
TESTING ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO, ONE.
THIS IS DETECTIVE SKUTA. TODAY'S DATE IS JANUARY 31ST, 1990.
TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 0741 HOURS. UH, LOCATION IS THE, UH,
INTERVIEW ROOM IN THE, UH, JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION, THIRD
FLOOR POLICE STATION. CASE NUMBER IS 90 01 31 0233. IN REGARDS
TO AN INVESTIGATION OF OCCURRENCE AT 739 E. SIXTH STREET.

Q Uh, AHMED, would you state your full name please?
A AHMED RAYAN.

Q And that's R-A-Y-A-N?
A Right.

Q And your date of birth, sir?
A [REDACTED]

Q And your nationality?
A Egyptian.

Q And where do you live at sir?
A 747 East Sixth(ph) Street.

Q Alright. And...you're married?
A Yeah.

Q And you have three children?
A Right.

Q And you live with your wife and children?
A Yeah, in the same apartment.

Q Alright. And you are a student at the university?
A Yeah, I..I..finished my, uh, P.H.D., and I'm now looking for
a job.

Q I see. What is...what was your major?
A _____(inaud). Mol..mocular(ph) _____
_____(inaud).

Q Molecular...
A _____(inaud) and _____(inaud)..

Q Okay.
A But my field and(ph) plan(ph) is _____(inaud).

Q Alright. And when did you graduate?
A Oh, oh that's 1989.

Q Alright. And you're here in this country on a student visa?

A Yeah.

Q Alright. And you practice the Mu..Muslim religion? Is that.. is that how that is?

A Yeah. But actually we..we are followings(ph) of two religions.

Q Alright.

A And...the two religions says that, only worship only God. Noth..nothing else...

Q Alright.

A ...except God.

Q The, uh, the police were called to, uh...747 East Sixth Street this morning, reference a, uh, a body being found in the..in the house, there.

A Yeah.

Q Do you know who that person is in there?

A Yeah.

Q And who is that?

A My brother-in-law.

Q Your brother-in-law? And his name?

A Ras..RASHAD KHALIFA.

Q Alright. So that is your wife's brother?

A Yeah.

Q Did you see the body this morning?

A Yeah. I seen the body.

Q Alright. How was it that, uh, that you came about finding your brother-in-law? Can you tell me what time you got up or...or..?

A Yeah, I..I..o..I woke up five o'clock and my wife was up too. And she always go to the Mosque to pray at six o'clock, so she...dressed up and ready to go.

Q Alright.

A It was, I think five-forty or..five-thirty. And we heard(ph) Lisa's praying(ph), our neighbor, and she is also his secret-ary.

Q Lisa?

A Lisa.

Q Alright.

A And she said..she _____ (inaud) and she was talking, she said we belong to God, there is no God except God. And she called my wife _____ (inaud)...she said dial one..nine, one, one. (911). So, I run away to the phone and I dialed _____ (inaud) nine, one, one.

Q Okay, at this point..let me stop you for a second. At this point, did you know what was wrong?

A No...yeah, she said, K..KHALIFA'S killed.

Q Okay, she said he was killed?

A Yeah.

Q Alright. Did she say anything to you about seeing how it happened or did she just find the body?

A No...No, she said noth..just he's(ph) killed(ph)...nine..one..one...one, one quick.

Q Alright.

A So I...

Q So you called nine..

A ... _____ (inaud) the phone...dial nine, one and...she and my wife went to the Mosque to see him. And then the policeman was(ph) going(ph) argue(ph) with me, he said you should be specific. I told him there's an emergency, somebody's shot and you have to come at 739 East Sixth(ph) Street. And then she came back after one minute, and she talked to the policeman...

Q Alright.

A ... _____ (inaud).

Q Now..

A He said, "Did you see him?" I said, "No, I didn't see him, but somebody...our friend, our neighbor, she said she saw him on the _____ (inaud)."

Q Alright. Is Lisa the one that..that said..told you that he had been shot? Or was it your wife? Or...

A Oh Lisa..Lisa told _____ (inaud).

Q Lisa told you?

A Yeah.

Q Alright.

A And we went today. After I give her the phone, we went...me and my wife went to see him.

Q Okay, and where did you find, uh, MR. KHALIFA?
A In the front of his office, on the ground.

Q Is that where he lives?
A No. His....yeah, his job(ph) a there, because he's the leader of the Mosque.

Q Alright. He's the leader of the Mosque.
A _____(inaud)..

Q Now, there is, uh, there's some apartments on that property where you live.
A Right.

Q Okay, and then there's the..the house up in the front..is..is that the Mosque...
A Yeah.

Q ...portion of it?
A No..yeah, this is the portion of the Mosque.

Q Does...
A _____(inaud)..

Q ...does he live in that building?
A No.

Q In other words, does he stay the night there?
A Sometimes, yeah. Sometimes he stays the night, but he's not.. he's not living there.

