wilds about the lawyer  
3 that Mr. Wilds was about to meet on the 7th as to why  
4 she was chosen, what her experience was, what she now  
5 knew in through what terms and we would request  
6 immediate disclosure of all of those circumstances.  
7 Clearly believing we would have been entitled to have  
8 that disclosed, that it was a benefit and that we need  
9 that disclosure now to effectively cross examine  
10 continually this witness about those terms because they  
11 clearly will relate to his credibility is dependant on  
12 that dependance of that lawyer, his dependance on Mr.  
13 Urick and would also impact, for instance on our  
14 ability to effectively question Ms. Benaroya.

15 THE COURT: The State does not wish to be  
16 heard, do you?

17 MR. URICK: No. Thank you.

18 THE COURT: The motion is denied. The  
19 information that you are seeking to contain would be  
20 information that Mr. Wilds would have a privilege, that  
21 is how he chose a lawyer, the circumstances under which  
22 he chose a lawyer. I do not believe the State has  
23 information of that magnitude that would warrant me  
24 asking the State to provide that information. In fact,  
25 the fact that the witness has already testified that



1 the tape was stopped when he asked for counsel, I'm not  
 2 going to require the State to go into anything that the  
 3 Defendant, Wilds at that time being a Defendant or at  
 4 least an individual with an absolute Sixth Amendment  
 5 right to ask for and receive counsel. I'm not going to  
 6 go into his privilege communications that he may have  
 7 had either in the presence of the State or outside of  
 8 the presence of the State to you, Defendant for Mr.  
 9 Syed and I am therefore not going to grant that motion,  
 10 but rather I'm going to say that if there's information  
 11 that you believe relevant to the decision by Mr. Wilds  
 12 to select Ms. Benaroya I will allow you, if you would  
 13 like to have a hearing where as Mr. -- Ms. Benaroya  
 14 could come in outside the presence of the jury and  
 15 provide the Defense with information if she does not  
 16 believe there's a privilege communication involved and  
 17 then we could get to the bottom of it in that fashion,  
 18 but I'm not going to require the State to provide that  
 19 information because I don't think that's appropriate.

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'm not requesting  
 21 information --

22 THE COURT: Source that would be reliable in  
 23 order to get to the credibility issues that you are  
 24 seeking to obtain. Not through the State but rather  
 25 through this witness and through his lawyer.

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, obviously Judge, I'm  
 2 going to take advantage of that, but to correct the  
 3 record I'm not requesting information from this witness  
 4 because he's already said what essentially amounts to  
 5 the fact that he didn't choose his own lawyer, Mr.  
 6 Urick did. So he couldn't possibly have information as  
 7 to how Mr. Urick selected his lawyer and what I'm  
 8 asking for is not privilege. There is no privilege  
 9 between Mr. Urick and Mr. Wilds. I'm not asking pierce  
 10 the relationship or to ask for any privileged  
 11 information as between Ms. Benaroya and Mr. Wilds. I'm  
 12 seeking information that Judge, would not be in, it  
 13 may, but would not likely be in Mr. Wild's personal  
 14 knowledge or hearsay knowledge if he didn't pick his  
 15 own lawyer. I'm asking information peculiarly within  
 16 the sphere of Mr. Urick. In no way based on Mr. Wild's  
 17 testimony within Mr. Wilds basis of personal knowledge  
 18 or hearsay knowledge from that. In light of that, in  
 19 response to the Court I certainly would take advantage  
 20 and ask the Court to have Ms. Benaroya here and request  
 21 a hearing outside the presence of the jury. I believe  
 22 it's not privileged, but in the event any part of it  
 23 that is privileged Judge, well then you have competing  
 24 interest.

25 THE COURT: That's right.

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: And in that set of competing  
 2 interest the only person with those rights that this  
 3 Court should be concerned about, if it's one persons  
 4 right to counsel who's not on trial versus one who's  
 5 in, in any contest if it gets to that, Adnan Syed wins  
 6 and this Court must be primarily concerned with his  
 7 right to counsel and his right to counsel includes this  
 8 Court ensuring that his counsel in order to effectively  
 9 represent him is provided by vital information that she  
 10 is required to have had.

11 THE COURT: I understand your point, but as I  
 12 stated before, I believe the information you wish to  
 13 obtain can be obtained from another source, is readily  
 14 available to you and the sum of substance of which has  
 15 already been provided to you to allow you to adequately  
 16 challenge the credibility of Mr. Wilds. To the extent  
 17 that you would like more of information of that sort,  
 18 the Court is not going to grant the remedy that you  
 19 seek --

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: I understand that.

21 THE COURT: And with regard to that motion it  
 22 is denied.

23 MS. GUTIERREZ: For the record since the  
 24 Court has making a finding that I have been provided  
 25 some of that information I would like to know what the

1 information is. That the Court believes that I have  
 2 been provided by the State who has the obligation to so  
 3 provide it.

4 THE COURT: No, it wasn't that I am saying  
 5 that you were provided by the State. Merely -- merely  
 6 --

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, merely isn't a finding.

8 THE COURT: Well -- well, merely that you've  
 9 been provided by the State. One, I have found and you  
 10 are aware of it because you made use of it, you have a  
 11 copy of the plea agreement which was provided in  
 12 discovery by the State.

13 MS. GUTIERREZ: Which has a number that does  
 14 not relate to a charge.

15 THE COURT: But the sum of substance of the  
 16 plea agreement is contained therein. You also have the  
 17 testimony of Mr. Wilds. Although the information that  
 18 you have received by way of his testimony is one that  
 19 has come through a course of a number of days. You've  
 20 gotten it six or seven days ago on Friday, you got  
 21 additional information yesterday and I find that you  
 22 have an adequate amount of information in order so that  
 23 you can one, prepare your defense and utilize the  
 24 information.

25 Two, challenge the credibility of the witness and

1 utilize the information and three, fashion questions  
 2 during your cross and in an attempt to get more  
 3 information and four, if necessary, call an additional  
 4 witness and have that additional witness provide you  
 5 with additional information. So, I believe that all of  
 6 those items are readily available to the Defense, I do  
 7 not find that in any way it interferes with your  
 8 client's due process rights or in any way interferes  
 9 with his ability to have an effective and adequate  
 10 representation by his attorney on this issue or that  
 11 you have been in any way harmed by the delay in  
 12 receiving some bits and parts of that information.  
 13 That you still have the witness on the stand, that he  
 14 still can be questioned, that the Court has given you  
 15 latitude in that regard as well as latitude at some  
 16 later point to view the tape which I have just directed  
 17 Ms. Connelly to get because I understand it is  
 18 available, that there's only one copy. I've also  
 19 directed Ms. Connelly to get a video machine for your  
 20 use and during the lunch and recess if you would like  
 21 to view that tape it will be available for you to do  
 22 that and after reviewing the tape if you feel that  
 23 there are some additional questions that the tape  
 24 triggers you are welcome to ask those questions.  
 25 But to the extent that I believe I have provided

1 you with an opportunity to address these issues and  
 2 adequately defend your client I don't believe his  
 3 rights in any way have been abridged, interfered with  
 4 or that his due process rights have been abridged or  
 5 interfered with. That any notice requirements that  
 6 arguably the benefit that appears to have developed  
 7 through the testimony can be addressed adequately by  
 8 your questions and the information that you've received  
 9 at this time. Is there another motion or issue that  
 10 you have at this time?

11 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, I thought I made a  
 12 motion, but I wasn't sure I was clear that -- to  
 13 something I thought I heard the Court say suggesting  
 14 that we might be entitled to a hearing outside of the  
 15 presence of the jury.

16 THE COURT: That will be granted.

17 MS. GUTIERREZ: Ms. Benaroya.

18 THE COURT: The Court -- the Court is gone to  
 19 seek to obtain Ms. Benaroya's appearance. I will  
 20 advise you when she will be available. The Court will  
 21 make an attempt to contact her. If you may recall I  
 22 did mention to her that she should -

23 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.

24 THE COURT: Keep in contact with the Court.

25 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.

1 THE COURT: So, I'm gong to utilize that as  
 2 her acquiescence that in the event the Court needed her  
 3 she would make --

4 MS. GUTIERREZ: She's an officer of the  
 5 Court, I can't imagine that she --

6 THE COURT: That's correct.

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Would not. Judge, in light  
 8 of all that's happened I would ask for an order  
 9 forbidding either of the State's attorneys, any State's  
 10 attorney from Baltimore City, any member of the police  
 11 department, any agent, anyone of their behalf from  
 12 speaking to Ms. Benaroya about anything involved in  
 13 this case.

14 In fact, I guess my request would be for an order  
 15 that she shouldn't speak to her at all. That she  
 16 convey no information about what's occurred since she  
 17 is now to be a witness, you know all those sticky  
 18 issues she is still a potential sequestered witness and  
 19 I believe that they should inform that if there is a  
 20 legitimate reason that would require them to speak to  
 21 her then I would ask the Court to require them to bring  
 22 that to the Court's attention with notice to us and  
 23 then the Court can rule on sticky mess if it occurs.  
 24 But that absent that that no one speak to her about  
 25 anything that they don't cause anyone else to speak to

1 her and that she include them and all other members of  
 2 the State's Attorney's Office, whether or not they're  
 3 involved in this case, all members of the police  
 4 department and any other human being.

5 THE COURT: Well, I'm not going to order that  
 6 no one speak to her or any other human being, but I can  
 7 tell you Mr. Urick and Ms. Murphy, you are directed to  
 8 not to speak to Ms. Benaroya about this case. That in  
 9 the event she should call your office that you direct  
 10 her to contact me immediately and that you not direct  
 11 anyone on your behalf to have any conversations with  
 12 Ms. Benaroya about this case or to anyway alert her  
 13 that the Court is seeking an inquiry with regard to  
 14 anything that she may have to say that would be  
 15 relevant to this proceeding.

16 I can not and I will not direct the police  
 17 department as such, but the Court will be very, very  
 18 concerned if I find that she has been addressed, talk  
 19 to or interviewed with regard to any potential  
 20 testimony that she may provide. I know that she still  
 21 is continuing to be counsel for Mr. Wilds and so to  
 22 that regard and in that regard I can not and will not  
 23 direct her. She is also an officer of the Court and  
 24 therefore, I will not, can not direct her not to have  
 25 contact with any police department, any other State's

1 attorneys because for all I know she has other  
 2 appropriate business with them. But I think that will  
 3 suffice in addressing the concerns of Ms. Gutierrez.  
 4 Any other matters before we bring the jury out?  
 5 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well Judge, --  
 6 THE COURT: Mr. Urick.  
 7 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, not on my list. I have  
 8 others. Although I would ask before continuing the  
 9 cross examination of Mr. Wilds an ability to review  
 10 those notes.  
 11 THE COURT: Absolutely. Why don't we do  
 12 that. In fact, if we can have Mr. Wilds come in  
 13 because --  
 14 MR. URICK: I have a couple of motions if  
 15 Defense Counsel is finished with hers.  
 16 THE COURT: Very well. Before Mr. Wilds  
 17 comes in.  
 18 MS. GUTIERREZ: Finished them until I think  
 19 there's some new ones.  
 20 THE COURT: I will hear from Mr. Urick.  
 21 MR. URICK: Your Honor, the first, well  
 22 they're both motions in limine. It struck me after the  
 23 fact that Ms. Gutierrez was asking questions of Mr.  
 24 Wilds about discussions he had with his attorney,  
 25 that's privileged information as the Court notes one

1 time, several times this morning.  
 2 I would ask that the Court direct Ms. Gutierrez  
 3 not to ask any questions of the witness as to any  
 4 discussions he had with his attorney because that is  
 5 privileged information and it would be not -- he would  
 6 have an absolute privilege to keep that from being  
 7 revealed. The second motion in limine is that I would  
 8 move that she not be allowed to inquire any further  
 9 into his assistance of counsel and in support of that  
 10 motion in limine and I provided the Court today with  
 11 Jeffrey Ebb versus State of Maryland. This is a  
 12 discretionary motion and it goes to admissibility of  
 13 evidence. Ms. Gutierrez is trying to inject an issue  
 14 before the jury that is not a jury question.  
 15 THE COURT: Which issue is that?  
 16 MR. URICK: His assistance of counsel. She's  
 17 trying to claim it as a benefit, it's not, it's a  
 18 fundamental right. Because it's a fundamental right --  
 19 THE COURT: Do you understand her argument?  
 20 MR. URICK: Yes I do, Your Honor.  
 21 THE COURT: And her argument as you see it  
 22 that his right to counsel?  
 23 MR. URICK: She is trying to make that a  
 24 quantifiable asset like it's a good, it's not. It's a  
 25 fundamental right. Because it's a fundamental right it

1 is not a benefit.  
 2 THE COURT: He has a right to counsel,  
 3 correct?  
 4 MR. URICK: Yes.  
 5 THE COURT: If someone paid for him to have  
 6 an attorney, would that be a benefit?  
 7 MR. URICK: I believe that probably would be.  
 8 THE COURT: If someone arranged for him to  
 9 have an attorney that he might not ordinarily be able  
 10 to have, higher obtained. Would that be a benefit?  
 11 MR. URICK: The State has a duty to provide  
 12 him an attorney.  
 13 THE COURT: I didn't ask you that. I asked  
 14 you whether or not it would be a benefit?  
 15 MR. URICK: I believe it would be a  
 16 fundamental right, it would not be a benefit.  
 17 THE COURT: You work for an employer and the  
 18 employer said, oh, by the way if you get in trouble  
 19 I'll pay for your lawyer, is that a benefit? It's a  
 20 benefit. You work for a drug dealer and he says, oh,  
 21 by the way if you get in any trouble I have a lawyer,  
 22 is that a benefit? It's a benefit, it's a benefit.  
 23 Now we don't know whether or not he accepted or  
 24 rejected any lawyer that you offered him or anyone on  
 25 behalf of the State offered him. He, like anyone has a

1 right to object.  
 2 If you have an insurance company, you're in a car  
 3 accident, you can take the lawyer that goes with the  
 4 insurance company or you can say, that's okay, I'll get  
 5 my own. If you work for a drug dealer and he says I'll  
 6 give you a lawyer if you get in trouble, you can always  
 7 say, that's okay I don't want him and if the State  
 8 offers you an attorney you can always say, that's okay,  
 9 I'll get someone else because the right is the  
 10 Defendant's right. As you said, but the benefit is  
 11 still one which counsel could argue existed. Whether a  
 12 jury, a finder of fact believes in fact he benefited,  
 13 whether the finder of fact believes that if effects his  
 14 credibility is an argument that Ms. Gutierrez will have  
 15 and I do find that arguably it could be perceived as a  
 16 benefit, could be.  
 17 I don't find that the State did anything in error  
 18 in not disclosing it because I think the State honestly  
 19 and with good faith did not perceive it as a benefit.  
 20 However, it is now been disclosed to the Defense and  
 21 the way in which it happened, the circumstances under  
 22 which it happened is still kind of foggy and unclear,  
 23 but as it is foggy and unclear the Defense is always  
 24 able to take facts that are foggy and unclear and argue  
 25 to a jury and so, as I said before the Defense will



1 have latitude. Your motion to limit or remove that  
2 opportunity is denied. Any other motion in limine that  
3 you have?

4 MR. URICK: What was the Court's ruling on my  
5 first motion?

6 THE COURT: The motion to allow Ms. Gutierrez  
7 or to allow her to say that the providing of an  
8 attorney is not a benefit is denied.

9 MR. URICK: As to asking questions concerning  
10 discussions between Mr. Wilds and his attorney.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Wilds has a right not, a  
12 privilege not to discuss or invoke his privilege not to  
13 discuss with us what he may have discussed with his  
14 attorney. If he chooses to invoke that right that is  
15 his right to either invoke or to waive.

16 So, to the extent that Counsel asks a question  
17 that generates that right I will remind the witness  
18 that he has that right, but if he chooses to waive it  
19 and tell us all about the conversations he had with his  
20 attorney, he is well within his right to do so and that  
21 certainly would effect whether or not Ms. Benaroya then  
22 has a right to claim privilege because if he waives  
23 his right and allows her to testify she certainly can  
24 do so. But that is his right to invoke and I am not  
25 going to in any way interfere with his right to invoke

1 that privilege just like I won't interfere with his  
2 right to choose his own lawyer.

3 Whether she's provided by you, by someone down  
4 this block, by his mother, by the Public Defender, by  
5 the State or anyone else, that is his right to choose  
6 that attorney and if he thinks adequate that he had  
7 five minutes to talk to her, ten minutes to talk to  
8 her, two days, three weeks or a year, that again is his  
9 right to make that choice to elect his attorney however  
10 it is provided. Anything else?

11 MR. URICK: No, thank you.

12 THE COURT: Anything else, Ms. Gutierrez?

13 MS. GUTIERREZ: In light of that motion  
14 Judge, then I would ask for an order precluding any  
15 discussion -- I know there's been a standing one, but  
16 just in abundance of caution, that there be no attempt  
17 by the State's attorneys or by anyone on their behalf  
18 or at the direction to speak to Mr. Wilds at all about  
19 any of this.

20 THE COURT: That is a standing order and I  
21 will reiterate that order and to the extent that we  
22 will be escorting him of sorts and keeping him confined  
23 I think that will address your concerns, Ms. Gutierrez.  
24 When I say confined I don't mean in custody, but just  
25 to make sure that he goes where he's suppose to go and

1 does not have contact with people he's not suppose to  
2 have contact with.

3 So, we will do that in abundance of caution at  
4 this particular stage as well as reminding him that he  
5 is -- and I would note as we departed yesterday he in  
6 fact, stated my own rule back to me. That he should  
7 not have conversations with anyone. I mean, he  
8 basically said that back to me so I know he  
9 understands. Anything further from the State

10 MR. URICK: No, thank you.

11 THE COURT: Anything further from the  
12 Defense?

13 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, Judge.

14 THE COURT: All right. Now, may we bring out  
15 Mr. Wilds first. I'm going to ask the assistance of  
16 the Deputy Sheriff to ask Mr. Wilds -- he's seated, I  
17 believe in the hallway there. Rather thin, black young  
18 man about six feet or so. Ask him to step in and then  
19 I'll have the jurors come in. Mr. Wilds, please  
20 have a seat, please have a seat. The Court needs to  
21 discuss a matter with you. Its been brought to my  
22 attention that you've had contact with my jurors. I've  
23 instructed you not to have contact. In fact, I've  
24 instructed all witnesses not to have contact with the  
25 jurors and I told the jurors not to have contact with

1 anyone. The attorneys have been told not to have  
2 contact and the scenario I give is if you see the  
3 jurors in the elevator or you see them in the hallway,  
4 go the other way. If you see them don't speak to them  
5 and if necessary look at the ceiling or look at the  
6 floor and go in the opposite direction. You remember  
7 me saying that, right?

8 MR. WILDS: Yes, Your Honor. I apologize. I  
9 didn't notice. I stepped out, I pulled a cigarette  
10 from my pocket, I seen someone smoking, I asked them  
11 for a light, as soon as I noticed it was them I turned  
12 the other direction.

13 THE COURT: Well, evidently you've done that  
14 twice now.

15 MR. WILDS: Twice?

16 THE COURT: Yes. And I'm going to direct you  
17 now that you're going to have to get your own  
18 cigarettes and your own matches.

19 MR. WILDS: That's fine.

20 THE COURT: Because I'm concerned that you're  
21 having contact with my jurors.

22 MR. WILDS: That's fine.

23 THE COURT: And to ensure that you don't do  
24 that you will find that you're going to be escorted in  
25 and out of the courtroom, asked to sit in a particular

1 place. During the lunch and recess I'd ask that you  
2 get your own matches so that we don't have any  
3 possibility that you'll be asking for or gaining  
4 assistance from our jurors to do anything. Do you  
5 understand?

6 MR. WILDS: Yes, Your Honor. I apologize.

7 THE COURT: Now if I find that you have  
8 contact with my jurors again you will be in direct  
9 contempt of this Court. Do you understand?

10 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

11 THE COURT: All right. Now, you do not want  
12 to do that.

13 MR. WILDS: No, ma'am.

14 THE COURT: Because then I must have to  
15 fashion a remedy as to what to do with you.

16 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

17 THE COURT: Do you understand?

18 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

19 THE COURT: All right. Now, I'm going to ask  
20 that the jurors come in. If I could have my -- Deputy,  
21 if you could go across the hall and ask the jurors to  
22 return to Court.

23 (The jury returned to the courtroom.)

24 THE COURT: As they're coming in Mr. Wilds,  
25 let me also let you know that just in case there's some

1 confusion, you are a witness on the stand so you can't  
2 discuss your testimony with the State and the Defense.  
3 the attorneys until you are off the stand. Do you  
4 understand what I'm saying? And I don't mean on a  
5 daily basis, I mean until your testimony is completely  
6 finished, do you understand?

7 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

8 THE COURT: Very well. Yes.

9 MR. URICK: May Counsel approach?

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 (Counsel and Defendant approached the bench  
12 and following ensued:)

13 THE COURT: Mr. Clerk, can you put this in  
14 the file, put this in the file as well. Yes.

15 MR. URICK: I just wanted to request that  
16 we'd be giving an order that we have access to the tape  
17 as well since we're not present at that --

18 THE COURT: The playing of the tape, you  
19 mean?

20 MR. URICK: No, be able to get our own copy.

21 THE COURT: First of all, I'm not giving free  
22 access. Its not going to be a tape that's floating  
23 around. MS. GUTIERREZ: Right.

24 THE COURT: I'm getting a video machine  
25 brought in her at lunch time.

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: Oh, brought in here.

2 THE COURT: Yeah.

3 MS. GUTIERREZ: Because I'm willing --

4 THE COURT: If you want to --

5 MS. GUTIERREZ: On the second floor I'm  
6 willing to go if that's easier rather than --

7 THE COURT: We can do that -- we can do that  
8 as well. We can do that as well.

9 MS. GUTIERREZ: Because that's easy so it  
10 remains in the control of Ms. Sheldon. You know it's --

11 -

12 THE COURT: But the viewing room is not  
13 available.

14 MS. GUTIERREZ: Oh.

15 THE COURT: That's what I was told. The tape  
16 is available but the viewing room is not so that's why  
17 I went to get the tape.

18 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay.

19 THE COURT: We have a rolling machine.

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: Right.

