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1 someplace.

2 Q Let me show you Grand Jury Exhibit 7B and if
3 you could go ahead and describe what is depicted in that
4 exhibit.

5 A That's the living room looking from the
6 opposite direction and again it's the love seat and the
7 couch and the television, and then you can see off to the
8 right the kitchen. We just changed the bulbs. We had the
9 bulbs there. I'm sorry, to the left is the kitchen area.

10 Q In regards to Grand Jury Exhibit 7C.

11 A Yeah, the first door right there is a little
12 closet. The next door on the right is the door into the
13 garage. And then obviously the one, you know, the main
14 door is going outside.

15 Q And that leads out in front of your home?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Now in regards to those two doors, you say the
18 first one depicted in that photo on the right hand side,
19 that's a closet?

20 A Yes, it is, just a small little closet.

21 Q And the next door?

22 A Is the garage door that goes into the garage.

23 Q Does that open outward into the hallway or
24 into the garage?

25 A It opens into the garage.

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1 Q Now do all of those photos accurately depict
2 your home as it existed back on January 13th?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Now in regards to that living situation,
5 you've already stated that you were the one who was
6 responsible for that town home, correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Were you the one who paid the rent to the
9 actual owner?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What was the rent that you owed the owner each
12 month?

13 A The rent was \$1200 a month.

14 Q Did that include utilities or not?

15 A No, it did not. Utilities were my
16 responsibility.

17 Q You paid the utilities?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Now in regard to the living situation with
20 regard to Raven and also Mari, were they required to pay
21 some of that rent?

22 A Yes. The arrangement was they would pay \$575
23 apiece and then I would pay all the utilities plus make-up
24 the difference between, you know, the five seventy-five. I
25 think there was another additional \$50 that I made up.

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1 Q In regards to rent, was Raven always on time
2 in regards to paying that rent to you?

3 A No, she was not.

4 Q If you recall when was she late if ever?

5 A Well, for sure she was late in September and
6 October, November and December.

7 Q Are we talking about the year 2006?

8 A Yes, I'm sorry, that's 2006.

9 Q Had you spoken with her about that?

10 A Yes, I had.

11 Q And had you been paying her rent for her?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Do you know if Raven was employed during that
14 time period?

15 A I do not know.

16 Q Were there times when money became an issue
17 between you two?

18 A Yes.

19 Q How so?

20 A Well, it's pretty tough to pay someone else's
21 rent so it was, you know, it was a situation where I really
22 needed her to do something, you know, to get the rent, you
23 know, to get a job, to do whatever, you know, she found
24 necessary to, you know, to get me paid.

25 Q Did there come a time when there actually was

12 1 some months paid to you, put forth on the rent?

2 A Yes. Early January before this happened she
3 paid me a thousand dollars towards the rent.

4 Q Did she explain to you where that money had
5 come from?

6 A She said she won money playing, gambling.

7 Q Did she say how much money she had won?

8 A No, she didn't. She just handed me the
9 thousand dollars.

10 Q And did you apply that to the rent that she
11 already owed?

12 A Yes, I did.

13 Q Would you say that she was caught up or was
14 she still in arrears?

15 A No, she was still in arrears.

16 Q Did there ever occur or was there ever a time
17 when she had borrowed money from you during that short time
18 period?

19 A Yes.

20 Q How did that take place?

21 A Well, it wasn't a big sum. At one time it was
22 \$20 here, \$40 there, and the last time was the hundred
23 dollars.

24 Q Had she ever described to you a situation that
25 caused her concern and had required you to lend her some

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1 additional money?

2 A Let's see. The 13th was Saturday, so it would
3 have been Tuesday I think the 16th if I'm not mistaken, she
4 came into my room, knocked on the door and asked me if, and
5 came in and said that she was sorry that she was so
6 undisposed, she didn't use those words, but she was sorry
7 she's been so, I don't know what you want to call it,
8 indisposed is my reflection of it, and that she needed to
9 borrow \$60 from me and that she had been beat up by three
10 guys and she really didn't want to talk about it. And
11 so --

12 Q Are you talking about the 16th of January?

13 A Yeah, it would have been the Tuesday following
14 that Saturday, that following Tuesday. Is that the 15th?
15 I'm not sure of the date.

16 Q But we're talking about January of '07?

17 A Yes. Uh-huh. Correct. And so I said well, I
18 don't have, I only have a hundred dollar bill, and she said
19 well, okay, I'll take that and then I'll pay you back.

20 Q Let's go back a little bit to you just said
21 about that Saturday, January 13th day. Did you see Raven
22 on that day?

23 A Yes, I did. In the evening.

24 Q Describe what you did on January 13th.

25 A I was up early because I had a show at the

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1 Sands Expo that I had to go to so I was gone by seven
2 o'clock, about 7:30, and I did not see her then that
3 morning, her door, as I recollect her door was shut so I
4 assumed she was home and I went, I left.

5 Q Let me stop you right there. What would you
6 assume if the door had been open?

7 A That she was gone. She was very good about, I
8 mean very structured that way, if she left the house the
9 door was open to her room, if she was home the door was
10 shut.

11 Q So that particular morning on Saturday the
12 13th you said that the door was closed?

13 A That I recall, yes. I didn't pay much
14 attention because I was in a hurry and I had all my stuff
15 with me and --

16 Q And that was seven a.m., 7:30 a.m.?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. Is that when you left your home?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And did you have any telephonic communications
21 during that day?

