1	Q. No? You were promoted?
2	A. No, sir. It's a lateral transfer.
3	Q. It's a lateral transfer?
4	A. Yes, sir.
5	Q. So you said you went back onto
6	patrol?
7	A. Yes, sir.
8	Q. You became a patrol officer. And
9	that wasn't a demotion?
10	A. No, sir.
11	Q. Now, when in 2009 you reference
12	an interview of Laura Matusiewicz; is that
13	correct?
14	A. Yes, sir.
15	Q. And you mentioned a child or
16	Children Advocacy Center; is that correct?
17	A. Yes, sir.
18	Q. And that interview of Laura
19	Matusiewicz regarded the kidnapping; is that
20	correct?
21	A. The overall investigation.
22	Q. Let me ask it again. I will ask
23	it this way. That interview had nothing to do
24 <	with any allegations of child abuse as to

Christine Belford; is that correct?

- A. That's correct.
- Q. Now, you testified -- let me ask, I'm sorry.

You testified that you interviewed several people in connection with the kidnapping of the case, Tom Matusiewicz, Amy Gonzalez, right, at the time that you were investigating the kidnapping?

- A. That's correct.
- Q. All right.
- A. Her name is Matusiewicz I believe at the time.
- Q. Right. And you indicated that no one disclosed anything about any abuse by the mother, Christine Belford, during that time?
 - A. That's correct. Correct.
- Q. Now, am I correct that that is not unusual for people, a family involved in a child custody matter not to disclose sexual --

MR. McANDREW: Objection, your

Honor.

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THE COURT: I will allow it.

BY MR. BOSTIC:

1	Q. Sexual abuse of a child whose
2	custody may be involved?
3	A. I can't really testify to what is
4	usual and unusual people do.
5	Q. Okay.
6	MR. BOSTIC: If I may have a
7	moment, your Honor.
8	(Pause.)
9	BY MR. BOSTIC:
10	Q. Don't you remember testifying at a
11	hearing in 2011, I believe, or 2010,
12	November 2010, and being asked that question
13	about whether families involved in a case where
14	one of them or a part of them kidnap a kid
15	doesn't always tell you about if there's an
16	issue of child abuse prior to the kidnapping,
17	and you happen to be saying, you think they
18	would, but they don't?
19	A. Sir, I don't understand what you
20	are talking about.
21	Q. All right.
22	A. What interview is that?
23	Q. I didn't ask you about an
24	interview. I asked you to recall testifying on

or about November 10, 2010, in a hearing in which you were asked a question about whether families involved in a disputed custody case where one of them may have kidnapped a child always disclose about child sexual abuse, and you said, no, that they don't always do it?

A. I don't recall that interview, sir.

Q. Okay.

THE COURT: Counsel, if

cross-examination is going to take a while, I am

concerned about our time schedule for the day.

And, Mr. Bostic, you understand, I'm not looking

to cut you have on, rush you. I'm just trying

to decide whether we push ahead now.

MR. BOSTIC: I was about to raise that to the Court, but I was looking for an exhibit and it's going to take a little time to take this witness through that exhibit.

THE COURT: All right. So I am aware we have a scheduling issue where we had intended to leave by 12:30. Is that still an issue?

A JUROR: It's still an issue, but

1	depending on how long.
2	THE COURT: How about, counsel, do
3	you have an estimate perhaps?
4	MR. BOSTIC: Your Honor, I have a
5	box of different documents, exhibits that I will
6	take this witness through depending on his
7	answers in the first instance.
8	THE COURT: And then I suspect Mr.
9	McAndrew will have some objections and we may
10	profit from reviewing, to the extent that we
11	can, some of that information.
12	And I assume other counsel will
13	have cross-examination.
14	MR. EDELIN: Yes, your Honor.
15	MR. IBRAHIM: At this juncture, I
16	don't. Thank you.
17	THE COURT: You surprise me,
18	Mr. Ibrahim.
19	And, members of the jury, when I
20	make my hopefully witty comments, take nothing
21	from them other than I'm just trying to engage
22	with counsel a little bit.
23	So here's what I would suggest we
24	do. Is the witness available to return to court

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THE WITNESS: Talk to my wife. I am supposed to be in Baltimore with my son's college orientation, but I will do whatever the Court needs.

