

THIS WILL BE A TAPED STATEMENT IN REFERENCE TO CASE #90 01 31 0233. THE STATEMENT IS TAKING PLACE ON THE 31ST OF JANUARY 1990 AT APPROXIMATELY 1645 HOURS AT 2020 SOUTH COLUMBUS, APARTMENT

KW 4-5-9?

A Yeah, 459.

KW For the tape, Linda, would you tell me your full name?

A It's, uh, Linda Edmonds Abib.

KW Edmond?

A E-d-m-o-n-d-s. Uh-huh (affirmative), Edmonds.

KW And is it L-i-n-d-a?

A L-i-n-d-a.

KW You wanna get that?

A Okay.

KW The tape was turned off for approximately a minute and a half while Linda answered the phone. How old are you, Linda?

A About twenty-seven (27).

KW And your date of birth?

A [REDACTED]

KW And you currently live at 2020 South Columbus in this apartment, 459?

A Yes.

KW Who lives here with you?

A My son.

KW What is your son's name?

A [REDACTED] the .. the last name.

KW How old is .. is he?

A Uh, three and a half.

KW And how long have you been at this apartment?

A Since the 18th of December.

KW Where had you previously .. previously lived?

A Okay. We, uh, we used to live with a man, in the ...uh ..

KW At a .. at a friend's?

A Yeah.

KW Okay.

A At .. at several friends. And then a hotel down the street here, in that Post (ph) hotel.

KW Uh-huh. Okay. Do you have the address of the ...

A Umm, yes. Right here. It's this one I went and got my food stamps.

KW 8030 East Lakeside?

A Um-hum (affirmative).

KW How long were you there?

A Uh, from the 30th of November until the, uh, 15th of, uh, December.

KW Okay. When did you move out of the apartment at Euclid and 5th?

A I was locked out on .. well, I left on the 30th because my husband was been served on .. well .. well, I left on the 30th because that day my husband was served wi.. with my .. a City court order of protection.

KW November 30th?

A Um-hum (affirmative). Hey, [REDACTED] (ph), why your jacket inside-out?

UNK They didn't know how to put it on I guess.

A Ohhh.

UNK I'm _____. I'm Sharon Allen.

A Okay.

UNK I'm pleased to meet you. We .. we meet briefly before so, anyway

A Okay.

KW That's okay.

UNK I got paged. We need you.

KW What made you leave the apartment at Euclid and .. and 6th?

A Oh, from the .. constant abuse from my husband.

KW Constant abuse?

A Um-hum (affirmative).

KW And your husband is whom?

A Mahmoud Abib.

KW Okay.

A M-o.....

KW I have it spelled in here.

A Oh, okay. I called ... I called ... I called the police .. the police twice on the ... November the 24th; two incidents with him.

KW Okay. You knew Doctor Khalifa?

A Well, up .. I .. up .. up until ... Let me see. We first got here August the 26th, 19 umm, 88.

KW And what was your relationship with Doctor Khalifa?

A He was just my landlord and, uh, the main ... you know, the priest of the mosque.

KW Would you describe your relationship with him as being antagonistic? Uh, were there problems between you and Doctor Khalifa?

A There were ... there were no problems until I called the police on the 24... well, 'til I took out the court order of protection against my husband.

KW And .. and what happened then?

A He told me that, uh, he didn't give me permission to have my divorce, _____ and, uh, that, uh, tellin me what the Koran state, that a man can enlighten his wife, that he can stop sleepin with her, he can beat her. And I said, "No, I .. I'm leaving". And his sister tried to convince me not to leave him. They tried to tell me I'm crazy, I should accept abuse. I said, no. So, on the 30th, I put 'em in daycare early and, uh, I had been constantly movin my things out secretly because every time I tried to leave, they would not let me leave. So, they would take away my financial support to leave and go back to North Carolina, everything. Or, either they would have my car so I couldn't go nowhere.

KW I don't think he can get out of his jacket. It's ... zipped it up inside-out.

A I can't see nobody button things like this.

UNK I don't know how they got it on him.

A I don't know.

UNK Whoops.

KW Linda, were there threats made by Doctor Khalifa towards you? Had he ever threatened you?

A No, not, uh, he just, uh, behind my back, that's about it, on tapes that I heard that the man made.

KW Tapes that .. that came through ...

A No, she was sittin in .. in .. in services and she would, uh, you know, he said, "We're gonna take a petition to the, umm, police department saying that she abused her child" and they got 150 signatures or somethin like that against me. So, I called Child Protective Services to see what I could do about it.

KW Okay.

A You know, 'cause I didn't want nobody takin my kid and then them take him overseas and they manipulate me to stop the divorce before the 20th of February.

