
A ...in the name of God, the most gracious, the most merciful. My name MAHMOUD ABIB uhm...come to Tucson about August 20th, 1988. I have been here ever since. I knew RASHAD since 1985 and I contacted him through mails when I was in North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina and ah...I enjoyed his message and the way he preaches them and worship in the God alone and that's why I joined this community. Uhm...when I arrived here in August, 1988...I have been blessed with this place I..as soon as I arrived I ah..RASHAD KHALIFA gave me this apartment where I'm living now, 745 East Sixth Street, and... all that is..._____ (inaud) when he was my beloved friend and my best friend and...if I come to lately about a month and half ago...ah..say two months ago...my wife...uhm..who used to live with me..ah...started and said....start talkin' bad and we had arguments. Said she don't like RASHAD and said she don't want to be this area, she want to move out of here. I told her I like...invested a lot of time and a lot of hard work to get here and I will not go anywhere. I will not go and went back...she went and...go to court. She got the restraining order for me that..saying that I'm to dangerous I'm gonna..ah..kill her, so she want to get a protection. She got a court pro..protection. But we didn't know where she was so the judge told me you just go back to the house. Up to this date we don't know where she is...all we know is she is somewhere in Tucson and she calls once in awhile. She called RASHAD many, many times...with threatening phone calls.

Q Within the last two months?

A Within the last two months. Maybe last three weeks actually and she called me, she told me that....this is actual quote of what she said, that the black group from Chicago, I think they are called ah..Nation of Islam, I..I don't know whether they are Nation of Islam or there's another group, bunch of Muslim groups in..in..in Chicago..ah..trying to..bug the place with some kind of a listening devices and they are up to something and..you guys are in trouble. And I told her how do they get there and how could they put things up there...she reminded me one guy who came from Chicago...who live in the trailer next to us...and he stayed there for a month...and he say he was an electrician, which he was, and he went up and down with that Mosque he was working with the electricity. He..she say he was the one who put the bug in there and he..and actually...ah...before I..I..I'm gettin' ahead of myself but, when WALTER, which was his name that guy was WALTER, I don't know his last name. But WALTER...when he came here he, RASHAD gave him to live there and ah..and stay there without any kind of suspicious or anything, just trusted him as a believer and she say when he was there he did all this things. Spying, recording the time RASHAD leaves, the time RASHAD comes, the time he stays and..do his translation and WALTER lived there

A for about a month and a half. RASHAD kicked him out for another matter which was...ah..he asked some sexual favors to..to my wife and RASHAD angry and said you have to leave out of there. We don't do such things around here. And that guy, last time we heard of, he say he's going to Las Vegas and he got a job there, a electrician job in Las Vegas.

Q Do you know WALTER's last name, MAHMOUD?

A Ah..we could be able to find it if we found the...in the Mosque, but I don't know.

Q Did your wife make a...

A We might get...

Q ...police report?

A ...his last name from Radio Electronics, somewhere in...in Speedway that fix radios. He worked there for awhile.

Q Okay.

A And we could..could be able to find it from goin' in back of there.

Q Radio Electronics?

A I think they..they are called Electronics City or..no, not Electronic City but ah...it's tape...tape recorder...I would get, I could find it from the yellow book if I...

Q Okay.

A ...I know the name but it's they..they fix ah..tape players and all the computer stuff. All the electronic things and they're on Speedway past ah..._____ (inaud).

Q Okay. Did your wife..your wife is LINDA?

A Yes, LINDA ABIB.

Q Did she make a police report about the sexual advances toward her?

A No, she just told us that he asked for sexual favors and... he also was ah..ah..kind of drunk sometimes ma'am, and we ah, that's against Islamic laws. And we said what is this kind he's kind of ah..flimsy it's I thought he..we thought he was a strong believer that...he come here studying the word of God and RASHAD had said are you...Yahammond (ph) some other believers, I do not allow such things. But he didn't tell anything about...

Q What..what did WALTER look like?

A A black guy...with 'em....about a hundred and eighty, a hundred and...seventy-five pounds. He's about 27, 28. Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry...he talked to me, he told me his age, he's _____ (inaud) years old. And....

Q How tall?