Q Alright, so...does anyone live in there?
A No.

Q Okay, that's just used for worship?
A Yeah, for worship...

Q A..a..and what else?
A ...prayers.

Q And prayers.
A Prayers and, uh...meetings.

Q Alright. And he has an office in there?
A Right.(ph).

Q Alright.
A An office...

Q And, uh...what else...what other type of things are done

Q in that building?

A Nothing, just...worship _____(inaud)...

Q Okay.

A _____(inaud)..

Q Alright. Just church business?

A Yeah.

Q Alright.

A Church business.

Q Is there a basement to that building?

A No.

Q Okay, is there a second floor?

A No.

Q Just..just one floor?

A Just one floor.

Q Alright. Now, there's a prayer room? Is there a prayer area that's separate?

A Right.

Q And, uh, there's a separate office?

A Right.

Q Okay. What room was..was the body in?

A The kitchen.

Q In the kitchen. And you went into the kitchen with who?

A With my wife.

Q Alright. And what is your wife's name?

A _____(inaud)...S-O-A-D.

Q S-O-A-D?

A _____(inaud).

Q And how was the body lying when you saw it?

A I think he was back and he was _____(inaud) his right(ph) arm...on(ph) his head like this.

Q On his forehead?

A Yeah, on his forehead.

Q And did you see any weapons?

A No, I didn't see...I s..saw a lot of blood.

Q You saw a lot of blood?

A All over and it was...no(ph), it was not fresh blood.

Q Alright.

A So...he might be killed before that.

Q Okay.

A And...

Q And why do you say it was not fresh blood?

A Because it was clotted...

Q Okay.

A _____(inaud)...

Q Clotted...coagulated?

A Yeah, clotted.

Q Alright. Did, uh, did you see anything in the room that had been disturbed?

A No. I saw only _____(inaud)...that's a..it's a prayer area from the kitchen _____(inaud).

Q Okay.

A And he always close it.

Q Alright. Does that door lock?

A Yeah. It's locked from the kitchen.

Q It's locked from the kitchen?

A Yeah. I..I think it has two locks.

Q Do you normally use a key to get into that room?

A No. No...

Q Okay.

A ...no(ph) key(ph)..

Q But that room is normally kept locked or just clo..the door closed?

A No, lock.

Q Locked?

A yeah.

Q So how would you unlock it? Who has a key?

A No, lock without the key...you know this, uh...uh...what do you call that...

Q Oh, it's just a sliding bolt?
A Sliding...yeah, sliding bolt.

Q So anyone can go in and out?
A No, from..if you lock it from inside...from this...

Q Okay, if you lock it from inside then how do you get out?
A You open again.

Q Okay.
A You open again...

Q But you said he normally keeps it locked?
A Yeah, the only reason I..I..

Q Well, okay that's what I'm saying. Do..
A _____(inaud)..

Q ...can you lock it from the outside, is there a...
A No. No, no. You cannot lock it from the... _____
(inaud).

Q Okay.
A The lock is also..it's only from the kitchen area(ph).

Q Okay.
A So he can come _____(inaud) open the closet.

Q If he's inside?
A If he's inside.

Q Alright, now we're talking about the..
A The other(ph) door.

Q Which door is that?
A There's another door to go to the kitchen like a...

Q Okay.
A ...from the outside.

Q Now, was that locked?
A No, I found it open, 'cause Lisa was there.

Q Okay.
A And she left them both...

Q Alright.
A ...but..but she had 'em(ph) closed.

Q Now, when was the last time that you saw MR. KHALIFA alive?

A Last night...._____ (inaud).

Q Uh, what time was that?

A It was seven-ten.

Q Okay. Seven-ten?

A Yeah. And he left on(ph) seven-thirty.

Q And you were praying at that time?

A Yeah.

Q Who was there?

A Me, my wife, my three children, and BEHRUTH was over next door, he lives 749 East Sixth Street.

Q How do you spell that?

A BEHRUTH(ph). B-E-H-R-U-Z, I think.

Q Okay, that's, uh, male?

A Yeah.

Q Okay, and he lives at 749?

A Right.

Q And he was there praying last night?

A Yeah.

Q Alright. And who else was there?

A There was a lot of _____ (inaud) also, MAHMOUD, uh, he was asleep, he didn't hear the prayer. So...

Q Where was he sleeping at?

A At the...next to the bathroom, there's a small area...hall area. But he woke up after we(ph) did(ph) prayer(ph).

Q And ho..and what's his name again?

A Yeah(ph)...MAHMOU(ph)...MAHMOU, MAHMOUD. And sometimes we call him MOHAMMED. M-O-H-A-M-E-D. ABIB his last name... A-B-I-B.

Q Okay.

A Also...

Q Does he sometimes sleep in there or...

A Yeah, sometimes he sleeps.

Q Okay, but his apartment is..is right there?

A Is right there, yeah, 745(ph) East Sixth Street.

Q Okay. And he awoke after your prayers were done?