21 THE COURT: Which we can roll in here --

22 MS. GUTIERREZ: That's fine.

23 THE COURT: Plug it in and you can sit and  
24 watch it.

25 MS. GUTIERREZ: That's fine. And in fact I

1 was unusually going to ask the Court if you'd leave  
2 your courtroom open because I would like to use --

3 THE COURT: See, but then we've got evidence.

4 MS. GUTIERREZ: Oh.

5 THE COURT: In here.

6 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay.

7 THE COURT: And that's the problem because I  
8 have to lock away everything because we usually don't --  
9 - we got the tape? Do we have the rolling machine, the  
10 video? Very well. Okay. All right. Anything else?

11 MR. URICK: No, thank you.

12 (Counsel and Defendant returned to the trial  
13 tables and the following ensued:)

14 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I welcome  
15 you back to part nine. We're going to continue with  
16 the testimony. As we begin I just want to let you know  
17 that again, we're trying very hard to keep to out  
18 schedule. As we go off the schedule just know that the  
19 Court is trying very hard to stay with it, but  
20 sometimes other matters dictate that we deal with them  
21 before you can come back to the courtroom. At this  
22 time Mr. Wilds, I need you to raise your right hand  
23 again. It's a new day, new tape, why don't we swear  
24 you in again.

25

1 JAY WILDS,  
 2 a witness produced on behalf of the State, having  
 3 already been duly sworn, testified as follows:  
 4 THE CLERK: You may be seated. Please state  
 5 your name and address for the record.  
 6 MR. WILDS: Jay W. Wilds, 4 Rupert Court,  
 7 Apartment E, Catonsville, Maryland.  
 8 THE CLERK: Thank you.  
 9 THE COURT: We were continuing with the cross  
 10 examination of Ms. Gutierrez or by Ms. Gutierrez.  
 11 CROSS EXAMINATION  
 12 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 13 Q Mr. Wilds, so we can clear up some things  
 14 that we were talking about yesterday, we went through a  
 15 list, a whole list of things where you told the police  
 16 on any given occasion changed, did we not?  
 17 MR. WILDS:  
 18 A Not any given occasion, but yes, some.  
 19 Q The answer to the question is yes it changed?  
 20 A Then my answer is no.  
 21 Q Well, sir you recall that on that list for  
 22 instance whether you mentioned your good friend, Jen  
 23 Pusateri, right?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q And at first you lied by omitting her name,

1 right?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q That she was even there or that you even  
 4 spoke to her, correct?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q You lied about that at first, right?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q And later you added her name, did you not?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q Not only about whether or not she was there  
 11 and whether or not you spoke to her, you lied as to  
 12 when you spoke to her, did you not?  
 13 A No, ma'am.  
 14 Q Well Mr. Wilds, when you first spoke to the  
 15 police you didn't mention her at all, right?  
 16 A Correct.  
 17 Q And when you first spoke to the police you  
 18 told them that on the 13th was the very first time that  
 19 you knew anything about what might happen to Hae Min  
 20 Lee, right?  
 21 A Correct.  
 22 Q Okay. And later -- and you didn't mention  
 23 Jen Pusateri, right?  
 24 A Correct.  
 25 Q So you never mentioned that you told Jen

1 Pusateri about anything, right?  
 2 A Correct.  
 3 Q So you lied about whether or not she was  
 4 there, right?  
 5 A Yes.  
 6 Q And you lied about whether or not somebody  
 7 else knew ahead of time that Hae Min Lee was going to  
 8 be killed by Mr. Syed, right?  
 9 A I didn't know if anyone knew ahead of time.  
 10 Q Well sir, you've told us that on the 13th you  
 11 knew ahead of time that Adnan was going to kill Hae,  
 12 did you not?  
 13 A I did not tell you anything on the 13th.  
 14 Q No, sir. On the 13th, January 13th, you've  
 15 testified about this, have you not?  
 16 A Yes, ma'am.  
 17 Q You've given all the statements you've told  
 18 us about, right?  
 19 A Yes, ma'am.  
 20 Q And you've testified in a prior proceeding,  
 21 right?  
 22 A Right?  
 23 MR. URICK: Objection.  
 24 THE COURT: Sustained.  
 25 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

1 Q All right. Mr. Wilds, you've told this jury  
 2 on Friday, six days ago that Adnan told you before he  
 3 did it that he was going to kill his girlfriend, right?  
 4 MR. WILDS:  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q Now, on another occasion you said that he  
 7 told you on the 12th, right?  
 8 A Yes, ma'am.  
 9 Q All right. Now, so prior to talking to this  
 10 jury six days ago you lied about that, did you not?  
 11 A To whom? I'm sorry.  
 12 Q To anyone.  
 13 MR. URICK: Objection.  
 14 THE COURT: Sustained.  
 15 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 16 Q Sir, would you agree that telling someone  
 17 that something occurred one day and then later telling  
 18 them that it occurred another day is not telling them  
 19 the same thing.  
 20 MR. WILDS:  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q Is that correct? The events about which  
 23 you've testified only occurred one time, right?  
 24 A Correct.  
 25 Q There's not a whole bunch of times where an



1 acquaintance of yours have said to you, oh by the way  
 2 this afternoon I'm going to kill my girlfriend she  
 3 really pisses me off?  
 4 A No, ma'am.  
 5 Q That this is the only occasion, right?  
 6 A Yes, ma'am.  
 7 Q And you told the jury that you learned about  
 8 it from Adnan Syed that day, the 13th, right?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q But previously you've told, specifically you  
 11 told the police that it occurred on the 12th, did you  
 12 not?  
 13 A Yes, ma'am  
 14 Q And that was a lie, was it not?  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q At least one of the stories is a lie, isn't  
 17 it?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q And on another occasion you told them, well  
 20 the conversations I had with Adnan Syed, they occurred  
 21 four or five days earlier, right?  
 22 A Yes, ma'am.  
 23 Q And let me make sure because now there are  
 24 new interviews. Your first, your very first interview  
 25 occurred at a time when there was no tape recording,

1 right?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q On -- in the middle of the night on the 28th,  
 4 right?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q And during a time when both detectives asked  
 7 you some of the same questions they asked you later,  
 8 right?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q And during the time they took notes, right?  
 11 A Yes, ma'am.  
 12 Q Okay. And on that occasion did you tell them  
 13 it occurred on the 13th?  
 14 A No, ma'am.  
 15 Q Then your second interview after the tape  
 16 recorder got turned on did you tell them it occurred on  
 17 the 13th?  
 18 A No, ma'am.  
 19 Q And on the 15th of March did you tell them it  
 20 occurred on the 13th?  
 21 A I believe so.  
 22 Q Well sir, do you recall that actually on the  
 23 15th of March you told them that Adnan told you that he  
 24 was going to kill that bitch?  
 25 A Yes, I remember.

1 Q So on the 15th you actually told them that  
 2 you knew a whole day ahead of time that Adnan was going  
 3 to kill girlfriend, right?  
 4 A The previous evening, yes.  
 5 Q Pardon.  
 6 A The previous evening he had spoke to me.  
 7 Q I can't hear you, sir.  
 8 A No.  
 9 Q Now, please repeat what you said.  
 10 A The previous evening he had spoke to me.  
 11 Q The previous evening meaning the 12th, right?  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q And you would agree sir, that the 12th and  
 14 the 13th are two entirely different days, right?  
 15 A Yes.  
 16 Q Now, so on the 15th of March you told  
 17 Detectives McGilvary and Ritz while the tape was  
 18 running that Adnan gave you a whole days notice saying  
 19 he was going to kill that bitch?  
 20 A No, ma'am.  
 21 Q No. Now sir, do you recall -- you did speak  
 22 to them, did you not?  
 23 A Yes, ma'am.  
 24 Q And they asked you these questions, did they  
 25 not?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q And you recall telling them that Adnan told  
 3 you the reason that he was going to kill her was  
 4 because she had just broken up with him?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q And by just he mean right before then, right?  
 7 A Maybe a week prior, yes.  
 8 Q Okay. A week or so before the 13th of  
 9 January, is that right?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q That was the reason that Adnan gave you for  
 12 why it was he was going to kill her?  
 13 A Yes, ma'am.  
 14 Q And when he used the words that bitch you  
 15 knew who he meant, right?  
 16 A Yes, ma'am.  
 17 Q And when he told you that on the 12th the  
 18 police -- on the 12th of January the police when you  
 19 told them that on the 15th of March asked you, Jay, why  
 20 didn't you do something, didn't they?  
 21 A Yes, ma'am.  
 22 Q And why didn't you give Hae a heads up,  
 23 right?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q Why didn't you call the police, right?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q Or drop an anonymous dime, right?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q And you told them, I didn't take him  
 5 seriously, right?  
 6 A Yes, ma'am.  
 7 Q Now, also on the 15th, the first day you  
 8 mentioned your very, very good friend Jen Pusateri,  
 9 right?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q You also told them that, oh, by the way I  
 12 told my very, very good friend who we've already spoken  
 13 to Jen Pusateri, I told her on the 12th, did you not?  
 14 A I do not recall.  
 15 Q You described for Detectives McGilvary and  
 16 Ritz that on the 12th you and your good friend Jen  
 17 Pusateri went to Gelston Park and you told her, right?  
 18 A No, ma'am.  
 19 Q You don't recall that?  
 20 A No, ma'am. No, I'm sorry, no, that's not  
 21 what I -- no, I do not recall that.  
 22 Q You don't remember telling them then?  
 23 A No, ma'am.  
 24 Q And so your memory is that the only thing you  
 25 told Jen occurred on the 13th?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q Not the day before?  
 3 A No, ma'am.  
 4 Q And you of course, wouldn't be surprised if  
 5 the tape says that you said you told her the day  
 6 before, would you?  
 7 A No, ma'am.  
 8 Q No. So, that's just jumping the -- you just  
 9 no longer remember.  
 10 A Is that a question?  
 11 Q Yes, sir.  
 12 A No, ma'am.  
 13 Q No. Now Mr. Wilds, in regard to your friend  
 14 Jen Pusateri Gelston Park is a place that you go to, is  
 15 it not?  
 16 A Yes, ma'am.  
 17 Q Its part of a park, is it not?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q There are trees and open space?  
 20 A Yes, ma'am.  
 21 Q And woods?  
 22 A Yes, ma'am.  
 23 Q And in fact, you and your friend Jen go there  
 24 regularly, do you not?  
 25 A We use to, yes.

1 Q You use to. And its a place when you go  
 2 sometimes you take Jen's dog?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q And in fact, do you recall that on the 15th  
 5 of March or you don't now remember doing that, that you  
 6 mentioned Jen, your very good friends dog being with  
 7 you?  
 8 A No, ma'am.  
 9 Q So sir, when you told Jen about what Adnan  
 10 said that was when?  
 11 A The 13th.  
 12 Q On the 13th and where?  
 13 A In front of my house.  
 14 Q In front of your house. And what time of  
 15 day?  
 16 A Late evening, 9:30, tenish.  
 17 Q After all this happened?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q So, now your story is you never gave Jen a  
 20 heads up?  
 21 A Yes, ma'am.  
 22 Q On anything that might happen to Hae Min Lee?  
 23 A Yes, ma'am.  
 24 Q Now, lets go to make sure other things that  
 25 you changed your story about between the 28th and the

1 15th, whichever time it was.  
 2 MR. URICK: Objection.  
 3 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 4 Q You also told them --  
 5 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Ms. Gutierrez, I  
 6 didn't hear the end of what you just said.  
 7 MS. GUTIERREZ: I don't remember, Judge.  
 8 I'll just ask another question.  
 9 THE COURT: Why don't I sustain. Very well.  
 10 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 11 Q Let us speak about McDonald's, Mr. Wilds, do  
 12 you recall?  
 13 MR. WILDS:  
 14 A Pardon me.  
 15 Q Do you recall that you spoke of a McDonald's  
 16 to the police?  
 17 A Yes, ma'am.  
 18 Q You told them that at the time the phone  
 19 calls from what you could hear you thought were from  
 20 Hae Min Lee's family member and the police that you  
 21 were at the McDonald's with Adnan, correct?  
 22 A Yes, ma'am.  
 23 Q And that McDonald's is located where?  
 24 A I believe the Rolling Road McDonald's.  
 25 Q Pardon.

1 A I believe I told them the Rolling Road  
 2 McDonald's.  
 3 Q The Rolling Road McDonald's. The same  
 4 Rolling Road about which we've spoken?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q Near the intersection of what is there Route  
 7 40?  
 8 A Yes, ma'am.  
 9 Q Near the F & M?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q Near the Super Fresh?  
 12 A No.  
 13 Q Above Westview Mall?  
 14 A To the west of it, yes.  
 15 Q To the west of it and again to the west  
 16 meaning further out into the county then toward the  
 17 city, right?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q And further out in the county then in the  
 20 city as to 695?  
 21 A Yes, ma'am.  
 22 Q That McDonald's?  
 23 A Yes, ma'am.  
 24 Q Not the McDonald's as we've discussed before  
 25 that sits slightly to the west of the Best Buy?

1 A No, ma'am.  
 2 Q No. You gave them, excuse me, the specific  
 3 location of the McDonald's near Rolling Road?  
 4 A I believe so.  
 5 Q And that McDonald's is pretty close to the  
 6 intersection of Route 40 and Rolling Road, is it not?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q It would be on the eastern northern part of  
 9 the intersection, right?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q Okay. You told them that that's where you  
 12 were when you heard the calls, is that right?  
 13 A Yes, ma'am.  
 14 Q Now, the cell phone about -- you don't own  
 15 your own cell phone, right?  
 16 A No, ma'am I do not.  
 17 Q Like you don't own your own car?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am I do.  
 19 Q Well, now you do.  
 20 A Yes, ma'am.  
 21 Q But back then you didn't, right?  
 22 A No, ma'am.  
 23 Q And so you borrowed other people's cars, did  
 24 you not?  
 25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q You borrowed Stephanie's car?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q On a regular basis, right?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q And you would borrow her car for your  
 6 reasons, would you not?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q And you have a friend by the name of, I think  
 9 its Christopher [REDACTED]  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q And he's a student at Woodlawn, right?  
 12 A He was, yes.  
 13 Q And last year in '99?  
 14 A No, ma'am.  
 15 Q He was a student when you were a student?  
 16 A Yes, ma'am.  
 17 Q And you borrowed his car, did you not?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q And when you would borrow his car you would  
 20 borrow it for your purposes?  
 21 A Yes, ma'am.  
 22 Q And on the 13th you had a reason to need a  
 23 car, did you not?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q You needed to get to the mall, did you not?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q You needed to go to the mall to get a present  
 3 for your girlfriend who's birthday it was, did you not?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q And when you needed a car you asked to borrow  
 6 one, did you not?  
 7 A Sometimes.  
 8 Q Sometimes and you've previously borrowed  
 9 Adnan's car, did you not?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q Your acquaintance?  
 12 A Yes, ma'am.  
 13 Q The person you knew was friends with  
 14 Stephanie, your girlfriend, right?  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q And you've previously borrowed other people's  
 17 cars when you've needed them, have you not?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q And when you asked to borrow a car most  
 20 people you ask tell you yes, do they not?  
 21 A Yes, ma'am.  
 22 Q And sir, on that day the 13th you were still  
 23 girlfriend and boyfriend with Stephanie, correct?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q But you couldn't borrow her car to get her



1 gift, could you?  
 2 A No, ma'am.  
 3 Q That wouldn't look right, would it?  
 4 A No, ma'am.  
 5 Q It wouldn't sound right, would it?  
 6 A That's an opinion.  
 7 Q Well you didn't want to admit to Stephanie  
 8 that you wanted to the day of her birthday to go get  
 9 her gift, did you?  
 10 A That did not bother me.  
 11 MR. URICK: Objection.  
 12 THE COURT: Overruled.  
 13 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 14 Q You didn't want her to know that, did you?  
 15 MR. WILDS:  
 16 A I had just been paid.  
 17 Q Sir, you first told the police the very first  
 18 time you spoke to then that you borrowed Adnan's car  
 19 because you had to go to the mall and get Stephanie a  
 20 gift, didn't you?  
 21 A Yes, ma'am.  
 22 Q And you told them that the second time, did  
 23 you not?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q On the first time that you spoke to them they

1 asked you about this person, did they not?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q And they kept calling him Adnar, did they  
 4 not?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q Yes, and you didn't correct them, did you?  
 7 A No, ma'am.  
 8 Q They could call him Adnar for all you cared,  
 9 couldn't they?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q It didn't matter to you, did it?  
 12 A No, ma'am.  
 13 Q And they kept asking about this person, did  
 14 they not?  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q And you first told them that given that your  
 17 reason for borrowing the car was related to your  
 18 girlfriend, they asked you about the cell phone, did  
 19 they not?  
 20 A I believe so.  
 21 Q And you told them he left the cell phone in  
 22 the car, did you not?  
 23 A Yes, ma'am.  
 24 Q But that you were really borrowing the car  
 25 for your own purposes, isn't that correct?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q That's what you first told them, correct?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q And you told that the first time before this  
 5 two hour pre-interview, right?  
 6 A Yes, ma'am.  
 7 Q And you also told them that after the tape  
 8 recorder that day was turned on, isn't that right?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q It wasn't until the 15th of March that you  
 11 told them otherwise.  
 12 A Yes, ma'am.  
 13 Q Because on the 15th of March you said, oh, I  
 14 lied to you about why I borrowed the car, I didn't  
 15 really need to borrow the car, Adnan gave me the car  
 16 because he needed a favor from me.  
 17 A That wasn't my statement, I believe.  
 18 Q It was something to that effect, wasn't it?  
 19 A In conjunction with me needing the car, yes.  
 20 Q But you recall that on the 15th what you told  
 21 them was that he needed you to have the car, right?  
 22 A In conjunction with me needing it, yes.  
 23 Q Well while you had it you used it for your  
 24 own purposes, right?  
 25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q And you told them that the cell phone was  
 2 just in the glove compartment at first, isn't that  
 3 correct?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q But later on the 15th you told them that he  
 6 asked you to hold the cell phone so he could contact  
 7 you, did he not?  
 8 A Yes, ma'am.  
 9 Q Now that cell phone sir, you knew was new,  
 10 did you not?  
 11 A No, ma'am I did not.  
 12 Q You didn't know it was new?  
 13 A No, ma'am I did not.  
 14 Q So you didn't know how long he had had it,  
 15 did you?  
 16 A No, ma'am.  
 17 Q You didn't know how many people had the  
 18 number, did you?  
 19 A No, ma'am.  
 20 Q And sir, the cell phone it's hand held, is it  
 21 not?  
 22 A Yes, ma'am.  
 23 Q It wasn't plugged into a speaker, was it?  
 24 A No, ma'am.  
 25 Q You had to put the phone up to you ear to

1 hear any sound emanating from it, did you not?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q You couldn't hold the cell phone, for  
 4 instance out here and hear the words coming out of it,  
 5 could you?  
 6 A No, ma'am.  
 7 Q You had to put it up to your ear, right?  
 8 A Excuse me, yes.  
 9 Q And there wasn't any speaker mechanism in the  
 10 phone in the car, was there?  
 11 A No, ma'am.  
 12 Q There wasn't any place to plug it in a make  
 13 it a speaker phone, was there?  
 14 A No, ma'am.  
 15 Q So that you could hear it from afar?  
 16 A No, ma'am.  
 17 Q Nor any mechanism that made it so that you  
 18 could speak into such that someone on the other end of  
 19 the line could you hear you, was it?  
 20 A Like mic?  
 21 Q Any mechanism?  
 22 A No, ma'am.  
 23 Q No. And you didn't go get one of those  
 24 things that day, did you?  
 25 A No, ma'am.

1 Q Not a speaker, right?  
 2 A No, ma'am.  
 3 Q Not a plug in mechanism, right?  
 4 A No, ma'am.  
 5 Q Not a microphone?  
 6 A No, ma'am.  
 7 Q Not anything to augment the audibility, the  
 8 hearability of that phone, right?  
 9 A Correct.  
 10 Q And the phone didn't alter throughout the  
 11 day, did it? Nobody else came in and changed the phone  
 12 around, did they?  
 13 A Not to my knowledge.  
 14 Q Well, you've told us that you had that phone  
 15 all day, right?  
 16 A Not all day, ma'am.  
 17 Q Not all day. Most of the day?  
 18 A Some of it, yes.  
 19 Q Now, and you never saw anybody convert that  
 20 phone into a speaker phone, right?  
 21 A No, ma'am.  
 22 Q Now sir, you've testified about you remember  
 23 Adnan getting a phone call from someone that in your  
 24 view appeared to be from Hae Min Lee's family, right?  
 25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q And when you first offered that information  
 2 you told the police that you and Adnan in the car and  
 3 the phone were at the McDonald's, right?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q But that wasn't the truth?  
 6 A No, ma'am.  
 7 Q No and later you told them, no we weren't at  
 8 the McDonald's, I lied, right?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q And that didn't occur until the 15th?  
 11 A I believe so.  
 12 Q And on the 15th you said, oh no, that  
 13 occurred while I was at my friends, Christa Vincent's,  
 14 correct?  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q The friend I forgot to mention, right?  
 17 A I had omitted, yes.  
 18 Q You lied by omitting it, did you not?  
 19 A Yes, ma'am.  
 20 Q So, you lied about the location it was,  
 21 right?  
 22 A Yes, ma'am.  
 23 Q And when you spoke to them on the 15th you  
 24 had already been asked about the phone numbers, had you  
 25 not?

1 A Some of them, yes.  
 2 Q Okay. And you had been asked and told, Mr.  
 3 Wilds it just doesn't match, had you not?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q But you still had not been arrested, had you?  
 6 A No, ma'am.  
 7 Q You had not been detained, had you?  
 8 A No, ma'am.  
 9 Q And you were never with being arrested, were  
 10 you?  
 11 A Yes, ma'am.  
 12 Q You were?  
 13 A Yes, ma'am.  
 14 Q The first time that you came down --  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q And you spoke for two hours.  
 17 A Yes, ma'am.  
 18 Q When they hauled you down at 1:30 at night  
 19 and took you to police headquarters they threatened you  
 20 with arresting you, did they not?  
 21 A They told me it was a possibility.  
 22 Q Yes. And you believed them, did you not?  
 23 A Yes, ma'am.  
 24 Q That it was possible that you would get  
 25 arrested, right?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q And that wasn't the first time that you had  
 3 worried about getting arrested for this offense, was  
 4 it?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q Well Mr. Wilds, you've told before that you  
 7 threw away your clothes because you were concerned what  
 8 they might show, right?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q The dirt, right?  
 11 A Yes, ma'am.  
 12 Q Evidence of things?  
 13 A Yes, ma'am.  
 14 Q And that concerned extended to your pants?  
 15 A Pardon me. I couldn't hear you, I'm sorry.  
 16 Q That concern extended to your pants?  
 17 A Yes, ma'am.  
 18 Q And your boots?  
 19 A Yes, ma'am.  
 20 Q And your shirt?  
 21 A I don't believe so.  
 22 Q And you didn't wear a shirt?  
 23 A It was T-shirt, I believe I kept it.  
 24 Q Your T-shirt?  
 25 A Yeah.