A Ah..he's about six-two...six feet...between six feet and six-two. He's..he's got a big forehead with big ole..big eyes that ah..real big, very frightening eyes that..that have ah..very shallow socket inside...and ah...

Q Did he have any..any facial hair, beard or moustache?

A No.

Q How about glasses?

A No. He have a sister in Tempe, Arizona.

Q In Tempe?

A Yes.....and that's what he told us. He went there and visited a few times. Uhm...that's one of the incidents that my wife said he's the one that was working for that group in Chicago and did this buggin' in the Mosque.....and I told her that what ever they will bug and listen is the word of _____ (inaud) there is nothing to hide from, they spy, what they want to spy and that was the end of..our..our conversation with my wife.....and I told RASHAD about it the next morning and I said, my wife say this and he say..I told him, can I go upstairs and check if there is anything...the bug around and he told me..well if they want to spy on the word of God on which we study, we don't ah..back bite anybody. We do not make any secrecy. Let them listen what they want to listen. So he told me, do not go up there, don't let it bother you. And..another thing...the incidents that happened was, I think maybe it was the 20th of ah..December...hmm...remember but it was very close date...it's..it's in the police record so you'll find it, someone came and put nails all over driveways, huge nails under everybody's car. Hit eggs all over the cars on the windshields and I..I will show you pictures of..we took pictures. And ah...RASHAD's car was not in the parking lot. It was parked on the other side of that apartment, so it was somebody who knew our cars, they knew everybody's car. 'Cause there's no way that somebody would go in that other apartments parking lot and find his car and they put nails and fat, chicken fat, all over his windshield and..and...

Q Did you..did you think LINDA did that?

A We don't know. We..we..we suspect that may..may have been her but ah...we called the police and they say nobody witnessed it, we don't know who did it.

Q Did LINDA..when she left here, did she still have contact with WALTER?

A No, I don't think so.

Q Okay.

A But I don't know. She..she knows a lot of black people in

A ..in Tucson that are against, totally against what we..what we do and what we are. So ah..it will be very helpful if you contact her and talk to her about what she told me which was, "you are in trouble guys here."

Q MAHMOUD, do you believe that LINDA might be responsible for what happened here?

A I...

Q For RASHAD's death?

A ...I..I do not think so she will be responsible but I think she might know something.

Q Okay.

A That..that's _____ (inaud) she might know something. But I don't think she would..would do that.

Q When was the last time you saw LINDA?

A The last time I saw her was ah...ah..Monday.

Q This past Monday...

A She..she..she have a restraining order but I can not see if she took my child like..I cannot see her so..I work at Circle K, 823 East Speedway, and she comes...I start _____ (inaud) child, and I don't say anything I just..you know, hug and kiss the child and he stays with me for five, six minutes and leaves. But we have ah..ah divorce pending which will be coming up 'cause she filed divorce and we will ah..see whatever the judge says. (sic) I haven't got a response yet, I just re..responded to the divorce papers.

Q Okay.

JG Who's her attorney, do you know who he is?

A Her attorney is called....she's in legal aide. She have a legal aide attorney.

Q Do you have the paperwork that was served on you...

A Yea, in the Mosque I can't...

Q Oh, it is in the Mosque...

A ...I have a small office and it's...

Q Okay.

A ...ah...

Q Was it a male or a female legal aide...

A It's..it's a female legal aide....

Q ...do you know?

A ...and ah..you..you will find _____ (inaud)..if you'd ask them who is attorney of LINDA ABIB.

Q Does LINDA have any relatives or close friends here in town that she might be staying with?

A Yea, she might be staying with ah..no, there's no relatives but there is some good friends of hers who..who hate or guts in this area. (ph)

Q Do you know where they might be? Do you know an address of where this might be?

A All the addresses I can give you they are in the Mosque, yes...

Q Okay.

A ...I can give you the addressess too. They..there in the Mosque.

Q You were here yesterday...

A Yes.

Q ...and you also attended evening prayers and night prayers?

A Yes.

Q Was there anything going on in the Mosque last night other then the evening and night prayers?

A Uhm...well, we go back couple of days RASHAD said that...there is a terrorist group who has a picture of the Mosque, inside and outside...and the Tucson T.P.D. informed me that we should be careful.

Q Tucson...

A Yes.

