#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

LUIS ANGEL CASTRO

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D.C. No. C-16-314092-1

VS.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

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9	THE STATE OF NEVADA,		
10	Plaintiff,	CASE NO:	C-16-314092 – 1-2-3-4
11	- <b>v</b> s-	DEPT NO:	IV
12	LUIS ANGEL CASTRO, #1918366, EDWARD HONABACH		
13	aka Edward Joseph Honabach, #7029816.	INFO	RMATION
14	FABIOLA JIMENEZ, #1957068, LIONEL KING, #1983132		
15	Defendant.		
16	STATE OF NEVADA )		
17	COUNTY OF CLARK ss.		
18	STEVEN B. WOLFSON, District Att	corney within and for	r the County of Clark, State
19	of Nevada, in the name and by the authority of	of the State of Nevad	la, informs the Court:
20	That LUIS ANGEL CASTRO, EI	DWARD HONABA	ACH aka Edward Joseph
21	Honabach, FABIOLA JIMENEZ and LIONE	EL KING, the Defend	dant(s) above named, having
22	committed the crimes of CONSPIRACY TO	COMMIT MURDEI	R (Category B Felony - NRS
23	200.010, 200.030, 199.480 - NOC 50038	); ATTEMPT MUI	RDER WITH USE OF A
24	DEADLY WEAPON (Category B Felony - N	NRS 200.010, 200.03	30, 193.330, 193.165 - NOC
25	50031); MAYHEM WITH USE OF A DE	ADLY WEAPON (	(Category B Felony - NRS
26	200.280, 193.165 - NOC 50045); BATTE	RY WITH USE O	F A DEADLY WEAPON
27	RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY	HARM (Category	B Felony - NRS 200.481 -
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effect of statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada,

# **COUNT 1 - CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER**

did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously conspire with each other to commit murder, by the Defendants committing the acts as set forth in Count 2, said acts being incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.

### **COUNT 2 - ATTEMPT MURDER WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON**

did willfully, unlawfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought attempt to kill JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, a human being, with use of a deadly weapon, to-wit: a machete and/or knife, by stabbing the said JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR about the body and/or by cutting the said JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR's throat with said a machete and/or knife, the Defendant(s) being criminally liable under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to-wit: (1) by directly committing this crime; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting in the commission of this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, by counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing and/or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, Defendants aiding or abetting and/or conspiring to murder JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, Defendants acting in concert throughout.

### COUNT 3 - MAYHEM WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON

did willfully, maliciously, and feloniously deprive a person, to-wit: JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, of a body member and/or did disfigure or render a body member useless, to-wit:

a finger and/or fingernails, with use of a deadly weapon, to-wit: a machete and/or knife and/or wire cutters, by severing the said JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR'S finger and/or removing his fingernails, the Defendants being criminally liable under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to-wit: (1) by directly committing this crime; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting in the commission of this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, by counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing and/or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, Defendants aiding or abetting and/or conspiring, Defendants acting in concert throughout.

# COUNT 4 - BATTERY WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously use force or violence upon the person of another, to-wit: JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, with use of a deadly weapon, to-wit: a machete and/or knife, by stabbing the said JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR about the body with said a machete and/or knife, resulting in substantial bodily harm to JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, the Defendants being criminally liable under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to-wit: (1) by directly committing this crime; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting in the commission of this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, by counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing and/or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, Defendants aiding or abetting and/or conspiring, Defendants acting in concert throughout.

# <u>COUNT 5</u> - FIRST DEGREE KIDNAPPING WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously, seize, confine, inveigle, entice, decoy, abduct, conceal, kidnap, or carry away JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, a human being, with the intent to hold or detain the said JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR against his will, and without his consent, for the purpose of committing murder and/or robbery, with use of a deadly weapon,

to-wit: a machete and/or knife and/or wire cutters, resulting in substantial bodily harm to JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, the Defendants being criminally liable under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to-wit: (1) by directly committing this crime; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting in the commission of this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, by counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing and/or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, Defendants aiding or abetting and/or conspiring, Defendants acting in concert throughout.

### **COUNT 6** - EXTORTION WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON

did then and there willfully, feloniously and unlawfully make a verbal demand directed to one JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, for payment to Defendants of the sum of \$300.00 lawful money of the United States, which demand was accompanied by threats to do injury to the person or property of JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, and said threats being made with the intent to extort and gain the above mentioned sum of money, with use of a deadly weapon, to-wit: a machete and/or knife and/or wire cutters, the Defendants being criminally liable under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to-wit: (1) by directly committing this crime; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting in the commission of this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, by counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing and/or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, Defendants aiding or abetting and/or conspiring, Defendants acting in concert throughout.

## COUNT 7 - ROBBERY WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON

did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously take personal property, to-wit: cigarettes, from the person of JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, or in his presence, by means of force or violence, or fear of injury to, and without the consent and against the will of JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, with use of a deadly weapon, to-wit: a machete and/or knife, the Defendants being criminally liable under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to-wit: (1) by directly committing this crime; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting in the commission of this crime, with

the intent that this crime be committed, by counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing and/or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, Defendants aiding or abetting and/or conspiring, Defendants acting in concert throughout.

### **COUNT 8 - FIRST DEGREE ARSON**

did willfully, unlawfully, maliciously, and feloniously set fire to, burn, and/or cause to be burned, a certain residence, located at 1901 East Oakey Boulevard, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, by use of open flame and flammable and/or combustible materials, and/or by manner and means unknown, the Defendants being criminally liable under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to-wit: (1) by directly committing this crime; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting in the commission of this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, by counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing and/or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, Defendants aiding or abetting and/or conspiring, Defendants acting in concert throughout.

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6 7	CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS OR DESIGNEE	LVMPD Communications		
8 9	CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS OR DESIGNEE	LVMPD Dispatch		
10 11	CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS OR DESIGNEE	LVMPD Records, 400 S. Martin Luther King Blvd, Las Vegas, NV		
12 13	CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS OR DESIGNEE	LVMPD Project Management & Video Bureau		
14 15	CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS OR DESIGNEE	Las Vegas Fire Department		
16 17	CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS OR DESIGNEE	Sunrise Hospital, 3186 Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV		
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25	SHEPARD, DAVID	C/O Clark County District Attorney's Office
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8 9	LUIS ANGEL CASTRO, EDWARD HONABACH, FABIOLA JIMENEZ,		•	16F03770D
10	LIONEL KING,		)	
11	DEFEN.	DANTS.	_)	
12	REPORTER'S TRANSCRI	PT OF PREL	IMINARY HEARING	- CASTRO AND KING
13			AND	
14	UNCONDITIO	NAL WAIVER	S - HONABACH AND	JIMENEZ
15	BEFORE THE HONORAB	LE MELISSA	SARAGOSA, JUSTI	CE OF THE PEACE
16		TUESDAY,	APRIL 12, 2016	
17		10:39 0	'CLOCK A.M.	
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19			DEPUTY DISTRICT	ATTORNEYS
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21	FOR DEFENDANT HONAB	ACH:	JOSE PALLARES,	ESQ.
22	FOR DEFENDANT JIMEN	ΞΖ:	CARL E. ARNOLD,	ESQ.
23	FOR DEFENDANT KING:		MACE J. YAMPOLS	KY, ESQ.
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1 LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

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3 10:39 O'CLOCK A.M.

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- 7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. LUIS CASTRO, EDWARD HONABACH,
- 8 FABIOLA JIMENEZ AND LIONEL KING, 16F03770A, B, C AND D.
- 9 I KNOW MR. PALLARES STEPPED OUT ON MR. HONABACH'S CASE.
- 10 MR. GELLER: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR, WARREN GELLER ON
- 11 BEHALF OF MR. CASTRO, WHO'S PRESENT IN CUSTODY.
- 12 MR. ARNOLD: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR, CARL ARNOLD ON
- 13 BEHALF OF MISS JIMENEZ.
- 14 THE COURT: OKAY. MR. PALLARES IS HERE ON MR. HONABACH'S
- 15 CASE, AND MR. YAMPOLSKY STEPPED OUT.
- 16 CORRECTION OFFICER: HE'S ACTUALLY UP AT J.C. 8.
- 17 **THE COURT:** OKAY. SO MR. KING?
- 18 CORRECTION OFFICER: HE'S UP IN J.C. 8.
- 19 THE COURT: HE'S IN EIGHT WITH HIM, OKAY.
- SO WE HAVE A, B AND C HERE. DO WE NEED MR. YAMPOLSKY AND
- 21 MR. KING HERE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE OTHER THREE?
- MR. PALLARES: NOT AT THIS TIME, YOUR HONOR.
- THE COURT: OKAY.
- MR. PALLARES: ON BEHALF OF MR. HONABACH, I'VE HAD THE
- 25 OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM. HE UNDERSTANDS HE

- 1 HAS THE RIGHT TODAY TO A PRELIMINARY HEARING. HE'S GOING TO
- 2 GO AHEAD AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE THAT RIGHT, AND BE BOUND
- 3 OVER TO DISTRICT COURT WITHOUT ANY NEGOTIATIONS.
- 4 THE COURT: OKAY.
- 5 MR. VILLANI: AND, YOUR HONOR, I HAVE -- JAKE VILLANI ON
- 6 BEHALF OF THE STATE, ALONG WITH AGNES LEXIS.
- WE HAVE SPOKE WITH THE DEFENSE PREVIOUSLY ABOUT THIS.
- 8 BEFORE THAT WAIVER, I PUT THEM ON NOTICE, WE WILL BE ADDING TO
- 9 COUNT 3, USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON, TO WIT: A MACHETE OR A
- 10 KNIFE, AND ADDING TO COUNT 5, SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM.
- 11 **THE COURT:** DO YOU HAVE AN AMENDED COMPLAINT TO FILE
- 12 TODAY?
- MR. VILLANI: I DO NOT. WE'RE MOVING TO ORALLY AMEND.
- 14 SHOULD ANY OF THEM CHOOSE TO GO FORWARD WE WILL ORALLY AMEND
- 15 AT THAT TIME. BUT JUST IF THEY'RE GOING TO WAIVE UP ON IT, WE
- 16 PUT THEM ON NOTICE. IF THEY'D LIKE TO CHALLENGE THOSE CHARGES
- 17 THEY CAN STILL GO FORWARD ON THOSE CHARGES TODAY.
- 18 MR. PALLARES: THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.
- 19 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- MR. PALLARES: AND I DID SPEAK TO MR. HONABACH ABOUT THAT
- 21 AND HE IS AWARE OF IT.
- 22 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT.
- AS TO MR. CASTRO?
- MR. GELLER: YES, YOUR HONOR. WE'D LIKE TO PROCEED WITH
- 25 THE PRELIMINARY HEARING TODAY.

- 1 THE COURT: OKAY. AS TO MS. JIMENEZ?
- 2 MR. ARNOLD: SHE'S GOING TO UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE ALSO,
- 3 YOUR HONOR.
- 4 THE COURT: WITH NO NEGOTIATION IN PLACE WITH THE
- 5 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STATE HAS AMENDED THOSE TWO COUNTS AS
- 6 MR. VILLANI STATED A MOMENT AGO?
- 7 MR. ARNOLD: THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.
- 8 THE COURT: OKAY. MR. HONABACH, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT
- 9 YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE A PRELIMINARY HEARING ON THE CHARGES
- 10 IN THE AMENDED CRIMINAL COMPLAINT?
- 11 **DEFENDANT HONABACH:** YES, YOUR HONOR.
- 12 **THE COURT:** DO YOU WANT TO WAIVE YOUR PRELIMINARY HEARING
- 13 TODAY SO THAT YOUR MATTER CAN PROCEED TO THE DISTRICT COURT
- 14 AND BE SET FOR A JURY TRIAL?
- 15 **DEFENDANT HONABACH:** YES.
- 16 **THE COURT:** AND YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATE HAS AMENDED
- 17 THE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT ORALLY TODAY TO ADD ENHANCEMENTS TO
- 18 SOME OFFENSES?
- 19 **DEFENDANT HONABACH:** YES, I DO.
- 20 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. AND YOU UNDERSTAND THIS IS A
- 21 PERMANENT WAIVER OF YOUR PRELIMINARY HEARING, SO NO MATTER
- 22 WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THIS IN THE DISTRICT COURT YOUR CASE WILL
- 23 NOT COME BACK HERE FOR A PRELIMINARY HEARING?
- **DEFENDANT HONABACH:** YES.
- 25 **THE COURT:** MS. JIMENEZ, DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A

- 1 RIGHT TO HAVE A PRELIMINARY HEARING ON THE CHARGES IN THE
- 2 AMENDED CRIMINAL COMPLAINT, AS AMENDED FOR A SECOND TIME HERE
- 3 TODAY IN OPEN COURT?
- 4 **DEFENDANT JIMENEZ:** YES.
- 5 THE COURT: DO YOU WANT TO WAIVE YOUR PRELIMINARY HEARING
- 6 TO THOSE CHARGES IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR CASE PROCEED TO THE
- 7 DISTRICT COURT AND BE SET FOR A JURY TRIAL?
- 8 **DEFENDANT JIMENEZ:** YES.
- 9 THE COURT: I DIDN'T HEAR YOU, MA'AM.
- 10 **DEFENDANT JIMENEZ:** YES.
- 11 **THE COURT:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS IS A PERMANENT WAIVER
- 12 OF YOUR PRELIMINARY HEARING, SO NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS AFTER
- 13 THIS IN THE DISTRICT COURT YOUR CASE WILL NOT COME BACK HERE?
- 14 **DEFENDANT JIMENEZ:** YES.
- 15 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. APPEARING TO ME FROM THE -- OKAY,
- 16 MR. VILLANI, ONE MORE TIME, BECAUSE I DIDN'T TAKE SUFFICIENT
- 17 NOTES OF THE AMENDMENTS --
- 18 MR. VILLANI: SURE.
- 19 THE COURT: -- THAT YOU WERE MAKING TODAY, SO I DO THE
- 20 BINDOVER PROPERLY.
- MR. VILLANI: SURE. COUNT 3, YOUR HONOR, IT WILL BE
- 22 MAYHEM WITH A DEADLY WEAPON. THE DEADLY WEAPON BEING, TO WIT:
- 23 A -- A MACHETE --
- THE COURT: MACHETE.
- 25 MR. VILLANI: -- OR A KNIFE -- AND/OR A KNIFE.

- 1 MS. LEXIS: AND/OR WIRE CUTTERS.
- 2 MR. VILLANI: CORRECT, AND/OR WIRE CUTTERS, SORRY.
- 3 THE COURT: ON -- ALL ON THAT COUNT 3?
- 4 MR. VILLANI: ALL ON THAT COUNT 3.
- 5 **THE COURT:** AND/OR.
- 6 MR. VILLANI: AND ON COUNT 5, YOUR HONOR, FIRST DEGREE
- 7 KIDNAPPING WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON WILL BE AMENDED TO
- 8 INCLUDE WITH SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM -- RESULTING IN
- 9 SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM.
- 10 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 11 APPEARING TO ME FROM THE AMENDED CRIMINAL COMPLAINT, AS
- 12 AMENDED ORALLY HERE IN OPEN COURT, THE CRIMES FOR WHICH
- 13 MR. HONABACH HAS ADMITTED AND WILL BE HELD TO ANSWER, INCLUDE
- 14 CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER, ATTEMPT MURDER WITH USE OF A
- 15 DEADLY WEAPON, COUNT 3, MAYHEM WITH DEADLY WEAPON, AS AMENDED
- 16 TO REFLECT WITH MACHETE AND/OR KNIFE AND/OR WIRE CUTTERS.
- 17 COUNT 4, BATTERY WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON RESULTING IN
- 18 SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM. COUNT 5, FIRST DEGREE KIDNAPPING,
- 19 WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY
- 20 HARM. COUNT 6, EXTORTION WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON. COUNT
- 21 7, ROBBERY WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON. COUNT 8, FIRST DEGREE
- 22 ARSON.
- 23 AND AS TO MISS JIMENEZ, APPEARING TO ME FROM THE AMENDED
- 24 CRIMINAL COMPLAINT ON FILE, AS WELL AS THE AMENDMENTS HERE IN
- 25 OPEN COURT, I HEREBY ORDER HER TO BE HELD TO ANSWER TO THE

- 1 CHARGES, COUNT 1, CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER. COUNT 2,
- 2 ATTEMPT MURDER WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON. COUNT 3, MAYHEM,
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- 8 DEADLY WEAPON. COUNT 7, ROBBERY WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON.
- 9 COUNT 8, FIRST DEGREE ARSON.
- 10 AND THAT BINDOVER DATE IN THE -- IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL
- 11 DISTRICT COURT WILL BE?
- 12 THE CLERK: APRIL THE 14TH AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M., DISTRICT
- 13 COURT, LOWER LEVEL COURTROOM A.
- 14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. AND MR. CASTRO, YOU MAY HAVE A
- 15 SEAT FOR JUST A MOMENT.
- MR. YAMPOLSKY ON LIONEL KING, 16F03770D.
- 17 MR. YAMPOLSKY: WELL, WE'RE READY --
- 18 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 19 MR. YAMPOLSKY: -- TO GO WHEN MR. KING ARRIVES, HE'S UP
- 20 IN JUSTICE COURT --
- 21 **THE COURT:** I THINK THEY JUST BROUGHT HIM IN.
- MR. YAMPOLSKY: WE'RE READY.
- THE COURT: OKAY. SO AS TO MR. CASTRO AND MR. KING THE
- 24 PRELIMINARY HEARING WILL BE GOING FORWARD, AND I THINK THAT IS
- 25 IT.

