

1 at this time?

2 MR. HICKS: No.

3 THE COURT: All right. Well, perhaps we can get a  
4 few minutes in on the testimony of the state's first  
5 witness.

6 Whom would you like to call?

7 MS. RANSOM: State will call FBI Agent J Allen.

8 THE COURT: All right. Agent Allen, please come  
9 forward. The clerk will administer the oath or affirmation.

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11 AGENT J ALLEN

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

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15 THE COURT: Take the witness, please, sir.

16 Agent Allen, I would like to make sure we can all  
17 hear your answers when you give them. So when you answer  
18 please speak into the microphone. You can move it around  
19 and move it closer if you need to.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: Ms. Ransom, you may proceed.

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23 EXAMINATION

24 BY MS. RANSOM:

25 Q Good afternoon.

1 A Good afternoon.

2 Q Can you please state and spell your name for the  
3 benefit of the court reporter.

4 A Yes. My name is J Corey Allen. Last name is  
5 spelled A-L-L-E-N.

6 Q And J is just J, standing alone?

7 A It's a one-letter first name.

8 Q And where do you work?

9 A I work for the Federal Bureau of Investigations in  
10 Sierra Vista, Arizona.

11 Q And how long have you been an agent?

12 A Just over three years.

13 Q Have you -- were you involved in the investigation  
14 of Leizza Adams in 2017?

15 A Yes, I was.

16 Q What prompted your investigation?

17 A The investigation with our office was triggered  
18 when Homeland Security Investigations brought us a video  
19 that included child sexual exploitation.

20 Q And what -- and how did you end up at, to meet  
21 Mrs. Adams as a result of that video?

22 A So the video was brought to us. And prior to that  
23 point, um, the video, the video included just a second or  
24 two of the face of the offender. The -- we were able to  
25 narrow down -- we were able to make a list of potential

1 subjects. And pretty quickly the main subject, the main  
2 suspect, was Paul Adams.

3 Q All right. And were you involved from the outset  
4 of notice of this video?

5 A I was, yes.

6 Q Okay. Were you moving quickly on this case?

7 A We were.

8 Q Why?

9 A We were moving quickly because in the video the  
10 video contained images of a minor female, nine, 10, maybe 11  
11 years old, um, who was being molested by an adult male. In  
12 the video the, the young girl referred to the offender as  
13 daddy. Also with her mannerisms it seemed she knew the  
14 offender, so we thought this was an incest situation. And  
15 we expected that the child was probably still in custody of  
16 the offender.

17 Q And you said there was a suspect, Paul Adams. Did  
18 you have any way to track down Paul Adams?

19 A Yes. We ran some database checks on Paul Adams,  
20 determined that he was a federal employee. And we were able  
21 to find an address for him in a federal database.

22 Q Did you secure a search warrant?

23 A We obtained the search warrant on February 8th,  
24 2018, and searched his residence.

25 Q Is that the same date you reviewed the video?

1           A     Agent Sines (phonetic), Homeland Security  
2     Investigations, brought us the video on February 7th, the  
3     day before. And I don't recall if I viewed the video on the  
4     7th or the 8th.

5           Q     Okay. What was going to be searched in the search  
6     warrant? What sort of physical location?

7           A     It was the entire residence.

8           Q     All right. And it was a family residence?

9           A     It was.

10          Q     Where is it located?

11          A     Just outside of Bisbee.

12          Q     And why were you searching the family residence?

13          A     The video, um, the video included, the video was  
14     filmed inside a structure. Based on the, um, the, the  
15     bedding, the environment, the room, it looked like it was  
16     filmed inside of a residence. Couldn't tell exactly what  
17     kind of room it was, but it looked like it was a family  
18     residence.

19          Q     Was a team assembled to execute on the search  
20     warrant?

21          A     There was.

22          Q     Were roles assigned before execution?

23          A     Yes, ma'am.

24          Q     What did you do?

25          A     I was assigned to interview Ms. Adams.

1 Q And so what did you understand about the residence  
2 and the suspect before you executed the search warrant? You  
3 obviously knew you were going to be interviewing a wife.

4 A Correct.

5 Q Okay.

6 A So we understood that, that our suspect worked for  
7 Border Patrol. We understood that there were multiple  
8 children in the house. Um, and we suspected that the abuse  
9 occurred, that we had at least one confirmed victim, and the  
10 abuse probably occurred inside the house. We also knew that  
11 the abuse had been recorded and that it had been  
12 distributed.