A Yes, I _____ (inaud)...

Q Who left with, uh...is that when MR. KHALIFA left? Was right after the prayers?

A Yeah, right after the prayers and we left after him...
_____ (inaud)...

Q And where did..where was he going to go?

A Yeah, he was going home.

Q Alright, where does he live?

A Eeea(ph)...I don't know the..the actual address. 'Cause we both go _____ (inaud) our(ph) range(ph).

Q Alright.

A So...uh...he lives(ph)..in the second(ph)...

Q Do you know what part of..

A ...seventh(ph) place. It's only seventeen miles from the Mosque.

Q Alright.

A But I can look for it at home.

Q He lives about seventeen miles away?

A Yeah.

Q And who does he live with?

A His wife and two children.

Q And what is his wife's name?

A Uh, Stephanie.

Q And how old are his children?

A Uh, twenty-one and twenty-six.

Q Alright. And other than his involvement as the..the leader of your Mosque...

A Ah-huh.

Q ...does he have another job?

A No.

Q Okay. Does he receive...

A _____ (inaud)...

Q ...does he receive money from the..from the church?

A No. From the church?

Q Or from the Mosque or...

A Yeah..._____ (inaud)...

Q ...what do you call it, church or a....?

A Mosque.

Q A Mosque, alright.

A Yeah, actually...

Q Is he paid like a...

A Yeah.

Q ...like a Catholic priest is paid by the church?

A No.

Q Um, a salary?

A No, he didn't get paid.

Q Alright.

A That's why he builds apartments.

Q He builds apartments?

A Apartments, yeah. To, uh, spend on the Mosque...expenses.

Q I see. And then he rents them out?

A I guess.

Q Sure, for example you have to pay rent for your apartment.
And how much do you pay?

A I pay two-eighty-five.

Q Two-eighty-five. Okay. And does the Mosque have any other
properties here in Tucson?

A Other properties? No.

Q In other words, is there another building?

A No, no(ph).

Q ..or anything in Tucson...

A No.

Q ...that sh..that you use?

A No.

Q Okay, just there at the corner...at Sixth and Euclid?

A Sixth...right.

Q Okay. And you have never been to MR. KHALIFA'S house?

A Yeah. We..we went there a lot.

Q Okay.

A But not _____ (inaud).

Q I see. Is it a big house, small house?

A It's a big house, yeah. Five..five room.

Q Alright. And does his wife, Stephanie, work?

A Yeah.

Q Where does..what does she do?

A She used to be a teacher.

Q Okay.

A Up to three years ago, and he told us one time that he(ph) is now, uh, doing computer programming for(ph)...

Q She is?

A Yeah.

Q Okay. Now...was his wife, KHALIFA'S wife there last night? Stephanie?

A No, no.

Q Just him.

A No, she don't come to the Mosque.

Q She doesn't come at all?

A No. She came one time, thr..three or four weeks, uh, years ago.

Q Does she practice ...

A _____ (inaud).

Q ...your religion?

A No, she doesn't practice it(ph).

Q Alright. What was, uh, MR. KHALIFA wearing last night when you saw him at the prayer meeting?

A Yeah, he..he's wearing his jacket top(ph), uh, when he leaves(ph). That's(ph) _____ (inaud)...

Q What kind of a jacket?

A Uh, brown lea(ph)...winter jacket.

Q Alright, and what else?

A I...I don't remember exactly, uh, I think it was grey pants or green. Between green and grey...green.

Q Alright.

A And short sleeves but...I'm not sure what color.

Q You know what kind of shirt?

A T-shirt..you(ph) know(ph) it's...short-sleeve shirt.

Q Okay. Do you know what kind..did he have an undershirt on, do you know?

A Yeah.

Q Do you know what kind of shoes he had on..last night?

A No...no(ph).

Q When you saw the body this morning, what was..what kind of clothes, or could you tell?

A Yeah, I can tell the same brown jacket.

Q Same brown jacket?

A Yeah. And...also shirt I seen... really(ph) make(ph) a(ph)... shirt(ph)...

Q Same shirt?

A I'm not sure.

Q Not sure. How about the pants?

A I didn't..I didn't actually look _____ (inaud)..
_____ (inaud)...kinds(ph) of things.

Q Alright. Does, uh, MR. KHALIFA wear glasses?

A Sometimes, yes(ph).

Q Reading? Like...

A Yeah.

Q ...prescription glasses?

A Yeah.

Q Did he have his glasses on last night?

A No.

Q Okay, how about when you saw him...

A He _____ (inaud)...

Q Okay. Did he have glasses on this morning when you saw the body?

A No.

Q Is, uh, is there any money kept in the Mosque? In the office?

A Yeah, sometimes. There's a _____ (inaud) in the prayer area. Some people put money for, uh, charity or something.

Q And how much money is sometimes in there?

A I don't know.

Q Who counts or collects the money?

A MR. KHALLIFA... _____ (inaud)...