- OKAY, I CAN GO AHEAD AND WE CAN START NOW. I HAVE CALLED
- 2 EVERYTHING ELSE EXCEPT FOR ONE THAT WE'RE WAITING FOR MR.
- 3 MOMOT FROM GOODSPRINGS.
- 4 MR. YAMPOLSKY: YOUR HONOR, CAN WE BRING A COUPLE OF
- 5 CHAIRS?
- 6 **THE COURT:** YES.
- 7 MS. LEXIS: MAY I APPROACH YOUR CLERK WITH SOME EXHIBITS,
- 8 YOUR HONOR?
- 9 **THE COURT:** YOU MAY.
- 10 (WHEREUPON STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBIT NOS. 1 THROUGH 13,
- WERE MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)
- 12 **THE COURT:** ARE THERE ANY MATTERS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE UP
- 13 BEFORE WE BEGIN THE PRELIMINARY HEARING?
- MS. LEXIS: NOT FROM THE STATE, YOUR HONOR.
- 15 **THE COURT:** MR. GELLER, MR. YAMPOLSKY, ANYTHING WE NEED
- 16 TO TAKE UP BEFORE WE BEGIN THE PRELIMINARY HEARING?
- 17 MR. GELLER: OTHER THAN THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE, NO, YOUR
- 18 HONOR.
- 19 **THE COURT:** OKAY. ALL WITNESSES THAT HAVE BEEN
- 20 SUBPOENAED IN THE CASE OF STATE OF NEVADA VERSUS LUIS CASTRO
- 21 OR LIONEL KING, YOU NEED TO STEP INTO THE HALLWAY. MY MARSHAL
- 22 WILL INFORM YOU WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO TESTIFY.
- 23 STATE, YOU MAY PROCEED.
- MS. LEXIS: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE CALLS JOSE
- 25 ORTIZ-SALAZAR.

- 1 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT.
- THE MARSHAL: REMAIN STANDING, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.
- 3 OKAY, I'LL GET YOU ONE.
- 4 THE COURT: RECORD WILL REFLECT THE WITNESS IS BEING
- 5 ASSISTED BY THE COURT INTERPRETER.
- I NEED YOU TO REMAIN STANDING FOR A MOMENT, PLEASE,
- 7 MR. SALAZAR. GO -- RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN BY MY
- 8 CLERK.

- JOSE ISMAEL SALAZAR-ORTIZ,
- 11 CALLED AS A WITNESS BY THE STATE, AND HAVING BEEN FIRST DULY
- 12 SWORN TO TESTIFY TO THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING
- 13 BUT THE TRUTH, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

- 15 **THE WITNESS:** YES.
- 16 **THE CLERK:** PLEASE BE SEATED.
- 17 STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.
- 18 THE WITNESS: JOSE ISMAEL SALAZAR-ORTIZ, J-O-S-E
- 19 I-S-M-A-E-L, S-A-L-A-Z-A-R, O-R-T-I-Z.
- 20 **THE COURT:** MISS LEXIS.
- MS. LEXIS: MAY I, YOUR HONOR?
- 22 **THE COURT:** YES.
- MS. LEXIS: MAY I APPROACH THE WITNESS, YOUR HONOR?
- 24 **THE COURT:** YOU MAY.
- MS. LEXIS: MR. SALAZAR, PLEASE SPIT OUT YOUR GUM. THANK

- 1 YOU.
- 2 JUDGE SARAGOSA, WOULD NOT LIKE THAT.
- 3 THE COURT: WAIT JUST A SECOND SO WE CAN GET A CHAIR UP
- 4 FOR OUR INTERPRETER, PLEASE.
- 5 MS. LEXIS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

- 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 9 **Q** MAY I CALL YOU JOSE?
- 10 **A** YES.
- JOSE, YOU HAVE TO ANSWER OUT LOUD BECAUSE THE COURT
- 12 REPORTER IS GOING TO BE TAKING DOWN EVERYTHING THAT'S SAID IN
- 13 COURT TODAY, OKAY?
- 14 **A** OKAY.
- 15 THE WITNESS SALAZAR: OKAY.
- 16 MS. LEXIS: SPEAK UP INTO THE MICROPHONE.
- OKAY. JOSE, YOU SPEAK ENGLISH, CORRECT?
- 18 **A** YES, BUT I HAVE PROBLEMS.
- 19 Q OKAY. DO YOU PREFER TO BE QUESTIONED IN SPANISH AND
- 20 TO TESTIFY IN SPANISH?
- A YES, PLEASE.
- OKAY. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE INTERPRETER.
- 23 **A** THANK YOU.
- 24 **Q** JOSE, I WANT TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE BEGINNING
- 25 PART OF MARCH OF 2016.

- 1 **A** OKAY.
- 2 **Q** WERE YOU LIVING IN LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA
- 3 AT THAT TIME?
- 4 **A** WHEN ALL THIS TOOK PLACE?
- 5 Q YES, THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH 2016?
- 6 **A** YES, I WAS LIVING HERE.
- 7 Q OKAY. AND HAD YOU MOVED HERE FROM A DIFFERENT
- 8 STATE?
- 9 **A** YES.
- 10 **Q** HOW LONG HAD YOU BEEN LIVING IN LAS VEGAS?
- 11 **A** LESS THAN A YEAR.
- 12 Q OKAY. DURING THE TIME THAT YOU LIVED IN LAS VEGAS,
- 13 DID YOU COME TO KNOW SOMEONE NAMED ANGEL -- LUIS ANGEL CASTRO?
- 14 **A** YES.
- OKAY. DO YOU SEE THAT PERSON HERE IN COURT TODAY?
- 16 **A** YES.
- 17 **Q** COULD YOU PLEASE POINT TO HIM AND DESCRIBE SOMETHING
- 18 HE'S WEARING?
- 19 A HE IS WEARING SOMETHING BLUE WITH SOME BROWN
- 20 FLIP-FLOPS WITH SOME ORANGE SOCKS.
- 21 **Q** OKAY. AND IS HE SEATED TO THE -- TO YOUR FAR RIGHT
- 22 OF THE DEFENSE COUNSEL TABLE?
- 23 **A** YES.
- MS. LEXIS: THANK YOU.
- 25 LET -- YOUR HONOR, PLEASE LET THE RECORD REFLECT

- 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE DEFENDANT LUIS ANGEL CASTRO.
- 2 **THE COURT:** IT WILL.
- 3 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 4 Q OKAY. SO PRIOR TO THE EVENT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO
- 5 TESTIFY ABOUT, JOSE, YOU KNEW ANGEL; IS THAT RIGHT?
- 6 **A** YES.
- 7 **Q** HOW DID YOU KNOW HIM?
- 8 A THROUGH A FRIEND.
- 9 Q OKAY. AND DID YOU SPEND TIME WITH HIM?
- 10 **A** THE TRUTH IS ONLY A FEW.
- OKAY. AND DURING THE FEW TIMES THAT YOU SPENT TIME
- 12 WITH HIM, WHAT IS IT THAT THE TWO OF YOU DID?
- 13 **A** THE TRUTH IS WE DID DRUGS.
- OKAY. AND WHAT KIND OF DRUGS?
- 15 **A** METHAMPHETAMINE.
- OKAY. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY TIMES WAS IT THAT YOU
- 17 SPENT TIME WITH MR. CASTRO TO DO DRUGS?
- 18 A IT WAS ROUND -- IT WAS ONE OR TWO TIMES.
- 19 OKAY. DURING THE ONE OR TWO TIMES THAT YOU WERE
- 20 WITH MR. CASTRO, OR ANGEL, WERE THERE OTHER PEOPLE THERE WITH
- 21 YOU?
- 22 **A** YES. ALL THE PEOPLE WHO DID THIS TO ME, THEY WERE
- 23 THERE.
- Q OKAY. AT THE TIME, MARCH OF 2016, DID YOU KNOW
- 25 SOMEONE BY THE NAME OF EDWARD HONABACH?

- 1 A WHO'S THAT?
- 2 Q OKAY. DID YOU KNOW SOMEONE NAMED EDWARD?
- 3 A THE TRUTH IS I KNOW A WHITE GUY.
- 4 MS. LEXIS: OKAY. YOUR HONOR, MAY I APPROACH WITH WHAT'S
- 5 BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBITS 1, 2, 3
- 6 AND 4?
- 7 THE COURT: YOU MAY.
- 8 MS. LEXIS: FOR THE RECORD, DEFENSE COUNSEL HAS HAD AN
- 9 OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK.
- 10 **Q** SIR, I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S BEEN MARKED AS
- 11 STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBIT NO. 1. DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PERSON?
- 12 **A** YEAH. SURE.
- OKAY. WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PERSON TO BE?
- 14 A ANGEL CASTRO.
- OKAY. YOU INDICATED BEFORE I APPROACHED YOU WITH
- 16 SOME EXHIBITS THAT YOU KNOW A WHITE GUY WHO HELPED ANGEL DO
- 17 THIS TO YOU.
- 18 THE WITNESS SALAZAR: SI.
- 19 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 20 Q OKAY. I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S BEEN PREVIOUSLY
- 21 MARKED AS STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBIT NO. 2. DO YOU RECOGNIZE
- 22 THE PERSON SHOWN IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH?
- 23 **A** YEAH. SURE.
- Q WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PERSON TO BE?
- 25 **A** WELL I CALL HIM REDHEAD.

- OKAY. IS HE SOMEONE YOU KNEW, ALONG WITH ANGEL
- 2 CASTRO, AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH 2016?
- 3 **A** YES.
- 4 **Q** I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED
- 5 AS STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBIT NO. 3. DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE
- 6 PERSON SHOWN IN THIS PHOTO?
- 7 **A** YES.
- 8 **Q** WHO'S THIS PERSON?
- 9 **A** IT'S ANGEL'S GIRLFRIEND.
- 10 **Q** OKAY. I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S BEEN PREVIOUSLY
- 11 MARKED AS STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBIT 4. DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS
- 12 PERSON?
- A YES, HE'S THERE.
- OKAY. AND YOU POINTED TO SOMEONE AT DEFENSE TABLE;
- 15 IS THAT RIGHT?
- 16 **A** YES.
- 17 **Q** AS YOU SIT HERE TODAY DO YOU KNOW THAT PERSON'S
- 18 NAME?
- 19 A LIONEL KING OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
- 20 Q OKAY. AND FOR THE RECORD, YOU WERE POINTING AT THE
- 21 PERSON TO YOUR FAR LEFT; IS THAT CORRECT?
- 22 **A** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- MS. LEXIS: YOUR HONOR, PLEASE LET THE RECORD REFLECT
- 24 IDENTIFICATION OF THE DEFENDANT LIONEL KING.
- 25 **THE COURT:** IT WILL.

#### 1 BY MS. LEXIS:

- 2 PRIOR TO ME COMING UP TO YOU WITH THESE PHOTOS,
- 3 JOSE, YOU TOLD THE JUDGE THAT ALL OF THE FOUR PEOPLE WHO DID
- 4 THIS TO YOU, OR WHO HURT YOU ON MARCH 7TH, 2016, YOU KNEW THEM
- 5 AT THAT TIME THROUGH ANGEL?
- 6 **A** I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
- 7 Q OKAY. YOU TOLD JUDGE SARAGOSA, BEFORE I SHOWED YOU
- 8 THESE PHOTOS, THAT THE TWO TIMES -- THE ONE OR TWO TIMES THAT
- 9 YOU WERE WITH ANGEL TO DO DRUGS, OTHER PEOPLE WERE THERE.
- 10 **A** YES.
- OKAY. WERE THE PEOPLE SHOWN IN STATE'S EXHIBITS 2,
- 12 3 AND 4, WITH ANGEL WHEN YOU DID DRUGS WITH HIM?
- 13 A YES. YES, BUT THEY WOULD COME AND GO.
- OKAY. IS THAT HOW YOU KNEW THE PEOPLE IN STATE'S 2,
- 15 3 AND 4, THROUGH ANGEL?
- 16 **A** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- MS. LEXIS: YOUR HONOR, I MOVE TO ADMIT STATE'S PROPOSED
- 18 EXHIBITS 1, 2, 3 AND 4.
- 19 MR. GELLER: NO OBJECTION FROM LUIS CASTRO.
- 20 MR. YAMPOLSKY: NO OBJECTION.
- THE COURT: THEY'RE ADMITTED.
- 22 (WHEREUPON STATE'S EXHIBIT NOS. 1, 2, 3 AND 4 WERE
- 23 ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)
- 24 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 25 **Q** SO, JOSE, SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU ON MARCH 7TH,

- 1 2016, IS THAT RIGHT?
- 2 **A** YES.
- OKAY. WELL, A FEW DAYS BEFORE MARCH 7TH, 2016, DID
- 4 YOU SEE ANGEL AND THE REDHEAD, THAT YOU TOLD JUDGE SARAGOSA
- 5 ABOUT JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO?
- A YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- 7 Q OKAY. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S
- 8 CAR?
- 9 **A** YES, IT GOT BROKEN.
- 10 **Q** OKAY. AND SO BECAUSE IT WAS BROKEN WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 11 A I WAS WALKING TOWARDS ANGEL'S HOUSE OR REDHEAD'S
- 12 HOUSE AND I -- I -- I ENCOUNTERED REDHEAD.
- OKAY. AND FOR THE RECORD, WHEN YOU SAY REDHEAD,
- 14 YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE PERSON IN STATE'S EXHIBIT 2?
- 15 **A** YES.
- OKAY. SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SEE REDHEAD?
- 17 **A** HE DIALED ANGEL'S HOME.
- 18 **Q** AND THEN WHAT HAPPENS?
- A ANGEL TOLD THE REDHEAD THAT THEY WERE GOING TO
- 20 CHARGE ME SEVEN DOLLARS. OH, SEVEN DOLLARS A MILE.
- 21 THE INTERPRETER: I'M SORRY, A MILE.
- 22 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 23 **Q** TO DO WHAT?
- A TO BRING THE CAR TO MY GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE.
- 25 Q OKAY. AND SO DID YOU -- DID YOU ASK THEM FOR HELP

- 1 TO DO THAT?
- 2 **A** YES.
- 3 **Q** OKAY. AND DID THEY -- DID THEY SHOW UP?
- 4 **A** YES.
- 5 **Q** OKAY. SO WHAT HAPPENED?
- 6 A SO I TOLD THEM THAT THAT WAS IT.
- 7 Q OKAY. DID YOU ASK THEM TO COME AND HELP AND -- AND
- 8 TOW YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S CAR AT THAT TIME?
- 9 A YES, BUT I WAS WITH REDHEAD. HOW CAN I -- CAN I ASK
- 10 THE QUESTION AGAIN?
- OKAY. DID YOU -- YOU JUST TESTIFIED THAT YOU TALKED
- 12 TO REDHEAD AND HE CALLED ANGEL ON THE PHONE. YOU WANTED THEM
- 13 TO HELP YOU TOW YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S CAR, THEY WANTED TO CHARGE
- 14 YOU \$7 PER MILE.
- A SO I TOLD THEM NO --
- 16 **Q** OKAY.
- 17 **A** -- THAT'S OKAY.
- 18 **Q** OKAY.
- A AND THEY TOLD ME -- THEY TOLD ME THAT I HAD TO GIVE
- 20 THEM \$50 BECAUSE I WASTED THEIR TIME.
- 21 Q OKAY. BUT THEY DIDN'T HELP YOU TOW YOUR
- 22 GIRLFRIEND'S CAR AT THAT TIME?
- 23 **A** NOT AT ALL.
- 24 **Q** BUT THEY SAID YOU OWED THEM \$50 ANYWAY?
- 25 **A** YES.

- OKAY. SO DID YOU LEAVE WHERE REDHEAD WAS AT THAT
- 2 TIME?
- 3 **THE INTERPRETER:** I'M SORRY?
- 4 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 5  $\mathbf{Q}$  DID YOU -- DID YOU LEAVE THE AREA WHERE REDHEAD WAS
- 6 WHERE YOU WERE TALKING TO HIM?
- 7 **A** YES, I WENT TO MY HOUSE.
- 8 Q OKAY. I'M GOING TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION NOW TO MARCH
- 9 7TH, 2016.
- OKAY. AT ABOUT 11 A.M. WERE YOU AT YOUR
- 11 GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE?
- 12 **A** YES.
- OKAY. AND WHAT ARE THE CROSS STREETS OF WHERE YOUR
- 14 GIRLFRIEND LIVES?
- 15 **A** IT'S 20TH STREET AND RYAN STREET.
- 16 **Q** AND THAT'S HERE IN LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA?
- 17 **A** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- 18 **Q** DID ONE OF THE FOUR PEOPLE OR MORE THAN ONE OF THE
- 19 FOUR PEOPLE, THAT YOU IDENTIFIED IN STATE'S EXHIBIT 1, 2, 3
- 20 AND 4, SHOW UP AT YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE?
- A NUMBER 1, NO. 2 AND NO. 4 SHOWED UP.
- OKAY. SO NO. 1, ANGEL CASTRO, NO. 2, THE PERSON YOU
- 23 CALL REDHEAD, AND NO. 4, THE PERSON YOU IDENTIFIED AS LIONEL
- 24 KING; IS THAT CORRECT?
- 25 **A** THAT'S CORRECT.

