

1 are free to go.

2 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.

3 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

4 Go ahead and call your next.

5 MS. MAGNESS: State calls Officer
6 Lujan.

7 THE COURT: Come up, sir.

8 THE BAILIFF: The witness has been
9 sworn, Judge.

10 THE COURT: All right. Have a
11 seat, please.

12 You may proceed.

13 MS. MAGNESS: Thank you.

14 **R. LUJAN,**

15 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

16 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

17 **BY MS. MAGNESS:**

18 Q. Good morning.

19 A. Good morning.

20 Q. And could you introduce yourself to our
21 jury, please?

22 A. I'm Officer Lujan with the Houston
23 Police Department, Homicide Division.

24 Q. How long have you worked for the Houston
25 Police Department?

1 A. Eleven years.

2 Q. Are you a certified peace officer?

3 A. Yes, sir -- yes, ma'am.

4 Q. How long in the Homicide Division?

5 A. Since 2010.

6 Q. And what are your duties as a Homicide
7 investigator?

8 A. In 2007 I was in Investigations. It's a
9 new program that the Houston Police Department had
10 at that time. It's called Investigative First
11 Responder. And before that I was at our jail for a
12 year and a half. And before that I did patrol.

13 Q. So how long within the Homicide
14 Division?

15 A. Since 2010.

16 Q. Since 2010. Okay. And on November 2nd
17 of 2011, where were you assigned?

18 A. I was on night shift Homicide.

19 Q. And did you work by yourself or did you
20 work with a partner?

21 A. I worked with a partner -- or, well, on
22 night shift, it's a little different. We have a
23 partner, but whoever's available, that's who our
24 partner is at that time.

25 Q. And what are the hours for the night

1 shift assignment?

2 A. My hours were 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

3 Q. How were you notified that you needed to
4 assist in the investigation of this case?

5 A. Through Sergeant Bridges who was working
6 the Homicide hold desk. He's the sergeant that
7 answers the phone and when the call came in, he
8 informed me that there was a case that needed to be
9 investigated, that day shift had already --
10 investigators had been called out and that they were
11 asking for assistance.

12 Q. So the assignment basically was you were
13 just up next in the rotation or was it --

14 A. I just volunteered. They just asked if
15 anybody wanted to go, and I volunteered.

16 Q. Where did you go to?

17 A. I went to -- to the scene which was at
18 5430 Madden Lane.

19 Q. And when you arrived there, who did you
20 talk to?

21 A. I talked to -- at the time it was
22 Investigator French and Sergeant Meeler.

23 Q. And did they basically give you a
24 debriefing of what had happened?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 Q. And while you were there, did you make
2 contact with a civilian?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And who did you make contact with?

5 A. It was -- I was told he was the owner of
6 the Domino's Pizza.

7 Q. Did you document in your offense report
8 that individual's name?

9 A. Yes, ma'am. I don't know if I'm going
10 to pronounce it right, but it was Mr. Abdelmotal.

11 Q. When you met with Mr. Abdelmotal, did
12 the two of you go to another location?

13 A. Yes, ma'am. I drove and he was the
14 passenger. He took me over to the Domino's Pizza
15 restaurant where -- I guess where they make the
16 pizza.

17 Q. Okay. So it's the actual storefront of
18 the Domino's?

19 A. The actual store, yes, ma'am.

20 Q. And where was that located?

21 A. That was at 9428 Cullen Boulevard, Suite
22 C.

23 Q. And can you give us an idea just in
24 terms of proximity, how long did take you to get
25 there?

1 A. I think, like, five minutes.

2 Q. Okay. So relatively close?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And what was the purpose for the two of
5 you going to the storefront, the actual physical
6 location of Domino's?

7 A. Sergeant Meeler, when he was out at the
8 scene, he had asked if I could -- if I could escort
9 Mr. Abdelmotal to the Domino's Pizza because he may
10 have a record of the complainant's route, his pizza
11 route, and so we were going there to see if we could
12 get that.