22 A No, I did not.

23 Q What time did you return back to your home?

24 A It would have been about 6:30, 6:45, in that
25 range, because the show got over at five o'clock and it

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1 took us about an hour to get out of the, to get the show
2 collapsed and to get in the car and get out of traffic, so
3 it would have been about 6:30, 6:45, in that time frame.

4 Q When you left that morning was Mari still at
5 home or do you know?

6 A I think so. I'm not sure. I don't know. Her
7 door was shut but Mari leaves her door shut all the time
8 so.

9 Q When you come back to your home on the 13th,
10 you said it was about six p.m. or 6:30?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Who was home when you got there?

13 A The only person I know of that was there was
14 Raven.

15 Q Did you make contact with her?

16 A Yes. Uh-huh.

17 Q Did you speak with her?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q Where was she?

20 A She was laying on the couch with a blanket
21 over her.

22 Q Is that on the couch that you previously
23 described in those photos?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Was there anyone else home that you know of?

12 1 A I don't know. I didn't check to see if Mari
2 2 was there. She may have been there, I don't know. I was
3 3 in kind of a hurry so.

13 4 Q Now you said that you spoke with Raven,
5 5 correct?

6 6 A Yes, I did.

7 7 Q Anything unusual about that conversation?

8 8 A It was unusual to see her on the couch
9 9 downstairs. That was what I thought was very unusual. But
10 10 we just talked about the show and she asked how it went and
11 11 I said it went very well. And for me it was, you know,
12 12 things had gone real well so I was kind of, you know,
13 13 excited about it, and we talked for about ten minutes about
14 14 the show and that was about it.

15 15 Q Anything in regards to Raven's demeanor that
16 16 caused you any concern on that evening?

17 17 A Other than she just didn't seem herself. By
18 18 that I mean she was not, she was more talkative than usual
19 19 which is rather, for her --

20 20 Q So I'm assuming based upon that you guys
21 21 didn't speak a lot?

22 22 A No, it was -- no. You mean as in other days?

23 23 Q Correct.

24 24 A No, not hardly at all.

25 25 Q Would you describe it that you were more

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1 roommates than friends?

2 A Absolutely.

3 Q Or would that be inaccurate?

4 A Yes. That's, to the outside world I guess
5 yes, that's true, although Raven I guess didn't really
6 have, I was probably the closest thing she had to a friend
7 and I didn't know much about her so.

8 Q Did you leave the house after speaking with
9 Raven that night or did you stay home?

10 A No, I left the house and went, because we were
11 having parties afterwards, after the show, so I left at
12 about eight, 8:30, somewhere in that time frame.

13 Q And when you left the house how did you leave?

14 A I came down the stairs and went out the door
15 because I called a taxi cab.

16 Q You didn't drive your car, correct?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you go in the garage?

19 A No, I wouldn't have had an occasion to.

20 Q Now when was the next time that you saw Raven?

21 A I've never seen Raven since.

22 Q Since the 13th?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did --

25 A Well, yeah, I'm sorry, yes, I saw her after,

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1 that would have been that following Tuesday that I saw her.

2 Q We're talking about the 16th that you
3 previously described?

4 A Yes. I'm sorry. Yes.

5 Q Now on that date you had a conversation with
6 Raven, correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q At some point did you make contact or did the
9 police department make contact with you?

10 A Yes. On Friday, on that following Friday I
11 heard the doorbell ring so I got up, it was about 9:30 in
12 the morning, and I put on a pair of jeans and a top and
13 went downstairs and answered the door and there were two
14 detectives there.

15 Q Do you remember what their names are?

16 A I do not. I'm sorry.

17 Q Male, female or both?

18 A It was a black detective and a white
19 detective, both male.

20 Q And did you speak with them?

21 A Yes. They said they were, they had had a call
22 from Raven Navajo about she had information for them and
23 that they were here to talk to her. And I said well, I
24 think she's here, because when I went by her door, the door
25 was shut.

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1 Q And did you go to that door?

2 A Yes. I said just a minute, I'll go up and get
3 her if that's okay, and they said yes, so I went upstairs
4 and knocked on the door a number of times, and it's not
5 uncommon to knock on the door a couple of times for Raven
6 because she sleeps during the day and it's difficult for
7 her to wake up, so I banged on the door quite a bit.

8 Q And did Raven come out?

9 A No. I then opened the door a bit and I said
10 you've got to come out, there are two detectives down there
11 that want to talk to you, and when I opened the door she
12 was not there, which I thought it was very unusual because
13 she never shut the door when she left.

14 Q Did you have the opportunity to speak with
15 detectives with the Metropolitan Police Department?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And do you recall where that conversation took
18 place?

19 A It was downstairs in the, on the couches in
20 the living room.

21 Q And you fully cooperated with them, correct?

22 A Of course.

23 Q Did you tell them everything that you knew?

24 A Of course, yes.

25 Q Do you recall if they were recording that

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1 conversation?

2 A Yes, they did.

3 Q And have you had an opportunity to review that
4 or discuss that with the prosecutors in this case?

5 A No, I have not.

6 Q You have not had a chance to review that?

7 A No.

8 MR. HENDRICKS: I have no additional
9 questions at this point if anyone else has any.

10 THE FOREPERSON: Mary.

11 BY A JUROR:

12 Q Is Raven a female or a male?

13 A Raven is transsexual.

14 Q Okay. Thank you.

15 THE FOREPERSON: Any other questions?

16 By law these proceedings are secret and
17 you are prohibited from disclosing to anyone anything that
18 has transpired before us, including evidence and statements
19 presented to the Grand Jury, any event occurring or
20 statement made in the presence of the Grand Jury, and
21 information obtained by the Grand Jury.