Q T.P.D. informed you...

A Yes.

Q ...who did you...

A I think the Detective of ah..ah..tallguy, he was here this morning, kind of tall with...

Q Is that DETECTIVE WEADOCK or...

A No..I..I don't know his name but...

Q Okay, I...

A ...I..I'm saying...

Q ...I know who he is...

A ...but he told me, he's tall, he's the one who came.

Q Okay.

A And they showed the pictures. Ah..no, I don't think they showed the pictures they says, if they caught them with the pictures of the Mosque and ah...

Q They came and talked RASHAD...

A To RASHAD and told him about it and he say we have to go again and increase the security a little bit. We start locking

A the doors, the doors used to be all open twenty-four hours but we start locking the doors and uhm...we make couple of rounds at night around it. Ah...I was actually the one who checks around but..unfortunate last night I work graveyard.

Q At Circle K?

A And found him this morning...yes.

Q Okay, what were your hours last night?

A It was 11 to 5:30.

Q And you got home this morning at 5:30?

A Yea.

Q How did you find out about the death?

A I came here about six..ah..five-forty...five-forty-five... and I saw...

Q And officers were already here...

A ..._____ (inaud) all over the place. Shock.

Q We...we understand that you may have sold a gun to RASHAD...

A Uhm...

Q ...did you sell a gun to him or did LINDA give him a gun to hold...

A Okay, I'm..I'm glad you reminded me that, I was gonna tell you. I had a gun that, registered gun, that I bought it for.. for ah..protection of the place and..and I told him that I'm a worried 'cause we had some many threats and I bought the gun and I had the gun. And when my wife started this...roughing around and running around, she took everything. She took the whole house so..she took that gun with..with her.

Q Okay.

A So I thought maybe she took the gun and a couple last..day.. days later, RASHAD told me LINDA says she doesn't have money and she said...can you give me fifty dollars for this gun and RASHAD say he gave her fifty dollars but...ah..is this your gun, 'cause he..he saw my name on the registration and I said yes. And he said..you can have it back, I don't care about the fifty dollars. And I say..well, do you have a gun and he say no...well, maybe this is the way God wanted you to have a gun to protect yourself...so he had the gun in..in the office all the time.

Q Did he carry it on him or did he just keep it in the office?

A I'm not sure, I..he showed me ah..the only time he showed me was in the..in the _____ (inaud) office.

Q Okay. What kind of gun was it?

A It was twenty-five millimeter ah...I don't know...

Q An automatic?
A Semi-automatic.

Q Semi...
A Yea.

Q Do you have the paperwork on the gun?
A Everything is in the gun...

Q Okay.
A ...in the package.

Q How long ago did LINDA sell...
A To him?

Q Uh-huh.
A The..the same day she left here which was, I say, November 20th....we have that to _____ (inaud) and the whole story figure on...

Q In..in the Mosque?
A Yes, in the Mosque.

Q You..you run the computers in the Mosque?
A Yes.

Q Okay.
A Sometimes, not all the time.

Q Have you been in the office of the Mosque when..when those threatening phone calls came in, have you personally talked to the people on the phone?
A No.

Q Who normally does?
A Ah...usually if it's a threatening nobody talks to them because he..he have it screened and we never...

Q The answering machine?
A ...other ways answering machine come on, whoever calls only if there's ah..somebody..the people that we know, we already, he already told them that he just speak and say I'm here..I'm here and he will pick up the phone. And if there is someone he doesn't know, he don't want to talk to it just goes.

Q Okay.
A So there might be..there..there some phone calls are like being recorded the..the tapes we have probably.

Q Tell us, MAHMOUD, if you can, who you feel is responsible for the death.
A(pause)...Who I think is responsible.....he has been under threat for the past ten years and it came from all the outer

A world. It came from all over the Muslim world. It came from everywhere....and...his threats were mainly the Arab ah.. population that were in this city and some of them where in _____ (inaud) City or the..or the graduating students live. Actually one of them was...traced his phone, telephone was traced there...in _____ (inaud) City.

Q Is this where they left the telephone message...

A _____ (inaud)...

Q ...the telephone number?

A ...yes, where they were calling.

Q Okay.