13 Q And did, did you know Leizza Adams, the woman you  
14 were about to interview?

15 A I did not.

16 Q Did you go with the team to execute the search  
17 warrant?

18 A I did.

19 Q So you were among the first to arrive on scene?

20 A I was.

21 Q Was anyone at the house when you arrived?

22 A Yes. Paul Adams was not at home. But Mrs. Adams  
23 and her children were.

24 Q Do you know if -- what -- how many children are in  
25 the Adams household?

1 A They have six children; two girls, four boys.

2 Q Do you know if all of them were present?

3 A I believe they were. I believe all six children  
4 were home.

5 Q Okay. And as we proceed forward, just for  
6 privacy, I want to refer to the oldest girl as M-1 and the  
7 youngest girl as M-2.

8 A I understand.

9 Q All right. Do you know how old M-1 was at the  
10 time you executed the search warrant?

11 A She was 12 years old.

12 Q Okay. Do you know how old M-2 was at the time you  
13 executed the search warrant?

14 A Not exactly. M-2 was young, guessing between zero  
15 and 18 months.

16 Q Did you know the date that the video at issue had  
17 been made at the time you executed the search warrant?

18 A The video's produced sometime in January of 2015.

19 Q The victim in the video, could you tell from  
20 looking at it her approximate age?

21 A She appeared to be nine, 10, maybe 11 years old.

22 Q And you're executing in February of 2018?

23 A The warrant was executed on February 8th, 2017.

24 Q So two, three years after it was produced? Three  
25 years?

1           A     Two years.

2           Q     Two years.  Excuse me.  I'm terrible at math.  
3     That's why I'm a lawyer.

4           THE COURT:  Well, let's stop here.  I've been  
5     handed a note that the grand jury has completed its work for  
6     today.  So I'll go take their returns.

7           Also I mentioned that 3:00 hearing that I have  
8     here should be about five minutes.  But let's say we'll  
9     start up again here in this courtroom at, let's say 3:15  
10    just to allow for any problems.

11          So, Agent Allen, you can go ahead and step down,  
12    temporarily at least.  And we'll be at recess until 3:15.  
13    Thank you.

14          (A recess is taken.  Thereafter, proceedings  
15    resume in open court as follows.)

16          THE COURT:  All right.  Back on the record with  
17    State of Arizona against Leizza Adams, case number  
18    CR201700425.  The record may show that Ms. Adams is present,  
19    both the attorneys are here.  Detective Borquez is here.  
20    And the GAL and CASA for the children remain here.  And  
21    Agent Allen is on the witness stand.

22          You are still under oath, sir.

23          Ms. Ransom, you may proceed.

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EXAMINATION CONTINUES

1 BY MS. RANSOM:

2 Q Agent Allen, were you able to speak with the  
3 defendant, Leizza Adams, on February 8th when the search  
4 warrant was executed?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q About what time did the interview with her start?

7 MR. HICKS: May I interrupt just briefly, your  
8 Honor?

9 THE COURT: Yes.

10 MR. HICKS: During the break I was advised that  
11 people in the back couldn't hear the officer testify. And I  
12 was having trouble too. I just didn't want to interrupt.

13 THE COURT: All right. So, Agent, if you would be  
14 so kind as to make a concerted effort to speak into the  
15 microphone. It might help if you pull it a bit towards you.  
16 And let's hope that takes care of it.

17 Go ahead.

18 BY MS. RANSOM:

19 Q About what time did you begin the interview with  
20 the defendant?

21 A Interview started at approximately 6:30 in the  
22 evening

23 Q And was that right when officers arrived?

24 A No. The officers arrived, oh, some amount of time  
25 before that. There was, there's a period of time when we

1 make contact with the defendant and the other people in the  
2 house, kind of explain what was going on, had her come out.  
3 So there was a short delay before the interviews began.

4 Q Between ten to 15 minutes.

5 A Fifteen to 20 minutes maybe.

6 Q All right. And you said you kind of explained why  
7 you were there. Did you tell the defendant why you wanted  
8 to interview her?

9 A At first I was kind of vague, explained that we  
10 were there serving a search warrant and it was regarding her  
11 husband.

12 Q Did you ask her if she had any idea as to why  
13 agents were present?

14 A I did.

15 Q And what did she say?

16 A She said that she, she guessed that it was because  
17 of an incident that Paul had had at work sometime earlier.

18 Q Did you correct her and provide her any additional  
19 detail before commencing the interview?

20 A Yes. I told her that that's not why we were  
21 there. Um, and we began talking about, um, we began talking  
22 about kind of background things; um, you know, her name,  
23 number of children, that sort of thing. And the interview  
24 progressed to technology, devices in the home. And then we  
25 also discussed pornography and Paul's pornography use.

1           Q     All right.  And at that point did defendant know  
2 that you were there due to child pornography allegations?