22 Failure to comply with this admonition
23 is a gross misdemeanor punishable by a year in the Clark
24 County Detention Center and a \$2,000 fine. In addition,
25 you may be held in contempt of court punishable by an

13 1 additional \$500 fine and 25 days in the Clark County
 2 Detention Center.

 3 Do you understand this admonition?

 4 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

 5 THE FOREPERSON: Thank you. You are excused.

 6 THE WITNESS: Okay.

14 7 MR. HENDRICKS: State's next witness is Mari
 8 Rosenberger.

 9 THE FOREPERSON: Please raise your right hand.

10 Do you solemnly swear that the testimony
11 you are about to give upon the investigation now pending
12 before this Grand Jury shall be the truth, the whole truth,
13 and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

14 MS. ROSENBERGER: I do.

15 THE FOREPERSON: Please be seated.

16 You are advised that you are here today
17 to give testimony in an investigation pertaining to the
18 offenses of murder and robbery involving Raven Navajo. Do
19 you understand this advisement?

20 MS. ROSENBERGER: I do.

21 THE FOREPERSON: Would you please state your
22 first and last name and spell both for the record.

23 MS. ROSENBERGER: Mari Rosenberger. M-a-r-i,
24 R-o-s-e-n-b-e-r-g-e-r.

25 THE FOREPERSON: Thank you.

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25MARI ROSENBERGER,

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

EXAMINATION

BY MR. HENDRICKS:

Q Miss Rosenberger, calling your attention back to January 13th of 2007, were you living at 3373 Milenko here in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada?

A Yes, I was.

Q And were you living alone at that location?

A No, I had two roommates.

Q Who were the roommates?

A Barbara Casey and Raven Navajo.

Q And is Barbara Casey the woman that just left the room?

A Yes.

Q How do you know Barbara Casey or when did you first meet her?

A We first met several years ago, we had friends in common, and then when the bar Zingers opened she was the manager there and she asked me to be her assistant manager.

Q Were you friends with Barbara during that time

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1 period?

2 A Yes. Not close friends at that time but we
3 knew each other.

4 Q And you were working with Barbara?

5 A At the bar, yes.

6 Q When did you move in or did you move in with
7 Barbara and become her roommate?

8 A I don't remember the exact date but it was
9 around May of 2005.

10 Q Did she have another roommate at that time?

11 A Yes, it was Raven.

12 Q I'm sorry?

13 A It was Raven. Raven Navajo.

14 Q Let me just show you, Mari, if you could just
15 go ahead and look over there, and this is Grand Jury
16 Exhibit 4A. Do you recognize the individual that is
17 depicted in that photo?

18 A Yes, I do.

19 Q Who is that?

20 A That's Raven.

21 Q Raven Navajo?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And was she your roommate for a time?

24 A Yes.

25 Q About how long had you been roommates with

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1 Raven?

2 A Over a year and a half.

3 Q And was that at that 3373 address?

4 A Yes, it was.

5 Q Now if you could describe the living
6 arrangements that you three had there.7 A It's a three bedroom townhouse. We each had a
8 bedroom, Raven and I shared a bathroom, Barb had the master
9 suite with the bathroom in there. The common areas
10 downstairs were the kitchen and the living room.

11 Q Do you have a vehicle?

12 A I do.

13 Q What kind?

14 A Ford -- oh goodness, I'm sorry, my brain is
15 gone. It's a 1990 Ford Tempo.

16 Q Okay. Do you still have that car?

17 A I do.

18 Q And during those first couple weeks of January
19 where did you park your vehicle?

20 A In a parking lot at the complex.

21 Q Did that townhouse have a garage?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Did you use the garage?

24 A No.

25 Q Who did?

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1 A Barb has a car parked there, she doesn't drive
2 right now, and Raven used the other space.

3 Q And what type of car did Barb have?

4 A Honestly I don't know what type it is. I've
5 seen it parked there but --

6 Q What color?

7 A It's brown.

8 Q And what about Raven's vehicle?

9 A It's a black, I think it's a Sebring, Chrysler
10 Sebring.

11 Q In regard to Barb --

12 A Convertible.

13 Q In regards to Barb, did she drive that
14 vehicle? \

15 A No.

16 Q And that car remained inside the garage?

17 A Yes, it did.

18 Q And what about Raven, did Raven drive her
19 vehicle?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And did she park it in the garage?

22 A Yes, she did.

23 Q Now going to Saturday, January 13, 2007, were
24 you at home on that particular day?

25 A Yes. It was my day off.

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1 Q If you could describe what you did that
2 morning.

3 A I got up, being my day off I didn't hurry too
4 much, I went out and got, went to a fast food place, picked
5 up some food, drove back home.

6 Q About what time was that?

7 A Eleven, 11:30.

8 Q Now when you left to go pickup your breakfast,
9 do you know who was home at that time if anyone?

10 A I don't know for sure. I didn't get the
11 impression that anyone else was home.

12 Q Now how long were you gone?

13 A About twenty minutes.

14 Q When you left did you go into the garage?

15 A No.

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16 Q Did you often go into the garage?

17 A No.

18 Q Now when you returned was there anyone that
19 was home at that point?

20 A Not that I saw, no. We often pretty much
21 stayed to ourselves in our own rooms so.

22 Q At some point -- well, once you returned what
23 did you do?

24 A I went back up to my room, my day off, I had
25 done a lot the day before so I was just resting, I watched

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1 a couple movies.

