
THIS IS DETECTIVE MILLER ALONG WITH DETECTIVE SALGADO, WE'LL BE INTERVIEWING MR. EDIP YUKSEL. E-D-I-P, LAST NAME Y-U-K-S-E-L. THIS IS REFERENCE CASE 90 01 31 0233. THIS INTERVIEW IS TAKING PLACE IN AN INTERVIEW ROOM AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE DATE IS 2-15-90, THE TIME IS 1010.

Q Sir, could you state your name?

A My name is EDIP YUKSEL.

Q Okay, and your..the address where you're going to be moving to is...

A Ah..742 West Wheatridge Drive, Tucson, 0-4 zip code.

Q Okay. You..you don't have a phone hooked up there yet or you don't know the number...

A Yes, I have phone number...

Q Okay.

A 888-5564.

Q Okay, could you begin by telling me what your function is at the Mosque.

A Ah..my function was...I came from Turkey and I assisted him, I helped in translation of Koran.

Q "Him" being...

A Yea, RASHAD KHALIFA, DOCTOR RASHAD KHALIFA.

Q Okay.

A And mostly in the beginning of his translation he thanks me because of my assistance to him and also I was translating Koran from Arabic to Turkish, to my own language. He was supporting me, encouraging me and he gave me a computer and I was working in the Mosque (ph) the whole time. This is my job.

Q Working where?

A Working in the Mosque..with him.

Q Okay.

A I was always with him ah..but...

Q Was the translation you were doing, was it translation of his work?

A Ah..yes, the same, I was cooperating with and based on his translation and always we would discussing, we were...consulting each other on the translation and we had a plan that after that translation finished we would go together to Turkey and publish the...

Q Okay, let me ask you this, did your..did you believe ah..what his...

A Yes.

Q ...what he was saying?

A Yes. I was his ah..student.

Q Okay. So you believe that he was the messenger?

A Ya, sure I believe he was messenger of God.

Q Okay. Ah..let me ask you, from what I know, there was ah.. disagreement between you and him prior to his death...

A Uh-huh.

Q ...could you give me a little insight into that, what happened?

A Oh, I am a person that ah..from Turkey ah..started my communication, ah..I am a person that I do not follow without understanding, well. I worship God alone and many times I will discussing with him, sometimes..in front of people, sometimes individually...and in our discussions sometimes he will accept in my idea. Sometimes he would not accept and he would ex.. explain to me...and I can ah.._____ (inaud), prove that I have corrected many places in his translation. He was a very humble man. He..he didn't claim that he's..he knows everything and last time we had that _____ (inaud) ah...ah...discussion, between me and him. About five or six days we were cool to each other and our relationship was very close I..was like son and he was like father to me.

Q So for five or six days you were kind of...

A Yes...

Q ...cool?

A ...very cool to each other. Because it was very important discussion and ah...I..how you say, lose my temper at that time...and Friday night, last Friday, his last Friday, I brought the subject in front of people, our discussion, what was our discussion, with him and thank God he..he corrected whatever he said it was against our Holy Book, word of God. And... after that, four days, he lived and we were good and we were wonderful in our relation with each other. We were coming and bringing food, tea and...

Q Okay, so...the last four days you had...

A Sure ah..people know that we were wonderful and...I invited him to..ah..for dinner and he said next week we shall _____ (inaud) but he couldn't come since...

Q Okay, ah...do you know anybody else who...within the...you know, we understand that there were a lot of people who were upset because of the translation ah..that he was ah....his interpretation....

A Uh-huh.

Q ...ah...was there anybody else that you can think of that had ah..any type of a reaction locally here? Ah..any other groups or...

A In Mosquez I don't think so in Mosquez it would be people that I know, I trust almost all of them. I don't..I don't take any suspicion _____ (inaud)...But some people are coming from ah..the University, from outside and they were coming to discuss with him and...

Q The University of Arizona?

A Yes, University of Arizona, from the Islamic Center....some of them were coming...and before that time, one person came ah..I think it was about one or ten days ago, one week or ten days ago...ah...

Q From the time that he was killed?

A Yea, from the time...assassination. One person came he said, ah..from Islamic Center I..I..there disagreement there and that is quite a different people, and he came to the Mosquez, I talked with him but he left later. I don't know, he didn't come after that time.

Q Just one time he came?

A Yes, one time he came just ah..ten days before, I don't know ah..why did he come...what is the reason.

ES What was his name?

A I don't remember well. If I see I may...remember, but I don't remember well, he was a young person about twenty-five years old.

ES What nationality was he?

A Ah..he was Arab.

ES Arab?

A Yes.

ES And when did he come, was it in the morning or in the afternoon?

A Ah..it was, I think before noon. I don't remember well.

Q Did he drive or did he walk or did you...

A No, just he knocked at the door and he entered.

Q At the..at the front of the Mosque there from the...

A Excuse me?

Q At the door?

A Yes, yes, in the Mosque.

Q And who did he talk to?

A Talked with me.

Q And...

A And I was there, I don't know who else there. I was always spending my time in the Mosque, I was on the computer working and he said I'm not good with these people. I said good.. and I talked with him for about half an hour. And later he didn't come, I don't know...

Q Was he up...