3           A     I eventually told her that, yes.

4           Q     Okay.  How did she react?

5           A     She speculated that the child pornography was Paul  
6 recording their sons before bath time.  And before bath time  
7 they would, they would be naked and running around the  
8 house; and she thought perhaps Paul had recorded that.  And  
9 I explained that that wasn't why we were there.  And she  
10 said, well, maybe it's because, um, there was, about a week  
11 ago, where M-1 had been changing her clothes, and Paul  
12 recorded that.

13          Q     And did she -- so she knew about an instance of  
14 Paul Adams recording M-1 changing?

15          A     She did.

16          Q     Did she -- did you ask her if she had reported  
17 that incident?

18          A     We talked about that incident a little bit.  She  
19 had not reported -- or she did not think that she had  
20 reported it to anybody.  She said that, um, Paul initially  
21 was recording her surreptitiously and that when M-1 became  
22 aware of it, M-1 went to the defendant, told her what Paul  
23 was doing, and that the defendant went to Paul, yelled at  
24 him, told him not to do that, and made him erase the  
25 recording off his phone.

1           Q     So Ms -- defendant was aware that Mr. Adams had  
2 been not only doing it once, recording M-1, but he had been  
3 surreptitiously recording her getting changed as well?

4           A     Well, the incident she described was just one  
5 incident about a week before we served the warrant.

6           Q     Okay. But you had mentioned something about  
7 surreptitious recording?

8           A     The surreptitious recording was that incident  
9 where he started recording her and she didn't realize it,  
10 M-1 didn't realize that she was being recorded while she was  
11 changing clothes.

12          Q     Okay. But Mrs. Adams didn't call authorities, to  
13 your knowledge, about that incident?

14          A     Correct.

15          Q     Instead she made sure that the evidence was  
16 destroyed?

17          A     Correct.

18          Q     At some point during the interview did you give  
19 more detail to the defendant about the nature of the child  
20 pornography you were investigating?

21          A     Yes. So, um, we took a break during the  
22 interview. And during the break I -- so during this  
23 interview other agents were interviewing Paul Adams. During  
24 the break I spoke with those other agents. And they advised  
25 me that Paul had admitted to them that he had molested both

1 M-1 and M-2. So after the break I went back to Mrs. Adams  
2 and told her this, that Paul had molested their two  
3 daughters.

4 Q And do you recall her having any reaction to that  
5 information?

6 A Yeah. She did react. Um, she, she kind of got  
7 quiet and turned to the side, and I think started crying, or  
8 I think there was a tear.

9 Q Okay. Did she appear surprised?

10 A No, she didn't appear surprised. Um, I asked her  
11 how, how she was reacting. And she said that she, um, she  
12 was not surprised, she was upset but not surprised.

13 Q About -- that's a quote, to the best of your  
14 recollection?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you ask her why she was not surprised?

17 A I did.

18 Q Okay.

19 A I did. And she said because Paul was weird. I  
20 believe weird was the term that she used. And I asked her  
21 what she meant by that. And she said that, um, she said  
22 that he would, he would walk around the house in just  
23 underwear, or naked. And then she also referred to how much  
24 he viewed pornography.

25 Q And did she know what kind of porn Paul Adams

1 watched? She said he viewed pornography?

2 A Yes, we discussed that. She, she said he watched  
3 all kinds of pornography. And I clarified, asked her a  
4 follow-up question, whether he watched child pornography.  
5 And she said she had never seen him watch child pornography.

6 Q Okay. Did she know how Paul Adams received his  
7 pornographic images or his videos?

8 A We discussed Paul's use of pornography. She said  
9 that typically he would sit on the couch in their living  
10 room after the kids had been put to bed, that while sitting  
11 on the couch he would have a laptop and view pornography on  
12 the laptop.

13 Q And were the kids around?

14 A When he was viewing pornography?

15 Q Yes.

16 A She said that he would make an effort to shield  
17 his pornography use from the kids, that he would wait,  
18 typically he would wait until after they were put to bed;  
19 but that sometimes the kids would get up after being put to  
20 bed, get a drink of water or something like that, and they  
21 would see him viewing pornography.

22 Q All right. You said you discussed electronic  
23 devices with Mrs. Adams. Did you talk about her -- Paul  
24 Adams' use of electronic devices with respect to porn?

25 A Yes.

1 Q What did she say about that?

2 A We discussed the number of devices that they had.  
3 They had several tablets, a couple of, a couple of phones,  
4 Smartphones.

5 Q Did she have any understanding of whether Paul  
6 Adams had pornography on his cell phone?

7 A We discussed the cell phones. She said that she  
8 did not know if he had pornography on his cell phone. She  
9 said that the phones were, um, were linked, they were linked  
10 to a Google account and that she would, she would receive  
11 notifications from the Google service when Paul uploaded  
12 files to their Google account or to their cloud or to the  
13 internet. I asked her if she knew what was being uploaded,  
14 and she said that she didn't. She said that she would get  
15 the notification, a particular notification, and never go  
16 into the phone or check on what was being uploaded.