- OKAY. HOW DID THEY GET TO YOUR HOUSE -- OR YOUR
- 2 GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE?
- 3 A THEY ARRIVED IN A TRUCK. THE REDHEAD'S TRUCK.
- 4 OKAY. I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S BEEN PREVIOUSLY
- 5 MARKED AS STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBIT NO. 5. DO YOU RECOGNIZE
- 6 THE PHOTOGRAPH OR THE THING THAT'S SHOWN IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH?
- 7 A YES, I RECOGNIZE IT, ONLY THAT IT'S BEEN PAINTED
- 8 BLACK.
- 9 OKAY. BUT YOU REMEMBERED IT BEING --
- 10 **A** BLUE.
- 11 **Q** -- BLUE?
- 12 **A** YES.
- OTHER THAN THE CHANGE IN THE PAINT COLOR, DO YOU
- 14 RECOGNIZE THIS TRUCK TO BE THE TRUCK THAT THE DEFENDANTS
- 15 ARRIVED AT YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE WITH?
- 16 **A** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- 17 **Q** AND THIS WAS RED'S TRUCK?
- 18 **A** YES.
- MS. LEXIS: I MOVE TO ADMIT STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBIT 5
- 20 INTO EVIDENCE, YOUR HONOR.
- 21 MR. GELLER: NO OBJECTION.
- 22 MR. YAMPOLSKY: NO.
- 23 **THE COURT:** IT'S ADMITTED.
- 24 (WHEREUPON STATE'S EXHIBIT NO. 5 WAS ADMITTED INTO
- 25 EVIDENCE.)

- 1 MS. LEXIS: THANK YOU.
- 2 Q OKAY. SO ONCE THEY ARRIVE AT YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S
- 3 HOUSE, WHAT HAPPENS?
- 4 A THEY ARRIVED AND STARTED ASKING FOR MONEY.
- 5 **Q** OKAY. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THEY WERE ASKING FOR
- 6 MONEY, WERE YOU OUTSIDE THE HOUSE, INSIDE THE HOUSE?
- 7 A I WAS, HOW DO YOU SAY, INSIDE THE HOUSE WHERE --
- 8 INSIDE THE HOUSE, BUT WHERE THE CARS ARE IN THE PORCH.
- 9 **Q** LIKE A DRIVEWAY?
- 10 **A** YES, THAT -- THAT'S IT.
- OKAY. WAS YOUR GIRLFRIEND OUT THERE WITH YOU?
- 12 **A** YES.
- OKAY. AND WHEN THE -- WHO -- WHO ACTUALLY STARTS
- 14 ASKING YOU FOR -- FOR THE MONEY?
- 15 **A** ANGEL CASTRO.
- OKAY. AND WHAT WERE THE OTHER TWO MEN WITH ANGEL
- 17 DOING WHEN ANGEL WAS ASKING YOU FOR THE MONEY?
- 18 A THEY WERE SURROUNDING ME.
- 19 Q OKAY. AND WHEN ANGEL ASKED YOU FOR MONEY, WHAT DID
- 20 YOU SAY?
- 21 A I TOLD THEM TO LEAVE, THAT THEY WERE WRONG.
- OKAY. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THEY WERE WRONG"?
- 23 **A** WELL, THAT -- THAT I DIDN'T OWE THEM ANY MONEY OR
- 24 ANYTHING.
- OKAY. AND DID THEY LEAVE?

- 1 A NO, THEY WANTED -- NO. THEY KEPT ON ASKING ME FOR
- 2 MONEY.
- 3 Q OKAY. AND SO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
- 4 A THEY WANTED MY GIRLFRIEND'S PHONE.
- 5 **Q** LIKE HER CELL PHONE?
- 6 **A** YES.
- 7 Q OKAY. AND SO WHAT HAPPENED, DID YOU GIVE THAT TO
- 8 THEM?
- 9 **A** YES, BECAUSE I FELT THREATENED.
- 10 **Q** OKAY. AND SO DID YOU GET THE CELL PHONE FROM YOUR
- 11 GIRLFRIEND?
- 12 **A** YES.
- 2 AND TO -- WHO DID YOU GIVE THE CELL PHONE TO?
- 14 A I GAVE THE CELL PHONE TO ANGEL CASTRO.
- OKAY. AND WHO WAS IT THAT ASKED FOR THE CELL PHONE?
- 16 **A** ANGEL CASTRO.
- OKAY. ONCE YOU GAVE YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S CELL PHONE TO
- 18 ANGEL, WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
- A WELL, THEY WERE TO LEAVE. THEY STARTED TALKING TO
- 20 EACH OTHER, AND THEN ANGEL CASTRO TELLS ME THAT I SHOULD GO
- 21 WITH THEM.
- 22 **Q** OKAY.
- A AND I -- I TOLD THEM NO, YOU MUST LEAVE.
- Q OKAY. AND DID THEY LEAVE?
- A NO, THEY CAME HERE WITH ME.

- OKAY. THEY WENT TO YOU WHERE YOU WERE STANDING?
- 2 **A** YES.
- 3 **Q** OKAY. AND WHAT HAPPENED?
- 4 **A** WELL, THEY DRAGGED ME INTO THE CAR.
- 5 **Q** WHOSE CAR?
- 6 **A** THE REDHEAD'S CAR.
- 7 **Q** AND WHAT HAPPENED?
- 8 **A** WELL, I LEFT WITH THEM.
- 9 **Q** WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
- 10 **A** BECAUSE I THOUGHT THEY WERE ARMED, THAT THEY WOULD
- 11 HAVE A KNIFE OR FIREARM OR SOMETHING, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY
- 12 WOULD BE BEARING.
- OKAY. UP UNTIL -- BEFORE YOU WENT INTO THE CAR WITH
- 14 THEM, INTO THE TRUCK WITH THEM, HAD ANY OF THE MEN HIT YOU OR
- 15 HARMED YOU?
- 16 **A** YES, REDHEAD DID.
- OKAY. AND WHAT DID THE REDHEAD DO?
- 18 **A** HE HIT ME IN THE HEAD.
- 19 AND WHEN WAS IT THAT HE HIT YOU IN THE HEAD?
- A AND THIS WAS WHEN I DIDN'T WANT THAT -- TO GIVE HIM
- 21 THE PHONE.
- 22 **Q** OKAY. AND SO YOU GO INTO THE -- THEY DRAG YOU TO
- 23 THE TRUCK. DO THEY MAKE YOU GET IN THE TRUCK?
- A THEY DIDN'T PUSH ME OR FORCE ME INTO IT, BUT I
- 25 DIDN'T KNOW IF THEY WERE BEARING ARMS.

- 1 Q SO YOU WENT INTO THE TRUCK?
- 2 **A** YES.
- 3 Q OKAY. WHERE DID THEY MAKE YOU SIT IN THE TRUCK?
- 4 A IN THE MIDDLE.
- 5 **Q** OKAY. WHO WAS DRIVING?
- 6 **A** REDHEAD.
- 7 Q AND THEN YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE. WHO'S SITTING TO
- 8 YOUR RIGHT IN THE PASSENGER SEAT?
- 9 A ANGEL CASTRO.
- OKAY. AND WHERE DID THE THIRD PERSON, LIONEL KING,
- 11 SIT?
- 12 **A** HE WAS IN THE BACK.
- 13 **THE INTERPRETER:** CLARIFICATION, YOUR HONOR.
- 14 (DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE INTERPRETER AND THE WITNESS.)
- 15 **THE WITNESS:** IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK.
- 16 BY MS. LEXIS:
- OKAY. ONCE YOU'RE IN THE TRUCK, DID ANY OF THE
- 18 THREE MEN SAY ANYTHING TO YOU?
- 19 A HE -- I REMEMBER I LEANED TOWARDS REDHEAD AND HE
- 20 TOLD ME TO STAY OUT OF HIM AND -- AND HE TOLD ME BAD WORDS
- 21 LIKE FUCKING.
- THE WITNESS SALAZAR: YEAH.
- 23 BY MS. LEXIS:
- Q OKAY. AND ANYTHING ELSE?
- A AND THAT'S ALL, AND THEN THEY TOOK ME TO THE HOUSE.

- $\mathbf{Q}$  OKAY. SPEAKING OF THAT HOUSE, DO YOU REMEMBER THE
- 2 MEN TAKING YOU TO 1901 EAST OAKEY HERE IN LAS VEGAS, CLARK
- 3 COUNTY, NEVADA?
- 4 A YES. I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT.
- 5 Q OKAY. HAD YOU BEEN TO THIS -- WAS THAT A HOUSE?
- A NO. IT WAS ONE OF THOSE FACILITIES WHERE NO PEOPLE
- 7 LIVE.
- 8 **Q** ABANDONED? WAS IT AN ABANDONED HOUSE?
- 9 **A** YES.
- 10 **Q** OKAY. AND WERE YOU BROUGHT THERE IN THE TRUCK?
- 11 **A** YES.
- 12 **Q** OKAY. SO ONCE YOU GET TO THIS HOUSE, ARE YOU ASKED
- 13 TO GET OUT OF THE TRUCK?
- 14 **A** YES.
- 15 **Q** WERE YOU SCARED AT THAT TIME?
- 16 **A** THE TRUTH SAYS THAT I WAS.
- 17 **Q** WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN?
- A AS I TOLD YOU -- AS I JUST TOLD YOU, I DIDN'T KNOW
- 19 IF THEY -- THEY WOULD CARRY A GUN OR SOMETHING.
- 20 Q OKAY. DID THE THREE MEN WHO DROVE YOU TO THIS
- 21 HOUSE, WERE THEY STILL AROUND YOU WHEN YOU WERE WALKING IN
- 22 TOWARDS THE HOUSE?
- 23 **A** YES.
- 24 **Q** DO YOU ACTUALLY MAKE IT INTO THE HOUSE AT SOME
- 25 POINT?

- 1 **A** YES, THEY GOT ME IN.
- 2 Q OKAY. DID SOMEONE OPEN THE DOOR TO THE HOUSE?
- 3 **A** YES, A LADY.
- 4 Q OKAY. DID YOU -- DID YOU KNOW THAT LADY OR HAD YOU
- 5 SEEN HER BEFORE THAT -- THAT DAY?
- 6 **A** YES.
- 7 Q OKAY. AND WAS SHE THE PERSON SHOWN IN STATE'S
- 8 EXHIBIT NO. 3?
- 9 **A** YES.
- OKAY. THAT WAS -- YOU IDENTIFIED HER AS ANGEL'S
- 11 GIRLFRIEND, IS THAT RIGHT?
- 12 **A** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- OKAY. SO SHE WAS ALREADY IN THE HOUSE WHEN YOU GOT
- 14 THERE?
- 15 **A** YES.
- 16 **Q** WHAT'S THE VERY FIRST THING THAT YOU REMEMBER
- 17 HAPPENING WHEN THEY'RE BRINGING YOU INTO THE HOUSE?
- 18 **A** WELL, WHO. I REMEMBER REDHEAD PUT A KNIFE AGAINST
- 19 MY THROAT, TOLD ME TO NOT MOVE BECAUSE HE WAS GOING TO KILL
- 20 ME.
- 21 **Q** OKAY. WHERE WAS ANGEL AND LIONEL AT THAT TIME?
- 22 **A** THEY WERE SEARCHING -- THEY WERE SEARCHING FOR
- 23 TRASH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE SEARCHING FOR. THEY WERE
- 24 REALLY WEIRD THAT DAY.
- OKAY. AND WHERE WAS THE GIRL, ANGEL'S GIRLFRIEND?

- 1 A SHE WAS FACING ME, JUST STARING AT ME.
- OKAY. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE REDHEAD PUTS THE KNIFE
- 3 TO YOUR THROAT?
- 4 A THEY PUT A CHAIR AND STARTED TYING ME UP.
- 5 Q OKAY. THIS CHAIR, WAS IT FROM INSIDE THE HOUSE?
- 6 A YES, IT WAS INSIDE THE HOUSE.
- 7 Q AND WHAT PART OF THE HOUSE DID THEY PUT THE CHAIR
- 8 DOWN AND START TYING YOU UP?
- 9 A I BELIEVE IT'S THE LIVING ROOM.
- 10 **Q** OKAY. AND SO DID THEY MAKE YOU SIT ON THE CHAIR?
- 11 **A** YES.
- 12 **Q** AND WHEN YOU SAY THEY TIED YOU UP, WHAT DID THEY TIE
- 13 YOU UP WITH?
- 14 A THEY TIED ME UP WITH A -- SOME SORT OF A BLUE
- 15 STRING.
- OKAY. AND WHEN YOU SAY THEY, JOSE, DO YOU REMEMBER
- 17 WHO TIED YOU UP?
- 18 **A** IT WAS REDHEAD AND LIONEL KING.
- 19 OKAY. AND WHERE -- DID YOU HEAR ANGEL SAY ANYTHING
- 20 TO THEM BEFORE LIONEL KING AND THE REDHEAD TIED YOU UP?
- A HE WAS THE ONE ORDERING THINGS, GIVING COMMANDS. HE
- 22 WAS THE ONE WHO ORDERED THE OTHER TWO TO TIE ME UP.
- OKAY. AND HOW WERE YOU TIED UP?
- A THEY TIED ME TO THE CHAIR, MY ARMS, MY HANDS AND MY
- 25 LEGS.

- OKAY. WERE YOUR ARMS TIED TO THE BACK OR TO THE
- 2 FRONT OF YOU?
- 3 A IN -- IN FRONT OF ME.
- 4 Q OKAY. SO THEY TIED YOUR ARMS UP, YOUR HANDS AND
- 5 YOUR LEGS BY YOUR FEET?
- 6 **A** YES.
- 7 **Q** BUT ALSO TIED YOU TO THE CHAIR?
- A YES, I WAS TIED TO THE CHAIR. THAT'S WHY THEY TIED
- 9 MY ARMS, THEY TIED ME TO THE CHAIR.
- OKAY. ONCE YOU'RE TIED UP ON THE CHAIR, WHAT
- 11 HAPPENS?
- A ANGEL'S GIRLFRIEND GOT TO WHERE I WAS, GAVE ME A
- 13 BEER, STARTED ASKING ME -- STARTED ASKING ME, TELL ME -- TELL
- 14 ME ONE REASON TO -- TO KEEP YOU ALIVE.
- 15 **Q** AND WHERE WAS ANGEL AND THE OTHER TWO MEN AT THAT
- 16 TIME?
- 17 **A** THEY WERE SURROUNDING ME.
- 18 **Q** OKAY. AND DID YOU -- DID YOU ANSWER OR DID YOU
- 19 SPEAK WITH -- WITH ANGEL'S GIRLFRIEND?
- A I TOLD HER THAT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO HER,
- 21 AND ANGEL TOLD ME TO NOT DISRESPECT HER -- HIS GIRLFRIEND.
- 22 **Q** OKAY. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
- A WELL, I REMEMBER THEY KICKED ME. I -- I FELL TO THE
- 24 GROUND.
- 25 **Q** OKAY.

- 1 A AND THEN WHEN I WAS THERE THEY STARTED ASKING ME FOR
- 2 MONEY, AND THEN IT WAS WHEN I MADE THE CALL THEY TOLD ME THAT
- 3 THEY WERE GIVING ME THREE CALLS TO MAKE.
- 4 Q THREE CALLS TO DO WHAT, TO GET MONEY?
- 5 **A** YES.
- 6 Q AND YOU'RE TIED UP TO A CHAIR; IS THAT RIGHT?
- 7 HOW IS IT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO MAKE CALLS?
- 8 A ANGEL WAS SEARCHING FOR MY CONTACTS AND THE
- 9 GIRLFRIEND WOULD PUT THE SPEAKER ON ME.
- 10 **Q** OKAY. AND DID YOU MAKE THREE CALLS?
- 11 **A** YES.
- 12 **Q** WERE YOU ABLE TO GET ANY OF THOSE PEOPLE TO -- TO
- 13 AGREE TO GIVE YOU MONEY TO GIVE TO THE PEOPLE?
- 14 **A** NO.
- OKAY. WHILE YOU'RE MAKING THE PHONE CALLS, WHAT WAS
- 16 REDHEAD DOING?
- 17 **A** HE WAS GRABBING MY -- HE WAS GRABBING MY FINGER WITH
- 18 SOME PLIERS.
- 19 OKAY. AND YOU GRABBED A CERTAIN FINGER. CAN YOU
- 20 SHOW JUDGE SARAGOSA WHICH FINGER IT WAS THAT REDHEAD GRABBED
- 21 WITH THE PLIERS?
- 22 **THE COURT:** RECORD WILL REFLECT HE'S SHOWING HIS PINKY
- 23 FINGER ON HIS RIGHT HAND.
- 24 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 25 SO -- SO REDHEAD HAD YOUR PINKY FINGER ON YOUR RIGHT

- 1 HAND IN BETWEEN THE PLIERS? YES?
- 2 **A** YES.
- 3 **Q** WHAT WAS LIONEL DOING?
- 4 THE INTERPRETER: CLARIFICATION.
- 5 (DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE INTERPRETER AND THE WITNESS.)
- 6 THE WITNESS: HE WAS STABBING MY RIGHT ARM AND MY RIBS,
- 7 AND THAT'S IT.
- 8 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 9  $\mathbf{Q}$  OKAY. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
- A SO I FINISHED MY THIRD CALL, I COULDN'T GET THE
- 11 MONEY. SO THEY GOT TOUGH ON ME. SO REDHEAD CUT MY FINGER AND
- 12 RIPPED OFF MY FINGERNAILS, AND LIONEL KING WOULD KEEP ON
- 13 STABBING ME.
- 14 Q OKAY. WHAT WAS ANGEL DOING?
- 15 **A** HE WAS JUST STARING AT ME.
- 16 **Q** AND WHAT WAS ANGEL'S GIRLFRIEND DOING?
- 17 A THE TWO OF THEM WERE MAKING OUT, KISSING EACH OTHER.
- OKAY. AND WERE YOU SCREAMING OR TRYING TO MAKE
- 19 NOISE OR GET HELP?
- A I COULDN'T WHILE THEY WERE TORTURING ME, BECAUSE
- 21 THEY TOLD ME TO KEEP QUITE, SO I -- I HELD MY -- MY PAIN AND I
- 22 KEPT QUITE.
- 23 **Q** OKAY. AFTER RED CUTS YOUR -- WHICH FINGER DID HE
- 24 CUT?
- 25 **A** PINKY.

