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**IN THE CROWN COURT AT BRADFORD**

Drake Street  
Bradford

**Before HIS HONOUR JUDGE DURHAM HALL QC**

**R E G I N A**

**- v -**

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

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**PROCEEDINGS**

**24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019, 10.15 – 16.04**

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**REPORTING RESTRICTIONS APPLY:  
SECTION 4(2) OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURT ACT 1981  
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**A**

(The court reconvened at 10.15 in the absence of the jury)

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(Judge Durham Hall conferred with the Court Clerk)

(The jury entered court at 10.17)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, the delay only to get everybody in place in as civilised a way as possible, okay. Thank you. You were, I - I'll only say this once, [Person A1], you know that the oath or affirmation you took of - it binds you throughout any questions and re-examination, okay.

**F**

[PERSON A], on former oath

Cross-examined by MR MOULSON (cont.)

Q. Thank you, your Honour. [Person A1], just three more topics, the first two fairly short, I think, so I'll move onto topic eight immediately. And as you know, I think, that Saeed Akhtar has been charged with two counts of encouraging you to be involved with - in prostitution. You understand that to be the position?

**G**

A. Yes.

Q. Thank you. One of those counts, as we understand the position, concerns the man Bhindi.

**H**

A. Yes.

- A** Q. And I think that the position of the prosecution is that you obtained at the request of Sid, some cocaine from him?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Can you remember about when this was, [Person A1]?
- B** A. Not exactly, no, I know – it was when he still lived at [Sid's address].
- Q. Still lived at [Sid's address]?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Right. Was – was it close to the time when you were found hiding in the cupboard or – or not?
- C** A. I can't remember. I remember the incident. I don't remember the timing.
- Q. Right.
- A. Around it.
- Q. I think the position is that the prosecution contend that you were at [Sid's address]. and he told you to go and see Bhindi to obtain three, if I can put it this way, street deals of cocaine?
- D** A. Yes, he – he never specified how much to get, he just told me to go get some.
- Q. To – to go and get it?
- A. Yes ---
- Q. Right.
- E** A. --- and that's what – that's the amount that Bhindi gave me.
- Q. Right. Did Sid give you any money to go and get it?
- A. No.
- Q. Did – did you leave [Sid's address]
- F** A. Yes.
- Q. Had you got in touch with the man, Bhindi? Had you contacted him before or?
- A. Bhindi was a drug dealer so I had had prior contact with him before on rare occasions, yes.
- Q. Right, and you never obtained drugs from him on occasions before this request, as you would have it, from Sid?
- G** A. I never bought cocaine myself back then, no, so I'd never obtained drugs from him before, no. I had been around while other people obtained drugs from him.
- Q. Right.
- A. But I had never myself purchased any drugs from him.
- H** Q. So you'd been in Bhindi's presence when he supplied drugs to others?

- A**
- A. Yes.
- Q. Right. You met him on this occasion, is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Yes, how did you come to meet him?
- B**
- A. I – I was in contact with him on my phone through text messages while at Sid’s house. I don’t know how the contact started. I don’t know if he – I think I text him to see if he had any drugs that he would tick me because ---
- Q. Sorry, he would?
- A. Tick, so basically if he would supply me with the drugs and I would pay him in cash
- C**
- on a later date. So he’s – so ---
- Q. Right.
- A. So instead of, you know, exchanging money there and then, if ---
- Q. So straightaway.
- A. Yeah.
- D**
- Q. On tick?
- A. Yeah, because me and Sid’d been ---
- Q. Yeah.
- A. --- at his house and we had no cocaine and Sid had wanted some coke, kid had –
- E**
- sorry, Sid had wanted some cocaine ---
- Q. Right.
- A. --- so we’d been trying to get in touch with some drug dealers, multiple drug dealers, to see if anyone would do us what we called a tick which is, do you know, get the drugs, pay at a later day.
- F**
- Q. Right, so – so is the position that on this occasion, you and Sid wanted cocaine?
- A. Well, by that point, they had got me addicted to cocaine, so yes I did want cocaine but they normally supplied me with cocaine, yeah.
- Q. All right, so if I can just seek your help with this. You had Bhindi’s contact number in your telephone.
- G**
- A. Yeah so did most people in Bradford, yes.
- Q. There had been previous occasions when you had obtained drugs from Bhindi?
- A. Yes, well, no, I hadn’t obtained them, no, I’d been in the presence while other people had.
- Q. Right, there had been occasions when you had texted Bhindi, previously, is that right?
- H**
- A. Not really, no, I had his contact number ---

- A**
- Q. Right.
- A. --- because he was a drug dealer and that's the lifestyle I was involved with. I'd never had conversations with him before or anything like that. It's not like we were best friends or anything.
- B**
- Q. Forgive me, so on the occa ---
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Do we know where she – I'm sorry, Mr Moulson, just – just for my note.
- MR MOULSON: Yes, of course, forgive me.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, they're all very polite to me and I appreciate it, but where
- C**
- did you get the number from, did you ask that question? I didn't hear.
- MR MOULSON: I didn't your Honour, no.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Where?
- A. I – I can't – I could not tell you ---
- Q. All right that's fine.
- D**
- A. --- exactly where I got it from.
- Q. You can't remember.
- A. Back then, situations sometimes, yeah.
- Q. That's fine.
- A. Yeah.
- E**
- Q. So – so the occasion we're talking about, [Person A1], you were in text contact with Bhindi?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Were you?
- F**
- A. Yes.
- Q. And – and help us how the text conversation went before – before you left [Sid's address]
- A. So, me and Sid were trying to get hold of some cocaine, do - you know, give us it now, pay you another time, type of thing.
- G**
- Q. Yes.
- A. And we'd text a few drug dealers and Bhindi were the only one that had really text back.
- Q. Right.
- A. And Bhindi said, "No, I don't do ticks, I – I don't do that." And he – and Sid were
- H**
- like, "Oh, try and talk him around, try and flirt with him." So, I – I innocently did it, like a

- A** little bit of flirting on the phone and he were like, “Well, I’m sure we could come to some agreement.”
- Q. Bhindi said that to you?
- A. Yes.
- B** Q. Bhindi said to you on a text message, “I’m sure we can come to some arrangement”?
- A. Yes and I told Sid what he had said and Sid were like, “Oh, well go see him, go do what you need to do and bring me back some coke so we can – we can get high.”
- Q. Right, and following the text you received from Bhindi relating to some arrangement, what did you think that would mean?
- C** A. We all – all three of us, Sid, me and Bhindi all knew he was on about some kind of sexual activity.
- Q. Was that mentioned specifically in the text message or not?
- A. No, it wasn’t ex – in – in the text message but me and Sid had a conversation because Sid said, “Go do what you need to do,” and I were like, “You know what he’s gonna want me to do, he’s gonna want me to do something for it and I don’t want to do that.” And Sid were like, “Oh, but I always – I always supply you with coke and this time I don’t have any, at least – the least you could do is go get us some so we can take it together and we can chill.”
- Q. Right, so you left [Sid's address] did you?
- A. Yes.
- E** Q. Yes, was Sid with you?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you meet Bhindi?
- A. Yes.
- F** Q. Where?
- A. [Hotel] when it used to be [Hotel] on – do you know when you’re in town and you’re going out of Address and it used to be [Hotel] on Address.
- Q. I – I don’t know, how – how – how long did it take you to walk from [Sid's address] to the meeting point?
- G** A. I didn’t walk, Bhindi paid for a taxi.
- Q. Right, so he said, “I’ll pay for the taxi when it arrives,” did he?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Right, did you have a mobile phone with you?
- A. Yes.
- H** Q. You say you knew what was going to – what might be required of you.

- A**
- A. Yes.
- Q. In terms of – is that in terms of a sexual act for Bhindi?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Yes. Why didn't you – why did you go at all?
- B**
- A. One, because Sid had made me feel guilty for the fact that he always supplied coke normally and that he wanted some now and I'd never supplied it back. And two, because after – cos it had been – I can't remember exactly when it had happened but it had been a while of me going to Sid's house. I was already addicted to cocaine by that point from them feeding it to me so my thoughts weren't as rational as they would be today because he had
- C**
- already made me feel – succumb to an addiction so...
- Q. So is this the position as you contend for it, [Person A1], that it was a mixture of Sid's pressure and your desire for cocaine?
- A. It was a mixture of Sid's pressure and my addiction to cocaine caused by them.
- Q. Right.
- D**
- A. Not my desire for cocaine, trust me, it's not the type of drug you desire. It's a very evil drug.
- Q. So, you didn't call – call anybody in authority from your phone that you had with you on the – on the taxi journey?
- A. No.
- E**
- Q. No. You didn't say to the taxi driver, "Could you take me to the police station?"
- A. No.
- Q. You went to the meeting point, is that right?
- A. Yes.
- F**
- Q. Thank you, and did you obtain cocaine from Bhindi?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And how much?
- A. Three grams, not full, they're not actual grams, it's just what they call them, just like three little bags.
- G**
- Q. If I said three street deals, would that ---
- A. Yes.
- Q. --- that be? Okay.
- A. Yes.
- Q. So – so – so three street deals would amount to what in weight?
- H**
- A. I have no idea in weight but it'd come to about between 90 and 120 pound.

- A**
- Q. 90 ---
- A. In – 90 and 120 pound in money.
- Q. Right, okay, and does one street deal equate to equal to one line of cocaine?
- A. No.
- B**
- Q. No. And how many lines of cocaine is that?
- A. Depends about the purity of the drug ---
- Q. Right.
- A. --- whether it is - the purer is the smaller amount you get for the same amount of money. Normally ---
- C**
- Q. Right.
- A. --- a street deal of cocaine, as you put it, would cost between 30 and 40 pound and the size of the deal would depend on the purity of the coke and also who supplied it.
- Q. All right. I don't want you to go into detail but were you – did you perform a sexual act on meeting Bhindi?
- D**
- A. Yes.
- Q. Right, did you take any of the drug when meeting him?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How - how – how much?
- A. One line.
- E**
- Q. One line.
- A. Then I put the rest into my bra. There was two full bags and a little bit left in another bag that I'd opened and I took that back for Sid.
- Q. Right, and how did you get back?
- F**
- A. I don't know whether it was a taxi or whether Sid picked – I don't know whether it was a taxi or whether Sid picked me up. I cannot recollect so I could not tell you but it would have either have been a taxi back or Sid would – would have picked me up.
- Q. Right, and then back to – to Sid's?
- A. Yes.
- G**
- Q. Yes. Yes, you understand, [Person A1], that Mr Akhtar says that that never happened, he didn't persuade you ever to go to see Bhindi to get drugs.
- A. He did.
- Q. Thank you. As we understand the second count relating to inciting you to – to prostitution, relates to the visit of some men to [Sid's address].
- H**
- A. Yes.

- A**
- Q. Yes?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You understand the – the Crown’s – the prosecution’s position on that?
- A. Yes.
- B**
- Q. Yes.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Mr Akhtar’s position is – is this. There was a visit by some men to [Sid's address], yes?
- A. Yes.
- C**
- Q. But he never encouraged you to perform or have sexual intimacy with them.
- A. Yes he did.
- Q. Right.
- A. And I didn’t that time.
- Q. You – you didn’t?
- D**
- A. No.
- Q. Right.
- A. He was trying to convince me, they – they came, it was of some relation – relation to Yasar, as far as I remember, and he told me, apparently they owned a jewellery shop in another city and they offered me, basically, some – some money, drugs, and jewellery to go out and do stuff with them and Sid was encouraging me to go do it but I didn’t go.
- E**
- Q. You didn’t, right.
- A. I avoided the situation. I kept delaying my replies back to the text messages and trying to buy me some time until the people that had offered it in the first place had made other plans so then Sid couldn’t carry on convincing me to go.
- F**
- Q. Right. In overall terms, is this the correct position, [Person A1], that you never exchanged sex for money, is that right?
- A. Never.
- Q. Right.
- G**
- A. Apart from that to do with the cocaine. I’ve never been a prostitute or anything like that.
- Q. Right. And – and – and when you had sex or performed sexual acts, was that because you wanted to and not for drugs or money?
- A. I’ve never had sex for drugs or money.
- H**

- A** Q. Right, thank you. Point nine, [Person A1], I think we can deal with very shortly. When I opened my questioning yesterday, I said that these points don't fit into watertight compartments. My point nine was headed, "Opportunities for you to complain about this adverse behaviour."
- B** A. Yes.
- Q. And I think we can probably reach this position can we, that, there were opportunities for you to complain, almost on a daily basis whilst this was allegedly happening to you, is that right?
- A. Yes, I've never said that there weren't opportunities for me to complain to people but
- C** I have always stated my understanding at that point wasn't the way it is now. I didn't understand what was going on. I had conflicted emotions. I was emotionally abused by these people into believing they had my best interests at heart. I came from a background where abuse was regular and normalised. I didn't see the same way that an – other people would have seen. I didn't understand the same way. I might have been bright at school but that
- D** does not mean that my emotional intelligence was anywhere near where it should have been.
- Q. I want to come on to my tenth and final point, please, here, and that's the – the issue of compensation.
- A. Yes.
- E** Q. Yes? And I'd just like to go through some points with you and seek your assistance on them, if I – if I can, please.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Thank you. If you could turn to the last page of the timeline, thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Now, this is a rather strange request from me that we turn to the last page of the timeline but it's to just invite the ladies and gentlemen of the jury to perhaps mark on that timeline at the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2013, so towards the centre of the page, ladies and gentlemen, we have a reference to July. There's no number 12 on it but it perhaps it might be of assistance to mark on that time plan, 12<sup>th</sup> of July. This is the meeting with the police regarding the Kellerabbey incident. So it's DC Taylor and PC Gatenby at your premises, [Person A1] ---
- F**
- G** A. Yes.
- Q. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2013.
- A. Yes.
- Q. When the officers make a note, yes, and we've read out part of PC Gatenby's cross-examination yesterday. So 12<sup>th</sup> of July, you begin to tell the police something of your
- H** allegations about the men in the dock, yes?

**A** A. I'd already mentioned to the police my allegations long before that. The police were already aware of what had been happening to me throughout all of this time.

Q. When was that?

**B** A. I've mentioned to the police. The police have had sexual exploitation meetings numerous times throughout my childhood where, but all of the people that are on trial was all mentioned in each – at least one of the meetings. The police were fully aware of what were going on. I never hid it from people. I told the – the staff at the care home where I were going and what were going on, that I was taking drugs, I were drinking alcohol, that I were with older men. I never kept it a secret. So as much as you stand there and say that I've never like that I – I've only ever done anything now, I haven't. I never hid it from anyone. Just no-one ever took it any further.

**C** Q. And does that form part of your basis of criticism of the police in this case?

**D** A. Well, my criticism of the police, they've already apologised for the way they dealt with things back then. I can forgive them because they've finally started making changes and started doing what they're supposed to do as a service. Ev – not all services are perfect and people have to learn from mistakes. But, yes, the police were fully aware of what had been going on for years and so were social services and I actually told Barnado's Charity when I was about 16 year old what exactly what were happening. I broke down to 'em and told 'em. They said they were gonna inform the police and social services and then no-one ever got back in touch with me. So it's not like I never came forward and never told anyone and I hid it or whatever. I was completely open about what was happening all the way through.

