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1 Shriner.

2 THE COURT: All right.

3 ... JEFFREY SHRINER,
4 having been duly sworn as a
5 witness, was examined and testified
6 as follows ...

7 MR. McANDREW: Counsel, with this
8 witness, we're going to look at 721-A and B and
9 722-A and B. Here's a copy of one, if you want
10 to pass them around. Thank you.

11 DIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. McANDREW:

13 Q. Good morning. It is still
14 morning.

15 A. Yes, sir. Good morning.

16 Q. It's Master Corporal Shriner?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Who are you employed by?

19 A. New Castle County Police.

20 Q. And what's your current position?

21 A. My current position is I'm
22 assigned to the New Castle County Courthouse as
23 the family liaison for New Castle County.

24 Q. All right. How long have you been

1 in that position?

2 A. Approximately four years.

3 Q. And what do you do as the court
4 liaison?

5 A. Part of my duties is to coordinate
6 getting police officers in to testify in Family
7 Court. That's the biggest part of my job.

8 Q. All right. Other parts of your
9 job?

10 A. Assist when the courts have a
11 question involving New Castle County Police.
12 Instead of having to find somebody to talk to,
13 they call me, and either, A, I resolve the
14 issue, or take it to my superiors.

15 Q. And you're physically located in
16 the courthouse?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. You started there when, roughly?

19 A. In --

20 Q. In the courthouse?

21 A. In New Castle County Courthouse?

22 I started that assignment January of 2013.

23 Q. And prior to -- let's just talk
24 about the courthouse for a second. I'm actually

1 going to hand this back to you guys because I'm
2 getting a blank screen and I'm not sure why.

3 I wanted to talk for a second
4 about the New Castle County Courthouse.

5 A. Sure.

6 Q. The largest courthouse in
7 Delaware?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. Where is it located?

10 A. 500 King Street, Wilmington,
11 Delaware.

12 Q. What's located in that building?
13 What Courts are housed in that building?

14 A. You have obviously Family Court,
15 Court of Common Pleas, Superior Court, and Court
16 of Chancery.

17 Q. All right. And is it fair to say
18 there are a lot of people in and out of that
19 building every day?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. All right. And before you went to
22 the New Castle County Courthouse to work as a
23 Court liaison, what other positions did you have
24 within the New Castle County Police Department?

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1 A. Prior to that assignment, I was
2 the liaison for Magistrate Court in New Castle.
3 Prior to that, I was assigned to the road as a
4 patrol officer. And then prior to that, I was
5 assigned to the Detective Squad of New Castle
6 County Police.

7 Q. Whether did you begin as a New
8 Castle County police officer?

9 A. August of 1994.

10 Q. All right. And you've been
11 continuously employed by New Castle County
12 Police Department since then?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. All right. Let me direct your
15 attention to August of 2007. What role were you
16 in at that time with County Police Department?

17 A. I was assigned to the Detective
18 Bureau as the missing person investigator.

19 Q. All right. And did you at some
20 point become involved in the investigation of
the kidnapping of Laura, Leigh and Karen
Matusiewicz?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Can you tell the jury how you

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1 became involved in that investigation?

2 A. As a missing person investigator
3 for the County I handled all investigations
4 obviously involving missing adults and children
5 anybody missing, I -- this case was assigned to
6 me, I remember, in the evening, and I looked at
7 it, and initially I thought it was just a couple
8 of children weren't returned to the mother on
9 time. So it was assigned to me then.

10 Q. That was the initial information?

11 MR. BOSTIC: Your Honor, may we
12 see the Court at sidebar, please?

13 THE COURT: Yes. If we don't need
14 all three government lawyers, one might stay
15 behind on technology.

16 (Sidebar conference held out of
17 the hearing of the jury as follows.)

18 MR. BOSTIC: Your Honor, I don't
19 remember reading the Court's order with respect
20 to the Court's order on how far the government
21 can go. But I believe that the witness is about
22 to go into the history of the kidnapping and
23 what have you.

24 I thought what was coming in was

1 the conviction and the fact that he was
2 kidnapped and that he did kidnap and that he
3 pled guilty to it and was sentenced.

But if you'll
notice throughout
this trial
everything is
referenced
before the
kidnapping,
during the
kidnapping or
after the
kidnapping.

