

... A TAPED STATEMENT IN REFERENCE TO CASE #90 01 31 0233.
THE STATEMENT IS TAKING PLACE AT THE MAIN POLICE STATION ON
31 JANUARY 1990 AT 0740 HOURS.

KW I'm gonna put this over by you, Lisa, so it'll pick you up.
For the tape, tell me your full name.

A Lisa Bess Spray.

KW That's B-e-s-s?

A Right.

KW And how old are you, Lisa?

A Forty-one (41).

KW And what is your date of birth?

A [REDACTED]

KW And where are you currently living?

A Uh, right next to the mosque, 741 East 6th.

KW Do you live there alone?

A Yes.

KW Okay. What is your association with .. with the mosque?

A Umm, I'm a member and I've been assisting Rashad in the
office.

KW Doctor

A Doctor Khalifa.

KW Is it K-a-l-i-f-a?

A It's K-a.... K-h-a-l-i-f-a.

KW And how long have you been his assistant?

A Umm, I've helped him for .. for a number of years doing
other .. you know, but in the office it's been two, three
years.

KW Okay.

A It's on a volunteer ... I mean, I have another job. It's
just helping as much as I can.

KW Where is it you work?

A At the University of Arizona.

KW And what do you do over there?

A I'm a programmer, programmer analyst. Actually a computer
application specialist if you want the title. At, uh, for
Physical Resources.

KW Lisa, why don't we .. why don't we start at the point this

morning, uh, when you went to the mosque. What .. what happened?

A Umm, when I came I noticed that the light wasn't on so I .. I thought perhaps Rashad was there. I opened the door and I'm sor... I .. I don't honestly remember going over to turn on the kitchen light but I must of because it was on. Umm, and I saw him, umm, by the door of the office. All the burners on the stove were on but not lit. I mean, it was .. I could hear them, I could hear the gas. But the smell wasn't the smell of natural gas. It smelled like kerosene or ... it was .. I .. I .. I can't identify it but it was a strange smell to me. I do have some allergies so I don't know. I mean, just .. I may not have been smelling the natural gas but I .. I .. the .. the other odor was very strong to me. Umm, I .. I went, umm, I went then and .. and banged on the _____ door and asked them to call 9-1-1 and went back over to the kitchen, started to go in and I .. and Zuwaad (ph) followed me and I .. I .. I think we stopped at the .. the door there. I'm afraid I'm not real clear after, you know, those few minutes _____ . Umm, I didn't want her to go in 'cause I didn't want her to see that sight.

KW Is .. is this the sister?

A Yes.

KW Okay.

A I .. I think that she may have as .. as I went back out. I .. I'm not sure. I don't know whether she went in or not. But I tried to keep her from .. from seeing him.

KW When you went in the kitchen when you left your apartment and walked to the kitchen, was the door locked?

A Yes.

KW Okay.

A But it's a very .. I mean, it's a .. I think it .. it had to be because .. I think .. actually, I'm not positive if it was or not to be honest with you. It automatically locks as you shut it unless you fix the latch. There's a little button you can push so the latch doesn't come back out. Umm, I'm pretty sure it was 'cause I .. as I .. when I put the keys in it didn't push open. So, I'm pretty sure that it was locked.

KW And, during the course of the evening it .. it is normally locked?

A Yes.

KW Where does Doctor Khadafe ... Khadafa ...

A Khalifa.

KW I'm sorry.

A That's okay.

KW Khalifa.
A Well, that's an easy confusion.

KW Where does he normally stay at that complex? Does he have an apartment or ...?
A Well, he sometimes will sleep there in the mosque if he's working there all night. He normally goes h... or, uh, I don't know, about half the time, goes home.

KW Where is home?
A Uh, East Se.... way out east on ... out Speedway. I ... I could get your address .. get his address for you but I don't know it and I .. his number is unlisted, I don't know if off-hand either.

KW Did you see him last night?
A Yes.

KW And, what time are we talking about that you knew that he was there?
A He .. he left a.. I s.. I was in the office when he left, umm, about .. I think it was about it was a little bit after eight (8:00), eight (8:00), eight-thirty (8:30). I'm tr... I think I went back to my house about eight-thirty (8:30) so it must of been a little it was after we prayed the night so it was

KW Some time between eight (8:00) and ...
A Some time between probably about seven-thirty (7:30) and eight (8:00).

KW Okay.
A Some.. I .. I think. I'm sorry. I'm not really good on times.

KW That's alright. And he was there in the mosque?
A Yeah.

KW Was he alone at that time when you left?
A No, we were all .. we .. umm, there were a number of people who'd been there praying. And ...