2 Q At some point did someone else arrive home?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Who was that?

5 A It was Raven. At the time I didn't know but
6 the garage door opened so I assumed it was her.

7 Q Where is your room in relationship to the
8 garage?

9 A It's directly over the garage.

10 Q Can you hear the garage door when it opens up
11 if you're inside of your room?

12 A Yes.

13 Q How loud is it?

14 A Loud enough to wake me sometimes at night.

15 Q Now when that garage door went up were you
16 awake or were you asleep?

17 A I was awake.

18 Q And you definitely heard the garage door?

19 A Yes.

20 Q At some point did you come out of your room?

21 A About a half an hour later, yes.

22 Q How come?

23 A I went downstairs to get myself a soda.

24 Q Who did you see inside the house if anyone?

25 A I saw Raven and at the time I just knew

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1 someone else was there because they were in the bathroom
2 and the other person was behind that shower wall.

3 Q Did you look inside the bathroom?

4 A Enough to notice that Raven was there, yes.

5 Q Where was Raven?

6 A Raven was standing in front of the sink and
7 the toilet area.

8 Q And you said there was another individual?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Where was that individual?

11 A Seemed to be seated on the toilet.

12 Q Do you know if it was a male or a female?

13 A Because I heard the voice I assumed female.

14 Q Female?

15 A Uh-huh.

16 Q Did you ever get another chance to see that
17 individual?

18 A Yes.

19 Q How did that take place?

20 A On my way back up the stairs they had moved
21 out of the bathroom, the other individual was sitting on
22 the stairs, Raven was standing at the top of the stairs.

23 Q Now did you ever hear any conversation that
24 took place between these two?

25 A The only thing that I remember hearing was, as

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1 I exited my room I heard the women's voice saying, "why
2 does he have to be like that."

3 Q And that was from the other individual that
4 you did not know?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Now if you could, describe Raven's demeanor
7 during that time frame.

8 A She seemed to be concerned. She seemed to be,
9 she seemed to be watching out for the other person.
10 Especially when I came back up the stairs, they were in
11 discussion, this woman seemed to be upset and Raven seemed
12 to be comforting her at the time.

13 Q Could you tell whether or not Raven had
14 anything to drink or was intoxicated or what was her
15 demeanor like?

16 A I believe that she was intoxicated, yes.

17 Q How come?

18 A Body language, tone, she seemed to be slurring
19 her words a little bit.

20 Q What about the other individual?

21 A She also seemed to be intoxicated.

22 Q You said that you went downstairs, got a soda,
23 correct?

24 A Yes.

25 Q When you came back up what did you see?

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1 A Once again she was, the woman was sitting on
2 the stairs, the top two or three stairs, kind of draped
3 across them laying to the side, and Raven was standing at
4 the top of the stairs and they were talking to each other.

5 Q If you could, Mari, describe that other
6 individual that you saw.

7 A Medium height, medium to small build, short
8 blonde hair. I didn't really, my perception of what she
9 was wearing was like club wear or something you'd wear for
10 an evening out at bars or something like that. I just
11 noticed she was wearing black and it seemed kind of frilly.

12 Q White, black or Hispanic?

13 A White.

14 Q What about an age, approximate age?

15 A Approximately forty.

16 Q About how long did you get a chance to look at
17 that other individual?

18 A As long as it took me to get past her on the
19 stairs, two or three seconds.

20 Q Did you have any other contact with that
21 woman?

22 A No.

23 Q What did you do once you passed that woman and
24 Raven on the stairs?

25 A I went back in my room.

15 1 Q And do you know approximately what time that
2 was?

3 A I think it was about 3:30.

4 Q 3:30 in the afternoon?

5 A Yes.

6 Q What did you do?

16 7 A I went back in my room, I had, I think I put
8 another movie in, I was chatting on the internet?

9 Q Did you hear anything else?

10 A Later, about another half an hour to
11 forty-five minutes I heard the garage door open and it
12 closed again and then it opened and closed one more time.

13 Q Did that seem unusual?

14 A Normally it doesn't open and close twice.
15 Normally it opens, there is enough time for the car to get
16 out, and then it closes, or vice versa.

17 Q About what time did you hear the garage door
18 open and close and open and close?

19 A It would have been about four to 4:15.

20 Q Now were you able to hear any of the
21 conversation if there was any between those two individuals
22 after you had gone in your room?

23 A I don't remember any, no.

24 Q Did you hear anything else other than that
25 garage door?

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1 A No, I didn't.

2 Q At some point did you come out of your room?

3 A About six o'clock.

4 Q That same evening?

5 A I went downstairs to fix myself something to
6 eat.

7 Q That same Saturday evening?

8 A Same evening.

9 Q Did you notice if anyone was home?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Who was home?

12 A Raven was home. She was downstairs on the
13 couch.

14 Q What was she doing?

15 A She was watching TV.

16 Q Do you recall what she was wearing?

17 A I believe it was a red negligee I've seen her
18 in before.

19 Q Did you have a conversation with Raven at that
20 time?

21 A Yes, I did.

22 Q What was that about?

23 A She asked me if it wasn't my day off and I
24 replied that, yes, it was my day off, and then she asked me
25 why I was up so early, and I didn't quite get what she was

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1 asking me so I asked her again and she told me that it was
2 six a.m. Of course I replied it's getting dark, it's six
3 p.m., and I headed back into the kitchen to fix my
4 microwave meal.

5 Q Any other conversation that you can recall
6 that you had with Raven that evening?

7 A Well, that particular conversation continued
8 for awhile. She seemed stunned that it was six p.m., she
9 kept asking me if it was six p.m. and I said yes, it was.

10 Q What about her demeanor during that time
11 period?

12 A She still seemed to be inebriated. It was the
13 impression I got especially from the conversation, that's
14 what I was thinking at the time.

