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### IN THE CROWN COURT AT BRADFORD

Exchange Square  
Drake Street  
Bradford

Before HIS HONOUR JUDGE DURHAM HALL QC  
THE RECORDER OF BRADFORD

**R E G I N A**

- v -

**BASHARAT IQBAL KHALIQ, SAEED AKHTAR, YASAR MAJID,  
NAVEED AKHTAR, PARVAZE AFZAL AHMED, IZAR KHAN HUSSAIN,  
KIERAN HARRIS, ZEESHAN ALI, FAHIM IQBAL, MOHAMMED USMAN**

**MS K MELLY QC and MS S BEATTIE (instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service)  
appeared on behalf of the Prosecution**

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MR P MOULSON QC and MR A SHAKOOR appeared on behalf of the Defendant  
Saeed Akhtar**

**MS G BATTIS appeared on behalf of the Defendant Majid**

**MR R FRIEZE appeared on behalf of the Defendant Naveed Akhtar**

**MR A BELL appeared on behalf of the Defendant Ahmed**

**MS G KELLY appeared on behalf of the Defendant Hussain**

**MR G WILSON appeared on behalf of the Defendant Harris**

**MS F HERTZOG appeared on behalf of the Defendant Ali**

**MR A DALLAS appeared on behalf of the Defendant Iqbal**

**MR R FERM appeared on behalf of the Defendant Usman**

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**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Miss Hertzog, I thought it best to come down and we can air any problem. I have a problem but you first. Your client is?

MISS HERTZOG: Yes, Zeeshan Ali, your Honour.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Which one again? I still haven't got a proper ---

**B** MISS HERTZOG: He's the gentleman in the Adidas top that ---

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Lovely, yes, thank you, with the Adidas. Yes, good. I know who you are now.

MISS HERTZOG: Your Honour, he's most distressed this morning.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Oh dear.

**C** MISS HERTZOG: Unfortunately, overnight, there was a series of incidents and his photograph and address were published both in paper press and online overnight and he tells me that bricks have been thrown through his house, at his house; a window smashed; calls made anonymously to his phone and death threats made; threats to hurt his family and the like.

**D** He hasn't reported them to the police at this stage because threats were made to him if he were to report it to the police and he was concerned that others might see a police car at his address if he were to make such a report and so, he's been advised to report it to 101 this morning and hopefully a statement can be taken from him during the course of today.

**E** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I regret this bitterly, desperately. It's a sign of the times, Miss Hertzog. There are some pretty unpleasant people around, aren't there indeed, and the problem is I have no – at the moment, I have little, really, discretion about reporting. As you know, the pressure upon the court is almost intolerable by the press, supported by my superiorities to publicise – to grant great access to publicity, names and addresses.

**F** I will take, if necessary, if there is a direct causal link and I can, I will stop reporting. What we'll do, we will get on. I suspect the witnesses that are about to be heard may or may not concern you immediately?

MISS HERTZOG: No.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: So I'm very happy for you and your client – do you have a solicitor here?

**G** MISS HERTZOG: I don't.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Right, well, you can tell them to get themselves down here as of 20 minutes ago, okay?

MISS HERTZOG: Thank you.

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**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: And you can, you can, you can leave court. I'll give bail at, if necessary, to just leave the dock to go and attend to this.

MISS HERTZOG: Thank you, your Honour, I'm very grateful.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: But there it is. Miss Kelly – Miss Kelly. Miss Melly, there's

**B** nothing, you can do at the moment?

MISS MELLY: I've spoken to the officer in the case. It's clearly appropriate that this is called into the police as soon as possible but it would not be appropriate for the officer in the case for this investigation to deal with this complaint.

What we will try to do, of course, is once that complaint has been logged and we have

**C** that crime report, we will, of course, try and have an officer attend to take a statement from the defendant rather than perhaps requiring him to go to a police station so that there is no loss of court time and can be done perhaps over lunchtime but that's perhaps as much as we can offer in terms of assistance.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Good, good. Thank you. That's more than I would expect.

**D** That's fine. We can't lose time but if your client isn't concerned with a witness, that's fine. Go and deal with it but it mustn't happen again and I will encourage the police to treat this with extreme urgency, okay?

MISS HERTZOG: Yes. Thank you. Thank you, your Honour.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Alright.

**E** MISS MELLY: Before Miss Hertzog leaves court, on a completely separate issue, just may I mention something else very briefly?

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, of course.

MISS MELLY: We have a social worker, [Bradford social services worker], who is listed to

**F** give evidence tomorrow. She's now based in the south of England and I think quite heavily pregnant. The journey will be difficult.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Why is she required to come?

MISS MELLY: Well, in fact, we think we can facilitate through a court very near her home by way of a link.

**G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Certainly.

MISS MELLY: That will have to – we'll have to move her into next week basically.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No problem. Agreed? Of course.

MISS MELLY: We will be sending down the two social work files but if there are any other

**H** documents that require being in attendance at her court then could I know that today so we

**A** can send that down. We don't propose to send the jury bundles, just the two social work files. That was the only thing I wanted to mention.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Fine, fine. We can do her over the link. If, however, I determine that the questions are pointless and do not warrant the witness coming, I shall be

**B** pretty cross, okay, so work out whether she's really needed. If she is, Mr Iqbal, no question, obviously.

MR IQBAL: This witness falls into that category where I'm happy for her to be dispensed with. It's my view she adds little or nothing to the Crown's case. The Crown not to call.

MISS MELLY: Well, we've put her off into next week. We'll see where we get to with the

**C** social workers perhaps at the end of this week, we could take stock then. Yes, thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I didn't even have to get antsy. Well done. I want to help, Mr Iqbal. If a witness has to be here, I will do anything to make sure they're here for the defence.

MR IQBAL: Of course. I can't accept her evidence so if the Crown want to call her, I require her attendance.

**D** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Well, if you want to call her.

MISS MELLY: At this stage, we do. Once we've heard and received the other social work evidence, we will, of course, take stock and if we can dispense with any witness, we will, of course, do so.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I've got it, yes. I understand. I've got a problem, Houston.

**E** Witness number ---

MISS MELLY: Juror. Sorry.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: My fault. Juror number 5, you remember the gentleman I think sitting, yeah, one, two, three, four, five on the front, had some concerns, didn't he?

**F** UNIDENTIFIED COUNSEL: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I think his concern was that he lived rather too close for comfort and I have some sympathy with that. As your clients, Miss Herztzog's client has found out, things aren't easy, are they, out there? However, his – interestingly, but there it is, overnight, his, his employer has written to me that they feel they're unable to release him for the eight

**G** week period because he's a skilled technician and they're not in a position to back fill his absence and that will have a negative effect on the business, efficiency, rates and output, whatever that means, okay?

So, what do I do? He's, for whatever reason, Mr Moulson, Mr Iqbal, gentlemen, ladies, I'm reading – am I reading the signs right here?

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**A** MR MOULSON: Yes, your Honour, and as, in my respectful submission, as accommodation can easily be reached, we ought to start off with as content a jury as possible, in my submission.

MR IQBAL: I agree with that submission.

**B** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Anyone here disagree? Do you disagree? I really would advise against trying to force this jury to stay, okay?

Right, as far as the procedure is concerned, because the first alternative was part of the random selection, I can simply put her in, swear her and put her in charge, agreed?

UNIDENTIFIED COUNSEL: Yes.

**C** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Does anybody disagree with that because the consequence would be I'd have to have a re – it would be ludicrous, wouldn't it? I'd have to discharge the jury, select 12 from the 14 or 13 and reopen the case. No. Daft but I do need your agreement in case there is a procedural problem.

UNIDENTIFIED COUNSEL: It's surely the very essence, the rationale for having 13 and 14

**D** that number 13 should come in as smoothly as possible in the event of a difficulty with the first 12.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You smooth talking QC, you. Okay, that's what we're going to do, alright?

**E** MISS MELLY: No difficulty with that but I think they've been sworn, haven't they?

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: They haven't been sworn.

MISS MELLY: They haven't?

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: She will have to be sworn. They cannot swear the ultimate.

MISS MELLY: That didn't occur, right.

**F** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Cannot do that because if you swore them, we'd have a jury of 14. Fine, so we're going to substitute, okay? No problem. Or you have to start all over again and I would need full and detailed written skeletons plus all supporting authority plus an evaluation of CPR, criminal practice directions to say I'm wrong.

MISS MELLY: Well, that's been done, of course, your Honour, but there we are.

**G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Of course, yes. Alright, lovely. Well, Miss Hertzog, I repeat, I am distressed as – not as much as your client but I'm angry. This is a sign of the times we live in, I'm afraid. I want all of you to be very, very careful to monitor press, Facebook pages, local and national. You know that most, most papers now seem to have a Facebook page, don't they, inviting comment from their readers, okay? Nothing I can do about it but if

**H** anything daft is going on out there, could you let me know?

**A** MISS MELLY: Certainly.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Right, shall we have the jury in? Okay. But I leave it to you, do you want to go now with your client?

MISS HERTZOG: Please. If we can register the complaint as soon as possible, it will start

**B** the train.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Alright. Miss Hertzog and your lay client – you must bring your solicitor on that. Okay.

MISS HERTZOG: Thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: And as soon as you're ready, come back. Yes, fine. Okay. No

**C** members of the press here? No? Yes. Just one. Okay, that's fine. No problem at the moment but let's see what happens. Are you members of any specific organisation or ---

PRESS MEMBER: BBC.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: BBC? Heard of the BBC.

PRESS MEMBER: The Guardian.

**D** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: The Guardian. Well, we have some pretty big hitters then, don't we? Okay. Do they, are the press entitled to report the exchange I've just had? They must be or not or would it be better if you just sat on that for the moment?

UNIDENTIFIED COUNSEL: I respectfully submit they should not report it. It's in the

**E** absence of the jury and it would be wholly unnecessary for it to be reported.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Good, that's my view. Anybody disagree? I'm sorry I have to put an embargo on what's exchanged. Obviously, if you – I think the reason is self-evident, okay? Thanks ever so much. Alright, thank you.

Miss Kelly, when Miss Hertzog comes back, you can tell her I've put a press

**F** restriction on that bit and any like problems.

CLERK OF THE COURT: There seems to be a juror missing now, your Honour. I'm just going to go and see if I can locate them.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, thank you.

MISS MELLY: May I just hand up some documents? I thought it might be of assistance.

**G** Your Honour's had PACE copies that relate to documents for this witness.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Wherever possible if you don't mind. It really would help me, thank you.

MISS MELLY: The first evidence we're going to relates to the initial accounts from the complainant, [Person A], when the officers went in relation to the other police investigation.

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**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Mr Arshad, your email's just been forwarded on to me, no problem.

MR ARSHAD: Much obliged.

**B** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Very kind of you. No problem. This is about releasing an advocate to deal with a sentence. There will be no problem if any of you have to pop out, okay? Except you, Mr Wilson. Are you all sorted more or less?

MR WILSON: We are formally on Friday morning but thank you, yes we are.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That's a relief. Mr Shakoor, you got my response as well, didn't you?

**C** MR SHAKOOR: Yes, your Honour, thank you very much.

(Jury entered the court)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay? Are we alright. Sorry about that slight delay. No problem.

**D** Now, look, I've received a letter from one of your employers and I'm very sympathetic to that. I can't make – I have the, what's the word, the latitude, the possibility for the next couple of minutes of resolving that in this way. Juror number 5, I won't identify you any more than that, your employer has written to me as you know in the strongest terms about the effect, notwithstanding your kindness and attention to this case, of keeping you away from your particular work.