A ..._____ (inaud)

Q Do you think he was upset about the...

A No, no he didn't say I'm upset about it, no.

ES Did he ask, during your conversation with him, was he asking questions about DOCTOR ah..KHALIFA?

A No, he didn't ask.

ES What was your conversation about?

A Conversation about Islam generally, Islam understanding what Islam.

ES So he didn't seem threatening or violent or...

A No, no, no, no he's not violent. No is, I don't know.

Q What about ah..anybody else that you can think of off hand? Ah..anything that might've been, happened...

A The police came ah..three days before this ah...three or...yes three days before that one police came from this department and came to RASHAD he said ah...with ah...FBI has arrested a group in another state and they found a picture of the Mosque and they was threatened, taken here in the Mosque and RASHAD called me and I was there also and RASHAD ah..ah..he asked RASHAD do you remember anybody from there? RASHAD remembered two persons which I knew from last year. They came, they discussed with RASHAD a lot and one of their leaders, two person came, one of Iraqi one from Saudi.

ES Do you know their names?

A Yes, ah..one was ah..MOHAMMED and KELVI (ph). MOHAMMED I am not sure but KELVI I'm sure because last name was very funny name, BALKEY (ph) mean KELVI.

ES How do you spell it, can spell...

A T-A-E-E...

ES Okay, T...

A ...L-B-I. TAEELBI and FAHRI SAFFAF. (ph)

ES That's the second one?

A Yea, yes this Saudi. The other FAHRI SAFFAF Iraqi...ah..FAHRI, F-A-H-R-I...S-A-F-F-A ah..F...this is the last name.

ES Oh, okay. Okay. And he was ah..what nationality was he?
A Ah..he's Iraqi.

ES Iraqi, he was Iraqi.
A And they discussed with RASHAD for a long time ah...they were.. very hos..hostide (ph), hostide you say my...

Q Right, that's correct.
A ...pronunciation sort...and....(sigh) from that city they ah..have ah..have connection with those people.

Q Where did they come from?
A I don't know, I don't know.

Q What city are you...
A I don't remember well...it..our friends, they said ah...Lake what lake..City Lake...

ES Salt Lake City?
A Salt Lake...

Q Salt Lake?
A ...is Salt Lake is..yea...

Q Salt Lake City?
A Yea, Salt Lake City.

ES Now how long ago was this?
A It was ah...three days before RASHAD's assassination.

ES They were here three days...
A Oh, they were here last year.

ES Last year?
A Ah..they, yes, they had a very discussion with RASHAD.

ES Do you remember what month it was last year?
A Last year was ah...after September...September...

ES Of '89?
A Eighty..ah..no, no...eighty-eight. _____(inaud)
Eighty-eight, September or October.....and they have a video room...video room we have their picture.

ES The video of..of them?
A Yes, we do in the Mosquez...

ES Oh.
A ...we have, I don't know did we take them out...

Q Yea, I think we have that ah..
A Okay.

ES Okay, ah..and they were, why were they video taped?
A Well, because...for the discussion. I was also in the discussion on RASHAD's side they were two and we were two.

ES Okay.
A Ah...

Q You said they were very hostile?
A Yes. We were...what..hostile.

Q What..did they make threats at that time towards the...
A No, after that RASHAD said they threatened RASHAD by phone. RASHAD told me and told...

Q He told you this?
A ...also police.

ES And this was right after they left? He received threats by phone?
A I don't know, I don't know the time.

ES When did ah..RASHAD tell you this? That he received threats from them?
A Oh, just...ah..told police and also I knew that ah..this month I..he was receiving some. Threatening but he didn't mention their name to me and specify. But...he told the police that he got...he received ah..several threatening from this people.

ES When you were present with DOCTOR KHALIFA...
A Uh-huh.

ES ...and these two men ah..that we're talking about, MOHAMMED and ah..the other one...
A Uh-huh.

ES ...did you hear them making threats to DOCTOR KHALIFA?
A No, at that time there was not threatened it was discussion...

ES Discussion, ah...
A ...on this subject...

ES Heated discussion?
A It was a...

ES Arguments?
A ...arguments, yes, it was argument on the subject...

ES I see.
A ...but ah..it..it according to them, unfortunately, they really didn't..if somebody else..if somebody get out from they religion according to them should be killed. All...around muslim world.

ES That is there belief?

A Yes, yes they believe. If they have chance they will try to kill.

Q Which one is which on the tape, one's dressed in a business suit and the other one is in ah..turban, right?

A Ah..yea..ah.._____ (inaud) had beard..beard I think.

Q Which one of them had beard?

A Just..just moment I'll tell you..right here...

Q Okay.

A ...okay...

Q Anything else ah...

A I don't know. If you have a questions.

Q There was another incident where somebody had apparently tried to contact DOCTOR KHALIFA a couple of weeks before this. It was in a white car...that came to the Mosque asking about ah...where DOCTOR KHALIFA was, are you familiar with that at all?

A I don't know....sometimes Pakistani would come in...I don't know...

Q And what would they...

A I don't know...

Q ...would they come to..to listen or...

A They..they..they would come in asking questions and going.. a lot of people were coming I don't know, I don't remember why.