4 And in addition to this, the
5 government has given me exhibits that I've seen
6 before, intend to use them to talk about the
7 kidnapping, including this --

8 THE COURT: I think Mr. Bostic
9 makes a good point. I did not expect the
10 government to be going into the microcosm of
11 kidnapping.

* This was
basically a
trial based on
the kidnapping
to the point
my lawyer
had to ask
the Judge how
many times the
prosecution was
allowed to say
kidnapping.

12 MR. McCALL: We don't intend to go
13 into the microcosm of the kidnapping. I think
14 we get to say it was a little bit more than a
15 kidnapping. So what I wanted to do was with
16 this witness in the time we have left, I can
17 quickly summarize his involvement in the
18 kidnapping, because that's going to be important
19 to understanding his involvement in the
20 courthouse on the day of the shooting.

21 Beyond that, I was simply going to
22 have to have him take a couple of investigative
23 steps involved in the kidnapping. I mean, this
24 was a 19-month international manhunt and it was

1 well publicized. There was a lot of
2 information.

3 THE COURT: Yes, but we've done a
4 lot of work to try to keep all of that prior
5 publicity off the radar of the jury. That's one
6 concern I have.

7 MR. IBRAHIM: I'm objecting.

8 THE COURT: Just a minute. I'm
9 also looking at the exhibits the government has
10 shared with counsel and the Court, 722-A, 722-B,
11 721 and 721- B. And I will say that I think
that the emotional impact of the exhibits is
extreme. You see three young adorable blonde
children. You see Mr. Matusiewicz with
abductor. You see Laura Matusiewicz with
abductor, and then there are two photos with the
National Center for Missing and Exploited
Investigation.

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19 MR. McANDREW: Which was involved
20 in the investigation.

21 THE COURT: Of course it was, Mr.
22 McAndrew, but I don't understand why any of this
23 is pertinent to the facts of this case.

24 Here's what I'm going to do. I am

It is
pertinent to
the govt to
guarantee a
conviction
based on a
crime already
charged or
served his
sentence for
... sympathy
to anger the
jury

going to allow you to talk about who was involved in the kidnapping. I'm going to allow you to lay a foundation because of the fact he's familiar with the dynamic of the family and Mr. Matusiewicz. I will however sustain the objection as to the four exhibits that I've just reviewed at sidebar.

MR. McANDREW: Just for clarification purposes, your Honor, one of the things we're going to ask him about with regard to the investigation is the fact that he interviewed Thomas Matusiewicz and Amy Gonzalez about their knowledge of the kidnapping, and also what's very important is at that time owe they never say anything about sexual abuse.

THE COURT: That's absolutely proper.

MR. McANDREW: Okay.

THE COURT: By all means, you could go there.

MR. McANDREW: Now, can we also explain that it was the tracking of phone calls financial information from Amy Gonzalez to Nicaragua that led to the discovery of Lenore

previously explained how David called me from a pay phone in Nicaragua. I previously transferred David's money out of the country starting in 2006 to several banks, Bank of Nicaragua, Bank of New Zealand, etc. I'm sure I called Bank of New Zealand & Bank of Nicaragua. I did not call David in Nicaragua or any other country EVER.

1 and the children in Nicaragua just in that brief
2 a fashion, so we can explain how it is they
3 found the children in Nicaragua?

4 MR. IBRAHIM: My objection to that
5 is that has nothing to do with the charges she's
6 facing now having to do with cyberstalking and
7 harassment, interstate stalking. She was never
8 charged with anything having to do with the
9 interstate kidnapping, so she wasn't charged
10 with that. She wasn't charged locally by the
11 state, any charges that had been brought.

12 MR. McANDREW: It's not about
13 convicting her of those things. It's just how
14 the lead developed.

15 THE COURT: Here's my concern
16 about that, Mr. McAndrew. Given the scope of
17 the conspiracy as defined by the indictment and
18 given when the kidnapping took place, I'm
19 concerned that that would end up being
20 propensity evidence as to Ms. Gonzalez, and on
21 that basis I will exclude it.

22 MR. McANDREW: We won't go there.

23 Detective Shriner, at that time
24 Detective Shriner stays involved with Christine

1 Belford after the return of the children. He's
2 at the CAC interviews.

3 THE COURT: I will allow that.

4 MR. McANDREW: She talks to him
5 about the fear of the defendants.

6 THE COURT: I will allow that.

7 MR. McANDREW: She talks about
8 whether she should get custody.

9 THE COURT: I will allow that.

10 MR. McANDREW: As we move to the
11 day of -- I think we're okay on that. We'll
12 keep this brief.

13 MR. IBRAHIM: The only request I
14 have is based on my review of what I've been
15 provided about Detective Shriner, when you say
16 fear of defendants, she doesn't express a fear
17 of Amy Gonzalez.