THE COURT: We have competing college obligations here.

MR. BOSTIC: You know what, your Honor. If you give me a couple of minutes, maybe I can ask this question.

THE COURT: We'll work a little longer, counsel. All right?

MR. BOSTIC: Okay.

THE COURT: But I reiterate, what time counsel needs, they will have.

MR. BOSTIC: Might I approach,

your Honor. Your Honor, I do have it. May I
approach?

THE COURT: You may.

MR. McANDREW: We have not seen...

THE COURT: When it comes to cross-examination, members of the jury, not every exhibit is exchanged ahead of time because it is something that's being used to challenge

1	the other side's witnesses, so sometimes on
2	cross-examination we will have to then produce
3	it for the first time. Again, there's just
4	different steps we take, depending upon the
5	posture of the witness and the stage of the
6	case. Okay?
7	MR. BOSTIC: Your Honor, I'm going
8	to go back and ask because I realized co-counsel
9	may not have had this exhibit.
10	THE COURT: All right.
11	MR. BOSTIC: And it's lengthy and
12	so I will give them a chance to review the
13	relevant part before we see it.
14	THE COURT: Okay.
15	MR. BOSTIC: Thank you, your
16	Honor.
17	THE COURT: Is it Master Corporal?
18	THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honor.
19	THE COURT: The only reason we're
20	breaking early today is, ironically, another
21	obligation involving college.
22	THE WITNESS: I understand.
23	THE COURT: But you have an
24	obligation involving college. So on Monday,

where do you need to be? Do you need to be in Baltimore?

THE WITNESS: If need be. If you need me here, my wife will understand.

THE COURT: I understand. What time does that start, sir?

THE WITNESS: Sorry, but it's a two-day a fair. She'll have to understand.

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THE COURT: All right.

THE WITNESS: You know.

THE COURT: Then my next question is: Members of the jury, when we resume Monday morning, would it be preference 9:00 or 9:30?

(The jurors responded 9:00.)

THE COURT: 9:00. Counsel, can everyone be ready by 9:00?

MR. McCALL: Yes, your Honor.

MR. IBRAHIM: Yes.

MR. BOSTIC: Yes, your Honor.

MS. CHAVAR: Yes your Honor.

THE COURT: 9:00 it shall be. I

thank you, Master Corporal, for your understanding.

THE WITNESS: You're welcome.

THE COURT: With that, I think we 1 shall adjourn for the day. 2 Ladies and gentlemen, one last 3 thing, if I may. The weekend news cycle is 4 often a retrospective, an in-depth, here's 5 what's going on, so there's likely to be even 6 more media this weekend, and I know I can count 7 on each and every one of you, but you may have 8 people say, wait a minute, aren't you on this? 9 And just remember to say, we'll have a beer some 10 day, but not until I'm discharged as a juror. 11 12 Thank you so much. (The jury was excused.) 13 THE COURT: I will see counsel at 14 And may have our court reporter? 15 sidebar. 16 (Sidebar conference held as 17 follows.) THE COURT: You may recall late in 18 19 the day yesterday you mentioned the motion to seal. I mentioned that I had experience with a 20 man who had criminal behavior. I thought I had 21 better clarify that, if you had any personal 22 baggage that may be a problem for the case. 23 24 First, let me express this is not

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a member of my family. This is what I call a pro bono case that got carried away and I had to resign as counsel. The only way we could save the young man's deportation was we became a foster parent.

So it was only in the context of that that I observed that even though his mother had committed criminal activity and abandoned him, he felt guilt, nonetheless, in terms of any feelings against her. And it became particularly clear when I got a particular cell phone bill when he was calling her abroad. But it is not something that is baggage I have to worry about in terms of the case, but I just thought I would clarify it was basically in a professional capacity that then I took on a different role as a foster parent through the years. And he did get his green card and did become a citizen and went off to college. Rarely, if ever, do I hear from him, but I thought was important to put it in perspective.