15 Q Did you eventually go back into your room?

16 A Yes, I did.

17 Q When is the next time you saw Raven?

18 A I believe the next time I saw her was Tuesday
19 night.

20 Q Is that Tuesday around the 16th?

21 A Yes.

22 Q What type of interaction did you have with
23 Raven on that day?

24 A Well, I had come downstairs to put the garbage
25 out and I saw her sitting on the couch and I asked her how

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1 she was doing and she didn't respond.

2 Q How did she appear?

3 A She appeared -- I don't know what the word
4 really is except that she was very quiet, kind of
5 withdrawn.

6 Q So you didn't have any type of extended
7 conversation with her at that moment?

8 A At that moment, no. I put the garbage into, I
9 pulled the garbage bag out of the garbage can and headed
10 for the front door and then she stopped me and asked me
11 what I was doing, wasn't garbage night or, well, garbage
12 day was Tuesday, not Wednesday, but I replied that it was
13 Wednesday and that everyone else's garbage was out already.

14 Q At some point did you have contact with
15 detectives of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And did you eventually sit down and give them
18 a taped interview?

19 A Yes, I did.

20 Q And did you cooperate with them fully?

21 A Yes, I did.

22 Q Did you tell them everything that you knew?

23 A Yes.

24 MR. HENDRICKS: I have no additional questions
25 if anyone else has any.

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13 Detention Center.

14 Do you understand this admonition?

15 THE WITNESS: I do.

16 THE FOREPERSON: Thank you. You are excused.

17 MR. HENDRICKS: State's next witness is
18 Detective Steven Popp.

19 THE FOREPERSON: Please remain standing and
20 raise your right hand.

21 Do you solemnly swear the testimony you
22 are about to give upon the investigation now pending before
23 this Grand Jury shall be the truth, the whole truth, and
24 nothing but the truth, so help you God?

25 MR. POPP: I do.

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THE FOREPERSON: Please be seated.

You are advised that you are here today to give testimony in an investigation pertaining to the offenses of murder and robbery involving Raven Navajo. Do you understand this advisement?

MR. POPP: Yes.

THE FOREPERSON: Would you please state your first and last name and spell both for the record.

MR. POPP: Stephen Popp. S-t-e-p-h-e-n, P-o-p-p.

THE FOREPERSON: Thank you.

STEPHEN POPP,

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

EXAMINATION

BY MR. HENDRICKS:

Q Good afternoon Detective Popp. How are you?

A Fine. How are you?

Q Good.

How are you employed?

A As a police officer with the Las Vegas

16 1 Metropolitan Police Department.

17 2 Q How long have you been so employed?

3 A Approximately twenty-two years.

4 Q You're not just a police officer, right?

5 A Correct.

6 Q What's your title today?

7 A Currently assigned to homicide as a detective.

8 Q And how long have you been a homicide
9 detective?

10 A Approximately four years.

11 Q Going back -- well, do you have a partner at
12 this time in homicide?

13 A Yes, I do.

14 Q Who is that individual?

15 A Mike Wallace. On this particular event I
16 worked with some different detectives.

17 Q Who are those?

18 A I worked with Detective Laura Anderson and
19 Detective Jeff Rosgen, R-o-s-g-e-n.

20 Q Now in regards to this particular
21 investigation, when were you first notified that you would
22 be involved in this investigation?

23 A At approximately 8:30 in the morning on the
24 19th we met with missing persons detective Tom Marin.

25 Q We're talking about January 19th of 2007,

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1 correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did you have an opportunity to speak with
4 Detective Marin?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Did you eventually respond to 3373 Milenko
7 here in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada?

8 A Yes.

9 Q What was the purpose of going to that
10 residence?

11 A Initially to assist Detective Marin in
12 interviewing a person named Raven Navajo.

13 Q Who was with you when you arrived there?

14 A Myself, Detective Anderson, our sergeant Will
15 Scott, and then the other members of the missing persons
16 squad.

17 Q Did you make contact with Raven Navajo at that
18 residence?

19 A No, I did not.

20 Q Did you make contact with anyone at that
21 residence if you recall?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q Who was that?

24 A Barbara Casey and Mari Rosenberger.

25 Q Did you have an opportunity to speak with them

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1 on that day?

2 A Yes, we did.

3 Q Did you actually tape conversations with both
4 those individuals?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And were you able to determine whether or not
7 those individuals resided at that location?

8 A Yes, we did.

9 Q Now did you at any point go into that
10 residence?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q Was that with the consent of one of those
13 individuals?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Who was that?

16 A Barbara Casey.

17 Q And once you went inside the residence what
18 did you observe if anything?

19 A Just the basic interior of the residence. It
20 wasn't until after we concluded the interview with Barbara
21 that with her permission I looked into the garage area.

22 Q What did you observe once you went inside the
23 garage area?

24 A I noticed what I believed to be a necklace
25 lying on the floor just inside the garage on the concrete

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1 and then various stains that appeared to be apparent blood
2 to me.

3 Q What did you do after you saw those things?

4 A I asked Barbara and Mari to exit the
5 residence, we secured it, and then Sergeant Scott applied
6 for a search warrant.

7 Q Why did you do that?

8 A Based on my experience I believed that it
9 might possibly be a crime scene and to investigate further
10 we wanted to make sure that we did it properly.

11 Q Do you know if there was a search warrant that
12 was eventually obtained?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Were you part of the searching process in
15 regards to that residence?

16 A No. I had already left after the warrant was
17 obtained.

18 Q Now you said that you left that residence that
19 you had thought was a crime scene, correct?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Do you recall where you went, Detective?