18 MR. McANDREW: No. That will be
19 clear, I think.

20 MR. IBRAHIM: Okay.

21 THE COURT: If not, you'll clarify
22 it on cross. You shouldn't have to. Hopefully,
23 Mr. McAndrew will make it clear.

24 MR. McANDREW: I would say this,

1 your Honor, it's only one of the pictures of the
2 kids, what they looked like at the time of the
3 kidnapping, and we used it to try to clarify it.

4 THE COURT: I understand that, and
5 my ruling stands.

6 MR. McANDREW: Very well.

7 (End of sidebar conference.)

8 HE COURT: Members of the jury,
9 because the events of this case expand a
10 relatively long time frame, there are
11 appropriate points where we stop and say, is
12 this relevant or not, so we just had an exchange
13 like that and I think we may have saved
14 ourselves some time.

15 MR. McANDREW: Thank you, your
16 Honor.

17 THE COURT: Sure, Mr. McAndrew.

18 BY MR. McANDREW:

19 Q. Corporal Shriner, just to pick up
20 with where we are, we were talking about your
21 involvement as the lead detective in the
22 investigation of the kidnapping; is that
23 correct?

24 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. I just want to briefly walk you
2 through a couple of the steps that you took in
3 that investigation. That was a 19-month
4 investigation?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. International investigation?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. All right. Did one of the early
9 steps included a search of the Matusiewicz home?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And what, if anything, did you
12 find in the home?

13 A. It's was pretty much vacant. Lot
14 of debris, trash.

15 MR. IBRAHIM: I'm just going to
16 object. Let's be here --

17 MR. BOSTIC: Same here, your
18 Honor.

19 THE COURT: When you say
20 Matusiewicz family, I think we need to be
21 precise. Was it Thomas Matusiewicz?

22 MR. McANDREW: Yes.

23 BY MR. McANDREW:

24 Q. The --

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1 MR. BOSTIC: If I may, there's a
2 separate issue here that we, unfortunately, need
3 to come back to sidebar on.

4 THE COURT: All right. Members of
5 the jury, in a multiparty case, but particularly
6 when one individual whom we know has committed
7 this act is deceased, you can understand there's
8 sometimes subtleties that I need to address, so
9 your continued patience would greatly be
10 appreciated.

11 (Sidebar conference held out of
12 the hearing of the jury as follows.)

13 MR. McANDREW: If I could just
14 very quickly explain where I was going with
15 this.

16 One of the things he's going to
17 say is that the fireplace had been recently used
18 and there was a burnt copy of the divorce
19 decree. That was it.

20 MS. CHAVAR: You started with, it
21 was full of debris. You give a lot of
22 information, the damage that was done to that
23 house.

24 MR. McANDREW: We're not getting

1 into any of that.

2 MS. CHAVAR: You started with that
3 answer. You're not going there?

4 MR. McANDREW: No. Just the
5 fireplace.

6 MR. BOSTIC: The divorce decree
7 has nothing to do with this issue at all.

8 MR. McANDREW: The divorce decree
9 is central to the beginning of the motive of
10 this case.

11 MR. BOSTIC: Everybody is aware.
12 You said there was a divorce.

13 THE COURT: I find this probative.
14 I will let the government do it.

15 MR. McANDREW: Just that one
16 question.

17 MR. BOSTIC: While we're here
18 at sidebar, because I had a note here about
19 seeking -- I had a note here about Detective
20 Shriner being able to say that he was concerned
21 about the children's safety, particularly based
22 on the report by Dr. Romirowsky.

23 MR. McANDREW: Not going to get
24 into that.

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1 THE COURT: Good.

2 (End of sidebar conference.)

3 THE COURT: I thank all counsel
4 for their input. Please proceed.

5 MR. McANDREW: Thank you.

6 BY MR. McANDREW:

7 Q. Corporal Shriner, back again, as
8 we say. In the fireplace -- did you find
9 anything in the fireplace the house was searched
10 in?