Q Alright, does anyone else go to that drawer?

A No.

Q Have you ever gone to that drawer?

A Yeah, once in a while maybe.

Q Okay, but as far as taking money or counting it...

A Opening it, no. No.

Q Is there anyone else, uh, that actually works for the Mosque that does any Mosque business, other than, uh, Lisa?

A No.

Q I mean, uh, is there another secretary or..someone that...

A But some people help and...when we ask them, they help.

Q Okay, is there a...is there a Mosque bank account somewhere?

A I think so, yeah.

Q Do you know what bank it's with?

A I don't know.

Q Okay. And do they take donations and put it in the bank?

A No, we take donations only from the people. But _____
_____ (inaud) the Mosque.

Q Okay.

A Some people needs the money or some people needs(ph)...

Q Alright.

A ...maybe...

Q What is done with your rent checks? For example, who cashes them?

A _____ (inaud)..I..I like to, uh, _____ (inaud)
with Tucson. _____ (inaud) underneath of the Mosque.

Q Okay.

A And..I..I..I..I..I..I write(ph)it(ph) and give it to the
_____ (inaud)...

Q Okay. And he cashes it?

A And he cashes it.

Q And puts it in the bank, or what does he do?
A I don't...

Q Okay.
A ...KHALIFA...

Q Okay. Uh, was anything troubling KHALIFA recently?
A Yeah. Yeah, since he announces that, uh, he's a messenger of God.

Q When did he do that?
A About five, six months ago. Uh, I think, yeah, he _____
_____ (inaud).

Q Is that...was that unusual?
A It's..yeah, for the..._____ (inaud) and Moslems?
The..oh, yeah, it's unusual to have a messenger after
_____ (inaud). They say that...and
they..they said also he...he is a last(ph) messenger.

Q Alright. Did he announce that to the rest of the members?
A Yeah, he told us in the Mosque and also he publishes, uh, Moslem newspaper.

Q Okay.
A And he distributes them around...around...

Q Did he publish that?
A Yeah, he published that and(ph)...

Q And what did that...did that cause some trouble?
A Yeah, 'caused a lot of trouble. But not for us, because we know him. But...

Q Okay. Who did it cause trouble with?
A Especially the Moslems....the tradition(ph) _____
_____ (inaud)..especially the Saudi's. They didn't like
it and they sometimes send some people to go to the Mosque,
discuss it with i..with him. And they ask of(ph) him to..
to..come again, as, a _____ (inaud) KHALIFA,
not a messenger of God. But he refused, he said that's not
up to me. And he said I'm only saying worship God alone and
forget anything about the prophets. And do not worship
Mohammed, do not worship any prophet, any prophets. But
they threatened him and...

Q Who..who threatened him?
A A lot of people did from...I don't know names.

Q You know anybody by name?

A No, I don't know.

Q And they're from another Mosque?

A From another Mosque, yeah. And...

Q Here in Tucson?

A Yes.

Q Do you know where it's at?

A It's on Speedway and Cherry.

Q Alright. Did they threaten him with physical violence or with just...was just..just arguing..

A Arguing, yeah.

Q Uh, what type of threats were made? Did you hear them?

A No. I didn't...they were calling him after the..after the arguing, they..some people call him from here or from any..any..any state around the U.S.

Q Ah-huh.

A And they say, "We'll kill you, we'll kill you."

Q Is that right?

A Yeah.

Q But you don't know who or where those were from?

A No, I think his secretary knows..._____ (inaud)...

Q How recent were these phone calls?

A It's after he announced his messenger...

Q Okay, this was about five, six months ago then?

A Yeah. And from..from then to..to now.

Q They've been...

A But I..

Q ...continuing?

A Continuing, yeah.

Q How often would these phone calls come?

A I think every week. Every week.

Q Okay. Is there a particular day that..that you set aside for prayer, or do you pray every day or how..how do your..do you have a service?

A We have service on Friday, from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. All of

A us come together to read Koran.

Q At night?

A At night, yeah.

Q Seven-thirty to nine?

A Yeah. And at noon on Friday also, we have a service.

Q Alright.

A From..from twelve-fifteen to one o'clock. But sometimes I go to the Mosque to pray.

Q Okay. Now your wife, does she get up at five o'clock every morning?

A Yeah.

Q Okay. And she gets ready and she goes and prays?

A Yeah.

Q Do you go with her?

A No, I stay with the children.

Q Okay, and how long does she pray?

A Yeah, it takes about half an hour.

Q Okay. And of course when she went over there this morning, she found the body?

A No, she didn't. She didn't..she didn't..

Q She...you..you heard Lisa?

A Yeah, we heard Lisa and we wished we were there.

Q Okay. She..your wife hadn't left the apartment yet?

A No.

Q Alright.

A She was preparing...

Q To get ready to go.

A ...to get ready _____ (inaud)...

Q Does Lisa pray every morning?

A Yeah, every morning.