**E** Q. And you disagree with PC Gatenby, don't you, when PC Gatenby says that you said at this meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, you didn't want the police to follow up what you had told them?

**F** A. Yes I do and I am putting in a complaint after this trial. I have already spoke to the appropriate people about it and am putting in a complaint cos that's the first time I've ever heard that he said that I said I wanted no further action. I waited for months for them to get back in touch with me to take a further statement and they never did. And ever since, I spoke to [REDACTED] [Person BB1] and Dean and everyone. All of them are fully aware that I have always said that they never – never came back to take a statement. I have never once said I wanted no further action. My mum is fully aware of it. My mum, my little sister and my children's father was all present when they said they were gonna come back to take a further statement so I will be taking it further after this trial.

**G** Q. That was the 12<sup>th</sup> of July of 2013.

**H**

- A** A. Yes.
- Q. Yesterday, I was reading out a list to you when you did make formal complaint to the police about things that were happening to you and do you remember we got to one on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December of 2013 and I think your reply was to me, “That was nothing to do with the time at which anything was happening”?
- B** A. I can’t remember what incident you were on about.
- Q. Yes, well it was a complaint of sexual assault, not to do with any of these defendants which you made to the police on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December of 2013 so five months after the Kellerabbey visit and you said, yes, you had made that complaint, and my question is, when you made that complaint to the police, did you say, “Some officers came to see me months ago and nothing’s happened”?
- C** A. Probably, yes.
- Q. You said that ---
- A. I can’t – I cannot recollect whether I did but I know I probably did because I’ve said it multiple times to multiple different people whenever I have been in contact with the police over anything. I have mentioned that people were supposed to come back and take a further statement and never did. I also tried to contact the department that they work at and couldn’t get in touch with them so yes I did try to contact them and yes I did bring it up.
- D** Q. Right, in August of 2014, yes.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Because there appears to have been no police contact with you ---
- A. No.
- Q. --- is that right?
- E** A. Yes.
- Q. From the 12<sup>th</sup> of July of 2013 to September of 2014 but I’m just going to ask you about August of 2014, is that right?
- A. Right.
- Q. Right, news was breaking about the girls in Rotherham, is that right?
- F** A. Yes.
- Q. Yes and I think you say that you read all about that, is that right?
- A. Not every single thing but what was on the news, what I saw on the news, some things that I saw, articles I saw on Facebook, like – like most people would have done at the time.
- G** Q. Yes.
- H**

**A**

A. I'd – I'd seen the newspaper articles. I'd seen the news and it had been playing everywhere basically.

Q. Yes.

**B**

A. So I can't say I knew 100 per cent details of what happened in everything. I didn't sit there and read every single article. I was just the same as any other person in this court room during that time.

Q. Correct me if I'm wrong, [Person A1], but I think you told us on the last occasion that there was a Daily Mail article, "Child victims of Rotherham sex abuse scandal could be in line for compensation totalling £140 million says the solicitor representing them".

**C**

A. I know that I did see an article about that after I'd already been in contact with the police. It wasn't before, it was after I'd already been in contact with the police. There was nothing about any compensation before I'd been in touch with the BBC and the police and already agreed to do a trial. Well, already agreed to do an investigation, sorry.

**D**

Q. The article goes on, "Solicitor says current group deserve an average of £100,000 for ordeal". Did you know that the girls who were subject to the Rotherham situation were in line for sums of that amount?

A. Not before I made the invest – made the initial contact with the BBC, no. I think if you look at the date of the article, I'm pretty sure the date of the article is after my initial contact with the BBC anyway.

**E**

Q. Can you remember when you contacted the BBC?

A. I can't remember the exact date but I know it was a couple of week before I gave birth to my son and I gave birth to him on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August so it was the end of July sometime.

Q. Right.

**F**

A. That I contacted the BBC. I just can't remember the exact date.

Q. Right and was the news breaking about Rotherham then?

A. Yes.

Q. Right, but you didn't contact the police did you, you contacted Look North?

**G**

A. Yes, because I'd already contacted the police multiple times and it had never gone anywhere so I'm not gonna keep doing the same thing. Like I've already stated before, not – no normal person would keep doing the same thing with no outcome. If the – if the police were fully aware of what happened to me, if I'd already been waiting for them to come back and get a statement. If I'd already mentioned things multiple times and nothing had gone anywhere, I'm not gonna keep going back to the same people over the same thing when

**H**

**A** they're not doing anything. So instead I took a det – a different approach and I'm glad I did because I finally got somewhere.

Q. Well let's just pause, [Person A1], and just try and establish what you're saying. Are you saying, bearing in mind you gave birth to your baby on the [Date] August of 2014, yes.

**B** A. Yes.

Q. That it was about two weeks before that that you contacted Look North?

A. Approximately ---

Q. Right.

A. --- it was a couple of week, may – a couple of week ---

**C** Q. All right – all right.

A. --- a couple of week. I don't know the exact date. I know it was before that and it was relatively close to it because I said that I wasn't gonna do the – the proper statement until after I'd had my son because there was complications in my pregnancy and I had to be induced early. He was born over five week premature. So obviously at that moment in time, I wasn't gonna be doing video evidence and starting cases when my son was in a neonatal unit. So I said that I would do an investigation but it would have to wait until my son was all right and then I would start doing the statements with them.

**D** Q. So from an earlier ang – from an earlier answer you gave, [Person A1], are you saying that from the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2013, that's the Kellerabbey visit.

**E** A. Yes.

Q. Until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2014, two weeks approximately before your baby was born ---

A. Yes.

**F** Q. --- that you contacted the police on numerous occasions about what had happened to you, you say, at the ---

A. No, I contacted the police on numerous occa – occasions since I was 14 year old. I had regular contact with the police and stay – stated stuff that had happened to me to the police numerous times throughout that time. There was also numerous CSE meetings and meetings with different professionals in different type of situations. The police had regular contact through that time. I'm stating that since the police came to see me on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, I did try contact 'em at least once or twice to try and find out about the – them coming out and getting a statement from me. Couldn't get in touch with the officers that had been out to see me before.

**H**

**A** I once spoke to someone at the office though where they worked and they said that they would try get them to get back in touch with me and I still had no contact. So I ended up giving up and trying to get on with my life which I succeeded in doing perfectly fine until the Rotherham scandal started breaking and it took me right back to where I – I – I had been just before that and I've started to realise that no matter how much I tried rebuilding my life up, until I addressed the issues and got some justice for the issues that had happened to me as a child, I would never be able to fully move on with my life. I would always get drawn right back to that place. I would always – something was always gonna come along that was always gonna take my life back to square one. So there was no point building my life up over and over again until I had dealt with the issues that were there and finally tried getting some justice. So, I took a different approach and I went to the BBC and luckily the police listened this time and...

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**D** Q. Are you – are you all right, [Person A1]? Do – do you want a break? All right, well the Daily Mail article to which I have referred was – was published on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, yes?

A. Yes.

Q. You'd heard about the Rotherham scandal for a few weeks before then, is that right?

A. Yes, like I said, I already contacted the BBC and the police before there was any mention of compensation anywhere.

**E** Q. Yes.

A. It wasn't money that was centre of my mind and my life was all right then. When – when I first went to the BBC, I had a fully furnished house, I had everything I needed for my child. I – I – I had a new build house. My life was in a good place. I had everything a normal, happy family would want. During this trial because of the stresses of it and the situations it's caused throughout my life, I have lost everything, everything. So the money – money and compensation is nothing. I have lost everything for this trial in order to get justice and I'd do it all again in a breath because it – no amount of money would ever make any difference to what happened. I don't mind if we have to rebuild our life again as long as them men go to prison.

**F** Q. The day after this article was published in the Daily Mail, [Person A1], I think you sent a – an email to a person by the name of Joe Inwood at Look – Look North, is that - can you remember his name?

A. I know Joe, yeah I remember Joe Inwood, he was the one that did the initial story with us.

**G**

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- A** Q. Yes, but – but I’m anxious to be fair to your version of events. You say that there had been contact before?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Right, all right. But all events, we – we know and it will be agreed by the prosecution
- B** that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August of 2014, an email was sent by you to Joe Inwood, yes?
- A. Yeah, I – I don’t know exactly.
- Q. Right.
- A. If there was. I can’t recollect.
- Q. Concerning the alleged abuse, yes?
- C** A. It was all – it was on the news before that, it ---
- Q. Sorry, what had hap – what you say had happened to you, forgive me.
- A. I had – I – I’d already had contact with the BBC before that story had already been before the newspaper article, before I had my son.
- Q. Right and – and you may not know this but a few days later on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September of
- D** 2014, yes, Look North sent an email to West Yorkshire Police regarding what you’ve said in your email of the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.
- A. No, I don’t know.
- Q. You may not know that.
- A. Right.
- E** Q. Yes, all right. I’m just anxious that we have as much assistance to you about this as – as possible.
- A. Right.
- Q. Lifted from records we have.
- F** A. Okay.
- Q. With, if I might through your Honour, we will assist the jury with a chronology, your Honour, ab – about this but I’m anxious to get the full picture from the witness and input from my learned friends rather than have numerous different documents go before the ladies and gentlemen of the jury about this – about this topic.
- G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Right, fine.
- MR MOULSON: I’m very grateful. So you hadn’t been in direct contact with the police, [Person A1], at this time?
- A. No.
- Q. Right, so Look North get hold of the police.
- H** A. Yes.

- A**
- Q. The following day, two – two things happened.
- A. Yes.
- Q. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. Detective Constable Dawson visits your home and you agree to provide at a later date, some video recorded interviews.
- B**
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you remember that – that happening?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Yes and also on that date, in the afternoon at just before half past four, I think you visited or had a visit by a lady by the name of [Person U] who's a – a health visitor.
- C**
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you remember that – that lady?
- A. Not necessarily but I remember a health ---
- Q. You remember her.
- A. --- visitor.
- D**
- Q. Thank you, and you spoke with her and this note is recorded the 5<sup>th</sup> of September of 2014, at 16.23, 23 minutes past four in the – the afternoon?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And her note, [Person U]'s note reads as follows. "General wellbeing. [Person A1] reports that she's been in touch with the newspapers about when she was a teenager and being groomed while living in a children's home." Do you recall telling [Person U] this?
- E**
- A. I remember telling the health visitor.
- Q. Heath visitor, yeah.
- A. Don't know, yes.
- F**
- Q. "She, [Person A1], reports that she saw similar stories to herself on the news and wants this out in the open to prove she had no support and other children in Bradford are the same. She, [Person A1], cites this lack of help as a reason as to why [Person S] was adopted."
- A. It was. It was the main reason. On her adoption papers, she got adopted because of
- G**
- my chaotic lifestyle and involvement with sexual exploitation and a paedophile ring. That's a quote from her adoption papers.
- Q. "[Person A1] reports that Look North bought their weekly shopping."
- A. Yes they did because then – they wanted me to do some filming and I was about to go shopping so they did the shopping. I never asked for it.
- H**

- A** Q. Thank you. “[Person A1] states that she will be interviewed next week.” Now, does that refer to an interview by the police or does that refer to an interview by Look North?
- A. It was Look North. It was Toby for BBC Inside Out. We were doing a talk on about how it was more widespread and organised crime. It wasn’t just a heat of the moment type of
- B** crime that was committed. It’s well thought out and it’s an organised crime that stretches all over England.
- Q. Right.
- A. Unless the problem is addressed, you can never find a solution for that problem.
- Q. “Social Care coming to the house this afternoon to discuss past history.”
- C** A. Yes.
- Q. “[Person A1] reports that Look North have put her in touch with a solicitor.”
- A. Look North told me about the solicitors, yes.
- Q. Right, “And she states that she could win approximately £150,000 if it goes to court.”
- Had you been in touch with a solicitor before you had this conversation with [Person U]?
- D** A. I don’t know if I had direct contact with the solicitor by that point but I know that I had information on a solicitor at that point.
- Q. Right.
- A. And I think you could find as well though, through the records, I have never actually
- E** put in a claim for compensation with anyone. There’s never no ongoing compensation claims in any type of shape or form and it’s been five year.
- Q. How – how did you come to say to [Person U] that if it goes to court, you could win £150,000?
- A. Because of recommendations. That was through conversations and stuff with the
- F** Look North people, the – through the interview and what they was on about when they passed off the details of the solicitors.
- Q. And did ---
- A. I’d still not actually seen the compensation article at that time either.
- Q. So, forgive me, had you seen your solicitors by the time this conversation took place
- G** or not?
- A. I don’t think so. I couldn’t say 100 per cent but I’m not sure that I did. I think it was at a later date that I saw Bev for the first time who I have actually only seen two times in five years and I haven’t even had contact with for nearly a year now.
- Q. Right, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, DC Dawson spoke to you again and arranged for a
- H** video interview to take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

**A**

A. Possibly. I don't know the exact dates.

Q. Thank you. That following day, the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, Switalskis who you were in contact with at some point.

A. Yes.

**B**

Q. Yes, send a letter to you, yes?

A. Yes.

Q. Indicating that they will act for you on a – act for you, yes?

A. Yes.

Q. Until the conclusion of the case, yes?

**C**

A. Yes, but also the – the – with Switalskis ---

Q. Yes.

A. --- it isn't anything to do with this case at all. What they – what they are suing for is negligence from Social Services to do with stuff that happened during my childhood, not just at the hands of these men but also in relation to my daughter and multiple other things.

**D**

That's what they was looking into but now for the past two – over two year, there was a change in the law because of an anti-social behaviour case that was done in a different city, which means that local authorities are no long liable for stuff like that. So there is no – at – there's in no way, shape or form would there ever be any kind of case like, compen –

**E**

compensation case like that so the – you – you're bringing up compensation to me saying, I'm doing it for whatever reason but I will be – not be getting no compensation and I have not been in contact with the solicitors.

I have not instructed them to act on my behalf. They have not made any attempts to start a case. They never have done before the change in the law even occurred and still, I have gone on with this trial for two years on top of that, knowing that I would never get no compensation anyway and I'm still doing it because the money was never important. I was never fully decided on if I was gonna apply for compensation or not because it would have been dirty money and it wouldn't have felt right. I never in – actually instructed anyone to do anything and as it stands, I will not be getting compensation at all anyway and I still want these people to go to prison because they raped me and they abused me and they ruined my life and still to this day, they still ruin my life on a daily basis. I still can't even take my kids out without being too scared.

**H**

I can't get a full – I haven't had a full night's sleep in years because I've got PTSD and I wake up screaming in the middle of the night. I can't even have long nails cos I had to cut 'em all off because I was scratching my neck to bits in my sleep. I can't go to sleep

**A** without checking every single one of my doors and windows in my house. Money would not make no difference to my life at all. Them going to prison and never being able to go anywhere near me would mean that I can actually go to sleep and bring my children up.

**B** Q. I hope it's understood, [Person A1], I'm trying to do this as – as carefully and as fairly to you as – as possible.

A. Yes.

Q. Yes. If you need a break at all, just let me know.

A. I'd rather get it over and done with.

Q. All right.

**C** A. Thank you.

Q. All right. On – on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, you've contacted DC Dawson, I think, cancelled the arrangement because you'd had a difficult night with – with – with the baby.