13 Q. And when you arrived at the store, did
14 the owner pull up information relevant to the
15 complainant's delivery route?

16 A. Yes, ma'am.

17 Q. And were you able to view that?

18 A. Yes, ma'am.

19 Q. Did -- did he provide any type of
20 document that recorded the specific order that the
21 complainant was delivering?

22 A. Yes, ma'am. He had -- he got onto the
23 computer there at the Domino's Pizza and he was --
24 he printed, I think it was, a single page of the
25 complainant's last delivery.

1 Q. Okay. So a delivery summary basically?

2 A. Yes, ma'am.

3 Q. Okay. Did you view that document?

4 A. Yes, ma'am.

5 Q. And after viewing that document, at some
6 point did you write a supplement report?

7 A. Yes, ma'am.

8 Q. And did you record in your supplement
9 report the information that was noted on that
10 document?

11 A. Yes, ma'am, I did.

12 Q. And just in terms of the information
13 that is provided in that summary, did it -- did the
14 system record the phone number placing the pizza
15 order?

16 A. Yes, ma'am, it had -- it had a location
17 and a phone number.

18 Q. Okay. When you say location, are you
19 saying a location as to where the delivery should be
20 made to?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. Okay. So the system records the phone
23 number calling in the pizza order and where it's to
24 be delivered?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 Q. Okay. And do you know whether or not it
2 provided a time that the order was called in?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And did you note that time in your
5 report?

6 A. Yes, ma'am.

7 Q. And what time was that?

8 A. It -- it actually has, like, the order
9 number --

10 Q. Uh-huh.

11 A. -- the phone number, the customer, the
12 address, the order time, the order date; and the
13 order time was 10:49 p.m.

14 Q. Okay. Backing up, you said it provides
15 the customer. And you may not know this and it's
16 okay if you don't. Does the -- does the system list
17 the customer name based on the phone number or is it
18 a name provided by the person calling in the order?

19 A. That, I don't know.

20 Q. Okay. All right. Once you obtained
21 that information, what did you do with it?

22 A. We -- while I was -- while I was there
23 getting this information, the owner had said that
24 pizza deliveries were -- drivers were trained on
25 asking certain questions. They call the number

1 that's listed. They call the number and they ask
2 questions like what type of vehicles are in the
3 driveway and is the porch light on. And once we --
4 once we got the report, we went back to the scene
5 and that's when I gave the report to Sergeant
6 Meeler.

7 Q. Okay. So the owner had indicated that
8 that's their protocol; but do you know whether or
9 not the complainant in this case, Phillip Little,
10 actually made that phone call?

11 A. No, ma'am, I don't know.

12 Q. Okay. After providing that information
13 to Sergeant Meeler, did you do anything else in
14 terms of investigation in this case?

15 A. I think that was it. That's all I did.

16 MS. MAGNESS: I'll pass the
17 witness.

18 MR. CORNELIUS: No questions.

19 THE COURT: May this witness be
20 excused?

21 MS. MAGNESS: Yes, sir.

22 MR. CORNELIUS: Yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: You're excused,
24 Officer. Thank you.

25 Does anybody need a break? Y'all

1 do?

2 All right. We'll take a quick
3 break.

4 THE BAILIFF: All rise for the
5 jury.

6 (*Jury retired.*)

7 (*Brief recess.*)

8 THE BAILIFF: All rise for the
9 jury.

10 (*Jury seated.*)

11 THE COURT: Y'all may be seated.
12 State, call your next.

13 MS. MAGNESS: State calls Claudia
14 Williams. She has not been sworn, Judge.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

16 THE BAILIFF: Claudia Williams?

17 MS. MAGNESS: Yes.

18 (*Brief pause.*)

19 THE COURT: Come on up, ma'am.
20 Please raise your right hand.

21 (*Witness sworn.*)

22 THE COURT: Have a seat, please.
23 You may proceed.

24 **CLAUDIA WILLIAMS,**

25 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows: