

1 THE COURT: All right. If you would please come
2 forward, the clerk will administer the oath or affirmation.

3

4

SHAUNICE WARR

5 called as a witness herein, being first duly sworn, is
6 examined and testifies as follows:

7

8

THE COURT: Please take the witness stand.

9

Ma'am, go ahead and have a seat.

10

11

12

13

14

I would like to make sure that we can all hear
your answers when you give them, so when you answer please
speak into the microphone. You can adjust it, move it
around if you need to. And would you spell your last name
for me?

15

THE WITNESS: My last name is Warr, W-A-R-R.

16

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

17

Mr. Hicks, you may proceed.

18

19

EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. HICKS:

21

Q And would you spell your first name?

22

A Shaunice, S-H-A-U-N-I-C-E.

23

Q Okay. And, Shaunice, in what town do you live?

24

A I live here in Bisbee.

25

Q Okay. And who are you employed with?

1 A Federal government. I work for the Border Patrol.

2 Q And how long have you been with the Border Patrol,
3 Shaunice?

4 A Seven years.

5 Q What do you do as a Border Patrol Agent?

6 A We patrol the line. We look for those who have
7 entered illegally, arrest them. We look for people who are
8 bringing drugs into the country. Many different things like
9 that.

10 Q In, in that capacity did you know Paul Adams?

11 A I did. He was an agent at my station when I
12 started there in Douglas, Arizona.

13 Q In Douglas, Arizona.

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q And can you tell the court, um, why was Paul Adams
16 terminated from Border Patrol?

17 A The first -- he was actually -- the first time he
18 had given his car or loaned his car to an illegal, um,
19 woman, that he was sleeping with actually. She was taking
20 something illegal up to Phoenix, was pulled over; the
21 registration came back to him. They put him on light duty,
22 did an investigation. And what they did is they took his
23 law enforcement away from him. So they took his badge, his
24 gun, and gave him a missions support job.

25 The second time he was fired. He made terroristic

1 threats against our station. And it's the Douglas Border
2 Patrol station. He had to go to court for this. He had to
3 go to classes, anger management. And then he had to
4 reapply. They brought him back. And I believe he was at
5 Naco station in the missions support roll for like a week
6 when he was arrested, and obviously fired again.

7 Q Were you surprised that he had made terroristic
8 threats against the Border Patrol station while he was a
9 Border Patrol agent?

10 A Not at all.

11 Q Okay. Why?

12 A Um, he had talked about things like that before,
13 um, just in passing. Or he would say: Oh, I'm joking
14 around. Um, whenever he was angry he had a quick temper,
15 quick, quick temper. And if you made him angry, he was
16 going, like he was going to come for you. So that day he
17 was angry at some supervisors; and, boom: I'm going to come
18 back here, and what if people just started picking off as
19 they come out of the station.

20 That kind of stuff. He had said that before as
21 well.

22 Q When you were in the room with Paul at the Border
23 Patrol station did you make an effort to make sure that you
24 were not the first person that he would confront?

25 A I was always personable to Paul. I would say hi

1 because I was not going to be the first one when he went
2 crazy to be shot basically. I knew his day would come. He
3 was crazy. He just had this explosive personality. He -- I
4 don't know how to explain it. He had a horrible temper.

5 And he -- I mean, even other agents would say to
6 me, you know: Hey, does that guy go to your church? And I
7 said: Well, his wife and family go to my church; he comes
8 to my church every now and then. Because they were like,
9 he's, he's really weird, he's crazy, he gets that look in
10 his eye. And I said: Oh, kind of like he might go postal?
11 And they said: Yeah, kind of like that. They had seen his
12 anger too.

13 Q I'm sorry, Shaunice, to interrupt you. So when
14 you were in the station with Paul, you always made it a
15 situation where if he did go ballistic you would not be in
16 the line of fire to start with?

17 A No.

18 Q And could get your gun out and do what you needed
19 to do?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Yes?

22 A Yes. Yes, sir.

23 Q Did you also, um -- you're a member of the Church
24 of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q And Paul occasionally attended?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q And Leizza is a member, and her children are
4 members?

5 A Leizza and her family, yeah, Leizza and the kids
6 are. He had been ex-communicated, yes, sir.

7 Q Paul had been ex-communicated?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q In that role -- and let me ask you this too. Were
10 you a friend of Leizza's?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And in the role of being a friend of Leizza's and
13 being a member of the same church and being involved in that
14 way, did you get to know Leizza?

15 A I did.

16 Q Okay.

17 A As well as anybody could get to know her.

18 Q And how long have you known Leizza?

19 A Seven years.

20 Q And would you say that you're her best friend?

21 A Probably.

22 Q And you've been around her a lot?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Tell the court what was it during those years, how
25 often did you go to the house, how often did you visit

1 Leizza at home?

2 A Um, well, Paul didn't allow visitors at the house.
3 So, um, I wasn't able to go to the house for visits very
4 often unless he was out of town, um, caring for his parents
5 in San Diego, working in Tucson, that kind of thing. Then
6 they would invite me over to the house. There was a couple
7 of times he was working, she invited me over, um, to watch
8 some programs that were on our church television, that kind
9 of thing.