A. Yes, he had a milk intolerance so the first few months of his life was very ---

Q. All right, yeah.

**D** A. --- awkward.

Q. And then I think DC Dawson spoke to you and rearranged the first of the video interviews for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September ---

A. Yes.

**E** Q. And we know that took place because we've – we've – we've heard it.

A. Yes.

Q. All right, but six days before that first interview, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, you had a meeting with somebody from Switalskis Solicitors.

A. Yes.

**F** Q. And – and a draft statement was taken from you, yes?

A. Yes.

Q. Concerning allegations you made about these men?

**G** A. Yes, because when I heard – I think you've already mentioned, I was having a meeting with a social worker the same day that the police had come – no, the day after the police had come to see me, he read it in the – from the health visitor. Basically, when the police came to see me, the police admitted that they'd not dealt with everything properly, back when it had all happened. They apologised and they said they would do their utmost to make changes now and make sure that I got the justice I deserved. When social services came to see me, they – they accepted there had been abuse throughout my childhood but  
**H** denied any responsibility and didn't say sorry, and said that they had no need to make

**A** changes because they did everything the way they should have done which they did not, not by a long shot.

**B** So yes, I spoke to a solicitors because social services were denying any acceptance and refusing to make any changes to their system. Speaking to the solicitors was nothing – it never in the first place even anything to do with the money because if it was, I’d have been in touch with – with a solicitors to do with the police but never once have I questioned that because the police have made their changes. They have done what they needed to do and they have moved on. Social services were the reason I don’t get to see my daughter until I’m 18 year old and I’m sorry but they need to take responsibility, not just the people that sexually abused me at the time should be done for it.

**C** The people that buried their head in their – in the sand and sat back while my life got ruined and my childhood got taken away from me should also have to face the consequences of their actions and make sure that they make changes so it doesn’t happen to anyone else. I have two little girls that I do not feel comfortable growing up in a society the way it is right now, knowing that they could be victim of abuse like that and people could turn their heads away.

**D** So, yes, I did go see the solicitors and yes I did have involvement with the solicitors throughout the early stages of the trial, of the investigation because – not because of anything to do with these people on trial but to do with social services and the way they were working and to try and make sure that they had to accept their responsibility so one day when my daughter comes back to me and she’s 18, I can explain to her the situations behind why she was taken and also so social services can make the changes that they need to, they desperately need to do. The figures of people that get sexually abused in care are way too big and it’s – the only way things get dealt with is by people doing what – what they need to do.

**E** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Mr Moulson – I – I have a suggestion. I appreciate you’re doing the heavy lifting on this.

MR MOULSON: Yes.

**F** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: And it will – it will mean that nobody else will – will touch on this subject.

MR MOULSON: Yes.

**G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Other than in a question or two, but I – I am certainly no – not going to stop [Person A3].

MR MOULSON: Of course.

**H**

- A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: From responding whether you like it or not, you know what I mean don't you?
- MR MOULSON: Yes, I do.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I ---
- B** MR MOULSON: If I may say so, your Honour, I think we're coming to the same position if I anticipate those thoughts.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I rather thought so.
- MR MOULSON: I'm gonna – I'm gonna cut this short. I'm gonna go to a few points.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes.
- C** MR MOULSON: On the understanding ---
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: It is given. It – it is given.
- MR MOULSON: --- an agreement can be – can be reached and – and I will question Detective Constable Riley about this.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You understand, [Person A3], I am very reluctant to stop Senior Queen's Counsel very sensitively covering material. You understand that and I'm not going to stop you saying what you want. They ask the question, it's their problem, okay. You understand that?
- D** A. Yes.
- Q. But I – Mr Moulson basically, right, I agree, you're going to get to the propositions.
- E** A. Yes.
- Q. Lovely.
- A. Thank you.
- Q. All right, and then we will have a break, [Person A1].
- F** A. Yes.
- Q. I know – I know you're anxious to check on other matters.
- MR MOULSON: Okay, yeah, I – I will cut this short for the reasons we – we have given but various things have happened. In October of 2015, we've a file note obtained from Switalskis Solicitors, yes?
- G** A. Yes.
- Q. And it reads this way, "[Person A1] asking about settlements, said Rotherham girls to get £100,000. How much will she get? Solicitors advised that she must not get ahead of herself. No charges, convictions yet, and no records, no expert reports. Have to prove each case on own merits." Do you agree with the content of that file note?
- H** A. Yes.

- A** Q. Right and your understanding was, wasn't it, before you made any of your video interviews with the police, that the greater level of abuse, the greater the number of perpetrators, the more severe the allegation, you would get more money?
- B** A. No. It's nothing to do with that at all. The case with Switalskis, all the records that we spoke about, as she states there, she needs my care records because it's not to do with who – who exactly abused me, names of the people who abused me. It's to do with the fact that I experienced abuse while in a care home, while under the roof. I fell pregnant in a bedroom in my care home with staff downstairs. I had a baby three days after my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and I had her taken away from me and I – because I was involved in a pee – with a – with being abused
- C** by a paedophile ring, as it states on her care records, and I got left with them same people for two more year after she got removed.
- Q. In September of 2017, we have a file note from Switalskis which reads as follows. "CAB..." that might be, well, it might be Citizens Advice Bureau.
- D** A. Yes it was.
- Q. Thank you. "PLO order, public liability order."
- A. Yes.
- Q. That's debt to the council or something of that kind was it that you had?
- A. I – I – I have incurred a few debts during this investigation, yes.
- E** Q. Yes. Compensation to pay it off?
- A. No, I never stated compensation was gonna pay my debts off, no.
- Q. You never stated that?
- A. I'm paying my own debts off.
- Q. All right. And you were advised no waiting for court to finish.
- F** A. The only reason the compensation was ever mentioned during that meeting with Citizens Advice was because you can't get a PLO, a P – the public – the order, I can't remember the thing is, if you're due, if you could receive any money within 12 month of that. So I said there was an ongoing case and I wasn't sure exactly what was happening around any of that so they advised me not to do it until I knew. But as I know now and I have known
- G** for two years, I'm not gonna be putting in a claim for compensation in – whether that be to do with these people or to do with social services. I am not putting in any claim for compensation. I have not and I will not and there is no ongoing contact with any solicitors of any kind.
- Q. So as far as you're concerned, Switalskis are no longer acting for you?
- H** A. No, Switalskis cannot act for me because of a change in the law.

**A**

Q. Right.

**B**

A. They haven't been able to. I think you could pull up the records on that change in law, if you wanted to, it's - it's to do with an anti-social behaviour case that was brought before a judge and I think it was in Poole and it got changed so that social services did not have liability for the actions of children in care and whatever harm they may come to while in care. So Switalskis haven't for a long time, haven't been able to proceed – pursue any case against social services to do with me.

**C**

Q. So, you – your contention, [Person A1], is that you haven't lied or made up or embellished anything about any of these men to pursue compensation?

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A. No, a lot more people than these people on trial abused me over the time period from me being in care to me leaving care but I did not tell the police information about that. The police knew there was more but they – I didn't tell them information cos I could not remember information about these people. I have told the police about these people because these are the people I remember each and every incident with to enough level for them to be able to be prosecuted. That is why these people are on trial because these people raped me.

**E**

These people abused me and these people got me addicted to cocaine and took my life away from me and left me in a situation where I have scars all over my body because of trying to kill myself repeatedly because I couldn't get away from these men. I'm pretty sure you could pull up my health records and see how many suicides attempts I had during that time.

**F**

Q. And do you in part blame your care workers for what happened to you?

A. Not the care workers, I – I blame the – the way the system works and the rules and regulations that are put in place that prevent care workers from being able to do any practical things that could help a child in care.

**G**

Q. Do you blame the police?

A. I – I have accepted the apology from the police and we have moved on from where they were. I accept that the police have made drastic changes in their techniques and the way they work enough to accept that what happened to me. Yes, they didn't do what they should have done but they have made enough difference for me to have forgiven that.

**H**

Q. And you contend there was manipulative behaviour via this men don't you?

A. Yes.

Q. Yes.

A. They used to show me videos of people getting beaten to death, of them doing it, and I had to wash blood out of one of their clothes after they stabbed someone at a house. I had

**A** to hide two of them in my house after they stabbed someone outside a petrol station. I was in  
– told repeatedly about a very big - well known drug dealer from Bradford who is now locked  
up. I was told repeatedly that they had connections to him and relations to him. I were  
terrified of these men. I was a young kid and I had no idea if what they were telling me and  
**B** showing me was the truth or not. I was scared of these people and they manipulated me as  
well. They played with every emotion I had. They played on everything I craved. I craved a  
family, they promised me a family. I craved someone to care about me. They told me they  
cared about me. They played on every single aspect of my – my personality that they could,  
to get to the means that they needed to.

**C** Q. Just – just – just one example of how you could have avoided this, [Person A1], that  
was to stay behind the locked doors of the [Location B] wasn't it?

A. I was 14 year old. I was a kid.

Q. Yes, thank you very much.

**D** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Right, thank you. I – I take the view that a – an hour of giving  
evidence in this – under this intensity is enough for anybody, not just [Person A3]. So we  
will with a – with apology to all, especially you, Mr Iqbal, I know, anx – anxious to ask your  
questions. We will have a break. I – I'm going to have to build in more breaks for a witness  
like this. You - you will understand quite right. So if you'd like to leave us, we'll have a –  
**E** we'll have our proper coffee break and come back 11.30 or whenever you're ready –  
whenever you're ready, okay. Okay, would you like to do that, if you wanted coffee, have a  
tea. You know what I mean, thank you.

(The jury left court at 11.09)

**F** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, just take a seat, [Person A1], thank you so much. Okay,  
right, thank you if you'd like to leave us please. Thank you very much. Okay, all right,  
public gallery cleared of everybody except lawyers and I can't see, you see, thank you.

COURT CLERK: Yes, I think there is too many people, it's ---

**G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Lovely, yes that's fine, all right. Thank you very much, [Person  
A1], I wonder if you'd go with Mrs Beckley and by all means check on your phone, okay,  
don't worry, thank you very much.

(The witness withdrew)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you, Mr Moulson.

MR MOULSON: Not at all.

(Short adjournment)

**H** (The jury entered court at 11.37)

**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All present and correct, thank you very much indeed, thank you.

(Judge Durham Hall conferred with the Court Clerk)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Who follows you, Mr Iqbal? It's Miss ---

MR IQBAL: Miss Batts, I think.

**B** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Good, we're going that way round, of course we are.

[PERSON A], on former oath

Cross-examined by MR IQBAL

Q. [Person A1], I'm going to ask you some questions dealing with six specific days. I'll give you the headline so that we know where we are in respect of each of these areas.

**C** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: She knows your client does she?

MR IQBAL: Yes, I'll -- the -- these questions will be asked about the person that you call Bash.

A. Yeah.

**D** Q. All right, we're gonna be focused on his case and I'll try to focus all of these questions. If we both focus, it will be over much quicker, all right.

A. Okay.

Q. Now you -- the first area I'm going to deal with is -- is an area that's been touched upon already, the BBC complaint and conversations between you and [Person B] before

**E** A. Yes.

Q. All right. So the jury knows the chronol -- chronology, just so that we know where we are. July 2013, you speak to the police for the first time where they come and speak to you and you tell them about various people, yes?

**F** A. Yes.

Q. Officers Taylor and Gatenby.

A. Yes.

Q. We know August 2014, 11 months later, you speak to the BBC, you're in -- or you're in touch with the BBC.

**G** A. Yes.

Q. September of 2014, your first video interview with the police.

A. Yes.

**H**

A

[REDACTED]

B

[REDACTED]

C

[REDACTED]

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Q. Would you have spoken about the incident that you described in your video interviews which I'll call the [Hotel] incident?

A. We didn't speak about anything in any detail. It were more just broad of, "Oh yeah, the police have been today," or something like that. We don't – we've never – thing – things that happened back – back then are not something that we – we choose – we chose to talk about when we were sat having a meal together or stuff like that. We were both trying to build our lives differently to what had happened to us back then so it wasn't something we went over in detail ever. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Q. Let me ask you this.

A. It's not exactly a very good conversational.

Q. September of 2014, you were interviewed by the police. A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Can you assist this jury. You were telling the police about the [Hotel] incident in September 2014. [REDACTED] Did you for example say to [Person B1], "Well, yes, I've mentioned that incident at the [Hotel] about Bash"?

A. I could not recollect ever saying anything like that. She knew that I had told the police about Bash but I don't think I ever went into any details about exactly what I'd told

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'em because obviously, we were both present in situations. We both fully understood exactly

**A** what each other had been through. We didn't need to sit and talk in detail about each incident or anything like that. Just by saying I had gone to the police about Bash, she knew what I would have told the police about any incident that she was present at or had had knowledge of. We didn't need to sit and go into detail about stuff years later.

**B** Q. I'm just going to remind you about one thing you said in your first video interview, the one on September of 2014 to the police, page eight for your Honour's record. You said, "I'd spoke to her," you're talking about [Person B2] ...

A. Yes.

**C** Q. "... about it and she's saying that she don't really want to do it." The question I'm going to ask you is, what have you spoken to [Person B1] about?

A. About the – the whole abuse as a whole. Not about any specific instid – incident, it was about the fact that I had gone to the police and told them what had happened to me, it - to refer to the whole investigation, not any specific incident.

**D** Q. Do we take it then that from your answers what you're really is, there were conversations but you cannot now remember what they were during this year or so?

A. No, like I've just said, I – I couldn't re – tell you word for word what was said but I am telling you we never went into detail about anything. It's not that I cannot remember what was said, it's the fact that we didn't go into detail about specific incidents. We mentioned the person by name alone and both knew exactly what we was on about because we were both present during abuse.

**E** Q. All right, fine. I'll take that from you, all right.

A. Thank you.

**F** Q. I'm gonna move on to topic number two. Detective Constable Taylor, Police Constable Gatenby when they came to see you in July of 2013.

A. Yes.

Q. Now, we all know from notes that the meeting lasted about an hour, an hour and five minutes ---

A. Yes.

**G** Q. Right? And you've already been asked about it. I'm going to limit my questions to Bash.

A. Yes.

Q. What you've said thus far is, that you made a complaint and you expected the police to come back later to take a more detailed statement, is that fair?

**H**

**A** A. Yes, so I could tell them everything from beginning to end that what we spoke about in that initial meeting, that initial contact, was just a very brief outline, no incidents, no nothing, just the first couple of things that I felt I should say.

Q. All right.

**B** A. There were – there were no – we didn't go into everything in that meeting.

Q. Do you accept that you did not mention to either of those officers the allegation that I've called the [Hotel] incident?

A. Yes.

**C** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**D** [REDACTED]

Q. All right, and then you went on, didn't you, to speak about – the jury's heard about it and I'm not going to go through it with you but multiple other people didn't you?

**E** A. Yes.

Q. And what you were alleging that they had done at various locations, yes?

A. Well, there was – we didn't go into no detail, it were just that it were just brief summaries of certain incidents and stuff like that so yes, there – there would have been some notes but it did – it wasn't like when I did my video evidence, the – the details I went in and chronological order and stuff like that and each person might – it, I kind of like jumped from

**F** incident to incident, it were whatever traumatic incident first come to my brain. A – as you can imagine, it was a – it wasn't a – an arranged meeting, it was just an out of the blue thing and it was whatever incidents first came out of my mouth and it was a limited meeting. It wasn't like they were gonna sit all day and wait for me to get through every single incident that had happened to me.