A And ah...he had many threats. Many, many threats. But... to be honest with you...he had so many spies that came here in the past four months and I think, in my opinion that whoever hit, who killed RASHAD was a paid hit-man who has been hired by either Saolik (ph)..Saolik -Arabian (ph) agents who will..who called him so many times on the phone and talked to him.

Q These are local agents?

A I think they are..not..not local agents but ah...in..in somewhere, in either in Washington or Chicago or probably Los Angeles area and whoever hit him is _____ (inaud) again.

Q Okay. In talking to some of the other people that were involved with the Mosque they have indicated uhm..a man showed up here...

A Uh-huh.

Q ...a couple of days ago who said he was from Hilman...(ph)

A He was yes, he say he's from Hilman, he had a Eugene, Oregon lice..license plate on his car.

Q Eugene, Oregon?

A Yes.

Q And ah...when..when..would he have been here?

A I wish I could've get his..ah..his license plate.

Q Do you recall the day he would've been here?

A He was here Monday.

Q And did you speak to him?

A No....one of our friends spoke with him, MATASHA. (ph)

Q MATASHA?

A Yes. MATOOSHA (ph), that is the guy who told him he was coming in for...for his conscience. (ph)

Q He never got to speak to RASHAD?

A No. That's the day that ah..the Detectives came....and the inspectors. (ph)

Q What is MATOOSHA last name?

A ARRISON, V-R. (ph)

Q Okay. Do you recall what kind of car that he was driving, the man from Hilman?

A I think it was a Mazada. It was a white car for the...

Q Ah...sedan, four door...

A It was four doors, yes.

Q And what time was he here Monday?

A He was..he was here ah..six...about six-fifteen, it was time we prayed or _____ (inaud)...

Q P.M?

A ...ah..wait..wait..wait...six...ah...I'm..I'm making the time by what..the time we pray...

Q Your prayers and...

A ...yes and ah..he came before....we prayed the Millad (ph) so. It's between seven and six. Ah..it's pretty close to six-fifteen, six-thirty.

Q And the policeman were here earlier in the day?

A Yea, early in that day that..that's when RASHAD..we..we never saw the police, I haven't seen it myself but some of.._____ (inaud) saw it, the police and..that's the same day, in that morning when they came.

Q Is there anything else you can tell us about the Mosque or RASHAD or the threats that have been coming in?

A Well these threats were always, for instance ah...he never..he never listened but then..he say when the time comes that I will go, I will go and he never ah...take it seriously. Except the last couple of days when police say they still have the pictures of the Mosque, that..that was amazing. Outside we could believe it but inside...somehow, someone who came in and we always know who comes in and...ah..there is one guy who came from the Suda (ph), his name is ERIC TORNWALLA, E-R-I-C, TORNWALLA, T-O-R-N-W-A-L-L-A. (PH) Ah...one of our sisters have the address of where he will be. But he was kicked out of the Mosque, RASHAD kicked him out about..a month ago.

Q Why?

A He was...we were discussing ah..Kuwaitics (ph) teachings and he always argue, RASHAD, and this time RASHAD was giving us an ex..a bad example of what kind of bad..ah..who could be a bad person for something, he say a young girl she was fifteen and she got pregnant and she was ah...alcoholic and drug addict and he was saying what does she get all that..why..why does she have all that problem. And he say when they put her on t.v., she was on Ophra Winfrey he say, and she said

A from her mother and he was giving out such kind of bad examples this..the one that's running our society and as he was saying that, ERIC said, well she could've been a believer. And RASHAD say, what kind of a believer will do such things ah..and they argument heated up and there was a lot of kids, fifteen year old kids and up who study us and RASHAD say you are setting a bad example for our children we don't want to hear such things, so please..you want to go back to 'cause we don't...

Q Was ERIC a student here?

A No, he visited us from Swedan.

Q From Swedan?

A Yes.

Q He came expressly to visit the Mosque...

A Especially to come to Mosque, yes..and he always comes and ...ah..he comes once a year, twice a year.

Q And did he stay here when he came?

A Uhm..he stayed, the first night, but after that RASHAD told him to go in hotel and he was staying in a motel, I think.. Western, somewhere over here on Stone.

Q Okay.

A He was staying there.

Q But you have not seen ERIC for at least a month?