10 Q Okay. And did you also see Leizza and the
11 children at church with Paul when Paul was in town; and when
12 he wasn't in town?

13 A Yes. Leizza and the kids came every Sunday.
14 Maybe they missed five in six years, five times in six
15 years.

16 Q Okay. And did you observe any differences between
17 when Paul was in town, differences in the children when Paul
18 was in town and when Paul wasn't in town?

19 A Oh, definitely. I had all of the kids in my
20 Sunday school class, the primary Sunday school class, the
21 little kids. So I've had all of her kids with the exception
22 of [REDACTED] phonetic). She was young.

23 Um, when Paul was in town you could tell the kids
24 were -- they would come in one of two ways. Either
25 extremely combative and like touchy, fighting and

1 everything. It was like there was just tension. And you
2 could tell one thing would just set it off. And that's
3 usually what would happen. We don't have many kids in our
4 primary, so the Adams kids were the majority of them.
5 Primary is the young kids, 12 and under.

6 Um, or they would come in, and it would be silent.
7 They wouldn't look me in the eye. They wouldn't look each
8 other in the eye. They weren't touching each other. They
9 weren't, they weren't doing normal kid stuff.

10 When Paul was out of town -- Paul went on an
11 extended compassionate leave to take care of his parents for
12 three months. When he did that the kids were kids. They
13 were fun. They still picked at each other, but it was
14 normal kid stuff. I mean, it's six kids under the age of
15 nine, you know. They would pick at each other and stuff.
16 But they had fun. And that was who they were. They would
17 act like themselves.

18 So I, I could tell they -- they used to sit with
19 me during the main meeting, during sacrament meeting, which
20 is kind of like our main mass meeting. And then I taught
21 them for the second two hours of our block. I could pretty
22 much tell as soon as they came in for sacrament meeting
23 when -- what was going on.

24 Q And, um, did you have times when you spoke with
25 Leizza personally about what was going on at her home?

1 A I did.

2 Q Okay.

3 A From the first time I went to church there I could
4 tell there was something different about this family,
5 something was going on. I have a bachelor's in psychology.
6 I also was a college woman's basketball coach. I've dealt
7 with kids. I've, I've lived around the world. I have known
8 a lot of people. I know things about people. I've studied
9 people. I could tell there was something off and something
10 going on.

11 And I would notice that she would hang out after
12 church. And eventually I figured out it was because that's
13 where Paul wasn't. It's the one place that she could go,
14 that he would let her go, without being there. He gave her
15 permission to go with the kids. So I would start hanging
16 out after.

17 I was also called a visiting teacher. We have
18 visiting teachers through -- you pair up and you visit, um,
19 each other. It's a Mormon program, Jesus Christ of Latter
20 Day Saints program. And I was assigned to Leizza. So I
21 would hang out after church and talk with her and help with
22 her kids. And I got to know her kids obviously really well
23 as I taught them. And I got to know her well through
24 hanging out after church with her.

25 Q Did there come a time -- well, let me ask you

1 this. Did Leizza ever talk to you about abuse?

2 A No.

3 Q Of her abuse?

4 A Not until after Paul was arrested.

5 Q Of him abusing her?

6 A Right. I tried to get her to. I asked every way
7 possible. I asked the kids. There was fear in the house.
8 I could tell because five-year-olds give up everything.
9 They will say anything in the middle of class -- my dog peed
10 on the rug -- in the middle of Sunday school class. You
11 know, we're studying the bible, and they just blurt out
12 stuff.

13 These kids would not talk about their dad, what
14 went on at home. And I asked, you know, in different ways
15 and different means, and different kids. And I asked Leizza
16 in different ways. But I could tell that there was a lot of
17 fear in the house. The kids were afraid of something. She
18 was afraid of something. So I knew something was going on,
19 but I didn't know what it was.

20 Q Okay. After Paul was arrested did you talk to
21 Leizza?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q Okay. And what did she tell you at that time?

24 A She told me that there was a lot of physical
25 abuse, that there was a lot emotional abuse.

1 Q Of who?

2 A Of her and the kids. Um, he threw things. He hit
3 her. He hit the kids. He yelled at them incessantly. And
4 the hardest thing I think for them was they didn't know
5 what -- how he was going to be when they got home, or when
6 he came home. So it was either he was great and let's go
7 get ice cream; or, you know, shut up, I'm trying to do this
8 and swearing at them and -- but they didn't know which one.
9 So it was like walking on eggshells and tension at home
10 because they didn't know how to act. They didn't know how
11 he was going to react.

12 Q Did she ever talk to you about -- what else did
13 she tell you?

14 A Um, well, at one point she did disclose to me that
15 she had found out, um, that Paul was molesting
16 [REDACTED] phonetic). And, um, I had advised her to leave
17 him. I knew something was going on. And I told her flat
18 out she needed to leave him, pack her kids, pack her car,
19 and go to San Diego and live with her family. Um, she told
20 me after Paul was arrested that --

21 Q Okay, let me back you up here.

22 A Sorry, sorry.

23 Q She told you after Paul was arrested that Paul had
24 been molesting [REDACTED]

25 A Just the one time I found out that she had found

1 that out.