KW Do you .. do you recall, Lisa, who would of been at the mosque last night?
A Uh, Susan Arrison (ph) and .. and her husband Mutshen (ph) were there. Umm

KW I'm sorry. I couldn't understand his name.
A Uh, Muhtesem. It's, uh, umm, M-u-h-t-e-s-m, I think is ...

KW Okay.

A I .. I'm not real good with the spellings.

KW And the last name was Aronson (ph)?

A Arrison (ph), E-r- E.... uh, E-r-i-s-e-n, I think. Susan was one of the people who came this morning to pray.

KW Okay.

A (Inaudible) Umm, Emily Sterrup (ph) was there to pray .. I don't know, I think she may have left before Doctor Khalifa did. Uh, Beruse (ph), uh, Muhfitti (ph) and he also came this morning. Actually, so did Emily. Emily, Beruse and ... and, uh, Susan all came this morning. Umm, I think that Mahmud (ph) was there. I'm not positive if he was there last night to pray or not.

KW Mahmud (ph)?

A Mahmud, umm, Abib. He also came this morning. M-a-h-m-o-u-d I think. I'm no _____ at difficult names.

KW You've done a very good job.

A _____ umm, M-a-h-m-o-u-d. These are kind of approximations.

KW Mahmoud and what was the last name?

A A... Abib, A-b-i-b.

KW Okay.

A Umm, I'm trying to remember if Salaud (ph) was there. Salaud and Ahkmed (ph) and the kids. I think they were. I'm sorry. I

KW That's alright. Zuwada (ph)?

A Salaud, S-o-a-d. She also .. and her husband is Ahkmed, A-h-m-a-d. Ram (ph). Umm, you spoke with them.

KW Okay.

A Umm, I think also that Adib (ph) was .. I can't remember if he was there for the night or not. Adib _____, the other person who might have been there. Shoot. I'm trying to think. I can't remember. My brain is pretty scattered. I'm sorry. I'm not recalling it very clearly. I .. I .. I think that Adib might have been there but he may have gone earlier.

KW Adib?

A Adib, E-d-i-p. Umm, _____, Y-u-k-s-e-l I think. And I'm sorry, I'm not sure if he was there or not.

KW Okay.

A There was also a .. a man who I don't know very well, uh, I've, uh, I've seen him at the mosque the last few days but or, the last few weeks he's been around but I don't know his

name and I don't know .. I can't remember if he was there for the night prayer or just for the evening prayer. Uh, Edip would know his name. He, uh, he's a .. a young black man.

KW The ...

A I'm not sure if he was there or not. I don't think he was for the night.

KW The evening prayers start at what time?

A The evening prayer is at sunset.

KW Okay. And how long does it normally last?

A Oh, it's very short. The evening prayer .. they're both .. they're all very short. They're just five minutes. Five, ten minutes.

KW And then the .. the night prayer starts when?

A Umm, it starts ... it .. it comes in ... there's a range of time that you can do it after the .. after the light has left the sky. And I think it's about seven (7:00) now, quarter of seven, quarter after seven; it's right in that range I think. Umm ...

KW What was ... af... after the night prayers were over, was there anything going on in the office?

A Oh, in the office? I .. I was working a little bit later on a project that I'm working on. Umm, Doctor Khalifa, umm, had some pages to reprint that he .. he setup to reprint and asked me if I would turn the machines off. Uh, and that was all that was happening in the office.

KW What was his mood like last night? How was he ...

A It was very normal. Umm, he has .. he has been a little bit distracted in the last ... few weeks. I know that there .. there have been a lot of threats on his life. Uh, he hasn't, I mean, it's .. he never has been .. he's been his .. his normal self except just slightly, you know, just slightly.

KW And who .. who would have been making the threats on his life?

A Umm, I know that .. that there are Saudis .. there have been .. there have been threats from the Saudi, somehow, I don't know who exactly but, uh ...

KW You're saying Saudi as opposed to _____?

A The .. the .. the Saudi Arabians. I don't know .. I .. I can't say that it's the government. I know that there was what they call a _____ which is a .. uh, the the declaration _____ (sigh). I don't know very much about this stuff. I'm sorry. Umm, he's .. he's a socially un-person as to .. in a number of .. of Moslem countries.

KW Okay.

A Uh, because of .. of his .. mainly because of his stand on .. on the traditions _____ which run contrary to the Koran but have become the basis for their religious understanding. And because he has, umm, he discovered a .. a mathematical code embedded in the Koran which is so intricate that it proves it's divinity; its divine source. But, it also proves, very clearly, that the Koran alone is what needs to be followed that ... that all of that other tradition must be discarded. And, umm, as a result, there .. there have been a lot of Moslem .. the traditional Moslems, uh, very, uh, ... very angry, very upset with him. This has gone for a number of years but in .. in recent months, uh, I'd say in the la.. over the last year there has been an .. an intensification of, uh, threats and .. and stuff.

