

1 let's take five.

2 MS. RANSOM: Your Honor, I can tell you right now
3 that next Wednesday will not work for the state.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Well, during the break I'll see
5 if there's any other day next week.

6 MS. RANSOM: Thank you. I apologize, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Thank you. At recess.

8 (A recess is taken.)

9 THE COURT: We are continuing with the State of
10 Arizona against Leizza Adams, case number CR201700425.
11 Ms. Adams is present. Both the attorneys are here.
12 Detective Borquez is here. And the CASA is here. And I
13 think our GAL is here? Still?

14 MS. SCOTT: She stepped out.

15 THE COURT: Oh, stepped out? All right. She'll
16 be back though?

17 MS. SCOTT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: All right. Well, we can go ahead.
19 And whom would you like to call as a witness at this time,
20 Ms. Ransom?

21 MS. RANSOM: Detective Todd Borquez, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: All right. Detective, the clerk will
23 administer the oath or affirmation.

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DETECTIVE TODD BORQUEZ

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

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4 THE COURT: Take the witness stand, please. And
5 Detective, you heard the instructions I gave to the other
6 witnesses. And all those apply to you.

7 You may proceed.

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EXAMINATION

10 BY MS. RANSOM:

11 Q Please state your name.

12 A Todd Borquez.

13 Q And where do you work?

14 A Cochise County Sheriff's Department.

15 Q How long have you been in law enforcement?

16 A Eighteen years.

17 Q You investigate sex crimes?

18 A Yes, I do.

19 Q Do those sex crimes sometimes involve child abuse?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Have you ever been involved in the investigation
22 of defendant Leizza Adams?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. In the course of your investigation did you
25 interview Leizza Adams?

1 A Yes.

2 Q How many times?

3 A Three.

4 Q Um, was Mrs. Adams able to answer your questions
5 directly?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Were there times where you struggled to get
8 answers out of her?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And when would that be?

11 A Questions pertaining to her knowledge or
12 involvement in the case, the crimes.

13 Q But, for example, when you asked her where the
14 children slept, was she able to answer this question
15 directly?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And where did she say where the children slept in
18 the home?

19 A She indicated that M-1 and the boys slept in one
20 room, herself and M-2 slept in the master bedroom. And Paul
21 slept either in the living room or in the office.

22 Q At some point did sleeping arrangements in the
23 household change, according to the defendant?

24 A Yes.

25 Q When was that?

1 A She told me August of 2016 M-1 had morning band
2 practice, so she moved her into the office.

3 Q And that's the office where Paul Adams would stay
4 sometimes?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Was there anything else about that office of Paul
7 Adams that the defendant told you about?

8 A Yes. She told me that Mr. Adams had a collection
9 of pornographic material, magazines in there. He also had a
10 computer, and on that computer he would view pornographic
11 videos or movies.

12 THE COURT: And the record may show that the
13 guardian ad litem, Ms. Dailey, has reentered the courtroom.
14 She did so as the question was being asked.

15 You may proceed.

16 BY MS. RANSOM:

17 Q Was Ms. Adams aware of any conduct that defendant
18 Paul Adams would engage in while he was in his office?

19 A Um, watching pornographic material.

20 Q Did she know if he did anything physically while
21 watching pornographic material?

22 A Masturbate.

23 Q Did she also talk about Paul Adams masturbating
24 elsewhere in the home?

25 A She did.

1 Q And where?

2 A In the living room.

3 Q Were the kids present?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And did she admit that the children could see
6 their father masturbating at times?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Did she tell you how long the children were, how
9 many, in months or years, they were probably able to watch
10 that?

11 A I think she said for years.

12 Q During your interviews with Mrs. Adams did the,
13 this topic of rules come up?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And what were -- how did Mrs. Adams describe her
16 rules to you?

17 A My understanding was the rule that she had
18 instituted was Paul was not to be alone with M-1.

19 Q And --

20 MR. HICKS: Your Honor, may we have foundation of
21 where, when and where, and which?

22 THE COURT: Yes, I think we do need to have as
23 much foundation laid as can be laid. Sustained.

24 BY MS. RANSOM:

25 Q All right. Do you remember when your interviews

1 of Leizza Adams took place?

2 A First one was February 27th, I believe, 2017 at
3 the Department of Child Safety office in Sierra Vista.

4 Second one I believe was March -- I don't have the specific
5 day -- 2017. It was in my office in Sierra Vista. And then
6 I took part in the free talk in 2017.

7 Q Was that in August of 2017?

8 A Yes.

9 Q So when we talk about your interviews, we're
10 talking about these interviews with defendant during 2017?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And did you know Leizza Adams at all before Paul
13 Adams' arrest?

14 A No.

15 Q Did you know Leizza Adams at all before your
16 involvement in this investigation?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you ever talk to her before?

19 A No.

20 Q Okay. And with respect to her having rules with,
21 about Paul Adams and M-1, what did you understand the rules
22 to be?

23 A That Mr. Adams was not to be alone with her.

24 MR. HICKS: May we have foundation when that
25 questioning happened?

1 THE COURT: With, within the various discussions?

2 MR. HICKS: Right. Was this the free talk?

3 THE COURT: Yes. Sustained.

4 Detective, if you can say, was, when you refer to
5 something that you were told about or that Ms. Adams said,
6 if you can identify whether it was on February 27,
7 March 2nd, or in the free talk in August.