Q Alright.

A Behruz too.

Q Okay. Did you see him this morning?

A I saw him after the accident...this, uh..morning(ph). And he

A came to us and he was crying.

Q Alright. Now what time did you go to bed or retire last night?
A Last night, we went early. About 9:30 P.M.

Q Okay.
A But usually, we..we go to bed about ten o'clock, eleven.
Between ten and eleven.

Q Somewhere between nine and nine-thirty you went to bed?
A Yeah.

Q Alright. And was there any trouble last night?
A No.

Q Any disturbances?
A No.

Q You didn't hear, uh, any gunshots?
A No.

Q Or fighting, or anything like that?
A No.

Q Were there any phone calls that you know of, uh, yesterday, from these other Mosques?
A No.

Q Do you know what state these phone calls are from, or they from just different places?
A From different places, yeah.

Q Okay. And they're from the opposing sex, is that what it is?
A Yeah. And from the opposing sex and they are also Muslims... unfortunately(ph).

Q But they don't like it that...
A They don't like...

Q ...KHALIFA announced that he was a messenger.
A Yeah. 'Cause it..it started before that and he discovered something in the Koran.

Q In the what?
A In the Koran.

Q What's that?
A Discover(ph) the code(ph) that shows, uh, that God alone we sh..we should worship.

Q I see.

A And..they didn't like...

Q Is this the book of the...of the Mosque...

A Yeah.

Q ..that..that you're describing?

A Yeah. And..

Q And it's called a what?

A ..miracle of nineteenth.

Q Alright.

A But...we didn't(ph) accept(ph) this, but they left him alone. After he announced that he's a messenger of God, they started the trouble.

Q Alright. Has there been fighting at the Mosque before?

A No.

Q Has there..anyone ever come over and started a physical fight with him?

A No, not physical.

Q Or shot at him or anything?

A There had been a fight in Canada...Vancouver.

Q There was a fight in Canada?

A Yeah. About two, three years ago. And it was a physical fight.

Q Between who?

A Between him and, uh, other guys..forget(ph) it is...

Q Was..what was he doing in Vancouver?

A It was a meeting. Somebody invited him...friends invited him.

Q Alright.

A To give a lecture. And _____
_____ (inaud)...they started the fight.

Q I see. Now, have the police been to..over there recently because of any other trouble?

A Yeah.

Q What..what have the problems been?

A There was the problem with the...Mahmoud's wife. Mahmoud's.. who lives next door to him for five(ph)...

Q Okay.

A _____ (inaud) a problem between him and her, and Doctor KHALIFA was involved in..in this also.

Q Was...

A He was helping MAHMOUD.

Q ...was MAHMOUD mad at, uh...

A Yeah.

Q ...KHALIFA?

A No. Linda, his wife.

Q Just mad at her?

A Yeah.

Q Was it marital troubles?

A Marital trouble, yeah.

Q Alright. They just weren't getting along?

A Getting along, and she took the baby and left.

Q So she's not here now?

A She's not, no.

Q Where did she go?

A I don't know _____ (inaud).

Q Is she still in Tucson?

A Yeah. And she was calling him on the phone and...

Q When did she leave with her child?

A It's about three months ago.

Q Alright. So he was living by himself?

A Yeah.

Q In seven...at seven-forty-five?

A _____ (inaud).

Q Had he been arguing with KHALIFA at all...

A No.

Q ...recently?

A No.

Q Was KHALIFA trying to help him solve their problems?

A Yeah, he tried. That _____ (inaud), she was mad at him _____ (inaud).

- Q For..for getting in the middle of it?
A For getting involved in..yeah. She wanted him to get ou..out of it.
- Q I see.
A And she...
- Q Had she been around recently?
A No.
- Q So it's about three weeks?
A Yeah, and this...yeah, oh, two or three weeks, yeah.
_____ (inaud).
- Q That's she's been gone?
A Yeah.
- Q And you haven't seen her since then?
A No, I haven't seen her.
- Q What kind of car does she have? Or does she drive?
A I think she doesn't have a car because one of the problem he want...she wanted a car from her husband.
- Q I see.
A He has..he owned two cars.
- Q And he didn't want to give her one?
A No, because they were his.
- Q Alright. And she was angry at KHALIFA 'cause he was in the middle of the argument?
A Yeah.
- Q Trying to help...was he taking sides? KHALIFA taking sides in the argument?
A Yeah, well he was helping her husband.
- Q Okay, but was he saying that she was wrong or...
A Yeah.
- Q Okay.
A He was...just(ph) saying that.
- Q Alright.
A She was wrong and...
- Q What type of a car, uh, was KHALIFA in last night? Did you see?
A I didn't see him with a car but he just left the Mosque.

Q Alright.
A But his car is, uh...

Q Is it there now?
A ...Olds..Oldsmobile.

Q An Oldsmobile?
A Yeah, 1984 I think. Sierra.

Q Hm?
A Sierra.