- 1 Q CAN YOU --
- 2 **A** THE PINKY FINGER.
- 3 **Q** -- SHOW JUDGE SARAGOSA? THE FINGER --
- 4 THE INTERPRETER: SAY AGAIN?
- 5 MS. LEXIS: CAN YOU SHOW JUDGE SARAGOSA THE CUT FINGER?
- 6 OKAY. AND THE FINGERNAILS THAT WERE PULLED OFF, CAN YOU
- 7 SHOW JUDGE SARAGOSA WHICH FINGER -- WHICH FINGERNAILS WERE
- 8 PULLED OFF?
- 9 THE COURT: RECORD WILL REFLECT HE'S SHOWING ME HIS RIGHT
- 10 HAND AND INJURIES TO HIS LITTLE FINGER AND POINTER FINGER ON
- 11 THE RIGHT HAND.
- 12 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 13 **Q** DID THEY DO ANYTHING ELSE TO YOU TO HARM YOU?
- 14 A YES, REDHEAD STARTED CUTTING MY THROAT.
- OKAY. DID YOU SEE WHAT HE USED TO CUT YOUR THROAT?
- 16 **A** I -- I'M -- I'M NOT REALLY SURE, BUT IT WAS A KNIFE.
- 17 Q OKAY. AND AFTER REDHEAD CUT YOUR THROAT, DID ANYONE
- 18 ELSE HARM -- HARM YOU AGAIN?
- 19 A YES. ANGEL CASTRO WAS TELLING THAT THE CUT WAS TOO
- 20 SMALL. SO LATER ON HE -- SO ANGEL CASTRO'S GIRLFRIEND ALSO
- 21 CUT MY THROAT, AND THE THIRD ONE WAS ANGEL CASTRO, BECAUSE HE
- 22 WOULD KEEP ON SAYING THAT IT WAS STILL TOO SMALL.
- 23 **Q** THE CUT ON YOUR THROAT WAS TOO SMALL?
- 24 **A** YES.
- 25 Q OKAY. SO AFTER ANGEL CUT YOUR THROAT, DID ANYONE

- 1 ELSE TRY TO CUT YOUR THROAT?
- 2 A AND -- LIONEL KING, AND HE WENT REALLY DEEP --
- 3 **Q** OKAY.
- 4 **A** -- INTO IT.
- 5 MS. LEXIS: OKAY. YOUR HONOR, MAY I APPROACH WITH WHAT'S
- 6 BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBITS 6 THROUGH
- 7 11?
- 8 THE COURT: YOU MAY.
- 9 MS. LEXIS: MAY I APPROACH?
- 10 **THE COURT:** YOU MAY.
- 11 MS. LEXIS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 12 **Q** JOSE, I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S BEEN PREVIOUSLY
- 13 MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBITS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 AND 11. DO YOU
- 14 RECOGNIZE WHAT'S SHOWN IN THESE EXHIBITS?
- 15 **A** YES.
- OKAY. I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU FIRST STATE'S EXHIBIT
- 17 NO. 6. WHAT DOES THIS PICTURE SHOW?
- 18 **A** WELL, MY -- MY -- MY THROAT IS OPEN.
- 19 Q SHOW YOU STATE'S EXHIBIT NO. 7, WHAT DOES THAT SHOW?
- A I'M STABBED IN MY BELLY.
- 21 **Q** STATE'S EXHIBIT NO. 8, WHAT DOES THAT SHOW?
- A ALL MY THROAT IS WIDE OPEN, IT'S -- I'M BREATHING.
- 23 **Q** STATE'S EXHIBIT NO. 9?
- A I'M STABBED TO THE LEG.
- 25 STATE'S EXHIBIT NO. 10?

- 1 A I'M BURNED IN MY ARMS, IN MY -- IN MY HANDS.
- 2 Q SHOW YOU STATE'S EXHIBIT NO. 11, WHAT DOES THAT
- 3 SHOW?
- 4 A THEY CHOPPED MY FINGER AND I DON'T HAVE ANY
- 5 FINGERNAILS.
- 6 MS. LEXIS: I MOVE TO ADMIT STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBITS 6
- 7 THROUGH 11 IN EVIDENCE, YOUR HONOR.
- 8 MR. GELLER: NO OBJECTION FROM LUIS CASTRO.
- 9 MR. YAMPOLSKY: NO OBJECTION.
- 10 **THE COURT:** THEY ARE ADMITTED.
- 11 (WHEREUPON STATE'S EXHIBIT NOS. 6 THROUGH 11 WERE
- 12 ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)
- 13 BY MS. LEXIS:
- OKAY. SO, NOW YOUR THROAT IS CUT OPEN, WHAT HAPPENS
- 15 NEXT?
- 16 **A** WELL, I PRETENDED I WAS DEAD.
- 17 **Q** WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
- 18 A BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO KEEP ON CUTTING ME.
- 19 ARE YOU ON THE -- ON THE GROUND AT THIS POINT, JOSE?
- 20 **A** YES.
- 21 **Q** ARE YOU STILL TIED UP?
- 22 **A** YES.
- 23 **Q** DO YOU HEAR ANGEL SAY ANYTHING AFTER YOU STARTED
- 24 PLAYING DEAD?
- 25 A THAT I WAS DEAD, THAT I WAS GOING TO DIE.

- 1 **Q** WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
- 2 A THEY STARTED BURNING THE HOUSE DOWN.
- 3 Q OKAY. HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
- 4 A BECAUSE I -- I WOULD HEAR THE LIGHTERS.
- 5 **Q** OKAY. YOU WOULD LIKE HEAR THE CLICK OF A LIGHTER?
- 6 A YEAH. THEY WERE STARTING TO -- TO LIT SOMETHING UP.
- 7 Q OKAY. AT SOME POINT DO YOU REMEMBER ANY OF THE
- 8 DEFENDANTS PUTTING ITEMS ON YOUR BODY?
- 9 A YEAH, THEY PUT GARBAGE ON ME.
- 10 **Q** OKAY. AND COULD YOU HEAR ANY OF THEM TALKING ABOUT
- 11 SETTING THE PLACE ON FIRE?
- 12 A NO, I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING, I JUST HEAR THE --
- 13 THE -- WHERE THEY -- THEY WERE DOING IT, THEY WERE SETTING THE
- 14 HOUSE ON FIRE.
- OKAY. WHAT'S THE NEXT THING THAT YOU REMEMBER?
- 16 **A** WELL, THEY LEFT AND IT'S WHEN I -- I STOOD UP.
- 17 **Q** HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO STAND UP? YOU WERE TIED TO A
- 18 CHAIR, IS THAT RIGHT?
- 19 A THE -- THE -- THE CHAIR WAS SORT OF BRITTLE, SO IT
- 20 STARTED BREAKING, FALLING APART.
- Q OKAY. WHEN YOU STOOD UP, DID YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO
- 22 LOOK AROUND THE LIVING ROOM AREA OF THAT HOUSE?
- A NO, IT WAS ALL ON FIRE BY THEN.
- 24 **Q** SO YOU SAW THE FIRE?
- THE WITNESS SALAZAR: SI.

- 1 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 2 **Q** WAS THERE SMOKE?
- 3 **A** YES.
- 4 Q OKAY. AND SO YOU WERE ABLE TO STAND UP?
- 5 A YES, I STOOD UP AND I WAS IN THE FIRE TRYING TO BURN
- 6 THE -- THAT STRING THAT I WAS TIED WITH -- TIED UP WITH, TO
- 7 UN -- UN -- UN -- UNTIE, TO GET UNTIED OF THOSE STRINGS THAT
- 8 THEY WERE TYING ME IN THE -- IN MY LEGS --
- 9 **Q** OKAY.
- 10 **A** -- TO BE ABLE TO GO OUTSIDE AND -- AND -- AND
- 11 LOOK FOR HELP.
- 12 **Q** WHEN YOU WERE DOING THAT, WHEN YOU WERE TRYING TO
- 13 BURN THE ROPE OR THE STRING THAT THEY USED TO -- TO TIE YOUR
- 14 HANDS, HOW MUCH OF THE HOUSE WAS ON FIRE?
- 15 **A** I -- I COULD ONLY SEE MYSELF AND THE REST OF
- 16 EVERYTHING WAS ON FIRE.
- 17 **Q** OKAY. WERE YOU ABLE TO BURN OFF THE ROPE OR THE
- 18 STRING THAT WAS TYING YOUR HANDS TOGETHER?
- 19 **A** NO.
- 20 **Q** SO WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 21 A SO I -- I STARTED LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT, AND I
- 22 FOUND -- AND I FOUND A GLASS SLIDING DOOR.
- Q OKAY. WERE YOUR LEGS AND YOUR ARMS AND YOUR HANDS
- 24 STILL TIED AT THAT POINT?
- 25 **A** YES.

- 1 Q SO HOW DID YOU GET TO THE SLIDING GLASS DOOR?
- 2 **A** JUST JUMPING.
- 3 Q ONCE YOU GET THERE, ARE YOU ABLE TO OPEN THE SLIDING
- 4 GLASS DOOR?
- 5 **A** YES. THERE WAS A -- A -- A PIECE OF WOOD JUST
- 6 BLOCKING IT, SO I -- I TOOK THE WOOD OUT AND -- AND WAS ABLE
- 7 TO OPEN THE DOOR.
- 8 **Q** AND ONCE YOU OPENED THE DOOR, WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 9 A I TRYING TO -- TO -- TO YELL FOR HELP, BUT MY VOICE
- 10 WAS TOO LOW.
- 11 **Q** SO WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 12 A I JUST LIKE LAY ON THE FLOOR, BECAUSE I WAS FEELING
- 13 REALLY WEAK.
- 14 **Q** AND WHEN YOU SAY YOU LAID ON THE FLOOR, WERE YOU
- 15 STILL BY THE HOUSE OR IN A YARD, WHERE WERE YOU?
- 16 **A** I -- I WAS AROUND A YARD AWAY FROM THE SLIDING GLASS
- 17 DOOR, THAT, BY THE WAY, IT GET LIKE IN SHREDS DUE TO THE FIRE.
- 18 **Q** OKAY. SO DID THE GLASS BREAK?
- A SO I STOOD UP AGAIN AND TRIED TO JUST GOT AWAY --
- 20 TRY TO GET AWAY FROM -- FROM THE -- THE SLIDING GLASS DOOR.
- 21 **Q** AND WERE YOUR LEGS STILL BOUND TOGETHER?
- 22 **A** YES.
- 23 **Q** AND YOUR ARMS AND YOUR -- AND YOUR HANDS?
- 24 **A** YES.
- OKAY. WHAT'S THE LAST THING YOU REMEMBER HAPPENING?

- 1 A A GIRL -- THE GIRL WHO SAVED MY LIFE.
- 2 OKAY. DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ELSE?
- 3 A SHE WAS ASKING ME WHO DID THIS TO ME, AND I WOULD
- 4 ANSWER ANGEL CASTRO.
- 5 Q OKAY. AT THE TIME THAT THIS HAPPENED TO YOU, MARCH
- 6 7TH, 2016, YOU ONLY KNEW ANGEL CASTRO'S NAME; IS THAT CORRECT?
- 7 **A** YES.
- 8 Q DID YOU KNOW THE NAMES OF THE OTHER THREE PEOPLE WHO
- 9 DID THIS TO YOU?
- 10 **A** NO.
- OKAY. I'M GOING TO BACK UP A LITTLE BIT, OKAY,
- 12 JOSE?
- 13 **A** OKAY.
- 14 Q WHEN YOU WENT INTO THE HOUSE WITH REDHEAD, ANGEL,
- 15 LIONEL KING AND ANGEL'S GIRLFRIEND, DID YOU HAVE A WALLET WITH
- 16 YOU?
- 17 **A** YES.
- OKAY. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO THAT WALLET?
- 19 THE INTERPRETER: AND A PACK OF CIGARETTES, I'M SORRY.
- 20 MS. LEXIS: OKAY.
- 21 **THE INTERPRETER:** A PACK OF CIGARETTES.
- 22 **THE COURT:** I'M SORRY TO PAUSE FOR A MOMENT --
- MS. LEXIS: SURE.
- 24 THE COURT: -- BUT ARE YOU TAKING PICTURES ON YOUR CELL
- 25 PHONE? WHAT'S GOING ON BACK THERE?

- 1 **UNIDENTIFIED PERSON:** SORRY.
- 2 THE COURT: OKAY. ANY -- ANY LIKE PHOTOGRAPHS AND
- 3 PICTURES NEED TO COME THROUGH THE COURT WITH A MEDIA REQUEST
- 4 FIRST, SO I WASN'T SURE WHETHER YOU WERE WITH THE MEDIA OR
- 5 SOMEONE ELSE, BUT I WOULD PREFER IF YOU NOT TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS
- 6 UNLESS YOU SUBMIT THE REQUEST AHEAD OF TIME TO THE COURT.
- AND IT'S A LITTLE DISTRACTING WHEN I'M TRYING TO LISTEN
- 8 TO A WITNESS TESTIFY WHEN YOU BROUGHT YOUR CELL PHONE UP,
- 9 SO...
- 10 THANK YOU.
- 11 BY MS. LEXIS:
- OKAY. SO DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN YOUR POCKETS WHEN
- 13 YOU WENT INTO THE HOUSE?
- 14 THE COURT: CAN YOU BACK UP TO THE QUESTION ABOUT THE
- 15 WALLET --
- 16 **MS. LEXIS:** SURE.
- 17 **THE COURT:** -- BECAUSE I GOT DISTRACTED AND I DIDN'T HEAR
- 18 WHAT HE SAID IN RESPONSE.
- 19 MS. LEXIS: YES, YOUR HONOR.
- 20 **Q** AT THE TIME THAT YOU WERE BROUGHT INTO THE HOUSE,
- 21 ABANDONED HOUSE, BY ANGEL, REDHEAD, LIONEL KING AND ANGEL'S
- 22 GIRLFRIEND, DO YOU REMEMBER HAVING A WALLET WITH YOU?
- 23 **A** YES.
- Q WHERE WAS THE WALLET?
- 25 **A** IN MY PANTS.

- 1 **Q** IN A POCKET?
- 2 **A** YES.
- 3 **Q** WAS THERE ANYTHING ELSE IN THAT PANTS POCKET WITH
- 4 YOUR WALLET?
- 5 A PACK OF CIGARETTES AND A LIGHTER.
- 6 Q OKAY. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO THOSE ITEMS WHEN
- 7 YOU -- DID SOMEBODY TAKE THOSE ITEMS WHEN YOU GOT TO THE
- 8 HOUSE?
- 9 A YES. RED TOOK MY BELONGINGS AWAY FROM ME.
- 10 **Q** OKAY. WAS THAT BEFORE OR AFTER HE PUT THE KNIFE TO
- 11 YOUR THROAT?
- 12 **A** HE PUT THE KNIFE AGAINST MY THROAT AND THEN HE
- 13 STARTED TAKING MY THINGS AWAY FROM ME.
- MS. LEXIS: OKAY. YOUR HONOR, MAY I APPROACH WITH WHAT'S
- 15 BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS STATE'S PROPOSED EXHIBITS 12 AND 13?
- 16 **THE COURT:** YOU MAY.
- 17 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 18 **Q** JOSE, I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU STATE'S PROPOSED
- 19 EXHIBITS 12 AND 13. DO YOU RECOGNIZE WHAT'S SHOWN IN STATE'S
- 20 PROPOSED EXHIBITS 12 AND 13?
- 21 **A** YES.
- 22 **Q** WHAT DO YOU RECOGNIZE THOSE ITEMS TO BE?
- 23 **A** IT'S WHAT I WAS TIED WITH.
- MS. LEXIS: YOUR HONOR, I MOVE TO ADMIT STATE'S PROPOSED
- 25 EXHIBITS 12 AND 13 INTO EVIDENCE.

- 1 MR. GELLER: NO OBJECTION.
- 2 MR. YAMPOLSKY: NO OBJECTION.
- 3 **THE COURT:** BE ADMITTED.
- 4 (WHEREUPON STATE'S EXHIBITS NO. 12 AND NO. 13 WERE
- 5 ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)
- 6 BY MS. LEXIS: COURT'S BRIEF INDULGENCE, YOUR HONOR.
- 7 **Q** JOSE, YOU TOLD JUDGE SARAGOSA ABOUT A KNIFE BEING
- 8 PUT TO YOUR THROAT BY REDHEAD AND ALL FOUR DEFENDANTS CUTTING
- 9 YOUR THROAT WITH A KNIFE. DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE
- 10 KNIFE THAT WAS USED ON YOU?
- 11 **A** THE TRUTH IS I DON'T REMEMBER. I DON'T REMEMBER.
- OKAY. LET ME ASK YOU THIS. DO YOU REMEMBER WHETHER
- 13 IT WAS A SMALL KNIFE OR A BIG KNIFE?
- A THEY WERE BIG KNIVES, SMALL KNIFE, THEY WERE ABOUT
- 15 EVERYTHING.
- 16 **Q** WERE THERE -- WAS THERE MORE THAN ONE KNIFE?
- 17 **A** YES.
- 18  $\mathbf{Q}$  OKAY. THE BIG KNIFE THAT YOU -- THAT YOU REMEMBER,
- 19 HOW BIG WAS IT? IF YOU COULD SHOW US WITH YOUR HANDS, HOW BIG
- 20 DO YOU REMEMBER IT BEING?
- 21 **A** I WOULD SAY THAT -- LIKE THIS.
- 22 **Q** COULD YOU HOLD THAT UP FOR THE RECORD.
- 23 MR. VILLANI: SIXTEEN TO EIGHTEEN INCHES.
- MS. LEXIS: SIX TO EIGHT INCHES, ABOUT?
- MR. VILLANI: NO, SIXTEEN.