17 Q Are you familiar with a Google shared account at  
18 all?

19 A Not very.

20 Q Okay. Aside from the porn and Mr. Adams walking  
21 around naked or just in underwear in the household, did she  
22 identify any other things with respect to her comment on him  
23 being weird?

24 A So when, when she's making the comment about him  
25 being weird and, um, why she wasn't surprised, she also made

1 the comment that one of the reasons she wasn't surprised  
2 that he had molested the kids was that, um, she knew that's  
3 what porn did to people.

4 Q All right.

5 A I think is what she said.

6 MR. HICKS: I'm sorry. I didn't hear the last  
7 answer.

8 THE COURT: The last answer. I heard it. But  
9 would you repeat it, please. And as I mentioned before,  
10 make an effort to ensure that everyone else can hear what  
11 you have to say.

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honor. She said that, in  
13 response to me asking why she wasn't surprised, she said  
14 that that's what porn does to people.

15 BY MS. RANSOM:

16 Q Were you in the courtroom when the prior witness  
17 was kind of talking about Paul Adams' ex-communication?

18 A I was.

19 Q Did the defendant talk to you about Paul Adams'  
20 ex-communication from the church?

21 A She did.

22 Q And what did she tell you?

23 A She told me that Paul had been ex-communicated  
24 because, because he had sex with his mother.

25 Q Do you know how that conversation came up?

1 A Which conversation?

2 Q Sorry. Do you know how that information came up,  
3 why she -- what question prompted her to tell you that?

4 A I don't recall.

5 Q Okay. But she knew that, and she didn't look at a  
6 journal before telling you?

7 A No. She knew that right off the top of her head.

8 Q Okay. And did you ever ask the defendant directly  
9 if she knew what was happening to her girls?

10 A Yes, I did.

11 Q And what did she say?

12 A I asked her if she, um, if she knew that M-1 and  
13 M-2 had been molested. And she said no.

14 Q She didn't go off on a tangent and talk about a  
15 field trip or something?

16 A No. It was a pretty direct answer.

17 Q All right. Did you ask her if she suspected  
18 anything about molestation in the household?

19 A Immediately after that answer I asked her if she  
20 suspected that her two daughters might have been molested.  
21 And again she said no.

22 Q Okay. And was this a direct answer?

23 A Pretty direct.

24 Q How long did this interview last?

25 A I don't recall exactly. I think it was within one

1 and two hours including breaks.

2 Q Okay. And during the breaks did Mrs. Adams  
3 attempt to go interact with her children at all?

4 A No.

5 Q When you disclosed to her that was her daughters  
6 that may have been the subject of Paul Adams' conduct, did  
7 she express any concern for her children?

8 A She did not.

9 Q Did she ask to stop the interview and go talk to  
10 them?

11 A No.

12 Q Did she, um, say she needed to comfort her  
13 children?

14 A No.

15 Q Did you see Mrs. Adams interact with her children  
16 at all during the one to two hours you were present with  
17 her?

18 A The only interaction that I recall observing is  
19 when we first arrived at the house, knocked on the door. I  
20 believe Mrs. Adams came to the door holding M-2.

21 Q All right. At some point during the course of the  
22 interview did Mrs. Adams ask if she could take one of her  
23 children somewhere?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Which child?

1 A M-1.

2 Q And where did she want to go with the child?

3 A So part way through the interview, it was  
4 approaching 7:00, she asked if, she asked if she would be  
5 permitted to take M-1 to a church activity. She said that  
6 there was an activity at church that they were planning on  
7 taking M-1 to.

8 Q Was she able to take M-1 to the church activity  
9 that night?

10 A No. I told her that that probably wasn't going to  
11 happen that night.

12 Q What happened to the children after you completed  
13 your interview, or during the course of the interview with  
14 Mrs. Adams?

15 A During the interview the children, all six  
16 children, were removed from the house. They were placed in  
17 a vehicle with a couple of agents. I believe they were  
18 watching Netflix or something on a laptop during the  
19 interview and during the search. At the conclusion of the  
20 interview and the search the children were turned over to  
21 DCS custody.

22 Q All right. Was defendant Adams arrested after you  
23 completed your interview with her?

24 A Referring to Mrs. Adams?

25 Q Yes. Did I use the wrong name? Was the defendant

1 arrested after you completed your interview? I apologize if  
2 I used the wrong name.