Q Anybody..what we're mainly looking at is somebody who might've been threatening to DOCTOR KHALIFA? Ah...anybody that sticks out in your head?

A No.

ES Why don't you tell us ah..before the tape ah...

A Yes.

ES ...ah..statement, you mentioned to me that you went to a conference in Chicago in place of DOCTOR KHALIFA...

A Uh-huh.

ES ...why don't you explain to DETECTIVE MILLER...

A Uh-huh.

ES ...ah..why..why did you go, I understand that DOCTOR..there was ah..ah..international conference....

A Uh-huh.

ES ...in Chicago, Illinois, is that correct?

A It was international con..conference, it was...ah..the two subjects were against RASHAD, the main subjects which they were always...it was controversial between RASHAD and them. It was on that subject and also they were talking about RASHAD and I had..I'd been there, because of RASHAD was trusting me, my knowledge and my courage and I went there. I...

ES In place of DOCTOR...

A Yes, I give people papers and they...about subject but they were very hostile, they wanted even to ah..beat me and even they got together. One of them followed me out in my room and it was very difficult time there in the _____ (inaud) and just I escaped last minute, I escaped.

ES Uh-huh.

A From that.

ES This conference took place when?

A Ah..in the October about 7, 8 of the October in '89...

ES In '89?

A ...'89.

ES And you went alone to this conference?

A Yes, I went alone.

ES In place of DOCTOR KHALIFA?

A Yes, it was ah..whole day and whole day in hotel.

ES And this..during this conference who was involved in this conference, what country's, ah..what groups?

A I have all the..their name with me.

ES Oh, you do have the names?

A Yes, I have their names.

ES And did they make ah..ah..you said they made threats against DOCTOR KHALIFA?

A Yes, yes and they...after that also they published the Teran (ph), they published...

ES They published...

A ...they named that...he should be killed and ah..the name of the person, I know exactly, who was VOLICE MOHAMMED (ph) which is they, one of the leader of the Muslim community in the United States.

ES So you have information on this man?

A (sigh)

ES Ah..you know where..what city he lives in or...

A Oh, he's..he's...

ES ...what country he's from?

A ...he's very well known. I don't know..ahh..no but he was an _____ (inaud)..I say, ALSIAM HOMMED (ph). Do you know ALSIAM HOMMED? He was the _____ (inaud) leader that...MOHAMMED ALI's ah...teacher.

ES Alright, alright.

A And this is..his son and he has...thousands of legs...

ES Is...

A ...around here.

ES Is he a black?

A Yes, he is black mans.

ES And he...and he..he published ah...

A Yes, in their ah..monthly..they have monthly magazine. In the monthly magazine about messengership, he wrote an article and he said that person who claimed that he messenger should be killed.

ES Did he mention DOCTOR KHALIFA's name?

A Ah..I don't exactly remember but...

ES Could you get us a magazine?

A Ah...

ES A copy of that magazine?

A We'll try, I will try from the library.

ES And do you know when this was published? When it..the magazine came out?

A It was published just after Chicago conference.

ES So it would've been ah..last...

A It been October or November of the '89.

ES Was there any mo..money mentioned at all?

A No, in that magazine, not mentioned but there...my wife had heard from ah..her ah..sister and her sister said that they heard that..ah..Saudi Arabia put one million dollar, I don't know this ah...but ah..I know ah..exactly Saudi Arabia, all scholars in Saudi Arabia they've learned he should be killed. If he...(ph)...

ES All..all his followers, you said...

A Yes...

ES ...in Saudi Arabia?

A ...all scholars, yes. (ph)

ES They claimed that they thought that he should be killed?

A Yes.

ES And you started to tell me what your wife told you about ah..
(inaud)...

A My wife told me that her sister told her that Saudi Arabia
had put one million dollar for his head.

ES I see.

Q If you had to guess ah..who..which faction or which..which
group would..do you think, would be most likely to do something
like this?

A Ah..this not ah...Irani, Iran Shira sect (ph), it is very
bad. It is Suni and ah...ninety..nine percent Arabs..and
the United States they are Saudi..per Saudi organizations.
This..exactly...it is my feeling, I am sure that this sects
because they were always threatening him. They were always
against him, all around the world.

Q So Suni would be the...

A Suni, yes. Suni and...Saudi based...organizations.....and
in Tucson they may have connection. For getting information...

Q I see.

A ...somebody must help them.

Q Do you know...are anyone of those factions, either of those
factions have any place here in town?

A Here in the University they have the Islamic Center.

Q Okay, but there's nothing, no private...

A No..no I don't know. I don't know.

ES Prior, I'm sorry go ahead.

Q No, go ahead.

ES Prior to DOCTOR KHALIFA's death, ah....when was the last time
you..you spoke to him?

A That's on Tuesday night. Tuesday just...ah..ten hours before..

ES Ten hours before?

A Yes.

ES Had he expressed any concern to you of any recent threats
ah..how was his behavior ah..did he seem to be concerned or
worried that something....

A Oh..the..the...

ES ...might happened to him?

A ...when police came. When police came ah..deliver him the
threaten (ph) and that when he was ah..very serious, he thought
for awhile and later he came to me and he says, EDIP do not
tell this to anybody in the Mosque, they may got scared and
keep it secret between me and you he said. And later I didn't
tell anybody this threatened.