KW There are some other groups here in Tucson that .. that have been causing problems at the mosque?

A Well, there .. there have been .. there have been people who have come to argue, uh, from the ... the Islamic Center and various places. Some of them have come from out of town to .. to argue with him.

KW Out of town meaning? How far out of town?

A I don't .. I .. I really don't know, umm, if anyone has come specifically like from Saudi .. I know that there have been Saudi Arabian intelligence who have come. Now, I don't know if they've come specifically just to speak with him or if they've had other things that they were doing and .. and they came to see him also. I'm afraid that's an area that I really haven't had very much involvement. There are people who probably know more about that than I.

KW Okay. Doctor Khalifa is from where?

A Originally from Egypt. He is an American citizen though.

KW And his Islamic belief is is there a ..

A We don't believe in sex.

KW Okay.

A So, our .. our, I mean, ...

KW Basically, it's the Koran _____?

A It's the Koran _____.

KW Does Doctor Khalifa own a weapon that you're aware of? Have you ever seen him with a gun?

A Yes, I believe he does .. he does have a gun.

KW Would you have any idea what type of gun?

A I'm not

KW Do you know ...

A Uh, I know nothing about guns.

KW Okay.
A It's small.

KW Was it a handgun or ...?
A Yeah, it's a small handgun and he had the gun carrying it with him. He normally, uh, up until very recently he .. he didn't even own a gun.

KW Okay. Would you know when he would have obtained the gun?
A When?

KW Uh-huh. Just approximately, in weeks or ..?
A Umm, it's been a few months. Umm, ...

KW Did he buy the gun himself or ...?
A Yes, it was, umm, it had orginally been Mahmoud Abib's. Mahmoud's estrang... now estranged wife brought it to Rashad and said that she wanted to get rid of it and .. and sold it to him.

KW What is his wife's name?
A Linda.

KW Abib?
A Yes. And as far as I know, I know they're going through divorce proceedings and she's been ...

KW But, she .. she's the one who sold the gun to Doctor Khalifa?
A Yes, even though it was Mahmoud's. So, it was kind of a ..

KW Was Mahmoud aware that he had the gun?
A Uh, he is .. he was. I .. I don't know if he was aware at the time that Linda sold it that she was selling it, but, yes.

KW Okay. Had you ever seen the gun?
A Yes.

KW Do you recall a color on the gun?
A Yes, it's like a dark ...

KW A dark blue color or ..
A Or .. or ... a dark .. real dark grey.

KW Okay.
A Blue. I don't .. I'm not sure. I .. I mean, I .. I have a real aversion to .. to guns. So.

KW Okay.
A And so I don't know what kind of a gun _____.

KW Lisa, is there Well, let me finish this up on the gun. You said he .. he was carrying it with him. Do you have any idea where he normally carried it?

A I think in his coat pocket.

KW Okay. And that's the only weapon you've ever seen him with?

A Um-hum (affirmative).

KW Is there any one person that stands out in your mind that .. that may have done this to Doctor Khalifa?

A No. I .. my personal feeling is that .. that the most probable thing is that it's someone who we don't even know but I don't I .. I don't know that.

KW The person, the black male that .. that you said has been coming over to the .. the mosque recently but you didn't know his name, do you know where he's from?

A I really don't know, umm, much or anything about him.

KW Has ...

A Uh, and there may not be any connection at all. In fact, it's most likely there isn't.

KW Oh, okay.

A But, just .. to give you as much information as I can.

KW The mathematical code that was discovered in the Koran, has this been something relatively new that .. that Doctor Khalifa was working on or .. ?

A No, it's been, umm, ... The discovery was first made in the 70's but there ...

KW By Doctor Khalifa?

A Yes, by Doctor Khalifa.

KW Okay.

A Umm, in .. in recent the ... more aspects of the code have been continuing .. have continued to be discovered and _____, I mean, as .. as recently as just last week _____, the brothers in the .. in the mosque discovered some more, umm, more aspects of it. So, it .. it's like a growing discovery. It kept going _____. But the .. the initial discovery and .. and the .. the basic .. the first .. I mean, uh, the f.. there .. there are many, many items to this ... this discovery now. But the .. the first many years Rash... Doctor Khalifa was the only one who discovered anything. It's .. it's only been in the last couple of years. You know, maybe a year or a couple of years that anyone else has .. has discovered anything.

KW Has he written any papers, any documents in reference to this and ...