Q Sierra?
A Sierra, yeah.

Q And what color is it?
A Brown.

Q Does he always drive that car?
A Yeah.

Q Okay.
A He always drives..

Q Is there another car that he drives?
A There is another car...van. A small(ph)...

Q A van?
A Yeah.

Q What color is that?
A It's between white and...and peach.

Q Alright.
A But, he doesn't usually ride it.

Q He doesn't usually drive that?
A Yeah.

Q What does he use that for?
A That's...I think he bought it and...he's got(ph)...there was a problem with his car. And he gave it to the dealer to fix it and he bought this one.

Q I see.
A Unitl he gets his car. But once a while he runs it..yeah. He runs the van.

Q Okay.
A _____ (inaud).

Q When did the prayer meeting start last night?

A It started seven-thirty.

Q Okay. Before that had you seen KHALIFA?

A No, he was working in his office.

Q Alright.

A I had seen him at his other prayer. The sunset prayer which was six..six o'clock.

Q Okay, and he was there then?

A Yeah, he was there..._____ (inaud).

Q And did he stay there between six and seven ten?

A Right, yeah. But I was not there. My wife, I'm(ph) not(ph) sure(ph) of(ph). _____ (inaud).

Q Alright. You were in the apartment?

A No, I went to university.

Q You went to the university?

A Yeah, _____ (inaud).

Q Alright, let me go through just briefly. Yesterday morning, what time did you get up?

A Yesterday morning? About five-thirty.

Q Alright. And what did you do during the day? Did you go praying?

A Yeah, no. I didn't pray in the Mosque. I pray at home, especially the _____ (inaud) prayer.

Q Alright.

A And then I, uh, went to the university.

Q Where at?

A It's, uh, at the...in the C.B. department... _____ (inaud)..

Q Alright, the biology building?

A Biology building.

Q Alright.

A East. Biology east.

Q And how long did you stay there?

A Did I stay? About, uh, one to two hours. One or two hours.

Q And then..and then where did you go?

A And then I went back _____ (inaud) to home. I went back home. And then I stayed here right(ph) there(ph), _____ (inaud) wine(ph) and then we went together, all of our, uh, family...me and my wife and children, outside, to fill up _____ (inaud) application.

Q Okay.

A For..for job.

(SIDE ONE OF TAPE ENDS)

(SIDE TWO OF TAPE BEGINS)

Q Alright, I've changed sides of the tape. Uh, did we talk while we were off the tape?

A Yeah(ph).

Q Okay, do we have any conversation while I was changing the tape?

A No.

Q Okay.

A We don't have any.

Q I think I was asking that...you came home and you filled out some job applications?

A Yeah.

Q And then when did you leave, again?

A When..leave..._____ (inaud)..apartment(ph)?

Q Ah-huh.

A Yeah, we left home, uh, about, uh, uh, quarter to six.

Q Alright.

A To pray the.....the sunset.

Q Alright.

A And we prayed, uh, six o'clock P.M., and then I told my wife, I will go home to...I will go to the university to write a resume for her.

Q Alright.

A On the computer in my...in my lab.

Q Alright.

A So I went there and I came back at seven o'clock to the Mosque, and I stayed for ten minutes, _____ (inaud) prayed... is a...a..it's a night prayer. It was seven-ten P.M.

Q Alright. Seven-ten when you started or left?

A No, we started prayer.

Q Okay.

A And it took five minutes.

Q Okay.

A And then Doctor KHALIFA, as usual, he..after prayer.

Q He left?

A Yeah..he..he gets hot. He gives candy to my children.

Q Okay, take your time.

A After he gives candies...he said, we'll..we'll see you tomorrow, God willing, and he stayed about a couple of minutes in his office.

Q Alright.

A And he...he left and came back and...

Q He left and came back?

A Yeah, and we told him, "Is it already morning, next day?" We were just joking, he said, "No, I just forgot something."

Q I see. How long was he gone, just a couple of minutes?

A No, just one minute for(ph) this(ph).

Q Alright. What ti...does he come every day? In the morning?

A Yeah.

Q What time does he normally come in the morning?

A Sometimes he comes at..at midnight.

Q Okay.

A S..sometimes he comes four o'clock...five o'clock, but usually it's four(ph), five o'clock.

Q Very early?

A Yeah, very early in the morning.

Q And then he...does he have to do things to get ready for prayer?

A No.

Q He just comes?

A Yeah, he just comes work(ph) and _____ (inaud) new translation. He was learning new translation...after that one.

Q And does he normally stay there all day long?

A All day long, yeah.

Q So...

A All day long.

Q ...sometimes he leaves late at night or at least after prayer?

A Yeah.

Q And then he goes home?

A Right. Yeah(ph).

Q And then sometimes he comes back at midnight?

A Yeah.

Q And stays up all night long working?

A Yeah. Hey(ph) sometimes he sleeps in the Mosque during the day.

Q During the day?