Q. Yeah.

A. So that's why they said they would – they would come back and take a further statement and we would go – go ---

Q. I understand.

**H** A. Yeah, sorry.

- A** Q. But in a nutshell, it's an hour and five minutes. You give the names of a number of people.
- A. The – the whole hour and five minutes though wasn't all to do with that. The initial probably 40 minutes was to do with incidents involving the Kellerabbey case and stuff like
- B** that. It were to do with them asking me about names of different people and telling me the circumstances of how they'd turned up to my house and explaining what was going on. It wasn't all just about me telling them what had happened to me. It was – I didn't know at the time it was the Kellerabbey case. I didn't know that until that case was way over and done with but, yeah the – initially, it was to do with a completely different thing.
- C** Q. Just so that the jury understands, the notes made by Detective Const – Detective Constable Taylor are timed. I think your Honou has a bundle prepared by Mr Moulson, Queen's Counsel, and his team. Ah all right, well there is a bundle for your Honour which can be handed up. I think it ought to be handed forward now.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That's very kind, thank you. We always like another bundle
- D** don't we, ladies and gentlemen.
- MR IQBAL: Thank you. Just so your Honour has the document we're talking of.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you.
- MR IQBAL: It may be fairer in fact if the witness – if the witness has it as well.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, absolutely necessary.
- E** MR IQBAL: In this bundle, I – I'm going to deal with just the timings. So, let you have it and you can see what Detective Constable Sayer was writing. You'll see at the bottom of – of each page, at the bottom right hand corner, there's a page number. Do you see that?
- A. Yes.
- F** Q. And if we go to page seven, please, do you see the date, 12.07.13 which is the bundle? Sorry, it's all right.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Do – do you see ---
- A. Yes.
- G** Q. --- towards the top of the page, 12.07.13 written in the border?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And do you see that underneath, the officer has written 11.05?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And if we turn over the page to page eight, can you see that in the middle of the page
- H** there seems to be a time reference there from the officer at 11.16?

**A**

A. Yes.

Q. And if we go over the page, there's 11.30 ---

A. Yes.

Q. And then we go over another couple of pages, 11.50.

**B**

A. Yes.

Q. And before we go to page 12 and the -- the -- the written -- handwritten notes say 12.10.

A. Yes.

Q. When it says concludes, yes?

**C**

A. Yes.

Q. What you've just told us is that the first 40 minutes was to do -- deal with something totally different.

A. Well, I could -- I'd use 40 minute as a broad type thing. It -- I couldn't say exactly to the minute, exactly how long. But, yeah, the initial conversation was about why they was there, the people. The -- the -- we talked about names that they had and stuff like that.

**D**

Q. I understand. But just so that we can get this in context with the jury, at some point, after 11.05.

A. Yes.

**E**

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

**F**

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

**G**

Q. And at the bottom of that page, so, again, between 11.05 and 11.16, you start to say -- you make a comment that's recorded as, "I know a group of groomers," yes?

A. Yes.

Q. And then various names are mentioned and it goes on over the page and at 11.16, you're being asked and giving details about alcohol and various other things that you allege going on, yes?

**H**

- A**
- A. Yes, but the alcohol isn't just necessarily in relation to these people here or whatever else, they were asking me about other people as well.
- Q. I understand because they were – so the jury understands and that everyone's clear about this, there are certain names and so on that have been obliterated so that we can't read them, presumably cos – because they have nothing to do with this trial, yes?
- B**
- A. Yes. Yes.
- Q. But during this hour and five minutes.
- A. Some of the conversation was about the people on trial. Other parts of the conversation was about other things, even down to just normal things a – about stuff that's
- C**
- not even related to grooming in general, just normal phone numbers and addresses and stuff.
- Q. Right, I'll ask the question now. During this hour and five minutes, you were able to give the names of more than 10 by my quick reading of the notes, individuals, weren't you? I'm not asking you to count. Can we – can we agree it in broad terms?
- A. I gave – I gave names of a lot of people, just the initial names, yes.
- D**
- Q. Of course and brief details about what it was has happened in relation to ---
- A. Such as not to each person to some people, yes.
- Q. I'm not going to be unreasonable here. Of course this meeting wasn't in the same detail as we've heard many hours of video interview between you and police officers.
- E**
- A. I actually did 54 hours, I think you've heard a fraction.
- Q. And – and we've also heard that that is only a fraction because they've been reduced from the overall number of hours, all right. So let's be reasonable about this. This of course meeting was in – not in such depth. But what you were doing was giving brief details that you expected to be followed up by the police, can we agree on that?
- F**
- A. I was giving brief – brief details on what came to mind right that second on the spot out – out of, do you know, an unplanned visit, yes.
- Q. I understand. I understand.
- A. And it was over – it was details of stuff that happened over a very long time, do you know what I mean ---
- G**
- Q. I understand.
- A. --- it were over a five year period, so, yes.
- Q. I understand.
- A. It was very brief and there wasn't a lot of information about any single person really given.
- H**

**A**

Q. All right, thank you. That's all I need to ask you about that meeting, all right. Topic three, [Sid's address], all right?

A. Yes. Can I put this back there now?

Q. Yes, wherever's convenient. If we need to refer to it again, I'll – I'll take you to another page, all right?

**B**

A. Thank you.

Q. Do you need some water? I'm not sure if you have any?

A. Oh I've got some, I've just kept it out of the way ---

Q. You've got some, all right.

**C**

A. --- cos I spilt it everywhere yesterday.

Q. Ah. [Sid's address], you've told us is a place that you and [Person B1] went on occasions, yes?

A. Yes.

Q. But can we agree, Bash never went there did he?

**D**

A. No.

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

**E**

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

**F**

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

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■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

**G**

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

**H**

■ [REDACTED]

**A**

A. We was with Pav – Parvaze and Nav and people that were on trial – other people on trial, yes.

Q. Right, well it probably doesn't matter for my purposes as to who they were but was there an incident where those individuals, whoever they were, were shouting insults, swearing and so on, at a house that they understood was Bash's house?

**B**

A. Yes.

Q. Yes. It was plain that those individuals really didn't like Bash, is that right?

A. No they didn't. They - they admitted, both Bash admitted to [Person B2] and they admitted to me that they didn't get on.

**C**

Q. Yeah, they didn't get on but – but Bash wasn't somebody that went to [Sid's address] and others that may or may not have visited [Sid's address], the people in that car, they just didn't get on with Bash did they? They didn't...

A. No, they didn't get on with him, no.

Q. They didn't socialise together?

**D**

A. No, I know they – they knew other, they'd grown up with each other. They'd all grown up in the same area. Pav actually lives about two streets away from where Bash used to live. So, they'd grown up together and some – at some point while growing up, something had happened that had made 'em all not like each other, yeah.

Q. Yes.

**E**

A. That was my understanding, anyway.

Q. And they really were separate groups, didn't really mix and didn't get ---

A. I don't – I don't really think Bash has any friends, to be honest, so I don't think he mixes with anyone.

**F**

Q. Okay.

A. I think only friends Bash had were the fake profiles he made on Facebook and tried pretending were real.

█ [REDACTED]

**G**

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

█ [REDACTED]

**H**



**A**

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

Q. Yes, all right. Topic number four then, alcohol, all right. I think you've already accepted haven't you, that before you moved into the [Location B2], you had experimented with, I think, is a phrase you used, but you had drunk alcohol?

**B**

A. Yes, not – nothing regular, just ---

Q. Yeah.

A. --- but yeah, it – it were with, do you know, I don't – I don't really know if – I think people that grow up on estates kind of grow up a little bit different to other people but on an estate, like, like age of 13, there's groups of people that every so often will drink alcohol, it's – it were nothing unusual, it were nothing problematic or anything that was excessive.

**C**

Q. Yes.

A. If that makes sense, yes.

Q. And what you're telling the jury is, you'd experimented with, drunk alcohol on occasions at, I think was it – was it [Care home]?

**D**

A. Yes.

Q. The first temporary care home you went to?

A. Yes.

Q. Children's home, sorry, and then at [Location B1], you started to drink more?

**E**

A. Yes.

Q. Is that – is that what we should understand from your evidence?

A. Yeah, after a few month of living at [Location B1], things started to deteriorate and that's when it did problematic and it was an issue. I think it probably would be classed as a drinking problem.

**F**

Q. I understand.

A. Yeah.

Q. So let's move on to the [Hotel], top of (inaudible), all right. Do you remember that incident or did you remember it well when you described it to the police in September of 2014?

**G**

A. There was little details I couldn't remember. Certain things stuck out more than others. Like, for some reason, the type of bedding that was on the bed. I remembered that it were floral but then I couldn't remember exactly if there were a TV in there so like certain things stuck out and certain things didn't.

**H**

**A**

Q. Let me ask you about a few aspects of this that you may be able to assist the court with. At the time that you went to that hotel, Bash was saying that he wanted – your evidence is, Bash was saying you wanted to go with him in his car, is that right?

A. He did, yes, he didn't want to carry on driving about in the car. It were – he said that he wanted to go somewhere we could all relax.

**B**

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

**C**

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

Q. And your evidence is that the three of you go into a bedroom and lie on the bed, is that right?

**D**

A. Yes.

Q. Did all of you have your clothes off?

A. Yes.

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

**E**

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

**F**

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

Q. And the three of you were laying on a bed. If I was at the foot of the bed, all right?

A. Yes.

Q. So the three people lying on the bed there, feet are closest to me, you describe to the police Bash being in the middle, is that right?

**G**

A. Yes.

Q. Would you look him if, as I was looking at, from the foot of the bed at one, would you be on his left?

**H**

A. I could – I said in my video evidence, I couldn't be a 100 per cent certain which side of the bed I were laid on but I thought I was laid on the left because I seem to remember there

- A** was a chair to the right of the bed and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] So, from my recollection, I couldn't be 100 per cent certain but that's what I think the position is.
- B** Q. How drunk were you, do you say?  
A. Quite drunk.  
Q. Do you remember saying to the police in interview, video interview one, page 12 for your Honour's record. "When I were drinking really bad, I can't remember stuff properly"?  
A. Yes.  
Q. Did the drink, do you say, affect your ability to recall these events?
- C** A. Not the traumatic events like this, no. It's different to remember – to forgetting details about what I may have eaten that day or what I may have worn and stuff, to remembering sexual assaults and rapes. It's completely different situation.  
Q. Well, we're not talking about a rape here, we're talking about what incidents ---  
A. No, it's called a sexual assault though, like I stated ---
- D** Q. Yeah.  
A. --- just before I said rape.  
Q. I'm not asking you about [Sid's address], you appreciate that don't you?  
A. Yes.
- E** Q. Yeah, I'm asking you about the [Hotel], right. Are you saying that whatever amount of alcohol you had drunk, that you can remember with clarity what happened in that hotel room?  
A. I can remember him putting his hands down my pants, yes, I – that is not something that I don't remember, yes.
- F** Q. I want to ask you again. Do you say you remember these events with clarity?  
A. Him putting his hand down my pants, yes I do. I don't remember other details like conversation and stuff like that. Yes, I don't remember that with clarity. But I remember with clarity, your, the person you're presenting, putting his hands down my 14 year old pants.  
Q. Was it a bit of a blur for you?
- G** A. No, not in my memory. At the time, yes, it would have been a blur cos I was very drunk but I remember the incident quite – quite well. I remember him putting his hands down my pants and I remember what he did during that time. Fair enough, I might not remember other details of the night but at a 14 – a 14 year old that had not really ever slept with anyone bef – I'd slept – I had like two sexual experiences before that so as a 14 year old experiencing
- H** that, even though, yes, I was drunk and I might have not remembered certain

- A** details about less traumatic experiences, that was quite a – the – a traumatic experience for me to remember and it has stuck in my mind enough for me to be certain about the events that he did to me.
- B** Q. See, it’s my own phrase I’m using. Video interview four, page 17, these are your words about this incident. “It were all a bit of a blur because I…”
- A. Like I was ---
- Q. Just listen, please, and then you can answer. Video interview four, page 17, these are your words, I’ll read them out to you. “It were all a bit of a blur because I were just drinking a lot.” What did you mean by that?
- C** A. Yes, but that wasn’t in relation to the incident. I think you can find from the video evidence, I describe the incident of what he did and – and stuff like that. It was more in the details of what we talked about, exactly why we left the hotel and stuff like that, what happened in the time – what – what conversation went on in the time that we were drinking and stuff like that. It was never in – there was never any question about my memory, just right before – before the few minutes before the incident happened and during that – that actual incident.
- D** Q. You remained in that hotel room, do you accept, for a number of hours after this event if it occurred?
- E** A. No, I said it like I said in the video evidence. He was doing that. [Person B2] said she wanted to go. She got up and went to the bathroom and I fastened my pants while she was in the bathroom and we left right after the incident.
- Q. I see, so your – your evidence is, this occurs, immediately [Person B1] comes back from the bathroom, you’re ---
- F** A. We made that – we made our way out of the hotel, yes, and he went to drop off at – back at the care home.
- Q. I understand your – your answer. Do you say that the reason you all left was because you were so uncomfortable by this?
- A. [Person B2] was the one that wanted to go.
- G** Q. All right.
- A. I – I didn’t say anything at all. I was just laid silent. I didn’t know what to do. I was 14 year old and some old man had his hands down my pants.
- Q. You say that you were dropped off by Bash, leaving you together with [Person B1], is that right?
- H** A. At the care home, yes.





**A**

[REDACTED]

**B**

[REDACTED]

**C**

[REDACTED]

A. That time – that timescales back then is completely different. You’ve – remembering incidents ---

Q. Yes.

**D**

A. --- is all well and good but to remember the actual amount of time that passed in between traumatic in – incidents is very hard to work out from 12 year ago. It’s not like I had a calendar and I marked off each day in between Bash abusing me and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Like timescales were a bit of a blur. The things like, you – you can look through my video evidence. Most of the incidents to try and help with timescales. I have remembered certain incidents that happened round about the same time that they’ve been able to trace down through newspaper articles, records, stuff like that. It’s been a long time and it’s a lot of years ago for me to remember exactly how many days of non-traumatic experiences between traumatic experiences.

**E**

Q. When you were speaking to the police back in those years or at least multiple of your interviews, were you trying to your best to tell the police what you actually remembered?

**F**

A. I was trying my best to be as accurate as I could. I was trying my best to give them an average timescale between incidents but in each video evidence, I always told them, I couldn’t be sure on timing. I think you could probably check that and I’ve mentioned it way over a 100 times throughout them 54 hours.

**G**

Q. Now, topic six, we’re getting towards the end. You’ve been asked, haven’t you, about a statement or a draft statement, I should call it, because it wasn’t formally signed by you, prepared by Messrs Switalskis Solicitors. Do you remember being asked questions by Mr Moulson, Queen’s Counsel, about that?