**E** Of course, I understand. I understand everything, really, I think about the nature of these things so with the full support again of the barristers here and especially the defence barristers who have been very, very cooperative with me, I will, I'm able to release you. We don't want to put you under any more pressure and you know what that means. I may not release you if there's any problem with the alternative, you understand, but madam, this is exactly why I kept you back. Is there any problem why you cannot now substitute for this juror and become a juror in this case? No?

**F** Alright, I discharge you, sir. I'm going to call upon you, madam, formally. Would you like to leave the jury box. Yes, have you any objection to my calling your name out to call you into the jury box? This isn't one of those cases where we need to anonymise jurors, you understand. On the contrary so we're going to have to formally call your name and call you into the witness box.

**G** Madam, if you would just kindly stand for us for one moment.

(Juror number 13 was sworn on to the jury to replace juror number 5)

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**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I have to put you in charge, madam, do you understand? Just as I did every one of your colleagues. It has to be individual, exactly the same.

CLERK OF THE COURT: In that case, the defendant, Basharat Khaliq on this indictment with five counts of rape and one count of assault by penetration; Saeed Akhtar is charged with two counts of causing or inciting child prostitution and one count of rape; Yasar Majid is charged with one count of rape; Naveed Akhtar is charged with three counts of rape; Parvaze Ahmed is charged with three counts of rape; Izar Hussain is charged with three counts of rape and one count of attempted rape; Zeeshan Ali is charged with one count of sexual assault; Kieran Harris is charged with two counts of rape; Fahim Iqbal is charged with one count of rape; Mohammed Usman is charged with two counts of rape and to this indictment, they have pleaded not guilty and it is your duty having first hearing the evidence whether they or any of them are guilty or not of any of these counts.

**C** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You have been put in charge. You are now as one with the 12. Now, thank you, yes, madam, you need to take that.

**D** Sir, thank you for your assistance. I do understand but you're not – you can't go back to work just yet, I'm afraid. You may be needed for other cases in the next week or so, okay, so thanks. Could I ask you not to talk about the case, however? You have heard something of it. Please absolutely lips sealed, mustn't talking about anything you've heard, okay, not until the whole thing is over. Thank you very much.

**E** Right. Now, in a moment, we're going to start calling the evidence. I have to say, ladies and gentlemen, that the time – I'm going to have to release the ultimate now. You are the jury. I will not be able to release you or swap anything of you. You're in this case so I'm wearing my headmaster's hat for two seconds. We go on as a jury of 12, okay, and if for any reason you can't be here, then we have to wait for you. Do you follow? It's as serious as that and I'm afraid it's no good coming tomorrow with a letter from an irate employer saying this, that and the other. All that will happen is that I'll call the employer in to give her or him a telling off. I wouldn't really but you can tell them that, okay?

**F** Alright, so, ladies and gentlemen, can I release the long-suffering, patient, helpful, final alternate, yes? Thank you, madam. Really, thank you. You see why we needed you. Thank you. She couldn't wait to be out the door, could she?

**G** Alright.

MISS MELLY: I indicated yesterday, your Honour, that this – the first contact with [Person A] came as a result of an enquiry into an entirely separate police investigation called Operation Kalarabi and there were in attendance with [Person A] back in 2013 two police

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**A** officers. We're going to read evidence from one of them but call another but that is the first part of the evidence that we'll receive in this case.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you very much. This is the first obvious, self-evidently, it's the first time the jury have come across this concept. They may know about it, of course, with about reading a witness statement. In this case, ladies and gentlemen, you will hear evidence given in a number of ways and I'll explain very briefly.

The ways a witness gives evidence are coming to court or over a live link but actually being, as it were, present. No problem with that conventional and/or classic way of giving evidence. The second way permitted by law that a witness can give evidence in a case is where the witness's statement is entirely agreed by all the parties is by reading it to you and that's what's going to happen, I think. Am I right? First or second witness is going to be read?

**C** MISS MELLY: We'll do that second effectively.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Second witness. Well, I'll deal with it now so that we can – yes, okay. Reading the witness to you because it is agreed and how stupid would it be to have to force somebody to come to court simply to go through agreed evidence so the important thing is whenever, and there may be lots in this case, whenever a statement is read, treat it, please, every bit as good as evidence given on oath unchallenged.

I'll tell you now, ladies and gentlemen, that the third way you will hear evidence given in this case is where a number of witnesses' evidence is agreed. Instead of reading them all out, the prosecution with the consent and agreement of the defence, reduce the evidence to a series of agreed propositions. We call them agreed facts and they will be, in this case I am sure, voluminous. Is that right do you think? Quite a lot of them anyway so when you get those, remember every bit as good as evidence given on oath unchallenged, okay?

**E** That clears that out of the way, thank you.

MISS MELLY: Thank you. Then the first witness, please, is Detective Constable Richard Taylor. If the court requires the court system, digital system reference, it's I94 on page 87.

DC RICHARD TAYLOR, Sworn

**G** Examined-in-chief by MISS MELLY

WITNESS: I'm Detective Constable 6942, Richard Taylor, from the Humberside major enquiry team at West Yorkshire Police.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you.

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- A** MISS MELLY: Thank you very much, officer. Now, so that the jury understand, is that right that from 2012 and certainly into 2013, you were working on a completely separate police investigation called Operation Kalarabi.
- A. Yes.
- B** Q. And that was an investigation into child sexual exploitation in the Keighley area of Yorkshire.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And is it correct that yourself and another officer, Police Constable Deborah Gatenby, were given a specific task in July 2013?
- C** A. Yes.
- Q. And was that to go and visit a young woman called [Person A] at her home address?
- A. It was, yes.
- Q. And why was it, please, that you were asked to go and see [Person A]?
- A. Through the nature of investigation, we came across, during a house search, a list of females' names and details located on a piece of paper in a bedroom and we wanted to firstly ascertain if any of these females were either the victim or a witness to the investigation that we were conducting.
- D** Q. And was there a set of policy as part of Operation Kalarabi that when you came across names, perhaps, of young women during the course of that police investigation, you would visit them and ask them a set number of questions?
- E** A. Yes.
- Q. And those questions that you would ask people who cropped up in Operation Kalarabi, were the questions put into something called a questionnaire?
- F** A. Yes.
- Q. And I'm not going to – that's one of the documents I handed to your Honour earlier. I'm not going to give a copy out to the jury in this case because is this right? That it's a large questionnaire which deals with a number of specific questions in relation to knowledge of potential victims in Operation Kalarabi?
- G** A. Yes.
- Q. And potential suspects in Kalarabi?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And so, in your visit with [Person A] as with other people that cropped up in Operation Kalarabi, did you go through a 13 page or so questionnaire? 12 pages sorry.
- H** A. Yes.

- A** Q. Asking specific questions about individuals?  
A. Yes.
- Q. Alright, thank you very much. Now, in addition to going through that questionnaire, was it right that questions were asked of [Person A] and that in fact, it was Police Constable
- B** Gatenby who was doing the talking? She was doing the asking of questions of [Person A] but you were the officer making the notes of what [Person A] said.  
A. Yes.
- Q. So, did you fill in the questionnaire?  
A. Yes.
- C** Q. Alright. And in addition to asking her the questions on the questionnaire, did you also complete notes in your major incident enquiry officers' book?  
A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Using the small officers' notebooks, perhaps too small a piece of paper. Officers have moved on to using the A4 large hardback books to make their notes, is that right?
- D** A. That's right, yes. Yes.  
Q. Now, there's no objection as I understand it to the officer having the notes of that conversation. Do you have the notes with you?  
A. I do, yes.
- E** Q. Alright and you've got a copy of them?  
A. A copy, yes.  
Q. But you've previously had a look at the original book, haven't you?  
A. Yes.  
Q. Alright, thank you very much. And so, can we look at that, then, please? And you've
- F** recorded that you attended, is it at five past 11 on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2013?  
A. Yes.  
Q. And as we go through it, did you explain to [Person A] first of all that you were officers investigating grooming offences, child sexual exploitation?  
A. Yes.
- G** Q. And generally, what was [Person A]'s attitude to the police investigating this sort of offending?  
A. If I remember rightly, she became, she seemed to be very frustrated and anxious about it when we mentioned that terminology.
- H** Q. Who was [Person A] with when you spoke to her, you and officer Gatenby spoke to her?

- A** A. She was in company with her mother, [Person BB], but I believe her partner was also in the house although not be it in the same room.
- Q. Thank you and when you asked questions and spoke to [Person A], did [Person BB1], her mother, remain with her?
- B** A. I can't remember.
- Q. Alright, thank you. Did she describe in any way whether she had had experience of child sexual exploitation?
- A. Yes, she did.
- Q. And looking at your notes if it's of assistance, what did she say about the number of men that had been involved in the sexual exploitation of her?
- C** A. I've written down in my notes here that she, this is direct speech, "There were hundreds of them grooming me."
- Q. And what did she say to you about whether she knew all of their names or not?
- A. She said, "I don't know their real names."
- D** Q. Did you go through and show her a number of photographs of female complainants in Operation Kalarabi?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And did she indicate to you that she didn't know those women or girls?
- E** A. She did but I do note from my notes here that when I mentioned a name at the top of a list of three names that she – I've written in brackets '[Location B],' so that will mean that she will have known that person from the [Location B2].
- Q. Alright, so just dealing with this because the jury don't have a copy of this questionnaire, okay, or your notes, did she give you some names of some girls that she knew in the context of sexual exploitation?
- F** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Can I just pause? The defendant I gave full permission to leave the court to have a chat with his barrister, okay? He's not coming in late and means no discourtesy. Very important, okay. Thank you. Sorry about that, officer.
- MISS MELLY: Officer, looking at your notes, you have a number of entries of, "I don't know," and, "I don't know her."
- G** A. Okay.
- Q. Was that when you were showing her photographs of girls who had been involved in Operation Kalarabi?
- A. That's right, yes.
- H** Q. And then, after that, you have the entry, "I know [Named victim 1, not part of trial], [Location B]."

- A**
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And then [Named victim 2, not part of trial]
- A. Yes.
- Q. And then the name, [Person B4].
- B**
- A. Yes.
- Q. Alright. And were those girls that [Person A] told you that she knew?
- A. Yes, they were.
- Q. Next to [Person B1] – or [Person B4]’s name is another word ‘Bash.’
- A. Yes.
- C**
- Q. In that context, can you assist us with why she was giving you the name [Person B] and the name Bash.
- A. That Bash was grooming [Person B].
- Q. Right, thank you. And then looking at the next entry, please, in terms of what [Person A1] was telling you in 2013.
- D**
- A. Yeah.
- Q. What did she explain to you?
- A. “They always tried grooming me. Got money off them. They gave me cocaine. I got addicted. I had alcohol problems and liver problems. I was groomed for a huge period at [Location B]. I thought they were being nice. Some were nice, some weren't. I know a group of groomers.”
- E**
- Q. Right, thank you. Now, did she, after she told you that she knew a group of groomers, did she give you any of their names?
- A. She did, yes.
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- Q. Alright, can we go slowly now through the names that she gave you on this occasion, please?
- A. Yes. Billy Jo-Jo. He lives at [Billy Jo-Jo's adress] at Manningham, He has five brothers and he tried raping her.
- Q. Pause there for a moment. Thank you, carry on.
- G**
- A. “Izar Hussain is his real name. Parvaze Ahmed, lives down [Parvaze Ahmed's address], road at the side in the big terraces. His brother rescued me and took me to a hotel.”
- Q. Again, just pause there. Carry on, thank you.
- A. “He had a house on [Parvaze Ahmed's brother's address]. His mother’s house is on the street opposite.”
- H**
- Q. Thank you.