A A .. a .. a great many, yeah.

KW Okay. And are those at the .. at the mosque or ..?
A Umm, we have copies probably of almost everything at the mosque. I'm .. I don't really know. Umm, there are .. we have a .. a monthly newsletter which we do send out and whenever there are new miracles ... I mean, new parts are discovered.

KW Discovery?
A Yeah. They're .. they're, uh, published in that.

KW And who is it, specifically, if you can tell me, who opposes this?
A As far as individuals, I can't tell you. I don't .. I don't know any names.

KW Groups? Uh ...
A Umm, I would say most .. most traditional Moslems, uh, oppose it. But certainly not to the extent of .. of physical threat.

KW Okay. And why is everyone opposed to it?
A Because it .. it .. the miracle proves, basically, that the Koran alone is .. is sufficient, that all of their .. all of the.. their religious law, which they base on tradition and .. and scholar, you know, their scholars' opinions, all of that is .. is against the Koran because the Koran says specifically that it is complete and fully detailed and it is the only thing you should follow.

KW Okay.
A So m.. most of what westerners know about Islam has nothing to do with the Koran, it's all of the .. the tradition that .. that's been added to.

KW Let's go back to .. to last night. Uh, you left the mosque about eight, eight-thirty?
A I think it was about eight-thirty that I left.

KW Okay. And was Doctor
A Doctor Khalifa had already gone. He had been gone for probably about half an hour.

KW So, he left maybe at seven-thirty (7:30)?
A About a half an hour. Let's see. No, I think he left more, uh, seven-thirty (7:30), a quarter of eight, eight. I'm s... I'm really sorry. I .. I'm .. I'm terrible with time.

KW That's alright.
A But I worked .. I worked there, uh, I'm sure it was no more than forty-five (45) minutes, half an hour longer after he had gone. And I .. and I think it was about eight-thirty (8:30) when I left. Let me see what was on. I went home and I turned on the television. I'm trying to think of what

was on.

KW Did you stay up for awhile after you went home and watched t.v.?

A I watched t.v. for awhile. _____
actually.

KW Okay.

A I think I went to sleep about eleven. I watched, uh .. whenever Thirty-something was over, after I .. I watched that I went to sleep.

KW Did you ever hear Doctor Khalifa when he came back?

A No, he usually comes very, very early in the morning. I don't know whether he came really early this morning or .. or later. I haven't any idea when he came.

KW When you say, "very early", what time are we ..?

A Two (2:00), sometimes even earlier.

KW And where does he usually park when he does come to the mosque?

A Usually in the back, umm, on the north side of the .. that apartment complex.

KW Okay.

A I've been trying to encourage him to ... to park up where we can keep an eye on his car because there have been, uh, there was an incident where someone came and put nails behind the tires and put junk on .. on his car and eggs on it, all over the windshields and stuff. But, I was .. we've all been concerned that they might tamper with the car in some way. And I was hoping that he would start parking where we could .. where it would be more .. perhaps more visible. He has been parking it, however, on the outside .. when he can, on the outside but next to the .. to the rows that it's visible and it's not .. it's not easily ..

KW Okay.

A .. it's not back in where somebody might get at it.

KW Still in the alleyway but closer to .. the _____?

A Yeah, right ... yeah, right next to the _____.

KW What kind of car does he drive, Lisa?

A Uh, it's an Oldsmobile. Umm, and I'm not real good with cars either. It's a ...

KW The color?

A Uh, that, uh, kind of, umm, sort of the color of your lipstick. I'm not .. I can't think of what .. what that's called.

KW Like a rose color or ...?
A Well, it's a .. it's actually a little bit purpler.

KW Okay.
A But, it .. it's a very common color and, uh ...

KW A maroon?
A Well, it's not a maroo... it's a .. uh, I don't know if they call that mauve or what they would call that. It's a .. it's a greyed purple rose and it's not really a rose. I'm sorry.

KW That's alright. When he normally comes into the complex, if he parks on the north side there, does he walk by the apartments?
A I think so. I don't really know. Umm, he may .. well, he walks by my .. when he goes in the .. in .. inside in that walkway between the apartments or if he goes around on the sidewalk I think he .. the times that I've come back when he's parked there that I've been leaving, I think, generally, we've gone around on the sidewalk next to the ..

KW On the east side here?
A Yeah.

KW Next to 6th or ... Euclid.
A Yeah.

KW Okay. Who would of been the last person in the mosque last night if .. if he left at .. at eight, eight-thirty? Would there have been anyone left in the mosque?
A I think I'm the last one.