3 A No, she was not arrested.

4 Q And why not?

5 A There was not probable cause to, to think that she  
6 committed a federal crime.

7 Q And as far as your jurisdiction, what, what do you  
8 think you would have needed for probable cause purposes in  
9 order to arrest her?

10 A Well, we would have needed probable cause for a  
11 federal offense, which would have included possession or  
12 distribution of child pornography.

13 Q Did you have any information that Mrs. Adams had  
14 herself possessed or distributed child porn?

15 A No.

16 Q Did you have any information that the offenses  
17 were committed on an Indian reservation?

18 A No.

19 Q Did you have any information that any of these  
20 offenses were committed while traveling across state lines  
21 or that Mrs. Adams was participating in them for that  
22 reason?

23 A No.

24 Q Do you know, since you didn't have probable cause,  
25 do you know if any effort was made to involve other

1 authorities with respect to the defendant?

2 A A representative from DCS was present during my  
3 interview. At the conclusion of my interview he asked some  
4 questions. And he was the one that decided to remove the  
5 children and put them into state custody.

6 Q Did you ever speak with defendant Adams again  
7 after the evening of February 8th?

8 A I did.

9 Q How many times, if you know?

10 A I don't know how many times. Several.

11 Q You think about 10, or more or less?

12 A It's probably a couple more than 10.

13 Q Did you have any idea why she was contacting you?

14 A Yes. So she contacted me several times for  
15 several different reasons. Um, sometimes they were, um,  
16 inconsequential, immaterial to the investigation. Other  
17 times they, they were significant.

18 Q As far as significant interactions, what was the  
19 first significant interaction you had with defendant Leizza  
20 Adams after February 8th?

21 A So she contacted my office and reported that she  
22 had located some additional devices in her home that she  
23 thinks that we missed during the search warrant. And she  
24 agreed to bring those devices to my office and voluntarily  
25 turn them over.

1 Q Do you remember what date that was?

2 A I believe that was March 27th.

3 Q Or February 27th?

4 A Maybe February 27th, yeah.

5 Q All right. And did you have another interaction  
6 with her on March 2nd?

7 A Yes, I did.

8 Q And what was that interaction?

9 A So on March 2nd she had called my office, spoke  
10 with me and reported that, that she had found some  
11 questionable images on her television screen, that there  
12 were, that there were some photographs on her television  
13 that she wasn't comfortable with. And she wanted me to come  
14 and see them.

15 Q Did you do that?

16 A Myself and another agent went, drove to her house.  
17 Um, it turns out that there was a, um, a thumb drive  
18 attached to the television that had photographs on it. And  
19 the photographs were acting as a screen saver. The  
20 photographs were of the defendant, looked like they were  
21 shortly after the birth of M-2. Um, and they were maybe in  
22 poor taste, maybe inappropriate, but certainly nothing --  
23 not pornographic, and certainly not child pornography.

24 Q While you were present did you notice Mrs. Adams  
25 engaging in anything that you found odd or problematic?

1           A     So while we were there we met her parents. Her  
2 parents were present helping her clean the house and  
3 straighten things. And we noticed that they had a shredder  
4 that they were using to shred documents.

5           Q     Did you talk to her about the shredder?

6           A     I think just briefly. Um, I wanted to make sure  
7 that they weren't destroying anything that would be  
8 important or relevant to Paul's case.

9           Q     Did she assure you that she wasn't?

10          A     She agreed to not destroy anything that was  
11 relevant to Paul.

12          Q     Did you participate in a free talk in August of  
13 2017 with Leizza Adams?

14          A     On August 31st, yes.

15          Q     Yes?

16          A     I did.

17          Q     And did she give some additional information about  
18 the document destruction at that time?

19          A     She did. She said that, um, that documents  
20 regarding Paul had been destroyed.

21          Q     And did she say who did it?

22          A     I don't recall her saying who did it.

23          Q     You don't recall her saying that she did it with  
24 some friend?

25          A     I don't.

1 Q Okay.

2 THE COURT: Did she say whether those documents  
3 had been destroyed before or after you had cautioned her not  
4 to destroy any documents pertaining to Paul Adams?

5 THE WITNESS: I don't recall her saying if it was  
6 before or after.

7 THE COURT: Thank you.

8 You may proceed.

9 BY MS. RANSOM:

10 Q Any other interactions with Mrs. Adams?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And you mentioned some inconsequential ones. Why  
13 do you call them inconsequential?

14 A Um, because they weren't relevant to the case.  
15 For example, there was one time that, um, she called to ask,  
16 um, if I thought that she should, if I thought that she  
17 should sell her car. And I told her that, you know, was up  
18 to her and, you know, I couldn't tell her one way or the  
19 other. So things like that.