ES No..he..he didn't want you to say anything about the threats that he was receiving?

A No, no, they..we didn't talk about the threats.

ES Okay. So he..he told you not to say anything...

A Yes, not to say anything...

ES ...keep it secret.

A ...and I didn't ask him because....I was also familiar with this kind of threat in my country. I had been in the same threatened in my country and..this is ah...

ES It's just a way of...

A ...life..it became lifestyle.

ES Yea.

A It doesn't matter it so...

ES You get so many that it...

A Yes...

ES ...becomes a way of life.

A ...it come familiar with _____ (inaud) lifestyle, you don't care to much and...

ES Do you feel that maybe that's what DOCTOR..how DOCTOR KHALIFA felt, was that just more threats or did he seem more concerned about these?

A No, he was a very brave man that I knew...

ES Uh-huh.

Aah..he was very brave and he..he..he's trust to God was absolutely hundred percent and he knew that whenever the time of that comes...what..whatever the shape of the death, it doesn't matter...and for this reason he never changed his attitude and he was coming...

ES I see.

A ...in the morning, early morning, by himself...I think he was carrying gun but he didn't tell me that he was carrying, but two months before his death he showed me his gun because I was always criticizing him, you don't take precaution against these people they are very hostile, they want to kill you, and he was..always says there is nothing we..we shouldn't fight with them there is no...mental..ah..ah..how do you say, fights....

ES Uhm...

A ...mostly mental this time and not this. Once he was laughing and showed me a small gun. He said I didn't want to buy this but ah..one lady brought me and she wanted to sell to me, she need money and she gave me this. Said..I..I receive a lot of threat and these days this may be from God, God want me to get it these and...

Q Who was the lady...

A Ah..lady ah..that lady got divorced from ah..one person from the Mosqueez...

Q Right, what was her name?

A ...lady, LYDIA...ah..LINDA, I think LINDA.

Q Okay.

A That lady ah..sold RASHAD a small gun.

ES What..do you remember what color it was?

A It..which one?

ES The gun?

A The gun, was small gun...

ES Uh-huh, what color was it?

A I don't remember, maybe black.

ES Okay.

A It was small...gun.

ES Does...was DOCTOR KHALIFA familiar with guns?

A I don't know. I don't think so...

ES No.

A ...because he was...not a person that..deal with a gun, would fight...

ES Uh-huh.

A ...he was always..men who pleased always. (ph)

ES Where did he have the gun when he showed it to you? Did he have it in his pocket in his belt...

A No, he put it in his drawer that time, he showed me from drawer, but I don't know last day..day..I read from the newspaper he had gun...

Q Okay.

A ...on him. That means after the threatened he was carrying the gun with him.

Q Do you know that the...what was his normal routine? Was it fairly well known that he would go early in the morning?

A Yes. It was..he was coming to the Mosqueez about three a.m. always..generally.

Q And then what would he do there? What would be his routine?

A Ah..routine..and then he would..in the Mosqueez about..until eight p.m. at eight of night, sometimes nine o'clock and he was going..going to home and coming back so he was spending about two-thirds of his time in the Mosqueez.

Q Okay, but in..when he came in the morning, in the early morning hours, would he..which door would he come in?

A Oh, always from the kitchen.

Q From the kitchen...

A Yes...

Q ...okay.

A ...he..he..he never used the..ah..ah..that..the other door.

Q Okay, did he normally keep the door between the Mosque and the..and the kitchen closed?

A Usually, usually he would keep 'em closed.

ES Was it latched?

A Excuse me?

ES Was it locked?

A Ah..not locked, there is..there was something that..with a switch.

ES And he normally kept that closed?

A Yes, it was normally kept in this...

Q Would he have an occasion to..as he came in, if he entered the door, came into the kitchen area, would there be an occasion where he might go out into the Mosque right then or would he not...

A I don't think so because that time...there is no reason to enter the Mosque. He was just going to the office and sit down on computer and working.

Q Okay.

A And...in the early morning, sometimes when I was there, he was coming to see me...and that was about six or seven o'clock in the morning, not that time. He knew that I was not there.

Q Did he ever...which room would he sleep in if he got tired during the day?

A Oh, got tired ah..back..on the backside of the office, there's that...

Q That room back in there?

A Yes, in video..video room, there is video room...

Q Right.

A ...and...

Q Did anybody else ever stay there with him? Ah...

A No, no. Sometimes when guest comes and he gave these rooms to the guest.

Q Okay. There were...we found when we were searching in that room, there was some articles that belonged to a female, ah.. do you know who..whose clothes those might've been or what.. if it would've been his wife or somebody else using the room?

A He started _____ (inaud) old lady from New York, ah.. Washington, D.C., she was kind of sometimes staying in the Mosque about one months or..one and a half months, last time she stayed in Mosquez about two months. She was using that room.

Q I see.

A And RASHAD was not using that time, that room.

Q What's her name?

A ISAHDA MAZHAN (ph)

Q How do you spell that?

A It...write it down...

Q Okay.

A ...for you. ISAHDA...

Q Okay, and she's from where?

A She was ah..from ah..Washington, D.C., and she was ah..friend of RASHAD from CHIHO (ph).