11 A. Yes. A pile of ashes and divorce
12 papers for Christine and David.

13 Q. All right. Now, beyond the house
14 there were other steps that you took during the
15 investigation; is that correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Including interviews of some
18 individuals?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Did you interview Thomas
21 Matusiewicz?

22 A. Yes, I did.

23 Q. Can you tell the jury briefly
24 about how you did that?

1 A. That phone call, or that
2 interview was conducted officer the phone. I
3 made several attempts at that address, but
4 couldn't locate him at his house. A note was
5 left and he eventually called me, and that
6 interview was conducted over the phone.

7 Q. Did you ever try to meet him in
8 person?

9 A. Several times.

10 Q. With any luck?

11 A. No luck.

12 Q. All right. And what did Thomas
13 tell you in brief?

14 A. Briefly, he said that his wife,
15 the son and grandchildren left for Florida,
16 Disney World, I believe, and he hadn't heard or
17 talked to them since, but he was not concerned
18 about that.

19 Q. All right. And did you ask him
20 how they had gotten to Disney World?

21 A. He did not know by what means they
22 traveled to Florida.

23 Q. Did he say anything during the
24 interview that you recall about Christine

1 Belford?

2 A. Not that I can recall.

3 Q. Did he say anything about
4 Christine Belford sexually abusing Laura?

5 A. Not that I can recall.

6 Q. Or any other child?

7 A. No.

8 Q. All right. Did you also conduct
9 an interview about a month later, in October,
10 with Amy Gonzalez?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And where was that conducted?

13 A. At her residence in Bridgeton, New
14 Jersey.

15 Q. So she met you in person?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And did you ask her many of the
18 same questions?

19 A. The same exact questions, pretty
20 much.

21 Q. Including about the children being
22 supposedly taken to Disney World?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. And what response did you get to

1 that question?

2 A. That her brother and mother and I
3 guess it would be nieces went to Florida, Disney
4 World, and she also did not know how they got
5 there.

6 Q. All right.

7 A. She was not concerned either that
8 they weren't back yet.

9 Q. I'm sorry?

10 A. She was not concerned that they
11 weren't back yet either.

12 Q. And that was in October of 2007?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. Do you know when they left for
15 Disney World, supposedly left?

16 A. Supposedly August of 2007.

17 Q. All right. So a month-and-a-half,
18 two months later?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Again, did Amy Gonzalez
21 talk with you at all about Christine Belford, to
22 your recollection?

23 A. No, she did not.

24 Q. All right. Were there any mention

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1 to you have allegations of sexual abuse by
2 Christine Belford against Laura?

3 A. No, there was not.

4 Q. All right. And did you leave or
5 provide either Tom Matusiewicz or Amy Gonzalez
6 with contact information so they can get in
7 touch with you if they wanted to?

8 A. With Amy I left my business card,
9 and honestly, with Thomas, I left a handwritten
10 note with my phone number on it.

11 Q. All right. And where did you
12 leave a handwritten note for Thomas?

13 A. I believe it was in the door of
14 their residence in Smyrna, Delaware.

15 Q. Because you never met Thomas in
16 person?

17 A. Not face to face.

18 Q. With regard to Ms. Gonzalez, you
19 left her with your card?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. Does your card have your phone
22 number on it?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Did you ever get a phone call from

1 Amy Gonzalez?

2 A. No, sir, I did not.

3 Q. How about Tom Matusiewicz after
4 that initial phone interview you described?

5 A. No, sir.

6 MR. McCALL: Just bear with me for
7 a moment.

8 BY MR. McCALL:

9 Q. So during the course of the
10 investigation, the children are eventually
11 rescued in Nicaragua; is that correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. All right. And I want to take you
14 to that time period when you had received, you
15 received information, I take it, that the
16 Matusiewicz, that David and Lenore Matusiewicz
17 and the children were located in Nicaragua.

18 A. More to the form they had a good
19 idea where they may be.

20 Q. Okay. So did you advise Mrs.
21 Belford of that?

22 A. Yes, we did.

23 Q. Can you tell the jury how you did
24 that?

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1 A. Myself, Deputy U.S. Marshal and a
2 detective from New Castle County Police assigned
3 to the Marshal's Task Force road up to their
4 residence in the evening hours and informed her
5 that we had a very good idea where David and
6 the children may be, but nothing could be done
7 until a guardian or parent was in the country.
8 So...

9 Q. You went out to her house to tell
10 her this?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. About what time?

13 A. Roughly 10:00 o'clock at night.

14 Q. All right. She was home?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. What was her reaction when you
17 told her of this?