And what I was trying to point out for everyone's benefit is, as I looked at the case law seemingly often involved

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children never talk about their own sexual abuse.

So one might argue, well this is a child where there was no sexual abuse, so why would that matter? I was just pointing out that a child testifying against a parent with a parent in a context where the parent is accused of criminal conduct, it's very difficult. I've seen that in my role as a lawyer. The changing role is simply that I had more of an opportunity to observe that and to observe that dynamic.

So I was just pointing out that regardless of whether the child recounts sexual abuse, just the dynamic of a child sex offender parent, I'm willing to believe it could have psychological impact. I'm not qualified to make that judgment without seeing the affidavit and hearing from the others involved. But that's why I had the inclination to say, this sounds to me like it's real even though she's not going to be talking about her own abuse.

I just thought I should clarify that so nobody thought it was a member of my family or who was some long lasting personal

relationship where I had than an issue with the case.

MR. McANDREW: There's a lot of psychological damage that happens to a 12-year-ld girl when she's falsely accused of sexual abuse. I think that is an issue.

THE COURT: So, no. It just why

I'm willing to entertain the motion to close the

room even though in some ways it does not fit in

the four squares of the case law. And also as a

parent I understand why this would be traumatic

for a 12-year-old.

MR. BOSTIC: No, your Honor.

Exactly why the reason why the Court mentioned it, it never crossed our minds the Court was in any way biased. The Court has been very fair to all parties. It was not an issue.

MR. IBRAHIM: We join that.

MR. EDELIN: I as well, your

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MR. McANDREW: If I could just address this witness. Mr. Bostic is asking this witness about an interview I'm not even sure this this witness observed or has seen, what

happened in the interview. I believe he's going 1 to open the door to us playing the interview. 2 MR. BOSTIC: Your Honor, if I may, 3 the witness testified about there not being any 4 5 nature of sexual abuse. 6 MR. McANDREW: From Tom 7 Matusiewicz. 8 MR. BOSTIC: I'm sorry. You're talking about the interview -- which interview 9 10 are you talking about? MR. McANDREW: As to the CAC 11 interview, there's an understanding there's no 12 disclosure. 13 14 MR. BOSTIC: Right. Because this 15 witness testified at the parental rights interview, I mean hearing, that you often see in 16 17 cases where the same thing goes on, there's no 18 disclosure by the family members as to any 19 sexual or abuse issues as to one of the parties. 20 He was asked that by Kim Lawson, the child advocate, and his answer was that, you 21 22 would think, but you don't often see it. 23 THE COURT: Right. Well, let me 24 tell you why I think it is relevant. I think

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nobody says this, and that would therefore raise an inference that it did not happen, and with that having been suggested through testimony, I think it's fair for Mr. Bostic to point out that this witness would also concede that the inference the government seeks to draw does not necessarily follow, because although it's counterintuitive, they don't always say.

MR. McANDREW: Sure.

THE COURT: I think if, in fact,
there's testimony and it was given by the
witness, I think it would be proper impeachment.
And I also understand when you are
cross-examining, you may not have given all of
your cross-examination material to opposing
counsel.

MR. BOSTIC: And I realize that it's a lengthy transcript, but I will direct him to the part.

THE COURT: Without again just playing your hand here, is there anything else we can address ahead of time in terms of the witness?

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1	MR. BOSTIC: I don't believe so,
2	your Honor.
3	THE COURT: Okay. And again I'm
4	not asking you to write down your cross.
5	MR. McANDREW: Fair enough.
6	THE COURT: Okay.
7	MR. BOSTIC: Your Honor, can we
8	would your Court admonish this witness that he's
9	still on the witness stand and should not be
10	discussing his testimony with anybody at this
11	point?
12	MR. McANDREW: Sure.
13	THE COURT: I shall do that. I
14	know that Mr. McAndrew or the government would
15	not.
16	MR. BOSTIC: I'm not worried about
17	that, no. Absolutely.
18	THE COURT: I will mention that to
19	the Master Corporal. And then I believe
20	everyone saw the letter from Mr. Finger about
21	wanting notice of the government's motion. So
22	that has been filed under seal?
23	MR. McANDREW: I handed it up to
24	be filed under seal.

