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ALEANA GARCIA,

having been first duly sworn by the
Foreman of the Grand Jury to testify to
the truth, the whole truth and nothing
but the truth, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. KOOT:

Q. What is your name, please?

A. Aleana Garcia.

Q. How do you spell your first name?

A. A-l-e-a-n-a.

Q. Miss Garcia, what is your date of
birth?

A. August 5th, 1979.

Q. How old are you?

A. 17 years old.

Q. Do you know a young man by the name of
Jeremy Strohmeier?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. How long have you known Jeremy
Strohmeier?

A. About a year, year and a half.

Q. Do you also know a young man by the

1 name of David Cash?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q. How long have you known David Cash?

4 A. Two, two and a half years.

5 Q. And did you, in fact, go to school at
6 any time with Mr. Strohmeyer and Mr. Cash?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What school is that?

9 A. Woodrow Wilson High School.

10 Q. And where's that located?

11 A. Long Beach, California.

12 Q. So you know Mr. Cash a little longer
13 than you've known Mr. Strohmeyer; is that right?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Did you -- were you boyfriend,
16 girlfriend, was that a relationship that you had
17 with Mr. Cash?

18 A. Yes, it was.

19 Q. And were you ever in that boyfriend,
20 girlfriend relationship with Mr. Strohmeyer?

21 A. No.

22 Q. You became aware or did you become
23 aware of the murder of Sherrice Iverson here in
24 Nevada at some time this year?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Did you become aware of that sometime
2 after May the 25th, 1997?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you recall now when it was that you
5 became aware of that?

6 A. The day after he was arrested.

7 Q. The day after who was arrested?

8 A. Jeremy Strohmeier.

9 Q. That's when you became aware of the --
10 of the murder?

11 A. I was aware of it before. That was the
12 first that I heard that he was involved in it.

13 Q. Okay. And, in fact, did you see Mr.
14 Strohmeier just before he was arrested?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. And when did you see him in relation to
17 the time that he was arrested?

18 A. About a week before.

19 MR. KOOT: I would ask the members of
20 the Grand Jury not to take any adverse inference
21 from the fact of the arrest and not to consider that
22 in your deliberations. We're just using it for a
23 point of reference here.

24 BY MR. KOOT:

25 Q. After that occurred -- and about when

1 was that? Was that during the latter part of May
2 1997?

3 A. I guess, yeah. Later, middle. It was
4 a week before the murder had occurred.

5 Q. When you saw Mr. Strohmeyer?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you said you recall his arrest.
8 When did that occur?

9 A. I believe it was Wednesday.

10 Q. Late May?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. All right.

13 A. Last few days of May.

14 Q. Thereafter -- strike that.

15 Did you ever have occasion to
16 talk to Mr. Strohmeyer about the subject matter of
17 his arrest?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you ever have occasion to talk to
20 Mr. Cash about the subject matter of Mr.
21 Strohmeyer's arrest?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Maybe let me make myself clear.

24 Did you ever -- the subject
25 matter of the arrest now I'm talking about is the

1 murder and what happened to Sherrice Iverson in
2 Nevada, okay. That's the subject matter of the
3 arrest.

4 You understand that, don't you?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did you ever talk to Mr. Cash about
7 that?

8 A. Not directly. I've heard him talk
9 about it.

10 Q. All right. And where did you hear him
11 talk about it?

12 A. At the Burger King.

13 Q. Where was that?

14 A. I think it's on like Los Coyotes
15 Diagonal.

16 Q. Pardon me?

17 A. Los Coyotes in Long Beach.

18 Q. That's Los Coyotes, right?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. L-o-s Coyotes?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. What was that other word?

23 A. Diagonal.

24 Q. Does that refer to a street, or is that
25 how the street forms in Long Beach?

1 A. That's what the street is called, Los
2 Coyotes Diagonal.

3 Q. Is there a cross street there?

4 A. There is, but I -- I'm not -- I don't
5 drive anywhere so I don't know the streets by name.
6 I just know how to get there.