- A** A. "I have told Social Services about it. Saaed or Sid or Papa Sid is 50 years old and it all happened at his house. It was happening until a year and a half ago," since she was 12 years old. Her phone numbers were passed around the Asians.
- Q. We'll carry on going through the notes in just a moment but you told us previously
- B** that she'd spoken of 'hundreds of them grooming me.'
- A. Yes.
- Q. But quite clearly, we don't have a list of hundreds or so names at that point.
- A. No, we don't.
- Q. And just carrying on from there, then, please, did she give you, then, you having told
- C** us that [Person A1] had told you that her phone number had been passed around the Asians, did she then, and I think you've helpfully put a time in at 11.16 during your visit there, having arrived at 11.05, you've put in the phone number.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Is that the phone number that [Person A1] gave you that she'd been using for at least
- D** some of that time?
- A. It is, yes.
- Q. Alright. And did she tell you and give you the phone company that she was with but also told you that she didn't use that telephone number now?
- A. Yes.
- E** Q. Looking on then from that point in your notes, she gave you details of her partner, is that correct?
- A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And did she then describe part of the grooming process to you?
- F** A. Yes, she did.
- Q. Alright. Tell us what she said, please?
- A. "They keep girls apart. They make you feel special and that you're the only one. They get you hooked on alcohol and cocaine and take advantage of vulnerable girls. They ruined my life."
- G** Q. And then, you refer in the notes, have you – because some of it has been redacted or blacked out, did you then go through a number of other names?
- A. I did, yes.
- Q. And would those be names of suspects, potential suspects and potential girls' names?
- A. They are, yes.
- H** Q. Thank you very much. And she couldn't help you with those people, could she?

- A**
- A. No.
- Q. She didn't know them. And then over the page on your notes, please. Did she describe her level of drug use?
- A. She did, yes.
- B**
- Q. What did she say, please?
- A. She said, "I was off my face on drugs so much that I wouldn't know. I wouldn't know."
- Q. And in terms of what she wouldn't know, is that in reference to those names that you were asking her about?
- C**
- A. Yes.
- Q. Alright. Did she then go on and describe self-harm?
- A. She did, yes.
- Q. And where did she tell you that she had been self-harming?
- A. She said that she'd got self-harm marks on both her arms and her legs and if I remember rightly, she actually showed us those marks.
- D**
- Q. And did she tell you she was getting some assistance?
- A. Yes, she did.
- Q. And she gave you the details of the organisation.
- A. Yes.
- E**
- Q. Alright. We have those, thank you. And then you put another time in helpfully, 11.30, do you have that?
- A. I do, yes.
- Q. And were you then asking her about other females that she might know?
- F**
- A. Yes.
- Q. And again, she didn't think she could assist you with that.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And she gave further details as regards her telephones and telephone use.
- A. Yes.
- G**
- Q. And did she tell you then about her number was passed out?
- A. Yes, she did.
- Q. What did she tell you about that, please?
- A. She used to talk to people that she didn't know. She'd meet one, then pass her number out, then they would pass her number out to others, "And they'd offer me coke."
- H**

- A**
- Q. Thank you and then she gave you some other names, please. Did they come from her, the names at this point?
- A. The ones straight after the part I've just read?
- Q. No.
- B**
- A. No, they came from us.
- Q. Alright, so you were asking about other names that you had from Operation Kalarabi.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Alright and could she assist you with those?
- A. No, she couldn't.
- C**
- Q. And then continuing the name at the end of that page, the name Imran Ali was asked about.
- A. Yes.
- Q. What did she tell you in relation to that name?
- A. She knows the name Imran Ali.
- D**
- Q. Right, and then just over the page, please.
- A. Yes.
- Q. The name Majid Ali. That was a name you asked her about from Operation Kalarabi.
- A. Yes, it was.
- E**
- Q. And did she respond by telling you that she knew a Maj?
- A. Yes, she did.
- Q. And who did she tell you that was?
- A. That was Sid's brother.
- Q. And you've given us the name Sid previously.
- F**
- A. I have, yes.
- Q. And what did she tell you, it's this next entry, about him, please?
- A. She used to go to a house where there was 30 people, would come every night at [Sid's address] at Allerton. Sorry, I might have phrased that wrongly. She used to go to a house. 30 people would come every night to [Sid's address] at Allerton.
- G**
- Q. And then did you ask her about another name, [generic Asian name]?
- A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And what did she tell you about that name?
- A. "At least 20 saved in my phone."
- Q. And when you asked her about the name [generic Asian name], was that name
- H**
- familiar to her?
- A. "Loads of [generic Asian name]"

- A** Q. And another name of, as she described it, fuck knows.  
A. Yes.
- Q. And did she say that she had lots of entries, is that in relation to her phone?  
A. Yeah, she said, "I have loads of fuck knows, don't knows and maybes."
- B** Q. And then the next part of your notes deals with May 2012.  
A. Yes.
- Q. And what was that in relation to, please?  
A. That is in relation to when she's referring to the – she's trying to distance herself away from this behaviour.
- C** Q. Let's have a look at what she said about that, please.  
A. "Last year, I got fed up and said fuck off." She would hang up and start distancing herself. "I can't say what they said there were that many, calls at all times of day and night. Smashed the house up and broke things. I've been assaulted and refused to leave and money, reported it."
- D** Q. Now, money is in inverted commas with a capital M. Was that money as in currency or is that a person?  
A. That's a, I believe to be a nickname.
- Q. And is that nickname given to you, just looking at your notes, in relation to being assaulted, refused to leave and reported it?  
A. Yes.
- E** Q. And what else did she say after that, please?  
A. "I was getting loads of phone calls from loads of people. It's impossible to remember. I was talking to [Named male 1], [Named male' 1s nickname], whose mother's at [Named male 1's mother's address] in Wyke. With calls, I'd hang up, then they'd ring me back."
- F** Q. Did she – is the next entry in relation to her email account details that you took from her and her Facebook account?  
A. Yes.
- Q. And we have a timed entry I think now at 11.50 in which she said she deleted it. Was that her Facebook account?  
A. Yes.
- Q. She deleted around, I think it says Christmas time, is that right?  
A. Christmas time to January.
- H** Q. And did she then give a signed consent for police officers to access her Facebook account?

- A**
- A. She did, yes.
- Q. For, as it's written, for the investigation, the prevention, destruction of evidence, apprehension of offenders and signed that for you?
- A. She did, yes.
- B**
- Q. Did she also indicate that she would be willing to take part in any identification procedures?
- A. Yes, she did.
- Q. Essentially, was she offering assistance to the police?
- A. Yes.
- C**
- Q. Thank you. Did you ask her whether she could give detailed descriptions of individuals?
- A. I did, yes.
- Q. And what did she tell you?
- A. "I can't give a description apart from Asian, black hair and that goes for all of them. Parvaze Ahmed ---"
- D**
- Q. Just pause there for a moment. So, she – that was what she said about the descriptions but then did she go on and give you some other names?
- A. She did, yes.
- E**
- Q. Thank you. I just broke you up. Could you repeat that, please?
- A. Yeah. She gave the name Parvaze Ahmed.
- Q. Yes.
- A. Tan, freckles, ginger in hair and he's [Named male 2]'s [relative by marriage].
- Q. Now, there's a gap, there's a space between the name Parvaze Ahmed and that description that you've given just on the page. Can you assist us now with whether or not that was related?
- F**
- A. Sorry, can you please repeat that?
- Q. Does that description you've just given us relate to the name?
- A. Yes, it does, sorry.
- G**
- Q. And then does that continue, Parvaze Ahmed?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You have the name written again.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And what did she tell you about him?
- H**
- A. That, "His friend groomed me most."

**A** Q. "Friend groomed me most."  
A. Yes.  
Q. And then she did ---  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Does that read, "Parvaze Ahmed and friends groomed me most,"  
**B** or, "Parvaze Ahmed's friend"? What have you written there?  
WITNESS: It's, "Parvaze Ahmed and friends groomed me most," your Honour.  
MISS MELLY: Thank you.  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you.  
MISS MELLY: Thank you, your Honour. And after that, then, have you included then a list  
**C** of names, please?  
A. Yes.  
Q. Right and can we run through those, please? The first?  
A. Pav.  
Q. Yes.  
**D** A. Billy.  
Q. Yes.  
A. Sid.  
Q. Yes.  
A. Nav.  
**E** Q. Yes.  
A. ██████  
Q. Thank you.  
A. T. "About 30 of them."  
**F** Q. Right. Now, it's perhaps stating the obvious but all of these names and about 30 of  
them, who were these people in relation to [Person A1]?  
A. They were people that had groomed her.  
Q. Thank you and then the next entry that you've written, please, did she describe her  
own behaviour?  
**G** A. She did.  
Q. And what did she tell you?  
A. She said that she tried getting away. She was getting death threats. She actually  
stabbed one of them in the hand to get away, to get him away. "He assaulted me."  
Q. "He assaulted me."  
**H** A. Yes.

- A**
- Q. Can you help us now with who she was speaking of?
- A. No, I can't, sorry.
- Q. Thank you. And the next entry, please?
- A. That was regarding the address where she was staying at and she said that she'd been
- B**
- living there about a year.
- Q. And then did you ask her whether she'd been around the Keighley area?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And what did she tell you?
- A. She's never been round Keighley.
- C**
- Q. And the next entry, please. Can you help us with what it's in relation to?
- A. During the investigation that we were conducting, we'd come across the term 'Mangy' and as part of our team, a lot of people were – it was new to us and we were unaware of what that term made reference to so we were asking witnesses and people that we were speaking to if they could shed any light on what that actually meant and [Person A1] said that a 'Mangy' was a peasant who also can't speak English.
- D**
- Q. That was as a result of you asking her for assistance with that term.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And can you help us with the time that that visit with [Person A1] concluded?
- A. Ten minutes past 12 on the same day.
- E**
- Q. And just looking back, you'd helped us, please, with your arrival there at 11.05.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Thank you. And so, in that hour and five minutes, does that cover all the information that we've received that she told you about, about her own experiences?
- F**
- A. Yes.
- Q. Obviously explaining and dealing with all the introductions and of course, completing the 12 page or so questionnaire of the individuals that you were investigating in relation to Kalarabi.
- A. Yes, it does.
- G**
- Q. And then, as a result, you, your notes were written up.
- A. Yes.
- Q. You had this notebook and that was then passed on in relation to senior officers, was it, in relation to Operation Kalarabi?
- A. It was, yes.
- H**

**A** Q. But it's right to say and we will be able to read the evidence of it that the information that [Person A] gave to the police at that stage about her own experiences wasn't followed up and investigated at that point?

A. It certainly wasn't by us.

**B** Q. Thank you very much, officer. If you just remain.

Cross-examined by MR IQBAL

MR IQBAL: This meeting, officer, with [Person A], was it on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July of 2013?

A. It was, yes.

Q. So, a number of years ago plainly.

**C** A. Yes.

Q. What's your recollection of it now?

A. I can actually, reading, when I look at my notes and read my information, I can actually remember being there.

**D** Q. Can you? So, your notes assist you with recalling what was being discussed between you and officer Gatenby and [Person A1], yes?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, we know that it lasted about an hour, an hour and five minutes, yes?

A. Yes.

**E** Q. Is it fair to say that during that hour or so, what was really going on was that you were giving [Person A1] all the time she needed to tell you what she wanted to say.

A. Yes.

Q. In other words, this wasn't a time limited meeting. You weren't saying to her, "Look, we've got half an hour or an hour and then we've got to go so tell us what you want to say."