22 A To 953 East Sahara, an office of an attorney
23 named Christina DiEdoardo I believe is how you pronounce
24 it.

25 Q What was the purpose of going to that office?

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1 A To meet with Raven Navajo and her attorney
2 Christina DiEdoardo.

3 Q Did you arrive there?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Who were you with?

6 A I was with Detective Anderson.

7 Q Did you get the opportunity to speak with
8 Raven Navajo in regards to that individual?

9 A Yes, we did.

10 MR. HENDRICKS: Yes, please, Mr. Stanton.

11 MR. STANTON: Showing you 4A, Detective.

12 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

13 Q Do you recognize the individual depicted in
14 that photo?

15 A Yes, I do.

16 Q Who is that?

17 A That's Raven Navajo.

18 Q Is that the same individual you met with on
19 January 13th at that East Sahara office?

20 A Yes.

21 Q You said that Raven was with another
22 individual, correct?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And that person indicated to you that she was
25 Raven's attorney, correct?

17 1 A That's correct.

2 Q Now did you have any conversations with Raven
3 prior to meeting with the attorney?

4 A No, I did not.

5 Q Now the conversations that you had with Raven,
6 was the attorney present?

7 A Yes.

18 8 Q How did that take place?

9 A Initially once we arrived at the residence and
10 learned that Raven wasn't there, I asked that the missing
11 persons detectives go to this attorney's office to see if
12 they could locate Raven. One of the missing persons
13 detectives had received a phone call from this attorney
14 stating that if we spoke to Raven she would like to be
15 present and gave an indication that Raven may either be on
16 her way or be at that office, so once they arrived there
17 they confirmed that Raven was there and then my partner and
18 I ended up going over there.

19 Q And when you arrived there was Raven and the
20 attorney already there?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Now were you eventually able to determine
23 whether or not Raven had gone by a different name?

24 A Yes.

25 Q What was that?

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1 A I believe it was Michael Scott Harman.

2 Q Now you said that you sat down and spoke with
3 Raven, correct?

4 A Yes.

5 Q What was the exact setting that that took
6 place in?

7 A It was on the second floor just outside of the
8 attorney's office in what the attorney described as her
9 conference room. It was a large table, it accommodated all
10 of us.

11 Q Now was Raven in custody at that point?

12 A No, she was not.

13 Q Was Raven in handcuffs?

14 A No.

15 Q Was the attorney in handcuffs?

16 A No.

17 Q Did you have guns drawn?

18 A No.

19 Q And you said that you were present, the
20 defense attorney, Raven. Who else was there?

21 A Detective Anderson and the attorney's law
22 clerk. And I don't recall her name off the top of my head.

23 Q And how did that conversation take place?

24 A It was tape recorded from the moment that we
25 began speaking.

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1 Q Were there any breaks in that tape recording?

2 A Yes, there was.

3 Q How come?

4 A Initially when we sat down we were under the
5 impression through the attorney that Raven was ready to
6 speak. As I turned the tape recorder on and began to speak
7 to Raven she said I haven't had a chance to complete my
8 meeting with my attorney. The attorney requested --

9 Q Okay. Let me stop there. You said that Raven
10 said she hadn't had a chance to speak fully with her
11 attorney, correct?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Now did you stop the tape at that point?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 Q Did you provide Miss Navajo the opportunity to
16 speak with her attorney again?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And at some point did you turn the recording
19 back on?

20 A Yes.

21 Q About how long of a break was there if you
22 recall?

23 A I would say less than ten minutes.

24 Q Was there just one break or was there more
25 than one break?

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1 A There was just one break.

2 Q Now once you went back on recording were you
3 able to speak with Miss Navajo?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And was Miss Navajo's attorney still present
6 during that entire time?

7 A Yes.

8 Q All the way until the end of the interview was
9 the attorney present?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Did you take any other breaks if you recall?

12 A No.

13 Q And if you could go ahead and describe for
14 these folks what the content of that conversation was
15 between yourself, the other detective and Miss Navajo.

16 A The conversation was directed at Raven
17 regarding her association with a female that was missing by
18 the name of Brenda, and I'll botch her last name if I try
19 to pronounce it. Raven acknowledged that she knew Brenda
20 and proceeded to explain what happened to Brenda and how
21 she turned up missing. She stated that she was very drunk,
22 was at a bar called Zodie's which is located on East
23 Flamingo.

24 Q Detective, let me stop you there for a minute.

25 A Okay.

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1 Q Could you describe Raven's demeanor at that
2 point during the interview?

3 A I would call it non-emotional, very almost
4 stoic, and at some point during the interview agitated.

5 Q Now when you say that Raven was communicating
6 to you that she was drunk, you're talking about the day in
7 question and not during the interview, correct?

8 A Correct, yes. Sorry. Yes.

9 Q Okay. Just wanted to clairfy that.

10 Now during this interview she Raven had
11 indicated to you that she was drunk?

12 A Correct.

13 Q What else did she say to you in regards to her
14 interaction with Brenda?

15 A That she had met Brenda previously on one or
16 two occasions and knew her as an acquaintance, that
17 particular day had been in the bar prior to Brenda
18 arriving, and that when Brenda arrived they began
19 conversing and that she also noticed that Brenda's
20 boyfriend was sitting at the end of the bar. Brenda had a
21 few conversations with the boyfriend and it appeared to
22 Raven that Brenda and her boyfriend were having some sort
23 of problem, not a physical problem but possibly an
24 argument.

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25 Q Were you able to determine what date that

19 1 Raven was talking about?