2 Q Okay. And so go ahead. You told her pack up,
3 leave.

4 A I told her I would help her leave. She didn't --
5 I said call me and let me know, and we'll make it happen.
6 I'll take care of Paul.

7 Q What did you mean you'd take care of Paul?

8 A Um, I meant I wouldn't let him follow her. I
9 would do what I needed to do, not to let her -- let him go
10 after her. I knew something awful was going on in the
11 house. I didn't know what it was. But by the time [REDACTED] --
12 she was pregnant with [REDACTED] I knew she needed to get out of
13 the house.

14 Q Let me ask you, in your opinion Paul was a violent
15 person?

16 A Oh yeah, definitely.

17 Q And he was an unstable person?

18 A Very much so, up and down.

19 Q You could have taken care of Paul if Paul -- what?
20 Including when she was leaving the home. Right?

21 A Uh-huh.

22 Q Including shooting him if you had to?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. But could you take care of Paul if he
25 followed her to California?

1 A No.

2 Q Could you --

3 A And he would have.

4 Q And could you have taken care of Paul if he became
5 erratic and killed her and killed every single one of their
6 children?

7 A If I wasn't there? No.

8 Q If you weren't there.

9 A No, no. And that scared me.

10 Q Was Paul capable of that?

11 MS. RANSOM: Objection, foundation.

12 THE COURT: Sustained.

13 MR. HICKS: Wait.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 BY MR. HICKS:

16 Q The -- but in any event, you know, you could of --
17 you made it clear to Leizza that she could leave, and you
18 would make sure that she would be able to leave?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q What's Leizza's personality like?

21 A She's very different. Um, she has a hard time
22 communicating. She doesn't communicate normally.

23 Q What do you mean by that?

24 A I don't even know how to describe it. It's kind
25 of like if you've met somebody who has -- I don't know. I

1 have a cousin who has high functioning autism and
2 Asbergers's.

3 MS. RANSOM: Object to foundation. This is not a
4 medical doctor.

5 THE WITNESS: I do have a cousin who has --

6 THE COURT: Let me rule on the objection. I'll
7 overrule that. She's talking about a cousin, presumably has
8 knowledge within the family.

9 BY MR. HICKS:

10 Q You're not saying Leizza has Asberger's or autism.

11 A No.

12 Q But you're saying --

13 A I'm not trying to diagnosis her or anything like
14 that. I'm saying she has similar characteristics, in that
15 when you ask her a question she responds in a different way
16 than any normal person I've ever met. She just, like
17 socially she's, she struggles. She doesn't know how to act
18 socially. She's --

19 THE COURT: Can you give me an example? You
20 mentioned that when you ask her a question she doesn't
21 respond like people would be expected to respond. Can
22 you -- give me an example, if you would.

23 THE WITNESS: I don't know. You ask her about her
24 family, and she will respond about an incident or something
25 that -- like one tiny incident that occurred, you know, five

1 years ago or something like that. Like you're trying to ask
2 about a current question. And I don't know if she doesn't
3 understand your questions or she doesn't think linear. I'm
4 not sure what it is. But she, like goes off on tangents
5 that are very different than anybody I've ever met. You
6 have to kind of like interpret what she's saying.

7 THE COURT: So if I understood you correctly, you
8 might ask how is your family, and most people would say, oh,
9 we're doing fine or, you know, I have some hard times coming
10 up or something like that. But she would focus on some
11 incident that happened a long time previously, maybe years
12 before --

13 THE WITNESS: Right.

14 THE COURT: -- and tell you about that?

15 THE WITNESS: Right. And it usually didn't quite
16 make sense to what you were talking about previous to that.

17 THE COURT: Okay. You may proceed. Thank you.

18 BY MR. HICKS:

19 Q Is she a -- in your opinion, you know, there's
20 some people that are perceptive of the things around them
21 and some that were oblivious. Which is she closer to?

22 A She's clueless, socially clueless. Yes, I would
23 say that.

24 Q Clueless?

25 A She, yeah, she doesn't know things that are going

1 on around. She's very naive. She doesn't recognize things
2 that are happening around her.

3 Q And not just clueless, but clueless to an absurd
4 degree?

5 A Yes. Her husband was sleeping with multiple
6 women, and she didn't know.

7 Q As an example?

8 A As an example.

9 Q Let me, let me give you an example and ask you is
10 this what you're talking about. I went over the presentence
11 report with Leizza. And I said: If there's anything
12 incorrect, Leizza, be sure you tell me. And at the end of
13 it she said: I'm 35, not 32. And the, the Drakes(phonetic)
14 live at 103 Van Dyke instead of 101 Van Dyke.