**F** It was, "Let's sit down. You tell us what you want to say," and as she was speaking, you were making notes, is that right?

A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And when she had completed everything that she wanted to say to you and you had presumably asked her what you wanted to ask her that might be of use to the police, it was only then at ten minutes past midday that that meeting came to an end. Is that fair to say?

**G** A. Yes.

Q. Now, as you've been taken through those notes, do you accept this proposition that really, she was giving you a very brief but a broad outline of the allegations she was making against various people.

**H** A. Yes.

**A**

Q. "So and so raped me. These people were giving me drugs," and so on, yes?

A. Yes.

Q. And were you making these notes at the time that she was making these allegations?

A. I was, yes.

**B**

Q. At that time back in 2013, how many years' experience did you have in the force?

A. Ten.

Q. So, you were an experienced officer and you appreciated, didn't you, that it was important to note down firstly names but just as important, to note down what she was saying about those names?

**C**

A. Yes.

Q. Because that would assist you in your enquiry and may assist other officers with subsequent enquiries that arose from this meeting, yes?

A. Yes.

**D**

Q. This isn't the first time you have given evidence, is it, about this meeting to a court?

Do you remember giving evidence on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February last year?

A. I do, yes.

Q. Has your memory improved about this meeting in the 11 or so months since then?

A. I'm unable to answer. I'd say it remains the same.

**E**

Q. It remains the same.

A. Or possibly worse as time's gone on.

Q. Yes, well, that's usually the case, isn't it, that as the years go by, memory becomes more distant, yes?

A. Yes.

**F**

Q. But you certainly agree with the proposition that your memory hasn't improved in that 11 years or so. Can we agree on that?

A. I would say not.

Q. You see, we have transcripts, questions that were put to you on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February of last year and the answers that you gave, alright?

**G**

A. Okay.

Q. And I'm going to ask you – for your Honour's reference, I start at page 3 of the transcript of this officer's evidence.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I don't have it.

MR IQBAL: They're uploaded to the system.

**H**

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I'm sure they are. Navigating it is ---

- A** MR IQBAL: Yes, I'm sure. Well, they're brief and we'll ensure that a hard copy is with you in the morning.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Jolly good. I'm listening anyway.
- MR IQBAL: You were asked this by Miss Melly QC who was asking you about the notes in
- B** a similar way that the jury has just heard about them now, alright?
- A. Okay.
- Q. The question that was put to you was – well, let me just give you a preface first, it says, “And do the notes that follow two other names, [Named victim 2, not part of trial]?” Right, now you’ve been asked about those. They're towards the start, aren't they, of your
- C** notes?
- A. They are, yes.
- Q. [Named victim 2, not part of trial], [Named victim 1, not part of trial] , yes?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Alright and this was what was asked, “And the next entry is [Person B4],” and you
- D** respond, “Yes.”
- A. Yes.
- Q. The question to you was, “And a dash and the word ‘Bash.’” “Yes.” The question, “Can you help us with what the entry relates to, [Person B4] – Bash?” And this is your
- E** answer, “Looking at this, the way I would've written it in my style was that Bash would possibly be a nickname for either [Person B] or something associated with her.” Alright, that’s your answer.
- A. Okay.
- Q. Do you stand by the answer that you gave on oath at that time?
- F** A. Yes, if that’s in the transcript, yes.
- Q. So tell us now, please, the name Bash, what was said about him?
- A. That Bash is referring to someone that was grooming [Person B].
- Q. Where in your notes is there reference to Bash grooming anyone?
- A. There isn't.
- G** Q. And why, then, last time, 11 months ago, did you not say this?
- A. I feel like when I've read my notes again that my memory’s been refreshed with the way that I write my notes.
- Q. Did you read your notes last time?
- A. Yes.
- H** Q. So, back in February of last year, 11 months closer to the time, why did you not say this to the jury?

- A** A. I'm unable to answer that. All I can say is that my memory's been refreshed having read my notes this time.
- Q. Why did you think at the time that Bash was a nickname for [Person B] or something associated with her?
- B** A. Just because it had a dash and then it said Bash after it which is how I write my notes which would say that in relation to [Person B], dash, that refers to – my memory's been refreshed that that is not in relation to [Person B].
- Q. What's different between the procedure that you were adopting last time when you came to this court building to give evidence and this time? Did you not read your notes last time?
- C** A. There's absolutely no difference in the procedure whatsoever apart from my memory's been refreshed having read my notes the second time.
- Q. Was it not refreshed last time?
- D** A. It was slightly. Having said that, having read my notes again, it has been refreshed further.
- Q. So, are you going to give me an explanation as to why there was no mention of Bash having done anything unlawful in your evidence last time?
- A. As I say, I could only go by what my memory told me at the time. This is 2013. All I can do is read from my notes and that is my style of notes. I apologise if it's misleading to what I said last time. However, my memory's been refreshed this time and that is what I ---
- E** Q. Why didn't you write, "Bash groomed [Person B1]," or something like that like you did with all these other names when allegations were being made against them?
- A. Because I'm writing these notes directly from [Person A1] talking to me and I don't have the time to sit down – as I was letting [Person A1] talk, I was taking the notes down as quick as I could so I captured everything without breaking her in telling us information.
- F** Q. I thought you just told us before there was no pressure of time, that you had all the time to make sure that this meeting was conducted properly.
- A. That is correct. However, when someone is speaking to me and on a roll of telling me information, I'm not going to cut them off.
- G** Q. If what was being said to you was, "[Person B4], Bash was grooming her," these notes were going to be passed on potentially to other investigators, is that right?
- A. That's right, yes.
- H** Q. It would be important, wouldn't it, for you to note down if that was the allegation that was being made?

**A**

A. That's correct, yes.

Q. How on earth would another investigator know what the significance of Bash was unless you wrote it down? Do you agree?

**B**

A. I do. However, the information that [Person A1] was giving us in relation to a different investigation than what I was on, I thought it would be more appropriate that, having identified that she would fall into the vulnerable or intimidated category, that she'd be video interviewed and further information gained from her in that way.

**C**

Q. So, let's just get to the bottom of this. What I'm asking you is this. You thought it fit and proper to make notes of the allegations that [Person A] was making against a whole range of people.

A. Yes.

Q. Why didn't you take the same approach for Bash then if it's correct what you're saying?

**D**

A. Because Bash and [Person B] weren't in the Operation Kalarabi investigation that we were investigating. There were strict guidelines by a senior investigating officer that we should investigate and deal with our investigation with was Kalarabi at the time. However, I noted down any further information she offered.

Q. Well, were all these other people, Parvaze Ahmed, Sid, and all these other names, were they part of Operation Kalarabi and the investigation?

**E**

A. They weren't. I've never come across those names before.

Q. So, why did you see it fit to write all this detail about them and not Bash?

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Because [Person B1] wasn't there, Mr Iqbal. He was talking to [Person A1], wasn't he?

**F**

MR IQBAL: Yes, I accept that.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Sorry, I'm trying to, myself, get to the nub of where this is going, about [Person B1] and Bash. Your Bash's counsel.

MR IQBAL: The point is this. You're speaking to [Person A1] who's making an allegation against Bash you're telling this jury, yes?

**G**

A. Yes.

Q. So, it was [Person A1] that was making the allegation saying, you say to this jury, that Bash was a groomer in relation to [Person B1], yes?

A. Yes.

**H**

**A** Q. I hope that makes sense to your Honour and the point I'm making is simply why is there no record of that and the inconsistency in the evidence last time which failed to mention any of this.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Much obliged, Mr Iqbal. What I need to know, Mr Taylor, is  
**B** did [Person A1] say anything about Bash grooming anybody?

WITNESS: I don't recall, your Honour. All I recall is that I'd written it, [Person B4] – Bash.

MR IQBAL: Will your Honour leave it at that, "I don't recall," or should I explore this further?

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Whatever.

**C** MR IQBAL: Well, I'll leave it at that.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You can take it up, Ms Melly, if you want to. Anybody else can.

MR IQBAL: Now, as matters went on, you were asked further questions by me last time about this entry, "Bash," yes?

A. Okay.

**D** Q. That's the only time that you mention or note Bash.

A. Okay.

Q. There's no other, I'll be corrected if I'm wrong but there is no other entry that says, "Bash," in your notes.

**E** A. Whatever is written about Bash in my notes is at the times that [Person A1] mentioned the name Bash.

Q. Yes. So, can we agree that that was the only time she mentioned Bash?

A. Yes, we can.

**F** Q. And she went on and told you the names of all of these people that she said had been doing various things.

A. Yes.

Q. Can we agree that she didn't mention Bash at all during that?

A. Yes.

Q. Thank you very much.

**G** Cross-examined by MR MOULSON

MR MOULSON: Officer, as I think you're aware, I, together with Mr Shakoor represent the defendant, Saaed Akhtar whose nickname is Sid. Mr Akhtar, would you just hold up your hand? Thank you very much indeed.

**H** Officer, just a few questions, please, and I don't think any of the subject matter is controversial. Your notebook, the timed entry at 11.05 this meeting which took place on the

- A** 12<sup>th</sup> of July of 2013, you make this note, don't you? [Person A1] telling you, "I've been diagnosed with psychosis following the loss of my daughter." Is that correct?
- A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Now, we know and the ladies and gentlemen of the jury will hear that [Person A1]
- B** gave birth to a daughter, [Person S], on [date] 2009 and later in [Person S]'s life, she was freed for adoption. Do you understand that to be the case, officer?
- A. If that's what you're telling me. I can't remember. I do recall that she said that she'd lost her daughter. That's all I can say.
- Q. I'm sure this can be agreed but by use of the expression 'loss of daughter,' officer
- C** Gatenby who was with you put in an intelligence note in September of 2014, an internal intelligence note within the police force as it were, "Loss of daughter meaning freed for adoption."
- A. Okay.
- Q. The care of [Person S] transferred from her mother, [Person A1], to adoptive parents.
- D** A. Okay.
- Q. Thank you. The next entry you record is this, "There were hundreds of them grooming me. I don't know their real names." Is that correct?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. She then gave some names, is that right?
- E** A. Yes.
- Q. And then later on, she reduces that number of alleged groomers from 100 to 30. Is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You would've been keen, officer, in your discussion with [Person A1] that day to obtain as much detail from her as possible about the allegations she was making, is that correct?
- F** A. Yes.
- Q. Thank you. At the base of the first page of your note, you record this, don't you, four
- G** lines from the bottom, "Billy Jo-Jo," then an address, is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. The next line a reference to five brothers, is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And then a reference, "He tried raping me."
- H** A. Yes.

- A** Q. Thank you. If there'd been any specific allegation of any sexual misconduct that she'd made in relation to any other person, you would've written that down, wouldn't you?
- A. I would, yes.
- Q. If we go to the centre of page 2 of your notebook, the man known as Sid, we see an entry relating to him, don't we?
- B** A. We do, yes.
- Q. "Sid, papa Sid, 50 years. All happened at his home," is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. If there had been any allegation of the man, Sid, raping her that she made at that time, you would have written that down, wouldn't you, officer?
- C** A. I would, yes.
- Q. There's nothing in your note about rape or any specific physical act of sexual misconduct perpetrated by Sid, is there?
- A. No.
- D** Q. Thank you. Thank you very much indeed, officer.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Anybody else?
- Cross-examined by MS KELLY
- MS KELLY: Officer, I represent Izar Hussain and the reference in your notes to allegations against him. He's already been referred to as Billy Jo-Jo, alright?
- E** A. Okay.
- Q. And that is under the second page at the bottom. "Billy Jo-Jo, he tried raping me."
- A. Yes.
- Q. That is the only incident that she described, is that right, during the course of the time that you spent with her on this day? That's the only one you have a note of.
- F** A. Okay, yes.
- Q. If there had been any other incident described that had occurred between her and Billy Jo-Jo, you'd have made a note of that, would you?
- A. I would, yes.
- G** Q. I just want to ask you. a bit further down over the page dealing with the same section, you put a bit further down, after it says, "Parvaze Ahmed down [Parvaze Ahmed's address], beside big terraces. His [Parvaze Ahmed relative 1] rescued me and took me to a hotel."
- A. Yes.
- Q. Are you referring to Parvaze Ahmed, an incident that she was describing between her and him at that point?
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**A**  
A. Yes.  
Q. Right. He had a home at [Parvaze Ahmed's address 2]. His [Parvaze Ahmed relative 2] was the street opposite and then it said, "I have told SS," does that mean Social Services, "about it."

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A. Yes, yes.  
Q. Do you mean she was saying that she had told Social Services either about that incident between her and Parvaze Ahmed or Billy Jo-Jo trying to rape her? Can you help us with that?

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A. I can't help you with who exactly, whether it was an individual person that was mentioned or whether it was the grooming in a whole.

Q. Fine. Thank you.

Cross-examined by MR WILSON

MR WILSON: Officer, I represent Keiran Harris. I presume that doesn't mean that much to you, does it?

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A. It doesn't, no.

Q. No, because he doesn't feature in your notes at all, does he, in terms of the allegations made by [Person A] on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2013?

A. That's correct.

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Q. She was, during the course of that interview with you and your colleague, giving names.

A. Yes.

Q. Addresses.

A. Yes.

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Q. Nicknames.

A. Yes.

Q. Of those she was alleging were involved in sexual offences or sexual exploitation of her.

A. Yes.

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Q. Can you go to your page 2 of your notes, please, where it deals with Sid, papa Sid, yes?

A. Yes.

Q. What sexual exploitation took place or that she allegedly suffered, it all happened at his house, yes?

**H**  
A. Yes.

Q. That was your understanding of what she was saying to you.

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A. That was what, exactly what she said to me, not my understanding.

Q. She never suggested to you that any sexual offences or any sexual exploitation of her took place in her own home or any of her previous homes, did she?

A. No.

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Q. The only description of any note that she gave in respect of any of these Asian males was in respect of Parvaze Ahmed, is that correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. And during the course of your time with her, she never suggested that she had been raped in her own home or in any of her previous homes, is that right?

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A. That's right, yes.

Q. She never mentioned or suggested that she believed she had had her drink spiked whilst she was in her own home.

A. No, she didn't.

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Q. Or that she was subsequently sexually abused and raped having taken what she believed was spiked drinks, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. She made no mention at all of having sexual intercourse with one man and them swapping over or swapping over with another man, did she?

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A. No.

Q. Did she ever mention at any stage being photographed whilst, or videoed whilst being raped?

A. No.

Q. The fact is she made no mention of Kieran Harris at all to you, correct?

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A. That's correct.

Q. Thank you very much.

Cross-examined by MR DALLAS

MR DALLAS: Your Honour, I represent the youngest of these ten defendants, Fahim Iqbal.

Can you similarly confirm that at no time during your interview with her did she ever

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mention Fahim Iqbal?

A. She didn't, no.

Q. Or anyone with the nickname Faz.

A. Could you just bear with me a minute and let me look through my notes, please, your

Honour? The Faz I have noted down in my notes is in relation to somebody else and it is a

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female so that's correct.

**A** Q. Yes, that's right. I should've been qualifying my question. That is accepted by the police and the prosecution to be (inaudible).

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: It would've been embarrassing if he'd said something else, Mr Dallas. Anyway, you're trying to prove a negative.

**B** MR DALLAS: We knew this.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Good, just as well.

MR DALLAS: I should've made it clearer in the question. Thank you very much.

Cross-examined by MR FERM

**C** MR FERM: I represent Mohammed Usman. You, I think, saw [Person A1] – sorry about my voice this morning – for the first and only time on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2013.

A. Yes, that's right.

Q. You together with Detective Constable Gatenby were involved in a different enquiry.

A. Yes.

**D** Q. And it was that enquiry that led you to [Person A1]'s door.

A. Yes.

Q. Now, leaving aside who she did or didn't mention in a sexual context, she made specific mention of a man called Money, did she not?

A. If that is in the notes, yes, I will need to refer to them.

**E** Q. I would like you to refer back, please, and I'm looking at your witness statement. You're going to be handed a copy.

A. Thank you.

Q. Does that look like the statement that you made in 2015?

A. It does, yes.

**F** Q. Would you turn to the second page, please?

A. Yes.

Q. And can you find on that page a paragraph that begins, "On the day of speaking to [Person A1]"?

A. Yes.

**G** Q. Would you read that paragraph out to the jury, please?

A. "On the day of speaking to [Person A1], she stated that last year, she got fed up. She said fuck off and started distancing herself. She was unable to further information as there were that many of them calling at all times of day and night."

**H** Q. Can I slow you down, please? Continue reading.

- A** A. "They would turn up and smash her house up and break things. She reported one instance involving a male called Money who she assaulted. He refused to leave the address it was reported."
- Q. I want to ask you about that. In relation to the male that she named as Money ---
- B** A. Yes.
- Q. --- she had a specific recollection of him to impart to you, is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What she recollected was describing an incident involving him, is that right?
- A. Yes.
- C** Q. That it was reported.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you took that to mean reported to the police.
- A. Yes.
- D** Q. And an incident where she assaulted him.
- A. Yes.
- Q. There's no reference in that statement at all, is there, to any sexual element in the connection between her and Money?
- A. That's correct.
- E** Q. And therefore, you've recorded no sexual allegations against him.
- A. No.
- Q. But you do recall an allegation that he was involved in some way in smashing her house.
- A. Yes.
- F** Q. And that is what she told you.
- A. Yes.
- Q. At the same time as you were making your note, DC Gatenby asking questions.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you find out later on that in September 2014, she had made what is called an intel submission?
- G** A. I don't -- I was under the impression that DC Gatenby was making the intelligence submission on our systems.
- Q. Did you ever see that intel submission?
- A. I didn't, no.
- H** Q. Then I won't ask you any more about it. Thank you.

**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Mr Ferm, your concentration on the name 'Money,' can you put us into the picture about Money? Are we going to hear ---

MR FERM: Mohammed Usman has a nickname called Money and also, it is common ground between the prosecution and the defence that in July 2011, [Person A] called the police as a result of an incident at her then house in [address] in Allerton and on the timeline that the jury will be given, there's a date of the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. It's on page 33. I see that they have it, which relates to the incident when the police were called and it was recorded.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: So, the answer to my question is yes.

MR FERM: Yes.

**C** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Mohammed Usman has the nickname Money.

MR FERM: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you.

MR FERM: I was just (inaudible).

**D** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Absolutely. I'm never going to ask you a question again, Mr Ferm, but thank you so much. That's what I wanted.

MR FERM: And they will see the entry in due course.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That's lovely. Thank you so much.

Re-examined by MISS MELLY

**E** MISS MELLY: Officer, just to go over a few things. Mr Ferm, the last questioner, asked you about whether you had had any contact with [Person A1] prior to your attendance on this day at her home and you indicated that you hadn't. Is that right?

A. I hadn't, no. That's right. It was the first time I'd ever had any contact or communication with her whatsoever.

**F** Q. And was she aware and expecting to talk about her past and her history on this day? Had she had a prior warning?

A. Absolutely not, no.

Q. Now, you mentioned in relation to my learned friend's questions that actually, you had quite strict guidelines in relation to Operation Kalarabi and the purpose of your visit.

**G** A. Yes.

Q. Could you just expand upon that, please?

A. Operation Kalarabi was such a large scale investigation that was very, very time consuming and resource intensive that we were given strict guidelines that that is the incident that we would be investigating as a team. Should anything else come out about it or incidents

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**A** of other offences, we would take notes and intelligence report and the report would be submitted to the local division or district in which that person resided.

Q. Right. So, although we know that the intelligence report submitted by your fellow officer Gatenby actually didn't get submitted until 2014, what was your understanding of

**B** what you expected to happen?

A. I was, my understanding was that that had already been submitted. I was never – I never saw the intelligence report. PC Gatenby told me that she was going to submit it.

Q. And so, on an occasion, such as you have with [Person A] when she's not given you much assistance in relation to Operation Kalarabi but she has disclosed offences as regards

**C** herself, did you anticipate that that would be taken up?

A. I did, yes.

Q. Right, and then you mentioned, officer, about a video recorded interview.

A. Yes.

Q. Would be your expectation.

**D** A. Yes.

Q. Just again, explain that, please?

A. With the information that [Person A1] was giving to us freely, as I'd taken notes, I quite quickly realised that she would fall into a category of a vulnerable or intimidated

**E** witness and therefore, she should be questioned regarding these by way of a video recorded interview.

Q. Okay. So, [Person A1] told you, as you've explained, that she told you that there were hundreds of men involved in the grooming of her.

A. Yes.

**F** Q. We know that there isn't in your note a detailed history in relation to her experiences.

A. That's right, yes.

Q. Did you attempt to try and take that sort of history and detail from her?

A. No.

Q. For example, what sexual acts took place with that person? What was the order?

**G** Where did they take place? Did you get involved in that sort of level of questioning of [Person A1]?

A. I didn't, no.

Q. And again, perhaps stating the obvious, but why did you make a decision that that wasn't appropriate?

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- A** A. We take each individual person on their own circumstances and in that situation, I didn't think it was appropriate that myself, being far larger than this girl, I thought it would be – we sometimes put in place what we believe would be the best way of extracting evidence from victims and witnesses and a lot of the time, certainly on that occasion, I
- B** thought it would be better to be done by a female officer.
- Q. And did you anticipate that that would take place after, then, after your visit?
- A. I did, yes.
- Q. Thank you. Now, one of the questions you were asked, that there was a hundred –
- C** first of all, that [Person A1] said there were hundreds or a hundred people grooming and then she reduced that to thirty. Did she reduce the number to thirty?
- A. From my impression, when I was speaking with her, numbers were just – she were just free talking, numbers coming off the top of her head in a quite frustrated, hyperventilated manner and I believe that these were just two numbers that she'd picked off the top of her
- D** head.
- Q. But in terms of all – [Person A1] commences, according to your notes, of telling you that there were hundreds of them grooming her.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And then you've gone on and given us some full names, some nicknames and some
- E** first names.
- A. Yes.
- Q. We've been through. Now, was it your understanding that those names were part of the large group of grooming or are the names that you've got and that we've been through separate to the groomers?
- F** A. No, they were part of the groomers.
- Q. Right. And did you ever question her, for example, as to, "You've said there's hundreds of groomers. You know, precisely where did all of the offending take place?"
- A. No.
- Q. Or indeed, as you've told us, the sexual acts.
- G** A. Yes.
- Q. Right, thank you. And then, just to return, please, the entry in relation to [Person B4], again, putting into context, you've put, "Photo," in the margin and then a dash, "I don't know her."
- A. Yes.
- H** Q. And then, "I know [Named victim 1, not part of trial] ([Location B])."

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A. Yes.

Q. Next line down, [Named victim 2, not part of trial.

A. Yeah.

Q. Next line down, [Person B4] – Bash.

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A. Yes.

Q. Looking at that note now and how you make notes, what is your best recollection as to what you're saying by [Person B4] and then the dash, Bash, please?