1 Q You threw that away too, did you not?  
 2 A I don't believe so.  
 3 Q And your outer coat, right?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q The one you wore over your clothes when you  
 6 went outside, right?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q And you threw all that away, did you not?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q Because you were concerned that it might  
 11 contain evidence, were you not?  
 12 A Yes, ma'am.  
 13 Q And you threw it away where ever it was that  
 14 you threw it, right?  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q Whether it was at your own trash at your own  
 17 house, right?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q Or at the dumpster at F & M, right?  
 20 A Yes, ma'am.  
 21 Q Or at a dumpster at Westview Mall, right?  
 22 A No, ma'am.  
 23 Q Or at the dumpster near the Super Fresh?  
 24 A No, ma'am.  
 25 Q Or at the dumpster near the Pet Smart?

1 A No, ma'am.  
 2 Q Well, where ever it was that you threw away  
 3 you did that, did you not?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q And you were concerned about evidence, were  
 6 you not?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q And you were concerned that evidence might  
 9 connect you to a crime, were you not?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q You weren't hiding from your mother, were  
 12 you?  
 13 A No, ma'am.  
 14 Q You weren't hiding your clothes from your  
 15 mother or grandmother, were you?  
 16 A No, ma'am.  
 17 Q Or from your friends?  
 18 A No, ma'am.  
 19 Q Or from your neighbors?  
 20 A No, ma'am.  
 21 Q You were hiding them so that the police  
 22 couldn't get them, were you not?  
 23 A Yes, ma'am.  
 24 Q And when you went back with your very good  
 25 friend, Jen Pusateri on whatever might you did and you

1 went to a dumpster and you retrieved your very own  
 2 shovels and you took something and wiped them to remove  
 3 the fingerprints, again you did it to hide evidence,  
 4 did you not?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q And you did it because you were afraid of  
 7 what that evidence might reveal, were you not?  
 8 A Yes, ma'am.  
 9 Q And you were afraid that it might tie you to  
 10 a crime, were you not?  
 11 A Yes, ma'am.  
 12 Q And in light of that fear you were certainly  
 13 afraid of being arrested, were you not?  
 14 A No, ma'am.  
 15 Q And when you lied to the police about where  
 16 you were when you saw the trunk pop and put it in an  
 17 entirely different location it was because you were  
 18 afraid, were you not?  
 19 A Some of it, yes.  
 20 Q Yes. And the things that you were afraid of  
 21 was something that might connect you to a crime,  
 22 correct?  
 23 A Some of it, yes.  
 24 Q You had discussions with your very good  
 25 friend, Jen Pusateri about what the videos at Best Buy

1 might show, right?  
 2 A I told her it didn't concern me.  
 3 Q And out of that fear you didn't tell the  
 4 police about a place that had videos that might show  
 5 what happened on January 13th because you were afraid,  
 6 right?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q You lied to them, right?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q You took them to a place that you knew,  
 11 right?  
 12 A Where they would feel uncomfortable.  
 13 Q Where they would feel?  
 14 A Yes, ma'am.  
 15 Q They would feel comfortable?  
 16 A Uncomfortable.  
 17 Q Uncomfortable. The police?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q That you thought they would feel  
 20 uncomfortable down on Edmondson Avenue?  
 21 A Yes, ma'am.  
 22 Q Where ever it was located?  
 23 A Yes, ma'am.  
 24 Q And so your decision to lie about it Mr.  
 25 Wilds, you would have us believe was unconnected to

1 Min Lee, right?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q And that when you first spoke to Detective  
 4 McGilvary before the recorder was ever turned on the  
 5 28th you told them, I've got nothing to do with this,  
 6 right?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q I just borrowed the guy's car, right?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q Because I needed a car, right?  
 11 A Excuse me, yes, ma'am.  
 12 Q And later when he told me he killed his  
 13 girlfriend who he just broke up with he asked me to  
 14 help him bury the body, but I said, no, right?  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q And when I said no, all that happened was  
 17 that he popped his trunk and he showed me the body,  
 18 right?  
 19 A Yes, ma'am.  
 20 Q And I looked at the body, but the body was  
 21 faced down.  
 22 A On the side, yes.  
 23 Q Yes. But I could tell (inaudible)  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q Is that right?

1 your fears about the video cameras that you discussed  
 2 with your good friend, Jen Pusateri?  
 3 A Not totally, no.  
 4 Q So, it was a little connected, was it not?  
 5 A That had something to do with.  
 6 Q It was connected to your fear about what  
 7 those video cameras might show, right?  
 8 A No, ma'am.  
 9 Q The day that the video cameras might have  
 10 been running, the only day of concern was January 13th,  
 11 right?  
 12 A Yes, ma'am.  
 13 Q And you never spoke of Best Buy until March  
 14 15th, right?  
 15 A I believe so.  
 16 Q You didn't -- when you spoke on March 15th  
 17 you really were no longer concerned about those video  
 18 cameras, were you?  
 19 A No, ma'am.  
 20 Q And you were no longer concerned about what  
 21 they might show if they had been viewed on the 13th,  
 22 right?  
 23 A Right, correct.  
 24 Q Now, another thing that you lied about it  
 25 whether you had anything to do with the burial of Hae

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q Blue was your choice, right?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q And then I just merely followed Adnan over.  
 5 A I believe so.  
 6 Q Okay. And that although he asked for my help  
 7 I didn't give it.  
 8 A Yes, ma'am.  
 9 Q In that he did everything?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q I did nothing.  
 12 A Yes, ma'am.  
 13 Q I didn't go with him, I didn't assist him.  
 14 A Yes, ma'am.  
 15 Q I just watched him do it.  
 16 A Yes, ma'am.  
 17 Q And incidentally, you showed them where the  
 18 car was, right?  
 19 A Yes, ma'am.  
 20 Q You showed them where the trunk pop was down  
 21 on Edmondson Avenue, right?  
 22 A The displaying of the body?  
 23 Q On Edmondson Avenue, the location we've  
 24 discussed.  
 25 A Yes, ma'am.



1 Q Okay. And did they ask you to take them to  
2 where the body was buried?  
3 A No, ma'am.  
4 Q No. So, you didn't have to show them that  
5 location, right?  
6 A No, ma'am.  
7 Q Not that day?  
8 A No, ma'am.  
9 Q Not any day?  
10 A Yes, ma'am.  
11 Q Much later?  
12 A Yes, ma'am.  
13 Q After the 28th?  
14 A Yes, ma'am.  
15 Q Before the 15th of March or after?  
16 A I believe after.  
17 Q And before the 13th of April or after?  
18 A I believe before.  
19 Q Before. And that was the first and only time  
20 you were asked to do that?  
21 A Yes, ma'am.  
22 Q And lets get back to the 28th before the tape  
23 recorder is turned on you told them, I had nothing to  
24 do with it, he did it all, isn't that right?  
25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q That you turned down any offer -- turned down  
2 any request to assist, right?  
3 A Yes, ma'am.  
4 Q And you didn't tell them about the shovels,  
5 right?  
6 A No, ma'am.  
7 Q You didn't tell them that they were your  
8 shovels, did you?  
9 A No, ma'am.  
10 Q You didn't tell them that the shovels were  
11 from your porch on your house?  
12 A No, ma'am.  
13 Q Or that you all detoured to your house?  
14 A Detoured?  
15 Q From where you were going?  
16 A No, ma'am.  
17 Q You didn't tell them that? And you didn't  
18 tell them that you were concerned about fingerprints on  
19 those shovels that came from your porch that belonged  
20 to you such that you want back and got them out of the  
21 dumpster to wipe off the fingerprints, did you?  
22 A No, ma'am.  
23 Q You didn't tell that in the first interview  
24 on the 28th, did you?  
25 A No, ma'am.

1 Q And you didn't tell them that after the tape  
2 recorder got turned on, did you?  
3 A No, ma'am.  
4 Q And you didn't tell them that after you  
5 requested the tape recorder be turned off so that you  
6 could ask about a lawyer, did you?  
7 A No, ma'am.  
8 Q And you didn't tell them after the tape  
9 recorder got turned on still on the 28th, right?  
10 A No, ma'am.  
11 Q You kept that to yourself?  
12 A Yes, ma'am.  
13 Q You lied about it?  
14 A Yes, ma'am.  
15 Q Yes. And on the 15th of March, you were  
16 aware sir, then that Adnan Syed had been arrested, were  
17 you not?  
18 A Yes, ma'am.  
19 Q You were aware that he was being held in  
20 custody based on the accusation, were you not?  
21 A No, ma'am.  
22 Q No. You weren't being held in custody?  
23 A No, ma'am.  
24 Q And you were no longer so afraid, were you?  
25 A Yes, ma'am, I was.

1 Q You were afraid of being arrested?  
2 A Yes, ma'am.  
3 Q Yes. And that was still hanging over your  
4 head?  
5 A Yes, ma'am.  
6 Q When they threatened you about being arrested  
7 on the very first occasion they made it clear that  
8 there was a way out of the arrest, did they not?  
9 A No, ma'am.  
10 Q Well, they made it clear, did they not that  
11 if you talked to them and you were forthcoming they you  
12 had nothing to fear, did they not?  
13 A Yes, they told me that.  
14 Q And you got it, didn't you?  
15 A No, ma'am. I didn't believe them.  
16 Q Well, you then talked to them, did you not?  
17 A Yes, ma'am.  
18 Q After the threat, right?  
19 A Yes, ma'am.  
20 Q After the reassurance, right?  
21 A I didn't take it as reassurance.  
22 Q But you chose to talk to them?  
23 A Yes, ma'am.  
24 Q At a time when there was no tape recorder on,  
25 isn't that right?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q And you chose to lie, did you not?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q About a number of things?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q Okay. The chronology of events?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q Where things occurred such as the trunk pop?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q Where you were at any given time?  
 11 A No, ma'am. Not at any given time.  
 12 Q Whether or not -- well, you lied about where  
 13 you were when the trunk pop was, right?  
 14 A Yes, ma'am.  
 15 Q You lied about that?  
 16 A Yes, ma'am.  
 17 Q You lied about the McDonald's, right?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q You tell us that's a lie, right?  
 20 A Yes, ma'am.  
 21 Q They didn't make you lie, did they?  
 22 A No, ma'am.  
 23 Q You chose to lie, did you not?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q You lied about Christa Vincent, did you not?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q In fact, about Christa Vincent on the 15th  
 3 you said, by the way we were at Christa Vincent's when  
 4 I told you we were at McDonald's, right?  
 5 A No, that was not my statement.  
 6 Q Pardon.  
 7 A That was not my statement.  
 8 Q That wasn't your statement?  
 9 A No, I did not say oh, by the way we were at  
 10 McDonald's or --  
 11 Q But that was the information you conveyed,  
 12 was it not?  
 13 A Yes, ma'am.  
 14 Q You were correcting the earlier lies?  
 15 A No, ma'am.  
 16 Q At some point sir, you told them that you  
 17 went to Christa Vincent's place that day, did you not?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q And you did, didn't you?  
 20 A Yes, ma'am.  
 21 Q You went in the afternoon all by yourself,  
 22 did you not?  
 23 A Yes, ma'am.  
 24 Q Adnan wasn't with you, was he?  
 25 A No, ma'am.

1 Q And it was in the middle of -- late  
 2 afternoon, right?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q 3:30, four o'clock, something like that?  
 5 A Maybe a little bit later, but yes.  
 6 Q A little bit later and you went by yourself?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q And you left by yourself?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q You still talk to Christa Vincent now?  
 11 A Yes, ma'am.  
 12 Q She was there --  
 13 A Yes, ma'am.  
 14 Q In her own house?  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q And that you may have smoked weed?  
 17 A Yes, ma'am.  
 18 Q Because that would not have been abnormal --  
 19 A No, ma'am.  
 20 Q For you to do, right?  
 21 A No, ma'am.  
 22 Q In the middle of the afternoon?  
 23 A In the evening, yes.  
 24 Q In the evening. Well you said again you went  
 25 back in the evening?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q When these calls came from what you could  
 3 determine appeared to be from Hae Min Lee's family,  
 4 right?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q And from the police, right?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q The second visit was in the evening, right?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q But the first visit was in the afternoon, was  
 11 it not?  
 12 A Yes, ma'am.  
 13 Q And during the visit which you hadn't told  
 14 them about you smoked weed, right?  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q And you told them about the first visit when  
 17 it actually was the second one in the evening on the  
 18 15th of March, did you not?  
 19 A Yes, ma'am.  
 20 Q You didn't tell them about both visits, did  
 21 you?  
 22 A On the 15th?  
 23 Q Yes, sir.  
 24 A Yes, I did.  
 25 Q Is Christa Vincent still your friend?



1 A We're acquaintances, we're not friends  
2 anymore.  
3 Q You described as a friend back then, did you  
4 not?  
5 A Yes, ma'am.  
6 Q As a person you visited on a regular basis?  
7 A Yes, ma'am.  
8 Q And you considered both her and her boyfriend  
9 friends?  
10 A Yes, ma'am.  
11 Q You went over to their house and you smoked  
12 weed, did you not?  
13 A Yes, ma'am.  
14 Q Marijuana, is that correct?  
15 A Yes, ma'am.  
16 Q And you did that back then on a regular  
17 basis, did you not?  
18 A Yes, ma'am.  
19 Q You always, back then smoked marijuana  
20 regularly, did you not?  
21 A Not always.  
22 Q You mean not always regularly?  
23 A Yes, ma'am.  
24 Q Okay. Sometimes you smoked it regularly and  
25 sometimes you did not?

1 Christa Vincent, did you?  
2 A No, ma'am. No, ma'am.  
3 Q You've told us that you then went on a search  
4 for more marijuana, did you not?  
5 A Yes, ma'am.  
6 Q That's why the calls to Furlow?  
7 A Yes, ma'am.  
8 Q Your friend?  
9 A Yes, ma'am.  
10 Q A call you made?  
11 A Yes, ma'am.  
12 Q For the specific purpose of locating  
13 marijuana?  
14 A Excuse me, yes, ma'am.  
15 Q To smoke?  
16 A Yes, ma'am.  
17 Q Then?  
18 A Yes, ma'am.  
19 Q That day?  
20 A Yes, ma'am.  
21 Q On the 13th?  
22 A Yes, ma'am.  
23 Q And your calls --  
24 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, I think we're  
25 going to stop there because this is a good spot, we're

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
2 Q Marijuana smoking effected you, did it not?  
3 A Some.  
4 Q It would alter your perception?  
5 A A little.  
6 Q It would alter how you felt?  
7 A Some.  
8 Q It would alter your energy level?  
9 A Some.  
10 Q And you could observe it altering someone you  
11 smoked with?  
12 A Sometimes.  
13 Q And you liked to do it, did you not?  
14 A Yes.  
15 Q And you did it at least sometimes on a  
16 regular basis, did you not?  
17 A Yes, ma'am.  
18 Q And sometimes that regular basis included  
19 doing it even more then once a day, is that right?  
20 A Yes, ma'am.  
21 Q And this day, the 13th of January in regard  
22 to your smoking weed wasn't much different then other  
23 days, was it?  
24 A Then what others?  
25 Q Well, you didn't smoke it just that once with

1 talking about the 13th and the issue of the smoking of  
2 marijuana is a good place pause --  
3 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.  
4 THE COURT: Because that way we can pick up  
5 with. Ladies and gentlemen we are going to take a  
6 lunch and recess at this time. I'm going to advise you  
7 that as you get ready to leave I'm reminding you to  
8 leave your note pads face down on your chairs, they  
9 will be secured in the lunch and recess. I'm going to  
10 ask that you not talk to anyone during the recess about  
11 this case or amongst yourselves about the testimony.  
12 I ask that you do as you've been asked to. If  
13 anyone tries to approach you or talk to you about this  
14 case that you let the Court know either through the  
15 staff, the courtroom clerk, the Deputy Sheriff or my  
16 law clerk and I also would appreciate your being  
17 advised that I've instructed all witnesses not to have  
18 any contact with you. So if you do see them in the  
19 hallway and they look at the ceiling or look at the  
20 floor, go in the opposite direction, catch the next  
21 elevator, it's because they're abiding by my request  
22 not to have any contact with you. That contact extends  
23 to Counsel for the State and for the Defense and any  
24 individuals working for them or working with them with  
25 this case.

1 At this time ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to  
2 ask that you go to lunch, go with Ms. Connelly who's  
3 going to walk you around to the jury room at this time  
4 and we're going to return with this case -- Counsel,  
5 I'm advising you 1:30. It is now 12:40, 1:30, 1:30.

6 (The jury was excused from the courtroom.)

7 (At 12:40 p.m., a luncheon recess was taken.)

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Can we see you about that?

9 THE COURT: Well, all right. 1:45?

10 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, Judge in light of the  
11 previous - THE COURT: How about two o'clock?

12 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yeah, because we have to  
13 review the tape and --

14 THE COURT: All right. Two o'clock, ladies  
15 and gentlemen, two o'clock. Thank Ms. Gutierrez for  
16 the extra time for lunch. All right. Two o'clock.  
17 Yes.

18 MR. URICK: A scheduling matter that we would  
19 like to bring to your attention --

20 THE COURT: Yes.

21 MR. URICK: Before we break.

22 THE COURT: Before you do that. Mr. Wilds,  
23 I'm going to ask that the Sheriff escort Mr. Wilds to  
24 the hallway at this time and see that he gets on his  
25 way, but I'd ask that you wait until the hallway is

1 cleared of the jurors before he's permitted to leave.  
2 Yes.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Wilds, the Sheriff is going  
4 to show you where you are to be after the luncheon  
5 recess. It is not where you have been in the past.  
6 You must go there and the Sheriff will come and get you  
7 when we need your testimony at two o'clock, do you  
8 understand?

9 SHERIFF: (inaudible)?

10 THE COURT: Pardon.

11 SHERIFF: (inaudible)?

12 THE COURT: Yes, he's going to go with you to  
13 retrieve those items and then he's going to show you  
14 where you are to wait. All right. Very well. You may  
15 go with the Sheriff at this time. All right, the  
16 scheduling situation or problem?

17 MR. URICK: Ms. Murphy will fill you in.

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 MS. MURPHY: Well Your Honor, one of our  
20 witnesses, Ms. Vincent has a test scheduled Monday  
21 afternoon, this is not a regular school exam, it's a  
22 different type of test that was scheduled months in  
23 advance and costs as I understand it a significant  
24 amount of money. She has just requested that she not  
25 be present Monday at all. We, you know have other

1 witnesses we can try to get here, but if we should be  
2 stuck on Monday without a witness I just want the Court  
3 to understand that this is something, she's asking for  
4 special consideration. She has been here upwards of  
5 eleven hours already in this trial.

6 THE COURT: How many other witnesses do you  
7 have?

8 MS. MURPHY: Four.

9 THE COURT: So, today is Friday, I can tell  
10 you we're going to come back at two o'clock, I doubt  
11 that we'll get through with Mr. Wilds, but even if we  
12 do I doubt that there's a problem with calling Ms.  
13 Vincent and if there is, how long do you expect Ms.  
14 Vincent on direct?

15 MS. MURPHY: I wouldn't expect more than a  
16 half hour, forty minutes.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Well, why don't you in  
18 abundance of caution plan to call her on Tuesday or  
19 some day after Monday.

20 MS. MURPHY: That's currently what we've  
21 planned, but the Court just ask that we advise you of  
22 any difficulties and I just wanted to inform you.

23 THE COURT: Thank you for advising, Ms.  
24 Murphy. You can note that I'm sure that you could call  
25 three witnesses and if we finish early on Monday we can

1 always discuss jury instructions or any other things  
2 that we can discuss. I'm sure they'll be an abundance  
3 of things that we could discuss before the Defense  
4 would have an opportunity to put on one if they choose  
5 to put on a defense.

6 MS. MURPHY: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: So, if we even get to the point  
8 where they would put on a defense because we don't even  
9 know that yet. All right. This Court will stand in  
10 recess.

11 MS. GUTIERREZ: What if anything do we have  
12 to do to review the tape?

13 THE COURT: Just plug it in. I'm going to  
14 instruct Ms. Connelly to just make sure that the  
15 machine is rolled up here to the front and the Court  
16 will stand in recess. I'm going to advise the clerk  
17 that if you need to call down and have someone sit in  
18 the courtroom while you go to lunch, someone needs to  
19 be here, we have evidence.