2 A Raven indicated that it was to the best of her
3 memory either Friday night/Saturday morning or Saturday
4 night/Sunday morning which I believe would have been
5 somewhere around the 13th of January.

6 Q And Detective, you previously said that Raven
7 had indicated to you that this took place --

8 A At Zodie's Bar.

9 Q Okay. And was there, did you check out to see
10 if there actually was a Zodie's Bar?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Was there a Zodie's Bar?

13 A Yes.

14 Q You said that Raven had indicated that Brenda
15 was having problems with the boyfriend who was actually at
16 the bar; is that correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Did Raven indicate to you whether or not they
19 had left the bar at some point?

20 A Yes, she did.

21 Q Did she also indicate to you anything that
22 took place in the bar prior to Raven and Brenda leaving?

23 A Yes, she said that she gave Brenda
24 approximately \$80 in cash.

25 Q Did Raven say how she had come into having \$80

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1 or --

2 A Yeah. She said that she had won a jackpot in
3 the bar a couple days prior for approximately \$1700.

4 Q Did Raven indicate to you whether or not
5 Brenda had requested that or she just gave it to her?

6 A She said that she just gave it to her. In
7 fact I believe she indicated that Brenda refused to take it
8 at first, she sort of forced it on her by leaving it on the
9 bar.

10 Q Now at some point did Raven and Brenda leave
11 Zodie's?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And did Raven indicate approximately what time
14 that was?

15 A No, I don't believe she recalled.

16 Q But you think it was during that January 13th
17 date based upon what Raven had previously told you?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Did she indicate where they went?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Where was that?

22 A To her residence, 3373 Milenko.

23 Q Approximately how far away is Zodie's from
24 that location you just stated?

25 A It's relatively close. I would say within a

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1 mile or two.

2 Q What did Raven tell you happened once she and
3 Brenda arrived at Raven's home?

4 A They went upstairs to Brenda's, I'm sorry, to
5 Raven's room, Brenda laid on Raven's bed while Raven went
6 into the bathroom. Raven said that when she finished in
7 the bathroom she came out and retrieved her purse, meaning
8 Raven's, from the floor to retrieve the rest of the cash
9 that she had been keeping in there from this jackpot that
10 she won. When she picked up the purse and looked inside
11 she realized it was empty and assumed at that point that
12 Brenda had taken the rest of her money.

13 Q Let me stop you there, Detective. In regards
14 to Brenda, did Raven ever give a physical description of
15 Brenda to you?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What was that if you recall?

18 A I believe she described her as being about
19 five foot seven, a hundred twenty pounds or so.

20 Q Any other descriptors; white, black, Hispanic?

21 A White female with blonde hair.

22 Q Approximate age?

23 A Approximately forty I believe.

24 Q And that all came from Raven, correct?

25 A Correct.

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1 Q Now you had just discussed a purse that Raven
2 owned. Did she describe that purse if you recall?

3 A Yes, she did.

4 Q How so?

5 A By name and by color, and off the top of my
6 head I would be gussing, designer name, and color I believe
7 might have been white, but I'd be guessing.

8 Q And was there also a description of Brenda the
9 victim's purse?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What was that if you recall?

12 A That was a small pink purse.

13 Q Now you previously stated that Raven had
14 picked up her purse, discovered money missing, correct?

15 A Correct.

16 Q What did Raven tell you she did after that?

17 A She confronted Brenda and asked her for her,
18 her being Raven's, money back. At that point Raven stated
19 that Brenda became offended and told her she didn't know
20 anything about any missing money and hadn't taken any.

21 Q What happened next?

22 A Brenda got up to leave the bedroom, walked
23 down the stairs to leave the residence apparently irritated
24 at Raven's accusations.

25 Q And this was all according to Raven, correct?

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20 1 A Raven, correct.

2 Q What else did Raven tell you she did?

3 A She said at this point she was angry, followed
4 Brenda back down the stairs and then right before Brenda
5 reached the front door struck her in the left side of the
6 head with her left fist, meaning with Raven's left fist.

7 Q Struck Brenda?

8 A Struck Brenda in the left side of the head
9 which caused Brenda to fall to her right which would be
10 through a door that leads into the garage. Brenda actually
11 fell through this door into the garage.

12 Q Now Detective, you had been at that residence,
13 correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Were you able to determine where that front
16 door was and where that garage door was?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Were they close to each other?

19 A Very close.

20 Q Did she say, or did Raven say anything else to
21 you in regards to what happened to Brenda after that first
22 strike?

23 A Yes.

24 Q What did she tell you she did?

25 A She said she didn't recall how many times she

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1 struck Brenda, and in her own words said that she went into
2 a rage all because she was upset over this money issue.

3 Q Did Raven tell you where this took place?

4 A Yes, in the garage.

5 Q Did she give you any other details in regards
6 to how many times she struck the victim?

7 A She said she couldn't recall how many times
8 she struck the victim, only that it was multiple.

9 Q Did Raven ever indicate to you whether or not
10 she had checked to see if the victim was still alive?

11 A Yes.

12 Q What did she tell you?

13 A After she finished hitting Brenda she went
14 inside, changed her clothes, put those clothes into her
15 closet, put on a nighty and went downstairs and laid on the
16 couch for approximately four hours. After that four hour
17 period she got up and went into the garage and determined
18 that Brenda was deceased.

19 Q What did she do with Brenda?

20 A She carried her body to the trunk of her, her
21 Raven's vehicle, which was parked in the garage, placed her
22 body in the trunk.

23 Q Do you recall any other significant things
24 that you discussed with Raven in regard to what had
25 happened to Brenda on January 13th?