A. That [Person B4] was the victim of grooming by Bash.

Q. Thank you very much. And did you, I'm just being asked to clarify, did you show the note that you made to [Person A]?

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A. No, I didn't.

Q. She wasn't asked to sign it?

A. No, she signed authority to allow us access to her Facebook profile.

Q. Yes, thank you and I think you've already told us that you had no contact with [Person A], is that correct?

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A. That's correct, yes.

Q. So, there was no follow up by you to clarify anything of the note or to take any further information?

A. No, there wasn't.

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Q. Alright. Thank you very much, officer. Does your Honour have any questions?

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No, no, thank you very much. Thanks for coming, Mr Taylor. Thank you.

(The witness withdrew)

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MISS MELLY: I think one person I omitted to introduce yesterday was Miss Beattie who, of course, prosecutes the case along with me and Miss Beattie's going to read now the evidence that you referred to earlier.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Lovely.

MISS BEATTIE: Well, one of the things that's just been said to you in relation to the last witness was that he gave evidence in a previous trial. Another witness, DC Gatenby, who again he referred to as present with him also gave evidence in that trial and with the agreement of all parties, I propose to read that transcript to you.

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Your Honour, it's at Y4 but we'll ensure a hard copy of the transcript is provided to you. Well, ladies and gentlemen, first of all in relation to that, Deborah Gatenby, Debs Gatenby as she is known, gave evidence on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2018. She began her

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**A** evidence by swearing the oath in the witness box and by identifying herself as PC Debs Gatenby and she was asked this question, “Is it right that in August 2012, you started work on a police opportunity called Operation Kalarabi?” Reply, “Yes, that’s correct.” “And was Operation Kalarabi a large scale child sexual exploitation enquiry based around the Keighley area?” Reply, “Yes, it was.” “And is it right that essentially, one of the roles in the investigation for you was that when a specific task was generated in terms of going to speak to someone whose name featured on Operation Kalarabi, you along with a fellow officer would go and see that individual.” Answer, “Yes, that’s what we did.”

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**C** “And was there a set list of questions in a proforma questionnaire prepared based on the type of person that you were going to see?” Reply, “Yes, there was. Yes.” “So, when you came across the name of a female and perhaps a young female, was there a set list of questions that you had to ask? Reply, “Absolutely, yes.”

**D** “Right, and in terms of going then to see the witnesses, were you tasked with visiting a young lady called [Person A]?” Reply, “Yes, I was.” “How was it that you received the task to go and speak to [Person A1]?” Reply, “It was an action through the incident room. The actions were raised by the Detective Inspector and the senior investigating officer that was running the incident room.”

**E** “And did you then go and visit [Person A] along with Detective Constable Taylor?” Reply, “That’s, yes, I did.” “And did that visit take place in the afternoon of July 2013? Reply, “Yes, it did.” “Was [Person A1] with her mother when you spoke to her?” Reply, “Yes. Her mother, [Person BB1] and her partner, [Person A's partner].” “Did you explain to [Person A1] how it was then that you were coming to speak to her?” Reply, “Yes, totally. We explained obviously that we were from Operation Kalarabi and her name had come up as part of the investigation and would we be able to go through the questionnaire with her.”

**F** “Did you tell her it was a police investigation into child sexual exploitation?” Reply, “Yes, we did.” “And what was her general attitude, please, to the police investigating?” Reply, “She was amazed. She was very praiseworthy actually that we at West Yorkshire Police in 2013 were actually taking CSE very, very seriously.”

**G** “Did you then go through those questionnaires and ask her about specific names and so forth that featured in Operation Kalarabi?” Reply, “Yes, we did.” “And was it the case that you were essentially doing the talking with [Person A] but that all the notes were made by your fellow officer, Detective Constable Taylor?” Reply, “Yes. We arranged that before we actually got to see any of the girls. That's what we did. I would do the talking and he'd do the writing so it flowed a lot better with the ladies we were speaking to.”

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**A** “And was it the case, then, that the details of what she said were recorded only by Detective Constable Taylor?” Reply, “Yes, that's correct.” “Right, then I'm going to ask this witness to look at those notes of that conversation,” and then the, as happened with DC Taylor, the witness had the benefit of the notes.

**B** The questioning continued, “Following completing the questionnaires and so forth, did you reach a view as to whether [Person A1] was of assistance to you in terms of Operation Kalarabi?” Reply, “No, she wasn't, no. She didn't hold any relevant information for our particular incident room.” “Did she give any information about her own experiences?” Reply, “Yeah. She actually said that she wished the police had helped her and in her words, she said when she was ‘groomed as a child.’”

**C** And then she was asked to slow down a little and she continued, it's Y6 in the note, “That she wished that she'd had help from the police when she had been groomed as a child.” She was asked, “Did she go on and give you some information about that grooming as she described it?” Reply, “Yeah. She told us of instances that, especially when she was in children's care homes too, one at 1 [Location B1] and the other one at [Location H] and she said that, she just said there were hundreds. She felt like there were hundreds of Asian males that were targeting her and that they were feeding her cocaine. Am I going too fast, sorry, your Honour. And alcohol.”

**D** Then there was a pause. She was asked, “And in terms of the details of that, do we take that then from officer Taylor who recorded the information?” “Yes, yes.” “And how was she when she was – how was her manner when she described that to you?” Reply, “She was on reflection of her own childhood and I think she herself, like she said, ‘I just wished there'd been someone there for me.’ She was referring to the police that she couldn't have turned to when it, when similar things were happening to her.”

**E** “Thank you, do you then have the notes from your fellow officer Taylor's notebook submitted into the work room, the incident room on Operation Kalarabi?” Reply, “Yes. That's what we did as outside investigating officers. When we went out and did the outside enquiries, we would then complete actions that we'd sent with originally and submit them back into the incident room.” “And did you go ahead and do that along with the notes that were made on the questionnaires and from Kalarabi?” Reply, “Yes, they were an exhibit.”

**F** She was asked, “What was the situation as regards not just submitting the information to the specific Operation Kalarabi incident room but into the general police computer.” Reply, “We submitted our action plan back into the incident room and I personally did not

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**A** (inaudible) the intelligence report so that local police were aware of our conversation with [Person A].”

She was asked, “And was that something that was supposed to have occurred?” She replied, “It was, yes.” She was asked, “Did you later find out that it had not occurred, the submission of this information into the police?” Reply, “Yeah, it was brought back to my attention some time later and as soon as it was brought to my attention, I immediately submitted the intelligence report.”

**B** She was asked, “We have the date on your statement, I don’t think there's any object, was that on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 that a Detective Inspector brought it to your attention that [Person A1] was appearing on local news and that the intelligence gathered from her had not been submitted?” Reply, “Exactly, yes. That's when I addressed it straight away and submitted the intelligence report.”

**C** She was asked, “Right, you’ve helpfully provided the intelligence report but can I ask you this? Was the intelligence report made up from Detective Constable Taylor’s notes or just from your own mind?” Reply, “No, no, no, it wasn’t from my memory. It was specifically from the notes made by DC Richard Taylor as he was sat with me at the same time with [Person A],” and then she was told, “We'll deal with that with him,” and the prosecution had no further questions at that point.

**D** The witness was then cross-examined on behalf of the defendant Usman by Mr Ferm and he asked these questions and the following answers were given, “On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2013, you and your colleague, Detective Constable Taylor, had a conversation with [Person A] in the course of the Kalarabi enquiry and a note was made of what [Person A1] told you at that time.” Reply, “It was.” “That note was not written by you but was written by your colleague, Detective Constable Taylor. You were asking questions and conducting the discussion. Is that right?” Reply, “Yes, that’s right.”

**E** “Have you since that time and before coming into court looked at Detective Constable Taylor’s note of that conversation?” Reply, “No.” “So, you’ve not looked at it at all.” Reply, “No.” “And you haven't satisfied yourself that that is an accurate account of what was said to you by [Person A1] on that day?” Reply, “No, I haven't. We would have – you know, obviously, at the time we would have but obviously, I've just worked from my statement that I prepared for this actual trial.”

**F** She was asked, “Did you look at Detective Constable Taylor’s note at the time when you had just conducted this conversation with [Person A1] to remind yourself of what had been said and to confirm that his note was accurate?” She replied, “Yes.” “And were you

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**A** satisfied that his note was a satisfactory and accurate record of what [Person A1] had disclosed to you at that point?" Reply, "Yes."

Question, "Now, an intelligence report was not submitted at that time. Was it that case that [Person A1] had said to both of you that she didn't want the police to follow up what she had told you?" Reply, "Yes, that's correct." "Whatever it was that she told you, we'll no doubt find out when Detective Constable Taylor gives evidence." This is the note and of course, you will deduce from that he gave evidence in the last trial after this witness.

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"But your next involvement, I understand, in this was on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 when a superior officer, Detective Inspector Bryan, got in touch with you, is that right?"

**C** Reply, "She was in the incident room's Detective Inspector where I was working, yes." "And the reason for that was because the police had learned that [Person A1] was in touch with the BBC and was going to appear on Look North, is that right?" Reply, "I don't – I were just following instructions from Detective Inspector Bryan." "Did you have any further conversation with [Person A1] at that stage?" Reply, "No, definitely not."

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"The first time that she was asked to give a formal statement was in, or that she actually gave a statement, let me correct myself, was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2014." Reply, "Okay." "Did you play any part in setting that arrangement up?" Reply, "No, I didn't." "Can you help us at all with the circumstances in which [Person A1] and Look North came into court?" Reply, "No, I can't. I don't know anything about that."

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Question, "Or what, if any part, Look North played in her life in the events that led up to the 8<sup>th</sup> of September?" Reply, "No, I can't." "Thank you very much," and then that cross-examination was of course completed.

There was no re-examination and then the judge asked the following question. The judge rose, asked the question, "You submitted the intelligence reports on only the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2014." Reply, "I did, your Honour, yes." "Did you consider the content of the report on that date or did you just file it without rereading it or checking it in any way?" Reply, "I actually did the intelligence report from the book which DC Taylor had compiled the questions at the time. I couldn't do them from memory because it was there was a pass of time from when we saw [Person A1] to when I was submitted the intelligence report," and then that was the conclusion of that witness's evidence.

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**G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Shall we have a coffee break, ladies and gentlemen? I wanted to finish those two witnesses. Thank you very much. Can we do 20 minutes give or take? Thanks very much. You're entitled to a break. You may need it, I don't know. I certainly

**H** do, thank you. See you in 20 minutes.

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(The jury left court)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Great, thanks very much. Where do we go from here, Miss Kelly, Melly?

MISS MELLY: The next witness will be [Person B2] who is the friend [REDACTED]

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[Person B] [REDACTED]

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Sure.

MISS MELLY: She's a little out of turn. She has significant childcare commitments. This was an appropriate time to call her.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Everybody happy about that, yes?

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UNIDENTIFIED COUNSEL: Thank you, your Honour. Given that it doesn't affect my client, I wonder if I might be excused?

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, of course you can. Is she going to be here long? What's the plan for today?

MISS MELLY: She took about an hour and ten minutes last time.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay.

MISS MELLY: It may be that she's in fact shorter on this occasion and after that, Miss Beattie will then be dealing with the timeline with the officer in the case and that's all the evidence for today.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Sure, whatever.

MISS MELLY: I'm not sure we'll conclude the timeline.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That's fine. Thank you very much indeed. Alright, see you in – about quarter past?

(Court adjourned)

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Were counsel, by the way, taking me at my word that this Friday afternoon, if you were all good, would be yours?