Q I see.

A She was very close friend.

Q And why would she come here? To study...

A Yes, to visit him and she was always in the kitchen, she was cooking for him.

Q I see.

A And..maybe..this...

Q Is this an older lady that there was a picture of in there?

A Ah...yes..in the kitchen...

Q Right.

A ...old lady and...

Q Okay.

A ...black..skin.

Q I remember seeing that.

A Okay.

Q And that would be her room more less?

A Yes.

- Q What about the other room, on the other side?
A On the other side it was ah..empty, sometimes ah...it is used for ah...guest, when they come all...all over the United States. Sometimes.
- Q Okay, there happened to be some little..it looked like it might be a nursery of some...
A Oh, yes, ah..when ah..doing chronic studies, kids...
- Q Go in there.
A ...it was ah..for kids..to...
- Q Ah...he would, then in your opinion he wouldn't have a reason to...if that door between the Mosque and the kitchen was bolted ah..he wouldn't have occasion to..as he came in in the morning to maybe go in there for any reason?
A Ah...it is not...it is..is very maybe...very, very how do you say...
- Q Is very doubtful.
A _____ (inaud) yes, very doubtful.
- Q There was a ah...ah coffee, a big coffee urn...
A Uh-huh.
- Q ...ah..with..it was on...
A Uh-huh.
- Q ...now that, I understand that's normal that, that stays on all the time.
A Yea, it was always on.
- Q Who fills that up?
A Ah...ah...there was a lady in Mosquez that..friend of ours, she was always doing this, but later she got sick and she was not there...anybody in the Mosquez was doing this, I don't know except ah...
- Q Would..would KHALIA had done that? Ah...
A I never seen in...
- Q Like in the morning fill that up?
A No, no, I never seen him do that...
- ES Did he drink coffee?
A Rarely yes...very rare.
- ES Very rare?
A Occasionally, not from that..from that...he was cooking ah.. on the stove and how do you say...and there was a pot...and he was cooking.

Q Does he..would he normally come in in the morning and..and if you know, ah..and make..make anything on the..on the fire, any reason for him to ah...light the stove to cook anything or make coffee?

A Maybe...maybe...

Q You're familiar with the kitchen?

A Yes, I was. You know I always shave in kitchen, and when I eat and when I go home. (ph)

Q When I was not..when I was there, I didn't check but uhm... do you know if the..when you turn the gas on..on the burners on the top...

A Uh-huh.

Q ...ah..do they come on automatically or do you have to light 'em with a match? Sometimes...

A No, no, you don't use match.

Q They..they should be uhm...

A Just coming...

Q ...the pilot light...

A ...automatically, there was pilot.

Q Okay. And you're not familiar with any type of ah..chemicals that might've been used, any solvent or anything like that.. that anybody was using around the ah...ah..the Mosque?

A No.

Q Have you looked around at all, around the area there, the Mosque on the outside?

A When, after this...

Q After this..this happened?

A No, no.....Don't you have any evidence where that person entered that murderer?

Q We've got...very little evidence...

A Uh-huh.

Q ...ah...that's what we're trying to...

A Oh yea.

Q ...to get an idea of. When you come into the kitchen door...

A Uh-huh.

Q ...would..would the door lock automatically?

A No.

Q The kitchen...

A RASHAD must do this when...

Q No, no, I mean, not the kitchen...
A Yes.

Q ...from the kitchen to the Mosque, I mean the outside door?
A No ah..you have to lock it.

Q Okay, so if he would open...
A When you leave...

Q ...if he would open it up in the morning with his key...
A Yes.

Q ...and he went inside, he would have to turn around and lock it?
A Ah..ah..the Mo..Mosque, ah..maybe, yes.

Q I'm talken about the out...
A If he got suspicious.

Q ...I'm talken about the west..the eastside door?
A Yes, eastside door. About the..before that...they made something on the lock, they change and it was locking by itself automatically...when you close it...

Q As I recall the day we were there it was...
A Yes, in a few days...

Q ...automatically locked....
A ...after that ah...threatened...ah..I think BEHRUZ did this or RASHAD ah..made this. It was locking, I asked them well how can it be and they said no it's..by itself it locks. It can lock.

Q Ah..if the bolted door between the Mosque and the kitchen...
A Uhm...

Q ...was bolted ah..I understand a lot of the members had keys to the front door. Somebody could've gotten into the front, to the Mosque area...
A Uh-huh.

Q ...ah..what do you think about the fact that ah...could they have gotten in to the kitchen area with..through that door?
A I don't think so because you cannot open the door from the Mosque, if door is not open.

Q You mean if it's bolted?
A Yes, if it's bolted and sometimes I was coming in the early morning, I had to knock the door, RASHAD was opening that door...uhm...but I don't know if he..did he forget...I don't know, but...

Q You mean to lock it?
A Yes.

Q Who normally takes care of locking up at night?
A RASHAD was doing this because he was ah..the last person always, generally, maybe LISA was there...after RASHAD you know...

Q Did she stay there sometimes longer then he...
A Yes, sometimes....'cause LISA home just was next to RASHAD...

Q Right.
A ...and LISA knows...if she has this...(ph)

Q And ah...have you talked to her since this happened?
A About this?