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THE COURT: All right.

MR. McANDREW: What we were prepared to do is file electronically a redacted version.

THE COURT: Excellent. Good.

What I would ask you to do then is just give a heads-up to Mr. Finger. All right? I assume it will be on the docket, but it would make us all feel better if you told him.

MR. McANDREW: Sure. Okay.

THE COURT: And then why don't we decide when it is we're going to grapple with that issue.

MR. McANDREW: Okay.

THE COURT: And defense, will you then be filing something on the docket that says you join?

MR. IBRAHIM: I will.

MR. BOSTIC: Yes, your Honor.

MR. McANDREW: I made that clear in what I filed. We'll file something for the record.

THE COURT: No need to waste time if that's already in the government's motion.

1	I'm not going to impede anybody's lawyering, but
2	where I can save you work, I will.
3	MR. IBRAHIM: I appreciate that.
4	MR. McANDREW: Appreciate it.
5	THE COURT: But if you need to do
6	the work, do it.
7	Ms. Chavar?
8	MS. CHAVAR: Witness list for
9	Monday.
10	MR. McANDREW: Oh.
11	MR. McCALL: I will let everybody
12	know who we're going to call when I get back.
13	THE COURT: Sure.
14	MR. McANDREW: Obviously, we'll
15	gets through Detective Shriner as quickly as
16	possible so he can get on his way to Baltimore.
17	We'll give you the rest. We can try to do that
18	this afternoon.
19	MR. McCALL: Yes. I will tell you
20	when I go back to my
21	THE COURT: The last issue is the
22	video clip you wanted to show me.
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23	MR. McANDREW: Yes.

that back here. We can do it in open court.

MR. McCALL: Yes.

THE COURT: All right. So do you want to -- is the Master Corporal waiting to go back with you?

MR. McANDREW: He can be released. We're not obviously going to talk to him.

THE COURT: Let me just go over

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(End of sidebar conference.)

THE COURT: Thank you, Master

Corporal.

(Witness excused.)

THE COURT: All right. I have released the witness and with the instruction he didn't need -- not to discuss his testimony with anyone. He understood that. That's his obligation.

And so at this point what I would do is, I understand the government has a new, improved version of the video clip that the Court had previously excluded.

MR. McANDREW: Just trying to find it, your Honor.

THE COURT: Good morning, counsel.

I understand the jurors are all here and if
there is nothing that needs my attention, we'll
bring them all in.

(Jury entering the courtroom at 9:05 a.m.)

THE COURT: Good morning. Please be seated. Let's get underway.

Counsel, call your first witness.

MR. McCALL: Your Honor, I think

we're recalling Detective Shriner.

THE COURT: Members of the jury, you may remember we had Master Corporal Shriner here and he had a college orientation so we agreed to let him come back for cross-examination. He has presented his direct testimony about events of that day and what he knew previously about the case; try to call that back up in your mind as you see him and it's the opportunity for the defense now to ask him questions.

MR. BOSTIC: May I proceed, Your

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THE COURT: Of course, Mr. Bostic.

1	CROSS-EXAMINATION
2	BY MR. BOSTIC:
3	Q. Good morning, Officer Shriner.
4	A. Good morning.
5	Q. Let's recap back to last week
6	briefly.
7	A. Sure.
8	Q. As I recall, you testified that
9	prior to the March 2009 interview of Laura
10	Matusiewicz, that there was no disclosure about
11	sexual abuse; is that correct?
12	A. That's correct.
13	Q. And as such, the CAC, Child
14	Advocacy Center interview that was done in March
15	2009 did not relate to sexual abuse allegations;
16	is that correct?
17	A. That's correct.
18	Q. And, in fact, it only related to
19	matters concerning the kidnapping by David
20	Matusiewicz?
21	A. That's correct.
22	Q. Now, would it be fair to say with
23	that being true that the 2009, March 2009 CAC
24	interview didn't relate to sexual abuse, that

you would not have had any conversations with anyone in 2009 indicating that it had?