18 A. She was excited, but, again, I
19 didn't want to get her overly excited because we
20 didn't physically have custody of the children
21 yet.

22 Q. All right. Was she able to get to
23 Nicaragua?

24 A. Yes, sir, she was.

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Q. Do you know when she flew out to Nicaragua?

A. 6:00 o'clock the next morning when I left her was her plane flight.

Q. Now, you didn't accompany her to Nicaragua?

A. No, sir.

Q. You stayed back here?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. All right. After the children and Mrs. Belford returned to the Delaware area from Nicaragua, did you stay in touch with them?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. All right. And directing your attention to on or about mid-March of 2009, were you actually involved in scheduling what are called Child Advocacy Center interviews for the children?

A. Yes, sir, I was.

Q. And what are Child Advocacy Center interviews?

A. Well, the Child Advocacy Center is located at the A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, and basically it's a, it's a -- let me

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1 get this right so you understand.

2 The child is interviewed by one
3 person. This is somebody trained in
4 interviewing children. I'm not particularly
5 trained in it even though I have children of my
6 own. It's a forensic-type interview to
7 determine any type of abuse or to find out -- it
8 is an in-depth child interview is what it is.

9 Q. All right. That's your
10 understanding anyway?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And were these interviews
13 eventually scheduled?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And where were they going to be
16 conducted?

17 A. Where?

18 Q. Yes, where.

19 A. A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital.

20 Q. And that's in North Wilmington?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. All right. And the interviews
23 were scheduled for on or about March 17th of
24 2009?

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1 A. Sounds about right.

2 Q. All right. Were all three
3 children able to be interviewed?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. Were any of them able to be
6 interviewed?

7 A. Laura was able to be interviewed.

8 Q. All right. And Leigh and Karen
9 were not?

10 A. That's right.

11 Q. Why is that, if you know?

12 A. Karen was too young, and Leigh, we
13 couldn't get her to concentrate on what needed
14 to be asked of her.

15 Q. Okay. Now, do you know whether
16 there were any disclosures within Laura's
17 interview of sexual abuse by her mother?

18 A. No, there was no disclosure there.

19 Q. All right. In fact, throughout
20 the course of your 19-month investigation, had
21 you heard any allegations from anyone that
22 Christine Belford was sexually abusing Laura
23 Matusiewicz?

24 A. No, sir.

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1 Q. All right. I want to direct your
2 attention now, moving past the CAC interviews,
3 did you continue to stay in touch with Christine
4 Belford in any way?

5 A. Every so often, yes, we would
6 talk.

7 Q. And about what?

8 A. Well, if I -- I would reach out to
9 her to find out how the kids were doing. She
10 would call me with some of her own concerns,
11 too.

12 Q. What sort of concerns did she
13 express to you?

14 A. She had mentioned one time where
15 she felt that she was being followed. I think
16 if I remember correctly, like to the bus, taking
17 the kids to the bus. Another time she told me
18 that a private investigator had rang her
19 doorbell and actually handed her a card, and
20 wanted really -- what really sticks out in my
21 mind is she had called me and asked my opinion
22 on whether she should get a permit to carry a
23 concealed firearm.

24 Q. And did she explain why she was

1 considering getting a concealed firearm?

2 A. She felt that she was being
3 followed, so on and so forth.

4 Q. Did she say by whom?

5 A. She didn't really say by whom, but
6 she was fearful of David and his, his parents.

7 Q. All right. Now, March 2009 to
8 February 2013 has a good chunk of time; is that
9 right?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Would you say you stayed in touch
12 with her during that period at least
13 intermittently?

14 A. Intermittently is a good way to
15 change it.

16 Q. Now, your role at the New Castle
17 County Police Department changed over that
18 period of time as well; right?

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. Just to refresh the jury's
21 correct, you went from being a detective?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. To what?

24 A. Back to the street as a patrol

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1 officer.

2 Q. All right. And then at the time
3 of February 2013, you had actually moved into
4 the role of courthouse liaison?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Okay. So your role has changed
7 over time?

8 A. A couple times.

9 Q. Let me direct your attention now
10 to February 2011, 2013.

11 A. Sure.

12 Q. Do you recall the day?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. All right. And were you scheduled
15 to work that day at the courthouse?