20 Q All right. And then you had mentioned the  
21 August 31, 2017, free talk. Were you present for that?

22 A I was.

23 Q When you were sitting in the free talk did you  
24 notice any differences between what she was saying at that  
25 point versus what she had discussed with you on

1 February 8th?

2 A She mentioned several things in the free talk that  
3 did not come up or were inconsistent with my prior  
4 interview.

5 Q Do you remember any of those things right now?

6 A For example, um, during the free talk she, she  
7 discussed how Paul would and Paul had masturbated in front  
8 of the children.

9 Q Go ahead.

10 A She also, she also talked about a rule that she  
11 had set up regarding her children being around Paul,  
12 specifically that, that her daughters weren't allowed to be  
13 with Paul alone.

14 Q All right. Did she talk -- was there any  
15 particular items during the search warrant that were odd  
16 that you found all around the house?

17 A Yes. One of the things that was odd was there was  
18 several containers of lubricant that were located throughout  
19 the house.

20 Q And on the night of the interview did Mrs. Adams  
21 talk to you about the lubricant in response to saying that  
22 he was weird?

23 A No, she never mentioned anything about the  
24 lubricant.

25 Q Did she mention it during the free talk?

1           A     She did.

2           Q     Do you remember in what context she was mentioning  
3 it?

4           A     Um, I don't recall what, what question was asked  
5 to bring it up. But I believe that she said that, um, that  
6 the lubricant was around the house, um, because Paul would  
7 use it to put on his hand.

8           Q     In addition to the masturbation, did she talk  
9 about any of her children interacting with Paul Adams as a  
10 result of the masturbation?

11          A     She did.

12          Q     And how so?

13          A     She said that some of her, some of her boys would  
14 occasionally go up to Paul and yank on his penis when he was  
15 walking around the house naked.

16          Q     All these points that came out during the free  
17 talk, were you surprised to hear them?

18          A     I was.

19          Q     Why?

20          A     Um, because those are things that I would have  
21 expected her to discuss with me during my interview with  
22 her.

23          Q     And are you worried that maybe you just weren't  
24 asking the right questions of her?

25          A     Um, perhaps. I don't, I don't know why she

1 decided to disclose those things during the free talk. But  
2 I, during my interview with her, I was there, the point of  
3 my interview was to talk to her about inappropriate sexual  
4 conduct that Paul was having with her children. I think  
5 that masturbating in front of them and having lubricants all  
6 around the house and having her sons yank on her husband's  
7 penis walking around the house is inappropriate sexual  
8 conduct.

9 Q You think the average parent who sees those things  
10 might suspect sexual molestation is occurring?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And you asked her that question about sexual  
13 molestation directly, did you not?

14 A I did.

15 Q And her answer was no. Did she pause at all? Did  
16 she think about it?

17 A No.

18 Q After the free talk did you interact with  
19 defendant Leizza Adams again?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And when was that, if you remember?

22 A That was on October 27th. She called me at my  
23 office wanting to talk to me about the free talk. So she,  
24 Mrs. Adams, told me that during the free talk, um, she had  
25 answered -- some of her answers during the free talk were

1 incomplete. Not that they were untruthful but that they  
2 weren't, they weren't giving the whole picture.

3 Q All right. Did you ask her what she meant by  
4 that?

5 A I did. I did. She said that, um, over the years  
6 she had, um, developed kind of default answers to  
7 uncomfortable questions and that she was nervous during the  
8 free talk because of the number of the people in the room  
9 and the nature of the questions being asked. And because  
10 she was nervous she reverted back to her kind of default  
11 answers, which again she said weren't false but weren't  
12 entirely truthful either.

13 Q All right. Were you ever able to ascertain from  
14 the defendant what default answers she had provided to  
15 authorities that day?

16 A No, I didn't. I suggested the best way to fix  
17 this was for her to discuss this with her attorney and that  
18 through her attorney she could schedule another free talk in  
19 which she could give more complete answers.

20 Q Did the free talk -- what was the general nature  
21 of the free talk? What were the sort of questions that were  
22 being asked of defendant Adams?

23 A The free talk covered a pretty broad spectrum of  
24 questions and topics. Generally the focus was on the sexual  
25 abuse of their children.

1           Q     And Leizza Adams, when she visited you after the  
2 free talk, she mentioned she had default answers related to  
3 uncomfortable questions that she had provided to  
4 authorities?

5           A     Correct.

6           Q     Did you ask her how many times she had previously  
7 been asked about her husband sexually abusing her children  
8 over the years such that she had default answers to those  
9 questions?

10          A     I did not ask her that.

11          Q     Any other interactions with Mrs. Adams?

12          A     The only other significant interaction that I had  
13 with her was in December, December 17th, when I call to tell  
14 her about her husband passing away.