15 MS. RANSOM: Objection, leading. Foundation,
16 calls for speculation.

17 THE COURT: Yes, sustained.

18 BY MR. HICKS:

19 Q Is her, in other words, is her, are her responses
20 linear, rather than understanding any kind of, of --

21 A That's an example of how she answers questions
22 oddly. Like to me, if I'm going to court, I'm not -- I
23 don't care about the addresses; I don't care about my age.
24 What I care about is the bulk of what's in the case. Like
25 is my, are my legal things in order. Is what I said written

1 down. Not addresses or things like that. Like that, who
2 cares? Right?

3 Q Right.

4 A But is the bulk of my path in order; is that
5 correct.

6 Q You're familiar that at some time during this
7 case, and I forget when, Leizza was hospitalized for
8 attempting to commit suicide?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Tell us about that.

11 MS. RANSOM: Objection, relevance.

12 THE COURT: Overruled. You may answer.

13 THE WITNESS: She --

14 MS. RANSOM: Your Honor, state will also make a
15 lack of disclosure objection. State's never had any
16 disclosure of medical records or anything related to this
17 defendant, no ability to prepare for this hearing and rebut
18 those sort of claims.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Hicks, response?

20 MR. HICKS: Your Honor, this is a mitigation
21 hearing. The rules, I believe, are different. For example,
22 hearsay is allowed. The fact that Leizza was in the
23 hospital, placed involuntarily there for attempting to
24 commit suicide, is relevant. And it's relevant --

25 THE COURT: Well, I overruled the relevance

1 objection. Now the objection that I need to deal with is
2 lack of disclosure.

3 MR. HICKS: I have been practicing for 30--some odd
4 years. I have never seen a rule that you have to disclose
5 everything that you're going to attempt to bring out in a
6 mitigation hearing. It -- I don't know that any rule exists
7 in that regard.

8 And I would argue that by definition we can not
9 disclose everything that's going to be brought out in a
10 mitigation hearing when we get the presentence report, um, a
11 few days before, when we get letters of recommendation a few
12 days before, when -- so I, I, I guess I would argue that if
13 there is such a rule, that the court should, for the sake of
14 attempting to know as much as possible prior to a sentencing
15 in this case, understand the facts. I don't understand what
16 the harm is.

17 MS. RANSOM: If I may?

18 THE COURT: Yes, go ahead. I'm going to rule on
19 it, but I'll allow you to go ahead and reply.

20 MS. RANSOM: State made a specific request for
21 disclosure of defense counsel before the pretrial hearing,
22 so it would be Rule 15.E, written request for disclosure
23 potentially relevant to proceedings. And of course defense
24 under Rule 15.2 is required to provide documentation in
25 support of its defenses.

1 THE COURT: Well, it's not so much a defense as it
2 is something in mitigation. I will overrule the objection.

3 However, in the event, Ms. Ransom, that there's
4 something in this testimony about the suicide attempt that
5 you would want to explore to perhaps rebut, then make a
6 request for a continuance of the balance of the hearing to
7 allow that to be explored. I would consider that request at
8 the time it's made.

9 The objection is overruled. You may proceed.

10 MR. HICKS: Your Honor, that's all I have on it.
11 I simply want to bring out the fact that during the course
12 of this case Leizza was hospitalized for attempting to
13 commit suicide. And I wanted the witness to testify about
14 that.

15 THE COURT: So was that it? I didn't know if we
16 were going to hear more about that, or particulars of it, or
17 anything along those lines.

18 MR. HICKS: No. That's it.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 MR. HICKS: The -- I think that's all I have of
21 this witness. Thank you.

22 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.

23 Ms. Ransom, cross.

24

25

EXAMINATION

1 BY MS. RANSOM:

2 Q Good afternoon.

3 A Good afternoon.

4 Q Can you remind me of how to pronounce your name?

5 A Shaunice Warr.

6 Q Warr?

7 A Yes.

8 Q All right. Did you ever report Paul Adams'
9 erratic conduct at Border Patrol to any of your superiors?

10 A Yes. We talked about -- I talked with my patrol
11 agent-in-charge after he had made the terroristic threats.
12 We had quite a long -- actually a couple of long
13 conversations about Paul.

14 Q All right. And how far into his Border Patrol
15 career was the terroristic threats incident?

16 A Um, he had been in longer than me, so I'm not sure
17 exactly.

18 Q Okay. Did you find him to be potentially violent
19 as you previously described before the terroristic threats
20 incident?

21 A Yes, sir. Yes, ma'am. Sorry.

22 Q But you've never reported it before the
23 terroristic threats incident?

24 A No, ma'am.

25 Q Okay. And that was years and years and years of

1 knowing him?

2 A No. Before that I had only known him for
3 three-and-a-half years, three years.

4 Q Okay. Three-and-a-half years?

5 A At that point.

6 Q All right. You mention that you are, you think
7 you're Mrs. Adams' best friend, the defendant?

8 A Yes, ma'am.

9 Q Okay. You met her at church?

10 A Yes, ma'am.

11 Q You've seen her interact with people at church?

12 A Yes, ma'am.

13 Q Does she have other people at the church that
14 interact with her or are friendly with her?

15 A Yes, ma'am.

16 Q How many?

17 A Most Mormons are pretty friendly, I would say.
18 They're all friendly to her. It's hard to get to know her
19 as a person. She's --

20 Q Okay.

21 A -- kind of keeps things on the inside.

22 Q But people were friendly with her?

23 A Oh yeah.

24 Q Did the church generally know about Paul Adams
25 being ex-communicated? The church members?

1 A Yes, ma'am.

2 Q When that all happened were people supportive of
3 the defendant?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And did anybody -- she was active in the church on
6 certain groups. Correct?