- 1 MS. LEXIS: SIXTEEN?
- 2 THE WITNESS: I GUESS.
- 3 BY MS. LEXIS:
- 4 **Q** OKAY.
- 5 AND WHAT ABOUT THE SMALLER KNIVES -- KNIFE?
- 6 A THE -- THE -- THE TRUTH IS I -- I DON'T REMEMBER. I
- 7 DON'T REMEMBER THAT.
- 8 Q OKAY. BUT YOU JUST REMEMBER THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE
- 9 KNIFE?
- 10 **A** YES.
- 11 **Q** AND ONE OF THEM WAS A LARGE KNIFE?
- 12 A YES, IT'S THE ONE THEY USE TO CUT MY THROAT.
- OKAY. JOSE, LET ME JUST HAVE YOU HOLD UP AGAIN HOW
- 14 BIG THE LARGE KNIFE WAS THAT THEY USED TO CUT YOUR THROAT.
- 15 **THE COURT:** CAN YOU CLARIFY IF YOU'RE TALKING HANDLE TO
- 16 TIP OR JUST THE BLADE?
- 17 MS. LEXIS: YES, YOUR HONOR.
- 18 Q THE TOTAL -- THE TOTAL, HOW BIG, THE TOTAL.
- 19 **A** JUST LIKE THIS.
- 20 **Q** EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY INCHES?
- 21 **A** I WOULD SAY SO.
- OKAY. AND HOW ABOUT JUST THE -- THE BLADE?
- 23 **A** THE METAL PART I SAID.
- THE TRUTH IS I DON'T REMEMBER.
- MS. LEXIS: OKAY. COURT'S JUST BRIEF INDULGENCE.

- 1 YOUR HONOR, I PASS THE WITNESS.
- 2 MR. GELLER: THANK YOU.
- 3 THE COURT: DO EITHER OF YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE AS TO
- 4 WHICH ONE GOES FIRST, AND DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE THE OTHER
- 5 CASES WHERE THE ATTORNEYS ARE WAITING IN BETWEEN?
- 6 MR. GELLER: NO PROBLEM, YOUR HONOR.
- 7 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 8 MR. GELLER: SINCE I HAVE THE A-DEFENDANT, IT SOUNDS LIKE
- 9 I'LL PROBABLY GO FIRST, I TALKED TO MR. YAMPOLSKY.
- 10 **THE COURT:** OKAY, THAT'S FINE.
- 11 LET ME CALL --
- 12 MR. YAMPOLSKY: ABOUT A FIVE MINUTE BREAK, YOUR HONOR,
- 13 TWO MINUTE BREAK?
- 14 THE COURT: YEAH, IF YOU WANT TO USE THE RESTROOM OR
- 15 SOMETHING, THAT'S FINE, I WILL -- I JUST HAVE TWO CASES TO
- 16 CALL.
- 17 (WHEREUPON DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON OTHER CASES.)
- 18 **THE COURT:** FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES, DO YOU ANTICIPATE
- 19 ANY OTHER WITNESSES?
- MS. LEXIS: SUBJECT TO A STIPULATION BY THE DEFENSE.
- 21 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 22 ALL RIGHT. BACK ON THE RECORD ON LUIS CASTRO AND LIONEL
- 23 KING, 16F0377A AND B -- A AND D, EXCUSE ME.
- MR. ORTIZ-SALAZAR IS ON THE WITNESS STAND.
- 25 AND I WOULD JUST REMIND YOU THAT YOU CONTINUE TO REMAIN

- 1 UNDER OATH IN THE CASE.
- 2 MR. GELLER.
- 3 MR. GELLER: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

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- 5 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 6 BY MR. GELLER:
- 7 **Q** JOSE, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU A COUPLE QUESTIONS,
- 8 FOLLOWING UP ON WHAT MISS LEXIS ASKED YOU.
- 9 I WANT TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION BACK TO THE MORNING
- 10 OF MARCH THE 7TH OF 2016, DO YOU RECALL AROUND WHAT TIME THE
- 11 BLUE TRUCK ARRIVED IN THE DRIVEWAY OR ON THE STREET IN FRONT
- 12 OF YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE?
- 13 **A** AROUND 11 A.M.
- 2 SO THE SUN WOULD HAVE BEEN UP AT THAT TIME OF DAY;
- 15 IS THAT CORRECT?
- 16 **A** YES.
- 17 **Q** AND DOES YOUR GIRLFRIEND LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD?
- 18 A I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT.
- 19 Q IS YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE NEXT TO OTHER HOUSES OR
- 20 IS IT ON A STREET ALONE?
- 21 **A** THERE ARE OTHER HOUSES.
- 22 Q AND WHEN THE BLUE TRUCK ARRIVED, WHERE WAS IT
- 23 PARKED?
- A HERE IS MY HOUSE. RIGHT NEXT TO MY HOUSE.
- 25 **Q** AND JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE WE HAVE A COURT

- 1 REPORTER AND SHE CAN'T TYPE DOWN YOUR HAND MO -- MANNERISMS.
- 2 COULD YOU DESCRIBE WHETHER THE TRUCK WAS IN THE STREET OR
- 3 WHETHER IT WAS IN THE DRIVEWAY.
- 4 A IT WAS RIGHT NEXT TO THE HOUSE. IT'S -- I CAN'T
- 5 MAKE IT MORE CLEAR THAN THAT.
- 6 OKAY. SO IT WAS IN THE STREET PARKED PERPENDICULAR
- 7 TO THE DIRECTION OF THE DRIVEWAY, IS THAT FAIR TO SAY?
- 8 **A** YES. WHAT -- WHAT -- WHAT WAS THAT AGAIN?
- 9 **Q** WAS THE TRUCK PARKED IN THE STREET PERPENDICULAR TO
- 10 THE DIRECTION OF THE DRIVEWAY TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE?
- 11 A IT WAS LIKE THIS, IT WAS PARKED THERE.
- 12 **Q** OKAY. IN FRONT OF YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE, RIGHT?
- A RIGHT NEXT TO IT.
- OKAY. AND THE THREE MEN WHO YOU PREVIOUSLY
- 15 IDENTIFIED AS THREE OF THE DEFENDANTS WHO EXITED THE TRUCK,
- 16 WERE THEY WEARING MASKS OR ANYTHING TO CONCEAL THEIR IDENTITY?
- 17 **A** NO.
- 18 **Q** AND DID ALL THREE OF THEM WALK INTO THE DRIVEWAY
- 19 WHERE THEY ULTIMATELY STARTED TALKING TO YOU?
- A THE THREE OF THEM CAME TO WHERE I WAS, BUT THE ONLY
- 21 ONE THAT STARTED TALKING TO ME WAS ANGEL CASTRO.
- 22 Q SO ALL THREE OF THEM ENTERED THE DRIVEWAY; IS THAT
- 23 CORRECT?
- A YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- 25 **Q** AND IS THE DRIVEWAY IN DIRECT VIEW OF THE OTHER

- 1 HOUSES ON THE STREET THAT YOUR GIRLFRIEND LIVES ON?
- 2 **A** YES.
- 3 AND YOU MENTIONED AT SOME POINT IN TIME ONE OF THE
- 4 DEFENDANTS TAKES YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S PHONE WHILE IN THE
- 5 DRIVEWAY; IS THAT CORRECT?
- **A** I NEVER SAID THAT, THAT'S NOT CORRECT.
- 7 Q AT SOME POINT IN TIME DID ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS COME
- 8 INTO POSSESSION OF YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S PHONE?
- 9 A MY GIRLFRIEND GAVE THE CELL PHONE TO ME AND I GAVE
- 10 IT TO THE DEFENDANTS.
- 11 Q THE CELLULAR PHONE THAT YOUR GIRLFRIEND GAVE TO YOU,
- 12 A CELLULAR PHONE THAT BELONGED TO YOU OR DID IT BELONG TO YOUR
- 13 GIRLFRIEND?
- 14 **A** IT BELONGED TO HER.
- OKAY. AFTER THE DEFENDANTS TOOK THE CELLULAR PHONE
- 16 THAT BELONGED TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND, I BELIEVE YOU TESTIFIED,
- 17 WHEN MISS LEXIS ASKED YOU, THAT THE THREE MEN DRAGGED YOU INTO
- 18 THE TRUCK.
- 19 **A** YES.
- 20 **Q** WAS YOUR GIRLFRIEND STILL IN THE DRIVEWAY WHILE YOU
- 21 WERE BEING DRAGGED BY THE THREE MEN INTO THE TRUCK?
- 22 **A** SHE GOT INTO HER HOUSE. AND WHEN I WAS ALREADY
- 23 INSIDE THE TRUCK IS WHEN SHE GOT OUT OF THE HOUSE.
- Q OKAY. SO JUST TO CLARIFY. AT THE POINT WHEN THE
- 25 THREE MEN START DRAGGING YOU FROM THE DRIVEWAY TO THE TRUCK,

- 1 WHERE WAS YOUR GIRLFRIEND STANDING?
- 2 A I DON'T REMEMBER.
- 3 **Q** DO YOU BELIEVE THAT SHE WAS OUTDOORS AT THE TIME THE
- 4 THREE MEN GRABBED YOU AND DRUG YOU FROM THE DRIVEWAY INTO THE
- 5 TRUCK?
- A NO, I DON'T THINK SO, I THINK SHE WENT INSIDE TO
- 7 CALL THE COPS.
- 8 THE WITNESS SALAZAR: NO.
- 9 THE INTERPRETER: NO.
- 10 BY MR. GELLER:
- 11 **Q** DID YOU WANT TO CORRECT THAT?
- 12 **A** YES.
- 13 **Q** PLEASE GO AHEAD.
- 14 THE INTERPRETER: I'M SORRY CLARIFICATION.
- 15 (DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE INTERPRETER AND THE WITNESS.)
- 16 **THE WITNESS:** OKAY. NO, BECAUSE IF SHE -- HAD SHE SEEN
- 17 THAT THEY WERE DRAGGING ME INTO THE -- THE TRUCK, SHE WOULD
- 18 HAVE CALLED THE COPS.
- 19 BY MR. GELLER:
- 20 Q OKAY. SO YOU, IT SOUNDS LIKE, ARE ASSUMING THAT SHE
- 21 WASN'T THERE, BUT YOU JUST DON'T KNOW FOR SURE; IS THAT FAIR
- 22 TO SAY?
- 23 **A** YES.
- 24 Q NOW, DID YOU NOTICE AT THE TIME THE MEN WERE IN YOUR
- 25 GIRLFRIEND'S DRIVEWAY, WHETHER ANY NEIGHBORS WERE OUTSIDE OF

- 1 THEIR HOUSES OR WHETHER ANYONE WAS WALKING UP AND DOWN THE
- 2 STREET?
- A NO, THERE WAS NOBODY AROUND. IT WAS WORKING HOURS.
- 4 Q OKAY. WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK WAS THIS?
- 5 A I DON'T REMEMBER, BUT I REMEMBER IT WAS A WEEKDAY.
- 6 Q AND YOU MENTIONED ONCE THE DEFENDANTS GOT TO THE
- 7 TRUCK WITH YOU, THAT ONE OF THEM GOT IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK;
- 8 IS THAT CORRECT?
- 9 A THE ONE IN THE BACK WAS LIONEL KING.
- 10 Q SO HE WAS NOT SITTING INSIDE THE CAB OF THE TRUCK,
- 11 IF I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY?
- 12 **A** HE WAS NOT INSIDE WHERE THE OTHER ONES AND MYSELF
- 13 WERE, HE WAS IN THE BACK.
- 14 **Q** UNDERSTOOD.
- I WANT TO ASK YOU A QUESTION ABOUT SOMETHING MISS
- 16 LEXIS ASKED YOU ABOUT, DRUG USE. PRIOR TO MARCH 7TH, 2016, AT
- 17 11 A.M. WHEN THE DEFENDANTS ARRIVED AT YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S
- 18 DRIVEWAY, WHAT WAS THE MOST RECENT TIME YOU HAD USED DRUGS OR
- 19 ALCOHOL PRIOR TO THAT?
- A TWO DAYS BEFORE.
- 21 **Q** AND WHAT DRUG OR ALCOHOL DID YOU CONSUME?
- A METHAMPHETAMINE. AND I DON'T DRINK ALCOHOL.
- 23 **Q** DID YOU INJECT OR SMOKE METHAMPHETAMINE TWO DAYS
- 24 PRIOR?
- A NEITHER ONE.

- 1 **Q** HOW DID YOU CONSUME THE METHAMPHETAMINE THAT YOU
- 2 CONSUMED TWO DAYS PRIOR TO MARCH 7TH, 2016?
- A DO I HAVE TO ANSWER TO THAT KIND OF QUESTION?
- 4 THE COURT: YES, YOU NEED TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS,
- 5 BARRING ANY OBJECTION AND RULING ON MY PART.
- 6 THE WITNESS: SO I WOULD INHALE IT.
- 7 THE WITNESS SALAZAR: SNORT IT.
- 8 THE INTERPRETER: SNORT IT.
- 9 BY MR. GELLER:
- 10 HOW MUCH DID YOU SNORT OR INHALE TWO DAYS PRIOR?
- MS. LEXIS: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS POINT I WOULD OBJECT TO
- 12 RELEVANCE.
- 13 **THE COURT:** WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE OF THE AMOUNT TWO DAYS
- 14 PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT?
- 15 MR. GELLER: DEPENDING ON THE QUANTITY, IT WOULD EFFECT
- 16 THE WITNESS'S PERCEPTION, SO...
- 17 **THE COURT:** YEAH, BUT --
- 18 MR. GELLER: I DON'T WANT --
- 19 THE COURT: ANY BASIS FOR THAT POSITION, OTHER THAN IT
- 20 MIGHT STILL BE A METABOLITE IN HIS URINE, BUT HOW WOULD THAT
- 21 STILL EFFECT HIS THOUGHT PROCESS TWO DAYS LATER?
- MR. GELLER: MY POSITION IS, THAT DEPENDING ON THE
- 23 QUANTITY OF A NARCOTIC CONSUMED, IT EFFECTS THE RATE AT WHICH
- 24 IT'S METABOLIZED. SO IF SOMEONE CONSUMED A LARGE QUANTITY, IT
- 25 TAKES LONGER FOR IT TO REACH IT'S HALF-LIFE AND ULTIMATELY

- 1 GETS TO ZERO IN THE BLOODSTREAM.
- 2 THE COURT: YOU CAN ADDRESS THAT WITH AN EXPERT WITNESS
- 3 AT THE DISTRICT COURT LEVEL, BUT HERE IT'S GOING TO BE A
- 4 SUSTAINED OBJECTION.
- 5 **MR. GELLER:** SURE.
- 6 Q I WANT TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION NOW TO AFTER YOU
- 7 ARRIVED AT THE HOUSE, AND I'M REFERRING TO THE ABANDONED
- 8 HOUSE. ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT THE ABANDONED HOUSE, I BELIEVE YOU
- 9 TESTIFIED IN RESPONSE TO ONE OF MISS LEXIS'S QUESTIONS, THAT
- 10 YOU CONSUMED A BEER; IS THAT CORRECT?
- 11 **A** YES.
- 12 Q OKAY. AND I BELIEVE YOU SAID THAT --
- 13 A I DIDN'T DRINK THAT.
- 14 YOU DID NOT DRINK THE BEER?
- 15 **A** I -- I HAD A SIP ONLY, BECAUSE THEY MAKE -- THEY
- 16 MADE ME.
- 17 **Q** DO YOU RECALL WHAT TYPE OF BEER THAT WAS?
- 18 **A** YES, IT WAS A BUD LIGHT.
- OKAY. AND DO YOU RECALL WHO PROVIDED THAT TO YOU?
- A ANGEL CASTRO'S GIRLFRIEND.
- 21 **Q** AND WAS THAT A BOTTLE OR A CAN?
- 22 **A** IT WAS A CAN.
- 23 **Q** AT THE POINT IN TIME WHEN MR. CASTRO LEAVES THE
- 24 RESIDENCE, WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH RESPECT TO YOUR TORTURE AT
- 25 THAT TIME? WHAT'S THE LAST THING YOU RECALL ANGEL CASTRO

- 1 DOING AT THE RESIDENCE?
- 2 **A** SAY AGAIN, PLEASE.
- 3 **Q** WHAT IS THE LAST THING YOU RECALL ANGEL CASTRO DOING
- 4 BEFORE HE LEFT THE ABANDONED HOUSE WHERE YOU WERE TORTURED?
- 5 A THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS THAT HE SLIT MY THROAT.
- 6 Q AT ANY POINT IN TIME BETWEEN WHEN MR. CASTRO ARRIVED
- 7 AT THE RESIDENCE WITH YOU, WHEN YOU ENTERED THE FRONT DOOR,
- 8 AND THE TIME YOU SAID THAT MR. CASTRO SLIT YOUR THROAT, DID
- 9 YOU EVER SEE HIM WALK OUT OF THE ROOM WHERE YOU WERE TIED UP?
- 10 A NO. I WAS ALMOST DEAD, I DON'T REMEMBER.
- 11 **Q** IS IT POSSIBLE THAT DURING THE TIME YOU WERE BEING
- 12 TORTURED INSIDE THE ABANDONED HOUSE, MR. CASTRO LEFT IT FOR A
- 13 PERIOD OF TIME?
- MS. LEXIS: YOUR HONOR, I'M SORRY, I OBJECT. THIS ASKS
- 15 FOR SPECULATION. I MEAN ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.
- 16 **THE COURT:** JUST A MOMENT. DON'T ANSWER THE QUESTION
- 17 YET.
- 18 MR. GELLER?
- MR. GELLER: YOUR HONOR, A LAY WITNESS IS ALLOWED TO
- 20 OPINE ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE WITHIN A LAY WITNESS'S KNOWLEDGE.
- 21 SO, FOR EXAMPLE, A LAY WITNESS COULD SAY, IT LOOKED LIKE THE
- 22 CAR WAS GOING 50 MILES AN HOUR DOWN THE STREET. WHAT A LAY
- 23 WITNESS CANNOT DO IS SPECULATE ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE WITHIN
- 24 THE PROVINCE OF EXPERT TESTIMONY.
- SO I'M JUST ASKING HIM, AT ANY POINT IN TIME, SINCE HE

- 1 WAS IN THE ROOM, IF HE HAD EVER OBSERVED OR BELIEVED THAT
- 2 CASTRO MAY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE, CAN HE SAY FOR
- 3 CERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE LEFT.
- 4 MS. LEXIS: I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S -- THAT WAS HOW THE
- 5 QUESTION WAS PHRASED. HE ASKED WHETHER HE HAD SEEN MR. CASTRO
- 6 LEAVE. THE -- THE VICTIM TESTIFIED THAT HE DID NOT, BECAUSE
- 7 HE WAS ALMOST DEAD.
- 8 AND THE NEXT QUESTION, THE ONE THAT I ACTUALLY OBJECTED
- 9 TO, WAS WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT MR. CASTRO WOULD
- 10 HAVE LEFT, AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK IS SPECULATIVE.
- 11 THE COURT: OKAY. AS TO THE FORM OF THE QUESTION AS TO
- 12 WHAT'S POSSIBLE, I'M GOING TO SUSTAIN THE OBJECTION.
- 13 IF YOU WANT TO ASK HIM IF IN HIS PERCEPTION HE HAD THE
- 14 OPPORTUNITY TO, YOU CAN ASK THAT QUESTION.
- 15 MR. GELLER: THANK YOU, JUDGE.
- 16 **Q** DID YOU MAINTAIN CONSTANT VISUAL EYE CONTACT ON
- 17 MR. CASTRO FROM THE TIME THAT YOU ENTERED THE ABANDONED HOUSE
- 18 TO THE TIME WHEN YOU HAD YOUR LAST MEMORY WHERE YOU TESTIFIED
- 19 THAT HE CUT YOUR THROAT?
- A YES. YES. BUT AFTER HE SLIT MY THROAT I DIDN'T
- 21 HAVE ANY MORE CONTACT WITH HIM.
- 22 **Q** SO PRIOR TO MR. CASTRO SLITTING YOUR THROAT, AND YOU
- 23 RECALL SEEING HIM IN THE ROOM WHERE YOU WERE TIED UP, ENTIRELY
- 24 FROM THAT POINT IN TIME, GOING BACK TO THE POINT IN TIME WHEN
- 25 HE ENTERED THE RESIDENCE WITH YOU?