KW Okay.
A And I'm trying to remember. I .. I think so because I think I went to check to make sure that the heater was ... was still on. I think, uh, now that I .. I hope I'm remembering the right night. I think that Ma.. Mahmoud Abib did not pray with us the night. I think that he came .. and .. and prayed a little bit later after Rashad had already left. That was either last night or the night before so I'm not positive. But, ummm, and I went back out to check and make sure that the heater was still on because, uh, Behruz is usually .. comes in very early in the morning to work. Umm, he .. he has a computer out in the mosque itself. He didn't come last night.

KW Behruz?
A Behruz, yeah. Behruz Mofidi. But he was planning on coming I think because he asked me to make sure that the heater was still on.

KW Early this morning he was planning? Okay.
A Uh-huh (affirmative).

KW Lisa, how many of the apartments, uh, just north of the mosque are occupied?
A Right now all of them are occupied.

KW And it's all someone from the mosque or ..?
A Umm, all of them but one. The ... the center one, the one right next door to me is .. it .. the people are not from the mosque. _____, uh, a couple of girls in there.

KW Have there been any problems in the complex aside from the .. the beliefs in the Koran? Have there been any personal problems between Doctor Khalifa and .. and any of the tenants?
A Not really. The on... when .. when, uh, Mahmoud's wife was still there and they were in .. in the course of the divorce there was some ...

KW Arguments?
A Yeah, she was upset with Rashad then but it didn't amount to a lot.

KW Nothing directed at Doctor Khalifa?
A I don't, umm, I .. I know that she called and left messages on the machine. She was .. she was upset with him. She was angry with him but not .. it was more because he was supporting Mahmoud. I think it was .. it was a spinoff of .. of ...

KW Yeah.
A .. you know, that. I don't think that there was any .. anything beyond that. Mahmoud could probably tell you more.

KW Have ... Let me flip this real quick. I'm going to go ahead and turn it over and the tape is going to be stopped at 010.. 810 hours.

KW The time is still 0810. Have there been other incidents at the mosque recently, uh, and let's just say within the last year, where threats have been made, where there have been encounters with other people and Doctor Khalifa, arguments, physical-type incidents?
A Within the last year, none that I'm .. that I can think of.

KW Okay. When you said he had received threats because of .. of the Koran and the beliefs, how had he received these threats?
A Umm, most of them that I'm aware of were on .. on the phone machine. They were, umm, messages that were left on the machine.

KW And are these messages that came in with .. with people leaving their names or ...?
A Well, most of them didn't have names of course.

KW Okay.

A Umm, there was one, uh, gee, I don't know if it was within the last year, I think it was, where someone in Christopher City called and left their phone number and then called back and .. and Rashad talked with them. Uh, got very upset and then hung up. And then he called back again and said .. threatened his life. Uh, but we had the phone number. Someone went over to Christopher City and spoke with .. with the guy. It .. he was not living in Christopher City, he was staying with someone that lives there, uh, and there again, there was some problem. I don't know much about that but .. but .. but we did report it to the police, the U of A police, umm. There's

KW Who would of made the police report?

A I think Doctor Khalifa did.

KW Okay. Doctor Khalifa's first name?

A Rashad.

KW Rashad. Okay. Does he have any other family here other than his sister?

A Yes, his .. he has a wife and two children.

KW And they live at the ..

A And they are in Tucson. No, they live in the

KW Out on East Speedway?

A Uh-huh (affirmative). It's off of East Speedway.

KW What is her name?

A Stephanie.

KW And as far as you know, has she been notified this morning?

A I don't know. I know that they did ask me if I had the phone number and .. and I .. it's in my purse ...

KW Okay.

A .. which is in the mosque kitchen. So.

KW That's the other thing I wanted to ask you. The Uniform officer had indicated that you left a jacket and .. and your purse there.

A Right.

KW Now, were those items taken in this morning when you went to the mosque?

A Yeah.

KW Okay.

A And I .. I'm pretty sure that I .. the most likely thing is I set them either on the table or on the .. the counter over there.

KW Okay. Lisa, is there anything else that you can tell me

that would help us investigate this incident?

A Umm, the only other thing I can think of right at the moment and I .. I'm sure there are other things but, umm, and I .. I, personally, I don't think there's probably any connection but a .. a bit more than a year ago, umm, Doctor Khalifa asked someone to leave who had been .. had been helping him, uh, for a number of years in the office and stuff. She was .. she was .. uh, not very balanced and periodically they would go into just the most horrendous arguments. And I did hear her threaten him and threaten his life but it was, uh, .. We haven't heard or seen and heard from her. I ha.. I know that she has driven by the mosque a couple of times at night but other than that I don't know. I haven't had any contact at all with her....

KW Who is she?

A .. since then. Kathleen Clark is .. is her name.