A Yeah, he...he _____ (inaud).

Q I see. Was today anything special? Was there anything going on today that was out of the ordinary or special? Was he supposed to meet with anyone or was there somebody coming over this morning that was, uh, out of the ordinary?

A No. No, as far as I know..I...

Q There was...there's no people here from out of town or anything like that?

A No.

Q Did, uh, this..uh, this person tha..that had the difficulty...

A Yeah, there was...there was a _____ (inaud)...
_____ (inaud) guy came yesterday before...at night.

Q What time?

A It was at(ph), uh, seven o'clock. Uh(ph), seven o'clock.

Q Right at prayer time?

A Yeah, just...right before the prayer time. And he asked about, uh, Doctor KHALIFA, and he asked about Brother(ph) _____ (inaud).. his name is _____ (inaud) and he asked of(ph) him, he wants to buy his translation. And then he give him...

Q Did he talk to, Doctor KHALIFA?

A No.

Q He..who did he talk to?

A _____ (inaud).

Q How do you spell that?

A I'm not sure how it's spe... _____ (inaud)...
M-O-T-C-H-U-M-M. (ph).

Q And does he live there?

A No. He comes also to the Mosque to pray. And he's always there and his wife.

Q What's his wife's name, do you know?

A Yeah, her..her name is, uh, uh, Susan.

Q And they were there last night at prayer?

A Yeah, every night they are there.

Q But they...they don't live there?

A No, they don't.

Q Now, was this person...Mohammed or the...

A MAHMOUD.

Q ...MAHMOUD, was he there last night?

A Yeah.

Q But he was sleeping?

A Yeah, last night, but I'm talking about couple of days ago.

Q Oh, okay. Okay, a couple of days ago, this, uh...

A The Yemeni guy had came and he's(ph)...

Q And he's Yemeni?

A Yeah.

Q And his name again.

A I don't...actually his name..uh, MOTCHUMMM knows.

Q Okay. And is that a different sect?

A Yeah. _____ (inaud)...actually(ph)..

Q Does he normally pray at a different Mosque? Or his wi...

A Yemeni?

Q Yeah, he doesn't belong to your Mosque?

A No, he doesn't belong to our Mosque.

Q But he's from Tucson?

A Yeah, I think he is from Tucson.

Q Alright. And he came to see if someone had wanted to buy his translation?

A Yeah, he wa...he said I want to buy this translation and

A MOTCHUMM give him the..to(ph) the old one, and the new one. And he asked about Doctor KHALIFA. He said, "Is he here?" MOTCHUMM said, "No." And actually, well, doctor, he was not there at that time, and he kept him outside. And he saw him...he said...he just told me he's not here. But.. he just..he said...he..MOTCHUMM told him, he just walked out. He was not there. And AHMED(ph) said you're a liar, _____ (inaud) no, I am not lying to you. I told the truth. And then to pray for harmony(ph) and just, uh, cut off the argument and let MOTCHUMM come _____ (inaud). And let the...and ask the guy to leave.

Q So this was last night?

A No. Two days ago.

Q Two days ago?

A Yeah, two days ago. _____ (inaud)...

Q Is that the only stranger that's been over there?

A Yeah, that I have seen recently.

Q Now, this Yemeni person, is that the Mosque that's at Speedway and Cherry?

A Yeah. There's another Mosque here(ph).

Q No(ph), is that where he's from?

A I don't know.

Q Oh, you don't know where he...you're not sure.

A _____ (inaud)...I'm not sure, yeah(ph).

Q Uh...

A Maybe he doesn't pray at all. (ph phrase)

Q I see.

A But _____ (inaud)...

Q The man..the man that was having the trouble with his wife, uh, what was his name, again?

A MA..MAHMOUD.

Q MAHMOUD?

A Ah-huh.

Q Alright, and then there was, uh, the man in seven-forty-nine(749), BEHRUZ?

A BEHRUZ, yeah.

- Q Uh, was he there...is he there this morning?
A Yeah he came...he came...he always pray also the morning prayer.
For long time(ph phrase).
- Q Is he here in the building right now? Did he come down here
with you?
A No, I came alone _____ (inaud)..
- Q Okay. Did you see him this morning when the body was found?
A Yeah, I saw him, he came later.
- Q He came later?
A Yeah, he came later after I left the..Lisa with the phone to
answer the policeman...
- Q Oh.
A ...I went to check Doctor KHALIFA and my wife went with me
also. And when we...
- Q And MA...
A ...came out...BEHRUZ came...
- Q Alright.
A ...he was...
- Q And MAHMOUD...
A ...shocked(ph)...
- Q ...was there this morning?
A No, he came in..in my apartment. I saw him in my apartment
this(ph) time and he said, uh, what happened AHMED...
- Q Okay, now does he live there..in the...one of the apartments?
A Yeah, yeah, seven, four, five(745).
- Q Seven, forty-five, right. Did you see him, did he go back to
his apartment last night after prayer?
A Uh..we left..yeah, we left..uh..._____ (inaud)..uh, MOTCHUMMM,
BEHRUZ, no MOTCHUMM and BEHRUZ was talking on the front of his
apartment.
- Q Okay.
A MAHMOUD'S apartment. And we left..them..them in the Mosque.
We left after Doctor KHALIFA'S...uh..
- Q Alright.
A _____ (inaud)...
- Q In talking to any of your neighbors, friends this morning, did
anyone tell you that they heard something unusual?
A No.