A. That's correct.

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- Q. And do you recall on any occasion having spoken to anyone from DFS with respect to the 2009, March, CAC interview with Laura Matusiewicz?
- A. As far as what? I don't recall talking to them about the interview, but I'm not saying I didn't, either.
- Exhibit 634. And I will tell you that this is a document already entered into the evidence and I want to turn your attention to page eight of that document. And if you can pull out the deposition note, the disposition notes in the center.
 - A. Okay. Yes, sir.
 - Q. Can you read that?
- A. "The caller is reporting information that allegedly occurred three years ago."
- Q. Read it to yourself, sir. I'm sorry, read it to yourself.

1	A. Oh, okay. (Witness reviewing
2	document.) Yes, sir.
3	Q. Do you recall that conversation?
4	A. I don't remember it, sir.
5	Q. Thank you.
6	And can we go to I think what's
7	identified as page nine of the same exhibit.
8	I'm sorry, is that Exhibit 640?
9	MR. EDELIN: 635.
10	MR. BOSTIC: I'm sorry. 635.
11	BY MR. BOSTIC:
12	Q. And can you go to, is it page nine
13	of that. Could you pull that out. And would
14	you read that to yourself.
15	A. (Witness reviewing document.)
16	Q. Would you agree with me that it
17	seems very similar to the one I showed you
18	earlier; is that correct?
19	A. That's correct.
20	Q. And would it be fair to say you
21	don't remember having that conversation, either?
22	A. No, sir.
23	Q. You can take that down.
24	Now, finally, with respect to when

you were last on the stand, I had said to you,
do you recall testifying at a hearing on March
10th -- I'm sorry, on November 10, 2010
regarding the issue whether family members
involved in who may have taken the kids, whether
they were disclosed about sexual abuse before
doing so, and you said you hadn't remembered
that?

A. That's correct.

MR. BOSTIC: If I may approach,

Your Honor?

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THE COURT: You may.

MR. McANDREW: Is this what you

gave me earlier?

MR. BOSTIC: Yes.

MR. McANDREW: Okay.

MR. BOSTIC: If I may approach the

Court.

BY MR. BOSTIC:

- Q. I just gave you two sets of documents, one is a larger document that's marked exhibit, Defense Exhibit 339.
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. You saw that; right?

1	A. Yes, sir.
2	Q. And that referenced a transcript
3	of a proceeding that took place on November 10,
4	2010; is that correct?
5	A. That's correct.
6	Q. And I also give you what is
7	Exhibit 339-A, which is about a three-page
8	compilation of documents?
9	A. Yes, sir.
10	Q. With you do me a favor and could
11	you locate 339-A, if you can, with respect to
12	its location in the larger document, 339. And I
13	think it's tabbed for you, the pages.
14	A. Okay. Is it all right if I take
15	the rubber-band off?
16	Q. Yes, please.
17	A. All right. I believe I'm where I
18	need to be, sir.
19	Q. And would it be fair to say that
20	339-A is containing in the larger exhibit the
21	transcript of the hearing on November 10, 2010?
22	A. That's correct.
23	Q. Now, I want to turn your attention
24	to page 89 and first you recall do you not. at

this point that you testified at that hearing?

- A. Now I recall, yes.
- Q. Okay. I wanted to turn your attention to some questions by Attorney Lawson. And you recognize the name Lawson, right, that was the guardian ad litem?
- A. I recognize the name. I don't remember her, but the name.
- Q. And I'm going to read the question, you read the answer to me.
 - A. Sure.

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Q. The question:

"QUESTION: In your experience if
a parent is kidnapping a child because they
suspect sexual abuse, is it typical for you to
find out those allegations during your
investigation?"

Now, there is an objection or a statement by the other lawyer, Mr. Roberts, and can you read your answer at line 20?

I'm sorry, I'm sorry, apologize, I apologize. Then Ms. Lawson after the objection re-asked the question.