20 THE CLERK: I have my lunch here, I'll just  
21 stay here.

22 THE COURT: Do you have a problem with that?

23 THE CLERK: No, I don't.

24 THE COURT: You can eat your lunch in here.  
25 Very well, this court will stand in recess then until

1 two o'clock.  
 2 BAILIFF: All rise.  
 3 (Luncheon recess.)  
 4 (Jury not present upon reconvening.)  
 5 THE COURT: Are we going to need to discuss  
 6 anything before Mr. Wilds comes out?  
 7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.  
 8 THE COURT: All right. So after Mr. Syed  
 9 gets here but before Mr. Wilds?  
 10 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.  
 11 THE COURT: Very well. Thank you. All  
 12 right. Ms. Gutierrez, you had a matter?  
 13 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Your Honor. During the  
 14 break we had an opportunity to view the tape that was  
 15 brought up and as I understand it and I don't have any  
 16 personal knowledge, I don't know how the court reporter  
 17 locates a specific tape but having dealt with it before  
 18 there's some system that they pull up the number and  
 19 the name you can locate. The tape that was sent up  
 20 because all that it covers is really the hearing that  
 21 took place on the 7th of September before Judge McCurdy  
 22 during which Mr. Urick was present, Ms. Benaroya was  
 23 present, Ms. Murphy came into the courtroom but didn't  
 24 sit at the trial table, Mr. Wilds was present and that  
 25 is in fact that I viewed before. It is what they keep

1 calling, you know, the plea. All that happened on  
 2 that tape was Judge McCurdy asking Mr. Wilds, you know  
 3 the plea litany questions as a predicate to taking the  
 4 plea. Then there was a short discussion because, of  
 5 course Judge McCurdy recognized it wasn't a plea, he  
 6 couldn't enter a verdict and between Judge McCurdy and  
 7 the clerk with some input from Mr. Urick about what to  
 8 call it since it was a plea and then the setting of a  
 9 date for the further hearing on 1/04, 1999.  
 10 Now we knew about that and Judge, it was my  
 11 recollection, but we sought and with the clerk's  
 12 assistance we obtained the court file that is the only  
 13 court file that I know of in existence regarding Mr.  
 14 Wilds and his charge. I will note that that court file  
 15 took us a while to locate because the number on the  
 16 plea agreement which is the only number that there is,  
 17 is not the number assigned to the criminal information  
 18 here and for whatever reason --  
 19 THE COURT: Is it the number that I gave --  
 20 that was given to us to locate the file?  
 21 MS. GUTIERREZ: That's not the number on the  
 22 plea agreement.  
 23 THE COURT: No, it's a different number than  
 24 the number that was given out loud in Court for the --  
 25 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes, it's a different number

1 then that number. So, anyway we asked and the clerk  
 2 enabled us, we went and got that to see if in fact  
 3 there was some other entry of some other date that  
 4 perhaps Ms. Sheldon missed that indicated there was  
 5 some proceeding and as the Court is looking at it, the  
 6 only proceeding, well it's not even a proceeding. The  
 7 only entries on 1/4 and 1/4, 2000 that what's called a  
 8 disposition although above that it's clear it not a  
 9 disposition, but that it was postponed and reset.  
 10 Judge, we knew about the 1/4 date and I knew  
 11 before looking at that tape that nothing would appear  
 12 but Mr. Urick wasn't here at the time so I was unable  
 13 to ask him. But I knew from my own personal knowledge  
 14 that Mr. Wilds didn't appear that day that there was  
 15 nothing called on Judge McCurdy's because as you can  
 16 imagine I was awaiting that day knowing this trial was  
 17 coming up to find out what, in fact happened to Mr.  
 18 Wilds but I was not surprised to learn that in fact he  
 19 got it postponed without anybody appearing. Mr. Urick  
 20 confirmed that for me. We did glance through the tape  
 21 of 1/4. There's nothing that signaled to be Mr. Wild  
 22 and that didn't occur. I walked down learning, after  
 23 learning from Mr. Urick that the way that it happened  
 24 was that Mr. Urick had a conversation with Judge  
 25 McCurdy in which he requested that Judge McCurdy speak

1 to this witness including the offer essentially of  
 2 Judge McCurdy determining if, in fact Mr. Wilds wanted  
 3 to withdraw the plea. That's a surprise to us Judge,  
 4 and if those are --  
 5 THE COURT: Wait, when did this conversation  
 6 happen?  
 7 MS. GUTIERREZ: I don't know.  
 8 THE COURT: But you're offering that there  
 9 was such discussion?  
 10 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, Mr. Urick offered that  
 11 to me.  
 12 THE COURT: When?  
 13 MS. GUTIERREZ: Just now. I inquired, you  
 14 know how is it that in my attempt to locate the tape of  
 15 this proceeding having all other efforts exhausted I  
 16 turn to Mr. Urick and asked some questions and he  
 17 answered them and the information he conveyed was that  
 18 they way it happened was that he asked Judge McCurdy to  
 19 have a conversation with Mr. Wilds and that that  
 20 included and, you know that in case Mr. Wilds wanted to  
 21 withdraw the plea.  
 22 Now, I didn't ask when that occurred because he  
 23 already told us whatever occurred, occurred sometime in  
 24 September and obviously this conversation took place  
 25 some time before then. Judge, I then walked down to



1 Judge McCurdy's intending to ask Judge McCurdy if he  
2 had any recollection or any indication of the date or  
3 how or what, anything that happened since to my way of  
4 thinking which, you know I certainly could be wrong,  
5 but it is such an unusual event to occur I can not  
6 imagine a Judge having been asked to inquire as to  
7 whether somebody wanted to withdraw a plea or not, that  
8 such a conversation would not have taken place on the  
9 record. Whether it took place in a courtroom or in a  
10 Judge's chamber and could not imagine that such a  
11 conversation could take place without notice to the  
12 lawyer even if the lawyer or without appointment of  
13 another lawyer for that to happen.

14 But what I discovered was a note on Judge  
15 McCurdy's courtroom and chambers that made me think, it  
16 appeared that he was not here. I just noticed that his  
17 docket was being called over the Mitchell Courthouse in  
18 front of Judge Quarles and I asked the clerk and he  
19 again, graciously assisted us in discovering that in  
20 fact, Judge Quarles is calling Judge McCurdy's docket,  
21 Judge McCurdy is not here.

22 So, I haven't been able to go any further, but I  
23 will tell you, you know now I have even greater  
24 concerns. I haven't had an opportunity to ask Mr.  
25 Urick any other questions about it, but certainly lots

1 of questions are now raised that I think are  
2 significant issues.

3 In the first case we maintain that Mr. Urick  
4 deciding and providing a lawyer for the witness was an  
5 unusual event and we know and have not been put on  
6 notice of any other intervening event that might  
7 trigger the lawyer who chose the lawyer for this  
8 witness. Going to a Judge after that lawyer has  
9 represented the witness in what they report to be a  
10 plea litany continued to call a plea agreement that the  
11 Judge who took that plea agreement with that lawyer  
12 present, allowed that lawyer to act would then be asked  
13 to hold a conversation with a witness who's represented  
14 with counsel, that included an inquiry regarding  
15 whether or not the client wanted to continue with the  
16 plea. That's certainly relevant to all of the issues  
17 that concern us. What was the bargain, how fluid was  
18 his plea agreement, who was in control of it and of  
19 course, Judge it's out contention that Mr. Urick was  
20 always in control and this certainly seems to support  
21 itself. It makes that hearing critical to us and Mr.  
22 Urick has told us it occurred. it doesn't appear to be  
23 on any record, we're sort of at a wall. I don't know  
24 where else to go.

25 Obviously, I will continue to seek information

1 from Judge McCurdy when Judge McCurdy is available and  
2 Judge, he's already gone on our witness list and I  
3 don't know where it will lead. I am concerned and it's  
4 certainly something that I will be entitled to ask this  
5 witness about. I'm entitled to know about it before I  
6 ask any, you know scratch at the edge's to see what's  
7 safe before deciding whether it's worth it to go after.  
8 It sure as hell appears to be worth it, but I know  
9 nothing and Judge, everything unusual has happened  
10 about this case. We couldn't find the case, we  
11 couldn't find a court file, it turns out it's filed  
12 under a non-existent number, a hearing that was suppose  
13 to have occurred doesn't appear somewhere.

14 I'm scared Judge, to go after anything else  
15 without knowledge on which to base it. I think I'm  
16 entitled to not just have to scurry around the edges  
17 and then see, is this safe, can I take another little  
18 baby step. My client is entitled to the best that I  
19 can do, whatever that it is and I'm entitled to be on  
20 notice. You know, I now regret --

21 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, before you go any  
22 further I have a question and I hate to be rude, but  
23 you have two attorneys or two individuals at trial  
24 table.

25 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Judge.

1 THE COURT: One of them you asked if they  
2 could sit there, the other one you did not.

3 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'm sorry, Judge. She did  
4 remind me that I hadn't done that.

5 THE COURT: So, can you tell me who she is.

6 MS. GUTIERREZ: This is Kelly Parthamos. I  
7 did introduce the Court to her last Friday, she's also  
8 third year law student, she also is an assistant and as  
9 the Court knows we have many different transcripts to  
10 work with and that is my purpose. That they are  
11 familiar with everything we locate and thereby save  
12 time, then if I and asking the questions also I have to  
13 flip through three different transcripts to find them  
14 and so, I wasn't actually where she's here and we had  
15 the Sheriff just put a chair up for her when she  
16 arrived and she has reminded me that I again introduced  
17 her to you and every time she writes it down I have  
18 forgotten. So, I would request permission for her to  
19 continue to do that.

20 THE COURT: She may remain, but I need you to  
21 talk to her. You want to come up.

22 MS. GUTIERREZ: Sure.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Urick.

24 MS. GUTIERREZ: Do you want her up too?

25 THE COURT: No.

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay.  
 2 THE COURT: Ms. Murphy. Mr. Syed, you may  
 3 come up as well.  
 4 (Counsel and Defendant approached the bench  
 5 and following ensued:)  
 6 THE COURT: I have no problems with her  
 7 staying there.  
 8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay. Was she expressive?  
 9 THE COURT: You're going to have to talk to  
 10 her about courtroom etiquette. Between the note  
 11 passing, which I don't mind, but that, the facial  
 12 expressions, the chewing gum yesterday and talking when  
 13 I'm talking to you.  
 14 MS. GUTIERREZ: I will Judge, and I  
 15 apologize.  
 16 THE COURT: I understand that she's a third  
 17 year, she may not know.  
 18 MS. GUTIERREZ: When I'm over there and I  
 19 don't look and I don't notice.  
 20 THE COURT: I know. Mr. Lewis has been  
 21 extremely appropriate.  
 22 THE COURT: Okay. I'll talk to her.  
 23 THE COURT: In fact, there are times when I  
 24 think he tries to ignore her in an attempt not to cause  
 25 a problem.

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay.  
 2 THE COURT: And I think Mr. Syed also tries  
 3 to ignore her.  
 4 MS. GUTIERREZ: Because he's sitting next to  
 5 her and I'm at the other end, so I apologize I haven't  
 6 noticed.  
 7 THE COURT: No, no, no. Today, yes and he's  
 8 been helping and I think if she's going to be in trial  
 9 you're going to have to talk to her.  
 10 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'll talk to her.  
 11 THE COURT: Because -- or I will talk to her.  
 12 MS. GUTIERREZ: I understand.  
 13 THE COURT: Okay.  
 14 MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you.  
 15 THE COURT: And so, to that end she may  
 16 remain, but you're going to have to do something  
 17 because I really can't.  
 18 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'll sick Mr. Syed on her.  
 19 THE COURT: Well, whatever, whatever.  
 20 MS. GUTIERREZ: I do.  
 21 THE COURT: And with regard to the motion.  
 22 It would appear to the Court that every effort was made  
 23 to hide the existence of Mr. Wilds plea or attempted to  
 24 plead because this says guilty verdict held sub curia.  
 25 Which means what you did was you did everything except

1 for have the Court find the Defendant guilty. He held  
 2 the issue of whether or not the Defendant was guilty  
 3 sub curia pending the State providing a statement of  
 4 facts it appears and the only reason why one would do  
 5 that, in my mind is so that there would be no record of  
 6 a guilty plea because if there's no guilty finding that  
 7 he hasn't been found guilty. He didn't hold sub curia  
 8 the sentencing, he held sub curia the finding of guilt.  
 9  
 10 The other thing that I find interesting is that as  
 11 Counsel has pointed out, I've never seen a file like  
 12 this before. Now, I've worked in the District and I've  
 13 been around the courthouse for many of time and I was a  
 14 law clerk, but every indication, every printed page,  
 15 every item is not computer generated except for this,  
 16 for the case number for one witness to plea guilty, no  
 17 witnesses which is so unusual. It appears very, very  
 18 odd and unusual and I can see why would Ms. Gutierrez  
 19 would start to wonder.  
 20 MR. URICK: Your Honor, if I may point  
 21 something out. MS. Gutierrez keeps saying a non-  
 22 existent number.  
 23 THE COURT: It's right here.  
 24 MR. URICK: The number she refers to, the  
 25 tracking number --

1 THE COURT: It's right there.  
 2 MR. URICK: That's on the plea is right  
 3 there.  
 4 THE COURT: Yeah, but that's the case -- the  
 5 case number is there.  
 6 MR. URICK: But she keeps complaining that  
 7 there's a non-existent number on the plea agreement.  
 8 THE COURT: There's an existent number.  
 9 MR. URICK: And that correlates to that. The  
 10 plea agreement is drawn up, we do the CI then they  
 11 assign a case number.  
 12 THE COURT: That's not my point, Mr. Urick.  
 13 You understand -- you understand my point.  
 14 MR. URICK: There is no -- this is a very  
 15 common file for a Circuit Court originate case.  
 16 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, I would like to have  
 17 the Court review State's Exhibit 35. This is what was  
 18 given to us.  
 19 THE COURT: I understand.  
 20 MS. GUTIERREZ: That number isn't this  
 21 number.  
 22 THE COURT: I understand, I understand, but  
 23 that's not the point. The point is, is that it had you  
 24 call I think the clerk's office and attempted like one  
 25 would normally do, do you have a listing for Jay Wilds.

1 what's the case number. The case number is going to be  
2 299250001 and that's the case number and that's the  
3 case number that would reflect that.

4 MS. GUTIERREZ: But we did that, Judge and it  
5 still took us a month.

6 THE COURT: But the case number -- well, --

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Once we discovered the right  
8 number it still took us a month to locate the file.

9 THE COURT: Where did you find the file?

10 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, now today, it's there,  
11 we went over.

12 THE COURT: It downstairs in the file room.

13 MS. GUTIERREZ: September of 1998 it wasn't  
14 there.

15 THE COURT: Did you have any difficulty  
16 finding the file when you looked for it?

17 THE CLERK: I just called down and said do  
18 you have this --

19 THE COURT: Case number?

20 THE CLERK: Right.

21 THE COURT: And that was the case number I  
22 gave you? The case number, the 299 case number? All  
23 right. With regard to your request, your request then  
24 is on the record --

25 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, Judge I have a couple

1 of questions.

2 THE COURT: Well, I would like you to  
3 respond.

4 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay.

5 THE COURT: Because I haven't heard a  
6 response from the State yet.

7 MS. MURPHY: I'm sorry.

8 MR. URICK: Your Honor, I would like to point  
9 out that the guilty plea has not been hidden. We  
10 divulged the plea agreement, we went through discovery.  
11 Any Circuit Court computer that runs that name will  
12 pull that up in about five seconds, it is not hidden.  
13 It should pull it up by the CC number as well. CC  
14 numbers are also correlated with -- there's nothing  
15 difficult about finding the court file based on the  
16 information in the agreement. We disclosed that I  
17 believe --

18 THE COURT: Well, what was difficult Mr.  
19 Urick, the other day when we asked, I know I asked  
20 whether or not Mr. Wilds pled guilty, you said he pled  
21 guilty.

22 MR. URICK: Your Honor, I --

23 THE COURT: But the verdict wasn't entered.  
24 I mean to say, to lead the Court to believe that the  
25 verdict was entered is not true. It was a guilty plea

1 and the reason as Counsel has been asking over and  
2 over, how could there be a guilty plea with no  
3 statement of facts. It's very simple, is that no  
4 guilty verdict was entered, that's how you kept the  
5 statement of facts out.

6 MR. URICK: The plea was taken, he's entered  
7 his plea. According to the plea agreement he can not  
8 withdraw it at this point. He has --

9 THE COURT: That's not the issue I'm asking.

10 MR. URICK: You're asking my reasoning and  
11 why I described something that way because to my way of  
12 thinking he had entered his plea, the plea is quite  
13 consistently shown --

14 THE COURT: So, you considered it a plea off  
15 guilty?

16 MR. URICK: I considered it a plea --

17 according to the plea agreement he can not withdraw it  
18 once he makes that plea and it was made explicit in the  
19 written plea and it was also, as I recall made explicit  
20 at the hearing on September 7th that his entry of plea  
21 was a binding, non-withdrawable plea. So, in my mind  
22 this is his guilty plea because the statute does not  
23 require everything to be held in one proceeding --

24 THE COURT: No, it doesn't.

25 MR. URICK: To be completed.

1 THE COURT: Obviously it does not. The next  
2 question I have is, did you or did you not represent to  
3 this Court that you weren't there?

4 MR. URICK: No, I did not say at that I was  
5 not there. What I said was at the review for his  
6 advisement of his right to assistance.

7 THE COURT: To have an attorney?

8 MR. URICK: Yeah. I was not there. I asked  
9 Judge McCurdy --

10 THE COURT: You were there for the guilty  
11 plea?

12 MR. URICK: I was there for the entry of the  
13 guilty plea.

14 THE COURT: But at the time that he wanted  
15 Counsel, he asked for Counsel you're saying that --

16 MR. URICK: When we asked Judge McCurdy to  
17 advise him of his right to Counsel due to review of  
18 that to make sure he understood it and that he was in  
19 fact, his assistance of counsel.

20 THE COURT: And when did that happen?

21 MR. URICK: It happened sometime in  
22 September. I did not --

23 THE COURT: You don't know what day?

24 MR. URICK: No, I don't.

25 THE COURT: It happened sometime in



1 September?

2 MR. URICK: Yes.

3 THE COURT: And at that time an attorney was  
4 afforded to him?

5 MR. URICK: Ms. Benaroya showed up with him  
6 that day, he was given the option, you know explained.  
7 In abundance of caution we asked Judge McCurdy to do an  
8 in camera review to make sure that he understood his  
9 right to counsel, that he was making his election of  
10 his counsel of choice and that he was getting  
11 independent assistance of counsel. Judge McCurdy did a  
12 review of that with him.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MR. URICK: And that was done in an abundance  
15 of caution.

16 THE COURT: And that was done on some other  
17 day other than the day that this -- beginnings of  
18 guilty plea was taken?

19 MR. URICK: Yes.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, to make sure, I'm not  
22 sure the Court understands. On the day that the  
23 beginnings of the guilty plea were taken Ms. Benaroya  
24 was there. The guilty plea litany was done by Judge  
25 McCurdy to the letter including an inquiry of counsel.

1 Having taken the beginnings of the plea or if you  
2 accept Mr. Urick's version, well he thought that was a  
3 guilty plea then what reason would exist to ask the  
4 Judge to review the voluntariness or the adequacy of  
5 the satisfaction with the lawyer.

6 THE COURT: Good question.

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Something had to happen.

8 THE COURT: Did something happen post plea.

9 MR. URICK: We were just discussing all  
10 possibilities. We thought in abundance of caution we  
11 should.

12 THE COURT: What does that mean? Did  
13 something happen post plea?

14 MR. URICK: Post plea. No, it was debating  
15 around our office how we were proceeding.

16 THE COURT: Post plea?

17 MR. URICK: Yeah.

18 THE COURT: On what? If he's pled guilty.  
19 The only thing his disposition you need to have a  
20 conversation with the witness as to whether or not he's  
21 going to withdraw his plea, is that what happened?

22 MR. URICK: No, we wanted Judge McCurdy to --  
23 do that we had made sure that there was an independent  
24 judicial advisement of his right to counsel, that he  
25 understood and that he was exercising it. We thought -

1 -

2 THE COURT: That's post plea. I'm asking  
3 after the plea. Okay. Let me get the scenario right  
4 because I'm getting confused.

5 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, we do have the  
6 videotape here of the original plea.

7 THE COURT: I'm not worried about the plea.

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay.

9 THE COURT: You're saying it was to the  
10 letter I believe it.

11 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, it's less than ten  
12 minutes.

13 THE COURT: The one before it, the advising  
14 of his right to counsel was done by Judge McCurdy,  
15 correct? Before the plea at the time he has no lawyer,  
16 he asks for a lawyer, Judge McCurdy advises him of his  
17 right to a counsel --

18 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, that's afterwards.  
19 That's what I was trying to explain.

20 THE COURT: So, there is no such hearing  
21 before?

22 MR. URICK: Correct.

23 THE COURT: All right. So, the Defendant --

24 MS. GUTIERREZ: He has a lawyer on the 7th.  
25 All we know is from Mr. Wilds that Mr. Urick helped him

1 get that lawyer but we don't any circumstances.

2 THE COURT: After he pleads -- after he  
3 pleads guilty, after he asks to saw the litany then  
4 Judge McCurdy revisits with him the issue of whether or  
5 not his effective assistance of counsel.

6 MR. URICK: And that he understands full his  
7 right to independent assistance of counsel and that  
8 he's satisfied that he's getting it. We wanted to make  
9 -- just in an abundance of caution to make sure that we  
10 had a full record to that, so we asked him to do an in  
11 camera hearing.

12 THE COURT: All right. And in light of what  
13 you just told you provided that last bit of information  
14 to Ms. Gutierrez before I came out on the bench,  
15 correct?

16 MR. URICK: No. She missed -- I did not say  
17 what she said I said over break. The only thing I said  
18 at break, was she asked me who set up the hearings, she  
19 was trying to find the date, I said, Judge McCurdy did.  
20 I asked him to schedule a hearing, he did, he took care  
21 of the details. That's when she went down to see --

22 THE COURT: Hearing, you mean the guilty plea  
23 hearing or the second hearing?

24 MR. URICK: No. The in camera review.

25 THE COURT: And you asked him to set up the

1 hearing?  
 2 MR. URICK: Yes.  
 3 MS. GUTIERREZ: That's what I said.  
 4 THE COURT: Did you do that with consent of  
 5 counsel for the Defendant, Mr. Wilds?  
 6 MR. URICK: Yes, I did. Yes.  
 7 THE COURT: So, the two of you asked to set  
 8 up the hearing?  
 9 MR. URICK: Yes.  
 10 THE COURT: And he set up the hearing?  
 11 MR. URICK: Yes.  
 12 THE COURT: And it was on the record?  
 13 MR. URICK: I was not there. My belief was  
 14 that it was on the record.  
 15 THE COURT: And what date was it?  
 16 MR. URICK: It was sometime in September. I  
 17 did not keep a record of the date.  
 18 THE COURT: And you don't know when that was?  
 19 MR. URICK: No, I don't.  
 20 THE COURT: But this was your witness?  
 21 Someone -- did someone go on your behalf?  
 22 MR. URICK: No, no one from my office showed  
 23 up.  
 24 THE COURT: So, it was just the Defendant and  
 25 his lawyer --

1 MR. URICK: Yes.  
 2 THE COURT: And Judge McCurdy?  
 3 MR. URICK: Yes.  
 4 THE COURT: Who represented the interest of  
 5 the State at this proceeding?  
 6 MR. URICK: Our interest --  
 7 THE COURT: You're suggesting that a Judge  
 8 would have ex parte communication with a Defendant and  
 9 his attorney without the presence of the State?  
 10 MR. URICK: It was with our permission. We  
 11 waived our presence. We wanted to be sure that Mr.  
 12 Wilds right to counsel was fully and adequately  
 13 protected.  
 14 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, then we need to make a  
 15 demand, why? We're entitled to that and Judge, I ask  
 16 this in all seriousness. There are some areas --  
 17 THE COURT: I take everything that you say  
 18 with -- in all seriousness and I don't want you in  
 19 anyway think that I don't. Everything that you say --  
 20 MS. GUTIERREZ: I don't mean to imply that  
 21 Judge, that's just something --  
 22 THE COURT: I generally attempt to follow  
 23 your arguments to the letter which is why I ask so many  
 24 questions.  
 25 MS. GUTIERREZ: I appreciate that.