Q No one heard a shot or a argument or anything?

A Yeah, I didn't talk with them(ph).

Q You didn't talk with anyone?

A I didn't...there's..

Q Alright.

A ...nobody to talk with there.

Q Alright. And how old are your children?

A Six and a half, five and a half, and three and a half...

Q Alright.

A ...years.

Q AHMED, is there anything else about Mr...Doctor KHALIFA'S death that is significant to you or something significant about what happened today that I have not asked you about? Something that you remember happening or something that you think is important, that I have not asked you on the..on the tape?

A Yeah, I think there's also...there was a secretary, his name.. her name was, uh, KATHLEEN CLARK. And he asked her one..one year ago to leave the Mosque...many times and they had troubles together.

Q She was a secretary?

A Yes, she was the secre....

Q For how long was she a secretary?

A Since we were here. It was six years...

Q Alright.

A ...the twenty-_____ (inaud).

Q Alright, so...so just a year ago that he had to ask her to leave?

A Asked her to leave, yeah. And she...

Q What was the problem?

A ...the...yeah...the problem was..uh, she..she always argue with him about, uh, small things. And he doesn't want to be upset by anything, and she was als..always upsetting him. She was a...a...I think it was...she was a sick and...

Q Alright. Did she steal from the Mosque or anything?

A No, he didn't mention any..

Q Alright.

A ...any stolen things.

Q How much money do you think that would be in the Mosque at, uh, any one time? A lot?
A Not a lot.._____ (inaud).

Q Not a lot?
A Not a lot.

Q I mean, under a hundred dollars?
A I think, yeah.

Q Alright.
A Not a lot.

Q Were there any valuables in the Mosque that, uh, had ever been stolen?
A No.

Q Did anyone break into the Mosque recently?
A No.

Q After the last prayer at night, let me ask you, after the last prayer at night, did Doctor KHALIFA lock the whole building up?
A No, he..he leaves everything to Lisa and to us also.

Q Okay. W...but was it locked last night? Did someone lock the building up itself?
A The bu...it should be locked, yeah.

Q It should be locked?
A Each..each night should be locked.

Q Alright.
A And the last one leaves should lock the door. And...

Q And who has keys to get in? Besides Doctor...
A Lisa...Lisa has a key to get in and I don't know...maybe somebody else had a key.

Q Okay. And Lisa....
A Oh..to the...to the prayer area?

Q Right.
A To the prayer area, each one has a key. Each one...

Q Do you have a key?
A Yeah.

Q Okay.
A To the prayer area. But, uh, office and kitchen, it's...uh.. Lisa, I know..she has a...

Q Alright.

A ...she has a..key. But the prayer area, each one of...our community has a key.

Q Alright.

A To go in and pray.

Q Alright.

A And couple of days ago, he sat down with us and he said that all of...there were two detectives..came to him and warned him and..

Q About what?

A About somebody will..try to kill him. And he told us that. Two days ago.

Q Two days ago?

A Yeah.

Q Two detectives came?

A No, no. He told us two days ago, but really they co..they came...

Q Before that?

A ...before that, yeah(ph).

Q Alright. And they warned him about a threat?

A Yeah, about threat and..and..to kill...yourself and...

Q Now le, uh, let me ask you again, uh, 'cause I've got a lot of names here. Lisa, again is who?

A Lisa Sprage(ph)...sh....sh..she..she is his secretary and lives in seven, forty-one East Sixth Street.

Q Okay, she lives at seven, forty, one?

A Yeah.

Q Is she married?

A No.

Q Alright. And she was the one that found the body?

A Yeah. She's _____ (inaud)...
_____ (inaud).

Q Alright. Anything else, uh, on that?

A No, _____ (inaud).

Q Alright, your wife's name again is...?

A SOAD.

Q Alright. Alright. AHMED, has this been a true and voluntary statement so the true facts of the case can be known?

A No, I don't have any...other facts...

Q Okay.

A ...about(ph).._____(inaud)..

Q Is this a true statement though?

A Yeah, it's a true statement.

Q Okay. Have I promised you anything to talk to me?

A Ah-huh(ph).

Q Okay, well I don't know if you a..understand the que...

A _____(inaud)..

Q Did I promise you anything to give me a statement?

A No, no. _____(inaud)...no.

Q Okay. Did I coerce you or force you in any way to talk to me?

A No....no.

Q Okay. That'll conclude the statement. Time's approximately 826.

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