16 A. Yes, I was.

17 Q. Do you recall receiving the
18 initial information about a shooting at the
19 courthouse?

20 A. Yes. Via my police radio.

21 Q. Can you tell the jury how you
22 received that information?

23 A. Yes. I was on my way to work, and
24 across the police radio came a shooting at the

New Castle County Courthouse. At that time I was only approximately two miles away from the courthouse when it came in.

Q. All right. And what did you do?

A. Activated my emergency equipment and drove directly to the courthouse.

Q. Okay. Upon arriving at the courthouse, what did you do?

A. I went inside it. I also -- also on the police radio they were talking about there may be two shooters, two shooters at least. So when I got there, I saw a Capitol Police Officer. He said that there may be two shooters.

Q. All right. So you are not -- as the information is coming in, the facts aren't really well established yet; is that right?

A. That's correct.

Q. All right. I want to stop for a second.

MR. McANDREW: Your Honor, your Honor previously ruled that Exhibit 15-B, which are the panoramic views of the courthouse are admissible. At this point we'll get offer it

1 into evidence and we'd like to publish a few of
2 the panoramics and the show the jury the
3 courthouse.

4 THE COURT: You may.

5 MR. McANDREW: If we can pull up
6 15-B. And I'd like to go to No. 2. Yes. Just
7 go down one and hit enter.

8 BY MR. McANDREW:

9 Q. Do you see this on your screen,
10 sir?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And what are we looking at here?

13 A. The interior lobby of the
14 courthouse.

15 MR. McANDREW: Can you rotate that
16 slowly, Joe?

17 THE WITNESS: And that's prior to
18 the metal detectors also.

19 BY MR. McANDREW:

20 Q. All right. So now we're looking
21 straight down at a door. Do you see that door
22 there?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. What door is that?

1 A. That is the revolving entranceway
2 into the courthouse lobby.

3 MR. McANDREW: Okay, Joe. We'll
4 continue rotating. The other way. Okay, Joe.
5 If you want to go that way, fine.

6 BY MR. McANDREW:

7 Q. What are we seeing here?

8 A. The sliding doors leading into the
9 lobby area from the King Street side.

10 Q. Are these the two main entrances
11 into the lobby?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 MR. McANDREW: Okay. Joe, which
14 way are you going to go now? If you could keep
15 going around a little more. There we go.

16 BY MR. McANDREW:

17 Q. What do we see there?

18 A. Metal detector leading into the
19 actual courthouse.

20 Q. As folks are coming into the lobby
21 of the courthouse, they are required to go
22 through these; is that right?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And that's for security purposes?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So no one has really checked,
3 though, until they go through those; is that
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What we're looking at here is the
7 lobby as it appeared on February 11, 2013?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 MR. McANDREW: Joe, do you want to
10 rotate a little more? A little more. There we
11 go.

12 BY MR. McANDREW:

13 Q. Now what are we looking at over
14 here?

15 A. Well --

16 Q. That's the far side of the lobby,
17 I think?

18 A. Yes. The far side of the lobby.
19 Exactly.

20 Q. And initially, when folks came in
21 in the morning, sometimes they're lined up right
22 along here; is that right?

23 A. If the line got too big, yes.

24 Q. Or before the security gates

1 opened?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. All right. But if you are staring
4 straight ahead there, you are kind of looking at
5 a wall with monitors on it?

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. So directing your attention back
8 to your activities on February 11, 2013, you
9 respond to the lobby?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. And can you -- about how long
12 after the initial radio report do you think you
13 got to the lobby?

14 A. Within minutes. A minute, maybe a
15 minute-and-a-half, because again I was on Route
16 13. I activated my emergency equipment and was
17 there in a minute or two.

18 Q. Okay. Can you describe your
19 immediate senses when you walked into the
20 building?

21 A. As soon as I walked in, the first
22 thing that hit me was the smell of gunpowder.

23 Q. Okay. Do you see the victim's
24 body, Christine Belford?

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1 A. I saw a person's body.

2 Q. Now, that person to your knowledge
3 had not yet been identified to you yet; is that
4 right?

5 A. That's right.

6 Q. Now, let's me just stop you for a
7 second. Did you know that Christine Belford was
8 scheduled to be at the courthouse that morning?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. Did you know that anyone from the
11 Matusiewicz family was scheduled to be at the
12 courthouse that morning?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. So you see the body and the victim
15 is being attended to; is that right?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. So what do you do?