KW Is that what your husband intended to do, was to take your son overseas? Do you know?

A Uh, that'd be the first place he would take him 'cause, uh, he's not a permanent resident or a citizen of the United States and I just withdrew my petition to keep him here.

KW He's from?

A The immigration told me I was the only one keepin my husband here.

KW Okay.

A And I went there and I withdrew my petition so that he .. they could deport him.

KW Is he here on a passport? Does he have ..

A He was here on a _____ visa. It's expired in 1982 so he's been here illegally here since 1982. But, when we got to deportation court in Atlanta, Georgia before a deportation judge, I'm the only one that kept him here; my marriage to him. And so when I filed for divorce and w.. and then withdrew the petition, uh, a lot .. a lot of things got hostile. Everytime I'd go over there and try to get any of my property, Khalifa would be the main one standing there and my husband wou.. would never talk to me.

KW Okay. Were there confrontations with Khalifa when you went over to get your .. your belongings?

A Yeah, he would shoutin at me and the police would .. the police would tell me, "Don't say nothin", you know, to just let him 'cause they said I might be arrested ..

KW Um-hum.

A .. too. So. It would just be bizarre. He would always get the last word in most all the time, you know, that's all. Umm, that was about it 'cause I haven't been over there since the 4th. They told me, "Don't go back over there no more" unless I go .. go to Superior Court. So, I waited 'til the 20th to go get my cars and .. and my personal property that I gave my, uh, lawyer today my list.

KW Um-hum.

A And she said, "Well, on the 20th you .. your divorce will be finalized and you won't have to live with your husband or none of that mess over there", you know, "and people harassin you".

KW The 20th of what month?

A The 20th of this month.

KW This month.

A Well, February comin.

KW Okay.

A February '89 ... '90.

KW What can you tell me about Doctor Khalifa and .. and the threats made against him by other people?

A Okay. I usually hear 'em, you know, discussin things in the mosque; umm, him and my husband and, uh, what's his name, uh ... Edip. They be discussin about, yeah, someone makin threats on the phone. Somebody ... they don't know who these people makin threats on the phone.

KW Um-hum.

A And, uh, come to find out, I don't think he ever .. ever reported those threats to the police department. He was constantly gettin threats from other mosques and from places in Saudia Arabia and from places in, uh, Chicago and .. I don't know if they were gettin threats from Phoenix. 'Cause a man was tellin me that, uh, it's possible that, uh, Elisha (ph) Mohammed's son got some mosque started in Phoenix.

KW Elisha Mohammed?

A Uh-huh (affirmative). Elisha Mohammed. But, he's dead. His son l.. I don't know what his son's name is.

KW And he's suppos... is he the one that's out of Chicago?

A Out of Chicago, uh-huh (affirmative). Because the only thing .. the way I _____ told Khalifa I would go sue him for makin those slanderous statements in City .. in City Court on my, uh, City Court Order of Protection. I would go _____ him .. my lawyer said do it legal, you know.

KW Um-hum.

A And I said, you know, "That's all I can do because I got a kid and I'm so far away from home. Why should I go and put myself in jeopardy or to have my kid taken away and be this far away from home?"

KW Okay. Do you know of .. of any person as opposed to groups here, any person who had called and made those threats to him?

A Nnnn nnnn, no. I .. I just know that there been a .. a lot of people leaving, a lot of strange people comin in and leaving and .. uh, at least that's .. well, about three or four months ago there was a guy that stopped by. And, uh, he was tellin me that he knew Elisha Mohammed. He had studied with Elisha Mohammed's little groups in Chicago and he was air force personnel. And he gave us a name but I forgot his name. He was a black guy. He had Kentucky tags on his car. He went up on Khalifa's rooftop and did some electrical work for him. And, I .. I ..

KW Is that the guy that used to live out back ..

A Uh-huh (affirmative).

KW ... in the trailer?
A And I asked 'em did they know who this guy was. I said, "Y'all lettin all these people in here and knowing that people are threatening y'all all the time, why y'all keep doing this?" You know?

KW Um-hum.
A And, umm, they let him in. And then when my husband started complainin, the guy tried to come on to me, makin advances toward me, Khalifa told him he go to get out. (Phone rings - You can answer that.) "You gotta get out".

KW Was this Walter?
A Yeah, that his name.

KW And do you know Walter's last name?
A Huh-uh (negative). I know he had a sister in ... When we went to buy the '78 Honda Civic, we dropped him off in, uh, that other place. Uh, Tempe, Arizona?

KW Uh-huh (affirmative).
A He had a sister up there he said he .. right there.