"Have you investigated the

1	kidnapping case before?"
2	What's your answer?
3	A. "Yes."
4	THE COURT: Actually I think in
5	line 21 you said, "Kidnap case?"
6	And the questioner said, "Yes.
7	Right."
8	And then your answer is at line
9	23.
10	THE WITNESS: "Similar to this,
11	yes."
12	MR. BOSTIC: Thank you, Your
13	Honor.
14	THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your
15	Honor.
16	THE COURT: That's all right.
17	BY MR. BOSTIC:
18	Q. Ms. Lawson: "In your experience
19	are those reports made to you or do facts come
20	out in your investigation that show the reason
21	for the kidnapping?"
22	Your answer?
23	A. "Yes."
24	Q. "Question: If there is sexual

abuse, does a parent, a neighbor, an aunt, an uncle, a grandparent, someone disclose to you that they're suspicious of sexual abuse?"

What's your answer, sir?

A. "You would think, but not all the



time. It's very touchy."

MR. BOSTIC: Thank you.

I have nothing else, Your Honor.

MR. EDELIN: Nothing, Your Honor.

MR. IBRAHIM: I have no questions,

Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Any

redirect?

MR. McANDREW: Yes, Your Honor.

Thank you.

Good morning, ladies and

gentlemen. Your Honor.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. McANDREW:

Q. Corporal Shriner, I just want to be clear with the jury. At the time that you were engaged in the investigation of the kidnapping, you were a detective for the New Castle County Police Department; is that right?

A. That's right.
Q. And I believe you testified that
you were the missing persons detective?
A. That's correct.
Q. Were you in the sex abuse unit?
A. No, sir, I was not.
Q. So you're the missing persons
detective.
Now, CAC interviews, you were
asked a series of questions about CAC
interviews; is that right?
A. That's correct.
Q. The CAC interviews, are they
conducted by the New Castle County Police
Department?
A. No, sir.
Q. Who are they conducted by?
A. The Child Advocacy Center, it is
not a police officer that interviews.
Q. What's the Child Advocacy Center,
is that a law enforcement organization?
A. It's Christiana Hospital, A.I.
duPont Hospital for Children.
Q. You testified about your lay

understanding of those interviews; correct? 1 Correct. 2 But you're not trained in any way 0. with regard to CAC interviews, are you? 4 5 A. No, sir. Q. But what you do know from the 6 interview is that was no disclosure of sexual 8 abuse? A. That's correct. Q. You do not know -- well, strike 10 11 that. 12 MR. McANDREW: Thank you, Your Honor. I have nothing more. MR. BOSTIC: Just real quick, Your Honor, if I may. THE COURT: You may RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. BOSTIC: Q. Sir, you made the referral to CAC in connection with the interview of Laura Matusiewicz in March of 2009; isn't that correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. And that's normal for law

1	enforcement to make such referrals; isn't that
2	correct?
3	A. When it comes to children.
4	Q. And, in fact, that referral was
5	based solely on the kidnapping case; is that
6	correct?
7	A. In my mind.
8	Q. And in your mind, in fact, outside
9	of your mind, you were present at that
10	interview?
11	A. Yes, I was.
12	Q. Now, the CAC is also an
13	organization or an agency that is used by
14	children's services, DFS?
15	A. I think it's a conglomerate, to be
16	honest with you, sir.
17	Q. If you don't know.
18	A. I don't know.
19	MR. BOSTIC: Thank you. Nothing
20	else.
21	MR. McANDREW: Actually if I may,
22	I would just like to let him finish his answer.
23	THE COURT: I didn't think he got
24	cut off.

MR. McANDREW: Can I redirect, or

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THE COURT: Really? All right.

Go ahead, Mr. McAndrew.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. McANDREW:

- Q. You observed the interview?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. During the interview, were questions about sexual abuse asked directly or indirectly?
- A. At this one, I don't remember any aquestions.
 - Q. If you don't remember.

MR. McANDREW: Thank you, Your

Honor.

THE COURT: I think we have exhausted the witness.

MR. McANDREW: Thank you. Nothing

further. Thank you, Corporal.

THE COURT: Next witness, please,

Mr. McCall.

MR. WEEDE: Your Honor, the

government calls Dr. Romirowsky to the stand.