7 A Yes, ma'am, she was active in church.

8 Q All right. What sort of, what sort of
9 extracurriculars did Ms. Adams participate in within the
10 church?

11 A Oh, at the church?

12 Q No, within the church, like piano and choir or?

13 A Oh, she played the piano for our primary.

14 Q And was she also active in choir?

15 A Um, I don't know if she was active in choir before
16 he was arrested. She definitely was after. She wasn't
17 while -- since I've known her and the time before Paul was
18 arrested, she was not.

19 Q When did she join and start working on the piano
20 for the church?

21 A Oh, she's been doing that since I've known her.

22 Q And you've known her for seven years?

23 A Yes, ma'am.

24 Q Are there practices related to the, to playing the
25 piano?

1 A No. She usually just plays on Sundays. And
2 she'll practice after. Or during while we're teaching the
3 little kids, she'll play and practice.

4 Q Were there times where she needed to come and
5 participate in activities by herself because her kids
6 couldn't be watched?

7 A I, I don't know if she participated in, on any
8 outside of Sunday activities.

9 Q All right. So if she told officers that?

10 A Before he, before he was arrested, I'm not sure.

11 Q So if she told officers that there were times
12 where she needed to go to church activities where the kids
13 couldn't come, she would be mistaken in that respect?

14 A No, not, not to my knowledge. I didn't attend all
15 of the extracurricular activities.

16 Q Okay.

17 A I can only speak to the ones that I was at. And I
18 didn't attend many. I work midnights, so usually at night
19 I'm heading for work.

20 Q Okay. You mention that Paul would be out of town
21 and he -- and you would come over when Paul was out of town?

22 A Yes, I came over a few times, yes.

23 Q And did Leizza ever express fear that, you know,
24 you were helping her violate one of Paul's rules?

25 A Not while he was gone, no.

1 Q And you just would come over whenever you felt
2 like it?

3 A No. They would invite me.

4 Q Well, after an invite would you come over?

5 A Yes.

6 Q How frequently did you visit when Paul was out of
7 town?

8 A Um, usually -- I didn't, I didn't visit that many
9 times. He wasn't gone a lot. I came over a few times while
10 he was in town but working. He went to work in Tucson for a
11 little bit. And then came over a couple of times while he
12 was in San Diego, just when they invited me.

13 Q So the defendant would let you come over in
14 violation of Paul Adams' rule even when he was working and
15 could have come home early?

16 A Right. And he did come home when I was there,
17 once or twice.

18 Q Okay. Was there any reaction of the family to him
19 coming home?

20 A They all kind of looked like, like kind of like,
21 oh crap, he's home. Um, Paul had a respect for me. He
22 didn't respect any women really. But I pretty much ignored
23 him because I didn't respect him at all. I can't get into
24 what he is. But, so he didn't do anything while I was
25 there. I can't say to what happened when I left. I was

1 concerned after I left.

2 Q Did Leizza ever have bruises on her body at
3 church?

4 A Not that I could see. She usually wore full
5 length skirts.

6 Q Did the kids ever have bruises on their body?

7 A Not that I could see. They usually wore long
8 sleeve shirts and pants.

9 Q Any of the kids ever blurt anything out about
10 daddy hitting them or smacking them?

11 A No, ma'am. Not until after he was arrested.
12 After he was arrested they did.

13 Q And Leizza, after he was arrested, explained to
14 you that there had been some abuse?

15 A Yes, ma'am.

16 Q Do you know how long after he was arrested she
17 made these disclosures to you?

18 A Pretty soon. Same with the kids. As soon as they
19 found out he wasn't going to be coming home, they talked to
20 me.

21 Q When you say soon, what do you mean?

22 A I mean like the next couple of Sundays.

23 Q Within a few weeks?

24 A Yes, ma'am. As soon as they found out he wasn't
25 going to ever be back, they felt comfortable talking.

1 Q Did Leizza Adams ever disclose to you that she had
2 hit her kids?

3 A Um, she did. She told me that Paul had given her
4 options. Either he would beat them or she had to. So she
5 would do it so that it wouldn't be as brutal.

6 Q Did she tell you how often she beat her kids?

7 A No.

8 Q Did she tell you she aimed for clothing areas so
9 there would never be bruises at church?

10 A She did not tell me that, no. She just told me
11 that she was given an option.

12 Q Now I want to make sure I understand the timeline
13 because it was bouncing around quite a bit.

14 A Yeah, I kind of jumped back and forth.

15 Q You said -- did you ever offer to aid Mrs. Adams
16 in leaving?

17 A I offered when she was pregnant with [REDACTED] for
18 about the last year. I guess it was a year-and-a-half. I
19 think [REDACTED] was 18 months old when Paul was arrested. When
20 she was pregnant with [REDACTED] and from then out I said: You,
21 you need to leave this guy.