**H**

A. Yes.

- A** Q. So, six days before your first video interview with the police, you were speaking to somebody, I think it was somebody called [REDACTED], is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Just so that you and I are working from the same document, there are copies for your Honour on this as well. I'm going to hand you a small bundle. His Honour will be delighted to know there's one for his Honour as well. All this is so that we both understand where we are and the jury can follow what – what we're doing. If you look at the small bundle, we have a typed document headed statement, do you see that?
- A. Yes.
- C** Q. And then ---
- MISS MELLY: What is this document?
- MR IQBAL: Now, the first document is typed and is headed statement, do you see that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And if you go four pages in.
- D** A. How many pages?
- Q. Well, you'll see because it's where the handwritten notes start, all right.
- A. The first page it starts.
- Q. No keep going a few pages, about five or six pages in, you'll see that it goes from typed – the typed document ---
- E** A. Right.
- Q. --- to a handwritten document do you see that?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And the typed – the – the handwritten document at the top says, "[Person A]," and it says, 17/9/14. Do you see that?
- F** A. Yeah.
- Q. Which is where I get the date from that these – these two documents were – were – were – well these are the handwritten notes on these, all right.
- A. Yes.
- G** Q. Now, I'll be corrected if I'm wrong but from my reading of the notes, the order of what's contained in the – in the notes is mirrored fairly closely by the typed document. So what appears to have happened is, somebody has used the notes as a basis for preparing what is called a statement.
- A. Yes.
- H**

**A** Q. Do we understand then that there on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, you were speaking to [REDACTED], telling her about the individuals that you say had wronged you, had done things to you.

A. Yes.

**B** Q. Can we go to the final page please of the handwritten notes, yes?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you see the – the final thing that’s written there is, 11am to three. Do you see that?

A. Yes, yes.

**C** Q. To prepare these notes, was the meeting about four hours long?

A. Possibly, yes, she – she was at my house a long time.

Q. So, we get the idea of the amount of time that was spent in preparing this, all right.

A. Yeah.

**D** Q. Now, if need be, we can go through the handwritten notes but they’re not paragraph numbered, all right, so it will be difficult to go through them. So I propose to deal with the statement which has been typed up, all right.

A. Yes.

Q. And I’m just going to deal with certain things that you were mentioning and things that you didn’t mention, all right.

**E** A. Yeah.

Q. If we go to paragraph three ---

A. Yes.

**F** Q. --- you talk about, “I was also in CMS at Dewsbury where I became further involved in child sexual exploitation.” This whole statement was about child sexual exploitation wasn’t it?

A. Yes.

Q. And as the statement moves on, paragraph four.

A. Yes.

**G** Q. [Location B2] was spoken of, yes?

A. Yes.

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

**H** [REDACTED]

**A**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**B**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**C**

Q. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. Paragraph five, summarising,  
you talk about meeting a person that took you to a petrol station and so on. That is you  
describing meeting Bash isn't it?

**D**

A. Yes.  
Q. For the first time.  
A. Yes.  
Q. And you say, "Cos nothing bad had happened as a result of that first meeting to us, we  
started going out four or five nights a week."

**E**

A. Yes.  
Q. Paragraph seven, you talk about there being CCTV by the home and you mentioned  
the names of some hotels.  
A. Yes.  
Q. The [Hotels] are mentioned. That's right isn't it?

**F**

A. Yes.  
Q. So you've mentioned all of those and you remembered those hotels didn't you?  
A. Yes.  
Q. And then as we go through it, I'm not going to go through it in any great detail but you  
mention again many names don't you?

**G**

A. Yes.  
Q. You mention Sid, somebody called Billy and [Person Q] are also known as Izar and  
[Person Q4].  
A. Yes.  
Q. Do you remember those names?

**H**

**A**

A. Yes, yes.

Q. You mentioned Mani, Billy, Sully, Kieran, Fez and Rehman, Kami from Rotherham. These are all names I I've plucked out.

A. Yes.

**B**

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

Q. And that Bash is married to a white woman and – and things like that, yes?

**C**

A. Yes.

Q. So you were mentioning Bash in this document so that there's no mistake about it, all right.

A. Yes.

**D**

Q. I'm not saying you didn't mention Bash. But you can go through this, will you accept from me and I'll be corrected if I am in fact wrong, that you do not mention the [Hotel] incident involving Bash as you now allege.

A. No, but I've admit – I mentioned the [Hotel] and the only time I've ever been to the [Hotel] was with Bash. I didn't – not every single – like fair enough, yeah, I did go into detail about a lot of things but you've got to bear in mind, I did 54 hour video evidence, not all of that 54 hours on these eight or nine pages of paper. I didn't go into detail about everything but yes I can accept, it may not be mentioned in there. I'm not gonna sit and read it though.

**E**

Q. Yes, well I – I – I'll put it bluntly to you, it is not mentioned at all. The mention of the [Hotel] is in paragraph seven. You mention there was the [Hotel] at Manningham together with other names of other establishments but you do not, for example, say, "And Bash did this to me."

**F**

A. No, but I mentioned the – the [Hotel] and the only time I've ever been to the [Hotel] was with Bash.

Q. You didn't mention that the only time you went to the [Hotel] was with Bash in your statement.

**G**

A. I didn't mention a lot of things in that statement. It was a brief overview of stuff that had happened and the reason why I was talking to them in further interviews with the police and with her and with other people, I've gone into more details about different subjects. It's - it's not – I've got a life to live as well around – around – outside of this case. I'm not gonna

**H**

**A** spend my whole life going into extremely details with each and every professional that approaches me of – of – on this subject.

**B** Q. During the four hours that you spoke to ██████████, you spoke about Bash and [Person B2]’s relationship but you did not mention as you now say, that Bash had sexually assaulted you.

**C** A. I may have mentioned it during the conversations just because it’s not wrote down in all of this. Not every single thing that we spoke about word for word is wrote down. It’s brief notes around years of abuse. I cannot tell you exactly what we spoke about while we were together. We spoke about incidents that had occurred to me. I could not say to you that we didn’t have a conversation. Like this – this is notes upon four hour of conversation that not everything that was discussed in that four hours is wrote down in these notes as you must accept.

**D** Q. Four hour meeting, 12 pages of handwritten notes. Are you saying to this jury that you did say that you had been sexually assaulted by Bash?

**E** A. No, I’m saying that I could have and I could have not, I don’t know. I cannot remember exactly everything I said to her. I’m saying it was a cut – it was a meeting dis – to discuss a brief overview of abuse that I have sustained while in care over a five year period. Not every single thing that happened to me is wrote down in these notes and not every single thing that happened to me was mentioned during that meeting.

**F** Q. Going to put to you now a series of propositions so that you can either agree with me or disagree with me, all right.

A. Yes.

**F** Q. It’s a matter entirely for you. I won’t stop you. His Honour won’t stop you. You can answer as you wish but I hope that a yes, no or I’m not sure will probably suffice, all right, it’s a matter for you.

A. Yes.

**G** Q. Bash approached – was approached by you and [Person B1] in about 2008 in Bradford City Centre, for a light?

A. Yes.

Q. Because the – you and [Person B1] had cigarettes that you wished to smoke.

A. Yes.

Q. All right. You agreed to get a lighter, can you remember ---

**H** A. He – he offered to get a lighter.

- A** Q. Agreed, offered, all right, very precise. He offered – offered to – to obtain a lighter. The three of you went towards a petrol station but on route, a passerby had a lighter and that lighter was used to light the cigarettes. Do you agree or disagree?
- A. Could not remember that right now. I know we went to a petrol station. I don't
- B** actually remember exactly where we got the lighter from.
- Q. I'm putting it to you that he didn't buy you any alcohol that night.
- A. Yes he did.
- Q. Do we agree that Bash didn't drink alcohol himself?
- A. No he doesn't, no.
- C** Q. That it was about two weeks later that [Person B1] and you saw him again at a shop on Killinghall Road in Bradford and it's there that mobile phone numbers were exchanged/
- A. No.
- Q. Do you agree or disagree?
- A. Disagree.
- D** Q. You do agree though that initially when you met him you lied about your age don't you?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you say you were 17 or 18?
- A. I'm not – I couldn't be a 100 per cent sure. It – it was around them ages that were – I would have said, 17 or 18, I couldn't tell you exactly which one.
- Q. Right and when you lied about your age, [Person B1] lied about her age as well didn't she?
- A. Yes.
- F** Q. You were both pretending, effectively, to be adults or approaching adulthood weren't you?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you didn't want people to know that you were in a children's home, did you at that – that point when you were lying?
- G** A. It's not that we didn't want people to know we were in a children home, we did – we just didn't want to have to explain the reasoning ---
- Q. Yeah.
- A. --- why we was in a children home to people that we didn't really know as it's not like every single person you meet, you all tell 'em your personal lives ---
- H** Q. Yeah.

**A** A. --- and ins and outs. So, it was a way to avoid having to tell people, to sit and discuss our personal lives and, yes.

Q. So am – am I right about that, that when you were lying about your ages, did ---

**B** A. It wasn't – yeah but it wasn't to avoid being known as underage or living in a care home. It was to avoid having to explain cos we never - eventually when we got to know people, we told them our age and we told them our situations and we told them our life stories. It's just as – as it stands, when you first meet a stranger and you don't want to have to explain your whole personal background to them.

Q. Did the two of you say you were living in a hostel?

**C** A. Yes.

Q. What I'm putting to you is that there was never any incident at the [Hotel], do you agree or disagree?

A. Disagree.

**D** Q. That after a while, you let it slip that, in fact, you hadn't reached 16 and Bash confronted you and [Person B1] about that.

A. Disagree.

Q. Do you agree or disagree?

**E** A. Disagree. Disagree. He found out very early on it. I'm pretty sure you'd be able to find from police records, a – a stop that they did on him where we told him our date of – well, we told the police our date of birth in his presence and afterwards. He asked us questions about, "Oh, so you're only young, next time if we get stopped by police, we'll have to make sure we've got cover stories," stuff like that. He knew exactly how old we was from very early on and we'd never lied to him after that. As soon as he heard our date of birth in front of the police, we – he knew exactly how old we were and it didn't stop him picking us up and it didn't stop him doing anything else. He knew how old we was before the [Hotel] incident.

■ [REDACTED]

**G** ■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

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**H** ■ [REDACTED]



**A**

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**E**

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you very much, Mr Moulson and Mr Iqbal. Now, Miss Batts, you're next.

MISS BATTS: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: It's 12.33, can't have a break because if we have a break we're going to lunch. Are you happy to make a start?

**F**

MISS BATTS: I'll make a start but I won't conclude before lunchtime.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, yes, a bit after lunch is perfectly fine. Are you all right, [Person A1], to make a bit of – carry on a bit?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you sure?

**G**

A. Yes.

Q. Good. I mean the wit – the witness did make the observation and I'm not – not addressed at your Mr Iqbal, you know. So keep going, sooner – sooner's finished.

MR IQBAL: Of course.

**H**

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: So I – I think that's a good idea. But – but not at the expense of being able to concentrate, okay, all right, Miss Batts, thank you.

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Cross-examined by MISS BATTIS

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**A** A. Could we break for dinner? I've got really bad back ache. I've got sciatica playing up and my leg keeps like twitching and my back ---  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: No, it's fine, it's a good – good point. Quarter to 12, we can't have that, Miss – [Person A1], at all, so that's fine.

**B** A. I just want to go take some paracetamol and I should be all right.  
Q. Yeah, yeah, good – good – good plan. Not too many please, that's fine. Good plan, but I can't give you any advice as you understand.  
A. I've – yeah I've got – I've got some upstairs, I can go sort myself out.  
Q. All right, lovely. Hokey doke, you just take a seat and then we'll -we'll just sort

**C** everything out. I think we'll come back at two o'clock, yes? Hour and a quarter okay? See you later, thank you very much.  
(The jury left court at 12.44)  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, thank you very much. See you at two o'clock. Thank you. Okay, go and have a good break, all right, see you later. Two o'clock okay, thank you,

**D** Mrs Beckley. If you'd like to come and go with the – thanks a lot, thank you.  
(The witness withdrew)  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, thanks very much indeed. Nice tone, thank you, all of you. Now, the – we are not going to finish [Person A1] tomorrow.

**E** MISS MELLY: Yes.  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Even if we go into tomorrow afternoon.  
MISS MELLY: I think that's correct, your Honour, yes.  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Do – I – yeah.  
MISS MELLY: (Inaudible).

**F** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I think we – we probably won't finish – we might finish defence cross exam – examinations if we go into tomorrow afternoon but would – would you be adverse to me re – changing my normal routine. Not, not a firm promise but, you know, my hope and expectation if we all work hard to stop at one o'clock, what do you think?  
MISS MELLY: To alter it from that?

**G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Mm-hmm?  
MISS MELLY: Was your Honour's question, sorry, to alter it from that?  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, alter, reverse, go back, yes.  
MISS MELLY: Yes, quite – quite. It was clearly necessary to, we would say and to – to deal

**H** with [Person A3]'s evidence as timely as we can and looking forward at the process, I would anticipate that we would finish Miss Batts, Mr Frieze and Mr Bell, potentially today.

**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Oh yes, yes.  
MISS MELLY: Yes.  
MR FRIEZE: I'll agree with that, yes, yes my – my main, my only ---  
MISS MELLY: I'm just – I'm happy to be corrected, I was just trying to work it through.

**B** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Come what, yeah.  
MR FRIEZE: My only – my only concern is that members of the jury may have made arrangements for the – for the Friday afternoon.  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, sure, it has to be ---  
MR FRIEZE: Yes.

**C** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: --- it has to be an enquiry.  
MR FRIEZE: Yes.  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: So that may mean, Miss Kelly, Miss Hertzog, Mr Wilson tomorrow. Although I – I'm going to enquire with the jury whether we go, whether we – if we need to stray into the afternoon.

**D** MR WILSON: Can I just (inaudible) cause me considerable problems and I know your Honour's got my travel plans at heart when you consider whether to go into the afternoon but I do have a five o'clock flight booked and I'll have to change that to the 20.04 flight.  
MR FERM: Your Honour, I'm rising to say that the – the cases of Fahim Iqbal and Kieran Harris are to go together but my case is separate and if it would assist, I will be prepared to cross-examine tomorrow.

**E** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You're a gent.  
MR FERM: I'll be about 40 minutes I believe.  
MR WILSON: So you go in front?

**F** MR FERM: Yes.  
MR WILSON: I won't have a problem with that.  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: We'll see, anyway, okay, I – I think I've got to look after Mr Wilson, however, however tempting it might be to...  
MISS MELLY: I'll remain silent.

**G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You keep quiet, yeah, keep that whatever. That's fine, Mr Wilson. We'll try and get you in tomorrow. We may get more done this afternoon.  
MR WILSON: Yes, indeed.  
JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Come on, you know, because it gets quicker doesn't it surely, we get – may get more done, especially if I give you a break but we will start at two o'clock,

**H** prompt, Johnny, if that's all right. Finish Miss Batts and do – may – maybe even get ---

**A** MISS BATTS: I thought I would get done this afternoon.

MISS MELLY: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All right. I mean, Miss Hertzog, I don't know, what do you say? You – I mean, I'm not asking you to rehearse or for me to mark your cross-examination but

**B** you're the – you're a sexual assault, a touching over clothing.

MISS HERTZOG: Yes, the issue of mistaken identity. I – I think I took around 20 minutes last time, 25 minutes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, well we'll see how we get on. So we might do you, we might even sit just a tad earlier tomorrow, might come earlier, if we can get you finished,

**C** Mr Wilson.

MR WILSON: Yes, I – given the issues in my case which include identification of course, there – and it will take some time. I think on the last occasion it was about two hours.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yes, I'm going – I'm going to step in if I think it's going over.