UNIDENTIFIED COUNSEL: That's what we understood.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Mr Wilson?

MR WILSON: Oh yes, definitely.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Definitely? Good. It would assist me this Friday, thank you, I've had to deal with another matter so that's brilliant, okay? Do we need to sit earlier at all on Friday to accommodate any witness or any ---

MISS MELLY: May I answer that tomorrow morning. If there any witnesses who express strong views about Friday, then I'll move them to earlier in the morning but I'll try to avoid that. Thank you.

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**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No problem. No problem. Ten o'clock will be fine but I will sit at 9.30 if it helps.

MISS MELLY: Thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Or indeed earlier, Mr Dallas.

**B** MR DALLAS: Thank you, your Honour. It will give me great pleasure to be on the M62 car park even earlier.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Miss Hertzog, did you get done what you needed to?

MISS HERTZOG: I did, thank you.

(The jury returned to court)

**C** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thanks a lot, thank you.

MISS MELLY: Thank you. then the next witness, please, is [Person C2]. She was [Person B2].

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: She was?

**D** MISS MELLY: [Person B2]. She's been married since she made her witness statement.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you for that, yes.

MISS MELLY: And she's the young lady who befriended [Person B] [REDACTED]

**E** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes. the jury may have cottoned on to the fact that in these modern and enlightened time, the entirety of a case is presented to the barristers and the judge if he can work the equipment over the digital case system so if they are talking about I20 or something like that, that tells me where in the system I go to find the information, okay? So, looking at the system, the last reference you gave bore no relation to my system so can I – that's probably my fault. Can you tell me which witness, where I find this witness in the I section?

**F** MISS MELLY: I33 it should be.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I33.

MISS MELLY: Does your Honour prefer the page?

**G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: [REDACTED] whoever she is, I33.

MISS MELLY: I33 was page ---

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No, all I want is I and then the number which I think is 20.

MISS MELLY: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: [Person B2], okay. Lovely. Do you follow me?

**H** MISS MELLY: We follow you, so yes, it's witness I20, page I33.

**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: So just, that's fine, so we're now at I20 and here is I20, alright.

[PERSON C2] nee [PERSON C3] (Affirmed)

**B** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: We're very grateful to you for coming and I know you've got childcare problems so we'll do it as quickly as possible. If we can't finish before lunchtime, can you pop back afterwards?

WITNESS: Absolutely. I've got care until half four.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You'll have to turn the lights out if you're here but the reality is, miss, would you mind standing up? If you sit down, you'll disappear from view. Okay.

**C** Lovely, your witnesses.

Examined-in-chief by MISS MELLY

MISS MELLY: Thank you, is your full name [Person C2]?

A. Yes.

Q. And as the jury have already heard, you were before you were married [Person B2].

**D** A. Correct.

Q. You are quite softly spoken and we're in quite a big court room. I'm not sure the microphones will assist so just from time to time I'll ask you to keep your voice up.

A. Is that okay? Okay.

Q. Thank you. I'll lead you through the circumstances. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**E** [REDACTED]

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: When do you want to – we’re going to have – whenever the time is good for you and the witness.

MISS MELLY: I think that would be appropriate. There's only one topic but I don't think we'll finish it before lunch. It's just one more meeting.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: There have to be a few questions, don't there, Mr Iqbal, of the witness?

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MR IQBAL: Yes. I'll be as brief as ---

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Of course you will, of course you will but you don't mind coming back rather than, rather than putting pressure on you or the barristers. Are you okay?

WITNESS: Yeah, absolutely.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I don't think you'll be here very long, alright. Well, please don't talk to anybody about your evidence, okay, over the lunch break and we'll see you again at quarter past two, is that alright?

WITNESS: Alright, thank you very much.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, thank you very much. I want to give not only you but the witness a good break. Time to get out of the building and so on. She'll be looked after and we'll meet up at 2.15, okay, and finish this witness and then look at the time schedule. It may not take a lot of time. We might have an earlier day today but don't blame us. Sorry, the prosecution and the defence are whittling down evidence all the time so, okay, see you 2.15 give or take. Thanks a lot.

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(The jury left court)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, thank you very much, gentlemen. If you'd like to leave us, those who can. Thank you.

(Court adjourned)

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you very much. Thank you.

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MISS MELLY: I just – may I indicate that following the conclusion of this witness, may I deal with a reporting restriction issue that’s been raised with me over the lunchtime adjournment? Thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you very much.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I see, very good. Okay, anything arising?

MISS MELLY: No, thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No, alright. Thank you, madam, very much for coming. I wasn't telling Mr Iqbal off but you have come – not this time anyway, Mr Iqbal – I know

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you've come here to help us and you're probably fed up of lawyers and judges, alright? So, this is you done. You will not be coming back.

WITNESS: Thank you so much.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Don't talk about the case but we do thank you for coming, okay? So, off you go now. The officer will escort you out, thank you. Okay.

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(The witness withdrew)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Now, thank you, thank you everybody. What would you like me to do now?

MISS MELLY: There's a brief matter of law.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay. I know it's not really related to, certainly not a problem caused by anybody here. Ladies and gentlemen, this – in a case like this, there will be first of all need – sometimes, one counsel will intervene to interrupt another because they're concerned about what's going on. I have to do it if I'm concerned, rightly or wrongly but my job is also to resolve any issue, technical issue of law that arises in the case and they're often completely unrelated to any of the players in the case.

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Now, there is a little problem that I'm being asked to resolve and I have to hear that, I don't really know what it is, so I hear that on my own as the judge of the law. This is what happens in every case. I will ask you just to step outside for a few minutes, won't keep you long. I don't want to keep you too long today or any day if at all possible so if you wouldn't mind just stepping out and letting me deal with this and if I can, I'll let you know if it's relevant to the case, okay? No problem.

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(The jury left court)

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(The jury returned to court)

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: It was a highly technical issue and I've dealt with it, ladies and gentlemen. It really doesn't, and I say this with great respect, it really doesn't concern you and only concerns me as the trial manager.

What we've also discussed, far more importantly, is the next bit of evidence and how to cut it down so can you bear with the prosecutor, prosecutor number 2, Miss Beattie, for a few minutes and then I'll have you on your way, okay? Thank you.

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MISS BEATTIE: Yes, your Honour. Ladies and gentlemen, the next piece of evidence we're going to deal with is the document that you were handed yesterday which is the timeline in this case and the officer in the case is going to give evidence and explain some of the contents to you.

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Your Honour, the officer in the case is DC Helen Reilly. She's going to be called to deal with this piece of evidence but any substantive cross-examination will be dealt with when she's recalled to deal with the substance of ---

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, we understand. In other words, she may make a number of appearances and the defence will wait until her last appearance before they ask questions, okay, rather than in bits and bobs, okay?

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MISS BEATTIE: Indeed.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: The jury have this already, don't you?

MISS BEATTIE: They do.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, good. Thank you.

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DC HELEN REILLY, Sworn  
Examined-in-chief by MISS BEATTIE

- A** MISS BEATTIE: Thank you. Would you tell the court your full name, please?
- A. I'm Detective Constable 1536 Helen Reilly.
- Q. And is it right that you are the officer in this case?
- A. That's correct, yes.
- B** Q. So, ultimately, you're going to be called on a number of occasions. On this occasion, we're just going to deal simply with the timeline and the jury have this document. Do you have a copy of it?
- A. I don't, no.
- C** Q. Now, first of all, can I deal with matters in this way? Is it right that during the course of this investigation, indeed, in any investigations, a large amount of material and information is generated in respect of police reports or documents or medical reports?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And that's the case in this instance.
- A. Yes.
- D** Q. And is it right that what the process is is that you as the officer in the case have reviewed a vast amount of material such as medical records and that that material has been reduced to, for example, certain references on the timeline.
- A. That's correct, yes.
- E** Q. So that the jury can see a sequence of events and the time frame of events which indicate different periods of time, individual events.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Sometimes, the events intersect so, for example, there may be occasions that relate both to [Person B] and [Person A].
- F** A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Or indeed, sometimes between defendants where they might have worked at the same place and again, that will be shown on the timeline.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. So, just so we can orientate ourselves, just looking at this document, we see the very first page starts on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2000 and at the very top, we have the name [Person A], then the name [Person B] and then, the names of the defendants set out in order as we can see and each has a different coloured line and so that the events in relation to any of those individuals are set out on the line that corresponds to their name.
- G** A. Yes, that's correct.
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- A** Q. And at the very top, we see that there are years and there are months within those years and dates and sometimes even times within those dates.
- A. Yes.
- B** Q. Now, what we'll do if we may is we'll look at the first few pages and you can help the jury in terms of explaining what certain things represent. So, we're going to start, if we may, by looking at the very first entry which relates to [Person A] and we see a box there added, 02, 01, 00 and that, corresponding to that and the bottom of the box, is the date the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2000.
- A. Yes.
- C** Q. Now, what we have at the top, does that, in fact, represent a police reference number or a police log number? What does that represent.
- A. It's a police call log number so every call to the police gets a number and that's the number basically.
- D** Q. And along with that number, is there also a corresponding date?
- A. There is.
- Q. So, when we read 2/01/00 13.54, it's a police log number of that date.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And that shows a domestic incident of violence involving [Person BB]'s partner and ex-partner and indeed, is [Person BB] the mother of [Person A1]?
- E** A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And does it follow that if we look at the next box, we see a similar number at the very top of that box, again indicating 19<sup>th</sup> of February of 2002, a domestic incident of violence and breach of bail regarding [Person BB] and her ex-partner?
- F** A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Now, then we see the following box, again, 12/10/2006, 13.95, related to a report about [Person A1] being reported missing by her mother, last seen by her teacher outside [fish & chip shop].
- A. Yes.
- G** Q. And again, that is a log of the call to the police concerning that incident.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now, we have at the bottom of that box and indeed all the boxes a specific time. Where does the time come from?
- A. The time comes from the date that the call was made to police.
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- A** Q. Right, so because every log has a time record on it so you can see when the call was made.
- A. That's right, yes.
- Q. Then we see next to that, 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2006 so the same day but three hours later in
- B** the evening, someone ringing to say that [Person A1] was at her house.
- A. Yes, that's right.
- Q. So, and I think this will be a pattern where, when we'll see an entry relating to the fact that [Person A1] has been reported missing, for example, but then there is a follow up entry which indicates how that was resolved, whether being at someone's house or return, for
- C** example, to [Location B] where she was arrested.
- A. Yes.
- Q. So, when the jury look along these lines, they can see the corresponding entries. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, again to illustrate the point, by this time, it's just after midnight and she turned up at her grandmother's house.
- D** A. Yes.
- Q. And again, all this is from the police logs.
- A. Yes.
- Q. The next entry is November 2006 once again. This time it was a call from her mother saying she'd fallen out and she was refusing to come home and she was collected by police on
- E** the 8<sup>th</sup> of November and was later dropped off at school.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Again, what was the significance at that stage, if any, of [Person A1]'s age?
- A. I'm sorry, what do you mean?
- F** Q. Well, in terms of her being reported missing, was there any particular issue because of the age she was at that time?
- A. Yes. Because she's under 16, she's obviously tret as a missing child.
- Q. Right, so hence why there will be reports to the police if she wasn't at home or she was considered to be missing.
- G** A. Yes.
- Q. Right. Again, we can see there, the final box on that line, [Person A1] was located on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November and again, the time there, is that the time the police are notified that she was located, 20.42?
- A. Yes, that's correct.
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**A** Q. So, if she'd been found, for example, half an hour before that, it's actually the time of the call concerning that she's been found that's recorded on those logs.