- 1 **A** YES.
- 2 **Q** AT SOME POINT IN TIME I BELIEVE YOU TESTIFIED THAT
- 3 FABIOLA JIMENEZ, MR. CASTRO'S GIRLFRIEND, CAUSED YOU TO SEND A
- 4 TEXT MESSAGE TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND; IS THAT CORRECT?
- 5 **A** YES.
- 6 **Q** TO WHAT PHONE DID YOU TEXT YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
- 7 A SO WHAT YOU MEAN WHAT PHONE?
- 8 Q DID YOUR GIRLFRIEND HAVE A PARTICULAR PHONE NUMBER,
- 9 I DON'T NEED YOU TO REPEAT IT IN OPEN COURT, THAT YOU TEXTED
- 10 HER AT FABIOLA JIMENEZ'S REQUEST?
- 11 A NO. HE SEND IT -- SHE SEND IT THROUGH FACEBOOK.
- 12 SHE USED MY FACEBOOK TO MESSAGE HER.
- 13 **Q** UNDERSTOOD.
- 14 DID YOU HAVE OCCASION TO GIVE AN INTERVIEW TO TWO
- 15 DETECTIVES WITHIN THE LAST FEW WEEKS?
- 16 A THE TRUTH IS I DON'T -- I DON'T REMEMBER. I HAD SO
- 17 MANY INTERVIEWS WITH SO MANY PEOPLE THAT I -- I DON'T
- 18 REMEMBER.
- 19 **Q** IF IT HELPS YOU REMEMBER, DO YOU RECALL GIVING AN
- 20 INTERVIEW TO TWO DETECTIVES AFTER YOU GOT OUT OF THE HOSPITAL?
- A SO IT WAS A DAY BEFORE, BUT I THINK I DON'T
- 22 UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION.
- 23 **Q** SURE. DID YOU HAPPEN TO GET A VISIT FROM TWO
- 24 DETECTIVES WHO INTERVIEWED YOU, SAY THE LAST 10 DAYS, AND
- 25 RECORDED THAT INTERVIEW?

- 1 **A** YES.
- 2 Q AND IN THAT INTERVIEW WERE YOU GIVING DESCRIPTIONS
- 3 OF WHAT HAPPENED AS HONESTLY AND ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE?
- 4 A I -- I'M JUST SAYING WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO ME.
- 5 Q YES. AND DID YOU SAY WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AS
- 6 ACCURATELY AND HONESTLY AS YOU COULD RECALL?
- 7 **A** I BELIEVE SO.
- 8 YOU DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO SAY SOMETHING THAT'S
- 9 NOT TRUE TO THE DETECTIVES, CORRECT?
- 10 A NO, THERE'S NO REASON FOR IT.
- 11 **O** OKAY. GOOD.
- 12 DID YOU TELL THE DETECTIVES IN YOUR INTERVIEW, THAT
- 13 BEFORE TWO OF THE DEFENDANTS STARTED LIGHTING THE HOUSE ON
- 14 FIRE, YOU SAW ANGEL AND FABIOLA LEAVE THE HOUSE?
- 15 A NO, I NEVER SAID THAT. WHAT I -- WHAT I SAID WAS,
- 16 THAT I -- I STOPPED HEARING THEIR VOICES.
- 2 SO IF I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY, ARE YOU SAYING
- 18 YOU'RE 100 PERCENT CERTAIN THAT YOU DID NOT TELL EITHER OF
- 19 THOSE TWO DETECTIVES THAT YOU SAW ANGEL AND FABIOLA LEAVE THE
- 20 HOUSE BEFORE TWO OTHER DEFENDANTS STARTED BURNING IT?
- A I'M 100 PERCENT CERTAIN THAT THAT WASN'T WHAT I SAY.
- 22 WHAT I SAID WAS, THAT I STOPPED HEARING THEIR VOICES, AND ALSO
- 23 THAT I -- I SUPPOSED THAT THEY TOOK THEIR TRUCK AND LEFT WHILE
- 24 THE HOUSE WAS BURNING.
- 25 HOW LONG BEFORE TWO CODEFENDANTS STARTED PUTTING

- 1 PAPER AND THINGS ON YOU TO LIGHT THE HOUSE ON FIRE, WAS IT
- 2 THAT YOU STOPPED HEARING ANGEL CASTRO AND HIS GIRLFRIEND
- 3 TALKING?
- 4 A NO, THE -- THE TRUTH IS I -- I DON'T REMEMBER, AND
- 5 I'M -- I'M SORT OF ENTANGLED HERE.
- 6 Q OKAY. BUT YOU WERE CONFIDENT WHEN YOU TOLD THE
- 7 POLICE THAT YOU NO LONGER BELIEVE THAT ANGEL AND FABIOLA WERE
- 8 IN THE RESIDENCE WHEN THE OTHER TWO DEFENDANTS STARTED BURNING
- 9 IT?
- 10 MS. LEXIS: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR, IT MISSTATES HIS
- 11 TESTIMONY.
- 12 **THE COURT:** I THINK THE WITNESS CAN ANSWER WHETHER THAT'S
- 13 ACCURATE OR NOT.
- 14 THE INTERPRETER: I'M SORRY, MAY -- CAN YOU ASK THE
- 15 QUESTION AGAIN?
- 16 MR. GELLER: SURE.
- 17 **Q** WHEN YOU TALKED TO THE DETECTIVES, YOU TOLD THEM
- 18 THAT YOU BELIEVED THE DEFENDANT AND ANGEL -- OR EXCUSE ME --
- 19 THE DEFENDANT AND MISS FIGUEROA -- SCRATCH THAT -- FABIOLA --
- 20 THE DEFENDANT AND FABIOLA LEFT THE ABANDONED HOUSE PRIOR TO
- 21 THE OTHER TWO DEFENDANTS STARTING TO BURN IT?
- MS. LEXIS: YOUR HONOR, AGAIN, IT MISSTATES -- THE
- 23 QUESTION MISSTATES THE DEFEN -- THE VICTIM'S TESTIMONY. HE
- 24 SAID HE WAS 100 PERCENT SURE THAT HE JUST STOPPED HEARING
- 25 THEIR VOICES, NOT THAT HE SAW THEM LEAVE.

- 1 THE COURT: HE'S ASKING HIM ABOUT WHAT HE SAID TO THE
- 2 DETECTIVE IN THE INTERVIEW, NOT WHAT HE SAID HERE TODAY.
- 3 MS. LEXIS: I THINK IT MISSTATES HIS TESTIMONY CURRENTLY.
- 4 I --
- 5 THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT THAT'S -- THAT'S, I
- 6 GUESS, HIS POINT IN CROSS-EXAMINATION IS IT'S A CONTRADICTORY
- 7 STATEMENT THAT HE'S ASKING HIM IF HE MADE THAT STATEMENT TO
- 8 THE DETECTIVES.
- 9 MS. LEXIS: OKAY.
- 10 **THE COURT:** SO I THINK HE'S ALLOWED TO CONFRONT HIM WITH
- 11 THE STATEMENT AND ASK HIM WHETHER THAT IS OR IS NOT WHAT HE
- 12 SAID TO THE DETECTIVES.
- 13 MS. LEXIS: OKAY.
- 14 **THE COURT:** IF HE REMEMBERS.
- 15 BY MR. GELLER:
- 2 SO DO YOU REMEMBER COMMUNICATING TO THE DETECTIVES
- 17 THAT YOU BELIEVED THAT MR. CASTRO AND MISS FABIOLA JIMENEZ
- 18 LEFT THE ABANDONED HOUSE BEFORE THE OTHER TWO DEFENDANTS
- 19 STARTED BURNING IT?
- A OH, YOU GUYS ARE CONFUSING ME.
- THE COURT: HE'S ASKING YOU SPECIFICALLY ABOUT WHAT YOU
- 22 TOLD THE DETECTIVES IN THE RECORDED INTERVIEW APPROXIMATELY 10
- 23 DAYS AGO. IN THAT INTERVIEW DO YOU REMEMBER TELLING THE
- 24 DETECTIVES THAT MR. CASTRO AND MS. FABIOLA LEFT THE RESIDENCE
- 25 BEFORE THE FIRE WAS STARTED?

- 1 THE WITNESS: I -- WHAT I SAID TO THE DETECTIVES WAS THAT
- 2 I DIDN'T HEAR THEIR VOICES ANYMORE, AND THAT I SUPPOSED OR
- 3 CONSTRUED THAT THEY WENT TO PARK THE TRUCK SOMEWHERE ELSE,
- 4 BECAUSE IT'S WHAT THEY DO.
- 5 **BY MR. GELLER:**
- 6 Q AND YOU TOLD THE DETECTIVES THAT YOU ONLY SAW THE
- 7 REDHEAD AND THE OTHER GUY BURNING THE HOUSE, CORRECT?
- A YES, THAT'S CORRECT. I SAW THEM WITH MY OWN EYES, I
- 9 DIDN'T SEE THE OTHER ONES.
- 10 **Q** I WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION BACK TO THE BEER,
- 11 BRIEFLY. HOW WAS THAT HANDED TO YOU?
- 12 A HOW THEY HANDED THE BEER? WITH --
- 13 **Q** YEAH, WHO HAND --
- 14 **A** -- WITH THEIR HANDS.
- 15 **Q** YEAH, WHO HANDED IT TO YOU?
- 16 **A** I DON'T REMEMBER.
- 17 **Q** OKAY. AND HOW WERE YOU DRINKING IT, SEEING THAT YOU
- 18 WERE TIED UP?
- 19 A THEY -- THEY LOOSENED UP A LITTLE BIT THE -- THE
- 20 RESTRAINTS AND I WAS DRINKING LIKE THIS.
- 21 **Q** AND FOR THE RECORD, IT LOOKS LIKE THE INTERPRETER IS
- 22 USING TWO HANDS IN A MOTION TOWARDS HER MOUTH.
- A YES, IT'S LIKE THIS.
- MR. GELLER: OKAY. THANK YOU, GOT NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.
- THE COURT: MR. YAMPOLSKY.

## 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 2 BY MR. YAMPOLSKY:
- 3 Q MR. ORTIZ-SALAZAR? OKAY.
- 4 YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T SEE THE OTHER ONES BURNING THE
- 5 HOUSE, CORRECT?
- 6 **A** CORRECT.
- 7 Q OKAY. WHEN YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T SEE THE OTHER ONES,
- 8 TO WHOM WERE YOU REFERRING?
- 9 A TO CASTRO AND CASTRO'S GIRLFRIEND.
- 10 **Q** OKAY. SO YOU -- YOU SAW MR. KING BURNING THE HOUSE?
- 11 **A** YES.
- 12 **Q** OKAY. AND I'D LIKE TO BACK UP, DIRECT YOUR
- 13 ATTENTION. EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT THE MONEY THAT YOU OWED.
- 14 YOU OWED THE MONEY TO ANGEL CASTRO?
- 15 **A** WELL, YOU -- YOU WOULD SAY.
- 16 **Q** WELL, I'M ASKING YOU, DID -- DID YOU OWE -- DID
- 17 YOU -- DID YOU THINK YOU OWED ANY MONEY TO ANGEL CASTRO?
- A WELL, TO BE HONEST, IF -- IF I OWE \$100 THAT WOULD
- 19 BE IT.
- 20 Q OKAY. BUT WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IS, IF YOU
- 21 OWED, LET'S SAY THE \$100, OKAY, WOULD THAT MONEY BE OWED TO
- 22 ANGEL CASTRO?
- 23 **A** YES.
- Q OKAY. AND YOU DIDN'T OWE ANY MONEY TO LIONEL KING?
- 25 **A** NO.

- 1 **Q** AND YOU OWED THE MONEY BECAUSE YOU HAD BOUGHT DRUGS
- 2 FROM ANGEL CASTRO?
- 3 **A** NO.
- 4 Q OKAY. THEN WHY DID YOU OWE THE MONEY TO ANGEL
- 5 CASTRO?
- 6 A BECAUSE HE WOULD LEND ME MONEY FOR FUEL.
- 7 **Q** OKAY. SO HE LENT YOU ABOUT \$100 FOR GAS?
- 8 A HE WOULD -- HE WOULD LEND ME MONEY EVERY NOW AND
- 9 THEN, NOT ALL TOGETHER.
- 10 **Q** BUT HE SAID FOR -- YOU SAID FOR FUEL, CORRECT?
- 11 **A** YES.
- 12 **Q** AND THAT MEANS GAS FOR YOUR CAR?
- 13 **A** YES.
- OKAY. COURT'S INDULGENCE.
- 15 YOU SAID YOU HAD A PACK OF CIGARETTES AND A LIGHTER
- 16 IN YOUR POCKET WITH YOUR WALLET, CORRECT?
- 17 **A** YES. CORRECT.
- 18 Q NOW, WHO TOOK THE LIGHTER AND THE WALLET?
- 19 **A** REDHEAD.
- 20 Q OKAY. NOW, DIRECTING YOUR ATTENTION, WHEN YOU GOT
- 21 INTO THE TRUCK, THE REDHEAD WAS DRIVING, CORRECT?
- 22 **A** YES.
- 23 **Q** AND YOU WERE SITTING NEXT TO THE REDHEAD IN THE
- 24 MIDDLE?
- 25 **A** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

- 1 **Q** AND ON YOUR RIGHT-HAND SIDE WAS ANGEL CASTRO?
- 2 **A** THAT'S CORRECT.
- 3 **Q** AND LIONEL KING WAS IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK?
- 4 **A** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- 5 Q NOW, YOU WERE PULLED INTO THE TRUCK?
- A YES, PRETTY MUCH.
- 7 **Q** OKAY.
- 8 A BECAUSE THEY WERE LIKE PUSHING ME AROUND.
- 9 Q OKAY. AND DID THE REDHEAD PUSH YOU?
- 10 **A** THAT HIT ME. THAT ONE HIT ME.
- OKAY. AND WHO PUSHED YOU?
- 12 A ANGEL CASTRO.
- OKAY. AND WAS HE THE ONLY ONE THAT PUSHED YOU?
- 14 **A** YES.
- 15 MR. YAMPOLSKY: OKAY. COURT'S INDULGENCE.
- 16 (DISCUSSION BETWEEN MR. YAMPOLSKY AND DEFENDANT KING.)
- 17 MR. YAMPOLSKY: NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.
- 18 **THE COURT:** ANY REDIRECT?
- MS. LEXIS: NO REDIRECT, THANK YOU.
- THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
- 21 YOU'RE FREE TO STEP DOWN.
- 22 STATE.
- 23 MS. LEXIS: COURT'S BRIEF INDULGENCE.
- (DISCUSSION BETWEEN MS. LEXIS AND DEFENSE COUNSEL.)
- MS. LEXIS: DEFENSE COUNSEL IS ALSO STIPULATING THAT THE