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1 A Only that she looked inside of this pink purse
2 that belonged to Brenda and claimed to have recovered all
3 of the money she believed was missing that had been taken
4 from her. We then discussed --

5 Q Do you recall approximately how much that was?

6 A She stated approximately \$580.

7 Q Now at some point did you conclude your
8 interview with Raven?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Prior to that conclusion did Raven indicate
11 what she had done with Brenda?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And what was that?

14 A She stated that approximately two days before
15 our interview she had transported her body to a dumpster in
16 the area of Tropicana and Pecos, placed the body in the
17 dumpster and then drove back home.

18 Q Did you go with Raven anywhere after that
19 interview?

20 A Yes, my partner -- excuse me. Raven was
21 actually placed into my partner's vehicle, Detective
22 Anderson, she was, Raven was directing my partner where to
23 go and I was following in my own personal, or my department
24 vehicle.

25 Q Did you eventually end up at a location where

20 1 there was in fact a dumpster?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Where was that if you recall?

4 A I believe the address is 4230 South McCloud.

5 Q And did you get out and observe that dumpster?

6 A Yes.

7 MR. HENDRICKS: 8A.

8 MR. STANTON: 8A.

9 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

10 Q And for the record Mr. Stanton has placed
11 Exhibit 8A up there. If you could describe what is
12 depicted in that picture please.

13 A This is an office building here to the left,
14 it's a Clark County School District building, I think it's
15 assessment union or center or something, and then all the
16 way down this alley, I'm sorry, I have to get up, the
17 dumpster is located all the way down here. This item here
18 is a medium size green dumpster. You have to enter from
19 McCloud here and drive to the east end of the parking lot.

20 Q If you could go ahead and describe what is
21 depicted in Grand Jury Exhibit --

22 MR. STANTON: 8B.

23 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

24 Q -- 8B please, Detective.

25 A That's the dumpster that Raven said she placed

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1 Brenda's body into.

2 Q Before we go any further, how far away is the
3 residence or the crime scene away from this particular
4 location?

5 A I don't have the exact mileage at hand. It's
6 relatively close. Again within a mile or two.

7 Q Now did you go up and observe that dumpster
8 yourself?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Did you observe anything unusual?

11 A I noticed that the dumpster was empty and
12 there was some sort of liquid material on the outside but I
13 couldn't determine if it was, what it was I should say at
14 that point.

15 Q What did it look like to you?

16 A It looked like it could possibly be blood.

17 Q Now did you call the crime scene analyst?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q To take samples of that?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What were you going to get samples for?

22 A Samples for DNA and -- well, actually first of
23 all samples to determine if it was actually blood, and
24 there is a specific test that the CSA conducted to
25 determine that, and then if that's positive then we would

1 1 preserve the blood for DNA.

2 Q And in regards to that particular test, do you
3 know if there was any conclusion or whether or not they
4 discovered whether that blood, or that was in fact blood?

5 A Yes. The CSA conducted a presumptive test and
6 it was positive for blood.

7 Q Now in regards, you mentioned DNA. Have those
8 tests been conducted yet as far as you know?

9 A They're in the process right now. They
10 haven't been completed.

11 Q And you don't know any results in regard to
12 that, correct?

13 A No, I do not.

14 Q Now did you eventually leave that location?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Once you left there where did you go to?

17 A We went back to our office with Raven Navajo
18 which is at Decatur and Oakey.

19 Q Took her to the homicide offices?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What was the purpose of that?

22 A She was under arrest. We were going to
23 prepare paperwork to process her into the Clark County
24 Detention Center.

25 Q Now once you she arrived there, did you guys

1 1 take photos, you being the Metropolitan Police Department
2 2 members, crime scene analysts or whoever, did they take
3 3 photos?

4 A Crime scene analysts were called to our office
5 5 and took photos, yes.

6 MR. STANTON: 4B through 4J.

7 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

8 Q If you could, Detective, look through those
9 9 Grand Jury exhibits briefly and then we'll go through them
10 10 one by one and if you could describe what is depicted in
11 11 each one of those as Mr. Stanton places them on the screen.

12 A Okay.

13 First photo is of Raven Navajo's hands.

14 Q Was there anything on those hands that you can
15 15 recall, anything notable?

16 A Yes, there was what I believed to be apparent
17 17 injuries on both hands, injuries that Raven confirmed were
18 18 from this beating that took place.

19 MR. STANTON: 4C.

20 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure which hand that
21 21 would be. The left hand. And again you can, it's hard to
22 22 tell in the photo, but they're very small injuries. One
23 23 there by the ring finger you can see and there are other
24 24 red marks on the top of the hands primarily.

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1 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

2 Q Now Detective, let me ask you this: This
3 event that Raven had described to you took place on January
4 13th, correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And is this now January 19th, six days
7 later --

8 A Yes.

9 Q -- when you were photographing those injuries?

10 A That's correct.

11 MR. STANTON: 4D and E. 4D.

12 THE WITNESS: 4D would be a photo of Raven's
13 upper right shoulder and there is an apparent injury to the
14 arm just above, or just below the shoulder there.

15 MR. STANTON: 4E.

16 THE WITNESS: That would be another photo
17 of -- that's just a closeup of that particular injury.

18 MR. STANTON: 4F.

19 THE WITNESS: That would be the left forearm
20 of Raven and another injury in the center of the screen or
21 towards the top of the screen.

22 MR. STANTON: 4G.

23 THE WITNESS: Again the left forearm with a
24 apparent injury right above the elbow.

25 MR. STANTON: 4H and 4I.