7 Q. This is a Burger King that's located
8 there, right?

9 A. Correct. It's like in a little
10 shopping center area.

11 Q. Is it near the traffic circle?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. That's not the name of any place. It's
14 just something that you call the traffic circle, or
15 is that the name of someplace?

16 A. I think it's just called the traffic
17 circle because you can go around driving in a circle
18 forever. I'm not sure.

19 Q. So people refer to it as the traffic
20 circle?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. There happens to be a Burger King there
23 on Los Coyotes?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. When was it about that you say you saw

1 Mr. Cash talking about this matter?

2 A. Early June.

3 Q. And about when in early June?

4 A. First week.

5 Q. And were you talking to Mr. Cash, or
6 was Mr. Cash doing the talking?

7 A. Cash was basically doing the talking.
8 Everybody else was listening.

9 Q. And were you included in that everyone
10 else?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And who was this everyone else that
13 we're talking about?

14 A. I don't know the names of the other
15 people that he had with him.

16 Q. How many were there?

17 A. About four.

18 Q. You don't remember the names, but you
19 recognized them from your school, did you not?

20 A. Yeah. They all looked very familiar.

21 Q. As going to the same school that you
22 and Mr. Cash attended?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And that would be which school?

25 A. Woodrow Wilson High School in Long

1 Beach.

2 Q. But you cannot give us the names at
3 this time of those people?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you look through a yearbook and
6 attempt to find those people in the yearbook?

7 A. Yes, I have.

8 Q. With any success?

9 A. None.

10 Q. So we have not been able to identify
11 any of those people?

12 A. No, we have not.

13 Q. Why don't you tell me what Mr. Cash was
14 saying at that time?

15 A. Cash had implicated himself as being, I
16 guess, not just a witness to the crime of the murder
17 of Miss Iverson. He implicated that he had a role
18 in it.

19 Q. What role was that?

20 A. He implicated himself, I guess,
21 basically helping in it, doing it, and saying that,
22 you know, he was the one that did it, but I don't
23 know if he talks sometimes, and I think the press
24 and everything, the whole media circus around him
25 really got to him.

1 He wanted to leave high school
2 with a bang. He was taking all AP classes,
3 extremely high academic student. You know, grades
4 were basically all A's, carried about a -- I think a
5 3.8 grade point average. Thought that he did, you
6 know, so well in high school they were going to
7 dedicate a tree to him. He wanted to be remembered.

8 When the whole media thing came
9 out, he wasn't allowed to go to prom. He showed up
10 in a limo at the prom throwing signs. He was going
11 on one minute saying he feels bad this happened to
12 the little girl, and the next minute he's down
13 cruising downtown Long Beach through the sun roof
14 hanging out the thing laughing, joking and carrying
15 on as if nothing happened. So how much of what he
16 said at Burger King if it's true or not I have no
17 idea.

18 Q. Would it be correct to say that you and
19 Mr. Cash had a falling out?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Would that be an over statement or an
22 under statement on my part?

23 A. Probably an under statement.

24 Q. Why don't you explain to me or to the
25 Grand Jurors why these harsh feelings towards Mr.

1 Cash?

2 A. When we -- me and Cash broke up, he
3 broke up with me because of my nationality. I'm
4 Mexican, and he's very racist. It was okay to date
5 girls of another race, but not to have a serious
6 committed relationship to let people know that he
7 was like exclusively with this person. So we broke
8 up, and to make things even worse, for like two
9 months we thought I was pregnant and --

10 Q. Pregnant with his child?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Go ahead.

13 A. And you know, neither of us wanted a
14 child or anything, but his biggest thing was that if
15 I had the child that it would be half Mexican and it
16 wouldn't be all white.

17 Q. So he wanted you to do away with that
18 child?

19 A. Yes, he did.

20 He was trying to talk to his
21 dad, tell his dad that he needed \$200 for new
22 clothes or something like that so that -- to
23 reassure that I'd go get an abortion.

24 Q. That upset you?

25 A. Yeah.