- 1 INDIVIDUAL IN STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER, I BELIEVE IT'S 2,
- 2 REDHEAD, IS EDWARD HONABACH, I.D. NO. 7029816, YOUR HONOR.
- 3 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 4 MS. LEXIS: WITH THAT WE HAVE NO FURTHER WITNESSES.
- 5 **THE COURT:** IS THAT CORRECT, MR. GELLER?
- 6 MR. GELLER: THAT'S CORRECT WITH RESPECT TO THE
- 7 STIPULATION, YOUR HONOR.
- 8 THE COURT: MR. YAMPOLSKY, IS THAT CORRECT WITH THE
- 9 STIPULATION, SIR?
- 10 MR. YAMPOLSKY: YES, YOUR HONOR.
- 11 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- MR. VILLANI: AND, YOUR HONOR, BEFORE WE CLOSE EVIDENCE,
- 13 AGAIN WE HAVE THE SAME AMENDMENTS AS WE DID TO THE OTHER TWO
- 14 DEFENDANTS. COUNT 3, WE ARE ADDING MAYHEM WITH A DEADLY
- 15 WEAPON, TO WIT: A KNIFE AND/OR A MACHETE AND/OR PLIERS.
- 16 **THE COURT:** AND WERE WIRE CUTTERS IS WHAT YOU --
- 17 MR. VILLANI: WIRE CUTTERS, SORRY.
- 18 THE COURT: -- ON THE LAST AMENDMENT, JUST TO BE --
- 19 MR. VILLANI: TO BE CONSISTENT --
- 20 **THE COURT:** -- BE CONSISTENT --
- 21 MR. VILLANI: -- LET'S KEEP IT AT WHERE IT IS.
- 22 **THE COURT:** -- WITH THE LANGUAGE.
- 23 MR. VILLANI: THANK YOU.
- COUNT 5 WE WILL BE ADDING FIRST DEGREE KIDNAPPING WITH
- 25 USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON, RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

- 1 TO THAT CHARGE.
- 2 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 3 MR. VILLANI: AND WITH THAT, YOUR HONOR, THE STATE WOULD
- 4 REST.
- 5 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. GELLER, START WITH YOU.
- 6 MR. GELLER: YES, JUDGE.
- 7 THE DEFENSE WOULD CALL DETECTIVE AUSCHWITZ.
- 8 THE COURT: OKAY. SO EARLIER WHEN I ASKED THE QUESTION
- 9 IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER WITNESSES, NO ONE -- NO ONE SAID
- 10 ANYTHING. I HAVE -- SMALL CLAIMS HAS OUR COURTROOM AT 1
- 11 O'CLOCK TODAY.
- 12 MR. GELLER: OKAY.
- 13 **THE COURT:** SO I MIGHT NEED TO EITHER MOVE US OR MOVE
- 14 THEM, BUT JUST GIVE ME ONE MINUTE.
- 15 **MR. GELLER:** CERTAINLY.
- 16 **THE COURT:** I DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY OTHER WITNESSES.
- 17 MR. GELLER: I'M SORRY, I MISUNDERSTOOD YOUR HONOR'S --
- 18 **THE COURT:** I HAD ASKED EARLIER.
- 19 MR. GELLER: -- QUESTION EARLIER.
- 20 AND I'LL BE VERY BRIEF, I JUST HAVE A FEW TOPICS FOR
- 21 DETECTIVE AUSCHWITZ.
- 22 **THE COURT:** WELL, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK, I JUST --
- MR. GELLER: TEN MINUTES MAX I WOULD THINK, YOUR HONOR.
- THE COURT: FOR EVERYTHING? I MEAN FOR BOTH SIDES?
- MR. GELLER: FOR MY QUESTIONS, YEAH.

- 1 **THE COURT:** OR JUST YOUR QUESTIONS?
- 2 MR. GELLER: RIGHT, FOR MY QUESTIONS. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR
- 3 THE OTHER PARTIES.
- 4 THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, LET ME SEE WHAT I CAN
- 5 COORDINATE.
- 6 THE MARSHAL: WE ARE TRYING TO FIND SMALL CLAIMS ANOTHER
- 7 ROOM, JUDGE.
- 8 THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, CAN YOU COORDINATE THAT WITH
- 9 MAUREEN?
- 10 **THE MARSHAL:** YES, MA'AM.
- 11 **THE COURT:** I MEAN, I THINK IT WOULD BE EASIER TO DIRECT
- 12 THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE OVER THE NEXT 30 MINUTES THAN IT WOULD BE
- 13 FOR US TO PICK EVERYBODY UP AND MOVE US.
- 14 **THE MARSHAL:** I AGREE.
- 15 **THE COURT:** SO THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE YOU --
- 16 **THE MARSHAL:** YES, MA'AM.
- 17 **THE COURT:** -- COORDINATING THAT.
- OKAY, MR. GELLER GO AHEAD. SORRY.
- 19 MR. GELLER: THANK YOU.
- 20 **THE COURT:** JUST WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF THAT LOGISTICS.
- MR. GELLER: I APOLOGIZE FOR MISUNDERSTANDING YOUR
- 22 HONOR'S -- WHEN I REALLY WANTED TO INVOKE THE EXCLUSIONARY
- 23 RULE, I WAS ASKING --
- 24 THE COURT: NO. NO, IN THE BREAK --
- MR. GELLER: OH.

- 1 THE COURT: -- I HAD ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER
- 2 WITNESSES FROM ANYONE, SO --
- 3 MR. GELLER: OH.
- 4 THE COURT: -- I JUST WAS TRYING TO DO TIMING --
- 5 MR. GELLER: SORRY ABOUT THAT.
- 6 THE COURT: -- BECAUSE I KNEW THE COURTROOM WAS
- 7 OTHERWISE -- THAT'S OKAY, LET'S CALL HIM.
- 8 MR. GELLER: DEFENSE WOULD CALL DETECTIVE AUSCHWITZ.
- 9 THE MARSHAL: I BELIEVE THEY'LL BEEN IN 7B, JUDGE.
- 10 THE COURT: COME ON UP TO THE WITNESS STAND FOR ME,
- 11 PLEASE.

- JASON AUSCHWITZ.
- 14 CALLED AS A WITNESS BY THE DEFENSE, AND HAVING BEEN FIRST DULY
- 15 SWORN TO TESTIFY TO THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING
- 16 BUT THE TRUTH, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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- 18 **THE WITNESS:** YES, MA'AM.
- 19 **THE CLERK:** PLEASE BE SEATED.
- STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.
- THE WITNESS: MY NAME IS JASON AUSCHWITZ. JASON IS,
- 22 J-A-S-O-N. AUSCHWITZ, A-U-S-C-H-W-I-T-Z.
- THE COURT: MR. GELLER.
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## 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 2 BY MR. GELLER:
- 3 **Q** DETECTIVE, HOW ARE YOU EMPLOYED?
- 4 A I'M EMPLOYED WITH THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE
- 5 DEPARTMENT.
- 6 Q AND WERE YOU EMPLOYED IN THAT CAPACITY ON MARCH THE
- 7 7TH OF 2016?
- 8 **A** YES, SIR.
- 9 Q DID YOU HAVE OCCASION TO INVESTIGATE A CASE
- 10 SPECIFICALLY WITH THE DEFENDANTS LUIS ANGEL CASTRO, EDWARD
- 11 HONABACH, FABIOLA JIMENEZ AND LIONEL KING ON THAT DATE?
- 12 **A** YES, SIR.
- 2 AND WHEN DID YOU INITIALLY BECOME AWARE OF THE
- 14 ALLEGATIONS INVOLVED AND RESPOND TO THE SCENE? ROUGHLY. I
- 15 REALIZE YOU MAY NOT HAVE A CAD REPORT FROM --
- 16 **A** I BELIEVE IT WAS APRIL 3RD.
- OKAY. SO PRIOR TO APRIL 3RD OF 2016, DID YOU HAVE
- 18 ANY INVESTIGATIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE CASE THAT I JUST
- 19 REFERENCED?
- 20 A IF THAT DATE'S CORRECT, I -- I DID.
- Q OKAY. AND WHAT, BRIEFLY, WAS THE INVESTIGATIVE
- 22 INVOLVEMENT PRIOR TO APRIL 3RD, 2016?
- 23 **A** IT WAS -- I BELIEVE THE CALL INITIALLY CAME OUT AS A
- 24 FIRE AT 1901 EAST OAKEY, AND WE -- WE HAD SOMEONE WITH THEIR
- 25 THROAT SLIT.

- 1 Q WITH THEIR WHAT, I'M SORRY?
- 2 **A** THEIR THROAT SLIT.
- 3 **Q** UNDERSTOOD.
- 4 AND YOU BECAME AWARE OF THAT PRIOR TO APRIL OF 2016;
- 5 IS THAT CORRECT?
- 6 A I GOT -- I WAS AWARE OF THE -- PRIOR TO THE CALL
- 7 COMING OUT AROUND -- ROUGHLY AFTER 3 O'CLOCK. I BELIEVE
- 8 THAT'S THE CORRECT DATE.
- 9 Q OKAY. SO IF I UNDERSTAND YOUR TESTIMONY, AND PLEASE
- 10 DON'T LET ME MISSTATE IT, YOU DIDN'T BECOME AWARE OF THE
- 11 ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING THE FOUR AFOREMENTIONED DEFENDANTS ON
- 12 MARCH 7TH, 2016; IS THAT CORRECT?
- 13 A I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION.
- 14 **Q** WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME AWARE OF THE ALLEGATIONS
- 15 THAT THE FOUR DEFENDANTS WERE FACING PERTAINING TO THE HOUSE
- 16 THAT WAS ON FIRE ON OAKEY ON MARCH 7TH?
- 17 A WHEN THEY BECAME SUSPECTS, IS THAT -- IS THAT WHAT
- 18 YOU MEAN?
- 19 WHEN DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION?
- 20 A I BECAME INVOLVED RIGHT WHEN THE CALL CAME OUT.
- 21 **Q** UNDERSTOOD. THANK YOU.
- DID YOU HAVE OCCASION, WITHOUT REPEATING WHAT ANYONE
- 23 SAID, TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH ANY OF THE SUSPECTS IN THIS
- 24 CASE?
- 25 **A** I DID.

- 1 **Q** DID YOU HAVE OCCASION, AGAIN WITHOUT REPEATING
- 2 ANYTHING THAT HE MAY HAVE SAID, TO INTERVIEW THE DEFENDANT
- 3 ANGEL CASTRO?
- 4 A I -- YOU KNOW WHAT, I DON'T RECALL -- THERE WERE A
- 5 LOT OF INTERVIEWS, AND I -- I DON'T HAVE MY NOTES WITH ME, BUT
- 6 I DON'T -- I DON'T RECALL INTERVIEWING MR. CASTRO OFF THE TOP
- 7 OF MY HEAD. ONE OF MY PARTNERS I BELIEVE DID, BUT I DON'T
- 8 THINK I DID.
- 9 Q OKAY. SO YOU DIDN'T PERSONALLY INTERVIEW THE
- 10 DEFENDANT SEATED TO MY LEFT, AS FAR AS YOU RECALL?
- 11 A I DON'T RECALL. I DON'T THINK I DID.
- 12 **Q** DID YOU HAVE OCCASION TO REPORT TO THE SCENE OF THE
- 13 BURNED HOUSE ON MARCH 7TH, 2016, OR ANYTIME SHORTLY
- 14 THEREAFTER?
- A AGAIN, I -- I APOLOGIZE, I'M -- I'M -- LACK OF
- 16 SLEEP. WAS IT THE 7TH THAT THIS OCCURRED ON, THE ACTUAL DATE?
- 17 Q ACCORDING TO THE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILED BY THE
- 18 STATE IT WOULD BE THE 7TH, YES.
- A AGAIN, WHAT'S YOUR QUESTION?
- 20 **Q** MY QUESTION IS, DID YOU EVER HAVE OCCASION ON MARCH
- 21 7TH, 2016, OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER, TO REPORT TO THE SCENE OF
- 22 THE FIRE ON OAKEY?
- A I DID. I WENT TO THE FIRE ON OAKEY. I'VE BEEN --
- 24 I'VE BEEN TO THAT HOUSE A FEW TIMES.
- 25 **Q** NOW DID YOU --

- A AND, AGAIN, I DON'T RECALL THE DATES SPECIFICALLY,
- 2 AND I APOLOGIZE ABOUT THAT.
- 3 **Q** NO APOLOGY NECESSARY, JUST THE BEST OF YOUR
- 4 RECOLLECTION.
- 5 **A** ALL RIGHT.
- 6 Q DID YOU HAVE OCCASION TO LOOK THROUGH THE HOUSE FOR
- 7 PIECES OF EVIDENCE THAT MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO YOUR
- 8 INVESTIGATION?
- 9 **A** YES, SIR, I DID.
- 10 **Q** AT ANY POINT IN TIME, WHILE YOU WERE REVIEWING THE
- 11 ITEMS IN THE HOUSE, DID YOU HAVE OCCASION TO OBSERVE ANY BEER
- 12 CANS?
- 13 A YOU KNOW WHAT, I DON'T -- I DON'T RECALL COLLECTING
- 14 A BEER CAN.
- DO YOU RECALL OBSERVING ONE?
- 16 **A** I DO NOT RECALL. THERE WAS A LOT OF CLUTTER IN THAT
- 17 HOUSE.
- 18 Q AT ANY POINT IN TIME, IN YOUR INVESTIGATION, EITHER
- 19 BEFORE OR AFTER INTERVIEWING SUSPECTS, DID YOU HAVE OCCASION
- 20 TO REQUEST CELL SITE LOCATION INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THE
- 21 SUSPECTS?
- 22 **A** I -- I BELIEVE WE'RE ATTEMPTING THAT. I DON'T -- I
- 23 DON'T RECALL WHAT -- WHAT EXACTLY WENT FORWARD WITH THAT.
- 24 Q SO AS OF YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY, TO THE BEST OF YOUR
- 25 KNOWLEDGE, NOBODY UNDER YOUR COMMAND ASSOCIATED WITH THIS

- 1 INVESTIGATION IS IN POSSESSION OF CELL SITE LOCATION?
- 2 **A** THAT'S CORRECT.
- 3 Q BUT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT MAY VERY WELL HAVE BEEN
- 4 REQUESTED?
- 5 **A** IT MAY WELL, AND IT MAY BE IN THE PROCESS.
- 6 O AND WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSE
- 7 IN REQUESTING CELL SITE LOCATION INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO
- 8 THE SUSPECTS IN THE CASE?
- 9 A THAT WOULD JUST BE JUST TO PUT THEM AT THE SCENE OF
- 10 THE CRIME.
- 11 **Q** DID YOU HAVE OCCASION TO OBSERVE ANY SCREEN SHOTS OF
- 12 TEXT MESSAGES, PURSUANT TO YOUR INVESTIGATION?
- 13 **A** I -- I RECALL A -- A PHONE NUMBER THAT WAS POSSIBLY
- 14 USED THAT WE -- WE RETRIEVED FROM ONE OF THE -- MY VICTIM HAD
- 15 MADE SOME PHONE CALLS TO FAMILY MEMBERS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT
- 16 ONE OF THE PHONE NUMBERS USED WAS FROM ONE OF YOUR CLIENT'S
- 17 THAT WAS AT THE SCENE.
- OKAY. NOW, YOU REFERRED TO ONE OF MY CLIENTS. YOU
- 19 MEAN ONE OF THE FOUR DEFENDANTS?
- 20 A ONE OF THE FOUR, RIGHT.
- 21 **Q** ACTUALLY YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I REPRESENT, BUT --
- 22 **A** I DON'T. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SIR.
- 23 **Q** ALL RIGHT. JUST A FEW MORE QUESTIONS.
- 24 PURSUANT TO ANY OF THE INVESTIGATIONS WHEREIN YOU OR
- 25 SOMEONE IN YOUR CONTROL OR UNDER YOUR LEAD, I SHOULD SAY,

- 1 MIGHT HAVE HAD A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH ONE OF THE
- 2 SUSPECTS, DID YOU OR ANYONE AT YOUR DIRECTION FOLLOW UP AND
- 3 TRY TO CONFIRM OR DISCONFIRM ANY ALIBIS THEY MAY HAVE
- 4 PROVIDED?
- 5 A AS -- AS FAR AS PHONE CALLS OR WHO -- WHO CALLED
- 6 WHO?
- 7 **Q** I'LL REVISE.
- 8 IF ANYONE, WITHOUT REPEATING WHAT ANYONE MAY HAVE
- 9 SAID TO YOU, IF ANY OF THE SUSPECTS SAID I WAS AT ANOTHER
- 10 LOCATION AT SUCH AND SUCH TIME, DID YOU OR ANYONE AT YOUR
- 11 COMMAND INVESTIGATE THE ALIBI?
- 12 **A** YEAH, I BELIEVE DETECTIVE VALENZUELA.
- OKAY. WITHOUT REPEATING WHAT THE ALIBI MIGHT HAVE
- 14 BEEN, DO YOU RECALL WHO'S ALIBI DETECTIVE VALENZUELA WAS
- 15 INVESTIGATING?
- 16 **A** I BELIEVE THAT WAS LIONEL KING'S.
- 17 Q OTHER THAN MR. KING, DO YOU KNOW IF METRO
- 18 DETECTIVES, PURSUANT TO THIS INVESTIGATION, INVESTIGATED
- 19 ANYONE ELSE'S ALIBI?
- 20 **A** YOU KNOW WHAT, I BELIEVE WE DID, I JUST DON'T KNOW
- 21 WHAT ALIBIS YOU'RE REFERRING TO. IF YOU COULD BE MORE
- 22 SPECIFIC I CAN PROBABLY --
- 23 **Q** MAY I SAY THIS, WERE ANY SURVEILLANCE VIDEOS
- 24 REQUESTED OR PRESERVED PURSUANT TO YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO
- 25 THESE ALLEGATIONS?

