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CHRIS CROUCH,

having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. HARVEY:

Q. Would you tell the jury what your name is?

A. Deputy Crouch.

Q. And --

A. Chris Crouch.

Q. That was going to be my next question.

Deputy Crouch, how are you currently employed?

A. Harris County Sheriff's Office, patrol.

Q. How long have you been with the sheriff's office on patrol?

A. Five years this August.

Q. Were you working with the sheriff's office on patrol on March 20th of 2011?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. And right around 3:30 in the afternoon, did you make a scene at 12911 New Cypress Drive?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. When you made that scene, did you have occasion to come into contact with the defendant?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. And where was she when you came into contact

1 with her?

2 A. At the time, I believe the front doorstep. She
3 was moving around a lot.

4 Q. Did you -- did you find out whether she had any
5 injuries or any trauma?

6 A. We were trying to assess that when we got
7 there. She was, you know, advising a lot of things that
8 had happened. And we were like: Okay. We've got the
9 ambulance coming, we'll have you see an ambulance, and
10 figure out where we go from there as far as the injuries
11 that she was claiming.

12 Q. What did she advise had happened to her?

13 A. From my report and from what I can recall, she
14 was sexually assaulted with a knife.

15 Q. Did that give you concern that there might be
16 injuries?

17 A. Yes, ma'am.

18 Q. Because you were concerned that she had
19 injuries, did you refer her to EMS?

20 A. Yes, ma'am.

21 Q. Did she make any statements to you with respect
22 to whether or not she wanted to go with EMS?

23 A. She did not want to go.

24 Q. In addition to not wanting to go with EMS, did
25 you do anything to preserve the integrity of the

1 evidence at the scene?

2 A. Yes, ma'am. We bagged her hands to -- that's
3 to later check for gunshot residue on the hands. It's
4 in the protocol for any type of homicide investigation.

5 Q. And how do you do that?

6 A. We bag each hand and then we tape it just to
7 make sure that nothing comes onto the hands to, you
8 know, wipe away the -- any possible evidence.

9 Q. And what kinds of bags do you put on her hands?

10 A. Brown paper bags.

11 Q. How are they secured?

12 A. Meaning?

13 Q. How do you keep them from falling off?

14 A. We tape them. We use just usually plastic
15 tape.

16 Q. And when you put those bags on her hands, did
17 you notice anything about her arms?

18 A. Yeah. I noticed superficial cuts to her
19 wrists.

20 Q. I am approaching you and showing you what has
21 been marked as State's Exhibit 8. Is that a fair and
22 accurate representation of what you saw on March 20th,
23 2011 (indicating)?

24 A. Yes, ma'am.

25 MS. HARVEY: State offers State's Exhibit 8

1 and tenders to opposing counsel.

2 **(State's Exhibit No. 8 Offered)**

3 MR. VARELA: No objection to 8.

4 THE COURT: 8 is admitted.

5 **(State's Exhibit No. 8 Admitted)**

6 Q. (By Ms. Harvey) Can you describe for us what
7 you saw on her arms?

8 A. What you see there is -- when I describe
9 superficial, meaning it's not too deep and it's also in
10 the range of -- I guess at an angle. And so, that's
11 what I noticed when I was putting the bags on her, on
12 her hands.

13 MS. HARVEY: Pass the witness.

14 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

15 **BY MR. VARELA:**

16 Q. Deputy Crouch, you were a patrol officer -- or
17 are a patrol officer how long?

18 A. Five years this August, sir.

19 Q. Sometimes you run across people that have
20 suffered traumatic events, correct?

21 A. Traumatic events?

22 Q. Yes, sir.

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Those people are typically not at their best
25 when they're relating those events immediately

1 thereafter, are they?

2 A. Not always.

3 Q. Okay. People get irrational, don't they?

4 A. It can happen.

5 Q. Sometimes they get hysterical?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And sometimes they're strangely calm, right?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. You get a whole spectrum of reactions of people
10 to traumatic sudden events, right?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Okay. In this situation, she indicated that
13 she did not want to go to the hospital immediately,
14 right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Did she express any reason why she didn't want
17 to do that?

18 A. She didn't say. She said: I just don't want
19 to go.

20 Q. She may have not fully known how bad she's
21 hurt, right?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. She may wanted to stay with her husband to see
24 how he was doing?

25 A. It's possible.

1 Q. She just didn't say, correct?

2 A. I don't -- it happened so long ago, I don't
3 recall the exact words of what was said.

4 Q. Okay.

5 MR. VARELA: Pass the witness.

6 THE COURT: Anything further?

7 MS. HARVEY: No further questions, Judge.

8 THE COURT: May this witness be excused?

9 MS. HARVEY: Yes, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: You may step down, sir. You're
11 excused.

12 Call your next witness.

13 MS. HARVEY: State calls Lisa Scanlin.

14 THE COURT: You may proceed.

15 MS. HARVEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 **LISA SCANLIN,**

17 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

18 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

19 **BY MS. HARVEY:**

20 Q. Would you tell the jury what your name is?

21 A. Lisa Scanlin.

22 Q. And, Ms. Scanlin, how are you employed?

23 A. Cy-Fair ISD and we have a business, an
24 air-conditioning business.

25 Q. And when you say "we," who are you referring