1 THE COURT: I don't ever suggest that you are  
 2 saying anything to me that does not require my full and  
 3 complete attention and right now the Court does have a  
 4 lot of questions. I am very, very concerned at this  
 5 point that I don't have all the facts in front of me  
 6 that I need to answer this question and so, in order  
 7 that I give the Defendant and his Counsel my complete  
 8 and considered opinion I would like to have a hearing  
 9 on this issue. We're going to -- what time is it?  
 10 MS. GUTIERREZ: I can't see that far.  
 11 THE COURT: It's not quite three o'clock,  
 12 it's not quite three o'clock. You have questions for  
 13 this witness?  
 14 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, I do Judge.  
 15 THE COURT: Not on this issue, not on the  
 16 issue of the plea agreement. But --  
 17 MS. GUTIERREZ: I do have some other areas to  
 18 clean up. Maybe that's an hour and my concern and I'd  
 19 asked to stop now is that I've interrupted my cross of  
 20 this witness.  
 21 THE COURT: I know.  
 22 MS. GUTIERREZ: I regret doing so now, but I  
 23 can't go back and change that. I don't know what  
 24 impact, when I get the answers to these questions it's  
 25 going to have. I think it's going to be great. I'd at

1 least like to preserve the ability that the decision  
 2 where I put it --  
 3 THE COURT: What exactly do you want at this  
 4 point?  
 5 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, not I want to talk to  
 6 Judge McCurdy, I want maybe Judge McCurdy can help us  
 7 locate the tape because I can not imagine that this  
 8 didn't take place on the record. To review that tape,  
 9 to ask Judge McCurdy about how and why it occurred.  
 10 I'd like a whole list of questions of discovery that I  
 11 think we're entitled to from Mr. Urick. I even had  
 12 time to think about them. How did it come about? It  
 13 wasn't just some bright idea, who suggested it, who  
 14 were the people talking? Why did they have questions  
 15 about whether or not we needed another inquiry into the  
 16 adequacy of Counsel? Was there any communication from  
 17 Mr. Wilds, from Ms. Benaroya? You know, something  
 18 had to occur to make this extraordinary hearing happen  
 19 and then to review that hearing, perhaps talk to some  
 20 of those witnesses, inquiry as to these circumstances  
 21 and then once having gotten both the answers and  
 22 reviewing that tape. It's like this record makes clear  
 23 that this is an ongoing proceeding. I can't imagine  
 24 it's not on the record. There is something somewhere  
 25 and I certainly can't imagine --

1 THE COURT: What is it that's on the record  
 2 something somewhere?  
 3 MS. GUTIERREZ: That Judge McCurdy would not  
 4 remember this. This clearly is an unusual proceeding  
 5 and so he might --  
 6 THE COURT: I would note that the Court file  
 7 does not show any other proceeding.  
 8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Right.  
 9 THE COURT: Court file shows only the  
 10 proceeding on 1/4/00 which is the deposition was  
 11 postponed. It doesn't say anything about there being  
 12 about another hearing held under case number 299250001  
 13 referencing anything.  
 14 MR. URICK: I have no explanation for that as  
 15 you are aware, my office does not handle that aspect of  
 16 that. Chambers handles scheduling --  
 17 THE COURT: This is your case, Mr. Urick.  
 18 It's your case. It says right here, Assistance State's  
 19 attorney Kevin Urick. You're telling me on your case  
 20 you allowed the Court and the Defense attorney to go  
 21 forward on a hearing or a matter or a proceeding on  
 22 your case without you being present?  
 23 MR. URICK: That's correct.  
 24 MS. GUTIERREZ: I realize (inaudible) Judge,  
 25 is to suspend any further cross examination because as

1 I said, I at least want the possibility of how to  
 2 utilize and to have some room of some coverage either  
 3 to end with it and thereby making it bigger or to bury  
 4 it in the middle or connect it up to other things then  
 5 to be forced to finish on the matters I would have to  
 6 finish and then be left with having to make a decision,  
 7 do we continue with just this baldly in front of the  
 8 jury.  
 9 THE COURT: Your first request is that we  
 10 dispense with any further testimony today --  
 11 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes, of this witness.  
 12 THE COURT: And resume on Monday --  
 13 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.  
 14 THE COURT: With regard to this witness on  
 15 Monday?  
 16 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.  
 17 THE COURT: You do not want any other  
 18 testimony I take it or --  
 19 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'd prefer not, Judge. I'd  
 20 find that difficult. I've already had to juggle many  
 21 things.  
 22 THE COURT: Very well. What's your position  
 23 from the State? Do you understand what the Defense  
 24 concern is? I'm not saying you have to agree with it,  
 25 do you understand their concern? She has a witness on

1 the stand, there's been a hearing involving this  
 2 witness that may or may not reflect on the credibility  
 3 of this witness, we don't know if the proceeding was  
 4 under oath, we don't know what he said during the  
 5 proceeding, we don't know what he was asked during the  
 6 proceeding, but he is your star witness in your case.  
 7 She's reviewed a statement, it's the guilty plea, but  
 8 there was another hearing held involving this very same  
 9 witness for which she has no clue what it's about and  
 10 to ask or inquire blindly means she doesn't know what  
 11 she's dealing with. Perhaps we could bring him in and  
 12 ask him. Perhaps he knows. But you can understand why  
 13 she might want that information as a lawyer.  
 14 MR. URICK: All I can say is that it was my  
 15 belief that it was on the record. I have no  
 16 explanation for what appears in the Court file.  
 17 THE COURT: Very well.  
 18 MS. GUTIERREZ: I guess I would also request  
 19 the assistance of the Court -- not any suppressions on  
 20 Judge McCurdy but to sort of help smooth, that we at  
 21 least try to get word to Judge McCurdy perhaps to make  
 22 himself available on Monday.  
 23 THE COURT: Well, that part I can't do  
 24 because I'm not convinced Judge McCurdy really could  
 25 shed any light on this in that I have no idea whether

1 or not Judge McCurdy knows what occurred. I mean I  
 2 don't know, but I can tell you this, I think the  
 3 starting place is to check with the witness and ask him  
 4 whether or not there was some proceeding and then from  
 5 there I'll make a determination whether or not there's  
 6 something else we might be able to do. It could be  
 7 that Judge McCurdy is the only answer. Lets find out  
 8 what it is that occurred.  
 9 MS. GUTIERREZ: Or Ms. Benaroya.  
 10 THE COURT: Because we have a Court file that  
 11 -- I'm going to ask at the end of the close of the day  
 12 if the courtroom clerk would make a search of your  
 13 records to determine whether that there was a  
 14 proceeding that took place in this case was entry has  
 15 not reached the file. Do you understand what I'm  
 16 saying? Sometimes things happen in cases and they  
 17 don't have the Court file.  
 18 THE CLERK: Right.  
 19 THE COURT: And then later they go back and  
 20 put an entry in, correct? Can you find out whether or  
 21 not that has occurred with regard to this file? If  
 22 there is an entry floating around somewhere that has  
 23 not caught up to the Court file which -- which would  
 24 perhaps serve to clarify what has occurred. In the  
 25 meantime we can check with the witness and find out. I



1 think it does and I think that's the starting place,  
 2 Ms. Gutierrez. I will hold in advance your request --  
 3 MS. GUTIERREZ: Okay.  
 4 THE COURT: To contact Judge McCurdy if we  
 5 find that we're not satisfied that we've gotten is the  
 6 information we require and I do see that it is now  
 7 three o'clock and if you wish to dispense with any  
 8 further questions of Mr. Wilds, I understand. Unless  
 9 there are some areas that you can go into that is apart  
 10 from this.  
 11 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, there are a couple of  
 12 areas, but they're discreet and I guess my request is  
 13 that I be allowed to save them in case I want to use  
 14 this an wrap it around so that --  
 15 THE COURT: Okay. So, you don't want to have  
 16 to use it now.  
 17 MS. GUTIERREZ: Right, right.  
 18 THE COURT: Okay. Very well.  
 19 MS. GUTIERREZ: I don't want to lose it in  
 20 case I need it.  
 21 THE COURT: No, that's your strategy and  
 22 you're entitled to do that in whatever fashion you deem  
 23 appropriate in your defense so we will do that. Is  
 24 there -- I don't want to call another witness because I  
 25 do not want to interrupt what we have going, so at this

1 point I'm going to ask Mr. Wilds to come in. The Court  
 2 has a few questions with regard to this post hearing,  
 3 but I want to bring -- let me bring the jury in first,  
 4 let them go home. Could you bring the jury in please.  
 5 Yes.  
 6 (Counsel and Defendant returned to the trial  
 7 tables and the following ensued:)  
 8 (The jury returned to the courtroom.)  
 9 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, I have a quick  
 10 question.  
 11 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.  
 12 THE COURT: On January 4th when the  
 13 disposition was postponed --  
 14 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Judge.  
 15 THE COURT: Do you know whether or not there  
 16 were any additional questions asked?  
 17 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, my understanding --  
 18 THE COURT: Just yes or no. the jurors are  
 19 coming in, I just want to know yes or no.  
 20 MS. GUTIERREZ: There is nothing, no  
 21 appearance, nobody, no hearing that I know of.  
 22 THE COURT: It's just nothing.  
 23 MS. GUTIERREZ: Just the entry.  
 24 THE COURT: But there's a tape from that day.  
 25 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, we reviewed that.

1 THE COURT: And nothing on that tape?  
 2 MS. GUTIERREZ: Nothing.  
 3 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen,  
 4 don't get comfy, we're going to send you home for the  
 5 day. I must advise you that it appears there are a  
 6 number of matters that we're going to have to deal with  
 7 and rather than have you sit in that room waiting for  
 8 us to finish it makes more sense to let you go home.  
 9 Especially, since there have been a couple days  
 10 when we ran later then we had promised and we actually  
 11 had to come in earlier then we originally agreed on one  
 12 day I'm going to tell you that you may go home with my  
 13 request that you not discuss the testimony that you  
 14 heard with anyone. I know your family is probably  
 15 itching to know all about this and they keep saying,  
 16 well you said this weekend. Well, you just let them  
 17 know that, you know we can't always anticipate and so  
 18 therefore, once again, you can not discuss this case  
 19 with them over the weekend, nor should you visit the  
 20 scene of this incident or do anything else in any kind  
 21 of investigatory fashion including discussing the  
 22 testimony with each other. You have to leave your  
 23 notes face down in your chair and not discuss this with  
 24 anyone. Not amongst yourselves or with anyone else nor  
 25 read anything in the newspaper, listen to anything on

1 the television or on the radio about this case. I see  
 2 you all are smiling, just means that if you see  
 3 something come on you turn the channel, look at  
 4 something else, cartoons, I don't care, but you can't  
 5 read or view anything about this case. I'm going to  
 6 ask also that you have a pleasant weekend and I have  
 7 good news that Judge Gordy has kindly allowed us to  
 8 continue in the courtroom next week.  
 9 So, to the extent that it is a little more  
 10 comfortable, we have adjusted the heat so you're not  
 11 roasting as you were the other day and I'd ask that you  
 12 continue to let me know in the event you have any  
 13 problems hearing, seeing, you're uncomfortable. We try  
 14 to anticipate your needs when we see you coughing or in  
 15 need of tissues in order to make your stay in here as  
 16 comfortable as possible during the course of the trial.  
 17 We will continue to try to keep according to the  
 18 schedule we've provided which we will do again on  
 19 Monday to give to you and again, please understand the  
 20 Court greatly appreciates your patience with us as we  
 21 try to accommodate you and get through the trial.  
 22 So, at this time I'm going to ask that you have a  
 23 pleasant weekend, I will see you on Monday and on  
 24 Monday I'm going to ask that you do the very same thing  
 25 that you've been doing each day. That is go to the

1 Q No matter what you would have to tell the  
2 truth?

3 A Right. So, that this was just a rock and a  
4 hard place and it would be like null and void to go  
5 through all of that again and then be recharged and  
6 then something else, like if I --

7 Q Wait a minute, wait a minute. Before you go  
8 any further, who explained that to you?

9 A Ms. Benaroya.

10 Q Okay. And you said you were in a room?

11 A Um-hum.

12 Q Who was with you?

13 A No one, just me and her before I signed the  
14 plea.

15 Q Okay. I don't want to know about when you  
16 were talking just the two of you.

17 A Okay.

18 Q What I'm interested in knowing is when you  
19 were in a room and there are other people present.

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did that occur, an explanation occur while  
22 there were other people present?

23 A No.

24 Q Okay. So, I do not want you to tell me what  
25 the two of you discussed.

1 A Okay.

2 Q Okay. Because you have a right to have  
3 conversations with your lawyer and that's a right and  
4 privilege that you keep with you.

5 A I'm sorry. I did meet with the Judge and Ms.  
6 Benaroya after that.

7 Q Okay. And when was that, do you remember?

8 A I thought it was a conflict of interest,  
9 myself.

10 Q Okay. Now, when, when did you meet?

11 A This was after the plea agreement.

12 Q After the plea agreement.

13 A I couldn't get in touch with Ms. Benaroya and  
14 I was beginning -- I was beginning to get upset.

15 Q Because you couldn't reach her?

16 A Right and I thought that she just came in to  
17 get me to sign this thing and that I wouldn't see her  
18 again.

19 Q Okay. Now, wait a minute, wait one second.  
20 Was your conversation with Ms. -- with -- when this  
21 concern you had that Ms. Benaroya may have just come in  
22 for that one day, that concern you're talking about?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did that happen before January 4th or after?

25 A Before January 4th.

1 Q Before January 4th, okay. And it happened  
2 after the plea had been signed by you --

3 A Yes.

4 Q And Judge McCurdy had asked the questions?

5 A He asked me --

6 Q No, no, no. My question is --

7 A Yes.

8 Q And before -- after McCurdy had asked you the  
9 questions? McCurdy asked you the questions, then you  
10 got concerned, Judge McCurdy asked you the guilty plea  
11 questions, you signed the form and then -- no. Okay.  
12 Tell me what sequence.

13 A I went to McCurdy, I received the paper to  
14 come back on the 4th.

15 Q Right.

16 A He -- the only questions I had asked him  
17 there was just legal questions, like when I was suppose  
18 to be places and what were the repercussions of certain  
19 things.

20 Q Of pleading guilty?

21 A Yeah.

22 Q He told you what a jury trial was?

23 A Right, yeah, he explained all of that.

24 Q Those questions after the day that those  
25 questions were asked on you, you became concerned?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. And then there was another occasion  
3 when you met with Judge McCurdy?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Do you remember when that was?

6 A The date?

7 Q Yeah, or approximately when.

8 A Probably -- it was before I was suppose to go  
9 to Court for this case and that was in October.

10 Q Before this case. All right. Wait a minute.  
11 October?

12 A Yeah, it was before October.

13 Q Before October, but after the day when Judge  
14 McCurdy asked you the questions?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And long before you had received the notice  
17 that told you to come to Court on January 4th? Had you  
18 received that notice, the one that said come to Court  
19 on January 4th?

20 A Yes.

21 Q You had already gotten that?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. May I see the Court file again on  
24 Wilds?

25 A I had got both of those notices at the same

1 time.  
 2 Q Okay.  
 3 A The one for this one.  
 4 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'm having difficulty hearing  
 5 the witness.  
 6 THE COURT: He said that he had gotten both  
 7 of the notices for this proceeding at the same time.  
 8 Correct? All right. Mr. Clerk, can you check this  
 9 Court file and see what date his summons is?  
 10 BY THE COURT:  
 11 Q When Judge McCurdy met with you did he meet  
 12 with you in his courtroom?  
 13 MR. WILDS:  
 14 A No.  
 15 Q In his chambers?  
 16 A Yes.  
 17 Q All right. And who was present?  
 18 A Me, Ms. Benaroya and Judge McCurdy.  
 19 Q The three of you?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 Q Who told you to go there? The day that you  
 22 went to Judge McCurdy's chambers, who told you to go  
 23 there?  
 24 A I had contacted his clerk with some questions  
 25 --

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q Was there anyone from the State's Attorney's  
 3 Office present?  
 4 A No.  
 5 Q Did you have an understanding that the  
 6 State's Attorney's Office knew you were there meeting  
 7 with Judge McCurdy?  
 8 A No.  
 9 Q Okay. Has anyone from the State's Attorney's  
 10 Office asked you about what happened in your meeting  
 11 with Judge McCurdy on that day?  
 12 A No.  
 13 Q That's a no?  
 14 A Yes.  
 15 THE COURT: In light of the Court's question  
 16 I will allow Defense Counsel and the State to inquire  
 17 of Mr. Wilds, but I will indicate that I in no way  
 18 believes Mr. Wilds is waiving his privilege. That is  
 19 his privilege to communications between he and his  
 20 Counsel and that -- to the extent that I made a  
 21 question or he thought I meant what happened, I did not  
 22 in anyway in attempt to violate that privilege.  
 23 So, I'm striking from your consideration in the  
 24 record what his response was to me, the Court about  
 25 what he and his lawyer discussed because I don't think

1 Q Who's clerk?  
 2 A Mr. McCurdy's.  
 3 Q You called Judge McCurdy on your own?  
 4 A Yes. I had contacted his clerk with some  
 5 questions and I guess he contacted Ms. Benaroya and  
 6 wanted to see what was going on.  
 7 Q And you contacted Judge McCurdy when you  
 8 couldn't get a hold of your lawyer?  
 9 A Yes.  
 10 Q And someone told you, Judge McCurdy's clerk  
 11 told you to come to his chambers?  
 12 A No.  
 13 Q Okay. Who told you to come to his chambers?  
 14 A I believe he contacted my lawyer and told us  
 15 to come in there.  
 16 Q So then she called you?  
 17 A She was the one who told me to come to see  
 18 him.  
 19 Q And when you got there it was just Judge  
 20 McCurdy, your lawyer and you?  
 21 A Um-hum.  
 22 Q And you had a conversation with the Judge at  
 23 that time?  
 24 A Yes.  
 25 Q And your lawyer was present?

1 that that is appropriate and it's not a place for  
 2 inquiry. But I do find that to the extent Counsel  
 3 would like to inquire about the circumstances leading  
 4 up to the meeting with McCurdy and his lawyer you may  
 5 inquire, but I think that we clearly have a witness  
 6 under oath who has indicated that the State was not  
 7 involved with that.  
 8 MS. GUTIERREZ: To his knowledge.  
 9 THE COURT: Pardon.  
 10 MS. GUTIERREZ: To his knowledge.  
 11 THE COURT: To his knowledge, well, to his  
 12 knowledge and the only thing that I can be concerned  
 13 about is his knowledge because that's the credibility  
 14 that we have before the Court, that the motion is based  
 15 on.  
 16 So, if you have a question Ms. Gutierrez, I'll let  
 17 you start since it was your motion and your request  
 18 that has brought us to this point. Mr. Wilds, I need  
 19 to remind you, you have a privilege and privilege means  
 20 that when you communicate with your lawyer you don't  
 21 have to tell anybody what you say with your lawyer. Do  
 22 you understand? That's a yes?  
 23 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry.  
 24 THE COURT: All right. And so therefore, as  
 25 you're answering questions at this time understand you



1 do not have to unless you want to. You choose to tell  
 2 us what you said with your lawyer you're well within  
 3 your right to do so, but understanding once you open  
 4 that door you can't then turn around and close it. Do  
 5 you follow me?

6 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

7 THE COURT: Once it's open anybody can come  
 8 in.

9 MR. WILDS: Okay.

10 THE COURT: I'm guarding it's being closed at  
 11 this time for you, but if you would like to open it and  
 12 allow Counsel to inquire that is your right to do so.

13 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

14 THE COURT: Likewise, your attorney can't  
 15 open the door unless you say it's okay. So, any  
 16 conversations you had with your lawyer your attorney  
 17 can't open the door to a discussion about and allow us  
 18 to find out what you said to your lawyer. Do you  
 19 understand what I've just said?

20 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

21 THE COURT: Any questions?

22 MR. WILDS: No, ma'am.

23 THE COURT: Very well. With that understood  
 24 -- yes.

25 MR. WILDS: What should I say if it is a

1 Q And as a conflict, did you mean trouble  
 2 between the two of you?

3 A No, ma'am.

4 Q Had you had a fight?

5 A No, ma'am.

6 Q Had you had a disagreement?

7 A No, ma'am.

8 Q Had you met with her at all from the time you  
 9 had the plea --

10 A No, ma'am.

11 Q And this time? Not at all?

12 A As to present or?

13 Q Yes, had you -- no.

14 A The time in question?

15 Q Right.

16 A No, ma'am.

17 Q No. And you hadn't been able to get in touch  
 18 with her?

19 A No, ma'am.

20 Q And that's through the means that she had  
 21 given you to reach her?

22 A Yes, ma'am.

23 Q Okay. And you also said that you thought she  
 24 came in just to get you to sign this thing?

25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 question that I would not like to answer?

2 THE COURT: Pardon.

3 MR. WILDS: What should I say if there is a  
 4 question I would not like to answer?

5 THE COURT: You just say what you just said.

6 MR. WILDS: Okay.

7 THE COURT: I would not like to answer that  
 8 one.

9 MR. WILDS: Okay.

10 THE COURT: And I will ask you if that's your  
 11 privilege and you can indicate, yes, a privileged  
 12 conversation. Very well. Do you understand?

13 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

14 THE COURT: Any questions?

15 MR. WILDS: No, ma'am.

16 THE COURT: Very well. Ms. Gutierrez.

17 MS. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

18 CROSS EXAMINATION

19 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:

20 Q Mr. Wilds, you said in answer to the Judge's  
 21 questions is that you sought to get a hold of Judge  
 22 McCurdy because you thought it was a conflict between  
 23 you and your lawyer?

24 MR. WILDS:

25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q By this thing you were referring to the plea  
 2 agreement, right?

3 A Yes, ma'am.

4 Q And so by conflict you thought that maybe she  
 5 didn't have your interest at heart?

6 A Yes, ma'am.

7 Q Who's interest did you think she might have  
 8 at heart?

9 A I didn't --

10 Q You didn't know?

11 A No.

12 Q But you didn't think it was your interest,  
 13 right?

14 A At one point in time.

15 Q And at the time you contacted Judge McCurdy  
 16 you thought her only purpose was in getting you to sign  
 17 the plea agreement?