A We haven't seen him but he left town and he wrote a postcard to one of our friends and he said send me anything you have to this address in Memphis, Tennessee. So we have the address in Memphis, Tennessee...

Q Okay.

A ...where he will be.

Q Who would have the address?

A Address will be with SUSAN HARRISON, MATOOSHA's wife.

Q Did he threat RASHAD when he left...

A Ah...

Q ...was he..was he very...

A No he haven't..he haven't threatened. He said he was bold guy, he was this, he's...and we found out in was traveling first class...

Q Okay.

A ...on the airplance, even though he was saying he was poor and...and couldn't afford to come. And one of our friends, whose name is BIN JAFFER, B-I-N, JAFFER (ph), who is Canada, Vancouver, you'll probably hear the ah...said he found an

A address in his...ERIC's ah..book, either book or _____(inaud)
I don't know how did he get...his..he found an address and
the address is the Sauley (ph) Embassy. _____(inaud)
Embassy in somewhere in Europe but I forgot the..the country.

Q Where is BINNET (ph)?

A BIN JAFFER is in Vancouver.

Q Vancouver?

A Yea.

Q Do you also have a telephone number for BIN...

A Yes we have...

Q ...or an address?

A ...yes he have visited us....but RASHAD told me that information
about.._____ (inaud)...

Q About finding the...

A ...about ERIC, yes, RASHAD told me like ah..yesterday that
BIN JAFFER told me that ah..he found an address that was traced
to Sauley Embassy in Eric's...

Q Okay.

A ...ERIC TORNWALLA stuff.

Q The controversy...of the...DOCTOR KHALIFA's...beliefs, that
comes from his interpretation of the Koran?

A No..just plain explaining how's exist..._____ (inaud)

Q There was a book that he supposedly wrote sometime, a couple
of years ago.

A Hmmm...we have it here the book..he...translated..this is
the first edition.

Q Of his translation of it...

A Of his translation...of some who...ah..this is ah..translated
by the Shah of Hileaf when EHMAN moved to Tucson. Authorized
English version...that... (ph)

Q May I copy the...

A Yea...

Q ...heading?

A ...okay, this is the first one and the second one is..is..is
to call The Final Testament.

Q Ahman...Ehman?

A _____ (inaud)..yes...no he..he's a messenger of God...

Q Okay.

A That ah..when _____ (inaud) was messenger...

Aand ah..he felt, what he believed and he's been a threatened
I was...this was...

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Q ...hours...MAHMOUD, you indicated the...
A The beliefs of RASHAD were...ah...

Q The Christians idolized Jesus...
A The Mohammed..the Muslim idolize Mohammed and the...Buddhies
(ph) idolize Buddha the...it's very _____ (inaud)
it's a human tendency of idolizing people that brought the
message from God. Which all of them brought to worship God
and their own God and we have to submit to God alone and worship
God alone and nourish our sole to grow. That was his message
and he would..he gave out examples like this, for example,
the elderly generation of Muslims who are characterized by
the following...by the following the Koran, the whole Koran
and nothing but the Koran, two-hundred and fifty years after
the profit, Mohammed, Ahrice and Sumna(ph), which is the tradi-
tion and they call ah... _____ (inaud) following
by that exclusive _____ (inaud) this man to progress
deterioration of Muslim Nation. Ahire and Sumna happen to
be one of the biggest ah..ah..status of the Muslims that they
corrupt the book of God and this Koran is from God, but they
say, Mohammed also say this and this and this and this.
For example, cutting the thieves hand, it's not in the plan
but they say, Mohammed say...and I'm not..I'm sure you all
hear about that, cuttin' the thieves hand and ah..having four
wives and...ah..stonein' the adulteress. They killed after
they..ah..just a few months ago the killed a lady in Saudi
Arabia, is stoned to death. All those things are not in the
Koran but they say this is Muslimic, have to...

Q So what...
A ...that's how it is...

Q Right.
A ... _____ (inaud) but anyone who deviates from that, the
Islamic law say that he must be killed.