KW In Tempe?
A Uh-huh (affirmative). And then he said he was gonna go to the, uh, he had a job in Las Vegas tryin to borrow money from Khalifa. Then he asked my husband 'bout askin me to borrow some money 'cause I workin at the time. And my husband, "Are you gonna loan the guy some money?" I said, "No, I'm not loanin no stranger no money". And ..

KW Okay.
A .. after .. then, he just disappeared. He's gone.

KW What kind of car was it he drove?
A It was a white It was big. It was .. all I know, it was a white big car. Just .. I know it had a torn fender on the, umm, humm, left side.

KW And what kind of plates?
A Ken... Kentucky. 'Cause we .. I .. I asked him, I said, "You say you from ..." He said he was from somewhere else but then he had Kentucky plates.

KW How long did he live out there in the trailer?
A Oh, ... I'd say about two or three weeks.

KW You don't go anywhere near the mosque now, do you?
A No. Hum-um (negative).

KW When was the last time you were there?
A The 4th of January.

KW And was that ... with police officers?
A With the ... I never go without the police 'cause my lawyer, you know, he told me, he said, "Never go over there alone 'cause you don't know what those people will do to you".

KW Okay. Linda, where would you have been last .. last night from about umm, nine o'clock (9:00)?
A Right here.

KW Here? At this house?
A With my child. Uh-huh (affirmative).

KW Okay. What time would you have gone to bed last night?
A Umm, 'bout .. we .. we went to bed early because they had, umm, Let me see, what was on t.v.? Around seven (7:00) or eight (8:00) .. eight o'clock (8:00) we went to bed. And, uh, we got up around twelve (12:00) last night.

KW Last night?
A Uh-huh (affirmative). 'Cause he was sittin in here playin with his toys all night.

KW Did you stay up most of the night or ..?
A No, we went back to bed.

KW And what time did you get up this morning?
A Uh, it was around .. I think it was ... it was six, uh, six-oh-five (6:05), that's when the alarm went off.

KW Where did you go when you got up?
A Oh, just that _____.

KW Okay. Give me .. give me a .. a time schedule from when you left the house. Where did you go?
A Okay. When we left the house this morning, we went and got on the bus. Umm ...

KW Where do you normally ...
A .. what time was it? Umm it was the seven-forty (7:40) bus that we .. we .. that .. well, it .. it leaves, umm, Craycroft at seven-forty (7:40) goin downtown.

KW Craycroft and 29th?
A Um-hum (affirmative). It's a number fourteen (#14) bus.

KW Okay. Where did you go after you ... I .. I'm assuming you dropped your son off at the daycare?
A Uh, c... we .. we got off in front of the City Court.

KW Okay.
A Right in front of City Court where .. whenever we got downtown.

KW What time did you take your son to daycare?
A Umm, hum. I think it was a little after nine (9:00). It was .. was nine-oh-five (9:05). It was, uh, I think, nine (9:00) or nine-oh-five (9:05), somethin like that, in the area 'cause I had to catch the bus. Uh, I caught the number, uh, what was it? Number five (#5) there onto, umm, it went straight down .. what is it, 6th Avenue?

KW Um-hum.
A To Speedway and I walked to class and got .. got there at, umm, just before nine-forty (9:40).

KW Did you go into City Court this morning?
A No, we ... you know, the bus stop right in front of the City Court.

KW Okay.
A The bus stopped and let us ...

KW Is there where you change buses at?
A Uh-huh (affirmative).

KW Okay.
A But when I got, I .. I then walked down to the thing.

KW Okay. Where did you go next?
A Oh, this class, nine-forty (9:40) to, uh, ten-thirty (10:30).

KW Okay. Was anyone else here last night besides your son and yourself?
A No, just .. it was just .. it's just me and him that live here.

KW Any neighbors come by and .. and talk to you or ...
A No. Somebody ..

KW .. or see you?
A .. I .. I think it was _____ kept ringin the phone all night. Somebody. We didn't answer the phone though 'cause I knows it was _____. She keeps callin and .. and just talkin, talkin, talkin and I was fi....

KW Do you know who's making the calls?
A It's _____ is .. is _____ callin me .. 'cause, uh, I owe her some money, a hundred and eighty dollars.

KW Oh, okay.
A And, uh, I had put that in the mail today, this morning, prior to goin to class. I dropped it off at the, uh, Downtown Pima Campus in the outgoing slot so she should get her little prize, check tomorrow, well, money order. And when I come outta class at ten-thirty (10:30), I get this

.. some guy served me with some papers for I.T.T. Finance, a company that I owe. Well, ... see if I got this officer's card, he stood there as a witness that morning that I was been served with some civil papers. Humm, must of stuck it in here. I'm always stickin papers in the wrong They're here somewhere. I mightta stuck 'em in my bookbag 'cause I wa... my lawyer gave it back to me, I think.