18 A Yes, ma'am.

19 Q And by the plea agreement it's that document  
 20 that you seen when you testified?

21 A Yes, ma'am.

22 Q That's the plea agreement, right?

23 A Yes, ma'am.

24 Q The one that you signed on the 7th of  
 25 September?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q And so you called Judge McCurdy's office?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q And you spoke to someone?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q And do you know who that was?  
 7 A No.  
 8 Q Was it a male or female?  
 9 A It was a female.  
 10 Q Did you think it was his secretary?  
 11 A They identified themselves as the clerk on  
 12 the phone.  
 13 Q The clerk?  
 14 A Yes.  
 15 Q Okay. And you explained your problem?  
 16 A Yes.  
 17 Q You explained your concern about the  
 18 conflict?  
 19 A Yes.  
 20 Q And that you had been unable to reach your  
 21 lawyer?  
 22 A Um-hum.  
 23 Q And you gave her your name?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q Okay. And how to reach you, right?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q And the next thing is that you were told by  
 3 your lawyer, show up to Judge McCurdy's?  
 4 A The clerk --  
 5 Q The clerk --  
 6 A Wasn't very helpful. I had to actually leave  
 7 a voice mail message on McCurdy's mailbox.  
 8 Q Okay. Through the phone voice mail?  
 9 A Yes.  
 10 Q Okay. And did you leave that voice mail  
 11 directly for Judge McCurdy?  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q And you identified yourself?  
 14 A Yes, I gave him my case number.  
 15 Q And as a result of leaving and did you tell  
 16 the voice mail anything differently in that you told  
 17 us?  
 18 A No.  
 19 Q Did you mention on the voice mail that you  
 20 wish to withdraw the plea?  
 21 A No.  
 22 Q Did you explain that you had entered a plea,  
 23 you were sort of under the gun on a plea agreement?  
 24 A I believe I may have mentioned something like  
 25 that.

1 Q Okay. And in that voice mail did you ask in  
 2 any way to alter that plea agreement?  
 3 A No.  
 4 Q And when you had spoken to his clerk on the  
 5 phone did you mention in anyway that you might want to  
 6 alter the plea agreement?  
 7 A No.  
 8 Q Or that you might withdraw the plea  
 9 agreement?  
 10 A No.  
 11 Q Did you receive a call back from Judge  
 12 McCurdy?  
 13 A No.  
 14 Q No. And so how is it that you found out to  
 15 appear in front of Judge McCurdy on the day that you  
 16 were in his chambers with Ms. Benaroya?  
 17 A I was contacted by Ms. Benaroya.  
 18 Q Okay. And that was her making the effort to  
 19 contact you?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 Q And that's how you found out when and where  
 22 to appear?  
 23 A Yes.  
 24 Q At that time and I'm not asking you to  
 25 discuss, to tell us what you discussed, but did you

1 have discussions with her that day?  
 2 A Pertaining to?  
 3 Q The day that she -- and she contacted you by  
 4 phone, right?  
 5 A Right, yes.  
 6 Q And on the phone -- don't -- I'm not asking  
 7 you what you said to her, what she said to you, but did  
 8 you have a discussion with her?  
 9 A No, it was -- she just told me that I needed  
 10 to there.  
 11 Q To be at Judge McCurdy's. And was it days in  
 12 advance or was it like the next day or?  
 13 A I believe it was the next morning.  
 14 Q All right. And did you understand what the  
 15 purpose of you going to Judge McCurdy's was?  
 16 A Yes.  
 17 Q Had you contacted anybody else in the  
 18 interim?  
 19 A No.  
 20 Q Had you spoken to any of the detectives?  
 21 A No.  
 22 Q Had you spoken to Mr. Urick or Ms. Murphy?  
 23 A No.  
 24 Q Anybody from their office?  
 25 A No.

1 Q Had you written them any letters?  
 2 A No.  
 3 Q Had you written Ms. Benaroya any letters?  
 4 A No.  
 5 Q And had you many any further attempt to  
 6 contact Judge McCurdy?  
 7 A Other then the voice message?  
 8 Q Right.  
 9 A No.  
 10 Q After that? All right. And so you showed up  
 11 that day, right?  
 12 A Yes, ma'am.  
 13 Q And your lawyer was here?  
 14 A Yes, ma'am.  
 15 Q And chambers, tell me what you mean by that?  
 16 A The Judge's chambers.  
 17 Q What -- where the Judge's office is?  
 18 A I'm sorry. Let me explain. It was an office  
 19 that had flags in it.  
 20 Q It was not the courtroom?  
 21 A No, ma'am. It had --  
 22 Q You had already been in Judge McCurdy's  
 23 courtroom on that prior occasion, right?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q And it was not the same place?

1 A No.  
 2 Q And so everything that happened between you  
 3 and Judge McCurdy and Ms. Benaroya that day should  
 4 appear on the video camera?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q Okay. Because at that occasion you never  
 7 asked them to turn it off?  
 8 A Yes, ma'am.  
 9 Q Right?  
 10 A Correct.  
 11 Q And Ms. Benaroya didn't ask so?  
 12 A No, ma'am.  
 13 Q And Judge McCurdy didn't ever indicate to you  
 14 that he did so?  
 15 A No, ma'am.  
 16 Q All right. Now, when Judge McCurdy -- did he  
 17 call it like he did in the courtroom like open the  
 18 case?  
 19 A No, ma'am.  
 20 Q Or any identification of the case or case  
 21 number?  
 22 A No, ma'am.  
 23 Q And did he on the record tell you why you  
 24 were there?  
 25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 A No, ma'am.  
 2 Q It had a desk in it?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q Okay. And when you were in the chambers, the  
 5 only people there were you, Ms. Benaroya and Judge  
 6 McCurdy?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q And was there a court reporter there?  
 9 A No, ma'am.  
 10 Q You know a stenographer like we had in the  
 11 downstairs courtroom?  
 12 A The video camera was going.  
 13 Q The video camera. And did you notice that  
 14 the video camera was on?  
 15 A Yeah, he told me he was going to turn it on.  
 16 Q He told you he was going to turn on the video  
 17 camera and then you could see that some lights if you  
 18 look over to Judge Heard that set of lights, did you  
 19 see that appear?  
 20 A No.  
 21 Q No, okay. But he told you that this was  
 22 going to be on the record because of the video camera,  
 23 right?  
 24 A Yeah.  
 25 Q And you didn't object to that, did you?

1 Q And did you know why you were there?  
 2 A Because I had concerns.  
 3 Q Okay. And you had concerns about your  
 4 lawyer, right?  
 5 A The process, yes.  
 6 Q And whether or not your lawyer's conflict  
 7 free, right?  
 8 A Yes.  
 9 Q Because you understood that concept, right?  
 10 A Yes, yes.  
 11 Q You didn't want a lawyer who's only job was  
 12 to get you to sign the plea agreement, right?  
 13 A Correct.  
 14 Q Because you had concerns as to whether or not  
 15 that lawyer was independently representing you, right?  
 16 A Yes, ma'am.  
 17 Q Or she was representing some other interest?  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q And the interest that you were concerned that  
 20 she might be representing coincided with the interest  
 21 of Mr. Urick?  
 22 A Yes, ma'am.  
 23 Q And the interest of the detectives, right?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q And her freedom, her independence concerned



1 you, correct?  
 2 A No.  
 3 Q Well, when you speak about the words of  
 4 conflict that you were just limited as to really who  
 5 she was representing?  
 6 A No, I'm not. I'm sorry, then yes.  
 7 Q Yes, okay. And so --  
 8 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Now I'm confused.  
 9 Then yes, what?  
 10 MR. WILDS: That she asked me was my only  
 11 concern was who she was representing if -- if my  
 12 question -- if my answer to her question was no.  
 13 THE COURT: And then you're changing your  
 14 answer?  
 15 MR. WILDS: Yes.  
 16 THE COURT: Then you're saying then, yes you  
 17 were concerned about who she was representing?  
 18 MR. WILDS: Yes.  
 19 THE COURT: All right. Very well, your next  
 20 question.  
 21 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 22 Q And when Judge McCurdy indicated that it was  
 23 on the record, did he put anything on the record about  
 24 why you were all there?  
 25 MR. WILDS:

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q Did he ask you questions?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q What kind of questions did he ask you?  
 5 A Was I secured in my -- was I pleased and  
 6 happy with my attorney, did I want to change attorneys.  
 7 He asked me a couple, I think he asked me a couple of  
 8 questions about my rights, but mostly what was going on  
 9 between me and my attorney that I called him.  
 10 Q And did you say to him that you were  
 11 concerned about what interest your attorney was  
 12 representing?  
 13 A I told him -- I told him that I had concerns,  
 14 but they had been laid to rest.  
 15 Q Okay. And so you had an opportunity to  
 16 discuss things with your lawyer before you went into  
 17 Judge McCurdy's chambers?  
 18 A Yes.  
 19 Q Where did that discussion take place?  
 20 A At my home.  
 21 Q At your home?  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q So, prior to the hearing you had an occasion  
 24 to discuss in person with Ms. Benaroya the concerns  
 25 that you had?

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q And did you explain to Judge McCurdy your  
 3 concerns that it might be a conflict for your lawyer to  
 4 represent you?  
 5 A Yes.  
 6 Q And did you ask him any questions during this  
 7 time?  
 8 A I can't recall asking him any.  
 9 Q Okay. Did he ask you any questions to define  
 10 terms, like what do you mean when you say conflict, Mr.  
 11 Wilds, did he ask you any question like that?  
 12 A I believe so.  
 13 Q Okay. And did he ask you -- did you tell him  
 14 then on the record that you had thought that she came  
 15 in just to get you to sign the plea agreement?  
 16 A I believe my words were, things smell fishy.  
 17 Q Things smell fishy. And when you said that  
 18 did he ask you what you meant by the word fishy?  
 19 A I believe so.  
 20 Q Okay. And you explained to him what you  
 21 meant?  
 22 A I believe so.  
 23 Q And what did you tell him?  
 24 A That I hadn't been able to get in touch with  
 25 my lawyer, that the only time I had seen her was the

1 one occasion that she had got me to sign the plea  
 2 agreement and that -- that I had spoken with her this  
 3 morning, that I came to the understanding that she was  
 4 separate from the State, that she was doing this pro  
 5 bono and that -- and then he just asked me, was I  
 6 pleased with my lawyer, if I would want to change.  
 7 THE COURT: And your response to that?  
 8 MR. WILDS: Oh, no. I told him no.  
 9 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 10 Q You told him no, you weren't pleased --  
 11 MR. WILDS:  
 12 A No, no.  
 13 Q Or no you didn't want to change?  
 14 A I didn't feel it was necessary for me to  
 15 change lawyers.  
 16 Q Okay. Let me make sure I'm clear, Mr. Wilds.  
 17 Did Ms. Benaroya pick you up that day --  
 18 A Yes, ma'am.  
 19 Q The same day that you went to -- at your  
 20 home?  
 21 A Yes, ma'am.  
 22 Q And so when she came to pick you up is when  
 23 you had the one and only opportunity to discuss with  
 24 her your concerns?  
 25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q And then you proceeded directly from your  
2 house down here?  
3 A Yes, ma'am.  
4 Q In her car?  
5 A Yes, ma'am.  
6 Q She provided those arrangements?  
7 A Yes, ma'am.  
8 Q And you came here and that's when you saw  
9 Judge McCurdy?  
10 A Yes, ma'am.  
11 Q But prior to that time you had no contact  
12 with her?  
13 A No, ma'am.  
14 Q Okay. Now, when -- you just said something --  
15 - at some point you had concern that she might be  
16 connected with the State?  
17 A Yes, ma'am.  
18 Q What gave rise to your concern?  
19 A With all of the investigations and stuff I  
20 was on edge and anyone who was official that -- my  
21 biggest -- the biggest thing is that I couldn't get in  
22 touch with her, it made me concern that who she was  
23 with and --  
24 Q And you thought maybe she was with the State?  
25 A I wasn't clear on that, that's what I needed

1 to find out.  
2 Q You thought that that might be a possibility?  
3 A Not with the State, but -- I don't want to --  
4 like friends with the State. Not --  
5 Q Friends with the State?  
6 A Yes.  
7 Q And that's because that was a thought that  
8 came into your head?  
9 A Yes.  
10 Q Nobody put that thought in your head, right?  
11 A Correct.  
12 Q Nobody suggested that to you?  
13 A No.  
14 Q But you thought that based on what happened  
15 in your case, right?  
16 A Yes, yes.  
17 Q Because the only interaction that you had  
18 with your lawyer was down here in this courthouse --  
19 A Yes.  
20 Q Right?  
21 A Yes.  
22 Q And the day that you entered your plea was  
23 the first time you met your lawyer?  
24 A Yes, ma'am.  
25 Q And you met your lawyer, physically where

1 were you?  
2 A Here.  
3 Q Here, in this building?  
4 A Or the West Building.  
5 Q In the hallway?  
6 A No, ma'am.  
7 Q You were provided a room, were you not?  
8 A Yes, ma'am.  
9 Q And that room was within a suite of offices  
10 that the State's Attorneys acted from?  
11 A Yes, ma'am.  
12 Q Yes. And that was the only time you had ever  
13 spoke to your lawyer?  
14 A No.  
15 Q Well, on the 7th was the first day -- I'm  
16 just talking about the 7th.  
17 A Oh, yes, yes.  
18 Q You hadn't talked to her before then?  
19 A No.  
20 Q Because you hadn't met her?  
21 A Correct.  
22 Q So the first and only time on the 7th you  
23 spoke to her was when -- in an office that was located  
24 within the State's Attorney's Offices, right?  
25 A Privately, yes.

1 Q Yes. And you -- you had asked Mr. Urick for  
2 assistance in getting this lawyer, right?  
3 A No, ma'am.  
4 Q He just provided the lawyer?  
5 A I was told the day before that I was going to  
6 be charged with criminal papers or --  
7 Q The day before this day?  
8 A Yes.  
9 Q So, that would have been the 6th of  
10 September?  
11 A Yes. I'm sorry.  
12 Q And where were you when you were told that?  
13 A The detectives were at my house.  
14 Q Okay.  
15 A They were telling --  
16 Q And --  
17 A I'm sorry.  
18 Q Okay. And --  
19 A They were telling me -- I'm sorry, go ahead.  
20 Q No, go ahead finish your answer.  
21 A They were telling me that I was going to have  
22 to be brought down and I would have to meet -- there  
23 was like two or three lawyers I was suppose to meet  
24 that were people that do work for free, pro bono stuff.  
25 Q To pick a lawyer?

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q Okay. So, before you came down that day you  
 3 were told by the detectives that you were going to get  
 4 a chance to pick your own lawyer?  
 5 A From -- from a couple of lawyers, not --  
 6 Q Okay. From out of a couple?  
 7 A Yes.  
 8 Q Pick a lawyer out of a couple, right?  
 9 A Yes.  
 10 Q So, that you would be able to select your  
 11 lawyer?  
 12 A Yes.  
 13 Q Okay. And how did you get down to the court  
 14 on the 7th?  
 15 A The detectives.  
 16 Q Okay. So, they picked you up and brought you  
 17 down?  
 18 A Yes.  
 19 Q And were you taken to the State's Attorney's  
 20 Office?  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q Okay. And that was actually in the other  
 23 building, not this building, the Mitchell building?  
 24 A Oh, yes, yes.  
 25 Q Is that right?

1 with her and see if you want her to be your lawyer.  
 2 Q So, you had an opportunity to test her out?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q You could have rejected her?  
 5 A Yes.  
 6 Q And demand to interview another lawyer?  
 7 A I don't know if they had any others arranged  
 8 to be - Q You didn't ask that?  
 9 A Interviewed but it's possible, yes.  
 10 Q It's possible you asked them?  
 11 A No, it's possible that they could have had  
 12 more arranged to be interviewed.  
 13 Q Oh, you didn't ask that question?  
 14 A No, ma'am.  
 15 Q So, you never found out?  
 16 A No, ma'am.  
 17 Q And they really volunteered to you that they  
 18 might have other lawyers there from whom you could  
 19 pick?  
 20 A No, ma'am.  
 21 Q Okay. Were you ever given a piece of paper  
 22 that referred you to a building across the street, the  
 23 Public Defender's office?  
 24 A No, ma'am. I had attempted to call the  
 25 Public Defender's office.

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q And when you were brought there were you  
 3 introduced to a couple of a lawyers?  
 4 A No.  
 5 Q Were you allowed to interview some lawyers?  
 6 A They introduced me to Ms. Benaroya.  
 7 Q To Ms. Benaroya. Who is the they that  
 8 introduced you?  
 9 A The State.  
 10 Q The State meaning Mr. Urick?  
 11 A Yes.  
 12 Q He just --  
 13 A That was the first time I had met Mr. Urick,  
 14 too.  
 15 Q Okay. First he introduced himself?  
 16 A No, actually first he introduced Ms. Murphy  
 17 and then himself.  
 18 Q Okay. And then he introduced you to your  
 19 lawyer?  
 20 A He told me that this is Ms. Benaroya, he  
 21 didn't tell me it was my lawyer.  
 22 Q And did you soon find out she was the lawyer?  
 23 A I selected her, they didn't -- it wasn't  
 24 forced on me. It wasn't like they said, this is your  
 25 lawyer. They asked me, they said well, you can meet

1 Q You had on your own?  
 2 A Yes.  
 3 Q Okay. But not through Mr. Urick?  
 4 A No, ma'am.  
 5 Q And not through Ms. Murphy?  
 6 A No, ma'am.  
 7 Q And not through Detective McGilvary?  
 8 A No, ma'am.  
 9 Q Or Detective Ritz?  
 10 A No, ma'am.  
 11 Q Okay. And so you get down there and he  
 12 introduces you to Ms. Benaroya. He told you to sort of  
 13 go interview her and see if she was okay?  
 14 A Yes, ma'am.  
 15 Q Okay. I mean is that the essence of what he  
 16 said?  
 17 A He just told me to go talk with her.  
 18 Q Okay. Now before you walked down there you  
 19 hadn't negotiated a plea agreement with the detectives,  
 20 had you?  
 21 A No, ma'am.  
 22 Q Before they came -- they came to your house  
 23 the night before, right or the day before?  
 24 A The evening, yes.  
 25 Q And they told you, you were going to be



1 charged, right?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q That was the first time that you knew that  
 4 you were going to be charged?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q And did they tell you what you were going to  
 7 be charged with?  
 8 A No, ma'am.  
 9 Q And did they suggest to you that you might  
 10 appear in front of a Judge the next day when you were  
 11 charged?  
 12 A I asked them, was I going to be arrested?  
 13 Q And they answered you?  
 14 A I have to go to criminal booking.  
 15 Q You had to go to booking to get your photo  
 16 taken and your fingerprints and stuff?  
 17 A No.  
 18 Q And that didn't happen?  
 19 A No.  
 20 Q You didn't have to get your fingerprints?  
 21 A They didn't say I had to go to booking. They  
 22 said I had to go to some place called criminal booking.  
 23 Q Okay. And --  
 24 A It's like a --  
 25 Q Did you get your photograph taken?

1 THE COURT: One moment. It's like a what?  
 2 MR. WILDS: They explained to me it was like  
 3 a document place or something where I had to sign  
 4 papers to say I was being formally charged.  
 5 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 6 Q And did you -- were you taken to such a  
 7 place?  
 8 MR. WILDS:  
 9 A Yes.  
 10 Q And where is that located?  
 11 A I believe it was in the homicide office.  
 12 Q Down the same place where you gave your  
 13 earlier interviews?  
 14 A Yeah.  
 15 Q The same building?  
 16 A Yes.  
 17 Q Okay. And that's where you received your  
 18 charge papers?  
 19 A Yes.  
 20 Q And you didn't have the lawyer then?  
 21 A No.  
 22 Q And Ms. Benaroya wasn't there?  
 23 A No.  
 24 Q And no other lawyer was presented to you  
 25 then?

1 A No.  
 2 Q Okay. And from there you were taken up to  
 3 the Clarence Mitchell Courthouse?  
 4 A Yes.  
 5 Q And when you met Ms. Benaroya who escorted  
 6 you to the room in which you spoke with her?  
 7 A I believe Mr. Urick.  
 8 Q Mr. Urick. And did Mr. Urick say anything  
 9 about Ms. Benaroya?  
 10 A He said that this a very good attorney that  
 11 does pro bono work.  
 12 Q Who does pro bono work, that's how he  
 13 announced her to you as if she were a lawyer who -- she  
 14 didn't have to charge fees, did you understand that?  
 15 A To my understanding I would not be charged,  
 16 to my understanding, yes.  
 17 Q And that's what you understood him when he  
 18 used the term pro bono?  
 19 A Yes.  
 20 Q Meaning that you were not going to get  
 21 charged for her services?  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q Is that right?  
 24 A Yes.  
 25 Q And that's how she was presented to you?

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q As a free lawyer?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q It wasn't going to cost you a thing?  
 5 A Yes.  
 6 Q Had you had prior to that any discussions  
 7 with Mr. Urick about the cost of lawyers?  
 8 A I hadn't talked to Mr. Urick before that.  
 9 Q Okay. And you hadn't met him?  
 10 A Never.  
 11 Q Or with Ms. Murphy?  
 12 A I may have received a phone call from her but  
 13 that was it.  
 14 Q Okay. But not -- in that phone call had you  
 15 had any discussions with her, you didn't have any money  
 16 to hire a lawyer in case you needed one?  
 17 A No.  
 18 Q Okay. And had you had any discussions other  
 19 then that first time on February 28th when you had the  
 20 discussion when you asked Detectives McGilvary and Ritz  
 21 to turn off the tape so you could ask them how to get a  
 22 lawyer. Did you have any other discussions with them  
 23 after that time?  
 24 A No, ma'am.  
 25 Q Up until the night before?