15          Q     And did she have a reaction?

16          A     That conversation was over the phone.

17          Q     Okay.

18          A     But she was not upset. Um, there were -- a  
19 divorce proceeding was underway. And, um, she made a  
20 comment along the lines that that was -- um, Paul's suicide  
21 was going to make her life easier.

22          Q     Did she express any concern over how her children  
23 might take the news?

24          A     She did not.

25          Q     In your interviews with Mrs. Adams did she ever

1 claim that Paul Adams was abusive to her?

2 A She made a comment that, um, that Paul would  
3 occasionally get angry and throw things. Um, she never made  
4 an allegation of abuse.

5 Q Um, and I want to know about your one-on-one  
6 interactions with her when there aren't a bunch people in  
7 the room. Did she ever claim that Paul Adams was physically  
8 abusive to her?

9 A No.

10 Q Did she ever claim that he was emotionally abusive  
11 to her, besides the yelling?

12 A No.

13 Q Did she ever claim that Paul Adams had sexually  
14 assaulted her?

15 A No.

16 Q Did she ever claim that she feared for her safety  
17 from Paul Adams?

18 A No.

19 Q Did she tell you if she ever thought of leaving  
20 Paul Adams?

21 A Not in my interview on February the 8th.

22 Q Okay. Do you remember her making a different  
23 statement during the free talk in August?

24 A She did.

25 Q And what did she say with respect to leaving Paul

1 Adams during her free talk?

2 A During the free talk she said that there was a  
3 time when, during, during an interview or a discussion with  
4 her bishop that, um, she was asked where the line was; how  
5 far is too far. And she said: If Paul ever touched any of  
6 my children then I'm going to leave him.

7 Q Then I'm going to leave him. Not again, pause,  
8 I'm going to leave him.

9 A Correct.

10 Q Okay. Did she explain what she meant by touching?

11 A Sexual touching.

12 Q Did she explain why she would be concerned in  
13 drawing lines about Paul sexually touching her children?

14 A Um, I believe from, in the free talk she  
15 referenced her own past, um, being a victim of sexual abuse.

16 Q Okay. And you had also mentioned, and I forgot to  
17 circle back on this, some rule that she disclosed for the  
18 first time to your knowledge in the free talk.

19 A Correct.

20 Q What was the rule that she had?

21 A My understanding of the rule was that Paul was not  
22 allowed to be alone with any of the children, but especially  
23 not with his daughters.

24 Q And did -- was she asked why she would have that  
25 rule?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And what was her response?

3 A Her response was, um, not clear. If I remember  
4 correctly, it was kind of circular. Um, but I think it  
5 boiled down to she, um, being, being a victim of sexual  
6 abuse, she didn't want anything like that to happen in her  
7 house.

8 Q Was she again asked during the free talk if she  
9 had any suspicions that sexual abuse was happening at her  
10 house, or some question to that effect?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Did she again deny suspicions?

13 A I don't recall her response in the free talk.

14 Q Did you leave the free talk believing that  
15 defendant Adams knew for a fact that Paul Adams had molested  
16 any of her children?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And why did you -- did you get that from the  
19 statements, admissions that Leizza Adams was making?

20 A Her, her statements and all of the, all the facts.

21 Q Okay. Did Leizza Adams say during the interview,  
22 yeah, I knew that Paul Adams was molesting my girls?

23 A I don't recall her saying that.

24 Q So what facts led you to conclude that she  
25 probably knew?

1           A     The rules that she set up. Um, the, um -- Paul's  
2 unusual -- unusual is not the right word for it. Paul's  
3 habits, sexual habits. Pornography use. Masturbation in  
4 front of kids. Um, I don't know how you wouldn't know.

5           Q     All right. Did she disclose during the free talk  
6 that in approximately 2010 Paul Adams had told her that he  
7 performed oral sex on their eldest, M-1?

8           A     I don't recall that in the free talk.

9           Q     In your experience is it memorable for a parent to  
10 find something like that out?

11          A     Yes.

12          Q     Is it something that would slip your mind?

13          A     No.

14          Q     Is that information that you would have expected  
15 to have elicited directly from defendant Adams during your  
16 multiple conversations with her?

17          A     Yes.

18          Q     And do you recall her ever saying that to you?

19          A     No.

20                 MS. RANSOM: Nothing further.

21                 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Ransom.

22                 Mr. Hicks, cross?

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EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. HICKS:

1           Q     Agent Allen, you and Leizza know each other;  
2 right?

3           A     We do now, yes.

4           Q     You go to the same church, don't you?

5           A     We do now, yes.

6           Q     You didn't then?

7           A     No, we did not.

8           Q     When did you start going to the same church?

9           A     I don't remember the exact date. Um, I've  
10 attended the church in Sierra Vista. And she switched from  
11 the church in Bisbee to the church in Sierra Vista, oh,  
12 probably would have been, I'm guessing, late 2017.