MR WILSON: Oh if you think I'm going over old ground, I thought you said ---

**D** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: You know, it's not personal.

MR WILSON: No, no, your Honour 's ---

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I mean, very rarely do I do anything personal to anybody, sadly, but the reality is, I'd like to get you done, okay.

MR WILSON: Well I'm sure that's the – the will of every person.

**E** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: So, tell you what, while we can try and sit a bit earlier tomorrow.

MR WILSON: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: We'll try and get you done, Miss Kelly.

MISS KELLY: Yes.

**F** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Today. I've already written out a ruling for your - on your application, Mr Wilson.

MR WILSON: Well, I haven't quite finished it yet.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Subject to finishing it when I've heard it. Just have to fill in the detail.

**G** MR WILSON: Well, I'll – we'll go through it line by line, as I've said, your Honour.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Sure we can, okay, all right.

MR WILSON: I'm number nine or – or possibly 10 in view of Mr Ferm's proposal. I – I am slightly confused as to where we now are as far as tomorrow afternoon is concerned but I'll --

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**H** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That really is leading really mature isn't it, my goodness.

**A** MR WILSON: I am a solicitor very anxious that I get to Armley at two o'clock tomorrow if I can.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Yeah, all right.

**B** MR WILSON: To sort out a case which will otherwise trouble your court for a – a number of days.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Well you go to Armley whatever – ever – ever, you go to Armley, okay.

MR WILSON: Yes, well I thought that, but ---

**C** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: The thought of not having you arguing a case in front of me for day after day after day, is – is – is dreadful.

JUDGE WILSON: So I – I – I – I simply clinch that in if your Honour finish at lunchtime.

**D** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, look, this is actually useful to me, Mr Wilson. We will not sit, Mr Wilson, tomorrow. We will try and finish you tomorrow. We will try and do Miss Batts, seriously, more of the same but it is a single issue one count, however important. That's fine, you're doing well if I may say, all of you. Then Mr Frieze, Mr Bell and we will fit you in, Miss Kelly.

MISS KELLY: Yes.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay.

**E** MR WILSON: Thank you, your Honour. Thank you, your Honour, I'm very grateful. [Person A1] would have to reattend re-examination on Monday in any event.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That's the big million dollar question. Has that already been factored in?

**F** MISS MELLY: Quite and it's only to ensure that we don't then have some slippage by not using Friday afternoon, we still have a substantial amount of re-examination and certainly if she's returning on Monday, we'll comfortably deal with re-examination in – in the morning.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I'm not going to sit Friday afternoon.

MISS MELLY: Thank you, then we know where we are.

**G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I think it causes too many problems. It's my fault, but it - it's not – it's not right to go back on it. We don't need to. We'll ---

MISS MELLY: So be it, I'm just anxious to be honest to get the witness through as quickly as possible but so that we understand then, we will make arrangements, of course for her to be returning.

**H**

**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: This may be a case for more limited cross – re-examination than usual but that’s a matter for you. You may not need to. That – that’s fine. I don’t – I really don’t care. She’ll be finished by lunchtime, I would have thought, on Monday.

MISS MELLY: Yes.

**B** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Give or take.

MISS MELLY: On the basis that we finish all the cross-examinations tomorrow.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: That’s – we – we – spot on.

MISS MELLY: Yes, thank you then.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay.

**C** (Judge Durham Hall conferred with the Court Clerk)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I will sit 9.45 tomorrow, Miss Hertzog, okay.

MISS HERTZOG: Yes, thank you (inaudible).

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All right and might – might have to go just, you know, towards 4.30 today. Shock horror, all right.

**D** (Luncheon adjournment)

(The court reconvened at 14.05 in the presence of the jury)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Bit cold or are you all right? Yes, good, thanks.

[PERSON A], on former oath

Cross-examined by MISS BATTS (cont.)

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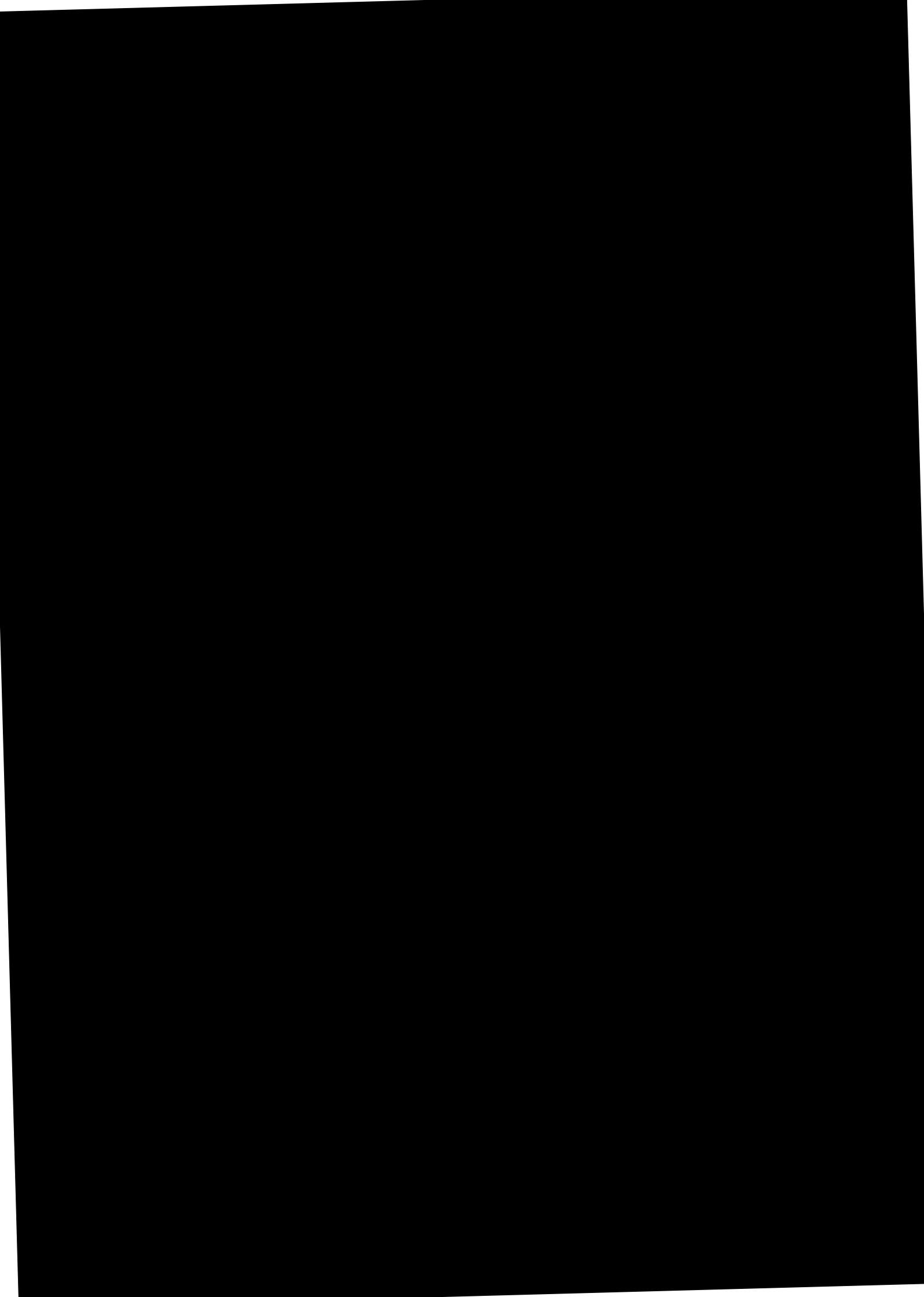


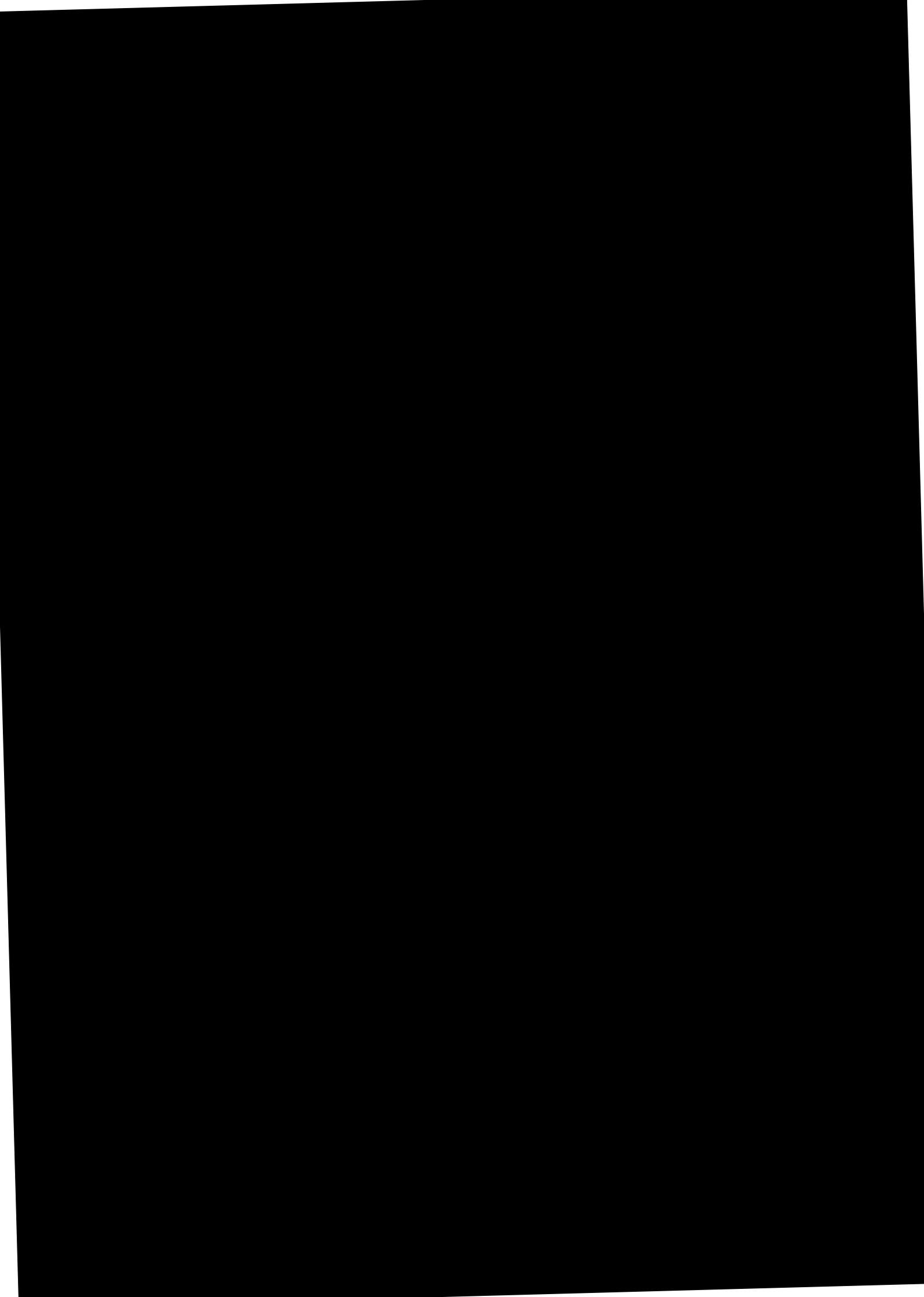
















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Q. Thank you.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All right, now what we're going to do, [Person A1], is have one more before a little break. Mr Frieze, if you'd like to step up as, rather like Mastermind isn't it, would you like to come up and ask some questions.

**E**

Cross-examined by MR FRIEZE

Q. Now, [Person A1], I'm going to ask you some questions on behalf of Naveed Akhtar.

A. Yes.

Q. Who I'm going to call Nav.

**F**

A. Yes.

Q. And you don't mind me calling you [Person A1]?

A. No.

Q. Just – just to put into context what you said about Nav. He is the younger brother of Sid, Saeed Akhtar.

**G**

A. Yes.

Q. And all the contact, pretty much all the contact you had with Nav was at [Sid's address]?

A. Yes, apart from maybe two, I think.

Q. Yeah, I think he – he may have picked you up.

**H**

A. He came to [Person B2]'s house once.

- A**
- Q. He came, right.
- A. And that – that maybe like two, two maybe three contacts out of that, however long period.
- Q. Okay.
- B**
- A. Weren't at [Sid's address].
- Q. And what – you said to DC Riley was that you had a – what you then thought was a relationship with Nav.
- A. Yes.
- Q. But in hindsight you realise ---
- C**
- A. Well none of them were relationships. All of 'em lasted a period of weeks and then...
- Q. And so far as Nav's concerned it lasted I think you said a few weeks.
- A. Yes.
- Q. You can remember having sex with him twice.
- A. Yes.
- D**
- Q. Possibly three times.
- A. Yes.
- Q. But you're not sure about the third?
- A. I can't remember the circumstances around the third. I seem to think that there was a third time but I couldn't honestly tell you any circumstances around it.
- E**
- Q. And in terms of the sequence, your relationship or the – I'm gonna call it a relationship, I appreciate that's not the word you would use now. But your relationship with Nav came after you had had sex with Yasar.
- A. Yes.
- F**
- Q. But not immediately after, there was a gap you – you said in your interviews, you thought of about a couple of months?
- A. Yeah, I think I over exaggerated on that at the time. I think it was a bit sooner than that. Like I've stated before, the timescales back then obviously it's years ago and when I'm younger, days seem a lot longer than they do now. They go really quick now, but, yeah, so it's very hard to work out the timings of so long ago.
- G**
- Q. And but what you do remember about – about your relationship with Nav is that you were – you were having it or you were – you were – you were in the relationship at one of the Eids and ---
- A. Yes, I think it was the big Eid near Christmas.
- H**

- A** Q. Okay, and I'm going to ask you a little bit about – about that, not just that but – but the events generally. Now, you first met Nav when on that night when you'd been abandoned on Baildon Moor.
- A. Yes.
- B** Q. And I think you rang his brother?
- A. Was.
- Q. [Person UUUU1], who is another younger brother of Sid?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you'd never seen or spoken to Nav before that night?
- C** A. No.
- Q. But Nav happens to be in the car with [Person FFF1]?
- A. [Person FFF1] and [Person UUUU1], yes.
- Q. Right, and that was actually the first night that you went to [Sid's address].
- A. Yes.
- D** Q. And it – I think you agree or – or it established when Mr Moulson's asking you questions yesterday, that you first went to [Sid's address], December, January, between 2009 and 2010?
- A. I can't – to be fair, I know it were only yesterday but I can't remember exactly what.
- E** Q. Well, I'll be corrected if I'm wrong but that – that appears to be around that time, either the very end of 2009 and more likely the beginning of 2010.
- A. Okay.
- Q. (Inaudible).
- A. Yeah that's fine. I honestly, I know I looked at timeline yesterday but.
- F** Q. And I – I'm working from an agreed material and the timeline as well.
- A. Yes.
- Q. So you – you'd already had [Person S].
- A. Yes.
- Q. And I think you were 16 at the time you started going there?
- G** A. Yes I think that it were ---
- Q. You'd have been ---
- A. --- about 16 and a half-ish.
- Q. Yeah, yeah. So, the – the period that you spent at [Sid's address] including your – your turning 17.
- H** A. Yes.