1 A No, ma'am.  
 2 Q And when you spoke to the detectives the  
 3 night before and they advised you that you were going  
 4 to get arrested and processed the next day did you ask  
 5 them to get you a lawyer?  
 6 A No, ma'am.  
 7 Q Did you discuss your financial circumstances  
 8 in any way?  
 9 A No, ma'am.  
 10 Q Did you ever make any statement to them, guys  
 11 I think I need a lawyer?  
 12 A No, ma'am.  
 13 Q And did you tell them, since you thought you  
 14 needed a lawyer, you did not get one because you  
 15 couldn't afford one?  
 16 MR. URICK: Objection.  
 17 THE COURT: You can answer that. Did you say  
 18 that to them?  
 19 MR. WILDS: No.  
 20 THE COURT: Okay. Very well.  
 21 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 22 Q Now, when Mr. Urick said this is a pro bono  
 23 lawyer, a pretty good lawyer who does pro bono cases,  
 24 is that right?  
 25 MR. WILDS:

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q You understood her to be somebody you could  
 3 choose to take or not to take?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q Okay. So before you went in a room with her  
 6 by yourself you understood you had a decision to make?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q Okay. You hadn't met her before, had you?  
 9 A No, ma'am.  
 10 Q You hadn't been told anything else about her?  
 11 A No, ma'am.  
 12 Q And you knew no other information about her,  
 13 did you?  
 14 A No, ma'am.  
 15 Q And didn't know how long she had been a  
 16 lawyer?  
 17 A No, ma'am.  
 18 Q Or what her previous jobs, if any had been?  
 19 A Not at that time, no.  
 20 Q Or what her experience had been?  
 21 A No, ma'am.  
 22 Q All right. And did you have any information  
 23 as to how Mr. Urick knew her?  
 24 A No, ma'am.  
 25 Q Or anyone else?

1 A No, ma'am.  
 2 Q Or what kind of cases she had been pro bono  
 3 on?  
 4 A Until we spoke, no.  
 5 Q No. And so you went in the room and you  
 6 spoke to her, correct?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q And then ultimately you made a decision that  
 9 she was okay to be your lawyer?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q Did you have any discussion with her  
 12 concerning payment?  
 13 A No, ma'am.  
 14 Q Did you have any discussion with her to  
 15 ensure that because she had been introduced to you as a  
 16 pro bono lawyer that she wasn't going to charge you a  
 17 fee?  
 18 MR. URICK: Objection.  
 19 MR. WILDS: Is that part of what me and her  
 20 talked about?  
 21 THE COURT: Yes.  
 22 MR. WILDS: I don't choose to answer that  
 23 question.  
 24 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 25 Q You don't choose to answer the question about

1 whether or not you had any discussion about fee?  
 2 MR. WILDS:  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q Okay. Did you pay her a fee?  
 5 A No.  
 6 Q No. You never paid her a fee?  
 7 A No, ma'am.  
 8 Q And at any time after the time that Mr. Urick  
 9 introduced her to you, did he have any further  
 10 discussions with you about her?  
 11 A No, ma'am.  
 12 Q And did you obtain information from any other  
 13 source about her in regard to making your decision as  
 14 to whether or not to accept her?  
 15 A No, ma'am.  
 16 Q How long did you discuss things with her?  
 17 THE COURT: You don't have to answer that.  
 18 Now, that -- the length that you consulted with your  
 19 attorney is privileged because the time although it's  
 20 not necessarily indicative of a privilege --  
 21 MR. WILDS: It's leading.  
 22 THE COURT: Right. So, it's up to you  
 23 whether you answer.  
 24 MR. WILDS: I choose not to answer that  
 25 question.

1 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 2 Q Okay. How long were you in the courthouse on  
 3 that day from the time you arrived to the time you  
 4 left?  
 5 MR. WILDS:  
 6 A Probably about three and a half, four hours  
 7 altogether.  
 8 Q Okay. And that time included going to Mr.  
 9 Urick's office?  
 10 A Yes.  
 11 Q And that included whatever time it may have  
 12 been that you discussed things with your lawyer?  
 13 A Yes, ma'am.  
 14 Q And it also included going to Judge McCurdy?  
 15 A I do not believe so.  
 16 Q Well Mr. Wilds, you recall that you entered  
 17 your plea on 7th of --  
 18 A Yes, we went directly downstairs, yes, I'm  
 19 sorry.  
 20 Q Okay. Right downstairs on the fourth floor?  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q And that was in fact, the same day that you  
 23 met your lawyer, right?  
 24 A Yes, ma'am.  
 25 Q The very same day we're talking about when

1 you first met Mr. Urick, right?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q And the same day that you decided --  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q In that room to accept Ms. Benaroya as your  
 6 lawyer, right?  
 7 A Correct.  
 8 Q Okay. All of that was included in that --  
 9 did you say three and a half to four hours?  
 10 A Yes.  
 11 Q Okay. All of those things took place within  
 12 that time?  
 13 A Excluding the courtroom.  
 14 Q Excluding the courtroom?  
 15 A Yes.  
 16 Q And how long did the courtroom take?  
 17 A It wasn't very long, there wasn't anyone in  
 18 there.  
 19 Q Okay. So, that wouldn't have added much  
 20 time?  
 21 A No, ma'am.  
 22 Q All right. Now, at some point you made a  
 23 decision that day while you were in a room with Ms.  
 24 Benaroya --  
 25 A Yes.

1 Q To accept her?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q And did the fact that she was not -- at some  
 4 point whether or not you had a discussion with her, did  
 5 you understand that the fact that you had been told she  
 6 does pro bono work that that was going to cover you?  
 7 A I'm not understanding.  
 8 Q You were told that she was -- she's a lawyer  
 9 who handles pro bono cases, right?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q Now, I'm not asking if you asked her about  
 12 it, but did there come a point when you understood that  
 13 if she was going to represent you, that it was going to  
 14 be pro bono?  
 15 A Yes, ma'am.  
 16 Q Okay. And you arrived at that decision on  
 17 your own or from other information?  
 18 A Together with other information.  
 19 Q Okay. And did you run that by Mr. Urick?  
 20 A There was no need.  
 21 Q And did you run it by Ms. Murphy?  
 22 A Oh, that I had chosen her?  
 23 Q No, the issue about -- that led you to  
 24 believe that she was going to be pro bono.  
 25 A No.

1 Q And you understood then that you weren't in  
 2 her office?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q And you've never been to her office, have  
 5 you?  
 6 A No, ma'am.  
 7 Q You don't even know where it is?  
 8 A Rockville, Montgomery Airport.  
 9 Q Montgomery Airport?  
 10 A It's a --  
 11 Q In Montgomery County.  
 12 A Montgomery County. Near --  
 13 Q Several counties over?  
 14 A Near the airfield, yes.  
 15 Q Okay. But you've never physically been  
 16 there?  
 17 A No, ma'am.  
 18 Q Okay. And at any point that day did you seek  
 19 -- did you understand that she handled all of her cases  
 20 pro bono?  
 21 A That was not to my understanding that that  
 22 was not her practice, no.  
 23 Q That was not?  
 24 A Yes.  
 25 Q So, it was something specific to you?



1 A Yes.  
 2 Q Okay. The pro bono part?  
 3 A I don't know specific to me, but she had  
 4 chosen me for some reason.  
 5 Q She chose you?  
 6 A No, he had chosen me for some reason, that  
 7 this was something pro bono.  
 8 Q This was something?  
 9 A That could be taken pro bono.  
 10 Q Oh, okay. So -- and you didn't know why?  
 11 A I don't know what her -- yes.  
 12 Q But as she was presented to you, you clearly  
 13 understood that if you accepted her she was not going  
 14 to cost you any money?  
 15 A Yes.  
 16 Q And on September 7th Mr. Wilds, were you in a  
 17 position to -- and I mean no disrespect by this, to  
 18 afford an attorney?  
 19 A No, ma'am.  
 20 THE COURT: You don't --  
 21 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 22 Q Had anybody inquired of you as to your  
 23 ability to afford an attorney?  
 24 MR. WILDS:  
 25 A No, ma'am.

1 Q Did you know what the Public Defender's  
 2 office was?  
 3 A Yes, ma'am.  
 4 Q That's why you had called them, right?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q And were you aware that lawyers generally  
 7 cost money?  
 8 A Yes, ma'am.  
 9 Q That they charge you for their services?  
 10 A Yes, ma'am.  
 11 Q On September 7th, would you have been able to  
 12 hire a lawyer?  
 13 A I don't know.  
 14 Q And whether or not anybody had asked you  
 15 about it, had you made it known --  
 16 A No, ma'am.  
 17 Q To anyone --  
 18 A No, ma'am.  
 19 Q That maybe you might not?  
 20 A No, ma'am.  
 21 Q Or that you needed help?  
 22 A No, ma'am.  
 23 Q Okay. But you clearly understood that for a  
 24 reason that you may not have know that Ms. Benaroya was  
 25 willing to represent you at no charge to you?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q And you understood that clearly enough that  
 3 you didn't have to even discuss it with her?  
 4 THE COURT: That's one of those questions.  
 5 MR. WILDS: I choose not to answer that  
 6 question.  
 7 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 8 Q And you didn't discuss that issue with  
 9 anybody else?  
 10 MR. WILDS:  
 11 A No, ma'am.  
 12 Q Okay. And did you ever understand Mr. Wilds,  
 13 why it was Ms. Benaroya out of thousands of lawyers in  
 14 the area?  
 15 A I'm not understanding.  
 16 Q Well, you understood before that day that  
 17 perhaps that would be several lawyers there that you  
 18 could essentially pick from, is that right?  
 19 A Yes, ma'am. Not several, but --  
 20 Q But some?  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q More then one?  
 23 A Yes, ma'am.  
 24 Q Right? That it would be up to you to pick  
 25 your lawyer?

1 A Yes, ma'am.  
 2 Q And when you made that understanding did you  
 3 also understand that any lawyer that would be presented  
 4 to you would not be a Public Defender?  
 5 A That was my own understanding.  
 6 Q That was your own understanding?  
 7 A That's the way I took it.  
 8 Q Because you knew what a Public Defender was?  
 9 A Yes.  
 10 Q And you had already tried to contact them,  
 11 right?  
 12 A Yes, ma'am.  
 13 Q And did you understand that any lawyer that  
 14 you were presented with -- this is any time before the  
 15 7th, that that lawyer would be available to you free?  
 16 A Any time before the 7th?  
 17 Q On the 6th after you were told you were going  
 18 to be charged and you discussed a lawyer.  
 19 A Did I know that it was going to be pro bono?  
 20 Q Yes.  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q Is that something that you were told or that  
 23 you assumed?  
 24 A I was told that, but not prior to the 7th.  
 25 Q On the 7th you were told that?

1 A Yes.  
 2 Q Okay. And who were you told that by?  
 3 A Mr. Urick.  
 4 Q Okay. And when you were told that you  
 5 believed that, did you not?  
 6 A That she wouldn't charge me?  
 7 Q Yes.  
 8 A Yes, ma'am.  
 9 Q Okay. Now you never questioned the accuracy  
 10 of what Mr. Urick said, did you?  
 11 A No, ma'am.  
 12 Q And would it be a fair statement Mr. Wilds,  
 13 that the fact that a lawyer was free was important to  
 14 you?  
 15 A No, ma'am.  
 16 Q Would it have made a difference in trying to  
 17 decide about Ms. Benaroya if you had known that she  
 18 might charge you?  
 19 A I truly don't know.  
 20 Q Okay. It might have?  
 21 A Possibly.  
 22 Q Because you had called the Public Defender  
 23 concerned out of the same concerns that led you to call  
 24 Judge McCurdy?  
 25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q Is that right?  
 2 A Yes, ma'am.  
 3 Q Because you were concerned about whether this  
 4 lawyer had just been brought in --  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q To sign the plea agreement?  
 7 A Yes, ma'am.  
 8 Q Right?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q And so when you called the Public Defender's  
 11 you were concerned about wanting to be represented by  
 12 the lawyer?  
 13 A Yes, ma'am.  
 14 Q Now, did all of this come up in chambers in  
 15 front of Judge McCurdy?  
 16 A All of what?  
 17 Q The things that I've been asking you.  
 18 A No.  
 19 Q And at the time that you were in Judge  
 20 McCurdy's chambers, did the origin of your lawyer, Ms.  
 21 Benaroya come up?  
 22 A I believe so.  
 23 Q How she had been gotten?  
 24 A I believe so.  
 25 Q Did she explain to Judge McCurdy how she got

1 in there?  
 2 A I believe so.  
 3 Q And what did she say?  
 4 THE COURT: Okay. Now --  
 5 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, I would object.  
 6 That's not a privileged communication.  
 7 THE COURT: Well, can I just let the witness  
 8 -- he's looking at me because he wants to know if this  
 9 is one of those questions and I'm going to tell him  
 10 that it's not one of those questions but I'm going to  
 11 explain to him why so that he doesn't respond and then  
 12 implicate one of those questions.  
 13 MS. GUTIERREZ: I apologize.  
 14 THE COURT: What she would like to know is if  
 15 Ms. Benaroya told the Judge how she got involved in the  
 16 case.  
 17 MR. WILDS: Yes, I'm sorry.  
 18 THE COURT: Okay. And you can answer that,  
 19 but you don't have to say anything that you and her or  
 20 you and she discussed about her representing you.  
 21 MR. WILDS: Okay.  
 22 THE COURT: Regardless of how she got  
 23 involved, any discussions you had about her continuing  
 24 representing you, why she wanted to represent you or  
 25 anything that you and she discussed.

1 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.  
 2 THE COURT: Because I don't know what she  
 3 told Judge McCurdy.  
 4 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.  
 5 THE COURT: Okay. So, if it involves a  
 6 discussion with you then that would be privileged.  
 7 MR. WILDS: Okay.  
 8 THE COURT: If it doesn't involve you then it  
 9 would not be. Do you understand my point to you?  
 10 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.  
 11 THE COURT: Very well.  
 12 MR. WILDS: You'd like to know how she  
 13 explained herself being involved to Mr. McCurdy?  
 14 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 15 Q Yes.  
 16 MR. WILDS:  
 17 A She had told Ms. McCurdy that she had been  
 18 contacted by the State, that there was a --  
 19 Q Mr. Urick?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 Q Okay.  
 22 A That there was a gentleman that had needed  
 23 some help, speaking off myself and she came in and took  
 24 a look at my case.  
 25 Q Did you either as a result of that when you

1 were with Judge McCurdy or your earlier meeting on the  
2 7th understand what her relationship was, if any with  
3 Mr. Urick?

4 A Not more then professional.

5 Q And did you ever discover either during your  
6 meeting with Judge McCurdy (inaudible) or in the  
7 meeting on the 7th or anytime in-between from any  
8 source did you get any information on Ms. Benaroya's  
9 professional background?

10 A From other then her?

11 Q From anyone?

12 A Yes, I did.

13 Q Okay. And what source was that?

14 A Ms. Benaroya.

15 Q Ms. Benaroya, herself?

16 A Yes, ma'am.

17 Q And she told you those things on the 7th?

18 A No, ma'am.

19 Q And did she tell you those things in front of  
20 Judge McCurdy?

21 A No, ma'am.

22 Q On the same day?

23 A Yes, ma'am.

24 Q But before you got to Judge McCurdy?

25 A No, ma'am.

1 Q Afterwards?

2 A Yes, ma'am.

3 Q Now, when you were in front of Judge McCurdy,  
4 did you speak to Judge McCurdy about withdrawing the  
5 plea that you had entered in front of him?

6 A I don't believe so.

7 Q Did he speak to you about it?

8 A I don't believe so.

9 Q And did your lawyer bring it up?

10 A I don't believe so.

11 Q Did Judge McCurdy ever ask yo if you wanted  
12 to withdraw the plea?

13 A Yes, ma'am.

14 Q Now, Judge Heard asked you earlier, were you  
15 aware -- I don't quite remember the question, but  
16 essentially were you aware that the State's attorney  
17 knew you were there?

18 A I was not.

19 Q You were not aware of that?

20 A No, ma'am.

21 Q And in-between the time you entered the plea  
22 on the 7th and this day, whatever day it was, it wasn't  
23 too much longer after, was it?

24 A About two weeks.

25 Q About two weeks later. In-between that time

1 frame did you have any further contact with Mr. Urick?

2 A No, ma'am.

3 Q And any further contact with Detective  
4 McGilvary?

5 A No, ma'am.

6 Q And any further contact with Detective Ritz?

7 A No, ma'am.

8 Q And any further contact with Mr. Urick?

9 A No, ma'am.

10 Q You knew then that the trial in this matter  
11 was set to start on October 13th?

12 A Yes, ma'am.

13 Q Is that right?

14 A Yes, ma'am.

15 Q Just about six weeks after your plea?

16 A Excuse me, yes ma'am.

17 Q And you were aware at least as of the date  
18 you entered into the plea on the 7th that you were  
19 going to have to testify at this trial on that trial  
20 date if it went forward then, right?

21 A Yes, ma'am.

22 Q But you had no contact in regard to  
23 preparation for your testimony?

24 A No, ma'am.

25 Q And no phone calls?

1 A No, ma'am.

2 Q And no inquiries?

3 A No, ma'am.

4 Q Is there any reason given that you've been  
5 introduced to your lawyer and you understood then that  
6 the State that you insisted in your getting a lawyer,  
7 why you didn't call them when you couldn't reach your  
8 lawyer?

9 A Pardon me.

10 Q Why you didn't call them when you couldn't  
11 reach your lawyer?

12 A I did.

13 Q You did?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And so at the same -- was that concurrent  
16 with your effort to get a hold of Judge McCurdy?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. So you were trying to get anyone to  
19 get a hold of your lawyer, right?

20 A Basically.

21 Q And because you knew she came from the State  
22 you called them?

23 A That's where I had met her.

24 Q Okay.

25 A I figured they would at least have her



1 number.  
 2 Q And besides which at the time you were  
 3 suspicious about her connection with them, right?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q You thought she really might be one of them?  
 6 A Not quite?  
 7 Q Not quite but close?  
 8 A Yes.  
 9 Q Somebody working for them?  
 10 A Yes.  
 11 Q Somebody who might have their interest in  
 12 their heart more than they had your's?  
 13 A Yes.  
 14 Q But because you had met her there and you had  
 15 gotten her through there you called them?  
 16 A Yes.  
 17 Q When you problems reaching her?  
 18 A Yes.  
 19 Q And did you tell them what those problems  
 20 were?  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q And did you tell them what your suspicions  
 23 were?  
 24 A No.  
 25 Q No. Just that you really needed to see your

1 lawyer.  
 2 A Yes.  
 3 Q You kept your suspicions about what you  
 4 thought might be a conflict to yourself?  
 5 A Yes, ma'am.  
 6 Q And Mr. Wilds, with whom did you speak?  
 7 A Ms. Murphy.  
 8 Q And was that over the telephone?  
 9 A Yes, ma'am.  
 10 Q All right. And was that one time or more  
 11 then once?  
 12 A Just once.  
 13 Q Just once. And did you ask Ms. Murphy to do  
 14 anything?  
 15 A No. She just kept asking me, was I in any  
 16 kind of trouble, was I okay, is anything wrong and I  
 17 just asked her for Ms. Benaroya's number. She told me  
 18 she couldn't find it and she would either call me back  
 19 with it or leave a message on her box to call me.  
 20 Q Your box meaning your message center?  
 21 A Yes.  
 22 Q Is that voice mail?  
 23 A Ms. Benaroya's message center.  
 24 Q Oh, on Ms. -- that she would try to reach Ms.  
 25 Benaroya first --

1 A She would try to reach me first and if she  
 2 didn't get it --  
 3 Q For you, is that right?  
 4 A Yes, ma'am.  
 5 Q Now, did you ask her to do that?  
 6 A Yes.  
 7 Q Did you make clear that you wanted to speak  
 8 to your lawyer?  
 9 A Yes.  
 10 Q And did you indicate to her though I know  
 11 you've told she could tell exactly what your concerns  
 12 were, that you wanted to do so because there was a  
 13 problem?  
 14 A No.  
 15 Q Okay. Just that you really needed to speak  
 16 to your lawyer, is that right?  
 17 A Yes.  
 18 Q And you had already made an attempt to reach  
 19 Ms. Benaroya?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 Q That had not been successful?  
 22 A Yes.  
 23 Q And did you tell Ms. Murphy that?  
 24 A Yes.  
 25 Q And did you ask her to do anything else?

1 A No.  
 2 Q At that time did you prepare in anyway for  
 3 your testimony in the upcoming trial?  
 4 A No, ma'am.  
 5 Q Did you set a date to prepare?  
 6 A No, ma'am.  
 7 Q No. And did you speak to Ms. Murphy or see  
 8 Ms. Murphy at any time after your phone call up until  
 9 the date that you came down when Ms. Benaroya brought  
 10 you down to speak to Judge McCurdy?  
 11 A No, ma'am.  
 12 Q Did you speak to Mr. Urick?  
 13 A No, ma'am.  
 14 Q Or anybody --  
 15 A No, ma'am.  
 16 Q Else, somebody else from the police  
 17 department, either of the detectives?  
 18 A No, ma'am.  
 19 Q Or anybody they sent?  
 20 A No, ma'am.  
 21 Q Now, when you're in front of Judge McCurdy he  
 22 never asked you if you wanted to withdraw the plea,  
 23 right?  
 24 A I believe he did ask me.  
 25 Q Oh, he did ask you that?

1 A He never asked me any -- you were asking  
2 conditions of it or something.

3 Q Oh, okay. So, he never went back into what  
4 was the plea, right?

5 A No.

6 Q But he asked you at some point, did you want  
7 to withdraw the plea?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And when he did that Ms. Benaroya, this  
10 lawyer rather mute at questions was sitting right  
11 there?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did he ever ask if you wanted Ms. Benaroya to  
14 go out of the room?

15 A No.

16 Q And did he ever ask if you wanted him to  
17 appoint another lawyer?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And did any other lawyer ever come in?

20 A No.

21 Q And did Ms. Benaroya ever leave the  
22 proceeding?

23 A He sent one of us out. I can't remember  
24 whether it was I that left or Ms. Benaroya that left,  
25 but one of us had to leave for a moment.

1 Q It could have been either of you?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. And something happened -- you don't  
4 remember what it was, right?

5 A I felt it was insignificant. It didn't --

6 Q Okay. And you don't remember what happened  
7 if you were in the room?

8 A Yes.

9 Q So, it wasn't -- it would be more likely that  
10 you were the person that left then, would it not?

11 A Yes.

12 Q As opposed to Ms. Benaroya?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And however long you were out of the room it  
15 was in your mind an insignificant period of time?

16 A Yes, ma'am.

17 Q And then you were called right back in?

18 A Yes, ma'am.

19 Q Okay. And during that time where were you?

20 A There's a -- in the clerk's room, I think the  
21 clerk's office. Is that --

22 Q That attached to his office?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. And you couldn't see or hear what was  
25 going on there?