18 A. I go -- like, I could show you
19 where I took up a position. I didn't -- there
20 were officers actually going in every different
21 direction. It was pretty chaotic. They were
22 still making mention of a second shooter. I was
23 dressed similar to this. I didn't have a
24 bulletproof vest, so I took up a position in the

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1 lobby on the other side of the metal detectors,
2 inside the lobby area.

3 MR. McANDREW: If we go to 3?

4 THE WITNESS: If you rotate that
5 back, I will show you where I went.

6 BY MR. McANDREW:

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Actually, I can -- behind --
9 further into the courthouse, there's a desk back
10 there. Keep going. There you go.

11 Behind this wall -- I can't, I
12 don't know if that will work. Behind that wall,
13 in that area is where I stationed myself.

14 Q. Okay. Is that good enough?

15 A. Good enough.

16 Q. You staged yourself and did what?

17 A. Just try to secure the scene the
18 best I could. You know, there were several
19 officers in that same general vicinity also.

20 Q. Does there come a point where you
21 learn that the victim has been identified as
22 Christine Belford?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. What's your reaction when you hear

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1 that it's Christine Belford?

2 A. I was like taken aback or shocked
3 or whatever, I mean, because I knew this person
4 you know. Normally, you go to shootings, you
don't know anybody. This person I particularly
knew and my first thought is, where's David?

why?

7 Q. Okay. Now, you had no idea that
8 David Matusiewicz was in the building?

9 A. No, I didn't.

10 Q. All right. So what do you do
11 after you have that thought?

12 A. There's -- this fellow had State
13 Police jurisdiction. There's a lieutenant named
14 Tom Bracken standing beside me. I told him,
15 Tom, I know this victim. I know there's history
16 between her and her ex-husband.

17 He said to me, go downstairs --

18 MR. BOSTIC: My objection as to
19 whatever the other witness --

20 THE COURT: That would be hearsay,
21 right.

22 BY MR. McANDREW:

23 Q. Without getting into what someone
24 said to you.

1 A. Right.

2 Q. The shooter had not been
3 identified at this point?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. So without getting into what
6 anyone said to you, just explain what you did.

7 A. I went down and reviewed the
8 video, surveillance video of the shooting. At
9 that point I could not identify who was the
10 actual shooter. He looked older, but I couldn't
11 tell you whether it was David or not.

12 Q. Let me stop you there. You said
13 you went down. You mean downstairs into the
14 lower level of the building?

15 A. That's correct. The Capitol
16 Police.

17 Q. All right. Where you could review
18 the video footage; is that right?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. All right. Now, you said you
21 weren't able to identify Tom Matusiewicz or
22 David as the shooter?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. You had never met Tom Matusiewicz;

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1 is that correct?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Okay. So after reviewing this
4 footage, what do you do?

5 A. I go back upstairs and, again,
6 inform the people that I couldn't identify who
7 the shooter was. A short time later, I was then
8 told --

9 MR. BOSTIC: Objection as to what
10 he was told. Hearsay, your Honor.

11 MR. McANDREW: Well, it's not
12 going to be hearsay. I think it's going to be
13 for the effect it has on him in terms of what he
14 does next.

15 THE COURT: I think I will allow
16 it for this purpose.

17 MR. BOSTIC: Very well, your
18 Honor. Thank you.

19 BY MR. McANDREW:

20 Q. Go ahead, sir.

21 A. The shooter was identified as
22 Thomas Matusiewicz to me.

23 Q. Okay. Once you hear that
24 identification, what next do you do?

1 A. With the thought in my head,
2 where's David? I also testified between two
3 Judges in Family Court --

4 MR. BOSTIC: Objection.

5 BY MR. McANDREW:

6 Q. You said you testified?

7 A. Before two judges.

8 THE COURT: I think I will sustain
9 that objection.

10 BY MR. McANDREW:

11 Q. You can't talk about anything you
12 testified to.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. And I don't want you to use
15 out-of-court statements. I just want you to
16 describe what you did --

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. -- after learning that Thomas was
19 the shooter.

20 A. I went down and I saw a gentleman
21 who could help me. I was concerned about people
22 in the courthouse.

23 I ran into a gentleman, as I'm
24 talking to him about this was the Matusiewicz

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1 case that I investigated a couple years prior --

2 MR. BOSTIC: Your Honor, I'm going
3 to object and move to strike that.

4 THE COURT: I will allow that.

5 THE WITNESS: When I'm talking to
6 this gentleman, a bailiff asked me what name I
7 used. I said Matusiewicz. He asked, he said,
8 that gentleman was in my courtroom. I said --
9 he said David Matusiewicz. At that point he
10 said, he just left.

