

1 (Witness sworn)

2 THE COURT: You may proceed.

3 **KRIKOR HEKIMIAN,**

4 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

5 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

6 **BY MR. BREWER:**

7 Q. Sergeant, please introduce yourself by stating
8 your first and last name to the ladies and gentlemen of
9 the jury.

10 A. It's Krikor Hekimian.

11 Q. Spell your first name.

12 A. K-r-i-k-o-r.

13 Q. And spell your last name.

14 A. H-e-k-i-m-i-a-n.

15 Q. Both interesting names. What origins?

16 A. Armenian.

17 Q. Armenian.

18 Sergeant -- if you don't mind, I'll stick
19 to that.

20 A. That's fine.

21 Q. You're in uniform. You're with the Houston
22 Police Department, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How long have you worked for HPD?

25 A. Nineteen years.

1 Q. Was there a life before HPD at all?

2 A. College, work.

3 Q. Where did you go to college?

4 A. Sam Houston State.

5 Q. Are you a local hometown-grown boy?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. Nineteen years with Houston Police
8 Department. We can see from the stripes on your
9 shoulder you're a sergeant. Tell us about your
10 assignments. What are your responsibilities briefly as
11 a sergeant?

12 A. I'm a supervisor of tactical units for the
13 midwest division. That covers the Galleria area all the
14 way down to Gessner around to I-10, south of 59, and
15 back around 610.

16 Q. Fair to say it's a very busy part of town?

17 A. Very busy.

18 Q. You said you supervise a tactical unit. What
19 is a tactical unit?

20 A. Each station has tactical units. We do sting
21 operations. Several of my guys work plainclothes and we
22 we'll set up in mall parking lots looking for people
23 breaking into cars. We do follow-up investigations. We
24 work a lot of different divisions, a lot of different
25 agencies, a lot of proactive work. We do narcotics.

1 We'll set up and try to catch the dope dealers.

2 Q. Okay. Let me stop you and ask you a question.
3 Do you have marked units in your group?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And when I say marked units, I should say a
6 marked police car with lights on top?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do some of your officers -- you mentioned
9 plainclothes. Do some of your officers drive unmarked
10 cars?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. In terms of being -- in terms of being a --
13 what did you call it, tactical unit?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Are you able to kind of focus your efforts
16 depending on what crimes you need to work on in your
17 area as opposed to having your guys drive around and see
18 what is --

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Sometimes you focus on narcotics, sometimes
21 burglary, whatever needs to be worked?

22 A. And warrants. We serve a lot of warrants.

23 Q. What do you mean by serve warrants?

24 A. We have a crime analysis that obtains the
25 warrants and we execute them. Basically, go out and

1 look for the people.

2 Q. If there is a warrant for someone's arrest --
3 is that the kind of warrant you're talking about?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. If there is a warrant for somebody's arrest in
6 your area, perhaps where they're found or where they're
7 thought to be living, you might go to the house and try
8 to arrest that person?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. How long have you been doing that?

11 A. Pretty much the 19 years.

12 Q. Wow. Okay. The whole 19 years with the tact
13 unit?

14 A. As an officer, I was with tact.

15 Q. How many people do you supervise?

16 A. Eleven.

17 Q. I want to take you -- now I want to take you to
18 March 2nd of 2011. Were you on duty that day?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What shift or what times do you work?

21 A. We usually work 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

22 Q. Did you receive information -- yes or no, did
23 you receive information about a defendant that had an
24 open warrant?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Do you recall the defendant's name?

2 A. Not offhand.

3 Q. Do you mind if I approach?

4 A. Yes.

5 MR. BREWER: May I approach the witness,
6 Your Honor?

7 THE COURT: You may.

8 Q. (By Mr. Brewer) Take a look at this report and
9 see if it refreshes your memory (indicating).

10 A. Yes. It was LaJuan Bailey.

11 Q. All right. So, you received some information
12 about that person and possibly --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. At some point, did you inform some of your
15 officers to keep an eye out for a particular type of
16 vehicle?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Was that vehicle spotted at some point?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Remind us of the date here.