1 A I believe the door was still open, but I  
2 wasn't concerned.

3 Q Okay. And when the Judge may have asked you  
4 to leave you just left?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. And you waited to be called back in?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And did the Judge have an inquiry about why  
9 you were concerned that your lawyer might have a  
10 conflict?

11 A An inquiry? Did he ask me any questions?

12 Q Well, did he ask you any questions?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And what did he ask you?

15 A Just about that and I did more explaining to  
16 him. I explained to him that me and Ms. Benaroya had  
17 just not been in touch, basically where the -- what do  
18 call it, differences came about.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Wilds, while Ms. Gutierrez is  
20 --

21 and was the tape recording that was going on -- was  
22 that still going on at that time?

23 MR. WILDS: He turned that on as soon as we  
24 went in.

25 THE COURT: I'm sorry.

1 MR. WILDS: We went in, he said I'm going to  
2 put this on video or whatever, he turned the machine on  
3 and he sat down.

4 THE COURT: Turned it on and left it on?

5 MR. WILDS: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Very well.

7 BY Ms. GUTIERREZ:

8 Q Just, Mr. Wilds, how long did this all take?

9 MR. WILDS:

10 A In Mr. McCurdy's office?

11 Q Yeah, the day in Judge McCurdy's office.

12 A Maybe about fifteen, twenty minutes  
13 altogether, it wasn't very long.

14 Q And did that include the time that you were  
15 waiting in the -- his clerk's office?

16 A The intermission?

17 Q Yes.

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. And -- I think I'm done.

20 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Gutierrez. Does  
21 the State have any questions?

22 MR. URICK: Just a few.

23 CROSS EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. URICK:

25 Q When did you try to contact the Public

1 Defender's office?  
 2 MR. WILDS:  
 3 A Somewhere in the middle of the investigation?  
 4 Q What happened when you tried to contact them?  
 5 A They told me I wasn't charged with anything  
 6 so I couldn't get an attorney.  
 7 Q Did you come to be satisfied that Ms.  
 8 Benaroya is representing your interest?  
 9 A Pardon me.  
 10 Q Are you satisfied that Ms. Benaroya is  
 11 representing your interest?  
 12 A Very.  
 13 MS. GUTIERREZ: Objection.  
 14 THE COURT: Overruled.  
 15 MR. WILDS: Very.  
 16 MR. URICK: Nothing further.  
 17 THE COURT: Did you ever convey that to Judge  
 18 McCurdy?  
 19 MR. WILDS: Yes. To the utmost. That was  
 20 one of the -- that was he was the biggest question he  
 21 asked me, was I happy with my lawyer.  
 22 THE COURT: Very well. All right. Any other  
 23 questions on this point?  
 24 BY MS. GUTIERREZ:  
 25 Q Did you just use the word happy?

1 MR. WILDS:  
 2 A Yes.  
 3 Q Is that what he asked you?  
 4 A Pleased, satisfied.  
 5 Q Satisfied?  
 6 A Yes.  
 7 Q And did he use any other term?  
 8 A None that --  
 9 Q Did he ask you to explain what you understood  
 10 as to his words? The words pleased, satisfied, happy,  
 11 whatever word he used.  
 12 A No. He asked me just that I understand him,  
 13 he asked me did I understand what he was saying. He  
 14 didn't pertain --  
 15 Q When he used those terms.  
 16 A Pleased, satisfied, he didn't ask me to  
 17 define them for him, no.  
 18 Q And were those words that meant happy with  
 19 your lawyer?  
 20 A Yes.  
 21 Q Did Judge McCurdy ever ask your lawyer that  
 22 day if she had just come in to get you to sign the plea  
 23 agreement?  
 24 A No.  
 25 Q And did he ever inquire of her any of the

1 circumstances in which she came to be the person there  
 2 that day offered to represent you?  
 3 A Yes.  
 4 Q She did. And did she explain how that  
 5 happened?  
 6 A Yes.  
 7 Q She answered his questions?  
 8 A Yes, he was speaking to her, she answers.  
 9 Q What did she say about how she came to  
 10 represent you?  
 11 A That she did pro bono work. That --  
 12 Q I'm sorry. I can't hear you.  
 13 A She explained to Mr. McCurdy that she did pro  
 14 bono -- that she does pro bono work and that she found  
 15 a case where she felt there was a need where someone  
 16 needed help.  
 17 Q So her explanation was (inaudible).  
 18 MR. URICK: Objection.  
 19 THE COURT: Overruled. Well, the answer is  
 20 sustained, the question is sustained.  
 21 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'll try to rephrase it.  
 22 THE COURT: The answer is going to remain in,  
 23 the objection is overruled. Do you have another  
 24 question?  
 25 MS. GUTIERREZ: I don't think so.

1 THE COURT: All right. Very well. And Mr.  
 2 Wilds, let me direct you that we need you to return on  
 3 Monday. The Deputy Sheriff has told you where it is  
 4 that you are to wait. You know where that location is,  
 5 correct? That's a yes?  
 6 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.  
 7 THE COURT: All right. And I need you to be  
 8 there tomorrow, I mean, sorry, Monday at 9:30.  
 9 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.  
 10 THE COURT: All right. And just wait and  
 11 that's the location that we're going to have you sit  
 12 and wait and when we're ready for you we'll come and  
 13 get you.  
 14 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.  
 15 THE COURT: Now, I must admonish you not to  
 16 have any contact with any of my witnesses.  
 17 MR. WILDS: I apologize. I'm sorry.  
 18 THE COURT: Witness, any of the attorneys  
 19 because you're still on the witness stand which means  
 20 you can't talk to Mr. Urick, you can't talk to Ms.  
 21 Murphy, you can't talk to Ms. Gutierrez or any of her  
 22 staff, you can't talk to the jurors.  
 23 MR. WILDS: I can't talk to my lawyer about  
 24 any details of the case.  
 25 THE COURT: Correct. Unless you first ask



1 me, right?

2 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

3 THE COURT: And then I'll let you know if you  
4 can talk to her.

5 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

6 THE COURT: But if you wish to speak to her I  
7 need you to let me know right away, okay?

8 MR. WILDS: Okay.

9 THE COURT: If you decide you need to talk to  
10 her you have my card, correct?

11 MR. WILDS: No, ma'am.

12 THE COURT: Did I give it to you? Mc.  
13 Connelly, do you have my card here? No. I'd like you  
14 to go to that spot where we want you to wait and my law  
15 clerk is going to come and give you my card.

16 MR. WILDS: Okay.

17 THE COURT: And if you need to speak to your  
18 lawyer I want you to give the chambers a call, okay.

19 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

20 THE COURT: Now, for the record Counsel, I  
21 have been in contact with Mr. Wild's lawyer at your  
22 request and she is available. She's maintaining  
23 contact with the chambers which means that when you  
24 need her to come in she will come in. I can have her  
25 available on Monday afternoon if you would like. Think

1 about it, let me know and I will --

2 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, I guess my request  
3 would be that I believe (inaudible) --

4 THE COURT: We don't need to do it -- right.  
5 But I'm just letting you -- I'm just giving you a heads  
6 up because Mr. Wilds has indicated that he may want to  
7 talk to her, but if you do let me know first, okay?

8 You may have a good weekend, I'll see you back on  
9 Monday at 9:30.

10 MR. WILDS: Yes, ma'am.

11 THE COURT: Very well. And if the Deputy  
12 Sheriff would walk Mr. Wilds around to that area so  
13 that we can make sure that there's no one there and  
14 then you're free to go, Mr. Wilds. Have a pleasant  
15 weekend. Okay. Mr. Wilds is gone. Mr. Urick, I see  
16 you're on your feet. Do you have an issue or a motion?

17 MR. URICK: Yes. I want to renew my motion  
18 in limine at this time, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Which motion in limine is that?

20 MR. URICK: Under Jeffrey Ebb v. State of  
21 Maryland that the Defense not be allowed to pursue  
22 these matters, that they are the subject of this voir  
23 dire without this witness any further. I would point  
24 out that under Ebb the Court noted the Judge must  
25 engage in a balance giving wide latitude to cross exam

1 for bias, but not permitting the questioning to stray  
2 into collateral matters. In order to show bias or  
3 motive to adfabricate the cross examination must focus  
4 on the witness state of mind.

5 It is clear from what Mr. Wilds was saying that he  
6 is here pushing his interests, he's no conscious of any  
7 interest of the State that he's questioned, he's  
8 satisfied that it's his interests that are being  
9 represented, that that's what he's doing. To permit  
10 this sort of examination of this witness before the  
11 jury would be to go into a collateral matter not  
12 related to Mr. Wild's state of mind, but would be in an  
13 attempt to attack the State which is a collateral  
14 issue. For that reason I would request a motion in  
15 limine that this line of examination not be conducted  
16 in front of a jury.

17 THE COURT: Very well. Ms. Gutierrez.

18 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well Judge, frankly I haven't  
19 really read but the first page of that because we  
20 nearly got to that issue this morning. I'm a little  
21 familiar with Ebb and I think it's totally in opposite.  
22 It relates to the ability to cross witnesses on things  
23 that may deal with this, but in any event Judge, I  
24 thought we we're different place. I know I'm slow and  
25 maybe I missed something, but I thought this

1 examination of this witness was related to something  
2 entirely different and I don't know where it's going to  
3 lead and that is on cross you allowed me to ask this  
4 witness questions and I thought Mr. Urick, you know  
5 related to the issue of the significance. What if any  
6 significance the subsequent hearing before Judge  
7 McCurdy may have had.

8 First of all, did it exist, what was it, when was  
9 it and may even find out that if it in fact occurred  
10 and what were the parameters. But I didn't think I was  
11 slow enough to miss everything. I really thought I  
12 heard Mr. Urick offer an entirely different explanation  
13 as an officer of the Court for why it occurred and the  
14 fact that Mr. Wilds may or may not know that or may or  
15 may not have had other concerns and sure Judge, we'll  
16 take what he answered and absolutely, particularly  
17 since this Court has given us leeway for other reasons,  
18 there are issues that are now fair game in any cross  
19 examination regardless of how this Court rules on the  
20 issue about this so called hearing.

21 Unfortunately Judge, I know it's not what you want  
22 to hear, but Mr. Wild's testimony raises more questions  
23 then we had to begin with and I guess the first thing  
24 that I wrote down if that we want Ms. Benaroya here on  
25 those issues. I do want an opportunity to pursue, what

1 I would have already done and that is contacted Judge  
2 McCurdy and done any further efforts that we can now do  
3 to determine when this occurred. We now know from this  
4 witness that it was videotaped which, I don't know that  
5 to be true, this is not a witness that I believe, but I  
6 told you Judge, I could not imagine Judge McCurdy  
7 holding anything for any reason with a witness on  
8 which, you know I don't care what you call it, the plea  
9 bargain happened or not whether the plea litany  
10 happened or not that Judge McCurdy would even think  
11 about having such a conversation not on the record. I  
12 don't know that he's given us enough to help us locate  
13 that tape, but I certainly now do believe there was a  
14 tape somewhere that's available that may aid us in the  
15 truth in something that is still very critical to Mr.  
16 Syed.

17 I guess my relief would be, so Judge, well if you  
18 really need a response from me to his response about  
19 the motion in limine well, then give me five minutes  
20 and I'll read Ebb or just take my silence to, you know  
21 indicate what I think about it. But in regard to --

22 THE COURT: Why don't I do this, I'll give  
23 you more than a few minutes. I do find Ebb very  
24 interesting. I think Mr. Urick's point that it does  
25 actually go to the issue of whether or with regard to

1 any witness the State has disclosed or any promise,  
2 reward or inducement in exchange for the testimony and  
3 I find the language inducement of particular interest,  
4 but I would tell you that the purpose of my questioning  
5 Mr. Wilds was in fact, a fact finding mission on behalf  
6 of the Court. I could not rule on your motion --

7 MS. GUTIERREZ: Right.

8 THE COURT: With the information I had in  
9 front of me. I was lacking sufficient information to  
10 know the relevance of any questions that you might want  
11 to ask because I didn't know what the witness was going  
12 to say and I don't think any of us did, quite frankly.  
13 Nor did any of us know that the contact with Judge  
14 McCurdy came from the witness himself, on his own,  
15 picks up the phone.

16 MS. GUTIERREZ: Maybe it did and maybe it  
17 didn't, Judge.

18 THE COURT: Well.

19 MS. GUTIERREZ: Maybe it came about for both  
20 reasons.

21 THE COURT: He says he called, he says he  
22 called because he wasn't getting an answer.

23 MS. GUTIERREZ: He also said he called the  
24 prosecutor.

25 THE COURT: But the point is he made the

1 call. He wasn't calling because someone told him to,  
2 he wasn't calling because of anything other than his  
3 own concern and he expressed to the Court why and he  
4 also expressed that he was satisfied and as I said at  
5 the outset when I ruled on this motion initially, that  
6 it's up to the Defendant, that individual charged to  
7 accept his attorney or not. to fire his attorney if he  
8 wants, to indicate he's satisfied --

9 MS. GUTIERREZ: I'm (inaudible), judge.

10 THE COURT: And he's indicated not only was  
11 he satisfied but that his concern about whether this  
12 was quote, "fishy" in his own words and so for the  
13 reason that I held a hearing for the fact finding  
14 mission that I was on, at this juncture I'm satisfied  
15 that there is nothing there, there's nowhere to go with  
16 this, this is a dead end. There's no reason to go any  
17 further other than to as the State indicated, go off on  
18 a collateral issue.

19 However, I still remain firm on your right in  
20 closing argument to use any of the facts that have  
21 appeared before this jury to attack the credibility of  
22 this witness and to the extent that there are facts  
23 that you may argue present and inference that might be  
24 drawn by the finder of fact that he acted and in some  
25 way as a result of an implied benefit that the State

1 was offering. That he was doing so, not for the  
2 reasons that he says, but for some other reason, that  
3 he was not being factually accurate because of this  
4 benefit that he wanted. That his credibility is in  
5 question as a result of this deal. As you might use  
6 the plea agreement itself to do that. I believe it  
7 generated in this trial in front of this jury are facts  
8 for you to do that and I do not find that this fact  
9 finding mission has changed my position that you should  
10 be afforded the opportunity to make that argument and  
11 to argue those facts that may in the record.

12 However, I do end the fact finding mission here.  
13 I end it here in that there is nothing further to do  
14 other than to delve into the right that this witness  
15 has to speak to his attorney, to select an attorney  
16 using whatever standards -- he could have decided Ms.  
17 Gutierrez, that he liked the way she looked, he could  
18 have decided that he liked the way she dressed. It has  
19 nothing to do with her competency.

20 MS. GUTIERREZ: (inaudible).

21 THE COURT: But that's his decision. That is  
22 not a decision that you can go into and say, well see  
23 Judge, he didn't know how good she was or he didn't  
24 have enough time to talk -- those are all decisions  
25 that we can not make for another individual and to

1 allow further questioning into that aspect of what he  
2 thought about in the selection of his lawyer. Is not  
3 something that your client is going to be permitted to  
4 do in this trial because I find that this is collateral  
5 and is not relevant -- is not relevant other than to  
6 credibility and you've already been given leeway to ask  
7 those questions.

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well Judge, we don't dispute  
9 -- I don't care about this witness's right to select  
10 his own lawyer, that's his, we don't challenge it.

11 THE COURT: Very well.

12 MS. GUTIERREZ: What I care about however, I  
13 believe is generated. Here we now have this witness  
14 expressing his own concern about the tie between his  
15 lawyer and the State and we do intend to go after  
16 that.

17 THE COURT: Ask the question in front of the  
18 jury.

19 MS. GUTIERREZ: That's not collateral.  
20 That's the purpose his motion --

21 THE COURT: Ask the question in front of the  
22 jury --

23 MS. GUTIERREZ: In limine.

24 THE COURT: Get the fact in front of the jury  
25 and argue it on an issue of credibility, but in terms

1 of anything other than a find tuned, was there a point  
2 in time when you were concerned that your attorney may  
3 have not been acting in your best interest? Answer,  
4 yes. What was your feeling? Answer, it was "fishy,"  
5 and then leave it at that. I'm not going to allow you  
6 to go into a long questioning of the witness into his  
7 decision whether to fire his lawyer or not fire his  
8 lawyer, to keep his lawyer, I don't think is relevant.

9 MS. GUTIERREZ: Judge, I know that those  
10 questions are permissible and I don't ask impermissible  
11 questions.

12 THE COURT: I know you don't.

13 MS. GUTIERREZ: What I'm asking --

14 THE COURT: When I don't let you.

15 MS. GUTIERREZ: However, Judge is I think I  
16 have a right to now get this tape and I need an order  
17 from this Court and the assistance of the Court because  
18 what if, Judge entirely different happened there? And  
19 what if that tape of this very unusual proceeding  
20 indicates that in fact, that proceeding happened  
21 because of what Mr. Urick said and not what this  
22 witness said. That would be an issue, that would be  
23 important to our concerns. Not challenging whether or  
24 not he can challenge his plea on voluntariness or on  
25 the effective assistance of Counsel. Those issues we

1 do not care about them.

2 THE COURT: How would you -- how would you  
3 argue the admissibility of anything on that tape?

4 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well Judge, the tape may or  
5 may not be admissibility. I haven't even thought about  
6 that issue.

7 THE COURT: Because I'm thinking about that.

8 MS. GUTIERREZ: But I could start thinking  
9 about and let me sure you I could come up with a  
10 reason, but that's not my purpose of my looking on the  
11 cut to look and see and maybe based on it, it leads us  
12 somewhere else or leads us to a place where we seek to  
13 get in the substance of it, not through the tape,  
14 through something else. We're entitled to do that and  
15 if in fact, -- now, I can't imagine Mr. Urick making up  
16 on the spot some spurious lie as to why it occurred.  
17 I'm certainly more inclined, notwithstanding this be  
18 the case, to get more credence to hand them to Jay  
19 Wilds.

20 THE COURT: Are you sure about that?

21 MS. GUTIERREZ: Well, not quite. But, we're  
22 --

23 THE COURT: I mean at this point Mr. Wilds  
24 has provided the clearest indication of what has  
25 transpired.

1 MS. GUTIERREZ: Except Judge, he may not be  
2 telling the truth.

3 THE COURT: That's true. And he's under  
4 oath.

5 MS. GUTIERREZ: He's an admitted liar.

6 THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez, he's under oath  
7 and at this point the Court has to assume that he is  
8 telling the truth because there's nothing --

9 MS. GUTIERREZ: No, Judge. I don't think  
10 that's correct.

11 THE COURT: Why not?

12 MS. GUTIERREZ: The Court never has to make  
13 that assumption. You're not called on to decide his  
14 credibility and we are entitled as Defense --

15 THE COURT: When I'm conducting -- when I'm  
16 conducting a fact finding mission to determine how to  
17 rule on your motion, that's precisely what I have to  
18 do. I have to weigh what I hear which is why I asked  
19 the questions because my concern was as the Court to  
20 make sure that what I had in front of me was enough  
21 facts to be assured that I could rule on the motion and  
22 that's precisely what I needed to do and I found his  
23 answers very credible and I found his responses  
24 straight forward. In fact, as you questioned --

25 MS. GUTIERREZ: But you're not on the jury,



1 Judge.  
 2 THE COURT: Well, for the purpose of this  
 3 hearing, for the purpose of this hearing I needed to  
 4 make a decision as to whether or not to allow this any  
 5 further and to the extent that it allowed you more  
 6 information to assist you on cross --  
 7 MS. GUTIERREZ: We're grateful.  
 8 THE COURT: Then it was -- it's there and  
 9 available to you, but then to say, okay I need the tape  
 10 and now I need Judge McCurdy. I mean, I think we're  
 11 now going into a totally collateral area none of which  
 12 would be admissible.  
 13 MS. GUTIERREZ: Collateral if it's not true.  
 14 Why would it be collateral if in fact, Mr. Urick's  
 15 explanation is the truth and that that hearing had  
 16 nothing to do with him causing it and in fact it was  
 17 caused by the action of that whom -- of them who  
 18 controlled the bargain or the benefit.  
 19 THE COURT: I'll tell you what, Ms.  
 20 Gutierrez.  
 21 MS. GUTIERREZ: And it's not collateral.  
 22 THE COURT: I will make available to you Ms.  
 23 Benaroya. She will be contacting my chambers on Monday  
 24 at 9:30 and you can make inquiry to her. In the  
 25 meantime, I'm sure you're going to contact Judge

1 Court? What time can she be here at which time when  
 2 she arrives Ms. Gutierrez, you'll be able to talk to  
 3 her and if the State wishes to talk to her at that time  
 4 the State will be able to do so as well with the eye  
 5 towards gathering any additional information about this  
 6 hearing.  
 7 But I can tell you at this juncture I'm not going  
 8 to allow any fishing expedition on anything more than  
 9 what we already have. I think we have enough  
 10 information and the tape is only going to be available  
 11 because I am not going to get into your manner and  
 12 method of defending your client. You can go find the  
 13 tape, that still doesn't mean it's going to be  
 14 admissible. All right. Very well. This Court stands  
 15 in recess until Monday at 9:30.  
 16 BAILIFF: All rise.  
 17 (Whereupon, the hearing concluded.)  
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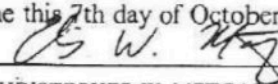
1 McCurdy.  
 2 MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.  
 3 THE COURT: And I at this point have no  
 4 reason to believe that you require an order and so I'm  
 5 not going to address that right now.  
 6 MS. GUTIERREZ: I will need an order I think  
 7 from this Court, again for the same reasons  
 8 articulated. I wouldn't be privileged to that.  
 9 THE COURT: At such time -- at such time that  
 10 you are not able to get this tape then let us readdress  
 11 the issue of whether you need an order, but at this  
 12 juncture it could be that Ms. Benaroya on Monday  
 13 assists you in getting the tape.  
 14 MS. GUTIERREZ: Or at least has the date.  
 15 THE COURT: Or gives you the date and she  
 16 certainly would be entitled to get a copy of the tape  
 17 and if she chose to share it with you and Mr. Wilds has  
 18 already indicated to you that it was on the record and  
 19 at that point I think  
 20 that -- as I said, you may not even need the Court's  
 21 assistance in getting anything beyond that.  
 22 And at this point I'm going to stand in recess  
 23 until Monday at 9:30. I will advise you and I'm  
 24 advising my clerk that when Ms. Benaroya makes that  
 25 call my question is what time will she be here at

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