KW Who is your lawyer over at

A Uh, this is the guy I always work with at Victim-Witness.

KW With Ron? Okay.

A And this is my lawyer. Emil (ph) Keith (ph). He had his badge number and everything on it. Well, it might of been on the bus.

KW Okay. Don't worry about the papers.

A Oh, okay.

KW Linda ...

A Anyway, I don't .. I don't know the de.. the officer's name but there was one there after I come out of class 'cause my teacher said, you know, that he said, "The campus police wanna see you". I said, "About what?" He said, "Well, they .. they'd been comin ever since you m..." He said, "you missed Friday and Monday outta class while you was sick". He said, "They been comin every day". Well, it was, I.T.T. Finance they want to serve me with, uh, Superior Court papers about a loan I took out in '86 and they knew that I was goin through a divorce and they wouldn't wait until I get the divorce finalized before they tried to collect the bill.

KW Um-hum.

A Because I'm .. I'm puttin that into Suprior Court that he pay half of it.

KW Are you taking night classes over at Pima?

A No, my classes are daytime.

KW Okay. Linda, at some point, you owned a .. you and your husband owned a gun.

A Uh-huh (affirmative).

KW That you .. Did you sell it to ...

A Khalifa. No. He .. he took it .. well, I .. I gave it to him, uh, to take outta the house. I told the police on the 24th that I had given the gun to Khalifa to hold so my husband wouldn't shoot me and the kid 'cause he was violent.

KW Okay.

A And, uh, I don't know what happened to that gun but Khalifa

refused to give it to me. I ...

KW When did you give it to him?
A Umm, prior to the 24th, uh, uh, my husband .. I gave it to him on the .. umm, the .. the day before. On .. on Thanksgiving.

KW Okay.
A I gave him the gun.

KW And, basically, it was just to have him hold it for you?
A Just to hold it. It was just, umm, a little small, umm, well, my husband paid sixty-six (66) dollars for the whole thing. I don't know what gun shop he got it from but the receipt and everything is in the box. And he had all the ammunition and everything.

KW Okay. What .. what type of gun was it?
A It was a .. a little small, uh, automatic, umm, handgun. Umm, .22 c... it.. it had .22 caliber bullets.

KW Okay.
A This is my, uh, class schedule here.

KW Linda, do you know of anyone who .. who would of done this to Doctor Khalifa?

A Like I sa.. uh, he had so many unknown enemies, unknown to me, I don't know because there had been so many people come in and out and I don't know their names. They .. they're from all kind 'a countries.

KW Are you affiliated with any organization here in .. in Tucson, another mosque or ..

A No. We don't go to mosques.

KW And if your husband told me that you were, would .. would he just be telling me that because he's angry at you?

A He's angry at me because of the divorce, yeah.

KW For some reason, your husband seems to think that you might know of the people who .. who are responsible for this.

A I don't know. Just because me and him is havin a conflict and .. Khalif.. Khalifa was advisin him, I would think he would be the one that knows because he was so close to Khalifa; him, Lisa and, uh, .. they probably know who done it. I don't know. Because they were the ones that .. that were listening to the threatening calls and that people said that, umm, they were gonna kill Khalifa and all that, and _____ knows about it more than I do 'cause she was here before I got here in '88. She said she had been here two .. two years from ... affiliated with Doctor Khalifa because she knew all the names of the people that went in

and out. She keeps up with it.

KW Okay.

A And I wasn't familiar with the, umm, people, you know, that had been there before me and left. But I know she mentioned on .. on a tape that several people had left the mosque and he has names and that. Would you like to ..?

KW Do you have the tape?

A Yeah, I got the tape

KW Yeah.

A .. of .. of that. Let's see.

KW The recorder's gonna be turned off at 1706 hours.

KW The tape is being turned back on at 1745 hours. Linda, while the tape was off, I asked you about the computer that

...
A Uh-huh (affirmative).

KW .. that, uh, there was some controversy over and, basically, you told me that the computer was under your bed.

A Um-hum (affirmative).

KW And you are now allowing us to take the computer with us so we can withdraw any information in that computer.

A Um-hum (affirmative).

KW Is that correct?

A Yes.

KW Okay. What I'd like to do, Linda, is just end the tape for .. for right now and it's possible I might need to get back with you later to .. to go over other items. Okay?

A Okay.

KW For the tape, would you tell me your full name again?

A Uh, it's Linda Edmonds Abib.

KW Okay. And that's going to conclude the tape. The time is now 1745 hours.

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