8 THE WITNESS: It was in February.

9 BY MS. RANSOM:

10 Q And so in February the rule with M-1 was that Paul
11 Adams couldn't be alone. Did you ask her why she had that
12 rule?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And what was her answer?

15 A Several different answers. Um, one was Mr. Adams'
16 interaction with a friend who came over to the house, his
17 inappropriate actions of tickling her and sharing a blanket
18 on the couch with her. One was Paul's loose, being loose
19 with laws and rules by having M-1 sit on his lap while he
20 let her drive.

21 Q And did you ask her if she suspected molestation
22 in the home and that was the basis for a rule?

23 A Yes.

24 Q What was her answer?

25 A No.

1 Q And this, these, this rules discussion and asking
2 her why she had these rules, did you go over that with her
3 during every single interview you had with her?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And did she ever say because I suspected
6 molestation in the house?

7 A No.

8 Q Did she provide different responses as to why she
9 had these rules in subsequent interviews?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Do you remember any of those different responses?

12 A Not off the top of my head.

13 Q Did she ever talk about her own sexual abuse as a
14 justification?

15 A She did.

16 Q Was her sexual abuse at the hand of Paul Adams?

17 A Not the ones she told me about.

18 Q And you mentioned that one of the justifications
19 for the rule was some friend coming over, and Paul Adams
20 tickling her?

21 A Yes.

22 Q How old was this friend who had come over?

23 A If I remember, she was 12 or 13.

24 Q Okay. Did Leizza Adams indicate, indicate she
25 thought Paul Adams had molested this girl?

1 A She might not -- I think she said he might have
2 done something to her.

3 Q But still, when asked if she thought there was
4 molestation, what was her response?

5 A Molestation to?

6 Q By Paul Adams in her home.

7 A No.

8 Q And did she -- was she asked that question during
9 every single one of your interviews with her?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And was her answer always no?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did she ever say that the rule was instituted
14 because Paul Adams had previously admitted to her that he
15 had performed oral sex on M-1?

16 A No.

17 Q Did she say if the rule applied only to girls?

18 A In two of the interviews, yes. In the free talk
19 she indicated the rule applied to all of the children.

20 Q If you recall, what was the context of the free
21 talk when she changed her answer?

22 A I think she was specifically asked if that was
23 just for the girls, and she made the statement it was for
24 all the children.

25 Q During that time were people questioning her, kind

1 of pressuring her about whether or not she knew about
2 molestation?

3 A Yes.

4 Q In your interviews -- in your first interview with
5 Leizza Adams, did she claim that Paul Adams had ever abused
6 her in any way?

7 A No.

8 Q And in your second interview did she claim he had
9 abused her in any way?

10 A No.

11 Q In your third interview, the free talk, was she
12 asked about abuse?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And do you recall her providing some information
15 about abuse?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What was that information?

18 A That Paul would get angry or upset and throw
19 things against the wall.

20 Q Okay. Did you at any point ever ask Mrs. Adams if
21 she suspected abuse, sexual abuse in the home, what she
22 would do?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And what was her answer?

25 A Her answer was she would take the kids and leave

1 the house.

2 Q Have you reviewed the presentence report in this
3 case?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Were you surprised by any of its content?

6 A Yes.

7 Q What content surprised you?

8 A Where Mrs. Adams said that in 2010 she was
9 notified that Paul had performed oral sex on M-1.

10 Q Did the defendant ever volunteer that information
11 to you?

12 A No.

13 Q Would you have expected that to come up in the
14 course of your questioning of the defendant?

15 A Yes.

16 MS. RANSOM: Nothing further.

17 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Ransom.

18 Mr. Hicks?

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20 EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. HICKS:

22 Q Your attorney never advised you that she had been
23 advised of that?

24 A Excuse me?

25 Q Your attorney, when she was talking to you, never

1 advised you that she had been advised of the fact that
2 Leizza Adams had reported the, the, the 2010 incident?

3 THE COURT: I'm sorry, Mr. Hicks. You mentioned
4 his attorney. You mean the prosecutor?

5 MR. HICKS: The prosecutor.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 THE WITNESS: I just found out about that today.

8 BY MR. HICKS:

9 Q So no one ever told you?

10 A No.

11 MR. HICKS: I don't have any other questions.

12 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.

13 Redirect.

14 MS. RANSOM: Nothing further.

15 THE COURT: Detective, before you step down, um,
16 before you read the presentence report in this matter, had
17 you ever acquired any information about any involvement of
18 the bishop of Ms. Adams and Mr. Adams' church in hearing
19 confession or admissions made by Paul Adams about engaging
20 in any sex act with M-1?

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 THE COURT: Okay. And that may answer the next
23 question I'm going to ask. But I'll ask it anyway. To your
24 knowledge did anyone involved in this case, anyone, um, on
25 the law enforcement side of this case, ever talk to the

1 person who was bishop at the time, that is 2010, about what
2 if anything was said to him at that time?

3 THE WITNESS: Not to my knowledge.

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 Any additional questions based on my questions?
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7 EXAMINATION

8 BY MS. RANSOM:

9 Q Did you have any reason to talk to the 2010 bishop
10 before you read the presentence report?

11 A No.

12 Q Um, do you recall questions of Mrs. Adams during
13 the free talk where there were efforts to obtain names of
14 her bishops from her?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And did she answer those questions?

17 A Kind of vague on the answers.

18 Q Would she even provide names?

19 A Not that I remember.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Hicks, anything further along
21 these lines?

22 MR. HICKS: No, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

24 Thank you, Detective. You may step down. Be
25 careful of the step as you go.