Q Okay.
A How it goes... _____ (inaud) took off the summer and
they decided to go...and they were always against ah..his
teachings. Always against the way he translates and he was
always, he said, I told you guys two days ago...and the last
issue of his...a bulletin would be...Sands follow the wealth
...this is it, this is the final one he wrote...it's called
the Mis..Submit the Perspective (ph)..The Word of God In the
_____ (inaud), one of the disbeilver is one...obviously
they would say Ahrice and Sumna...he said he had a dream that
this would even happen to the disbeilver and he said there
will be a _____ (inaud).

Q Do..may we keep this copy or do you would...
A I'd rather...

Q ...you rather us take one from the office?
A ...it's..it's the only one, but we have in the office...

Q Okay...
A ...I can give you a copy...

Q ...we'll..we'll get one from the office.
A Yea. But this also..this causing a lot of _____
(inaud) all over the world.

Q Uh-huh.
A _____ (inaud)

Q Do you have a mailing list in the computer that that goes
out to?
A We have a mailing list, yes...close to three-thousand of them.
We have all of them.

Q MAHMOUD, is there anything else you can tell us about RASHAD
or the Mosque that is important for us to know?
A I say it someone who has been following him for the past,
I say maybe six months, who knows what time he leaves, what
time he comes, what time he goes out. Someone who had ah..
good information, inside and out of the Mosque and I would
not rule out any inside people _____ (inaud).

Q You would not rule out?
A I will not rule out, yes, because we have some arguments just
few weeks ago in..in our congregation.

Q Okay.
A And ah...

Q Who would've...
A ...this...

Q ...been involved in those arguments?
A It was just ah..minor argument but it was..it caused a little
bit division but it was not that...cause eight, seven people
who decided against him and it was...not a big, a little course
they study but it..it was someone who knew inside and outside
of the Mosque and..and knew what time he goes home, what time
he comes in. He always come two, three or four, in those
three hours.

Q In the morning?
A Yes, in the morning. He will go home at eight in the after..
the evening and come back either two or three and...

Q Would he make any stops on the way in, in the morning, do you know?

A We have never followed him or come back with him. I was gonna suggest him today that since this threats come one of us will go with you and come back with you...for now.

Q MAHMOUD, what made these threats different from all the other that you have received over the..that he has received over the last couple of years. What made these threats different?

A Ah..threats used to be on the phone or maybe I say, maybe it's a bluf or...

Q Uh-huh.

A ...someone just giving us ah..to make him nervous, a hoax. But this one was different because if someone calls on telephone..he can get the telephone from wherever it's at and just calls and say I will kill you, _____ (inaud) That's, you know, just a bluf. You will not say fifty-fifty what..whether true or not. But this one Tucson Police Department came and say, they have arrested such and such people who has the pictures of the Mosque, inside and out, and they're trying to sabotage, it's very serious which make it, if it.. the pictures were outside we would of said maybe they took outside pictures but it's inside then there's someone who came in and..and..and serious.

Q Is there anyone with in the Mosque, here locally, that we should be looking more closely at?

A Ah..that..if..who is in Tucson?

Q Uh-huh.

A (pause) I will look my wife and whoever she follows and goes with and she will give you a lot of list of people that hate his guts. And ah....there is few new people that I don't know. That we don't even know, they..they have..we don't deny anybody in the Mosque...

Q Uh-huh.

A ...and they come down and they sit down and study Ali (ph), they are suppose to...there's three or four of them. I don't know there names but they show every Friday night.

Q Okay. What..what hours do they come Friday night for the...

A About six-thirty, seven o'clock...seven, seven-thirty they _____ (inaud).

Q Okay. Does LINDA work anywhere here in town?

A Uhm...not I know of, no. She was working somewhere in ah... Cherrybell there's ah..Catholic Church that makes ah..sells.. ah.._____ (inaud)..she was working there and she quit just before she left me so I don't know where she works. But she goes Pima Community College.

Q Okay. Does she have family in Phoenix?
A LINDA ABIB?

Q Uh-huh.
A No, we came from North Carolina all her family's in North Caroline.

Q North Carolina?
A Yea.

Q Does she know anyone in Phoenix that she would go to visit?
A Anyone in Phoenix, not that I know of, no.

Q You have no idea where she might be today?
A Ah..all we know is that court says her address is...how you say uhm....ah...what do you say when it's something that you should not give to anybody?

Q It's just unlisted and they're guarded that they haven't...
A Guarded, yes....