KW With a 'K' or a 'C'?

A Uh, a 'K'.

KW Obviously, she still lives here in town?

A Well, I'm not positive of that. She may not. Umm, it's been a number .. uh, quite awhile since I've heard anything about her . So, she may or may not be here. And, as I said, I think it's .. it's probably very unlikely that there's any connection there.

KW Okay.

A But, I .. I know that when Linda Abib ... uh, apparently, at one point, she called and .. and said that there were a number of people who were going to bring suit against, uh, Rashad. And, I think that Kathleen was mentioned in that group but I don't know for sure. A.. and this was all .. I mean, it was all .. I .. I don't really know anything about .. about that.

KW Okay. When you say,

A But ...

KW .. "bring suit", what ..?

A Well, I don't know. She was very, umm, upset and I guess she felt somehow that .. I don't know what .. I .. I really ... Mahmoud might be able to tell you more about that. I think that he was the one who sh.. I think she left a message on his answering machine or something or talked with him. That's the last ... that's the only reference to Kathleen Clark that I have.

KW Okay. Did .. did this involve a ...

A (Inaudible)

KW .. uh, an assault of some sort that she was accusing Doctor Khalifa or do you know?

A Uh, I'm sorry. Who Linda?

KW Uh-huh. Or, I'm sorry, Kathleen.

A You mean awhile ago?

KW Um-hum.

A Umm, an assault of some sort? Not that I'm aware of.

KW Okay.

A Umm, sh....

KW And, who was Linda?

A Linda is Mahmoud's, umm, estranged wife.

KW Okay.

A Or former wife. I don't know when the divorce is .. I don't know where that stands.

KW Where is she?

A She's in Tucson but I haven't any idea.

KW And is she staying .. using the same last name or do you know if she has a ...

A I think that she is but I ...

KW Okay. Anything else?

A Not that I can think of. Umm I .. I kind of know all this stuff sort of second hand because I .. I .. Rashad knows that I .. I don't, uh, conflict and stuff really upsets me. And he normally didn't say very much to me. But I do know that the F.B.I. .. I think it was the F.B.I., he s.. I overheard somebody say it was the F.B.I. so I don't know. It might not of been. But there were two detectives who came and spoke with him, uh, recently; like last week or something.

KW Okay.

A Umm, and he and .. and, uh, Edip Yuksel were the two who they spoke to.

KW What was the second?

A Edip.

KW Edip?

A Yeah. I .. I ... He .. and he can probably tell you more. But I .. I .. Doctor Khalifa didn't tell us very much, he just mentioned to us that they had come. Umm, I know that several years ago ... when, uh, Khadafi's .. his squads were going around, they had, I guess intercepted in.. information that he was on one of those 'hit' lists and, umm, had come .. had warned him. Now, this was .. this was many years ago, you know, eight, seven or eight years ago.

KW Okay.

A But, uh, I kind of got the sense from .. from what little Doctor Khalifa did say, was that the .. the detectives who came, it was kind of the same sort of a situation and they were telling him to be careful. But, I don't really know that, that's just surmised.

KW Did Doctor Khalifa have, umm, a .. a job anywhere here in the city outside of the mosque?

A He had a number of apartments that, umm, that he rented and that was his .. his income.....

KW Okay.

A .. at this point, it's my understanding. I .. uh, he had made some very good investments, uh, a number of years ago and I .. I know that .. that he was using part of that money to then, I think, purchase real estate then. But I .. I .. I really don't know. I'm not ... And, uh, uh, had worked .. he had worked for the state chemist's office in Phoenix. Uh, but I think that he .. it was about six years ago or so. No, maybe not that long ago. It was awhile ago that he qu.. he quit and started working full time. The minute I think some.. something's coming back.

KW We're almost done, Lisa. Has there been any .. any problems with Doctor Khalifa's personal interests, his close family? Any problems you're aware of?

A I'm sure not. They've really been very supportive. I know that he has .. and .. and wife, uh, like any couple, you know, there's been some differnces but she's been as .. from everything I've seen, she's been just really wonderful. His .. his children are some of the loveliest people I've ever met.

KW How old are his children?

A Uh, gee, let's see. Beth, I think, is .. has just turned twenty-one (21). Sam, uh, is, uh, a few years older. I .. I think he might be like twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27). I .. I'm pretty sure he's ...

KW And they both live here in town?

A Yeah. Umm

KW Okay. Earlier in this statement you .. you made mention of "intelligence-type" officers, uh, possibly from another country coming here and speaking to Doctor Khalifa.