Q LISA?
A Not to much, not to much.

Q Is..is there anything significant that she said? That you can recall off hand? I'm gonna turn this tape over ah..really quick ah...
A Uh-huh.

Q ...the time is 1040...
A Uh-huh.

(END OF SIDE A/BEGIN SIDE B)

Q This is DETECTIVE MILLER continuing on this interview, the time is 1040 hours. Did ah...have you...you've talked to LISA and is there anything that you can recall in..in your conversation with her that might help us? Anything she might've brought up?

A No, I don't know. I thought that you are talking with her?

Q Well, we have, yea, we've talked to..to LISA, but I'm just, we haven't talked to her for a couple of days or so...

A No I..no...I...

Q Ah...ah...are the...do you know how RASHAD was killed?

A No, I don't know exactly but from the magazine..from the newspapers that I got he was stomped (sic) but I don't...

Q Okay, let me ask you this...are you familiar with the ah..the knives that are in the kitchen?

A There were knives, yes...in the drawer.

Q Right.
A Uh-huh.

Q Ah...as far as you know, if somebody was sent or if somebody came to kill him or assassinate him over his beliefs, what avenue do you think they would take, what..what means would

Q be most likely for them to kill somebody? Do you think that would be a knife or do you think it would be a...

A I think gun is the best way.

Q Okay, there..so there's no classical religious concept as far as a way to kill somebody if they...

A But they...

Q ...been more...

A ..._____ (inaud) from Turkey and my friends quote me, one of them said these are classic Arab way of killing. They do that...

Q Is by..is by the knife?

A Yes, by the knife and my friend asked me how..did they kill him and I said by knife. They..they said, I don't know..I don't from them...

Q Uh-huh.

A ...they said this is a classic Arab way of killing.

Q Okay, is there any significance to where he might of been stabbed?

A I don't know either, I couldn't understand the first one.

Q Okay, well, ah..if he was stabbed predominantly in..in the stomach or..if he was stabbed...

A They may want to torcher him by this way...this way peopel, a very crucial way of killing.

Q Uh-huh.

A And I don't know did they..did take any part from him? Because if they put money for him...

Q Yea.

A ...they may take a part...

Q Oh, to prove that he was killed?

A Yes, I don't know what...

Q You mean like take a ear or something like that...

A Yes, any part, I don't know.

Q Ah..but as far as you know there's no significance in..if he was stabbed in one place more then another?

A I don't know.

Q Okay. Have..have you heard or...directly or indirectly, anybody taking credit for this? Since this happened?

A What kind of credit?

Q Claiming that they did it. Any group, any particular group or person...

A No...

Q ...or anything. Nobody's called...

A ...I didn't hear...no, I didn't...I didn't hear that.

ES Would this..would this...would you expect them to if they
uhm...assassinated him, you...

A They...

ES ...would you expect them to take credit for it later?

A Yes, I think so....I think so....and when I..ah..I called
my father...a few days ago...ah..no, yesterday, that..yea,
yesterday, I called him for the first time in the United
States I called him 'cause my...relations not good with him
because of this..my belief, that I accept RASHAD as a messenger
of God. Just said ah...they killed, that's what I said.
You see that this prove that he's not messenger of God, mes-
senger of God can not be killed. I said, he's wrong and Koran
says...just the opposite.

ES Uhm...

A ...but they..they try to use..use this. Ah...

ES To show that he wasn't the messenger...

A Yea, true, that he was not messenger. If he was messenger
they couldn't...

ES Right...right...

A ...kill him...

ES ...I understand.

Q Ah...is there anything unusual that it happened a month or
two or...as far as you know..remember, anybody suspicious
coming over ah..during the time before this happened? Ah..
trying to get information about...MR...DOCTOR KHALIFA?

A Many people was coming but I..I am not good in recognizing
people well and remembering there name...several people have
come in from Yemen (ph) from ah..ah..Iries (ph) and...Arabs
and Pakistani's and...many times RASHAD was ah...telling me
you speak with them. I was always speaking with those people
who were coming from outside...

Q Uh-huh....wasn't there...as I recall somebody made a mention
of ah..ah...ah follower being ah..kicked out for making some
type of sexual advances to one of the...one or more of the
females?

A When?

Q Ah..his name escapes me right now, that's just the word that
I had..had overheard somebody talkin' about it...an individual
a couple of months before that...

A No, no.

Q ...had been asked to leave...
A No.

Q ...because of ah...
A Oh...ah..ERIC TORNWALL (ph)...

Q How do you..how do you spell his name?
A ERIC...hm...I think...ERIC TORNWALL...

Q What was...
A ...he was coming from Switzerland...and ah...I was not there but..ah..later they told me that he was in a chronic study. He was talking ah..not righteous way and...against moral standards and RASHAD asked him to leave the Mosqueez and he came after that, I was in the Mosqueez working he came and... he told me..tried to talk with me...I was not ah..I'm always posted with our people (ph)..ah..I didn't know that exactly what he spoke and what was the reason RASHAD kicked him out it's correct or not or temporary but not...and later lady called me and...he sh..he is..he's not suppose to be in the Mosqueez again and I told him I place..it is not my place and he left. But I'm not suspicious of that person.