- A** Q. And beyond that.
- A. Yes, up to just before I turned 18, roundabout, well not just [Sid's address] but [Street] as well.
- Q. Okay, and was that a friend of [Person FFF1]'s?
- B** A. Yes.
- Q. And you used to see Nav regularly at [Sid's address]. Was he there most of the time?
- A. Yes, I think he went through a period where he lived there for a bit because of issues with his wife ---
- Q. Yeah.
- C** A. --- cos Sid bought another bed and it went from just having one bed in the main bedroom to having two beds.
- Q. Yes, there – there came a time when you found out and maybe he'd told you that he was having problems, marital problems.
- A. That was – yeah that was like during the relationship type of thing. I didn't know the circumstances leading up to that. I just noticed there were another bed there and he was sleeping in it but then during the relationship thing, yeah that's when the conversation came up about his wife and stuff.
- D** Q. And in fact, the relationship with Nav ended with him telling you that he was gonna try and make a go of it with his wife.
- E** A. Yes.
- Q. And after that time, he stopped going to [Sid's address] as much.
- A. I think that I've stopped going to [Sid's address] as much as well so I couldn't give an accurate description of how often he went.
- F** Q. Well, are – are you sure that's right? Because if you went out with him for a few weeks ---
- A. Yes.
- Q. --- and you – you – you started going to [Sid's address] in the early part of 2010.
- A. Yes, but then I also went to [Street] after that with Billy Jo Jo and stuff. It weren't [Sid's address] all the time, it were also Billy Jo Jo's family house and [Street] and stuff.
- G** Q. Can – can I just remind you of this, that you – you – you told the police in the video interviews that when Nav said he was gonna try and make a go with it with his wife ---
- A. Yes.
- Q. --- he – he stopped going to [Sid's address] as much?
- H**

**A** A. Well, I – I stopped going as well so I don't know if he were there when I wasn't there. I'm just – I'm not arguing with you about it. I just don't, I – I honestly, I were going to [Street] and the other house and stuff so I couldn't accurately say how often he was there. He wasn't there as much when I was there but I was – I wasn't there as much myself either.

**B** Q. No, I accept that when you weren't there, you wouldn't know one way or the other. A. No, that's it.

Q. But to be able to say as you did and as you do now that he didn't seem to go as much, that must be because on the occasions that you were there, you didn't see him?

**C** A. He – he wasn't, no he wasn't always there on some of the times that I went with him cos like the – the incident with Sid, he was by himself whereas normally Nav would have been there and there were like days when with Pav, I don't think Nav were there when Pav were there. So yeah, it were – it – yeah he wasn't there as regular. Normally, he would have been there in them situations, yeah.

**D** Q. Yeah, I think we're pretty much agreed on that and you – on the – on the list of telephone numbers that we looked at a day or two ago, you had a couple of numbers for him?

A. Yes I think I've – I think I've had about three or four numbers for him altogether but I think there were two on that list.

Q. And was he friendly and chatty?

**E** A. Yeah, yeah we – we had – we had a laugh, yeah.

Q. He – he talked to you when – when you were both there?

A. Yeah, he's also text me when I wasn't there and stuff.

Q. Yeah and he was generally agreeable and pleasant to you?

A. Yeah.

**F** Q. Was he ever nasty to you?

A. I think we – we've – we've had a couple of little arguments, nothing major but I think we were spending a lot of time around each other, everyone ends up having arguments don't they?

Q. Well, was he ever aggressive to you?

**G** A. I don't recall anything major from him, no.

Q. Well, do you recall anything at all?

A. Little – just little arguments, nothing, nothing like I don't think he ever hit me or anything like that, I don't recall him ever laying his hands on me in a violent way. We've – we've had arguments, we've had disagreements, we've had falling outs and stuff.

**H**

- A** Q. Well, tell – tell me anything that he ever said to you that was nasty?
- A. I couldn't – I couldn't – I couldn't tell you the exact words. I remember us having disagreements and stuff like that but like I say, we spent – we spent a lot of time around each other. It – like I say, it were nothing major.
- B** Q. Now, when – when you started a relationship with him, did it start with him flirting with you?
- A. It started with him texting me, flirting, yeah, and then I were texting him back and stuff and then when – the next time I went to Sid's house, we were flirting in person and I were responding, yes.
- C** Q. Did anyone put any pressure on you? When I say anyone, I mean anyone other than Nav, put any pressure on you to have sex with Nav?
- A. Not sex, no. Sid – Sid's kind of put pressure on for the relationship to actually happen and stuff like that, saying like, and some of his other family member that came from different cities, like Kami [sic] I've mentioned before that I had to give my phone to for coke.
- D** They – they were like, "Oh, well you're really part of the family now if you go out with him," and tried, do you know like, trying to convince the situation and stuff like that. So, it – it weren't like pressure in the same way it was with Yasar where they were calling us names and putting it on that way. It were more like trying – it were more trying to – them making me feel more involved in the family and stuff like that.
- E** Q. Did you used to get quite a lot of texts and phone calls on your phone when you were at [Sid's address]?
- A. Yes.
- Q. From lots of different people?
- F** A. Yes.
- Q. And when you were there, you – we know, I'm not going to ask you in any detail about drinking and taking drugs.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. We know that a lot of that went on there. Did you – did you used to watch – watch telly, watch music channels and things like that?
- G** A. Yes and – and films, Undisputed Free, A Boat Without a Paddle. We used to get – me and Sid once cooked a chicken curry – not a chicken curry, chicken stew and stuff like that.
- Q. It – it wasn't unrelenting drug taking, it was also a bit of ---
- H**

- A** A. No, I – I used to get up in the morning and make breakfast and stuff like that. It – it weren't just. There – there were – there were drug taking near enough every time. Even while we were watching the films, they were still taking cocaine but there was other activities other than just literally just sat there downing a bottle ---
- B** Q. Yeah.  
A. --- of alcohol and stuff like that.  
Q. And you – you could watch, did they have a satellite channel for music?  
A. I don't know. We only ever watched them films and the music channel so I'm not sure if there were any other channels.
- C** Q. Okay, now, just in terms of the timing. You – you – you were going out with [Person FFF1] at the time you went when you initially went, let's take it at its latest. Say you started going to [Sid's address] in February 2010.  
A. I think that it – it were definitely earlier than February, I'd say – say January.
- D** Q. Do you know how long it – after you started going there when you split up with [Person FFF1]?  
A. About a month cos I were there a couple of week then the relationship with [Person FFF1] but it didn't (inaudible).  
Q. Yes.
- E** A. Yes, so about a month then a couple of week before the relationship with [REDACTED]  
Q. Yeah.  
A. Then that were brief, few week, then a few more week. So, say about four, four months since I started going so like – about Apr – oh it must have – yeah, April. So it were def ---
- F** Q. I think we know, we know here – where I'm – where I'm going now don't we.  
A. Yeah, yeah, I knew it were one of the Eids but I didn't know which one.  
Q. Yeah. You see the thing is, we – we know, I mean, we're agreed on, that you went out with Nav for a few weeks.  
A. Yes.
- G** Q. You said two or three weeks in your police interview but (inaudible) talking about.  
A. It was – it's – yeah, it was just that – it were a few weeks. I don't know exactly how many it was, no substantial amount of weeks.  
Q. That – that incorporates it, one of the two Eids.  
A. Yes.
- H**

- A** Q. And you – you thought, to be fair, when you were interviewed by the police, you thought that that was and I think you said a few minutes ago, you thought that was the – the big Eid near Christmas.
- A. Yeah, but it wasn't clearly.
- B** Q. But when you – when you gave evidence in the last trial, you qualified that and you said you weren't sure which Eid it was. Well I – I can tell you as a matter of record ---
- A. Yes.
- Q. --- that the – the big Eid, the second Eid in 2010 was 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of November.
- A. Yes.
- C** Q. And the other Eid, the earlier one was September.
- A. Right.
- Q. So let – let – let's say to you it was the September one, you – you've been there, by your reckoning, you've been going to [Sid's address] for at least six months, probably longer, when you were seeing Nav.
- D** A. Yeah.
- Q. Which suggests, I – I would ask you to think that there was a much bigger gap between you finishing with █████ and going out with Nav.
- A. It's still nothing substantial though, it's a matter of weeks, difference.
- E** Q. Well – well I suggest not in – in fact, it was seven months.
- A. Well because – it wasn't seven month between me going with █████ – right, so say it were January and you're saying September and I've just worked all that lot out, that took me to – that took me to like May time with that. So whether all of them extra weeks were added onto in between that relationship or whether it were right the split between the relationship
- F** with █████ and [Person FFF1] or whatever, it's still only a matter of weeks. It's nothing substantial, it's just ---
- Q. We've got the evidence, we can – we can work it out. I don't want to force you ---
- A. Yeah.
- Q. --- force you into it.
- G** A. But I've never – I've never been certain about times anyway. I've already said it were approximately a few weeks or whatever. It's – it's not something I could accurately tell you. Like I say, I never kept a timeline of – of when I did what or anything like that and it was a long time ago.
- H** Q. Well, that – that I understand and I'm not – I – I don't want to make it a – an exam of dates. But we've got some fixed dates that we know are accurate.

- A**
- A. Yes.
- Q. Things that have happened and I'm working now on – on the basis that at least we've got those. One of the things we know is that there was a time, there were lots of time when I think you had contact with the police but there was a time when the police came.
- B**
- A. Yes.
- Q. And they picked you up and they – they – they seem to have made a mess about working out your age and – and they took you back.
- A. Yes.
- Q. I think we know that was the beginning of August that year.
- C**
- A. Right.
- Q. 2010. Now, it's Nav's case and – and I'm going to ask you to comment on it. That that was actually the first – I think – I think you agree with this, that was the first time you had sex with him, sexual contact, that night?
- A. I'm not – I'm not sure. I couldn't tell you exactly which night it was.
- D**
- Q. Which suggests certainly that you were – you started seeing him at the beginning of August. It would be right that it was around the September Eid.
- A. Yeah, it -it could – it could be. Honestly, I – I haven't – the – the more I try think of the timelines and try work out exactly how much time went in between, the more it gets harder because you don't – unless you're conscious of time and do you know, like say if I
- E**
- know that I've got something to do in a certain amount of weeks ---
- Q. Yeah.
- A. --- then you remember the amount of time but back then I were a carefree kid that were drunk all the time. I wasn't conscious of the amount of time that were passing between
- F**
- and then as an adult trying to look back at stuff that happened between eight and 12 year ago, it's very hard to try and work out the exact amount of time. That's why I've – when I've given me evidence rather than try and be too accurate on the time in between I've given circumstances and situations that happened around each time so the police could then therefore try and work it out. So the time – the timing, the more people are asking me about
- G**
- the timing, I just feel like I'm repeating myself over and over, that I could not be accurate on any timing, that's why I've given the circumstances around stuff.
- Q. Okay, well I'll take that (inaudible) out of time.
- A. Sorry.
- Q. Let's move on. When – during the – during the chats you had with him, he – he – he,
- H**
- knew something about your life.

- A**
- A. Yes.
- Q. You told – told him about [Person S].
- A. Yes.
- Q. And he recalls you showing him a photo.
- B**
- A. Possibly, yes.
- Q. And he showed you photos of his family.
- A. Yes, yeah.
- Q. Wife, children.
- A. I don't – I don't know exactly who he showed me pictures of. I've – I've seen
- C**
- pictures, yes.
- Q. Yes, do you know at what stage he first told you that he was having problems with – with his wife, in the context of when you first had sex with him, do you know if it was before or after?
- A. I couldn't tell you honest, I've – don't know.
- D**
- Q. Now, you – you think, looking back, don't you – that – that Nav exploited you?
- A. Every – I feel like everyone in that house had some part to play in – in that whole situation. Like it's not normal for a group of men to be in a relationship with a young girl like half their age for a couple of week then – do you know ---
- Q. Yes, sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt.
- E**
- A. --- so sorry, no, so like for – for there to be a house full of men, all a lot older than a girl and then that girl to then think she's in a relationship with one person for a few week and then a – a – a short space of time passes and then another person and another person and so on and so forth, it – that's not a normal situation to – to have occurred and most people in that
- F**
- house partook in some way, shape or form in building the circumstances where I felt like I didn't really have a choice in what I was doing. I felt like I had to do that or like I owed them something so I had to do it. I think it was a build-up of everyone in that house, yes.
- Q. But specific to Nav, your feelings so far as Nav is concerned, individually, that he exploited you?
- G**
- A. Yes.
- Q. That he – he – had a pretend relationship with you?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You didn't think that at the time obviously.
- A. No, but I didn't think – I didn't really understand what was going on about the whole
- H**
- situation at the time.

- A** Q. And you liked him?
- A. Yes, still – still – still now I’m not gonna stand here and say he was a horrible person or whatever. We – we had plenty of times where we had good conversations, we had a laugh. It’s not like I was scared for my life every minute I were around him which is part of the
- B** problem that I faced, was that these people made me like them, they made me feel relaxed with them and they made me trust them as well as also the other incidents that I have spoke about involving violence. It was a mixture of different things.
- Q. Didn’t you know or did you know a young woman named [Person I] or sometimes known as [Person I1]?
- C** A. [Person I2], yes.
- Q. You know [Person I2]. Did you tell [Person I2] that you really, really liked Nav?
- A. Yes, yeah, cos I – I did. I got on with him very well. We – we had plenty, like it – it’s hard because there is good memories as well as mixed in with the bad memories. Like we did have good times. It’s not like every single time, every single minute at Sid’s time
- D** were horrible which like I’ve said, was part of the problem, because they did make me feel like I belonged there and I were part of their lives and their family and their – their circle.
- Q. Yes, so putting it into context, he was nice to you and you exchanged some friendly – romantic banter for - to use a probably an awfully long word.
- A. I wouldn’t use banter.
- E** Q. You wouldn’t?
- A. I’m civilised.
- Q. Okay, you did actually (inaudible) at the last trial.
- A. It’s lack of words to use instead of banter, that’s the problem.
- F** Q. Well, it was my – I introduced it, it’s my fault. And – and it gradually developed didn’t it from a – from a friendship into a – a romance?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And – and it wasn’t a case of it simply going from nothing to something, there was a friend – there was a – a gradual warming towards ---
- G** A. Yeah.
- Q. --- him.
- A. Yes, so it wasn’t – it wasn’t just with him either. Like the – it wasn’t just a gradual warming to him, it was a gradual warm – like a gradual attachment that was being built with every single person in that house and then them encouraging me, saying, “Oh yeah, if you get
- H**

- A** with him, you'll be part of the family," and stuff like that. It was the whole – it was the situation as a whole and every single person in that house that played a part in ---
- Q. Sorry.
- A. It's all right, I were finished anyway.
- B** Q. During the period you were – you were going out with him or rather having a relationship with him, did you have sex with anyone else?
- A. No.
- Q. Did there come a time when he challenged you about that and he asked – he specifically asked you, were you seeing anyone else?
- C** A. Possibly, I couldn't recall but I wouldn't disagree with you either.
- Q. With reference at least that you were getting lots and lots of texts and calls from people?
- A. Possibly because I do recall a time during the relationship where I had to snap my SIM card up and get a new SIM card.
- D** Q. And he wasn't very pleased about that, the idea that you might be seeing somebody else, does that ---
- A. I couldn't – I couldn't – I know I rec – I re – recollect during the relationship snapping my SIM card up one time and being put under pressure to do that. I couldn't – I couldn't re – say to you, "Oh yeah that – that conversation," but it could – it could have, it couldn't, I don't know.
- E** Q. Now, in – in terms of the sex you had with him, I've got to ask you a few questions but I'm not going to ---
- A. Is – is there any chance I could have a break?
- F** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: How much longer?
- MR FRIEZE: Probably 10, 10 minutes or so, 15 minutes.
- A. Oh that's all right then, yeah.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: I'm going to encourage him to be five or 10.
- MR FRIEZE: Yes, I'll ---
- G** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: But you need a break now, so yes, right now. So we'll have our break and interrupt you ---
- A. Sorry.
- Q. Not at all. You take a seat, Miss, please, thank you. We'll have the break now. We were going to have it in five or 10 minutes, okay, before. The plan is for Mr Bell – for
- H** Mr Parvaze to do his bit and then hopefully Miss Kelly for Billy Jo. Okay, hopefully and

**A** then we can do a bit tomorrow, hopefully concluding at one o'clock because I bet you've made on my promises, you've made plans haven't you for tomorrow afternoon? See, I told you. Okay.