22 Q But at that time she had never disclosed any sorts
23 of abuse to you?

24 A No. I knew something was going on. But I didn't
25 know -- was it sexual, was it physical, was it emotional. I

1 didn't know what it was. But I knew from the way the kids
2 acted, they -- the way she acted, there was something going
3 on in the home. But I didn't know what it was. And I
4 couldn't get them to tell me.

5 Q Is it possible that you had offered to the
6 defendant to help her leave the home longer? Like more like
7 five years back?

8 A No. I don't believe so. For sure I told her when
9 she was pregnant with [REDACTED] like you need to leave that
10 house, like you need to leave him. You need -- I will go
11 help you. At that point I had, um, the support of my fellow
12 Border Patrol agents.

13 Q All right. And what prompted that conversation
14 with Mrs. Adams?

15 A I just felt like things were, I don't know, the
16 kids were getting worse. It seemed like they were, I don't
17 know, things were getting worse. There was more and more
18 tension, more often. Um, just some ways that [REDACTED] was
19 acting, things like that. Just different. Like I've seen
20 other kids that have been abused. I have studied some
21 abnormal psych when I was, you know, in child psychology
22 when I was getting my degree, things like that. Just like
23 classic symptoms that we studied.

24 Q Did you talk to defendant about that and say:
25 Obviously, your children are being abused?

1 A I said: Leizza, I know something is going on in
2 your home. I need to know what is going on. Like nothing
3 would ever be said. I said: You need to leave him.

4 Q Did you let her know that it wasn't only you but
5 other Border Patrol agents that were supportive of and
6 willing to aid her in leaving?

7 A Yes. Paul hadn't even told her that he was fired
8 for the terroristic threats. And apparently I was the first
9 one that told her that. And at that point I was like: You,
10 you need to leave. Like you need -- he's now risen to the
11 point where he's out loud angrily threatened a federal
12 agency. You should -- you need to pack your stuff. And you
13 need to go home and pack your stuff in a van and get your
14 kids and go.

15 Q And what was her response?

16 A Oh, and then she would start talking about
17 something else. Anytime I got close to that conversation
18 she would change the subject. And so I always left it with
19 call me. If anything happens, you decide, you call me; and
20 I will be there any time of the day, any time of the night.
21 You call me.

22 Q And did she ever call you?

23 A Um, she texted me a couple of times but not about
24 leaving. Um, I found out later Paul had cloned their
25 phones. So a couple of times at church she would say:

1 Don't text me, don't call me. And I was like: That's kind
2 of weird, you know, because I want to check in on you. And
3 I found out later that he had cloned the phones so
4 everything, all the texts she got and all the phone calls
5 she got, he was also getting.

6 Q Would she likewise be able to see all of his
7 activity on that cloned phone?

8 A No, no. She didn't see what he was getting. He
9 saw what she was getting.

10 Q Do you know when that happened?

11 A I believe it was right -- I don't know this for
12 sure. But it was right before the, like the year before the
13 terroristic threats and right around the terroristic
14 threats.

15 Q What year was the terroristic threats?

16 A It was oh, 2,000 -- well, when was he arrested?
17 Because it was two years before he was arrested. So 2015?
18 Give or take.

19 Q All right. And you said Paul was on an extended
20 leave to California at some point?

21 A He took a couple of compassionate transfers to go
22 help his parents.

23 Q And when were those?

24 A I don't know the years. They were three months.
25 He got 90-day compassionate transfers from the Border

1 Patrol.

2 Q And so he took three months at a time?

3 A Right.

4 Q And he was gone the whole time to your knowledge?

5 A Um, he may have journeyed back and visited once or
6 twice during the time. But most of the time he was gone.

7 Q Is that during one of the timeframes when you had
8 offered to help Leizza Adams leave?

9 A Um, no. He didn't go visit after, after she was
10 pregnant with [REDACTED] I don't think. I'm not positive on
11 that. I didn't write down all the dates. I don't know.

12 Q Okay. But you believe that you had not offered to
13 assist her to leave until she was pregnant with [REDACTED] You
14 don't think you did it before that?

15 A I think that is when I first, because I think that
16 was right around the time that the terroristic threats and
17 stuff like that. And I was like this guy's -- I mean, he
18 just threatened a Border Patrol agency, you know. What
19 would he do to his family? What would he do to our church?
20 You know.

21 Q After 2015 did Paul Adams leave town to go to
22 Tucson sometimes?

23 A He did while he was -- yes. I believe he was
24 working as an Uber driver up there or something.

25 Q And that's some of the times when you would come

1 visit?

2 A Uh-huh.

3 Q Is that a yes?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Just for the court reporter.

6 A Yes, ma'am. Sorry.

7 Q No problem. So how long would he be gone when he
8 was up in Tucson working his second job?

9 A It would be different times, but I didn't always
10 know.

11 Q Several hours?

12 A Oh yeah. Sometimes days at a time.

13 Q How many days at a time?

14 A It differed. I didn't always know.

15 Q Are we talking two to three or a week?

16 A Sometimes it was two to three. Sometimes it was a
17 week. He has a brother who lives in Casa Grande, and he
18 would stay up there.