Q He didn't?
A My feelings is not that person but...

Q He wouldn't...
A ...he might..one of my friends said ah...he was ah...police officer before, he said that he picked up a phone number from his suitcase and that phone number was Saudi Embassy in France. In which...is very interesting for us...but I don't know. He said they may use him...indirectly to get information.

Q Whose this friend?
A Ah...this friend was from Canada but I don't remember his name....ah...

Q Do you know ah..ah...gentleman by the name of PUGH?
A PUGH?

Q PUGH, P-U-G-H.
A No.

Q Does that name ever ring a bell to you?
A No.

Q Okay. Are you familiar with the ah..the incident in the past month or so involving ah..a newscaster DONNA PANGBURN?
A What is this...

Q It's ah..she's ah..a female who used to broadcast the news, you're not familiar with that...
A No, no...

Q ...that story at all?

A No.

Q Okay. Ah...let me ask you this, would you be willing to take a polygraph? You know what a polygraph is? It's ah..it's ah lie dector test is what it is.

A Polygraph?

Q Yea...

A What is this?

Q It's ah..a polygraph is a...ah lie dector test.

A Uh-huh.

Q And basically you're given a set of questions to answer and you..you it's..you go over with them the ah...with the polygraph operator...

A Uh-huh.

Q ...and then they ask you and then they..they get an idea of.. you know, electronically, they hook your heart and everything up to ah...

A Oh, I know this machine that...

Q Right.

A ...you know you're lying or I'm not...

Q Right.

A ...and ah...

Q Right. If it ever comes necessary do you think you would..you would mind doing that?

A Oh, sure.

Q Okay.

A Sure.

Q Ah...do you right...do you have any idea..who could've done this? Which individual or what..what group could've been responsible for this?

A Well, I thought maybe for that...(ph)

Q The Suni (ph)?

A Yes, Suni and Saudi Arabia based...people but I don't know.

Q But you're not familiar, you don't know if there are any of those individuals here in town except at the Islamic Center?

A _____ (inaud) I don't know..I know _____ (inaud) from here.

Q Anything else about the crime scene that ah...we might be able to ask him about ah...DOCTOR KHALIFA's habits when he went in in the morning? We need to develop some more information...

A Okay.

Q ...about what might've, you know, what might've happened when DOCTOR KHALIFA...went that morning. Did he..did he normally park where he parked that day?

A In the...he used to park in front of the Mosquez...but I.. ah..late...obviously...recently he changed in the park lot and he was parking behind that apartments.

Q Okay. So that was the normal..recently that was the normal place for him to park...

A Yes, because nor..always I saw when I come and I saw his..car behind the apartments.

Q Why did he change?

A I don't know the reason.

Q Did he seem to be getting more threats right before his death or were the threats that he was getting just pretty much constant?

A I don't know the..this can be prevention of the threats, I don't know.

Q No, I mean..I mean to your knowledge...

A Oh...

Q ...did..did he make a mention of..of receiving any more threats?

A Oh, yes.

Q Then normal?

A Ah..yes, yes. Then normal and sometimes he was recording these threatens.

Q Do you have any idea where those recordings might be or where...

A We have cassette and there is..sometimes he was putting dates and putting...somewhere..._____ (inaud)...

Q What were you gonna say?

ES I just wanted...one more question...

A Yes.

ES ...that I had for you...

A Uh-huh.

ES ...I wanted to clarify in..in the Mosque there, there was a large coffee pot...

A Uh-huh.

ES ...looked like a coffee pot...

A Yes, yes.

ES ...you know what I'm talking about?

A Yes, I know.

ES Okay. Ah..that was on in the morning...
A Always is on.

ES Always, always, all night long it's on?
A All night...everytime it's on.

ES Okay, what does it hold in there, water?
A Yes.

ES Hot water?
A Hot water.

ES Okay, so that stays on all the time?
A Yes, all..all the time is on.

ES Okay.
Q What about the lighting in there ah...does..is there a light that's left on...
A Yes, we used to...

Q ...in the Mosque?
A ...leave one light on when we leave the Mosque.

Q And where would the light be?
A Ah..in front of...in front..by a certainly..ah..close to the salt of...(ph)

Q Okay, what about the porch light on the eastside?
A Which light?

Q Would that...the porch light on the outside.
A Ah...if..if..yes, it was on.

Q It normally is left on?
A Ah..yes, yes.

Q In your own opinion do you think one person would be responsible for something like this?

A I don't think so...if somebody killed with knife and...RASHAD was strong person, athletic person, they..I think they have information about RASHAD and how he's coming, his schedule and the information is professional thing and ah..it must be at least two, three person because of..security and to succeed...the plan.

Q Did he normally wear his sandals in..in the morning? Naturally he would take them off if he entered the Mosque.
A Oh, he was taken off...even if he was inside the kitchen.

Q Oh, he never..never used his shoes once he was in the..inside?
A Ah...always, I saw him naked...ah..inside...(ph)

ES Barefoot?

A Yes, barefoot.

ES Even..through out the place?

A Yes, yes.

ES Okay.

Q Do you think it would've been easy for somebody to get in there before he got there?

A I think it is easy...to have a key when, how do you say to ah..I don't know to open the door it was not so difficult for people.