A. Yes.

**B** Q. We then see below that in relation to [Person B] and by now, we're in 2007, the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, again, the same thing as before, police log number, time of call, saying that she's – a call from her father saying that she was truanting and she was located by the father at 11.43 but it wasn't clear where she'd been recovered from.

**C** If we turn on to page 2, and again, this is an example because this timeline reflects events and dates, we can see in relation to Saeed Akhtar, Sid, so that's the (inaudible) responding to his name. The date is shown there that he began working at Next on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2007.

A. Yes.

**D** Q. So, again, that's providing a timeframe in relation to defendants and complainants generally. Looking above that, in relation to Basharat Khaliq, Bash, again we can see on his line an example showing a stop number, officers stopping a red Mitsubishi Lancer and it gives the registration number, B9SHK, on Halifax Road in Shelf and the driver of the vehicle was Basharat Khaliq and that was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2007 at 2.30am in the morning and again, this is an example of information being collated and provided in a form in which it can be seen where it fits in sequentially.

**E** A. Yes.

**F** Q. Looking again, and again, it's illustrating how this works, in relation to [Person B] and the line above, you can see on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, there was a further report from her father that she was missing from school. However, there was then a sequential call to say that she was on her way home and again, we can then see a line, 16<sup>th</sup> of November, reported missing and then in relation to the witness we've just heard, if we look at the fourth box along, arrested for burglary, dwelling at father's address and that was the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2007.

A. Yes, that's right.

**G** Q. Then we see that she ran off from school and can you just confirm that in relation to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2007, the jury have already heard about an incident involving the theft of car keys, theft of a car and two people being killed who were friends of hers. Was that burglary related to that?

A. It is, yes.

**H** Q. So, that's something we can time again, when the burglary occurred?

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A. Yes.

Q. She returned home and it was after that, we can see the final box which indicates that she was put into a care family in Bradford on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2007. At that ---

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That's not [Location B1], is it?

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MISS BEATTIE: No, it's not [Location B1]. This is a care family so effectively, foster care and that was for one night as demonstrated by the fact it gives the date in the box so again, ladies and gentlemen, where dates can be confirmed in relation to any places of residence or times of residence, it will be shown in there and again, if we look, turning over to [Person B] again, we can see the timeline shows the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, she had absconded. Found by the

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police at a friend's address at 23.14 and then, again in relation to the matter we've just spoken about, a car, [Person B1]'s father's car was stolen using the key stolen from the burglary and the vehicle crashed and two of the occupants suffered fatal injuries and that gives the time of the report of that incident as the 30<sup>th</sup> of November at half past ten in the evening.

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She was then reported missing. Again, we can see from the box, located at an address on the 1<sup>st</sup>. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December again reported missing but at eight o'clock in the evening, found at a friend's address and once again, all the times and all the dates set out within that. She was reported missing on the 29<sup>th</sup>, returned of her own accord in the early hours of the 30<sup>th</sup> and we can see that via the two boxes showing she was reported missing on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December at 21.23 but she's shown as returned at 1.48 on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

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Again, similarly, in terms of [Person A], we can see the boxes at the top there, reported missing on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January by her mother. Shows that she was last seen outside school. She was still missing on the 30<sup>th</sup>. She was found at her friend's address, wouldn't go home but agreed to go to her grandmother's on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, so again, if the jury follow those along, they can see the sequence of events.

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A. Yes.

Q. And below that, in relation to [Person B], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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A. That's right.

Q. So, you might get a substantial volume of documents but you can reduce it down to bare essentials by doing (inaudible).

A. Yes.

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Q. Okay, thank you very much. We'll carry on if we may to the point, just dealing with February, where we can see again, looking at [Person A]'s entry, and just looking at those for a moment, they relate to her going missing initially, February 2008, refusing to go home because of problems with her stepfather and then on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, showing her staying at the home of someone called [REDACTED]. She'd been placed there by Social Services and her mother had attended at property, kicking the door down wanting her daughter back. That was on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. By the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, she was reported missing again and then, by the 19<sup>th</sup>, [REDACTED], contacted the police to say that she had returned.

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A. That's right.

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Q. We see in relation to [Person B] again [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Q. So, we see an example of that where [Person B1] was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], if we turn on to page 5 and [Person A], again, just looking at the top line briefly, we can see that was reported missing from school initially, having had an appointment with Social Services. She was found at school. She didn't turn up at Crisis Care on the same but was located at [REDACTED] address which was referred to on the previous page and again, in her case, we see from her medical records, an entry relating to the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2008 saying that she was seeing the child and adult mental health services about her mental state. An assessment was completed and it was noted that her home environment was stressful.

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Again, reports on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February from her mother, being arrested for breach of the peace because she refused to go home to her mother but it was agreed she could stay at another address.

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Now, then we see on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, the next box, again, a further example of an entry from a medical record and in this case – so one can see throughout the timeline instances of self-harm but on the timeline, this is the first entry we see which is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, she was cutting her own wrists and self-inflicting injuries to herself.

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She was admitted to hospital, as we can see, because on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, there was a call to the police indicated by the log number at four o'clock saying that she had gone missing from Bradford Royal Infirmary and she was later found at a friend's house. Now, there we have a placement in Crisis Care in Bradford on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. We can see that she moved to a residential unit, [Location H], which has been referred to and then again, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, there was a letter on her records indicating that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, she was admitted to A&E for self-harm again.

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Page 6, still in March, we see a note saying she'd been admitted to hospital for attempted suicide. She was cutting her wrists and she was seeing the child and adolescent mental health services for help with her depression. Again, a further report of being, of going missing. This time, the log indicates that she had gone missing, threatening to kill herself. She was very distressed and again, a further example on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, a call from [REDACTED] saying she brought [Person A1] home with her having found her drunk in the street with no shoes on.

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Again, just tying up the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, she was reported missing from the children's home that she'd just been admitted to and returned there on the 31<sup>st</sup> and through the end, up until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and the end of that page, we can see reported missing, damage to the room and self-harm, threatening staff, causing damage and then, in relation to [Person B], we can see there'd been a CAMS referral which is the abbreviation for adolescent mental health services. A further report of being missing and the Crisis Care placement on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

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Now, page 7, it's significant that in relation to [Person A], we can see at the top there was a call from [Location H1], the residential unit, saying that she had set the fire alarm off and left and then returned at 03.45, so quarter to four in the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, though, we see noted residential unit moved to [Location B2] so that's the date of the move to [Location B2] and again, that's taken from the various documents showing where she was moved to within the care system.

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A. Yes.

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Q. We then see again in relation to [Person B] the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, Social Services called the police because [Person B1] was refusing to go to another care address. She was put into

**A** foster care on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April and then she too moved to [Location B2] on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2008. So, we see, therefore, that [Person A1] moved in on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and [Person B1] moved in on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

**B** And again, just dealing very briefly with this, one can see, looking along the top in relation to [Person A], unauthorised absences from [Location B1] within two days of being there on the 17<sup>th</sup>, then unauthorised absence on the 29<sup>th</sup> and again, when she's returned, that's noted, that's all logged in these entries. Self-harm on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2008, a letter indicating she was having counselling and further self-harm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

**C** Now, I think we'll probably leave it there, officer, save that I'd like to ask you this, one of the things that noted and we can see an example of it on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, virtually in the middle of the page, ladies and gentlemen, there's a term 'unauthorised absence. Can you help us with what an unauthorised absence means and why it's recorded in that way by the police?

**D** A. Yes. An unauthorised absence is when somebody is missing but it is believed that they may return of their own volition so it would determine potentially resources that might be put into place to try and locate that person. Or the home might have known, she might have had contact and said, "I'm stopping out. I'm not coming back but I'll be back in the morning." They're still under a duty to report her missing but really, she might come, she's likely to come back.

**E** Q. Right, so, and again, when you say it's a question of resources, presumably there's a distinction between someone who you're expecting to come back who you don't think is an immediate risk and someone, say, a particularly vulnerable adult who may literally be missing and be in imminent danger.

**F** A. Yes.

Q. Is that how the distinction is drawn in terms of deciding what action to take?

**G** A. Well, it was at that time. It's just the way that, the wording that was used suggested saying – so, for missing, for missing, we don't know where they are, so there may be a lot of resources put in trying to find that person. If it's unauthorised absence, some suggestion that may come back, there might be an agreement for the home to contact later and things like that.

Q. Okay. I think that might be convenient.

**H** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Right, sensible. Now, Detective, officer, you will have to come back. You may have to come back and speak to this schedule a bit more tomorrow. That will be between you and your team but the jury, this was a plan, ladies and gentlemen.

**A** Rather than go all the way through it now, it may be necessary, to introduce it and to show you how it works and it is a very, say the barristers, important document charting the lives not just of [Person A1] and [Person B1], of course, at the material time.

**B** So, we'll leave it there. I think Mr Moulson's very helpful suggestion in your absence was that if I let you go now, he and the barristers will try and agree, formally agree this so that it can be in some way presented without the need to formally prove every single page, is that right?

MR MOULSON: Yes.

**C** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: It sounds a good plan to me. Just bear with me, officer, one moment would you? Ladies and gentlemen, I don't know how long antibiotics take to kick in. I'm getting a little bit pessimistic about mine.

Mr Manby, are we free to sit tomorrow at ten o'clock? Should we sit, Mr Frieze, I know you're a fan of starting so that we can, if necessary, send people home with a clear conscience.

**D** MR FRIEZE: I am but I'm conscious that people travel from further than I do so I don't impose my own personal preference.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Alright, it's a sensible suggestion. We'll do ten o'clock, is that alright? I'm fairly confident we'll be done no later than this tomorrow.

MISS MELLY: Yes.

**E** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Good, perfect. That I like. See you tomorrow. Can I just repeat the warnings now and again? Please don't communicate. Very important in this case. These cases do, rightly or wrongly, attract a little attention in the media, don't they? Even the most auspicious types of media, the BBC, for example, and Look North and all that. Obviously, you will see and hear things in the media. My best advice is to you basically say, "Oh fine, yes. That's the case I'm in," but then ignore everything you see or hear because you're the only ones who have the full picture, do you follow me, so I am very concerned that you will think, "Oh, hang on, that's not right," or, "That's not fair." We trust you and I can trust you I'm sure to put out of your mind any bias or anything that you think might be a tad sensational. You know you're trying this case and will do so according to a solemn oath and affirmation to judge it on the evidence you hear in court. Most other folk who comment about these things haven't really got a clue of the truth and the scale of the argument, okay?

So, I just give you that – do you mind me saying that to the jury, ladies and gentlemen, to focus on what they hear in court?

**H** MR IQBAL: We welcome it, your Honour, thank you.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That's a relief, I got that right. Alright, see you tomorrow, ten o'clock. Safe trip.

(The jury left court)

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Alright. Obviously, in your case, officer, you're free to conduct whatever you want and talk about this case to any person you want. Will you be on hand day to day or are you popping in and out?

WITNESS: I'll be here for at least two weeks, your Honour.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, that's brilliant, so we'll see you again. Thank you very much indeed. Thank you.

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Okay, anything else from me, ladies and gentlemen? Ms Batts?

MS BATTS: Just this, your Honour. I have a sentence to deal with in Derby tomorrow so I'd be grateful if I could be excused. I know your Honour has said that you're happy for us to come and go.

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JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Of course, of course. If it helps, I won't excuse you.

MS BATTS: I'd rather not be going to Derby but I've got to.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You don't want to do it over the link, no.

MS BATTS: I can't, I'm afraid. It's not that sort of case but thank you anyway.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, that's fine. I will see you later. Thank you.

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