13          Q     And do you think that was part of the reason that  
14 she would call you rather than calling some other agent?

15          A     I think that she called me because we had that in  
16 common, attending the same church. I was also the first law  
17 enforcement officer that contacted her and spoke to her with  
18 this incident.

19          Q     You indicated that you attended a free talk in  
20 August where Leizza went with her lawyer to talk to FBI  
21 agents?

22          A     I was at the free talk, correct.

23          Q     And how many agents were there? How many people  
24 were there, prosecutors and agents, other than Leizza and  
25 her lawyer?

1           A     In addition to Leizza and her lawyer, myself, um,  
2     an agent with HSI, Detective Borquez with the sheriff's  
3     office, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Ms. Ransom, I believe,  
4     were the only people there.

5           Q     Okay. And you say that sometime, maybe in October  
6     or something like that, after she did the free talk, that  
7     she called you again and said that there were some things  
8     that she had to tell you?

9           A     Correct.

10          Q     Okay. And she was willing to tell you things at  
11     that time, correct? She appeared willing to talk to you?

12          A     You mean after the free talk? Is that what you  
13     mean?

14          Q     After the free talk when she called you up and she  
15     said that there was things that she -- I don't know what all  
16     the conversation was, but that there were things that she  
17     needed to tell you that, um, had come up.

18          A     So she called me to tell me that some of the  
19     things that she had said in her free talk weren't complete.  
20     And I believe that she wanted to complete those answers.

21          Q     Okay. And were you here during -- well, let me  
22     ask you this. Were you here during, um, Shaunice's  
23     testimony?

24          A     Today? Yes.

25          Q     Do you recall a time where she indicated that

1 Leizza had told her that her lawyer told her to go back and  
2 read the journals and that if anything came up to let him  
3 know? Do you recall that?

4 MS. RANSOM: I object. I don't know if that  
5 question was asked.

6 THE COURT: Well, I remember that Ms. Warr did  
7 make some statement during her testimony that her lawyer had  
8 suggested she reread those journals or look over them.

9 Overruled. You may answer if you can.

10 THE WITNESS: I actually don't recall that  
11 question.

12 BY MR. HICKS:

13 Q Okay. And the lawyer that was there at the time  
14 wasn't me, right?

15 A That's correct.

16 Q Okay. The, the call that came to you was about,  
17 what, two months after the free talk?

18 A Almost exactly two months.

19 Q And it came from Leizza, right?

20 A Yes, it did.

21 Q Not her lawyer or anybody else; just Leizza?

22 A Correct.

23 Q And she indicated there were some things that she  
24 needed to complete. Correct?

25 A Correct.

1 Q Okay. And then you told her go back and talk to  
2 your lawyer and arrange it through that. Right?

3 A Yes, correct.

4 Q But it wasn't that she wasn't willing to tell you  
5 those things. It was that you felt uncomfortable knowing  
6 that she had a lawyer.

7 A I recommended that she work through her attorney  
8 because, A, she did have a lawyer representing her, and also  
9 because this wasn't just an interview. This was -- a free  
10 talk is, has special conditions and agreements attached to  
11 it. And so I -- if she was going to make additional  
12 disclosures to complete those statements, I wanted it to be  
13 in the proper format and through proper channels.

14 Q Okay. And then after that did you have any other  
15 conversation with Leizza after that?

16 A I did.

17 Q I don't recall. Remind me. Which one is that?

18 A It was the death notification.

19 Q The what?

20 A The death notification.

21 Q Okay. And that was the only one?

22 A It's the only one that I recall.

23 Q Okay. I think that's all I have now, Agent.  
24 Thank you.

25 THE COURT: Ms. Ransom, redirect?

1 EXAMINATION

2 BY MS. RANSOM:

3 Q The -- did you ever talk to Leizza Adams about  
4 where everyone slept in the house?

5 A I don't believe so.

6 Q All right.

7 A Because --

8 Q All right. I'll ask one of the other officers.

9 A Okay.

10 MS. RANSOM: Nothing further then.

11 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

12 And thank you, Agent Allen. You may step down at  
13 this time. Be careful of the step as you go.

14 Ms. Ransom, you may call your next witness.

15 MS. RANSOM: CASA Advocate Debra Scott.

16 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Scott, please come  
17 forward.

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19 DEBRA SCOTT

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

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23 THE COURT: Take the witness stand, please, ma'am.

24 And, Ms. Scott, I believe you were here in the  
25 courtroom when I gave similar instructions to the other