A Well, wanting to. I'm not sure whether he, umm, ... I'm .. I'm not .. I don't know whether he actually ... I know that there have been, in the past, there have been a number of people who have come to .. to speak with him from .. from Saudia Arabia, umm, and .. and other .. other Moslem countries. Uh, Egypt, a little bit, not very much. Mostly Saudi and .. and, uh, ... oh, shoot, I don't remember. There is someone who probably knows a great deal more about that. Umm, who lives in Wahington D.C. that's .. that has been very close with .. with Doctor Khalifa and they .. they

communicate a lot on the telephone. She s.. she spends a great deal of time with us here also. Uh, _____ she has.. has two names but .. and I don't .. I have her phone number but I don't have it within the office basically.

KW What is her name again?

A Umm, I need to give you two, Isan (ph) Ramadan (ph) is her .. is .. is her .. that she .. and .. is her name. It's easier for most .. for most, uh, English speakers to use, is Hussan (ph) and her married name is Mhamudasen (ph). But, there's a confusion there because of .. because, uh, in Islam the woman should re.. retain her .. her mar.. her maiden name. Umm, but she also used, I .. I'm quite certain, Mhamudasen was .. was her .. her husband's name so she's .. she's known by the .. by the two names.

KW Can you spell the first one you gave me?

A I-h-a-s-a-n. Ramadan, R-a-m-a-d-a-n. Uh, I think that she would be listed like in .. in a phone book or whatever under ... under Mhamudasen though and her .. her first name with that name is Ihasan.

KW Okay.

A Uh, Mhamudasen, uh, it's M-a-m-o-e-g-d-e-s-n or something like that. Umm, there are other people though who should have her phone number who don't need to reach the office. Uh, Susan Erisen would have it. Uh, and Emily Sterrett would have it.

KW Okay.

A But she .. I know .. uh ... uh .. she also is from Egypt. Uh, they .. they didn't meet until they were in this country and .. and a few years ago but they grew up in the same part of Egypt in the same time and they had a great deal they shared. And I know that, umm, very often Doctor Khalifa would discuss things with .. with, uh, Ihasan and she may be able to give you a lot more information on .. on who might, uh ... In fact, often, when people would call to .. to argue with him, if she was there she would speak with them because she also spoke Arabic and that and was .. I also know she's a very strong beautiful woman.

KW When would of been the last time she was here?

A Umm, she .. she was here, umm, let's see. She left ... just a few weeks ago. I think she's been gone only a couple or three weeks. I'm not real ... And she had s.. she was here for .. for quite a few weeks before _____.

KW Tell me basically what type of individual Doctor Khalifa was, personalitywise. Was he

A He was basically very even tempered in my experience with him. And every once in awhile he would get a .. a .. you know, in a mood and then it, you know, would take a little ... But he was, umm, he was very even tempered. He was very kind, umm, and very considerate of other .. other people. Uh, he was a pretty decent person actually. The only thing that .. that I can remember him really being ang... upset by was .. was ... the only .. I mean, he would be angry when .. when people, uh, fought against God. Umm, he sometimes would ... would .. I don't wanna say feigning but .. but active sense to .. to drive a point but his .. in my experience at least, his real anger was.. was really only against those who were fighting God. Umm ...

KW If someone approached him in the church and confronted him, would he .. would he stand up for himself? Would he protect himself?

A Oh, yes. Yes.

KW Okay. Is there any valuables kept in the mosque? Any money, anything of value that someone may have come in ..

A Umm, piddling amounts generally.

KW Okay.

A Umm, there are every one... we do have a .. a little box that's about ... One of the drawers out under .. there's a little credenza out .. I guess it used to be a breakfast bar or something, I'm not quite sure what it used to be. But it .. but there's a little slot there that people will put charity donations in or if they buy books they'll put the money there. But there's very little money there usually. Umm, s.. every once in awhile he'll have rent money in .. in the office _____ but other than that ..

KW And basically the only people that would know about that would be the people that paid the rent?

A Yeah, 'cause I usually don't even know. I don't have anything ...

KW Is it normal when you go into the mosque in the morning, to find the door locked?

A Yes.

KW Even if Doctor ...

A It is ...

KW .. Khalifa is there?

A Yes. Almost always we keep the .. I mean that door is .. is almost always kept locked.

KW And who else has a key besides yourself?

A As far as I know, Rashad is the only other person. But, it's not .. umm, it's not that difficult to break in and

we've had ... Kathleen used to periodically when .. when we were really upset and Rashad wanted to keep her out of the way, she would sometimes, uh, there's .. you know, you can work your way in. It's .. it's not that .. unfortunately it's not that difficult at all to get in.

KW Okay.