- 1 A THERE -- THERE WAS A MARKET THAT ONE OF YOUR -- OR
- 2 ONE OF THE FOUR CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN AT, THAT THERE WAS NO
- 3 VIDEO, I BELIEVE, WE DID NOT FIND ANY VIDEO OF YOUR CLIENT
- 4 BEING AT THE -- THAT MARKET AT THE TIME OF -- THE INCIDENT
- 5 OCCURRED.
- 6 **Q** DO YOU RECALL WHICH MARKET YOU'RE REFERRING TO?
- 7 **A** NO, NOT -- NOT 100 PERCENT.
- 8 MR. GELLER: OKAY. PASS THE WITNESS.
- 9 **THE COURT:** ANY --
- 10 MR. YAMPOLSKY: EXCUSE ME, YOUR HONOR.
- 11 **THE COURT:** I'M NOT SURE HOW -- DO YOU WANT TO...
- MR. VILLANI: EITHER WAY, WE HAVE NO QUESTIONS, WE'LL
- 13 JUST --
- 14 THE COURT: IT'S NOT YOUR WITNESS, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
- 15 WANT TO DO YOUR CROSS OR YOUR CROSS, OR WHAT YOURS WOULD BE
- 16 CALLED.
- 17 MR. YAMPOLSKY: I'LL BE -- I'LL BE REALLY BRIEF.
- 18 THE COURT: OKAY. GO AHEAD MR. YAMPOLSKY.

- 20 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 21 BY MR. YAMPOLSKY:
- 22 **Q** DETECTIVE, YOU SAID THAT DETECTIVE VALENZUELA WAS
- 23 INVESTIGATING LIONEL KING'S ALIBI?
- A THAT'S CORRECT. I BELIEVE --
- 25 **Q** SO YOU DID NOT INVESTIGATE?

- 1 A NO, SIR, I DID NOT.
- 2 MR. YAMPOLSKY: I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.
- 3 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT.
- 4 MR. VILLANI: NOTHING FROM THE STATE, YOUR HONOR.
- 5 **THE COURT:** ANY CROSS?
- 6 MR. VILLANI: NO.
- 7 THE COURT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, YOU'RE FREE TO
- 8 STEP DOWN.
- 9 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU, JUDGE. HAVE A GOOD DAY.
- 10 **THE COURT:** THANKS.
- ANYTHING ELSE FROM MR. GELLER ON BEHALF OF MR. CASTRO?
- MR. GELLER: NO THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 13 I JUST SPOKE TO MR. CASTRO, THAT HE HAS A RIGHT TO
- 14 TESTIFY AT A PRELIMINARY HEARING. I ADVISED HIM NOT TO, AND
- 15 HE'S GOING TO TAKE MY ADVICE TODAY.
- 16 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 17 MR. GELLER: SO WE WOULD REST WITH RESPECT TO THE
- 18 PRELIMINARY HEARING.
- 19 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. MR. YAMPOLSKY, HOW ABOUT YOU?
- MR. YAMPOLSKY: WE HAVE NO WITNESSES, YOUR HONOR.
- 21 AND, SIMILARLY, I SPOKE TO MR. KING, INFORMED HIM HE DOES
- 22 HAVE A RIGHT TO TESTIFY. IT'S MY ADVICE THAT HE DOES NOT, AND
- 23 HE IS GOING TO TAKE MY ADVICE.
- THE COURT: OKAY. ARGUMENT.
- MR. VILLANI: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE WILL WAIVE AND

- 1 RESERVE.
- 2 THE COURT: MR. GELLER YOU WANT TO --
- 3 MR. GELLER: THANK YOU, JUDGE.
- 4 **THE COURT:** -- GO FIRST?
- 5 MR. GELLER: YOUR HONOR, I'D JUST ASK THE COURT NOT TO
- 6 BIND OVER THE DEFENDANT ON COUNT 8, THAT'S A FIRST DEGREE
- 7 ARSON. WE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM THE ALLEGED VICTIM IN THE
- 8 CASE, AND HE TESTIFIED THAT HE BELIEVED HE TOLD THE OFFICERS
- 9 THAT HE NO LONGER COULD HEAR THE DEFENDANT OR THE OTHER
- 10 DEFENDANT, WHICH IS FABIOLA JIMENEZ, WHO'S NAME I APOLOGIZE I
- 11 BUTCHERED A FEW TIMES DURING MY CROSS-EXAMINATION. BUT HE NO
- 12 LONGER WAS ABLE TO HEAR THEM IN THE HOUSE. HE DIDN'T SEE THEM
- 13 IN THE RESIDENCE ANYMORE AT THAT POINT IN TIME. AND IT
- 14 DOESN'T SOUND LIKE AT ANY POINT IN TIME HE MENTIONED THAT
- 15 THERE WAS A STATEMENT THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ADMISSIBLE PURSUANT
- 16 TO THE COCONSPIRATOR HEARSAY EXCEPTION, WHEREIN THE DEFENDANT
- 17 CASTRO SAID BURN HIM OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. TO THE CONTRARY,
- 18 THE ONE STATEMENT THAT HE DID GET INTO EVIDENCE, OR I SHOULD
- 19 SAY THE STATE GOT INTO EVIDENCE THROUGH THAT WITNESS, THAT WAS
- 20 ATTRIBUTED TO MR. CASTRO, WAS SOMETHING TO THE FACT THAT HE'S
- 21 DONE OR HE'S DEAD, AND THEN AFTER THAT THEY DON'T HEAR HIM
- 22 ANYMORE. SO I'M ASKING THE COURT NOT TO BIND OVER COUNT 8
- 23 WITH RESPECT TO THE ARSON, BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE THE STATE'S
- 24 DEMONSTRATED ANY EVIDENCE THAT PUTS THE DEFENDANTS,
- 25 SPECIFICALLY MR. CASTRO, WITH A LIGHTER IN HIS HAND COMMANDING

- 1 ANYONE TO BURN ANYTHING. TO THE CONTRARY, HE'S LEAVING THE
- 2 RESIDENCE PRIOR TO THE FIRE BEING STARTED.
- 3 I'D SUBMIT IT WITH THAT.
- 4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. YAMPOLSKY.
- 5 MR. YAMPOLSKY: AND, YOUR HONOR, ON THE FIRST DEGREE
- 6 KIDNAPPING, MR. ORTIZ-SALAZAR STATED THAT MR -- AND THE
- 7 REDHEAD, WHAT IS THAT, HORN --
- 8 MS. LEXIS: HONABACH.
- 9 MR. YAMPOLSKY: WHAT?
- 10 MS. LEXIS: HONABACH.
- MR. VILLANI: HONABACH.
- MR. YAMPOLSKY: MR. HONABACH WAS IN THE CAR, AND I
- 13 BELIEVE SAID HE WAS PULLING HIM, AND HE ALSO SAID THAT
- 14 MR. CASTRO WAS PUSHING HIM AND -- EITHER HE DIDN'T MENTION
- 15 MR. KING OR MAYBE I ASKED HIM, BUT THERE WAS NO -- NO
- 16 TESTIMONY THAT MR. KING WAS ACTUALLY PUSHING HIM IN THE TRUCK.
- 17 HE SAID MR. KING WAS IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK, SO HE WAS IN
- 18 THE BED.
- 19 I DON'T BELIEVE WE CAN INFER THAT THERE WAS -- HE WAS
- 20 EXHIBITING ANY TYPE OF DOMINION OR CONTROL OR SCARING HIM THAT
- 21 HE SHOULD GO INTO THE TRUCK. BASED ON THAT, I WOULD REQUEST
- 22 THAT THE COURT NOT BIND OVER ON THAT PARTICULAR COUNT.
- ON THE REST I'LL SUBMIT.
- 24 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. STATE, ANY ARGUMENT?
- MR. VILLANI: YOUR HONOR, WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST DEGREE

- 1 ARSON, NOT ONLY IS THAT BARREN PLEAD, BUT WE ARE AT A SLIGHT
- 2 OR MARGINAL EVIDENCE HEARING HERE. GIVEN THAT, ALL FOUR WERE
- 3 PRESENT DURING THE STABBING. IT'S NOT BEYOND BELIEF THAT THE
- 4 TWO WOULD HAVE BEEN PRESENT WHEN THAT FIRE WAS BEING SET, OR
- 5 WHEN THE MATERIALS WERE BEING GRABBED, JUST BECAUSE THE VICTIM
- 6 WAS JUST ABOUT DEAD AT THE TIME THE FIRE WAS -- WAS SET, AND
- 7 UNABLE TO ACTUALLY REMEMBER SEEING THEM.
- 8 HE -- WHAT HE TESTIFIED TO IS, HE PHYSICALLY SAW THE
- 9 OTHER TWO. HE DID NOT SEE THEM, HE JUST STOPPED HEARING THEIR
- 10 VOICES. HE DID NOT SEE THEM. BY THEM I MEAN DEFENDANT 1,
- 11 MR. CASTRO AND HIS GIRLFRIEND MISS JIMENEZ.
- 12 SO GIVEN THAT, YOUR HONOR, I'D ASK YOU TO BINDOVER ON A
- 13 FIRST DEGREE ARSON.
- 14 REGARDING THE FIRST DEGREE KIDNAPPING WITH USE OF A
- 15 DEADLY WEAPON RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM. MR.
- 16 YAMPOLSKY'S ARGUMENT PRESUMES THAT THE KIDNAP TOOK PLACE WHEN
- 17 HE WAS PLACED IN THE TRUCK AND DRIVEN TO THE RESIDENCE. OUR
- 18 THEORY ALSO INCLUDES THE SEIZING, THE CONFINING, THE ABDUCTING
- 19 AND THE CONCEALING OF JOSE, WHICH CERTAINLY UNDER THE
- 20 TESTIMONY HEARD TODAY, MR. KING IS LIABLE FOR, AS MR. JOSE WAS
- 21 TIED TO A CHAIR AS MR. KING WAS REPEATEDLY STABBING HIM.
- GIVEN THAT, YOUR HONOR, I'D ASK YOU TO BIND OVER FIRST
- 23 DEGREE KIDNAPPING WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON RESULTING IN
- 24 SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM AS WELL, AND THE STATE WILL SUBMIT
- 25 WITH THAT.

1 THE COURT: MR. CASTRO AND MR. KING, PLEASE STAND. 2 APPEARING TO ME FROM THE AMENDED CRIMINAL COMPLAINT ON 3 FILE, AS ORALLY AMENDED HERE IN OPEN COURT, AND THE TESTIMONY 4 PRESENTED AT THIS PRELIMINARY HEARING, THERE'S SUFFICIENT 5 EVIDENCE TO BELIEVE THAT THE CRIMES OF CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT 6 MURDER, COUNT 2, ATTEMPT MURDER WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON, COUNT 3, MAYHEM WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON, TO WIT: A 8 MACHETE AND/OR KNIFE AND/OR WIRE CUTTERS, COUNT 4, BATTERY 9 WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY 10 HARM, COUNT 5, FIRST DEGREE KIDNAPPING WITH USE OF A DEADLY 11 WEAPON RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM, COUNT 6, 12 EXTORTION WITH USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON, COUNT 7, ROBBERY WITH 13 USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON, COUNT 8, FIRST DEGREE ARSON, HAVE BEEN 14 COMMITTED, AND THAT YOU EACH COMMITTED SAID CRIMES. I HEREBY 15 ORDER THAT EACH OF YOU BE HELD TO ANSWER IN THE EIGHTH 16 JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ON THE FOLLOWING DATE AND TIME. 17 THE CLERK: ON APRIL THE 14TH AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M., DISTRICT COURT, LOWER LEVEL COURTROOM A. 19 20 (AT 12:43 A.M. THE PROCEEDINGS WERE RECESSED.) 21 22 ATTEST: FULL, TRUE AND CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT. 23 /S/KIT MACDONALD KIT MACDONALD, C.C.R. 24 COURT REPORTER C.C.R. NO. 65 25

1	REPORTER'S DECLARATION		
2	STATE OF NEVADA)		
3	COUNTY OF CLARK)		
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5	I, KIT MACDONALD, A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER IN AND		
6	FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA, HEREBY DECLARE THAT PURSUANT TO NRS		
7	239B.030 I HAVE NOT INCLUDED THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF ANY		
8	PERSON WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT.		
9	I FURTHER DECLARE THAT I AM NOT A RELATIVE OR		
10	EMPLOYEE OF ANY PARTY INVOLVED IN SAID ACTION, NOR A PERSON		
11	FINANCIALLY INTERESTED IN THE ACTION.		
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9	THE STATE OF NEVADA,				
10 11	Plaintiff,	CASE NO. C-16-314092-1			
12	LUIS ANGEL CASTRO, #1918366,	DEPT NO. XXX			
13 14	EDWARD HONABACH aka Edward Joseph Honabach, #7029816, FABIOLA JIMENEZ, #1957068,	AMENDED INFORMATION			
15	LIONEL KING, #1983132  Defendant.				
16 17	STATE OF NEVADA ) ss:				
18	STEVEN B. WOLFSON, District Atta	orney within and for the County of Clark, State			
19	of Nevada, in the name and by the authority of	•			
20		DWARD HONABACH aka Edward Joseph			
21		EL KING, the Defendant(s) above named, having			
22		GREE KIDNAPPING RESULTING IN			
23		ory A Felony - NRS 200.310, 200.320 - NOC			
24	•	16, within the County of Clark, State of Nevada,			
25	contrary to the form, force and effect of statutes in such cases made and provided, and agains				
26	the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada, did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously, seize confine, inveigle, entice, decoy, abduct, conceal, kidnap, or carry away JOSE ORTIZ-				
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his will, and without his consent, for the purpose of committing murder and/or robbery, resulting in substantial bodily harm to JOSE ORTIZ-SALAZAR, the Defendants being criminally liable under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to-wit: (1) by directly committing this crime; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting in the commission of this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, by counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing and/or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, with the intent that this crime be committed, Defendants aiding or abetting and/or conspiring, Defendants acting in concert throughout.

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LUIS ANGEL CASTRO, #1918366

Defendant.

CASE NO:

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### **GUILTY PLEA AGREEMENT**

I hereby agree to plead guilty to: FIRST DEGREE KIDNAPPING RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM (Category A Felony - NRS 200.310, 200.320 - NOC 50052), as more fully alleged in the charging document attached hereto as Exhibit "1".

My decision to plead guilty is based upon the plea agreement in this case which is as follows:

This offer is conditional upon all four (4) Defendants accepting their respective negotiations and being sentenced. All Parties agree the State will have the right to argue for Life without the possibility of Parole, and the Defense will argue for Life with the possibility of Parole after fifteen (15) years. All Parties agree that no one will seek the term of years.

I agree to the forfeiture of any and all weapons or any interest in any weapons seized and/or impounded in connection with the instant case and/or any other case negotiated in whole or in part in conjunction with this plea agreement.

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Probation, fail to appear at any subsequent hearings in this case, or an independent magistrate, by affidavit review, confirms probable cause against me for new criminal charges including reckless driving or DUI, but excluding minor traffic violations, the State will have the unqualified right to argue for any legal sentence and term of confinement allowable for the crime(s) to which I am pleading guilty, including the use of any prior convictions I may have to increase my sentence as an habitual criminal to five (5) to twenty (20) years, life without the possibility of parole, life with the possibility of parole after ten (10) years, or a definite twenty-five (25) year term with the possibility of parole after ten (10) years.

I understand and agree that, if I fail to interview with the Department of Parole and

Otherwise I am entitled to receive the benefits of these negotiations as stated in this plea agreement.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLEA**

I understand that by pleading guilty I admit the facts which support all the elements of the offense(s) to which I now plead as set forth in Exhibit "1".

I understand that as a consequence of my plea of guilty The Court must sentence me to imprisonment in the Nevada Department of Corrections for a minimum term of not less than FIFTEEN (15) years and a maximum term of not more than FORTY (40) years, OR for a minimum term of not less than FIFTEEN (15) years and a maximum term of LIFE, OR LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE. The minimum term of imprisonment may not exceed forty percent (40%) of the maximum term of imprisonment. I understand that the law requires me to pay an Administrative Assessment Fee.

I understand that, if appropriate, I will be ordered to make restitution to the victim of the offense(s) to which I am pleading guilty and to the victim of any related offense which is being dismissed or not prosecuted pursuant to this agreement. I will also be ordered to reimburse the State of Nevada for any expenses related to my extradition, if any.

I understand that I am not eligible for probation for the offense to which I am pleading guilty.

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I understand that I must submit to blood and/or saliva tests under the Direction of the Division of Parole and Probation to determine genetic markers and/or secretor status.

I understand that if I am pleading guilty to charges of Burglary, Invasion of the Home, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Sale of a Controlled Substance, or Gaming Crimes, for which I have prior felony conviction(s), I will not be eligible for probation and may receive a higher sentencing range.

I understand that if more than one sentence of imprisonment is imposed and I am eligible to serve the sentences concurrently, the sentencing judge has the discretion to order the sentences served concurrently or consecutively.

I understand that information regarding charges not filed, dismissed charges, or charges to be dismissed pursuant to this agreement may be considered by the judge at sentencing.

I have not been promised or guaranteed any particular sentence by anyone. I know that my sentence is to be determined by the Court within the limits prescribed by statute.

I understand that if my attorney or the State of Nevada or both recommend any specific punishment to the Court, the Court is not obligated to accept the recommendation.

I understand that if the offense(s) to which I am pleading guilty was committed while I was incarcerated on another charge or while I was on probation or parole that I am not eligible for credit for time served toward the instant offense(s).

I understand that if I am not a United States citizen, any criminal conviction will likely result in serious negative immigration consequences including but not limited to:

- 1. The removal from the United States through deportation;
- 2. An inability to reenter the United States;
- 3. The inability to gain United States citizenship or legal residency;
- 4. An inability to renew and/or retain any legal residency status; and/or
- 5. An indeterminate term of confinement, with the United States Federal Government based on my conviction and immigration status.