19 Q So this is after 2015?

20 A Yes, ma'am, because he was on administrative
21 leave.

22 Q All right. You, you mention that Leizza Adams
23 doesn't communicate like, like a standard person. Does she
24 know right from wrong?

25 A Yes.

1 Q You mentioned she didn't know about affairs that
2 her husband was having on her. Have you ever known of other
3 women who had no idea that their husband was having an
4 affair?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Sometimes people can hide those things pretty
7 effectively?

8 A Yes, of course.

9 Q And I'm very confused about the, the conversation
10 that you were talking about protecting Paul -- or protecting
11 Leizza from Paul because it sounded like you were talking
12 about in the context of him already being in pretrial
13 detention. When did you have this conversation with Leizza
14 that you would protect her from Paul if necessary?

15 A Oh, when I was telling her that she should leave
16 him.

17 Q This is back in 2015?

18 A Right, when I told her she needed to pack up her
19 stuff and go. And then one day she said: Well, what if
20 Paul's there; I can't pack my stuff. And I said: I'll go
21 with you. I'll go with you. I'll take care of Paul. Go
22 pack your stuff and go.

23 Q You just said one day. It makes me feel that you
24 had this conversation more than once.

25 A Yeah, I talked to her multiple times about leaving

1 him.

2 Q All right.

3 A On Sundays.

4 Q During Sunday church you would talk to her about
5 it?

6 A After church, yes.

7 Q And did you make it clear that you had a place for
8 her and her kids to stay?

9 A No. Her family lived in San Diego. Her extended.
10 All of her brothers, her sisters, parents.

11 Q But you'd help her get there?

12 A Correct.

13 Q And so sometimes in response to that question she
14 had a nice linear answer for you, some concern with other
15 things?

16 A She had a concern that Paul might be at the house.

17 Q Okay.

18 A And another time she said: He'll follow me if I
19 go somewhere.

20 Q All right. And what did you tell her?

21 A That I didn't have an answer for her because he
22 would. He would have. And I said: Well, you'll have to go
23 to the police in San Diego, you know.

24 Q Did you offer to help her with that or make sure
25 that her family helped her?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Sounds like you pretty much had a plan laid out
3 for her?

4 A I tried to, yes.

5 Q You seem like an organized person.

6 A (Laughing) I don't know if I would go that far.

7 Q You also made a comment about Leizza disclosing to
8 you that she knew about Paul molesting the girls; or one
9 girl? I mean, what was the content of that discussion?

10 A One girl, [REDACTED]

11 Q And how did that come up?

12 A She was reading through her journal. And she had
13 written it in a journal.

14 Q Did -- what did she write in the journal?

15 A That Paul had gone to our bishop and confessed.
16 And the bishop called her in and let her know that she had
17 stepped over a huge line in the sand that she had drawn
18 before that. She had drawn a line saying if you ever touch
19 my kids. So he called her in, said this happened, Paul
20 confessed to me, he told me he did this to [REDACTED] one of
21 you needs to leave the house.

22 Q All right. What did Paul confess to doing to

23 [REDACTED]

24 A Sexually molesting her.

25 Q Performing oral sex on her --

1 A I didn't hear what.

2 Q -- is that what Ms. Adams said?

3 A She didn't tell me specifically what it was at
4 that point.

5 Q Okay.

6 A She just said it was sexually molesting [REDACTED]

7 Q So if she said to the probation officer that he
8 performed oral sex on their child?

9 A That would count as sexual abuse.

10 Q Do you think she was accurately describing it to
11 the officer?

12 A Yes, ma'am.

13 Q And do you know what year this was?

14 A I don't. I don't. I'm not sure. I just know it
15 was in one of the journals she was reading.

16 Q Did she --

17 THE COURT: Well, excuse me. If I could follow up
18 on that. The question was a little bit ambiguous. Do you
19 know what year this was? Because there are two
20 possibilities here. First of all, what year if you recall
21 was this conversation with Ms. Adams when she had her
22 journal? When did that conversation with you --

23 THE WITNESS: When did she tell me?

24 THE COURT: Yes.

25 THE WITNESS: It was this past year.

1 THE COURT: So it was after Paul's death.

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I didn't find out until after
3 Paul was gone.

4 THE COURT: And the question that Ms. Ransom asked
5 you, about what year did this happen, you were answering it
6 in terms of the actual act by Paul against [REDACTED]

7 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: And you don't know when that happened.

9 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what year the journal
10 was from or -- no.

11 THE COURT: All right. The presentence report
12 contains a lengthy statement from Leizza Adams. And I
13 believe she attributes that act, or at least the
14 conversation with the bishop, to 2010. Do you have any way
15 of indicating that that's correct? Incorrect? Or anything
16 else to help us pinpoint the date?

17 THE WITNESS: I moved here in 2011. And it was
18 before I moved here. And I mean that would make sense
19 because the bishop that was the bishop who told her was
20 released right before I got here in 2011, so that would make
21 sense. 2010 would make sense.