A I .. I did not notice anything that would lead me to believe that .. I .. I mean, I ... it's really sort of strange to me now that I think about it. I don't .. there wasn't any .. there wa... as far as I .. I didn't notice anything that .. that would of indicated that door had been forced or that anyone had come in without a key. I'm trying to think. I don't think that there's any .. any time that I'm aware of, umm, that we had that door open and yesterday would .. you know, and sometimes when we take the trash out or something we'll flip this .. the latch so that it, you know, it won't ...

KW Um-hum.

A .. it won't try and come back across. I cannot .. I don't think of any time ...

KW Normally, when .. when Doctor Khalifa comes in, if he's in at two or three in the morning, he locks the door behind him?

A Yes.

KW Okay. The files and everything dealing with the mosque, are those computerized or?

A Umm, most of them, yes. There are .. I know .. I know that he has a lot of personal files that I don't really know anything about but the mail addresses and all of his things are on .. on the computer.

KW On the computer? And who normally operates the computer?

A Umm, there were two computers in the office. Umm, I'm the one who normally operates the computer that has all of the .. the addresses and those things.

KW Okay. If we were to .. to ask you for a mailing list, could you provide us with a mailing list?

A Very easily, yes.

KW Anything else you can think of, Lisa?

A No. I'm afraid not. I ..

KW What .. what usually happens, Lisa, is after you've gone I'll think of several questions I needed to have asked you and ..

A Of course.

KW .. and I'll probably get back with you and ask you those.
A Surely.

KW And if you think of anything that ...
A There is one thing that .. that is very strange to me and I .. Rashad is in the position that he would of been to go into the office and probably was .. was unlocking the door. But the .. the door to the mosque was wide open and .. and that to me is really strange. I don't, umm,

KW It's usually shut?
A It would of been locked. Shut and .. and the deadbolt, uh, locked. Umm, ... that .. I .. I nor... uh, when Doctor Khalifa was there I .. I double locked those doors that .. that there is a .. a lock up above that deadbolt. But when he's not there, I don't always do it and I didn't do it last night. I only had the one, the de.. the .. the sliding lock. And I know that that lock can be forced, that if you hit against the door hard enough, or if .. eventually it'll .. you can joggle it. Umm, and that's .. that has happened.

KW Okay. So,
A We have had people come back in to the office area by just, umm, ...

KW Shaking the door? The mosque is, once you go into the kitchen area, then the mosque can be entered through a door out of the kitchen?
A Yes.

KW And that's the one you're talking about then?
A And that's the one that I'm talking about, yes.

KW Okay. So, last night when you left, ...
A That deadbolt .. well, the .. it's not a deadbolt it's, I guess, just one of those, you know, those ... uh, what kind of locks ... they call those .. it's .. it's a sliding bolt.

KW Um-hum.
A It's the one that you ... brass type .. I don't know whether this is brass or not but it's .. you know. And that was slid shut but I did not put the .. the .. set the lock on.

KW Okay. Is the second lock a keyed lock or ..?
A Yes.

KW And, again, just you and Doctor Khalifa had ...
A Actually, the key normally just stays in the lock.

KW Okay.
A It .. it's one of those ones that you put the latch over and the key turns the whole thing so that there's a .. it .. it's .. it's not a lock .. it's not a .. it's not a deadbolt it's a the .. the latch fits over the .. the little

part where the key .. you use the key and it turns that so that it .. it secures the ...

KW When you left last night you were the last person to leave?
A I .. I'm sure that I was. Al...

KW And ...
A Almost a hundred percent sure. Nobody was ... yeah. I didn't .. I didn't check around though. I didn't like go through the mosque to see if there was anybody there or if there was anyone, you know, that could ...

KW Okay. But, as far as you know, when you left you were the last person there and you ... you secured the mosque door with the one bolt.

A Right.

KW And then the kitchen door was locked when you left.
A Yes. Bo.. again with just the one bolt. There are two deadbolts on that door but we normally just use the one unless Doctor Khalifa is there in which case I put both on because he goes to sl... or if he goes to sleep then when I leave I .. I put both of them on.

KW The kitchen door faces which direction?
A Umm, the .. it faces east.

KW Okay. So, the door that .. that we were all standing at this morning is the kitchen door?
A Is the kitchen door, yes.

KW Well, is there a .. a main entrance to the building?
A Yes, it's on the south .. the south part of the building.

KW Okay. And when the people came to pray this morning, is that the entrance they would of used?
A Yes.

KW Okay. For the tape, Lisa, would you tell me your full name again?
A Lisa Bess Spray.

KW And has this been a true and voluntary statement?
A Yes, to the best of my knowledge it's been true.

KW That's going to conclude the statement. The time is now 0836 hours.

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