Q ...told you, okay.
A ...because she lied to them, she said I'm gonna, I'm _____
(inaud).

Q How old is your daughter?
A My son?

Q I'm sorry, your son.
A Three or four years...he's..he's...

Q Four years old?
A ...three and..._____ (inaud).

Q Do you know who has been watching your son when she goes to school?
A I don't know, I don't have any idea. That..the last time he was in this day care in Fourth Avenue.

Q Okay.
A I called ah...ROBERT STRONG...

Q ROBERT STRONG?
A ...ROBERT STRONG of....yes, I think it's ROBERT STRONG. I believe probably he's still there which...front paid by the... ah..urban agencies. But last time he came here ah..red eye, his eye was blood shot and I asked her what happen to him and she say..it's a virus. But...I told her take him to the hospital please....and ah...what else...oh, when RASHAD ah..these guys would hold Mosque and everything, with the eggs and nails... we didn't know what to do so we told...ah..the judge, we went to court, and we told him that there is someone that we suspect is doing this and _____ (inaud) so LINDA

A ABIB's not allowed to be here. _____ (inaud)
to stay away from RASHAD...

Q Uh-huh.

A ...himself signed that _____ (inaud).

Q Okay.

A And...she disconnected my telephone...ah..two weeks ago.
Calling the telephone agency and tell...disconnect his phone,
I don't know what that took or.

Q Would LINDA use any other name besides ABIB?

A Ah..EDMONDS, she will use her last...

Q EDMONDS?

A ...ah..ah..that was her last name _____ (inaud).

Q Is that her maiden name?

A Yea, ah..original last..last name. LINDA EDMOND..LINDA FAYE
EDMONDS.

Q E-D-M-O-N-D-S?

A Yes.

Q How old is LINDA?

A Born 1962....

Q Can you think of anything else?

JG You said that recently he started uhm...better security, he
started locking all the doors...

A Yea.

JG Okay, uhm...so do you think that last night or early this
morning that if he would of come to go to work, he would of
shut his door tight or left it open or...

A Ah..then that again...if..if he would got to...

JG Okay, if he came early this morning down to a Mosque here,
to go to work...

A Yea.

JG ...would he have locked his door?

A Yes.

JG If somebody had came, knock on the door, would he let anybody
in?

A Uhm...usually when he open..he let us in, he looks. There's
a glass inside and a glass in both sides, so he'll look.

JG Okay.

A And he..if he doesn't recognize...I feel he will open yes,
but..since these threats I don't know if he would've open
or not...

JG Uh-huh.
A ...I...

JG Did you think that he was being more carefull too, because of these threats?
A Yes.

JG So he was being more serious?
A He's been, yes. Since la..(ph)..yesterday, he's been getting those threats _____(inaud).

JG There's a lady in Washington, I guess who's good friends and she might have some of these tapes with the threats, do you know what _____(inaud)?
A Yes, ah..RAMA RAMIERZ (ph).

JG Okay.
A I know her.

JG I guess we should have a telephone and an address in the Mosque there too?
A Yea, we have everything that you need, all...every..if you talk to to her on the phone will be in this _____(inaud).

Q MAHMOUD, when..when you went to work last night...
A Uh...

Q ...what time did you leave here?
A I leave eleven-ten.

Q Eleven-ten?
A Yes.

Q Before you left, did you walk around and check everything?
A Nah...I turn the light on for him so when he walks in usually he comes in through this door and goes. So there will be a light for him, so I left a light on and I looked there and the outside light was on and there was nothing...there was, no his car was not here.

Q Did he have body guards to...
A Nobody...

Q ...to protect him?
A ...no body guards.

Q Okay.
A I was close, if you say body guard, I was a body guard.(ph)

Q Okay. For the tape, would you tell us your full name again?
A MAHMOUD ALI, is the middle name, ABIB, A-B-I-B, the last name.

Q And what is your date of birth, MAHMOUD?

A

Q And you were from North Carolina?

A Uhm..originally from Somelia, East Africa. (ph) And..lived in the United States for...ten years, very soon in ah..May, it will be ten years.

Q Are you a citizen here in the United States?

A No, not yet.

Q Okay. That's going to conclude the statement, the time is now 1137 hours.

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