21 A. The time of day?

22 Q. The date, remind us of the date we're talking
23 about.

24 A. March 2nd, 2011.

25 Q. Which year?

1 A. 2011.

2 Q. Do you recall which one of your units spotted a
3 particular car you were looking for?

4 A. Yes. That was Steve Matus.

5 Q. What kind of car was it?

6 A. I believe it was a red Toyota.

7 Q. And what did you do from that point on? What
8 happened?

9 A. After Steve saw the vehicle, pulled into a
10 parking lot and drove around, it exited the parking lot,
11 got out on West Hiram, went eastbound to the Loop, made
12 a right turn heading southbound on the feeder. That's
13 when I came in.

14 Q. He spotted her, so he had a picture of her?

15 A. I'm sorry?

16 Q. That's okay. Let's slow down.

17 After you received the information -- after
18 you receive information like that, sometimes do y'all
19 pull up pictures so you kind of know who you're looking
20 for?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Is that possible to do in your car?

23 A. Not in the car -- well, I've got people in the
24 station to do it, but, yeah, it is possible in our car
25 if they've been handled by us before. If they're in our

1 database, we can pull it up in our car. I'm not sure if
2 that happened or we got the picture somewhere.

3 Q. One way or the other, you had a picture of
4 LaJuan Bailey?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You were on the lookout for her?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Were you in a marked car or unmarked car?

9 A. I was in a marked unit.

10 Q. You said Matusé -- is that M-a-t-u-s-e?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. You said Matusé actually saw the vehicle. Was
13 Matusé in a marked car or unmarked?

14 A. No. He was in an unmarked.

15 Q. He doesn't look like a cop?

16 A. No.

17 Q. At some point -- you told us how the car went
18 there in the Galleria area. At some point, were you
19 called or was someone called to get behind the car?

20 A. Yes, I was.

21 Q. What happened then?

22 A. After he said he positively identified her
23 being the passenger in the vehicle, he told me where
24 they were heading, he was following them, and I got in
25 behind and pulled her over.

1 Q. And how many people were in the vehicle, if you
2 recall?

3 A. Two.

4 Q. Was the person you were interested in, LaJuan
5 Bailey, in the vehicle?

6 A. Yes. She was in the front passenger seat.

7 Q. And what did you do at that point?

8 A. Approached her vehicle, got her out, placed her
9 in custody, walked her to the back of my car, and put
10 her in the back seat.

11 Q. Anything remarkable happen?

12 A. No.

13 Q. After you arrest somebody -- did you confirm
14 that the warrants were open for the defendant before you
15 pulled over the car or after you get her in custody?

16 A. No. You confirm before.

17 Q. When you received the initial information, did
18 you confirm the defendant had open warrants?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. All right. After you got her in custody and
21 placed her in the back of the car, where did you take
22 her?

23 A. I believe I took her -- well, I gave her to one
24 of my officers to take her to jail. She went to jail.

25 Q. Passed her off to another car, took her jail.

1 Anything remarkable about the arrest that
2 you can recall?

3 A. No.

4 MR. BREWER: Pass the witness.

5 MR. SASSER: No questions of this witness.

6 THE COURT: You may step down.

7 MR. BREWER: May the witness be released,
8 Judge?

9 MR. SASSER: I'm sorry?

10 THE COURT: Any objection to the witness
11 being excused?

12 MR. SASSER: No, sir. No objection.

13 THE COURT: Have a good day.

14 Well, it's the witching hour. I made it a
15 practice years ago never to work people past
16 5:00 o'clock. I understand the other witness is going
17 to take a little bit longer. I'm going to go ahead and
18 excuse you to go home right now and ask you to be
19 careful going home. The weather is getting kind of bad.
20 So, I will excuse you at this time to go home. And I'm
21 going to ask you to come back tomorrow. Instead of
22 coming back at 9:00 or 9:30, I'd ask you to come back at
23 10:00 o'clock in the morning. At 10:00 o'clock in the
24 morning we will resume the testimony.

25 Thank you. Remember my admonishments. Do