22 THE COURT: 2010 would make sense?

23 You may proceed.

24 BY MS. RANSOM:

25 Q Thank you. What was the name of the bishop who

1 participated in this disclosure?

2 A Do I have to tell you?

3 Q Yes.

4 A It was Bishop Herrod.

5 Q How do you spell that?

6 A H-E-R-R-O-D.

7 Q And did Leizza tell you what she did in response
8 to this disclosure?

9 A No. I was pretty astounded. But, yeah, she
10 didn't, obviously she didn't leave him so --.

11 MS. RANSOM: All right. Nothing further.

12 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Ransom.

13 And, Mr. Hicks, redirect?

14 MR. HICKS: None, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Before you step down, you mentioned
16 earlier in your testimony that Paul Adams had been
17 ex-communicated. And normally secular courts like this one
18 don't get involved in matters relating to church
19 organization or membership. But I am trying to understand
20 the timeline as best as I can. Do you know, and if you
21 don't know it's fine, when Paul Adams was ex-communicated?

22 THE WITNESS: I don't know the year, your Honor.
23 I'm not sure when exactly he was ex-communicated.

24 THE COURT: Do you know whether his status when
25 you moved here and met the Adams family was that of having

1 been ex-communicated?

2 THE WITNESS: I believe he was ex-communicated
3 already when I moved here.

4 THE COURT: Okay. And if you don't know precisely
5 when that happened, would it also be correct you really
6 don't know why he was ex-communicated? Or do you know why?

7 THE WITNESS: I was told why. But not from him or
8 the bishop. The bishop obviously can't talk about that.

9 THE COURT: Right. So you were told why by --
10 just tell me the source of the information. Who told you?

11 THE WITNESS: Leizza.

12 THE COURT: Leizza told you?

13 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

14 THE COURT: I think I'll leave it there.

15 Counsel, any additional questions based on my
16 questions?

17

18 EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. HICKS:

20 Q Was it related to the disclosure that he had made
21 to the bishop about his daughter?

22 A No. It was --

23 Q Something different?

24 A Something different.

25

EXAMINATION

1

2 BY MS. RANSOM:

3 Q Did she need to read her journal to refresh her
4 memory on why Paul was ex-communicated?

5 MR. HICKS: Objection, your Honor, argumentative.

6 THE COURT: No. Overruled. You may answer.

7 THE WITNESS: I was just trying to think. I don't
8 know. I'm not sure actually because she just told me, so I
9 don't know if it was, she had been reading her journals,
10 because her former public defender had asked her to get all
11 of her journals and read them. And during that time she was
12 telling me information. And so I don't know if she read it
13 in her journal or if it was -- I don't recall if we were
14 just talking about it and she told me.

15 BY MS. RANSOM:

16 Q So are you saying that the first time you learn of
17 the basis for Paul Adams' ex-communication is, um, was after
18 Paul Adams' arrest?

19 A I had heard rumors. But the first time I heard
20 exactly what it was for, yes, was after his arrest.

21 Q So Leizza Adams had never told you why Paul was
22 ex-communicated until after his arrest?

23 A Right.

24 Q How did that come up?

25 A I think I asked her. I was just curious.

1 Q Did she answer directly?

2 A She kind of beat around the bush. And then I kept
3 asking her.

4 Q And what did she ultimately answer as to why he
5 was ex-communicated?

6 A The reason he was ex-communicated?

7 Q Yes.

8 A He had sex with his mother.

9 Q And --

10 A And he then told the bishop that he had.

11 Q And then she was told as well?

12 A Yes, I believe so.

13 Q And that was, again, years before Paul Adams'
14 arrest?

15 A Yes, it was before he was arrested.

16 MS. RANSOM: Nothing further.

17 THE WITNESS: You mean that it happened?

18 MS. RANSOM: Yes.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 BY MS. RANSOM:

21 Q And she knew that it had happened years before his
22 arrest?

23 A Yes, that he was ex-communicated, yes, and what
24 happened, yeah, in terms of being ex-communicated, yes.

25 Q All right. So Leizza Adams understood the basis

1 for her husband's ex-communication years before his arrest?

2 A I believe so, yes.

3 MS. RANSOM: Nothing further.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Hicks, anything further to ask the
5 witness?

6 MR. HICKS: No, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Ms. Warr, thank you very much. You
8 may go ahead and step down. Be careful of the step as you
9 go.

10 And I believe, Mr. Hicks, Ms. Warr was your only
11 witness at this point.

12 MR. HICKS: Well, I've got a little bit of an
13 issue because I'm going to be quoting things from Leizza
14 that she has written either for the court or for the
15 probation.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MR. HICKS: And I'm thinking now maybe I better
18 call her.

19 THE COURT: Well, I'll leave that to you. If
20 something is part of the presentence report, including the
21 defendant's version, it's fair to quote it or argue with
22 regard to it. That's perfectly fine. But if you want to
23 call Ms. Adams, you may.

24 MR. HICKS: No, I'm okay then. I'm not going to.

25 THE COURT: All right. So no additional witnesses