Q The door...on the southside?

A Yes. In the Mosquez area, I should...for professional. I don't know exactly but...

Q Well, a lot of people had...

A Yes.

Q ...lock..keys to that...

A Yes, even if they don't get through these people and...

Q It was easy without the key?

A ...it is..it was easy for people to open the lock...

ES Pick the lock you mean?

A Yes. I don't know.

ES And ah...do you think...DOCTOR KHALIFA knowing that...he's being threatened and all, do you think ah..if somebody, if he was already in the kitchen and somebody came up to the.. to the west or the eastside door there...

A Uh-huh.

ES ...do you think he would let them in..if he didn't know them?

A I don't think so. I don't think so. Because it is very early time...

Q Uh-huh.

A ...and nobody suppose to be there that time. He would be, get suspicious and get ready his gun that time. He wouldn't open the door.

Q What about...

A Also he looks always...

Q The little...

A ...yes, yes...

Q ...the kitchen from the Mosque area...

A ...yes and I don't think he always looks for his desk and they would've opened the door. (ph)

Q Anything else you can think of ah..that would..would help us in this investigation?

A Unfortunately the things that I know is very little.

Q What about your wife...

A If I had...

Q ...had accompanied down here, right?

A Uh-huh.

Q Do you think she would be..have any information or do you think I...

A I don't think so she only gave me this new information from her sister that's all.

Q Okay. Was she there that day, your wife? Did she come?

A Ah...when?

Q The day that this happened?

A Ah..I called her, I went to the Mosquez early morning and I saw police and RASHAD son was crying.

Q Let me ask you to what your activities were that day. Ah.. were you...were you home all night?

A Yes, I was home.

Q Okay. What time did you get home?

A Ah...it was about six or seven o'clock at night, I left...

Q On...

A ...Tuesday...

Q ...Tuesday night?

A ...Tuesday night...

Q Okay.

A ...and I was with my wife and morning about seven or eight o'clock, I came to the Mosquez.

Q And that's when you saw everything?

A Yes.

Q Nobody called you or anything you..when you got there you called...

A No, no, I called me wife there...I just..I called her to _____ (inaud).

Q Right, but nobody called you, when you arrived...

A No, no, no, no...

Q ...that's when you...

A ...no, no, no, no nobody called me I just...

Q Okay. Do you know of anybody in the membership or anybody that we've talked about that, you know, might've had something against ah..DOCTOR KHALIFA that..that carries a knife, for instance?

A In the..in Mosqueez?

Q In the Mosqued..Mosqueez or any other enemies of his?

A I don't..I don't think so. People who usually come to Mosqueez all of them I trust them and...

ES Where..where do you..where do you work at, are you working?

A Ah..I was working in the Mosqueez, RASHAD was paying my rent and for..._____ (inaud).

Q Okay, so you don't..you don't have a normal job...

A No, I didn't have normal job...

Q ...to speak of?

A ...I was always, he was..he didn't allow me, he..he didn't.. he said...you don't work outside you work always on this book translation and help me in my stuff. I was working as ah..his...how you say, employee?

Q Uh-huh. What did he..what kind of a salary, if you don't mind me asking, did he pay you? Did he pay you just substance or...

A Oh, it was just for whatever I need, he..our relation was not like boss and..and employee. It was just like son and father because when he come..ah..I listened to him..I married my wife ah..when he came ah..he asked her for me and our marriage was on last conference ah..information conference and he said I ah..accept me as his father and whatever he needs I provide for him. Whenever I need money I was asking him but..I don't need...(ph)

Q Okay. Ah..does your wife work?

A Yes, my work..and my wife works at hospital.

Q Which hospital does she...

A El Dorado Hospital, El Dorado.

Q Is she a nurse or ah...

A No, she's a dietician.

Q Okay. Ah...are you..are you getting money now still are you still...

A No, now I'm looking for a job...because...ah..now I can't take money.

Q Are you still going to the Mosque though and doing ah...
A Ah..sometimes, not always.

Q What type of work do you do?
A Ah..now I'm looking for a job in advertisement...

Q Uh-huh.
A ...because in my country I used to be in advertising company.

Q I see. Now do you plan to stay here?
A Yes, I'm...

Q You're not, I mean you didn't come over specifically to..to
do the translation and then to leave you're..you trying...
A It was my intention was..stay here..permanently.

Q Okay. What's your wife's name?
A My..wife name is APAMEH. (ph)

Q Let me get that to..how do you spell that?
A It A-P-A-M...you have trouble (laugh)..E-H.

Q H...okay and the same last name?
A Ah...no...

Q No?
A ...she has BASHAR, B-A-S-H-A-R.

Q Okay. You don't take the last name of...like we do over here?
A No...it's...

Q Okay.
A ...not necessary, but if she wants she can change.

Q Oh, I see. Okay. Traditions change all the time.
A (laughing)

Q Ah...I don't have anything else that I can think of?
ES Na..neither do I.
A Okay.

Q That ah..anything else?
A If I have..give me..your card please...

Q Okay.
A ...and I will call you if I have new information.

Q Okay, that concludes the interview ah..the time is 1058.
Could you state your name one more time for the record?
A My name is EDIP YUKSEL.

Q Okay. Thank you.

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