11 BY MR. McANDREW:

12 Q. Now, let me stop you for a second.
13 You said in the courtroom. What happened --
14 when the shooting occurred, what happened to all
15 of the people that were in the courthouse
16 already inside of the security perimeter?

17 A. Various bailiffs and security
18 personnel just tucked people into courtrooms.

19 Q. They just pushed everybody into
20 courtrooms?

21 A. Pretty much.

22 Q. Okay. Once they put people in the
23 courtrooms, did they take stock of who was in
24 each room?

1 A. One particular bailiff did.

2 Q. That's what you are describing?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. I cut you off. You understand
5 this person just took down the name of David
6 Matusiewicz, and then what did you do?

7 A. He's leaving. Me and this
8 particular person went over and saw
9 Mr. Matusiewicz going down the escalator to the
0 first, lower Level 1 at the time.

1 MR. McANDREW: If we could pull up
2 Page 11, I think this might help.

3 BY MR. McANDREW:

4 Q. And if you will look at -- this is
5 Slide 11 of the panoramic view, Exhibit 15-B.
6 And, Joe, if you will rotate a little bit to the
7 left?

8 Are you able to see on here about
9 where you were standing at the time that you
0 were having this conversation?

1 A. Behind the wall, the pillar there,
2 it's called Jury Services Room. It's probably
3 another, I don't know, 20 feet past that pillar.

4 Q. Twenty feet in this direction here

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1 (indicating)?

2 A. Going in toward the courthouse.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Correct. Farther down the
5 hallway.

6 Q. The escalators you're describing
7 are where? You may be able to hit your screen.

8 A. These are the escalators I'm
9 talking about right there.

10 Q. That's the escalator?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, were those escalator turned
13 on or off at that time?

14 A. I believe they were off.

15 Q. People were walking downstairs?

16 A. Yes, walking downstairs.

17 Q. And why were the people going
18 downstairs?

19 A. They were getting them out of the
20 building.

21 Q. All right. So do you actually
22 make visual contact with David? Do you see him?

23 A. Yes. Well, actually, yelled, hey,
24 David. I don't know exact terminology I used.

Yelled. He turned around.

Q. All right. And then what happened?

A. He walked back up the escalator.

Q. All right. And he comes back up to where you are on this level here?

A. That's correct.

Q. Okay.

MR. McANDREW: And, Joe, if you will rotate to the right just to orient the jurors. Keep rotating.

BY MR. McANDREW:

Q. So these escalators are right off of the security area in the lobby; is that right?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. All right. After this happens, are you later involved in a meeting on the lower level of the courthouse with various public officials and law enforcement agents about steps that need to be taken?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And were you involved?

A. Because of my knowledge of the

He did not run or try to escape. He didn't know what was happening.

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1 kidnapping and the whole investigation.

2 Q. The case history?

3 A. The case history.

4 Q. And knowledge. Okay.

5 And during that meeting, what is
6 the focus of the meeting?

7 A. Locating the children.

8 Q. Okay. And the children, were
9 their locations known at that time, if you
10 recall?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. All right. So locating the
13 children, locating anyone else of interest?

14 A. Yes. Lenore Matusiewicz.

15 Q. All right. And subsequently that
16 day, your involvement really ends that day; is
17 that right?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. After the scene of the shooting.
20 Okay. All right.

21 MR. McAndrew: Your Honor, just
22 indulge us for one second.

23 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

24 (Pause while counsel confer.)

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1 MR. McANDREW: Thank you,
2 corporal. No further questions.

3 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

4 MR. BOSTIC: If I may, your Honor?

5 THE COURT: Yes, Mr. Bostic.

6 CROSS-EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. BOSTIC:

8 Q. Good morning. Is it Officer
9 Shriner at this point?

10 A. That's fine. Yes, sir.

11 Q. As I understand it, you were a
12 detective back in 2009?

13 A. I just left detective. January of
14 2009, I came out of detectives.

15 Q. Okay. The and about when in 2009,
16 so I understand?

17 A. January.

18 Q. January?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Thank you.

21 A. You're welcome.

22 Q. And to become a detective, you
23 took an exam?

24 A. No, sir.

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