A. I think tomorrow as well – I think tomorrow as well even if we ---

**B** Q. It's all right, don't worry.

A. --- if we're not done by one, I'd rather it be continued on Monday.

Q. I know, I know, I know, I know, we're going to be, don't worry.

A. Okay.

Q. Stress not.

**C** A. I'm just tired.

Q. Okay, thank you. You go. Give it – we'll give the young lady 10, 10, 15 minutes, okay.

(The witness withdrew)

**D** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Okay, thank you very much, have a wander. 10 minutes and counting. Just hang on, whoop, steady.

(The jury left court at 15.00)

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**B**

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**C**

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**D**

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(The jury entered court at 15.16)

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Defendants please you take a seat. Good, thank you very much, thank you. Thank you very much. All present and correct. Yes. Thank you. Thank you very much, thank you.

**E**

[PERSON A], on former oath

Cross-examined by MR FRIEZE (cont.)

**F**

Q. As promised, I'm going to talk about sex for a bit, I'm afraid. As far as the two incidents that you remember with Nav, one took place on the settee in the living room?

A. Yes.

Q. The first one.

A. Yes.

Q. And then one in a bedroom?

**G**

A. Yes.

Q. As far as the first one is concerned, can I put Nav's case and ask if you agree or disagree?

A. Yes.

**H**

- A** Q. That the incident – he agrees that the incident on the settee was the first one but he says that there wasn't any full sex, just foreplay. Do you – do you agree or disagree with that?
- A. Disagree.
- B** Q. Okay, well, you're look – you're looking a bit unsure which is why I'm ---
- A. I'm – I'm just trying to remember all the details of everything. No, I'm – I'm pretty sure, I'm that ---
- Q. You did say – you did say to the police that it was full sex on the settee.
- A. Yeah, I'm – I'm like 99 per cent sure that it was full sex, like I – I, I'm pretty definite that it were full sex, yeah.
- C** Q. Okay, do you know if that was the night that the police brought you back, having made a – a mistake about your age?
- A. No, I don't think it was that night ---
- Q. What about (inaudible), sorry?
- D** A. The – the night that it happened cos [Person EE1] was with me the night that the police brought us back, the night that I had the – the sofa incident as I'll put it. [Person EE1] wasn't there when that happened. So I'm pretty sure it wasn't the same night.
- Q. Okay, second one happened in the bedroom. Do you agree that Nav was in bed and you – you went upstairs and ended up having sex with him?
- E** A. No, I'm pretty sure we went upstairs together and I am pretty sure we went upstairs together.
- Q. Can I remind you what you told the police about that?
- A. Yeah.
- F** Q. You – you told the police that Sid, Nav was upstairs and Sid had suggested that you go upstairs and see if he was all right, see if he'd come down and that's when the ---
- A. Could have been, I'm – I'm not 100 per cent sure. As I think I said in my interviews as well, I – I – all of the – all of the incidents with Nav, I wasn't 100 per cent sure on the ins and outs of everything cos I – I – I have said that throughout my video evidence. If I'm not sure about something, I have said, "I'm not sure, but this is what I think," and given as much detail as I can remember. I'm not – I'm not 100 per cent sure.
- G** Q. Okay, well that's – that's very fair and you think there might have been another incident but you're not sure. Do you know if that was upstairs or downstairs?
- A. I'm – I'm not sure but like I said I can't – I can't even say for definite whether there was. I've put – I have a feeling that there was but I don't know for definite.
- H**

- A** Q. Okay, can you remember anything about the positions in which you had sex with Nav upstairs?
- A. I think I was on top.
- Q. Now, when you stopped having a relationship with him, it was because he said to you
- B** he was gonna end it and go back to his wife.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And your feelings about that I think were mixed, I think.
- A. Yeah I was obviously feeling a little bit used.
- Q. Yeah.
- C** A. But at the same time I was hoping that things would work out with his wife.
- Q. Yes. Now, what you said to the police was that, "He kind of passed me off to Pav."
- A. Yes.
- Q. What did you mean by that?
- A. I wouldn't say him personally like pushed me to a – another person, it was just the
- D** way it all seemed to work at that house, once one person'd approach me, kind of sweet talk me and start a relationship, a few week later they would find some excuse or there'd be some reason that'd end and then another one'd come up. It -it – it wasn't him personally stood there like, "There you go, Pav, there's [Person A1]."
- Q. Because Nav and Pav didn't actually get on with each did they?
- E** A. No. No, they – they got on when they were together, kind of for appearances, but I do know from conversations with 'em both, by themselves, that they didn't actually have much love between them.
- Q. No and you also said to the police that Pav used the fact that you'd broken up with
- F** Nav to get at you.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now, so far as Nav going back to his wife is concerned, you said you felt a bit used. You – you said to the police that you were pissed off with him when you said that.
- A. Yes.
- G** Q. Is that fair?
- A. I was not pissed off with him in general, it was more the situation. I was starting to – obviously there was a reoccurring pattern here and I might have been naïve and not really fully understood the situation but a part of me also understood that what was going on, it were – wasn't quite right. There was something a bit wrong in that whole situation. That's
- H** where I started questioning things a little bit more and things started getting a – a bit more out

- A** of control from that point on as I'm pretty sure everyone knows from the video evidence. Everything started getting a lot more violent and – and stuff like that. There were a lot more, yeah.
- B** Q. Now, just need to put something specifically to you because I've got a duty to ask you to comment on it as part of his case.
- A. Yes.
- Q. We know that initially you said you were 18.
- A. Yes.
- C** Q. And you indicated to the police that you then made clear to everybody that that wasn't true.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And do you agree or disagree with this, that the night that you were taken away by the police and then brought back ---
- D** A. Yes.
- Q. --- that you said to Nav, "See, I told you I was 18."
- A. Initially when I first went back, I'd tried to be like, "Oh yeah, see the police have brought me back," but then Sid's said to me, "Oh come on, we all know you're not really 18, we've known for a long time, why don't you admit it," and it - that subsequently after that, in that same night, in that same conversation, I admitted exactly how old I was and how old I was when I'd first come and everything like that. And they said they'd known for a long time because the police had told them, they were just waiting for me to admit how old I was.
- E** Q. Okay, now, again, I'm just gonna put this and see if you agree or disagree with it. That – that during the time you were in a relationship with Nav, there were times when you seemed very energetic and hyper and talkative.
- F** A. Yes.
- Q. Was that because you'd taken cocaine or just?
- A. I don't know, I'm pretty talkative anyway.
- Q. Right, thank you. Were there any occasions when Nav asked you for sex and you said
- G** no?
- A. I couldn't say 100 per cent either way.
- Q. Do you ever remember Nav trying anything or doing anything that you didn't like or didn't want?
- A. Nothing that sticks out like front and centre in my mind, no.
- H** Q. Okay, thank you, well that's all I have by way of questions. Thank you very much.

**A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you, Mr Frieze, thank you. See how we get on but the next barrister represents, I believe, Parvaze Ahmed, Mr Bell, so let's at least – Miss Melly, I know you've something to say?

Re-examined by MISS MELLY

**B** MISS MELLY: Thank you. We just want to make one matter very clear. One of the things that was said on the video to the police that has perhaps not remained entirely clear from the edited versions is this, is that you told the police clearly in the video interviews that Parvaze Ahmed ---

A. Yes.

**C** Q. Who you call Pav, was a drug dealer.

A. Yes.

Q. And one of the reasons why Billy Jo Jo who is Izar Hussain had access to Parvaze Ahmed's mobile phone ---

A. Yes.

**D** Q. Was because Izar Hussain, that's Billy Jo Jo, sold drugs for Parvaze Ahmed ---

A. Yes.

Q. --- and he had his phone for that reason.

A. Yes, yes.

Q. Right.

**E** A. It was – Pav had two – two numbers and sometimes one'd be off and the other'd be on. One was his personal phone, the other was the drug phone. Billy Jo Jo had access to the drug phone as well.

Q. Billy Jo Jo had access to the drug phone and - and – and you explained that to the police in the videos.

**F** A. Yes.

Q. Thank you. So we just wanted to make that clear.

Cross-examined by MR BELL

Q. May it please, your Honour, may I call you [Person A1]?

**G** A. Yes.

Q. I ask questions on behalf of Parvaze Ahmed.

A. Yes.

Q. All right and if there's anything that I ask you that's not clear or confusing then say so, all right, okay?

**H** A. Yes.

- A** Q. I appreciate it's been a long day.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Hopefully you've had a – a fag break but if for any reason you want a break, you want to pause just say so, all right, and we'll do all we can to make you comfortable.
- B** A. Okay, thank you.
- Q. Okay, all right. Now, in relation to Parvaze Ahmed, and so, members of the jury, that's at divider nine, page two of your folders and I'm sure you know who he is so it's clear we are dealing with him. It – it's right to say isn't it, that he – he was someone that and just in that the time, I know you're talking to everybody about it now. At the time, he was
- C** someone that you liked?
- A. Yes.
- Q. That's fair isn't it?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you were quite fond of him, that's fair isn't it?
- D** A. Yes.
- Q. You kind of got on and he was a mate, possibly a bit of a joker, is that fair?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you were being asked in your ABE, so it's video nine and I'm going from page nine and 10 of that transcript of video nine. You were being asked your sort of sexual intimacy with him and I – I'm just gonna repeat briefly what you say, all right.
- E** A. Yes.
- Q. So the question was, "Would you say the sex with Pav was consensual?" You then nod your head and then say, "Yeah. I think so." And then you're further asked, "You would?" And you say, "Yeah," and then you're further asked, "On every occasion?" And
- F** then you say, "Yeah, yeah, I liked him." And so that's what you said in the ABE and it's plain to say that you became quite attached to him at the time.
- A. Yes.
- Q. That's fair to say.
- G** A. Yes.
- Q. And you got so attached to him that sometimes, for example, he wouldn't turn up and you'd be disappointed, that – that's correct isn't it?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And, in fact, some of the times, in terms of negatives, Pav wasn't there all the time,
- H** that's right isn't it?

- A**
- A. No, he wasn't always at Sid's, no.
- Q. No, I – I mean, in fact, he didn't attend very frequently ---
- A. He came – he came and went did Pav.
- Q. --- yeah, he came and went, all right, so drifted in, drifted out but not – not really there
- B**
- all the time. It's right to say that you came to know something about his personal circumstances in relation to, I think his [relative] suffering from MS.
- A. MS, yes.
- Q. And he was looking after his [relative] so he wasn't always around.
- A. Yes, he, he – it were always if his phone were off then he's busy with his dad type of
- C**
- thing.
- Q. Thank you, and it – it's also right to say that sometimes you'd call each other, is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And sometimes those conversations might be late at night?
- D**
- A. Yes.
- Q. And – and that's him calling you, you calling him, no-one's sort of saying, you know, one was leading on the other. There was that sort of exchange of, if you like, telephone contact late at night and I really mean early in the morning? That's right isn't it.
- A. Yes, but both, even during the day sometimes ---
- E**
- Q. Of course.
- A. --- he'd pick me up from outside hospital one time when I – I'd been in hospital which was about five o'clock in the afternoon. So there were – there were con – consistent contact to a certain extent, most – most of the time through at different times, different
- F**
- circumstances.
- Q. I'm not disputing the daytime, of course, I'm sure you talked during the daytime, all right, okay, thank you. I – I wanted to shift slightly now and just focus if I can, and I appreciate it's a delicate matter. Just want to focus now on that first time, if you like, that you became intimate, all right. And it – it's right to say that I think sort of in the early part of
- G**
- the evening you're at Sid's house, [Sid's address]?
- A. Yes.
- Q. There is, I think there are people there. There – there – there's music and – and drinking, that's fair isn't it?
- A. Yes.
- H**
- Q. And there was a sort of a sparkle, chemistry between you, is that fair?

- A**
- A. Yes.
- Q. And there was flirting on both sides, that's fair isn't it?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Yeah, and so matters progressed and at the time you had a room up in – in Sid's
- B** house, upstairs.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Is that – and do you recall, as it were, sort of leading him upstairs, do – do you remember that or not?
- A. No, we both just went up to bed but it were – it were the end – well, it wasn't the end
- C** of the night, it were early in morning to be fair.
- Q. Right.
- A. I think the sun were up outside and we were – we'd been taking drugs, drinking and stuff and it – it were time to try and get a bit of sleep ---
- Q. All right.
- D** A. --- so I don't think were any talk of why we were going to bed it were just, "I'm – I'm going to bed."
- Q. All – all right then. So, in terms of the bedrooms are, obviously you'd know which room is which room?
- A. Yes.
- E** Q. All right, okay, and – and I hope it's not contentious but – well I'm just suggesting that you – you directed him to the right room.
- A. Pav knew which room were which room as well. Pav had been to the house a few – it – like he'd been there regular enough to know the layout of the house and he'd also been
- F** there long before I'd even gone there.
- Q. All right, so you – you've – you've gone into the room, there's a little bit more chat, a bit more flirtation and eventually you're intimate, agreed, yes?
- A. Yes.
- Q. All right and in your ABE, it's not contentious, I think you say in your ABE that –
- G** that you were on top, that's right isn't it?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And Pav, I think stayed the night, you both went to sleep, is that fair?
- A. I don't think – I don't think he slept much. Pav – when he – Pav used to take cocaine, he used to become very paranoid and he wouldn't rest or relax. I think it were more just like
- H** dozing in and out, I don't – yeah. I – I – I don't know.

- A** Q. Well, I – I – I know it’s a long time ago and I’m – I’m not trying to be unfair with your memory and so on, all right, okay, everyone understands. It’s very difficult to remember every little detail so I’m not criticising, okay. But help us if you can, if you can’t, we’ll just move on, all right, okay. In the sort of the morning after, as it were, would you call
- B** the act it was positive, it was pleasant, that’s fair isn’t it?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Yes, and do you recall possibly a little more intimacy or not?
- A. No, we didn’t the next – when we woke back up.
- Q. Okay.
- C** A. Apart from maybe a kiss but not – nothing.
- Q. All right, but you don’t have anything more than that?
- A. There were nothing more than that.
- Q. All right, it – there was a kiss, all – all right, fair enough.
- D** A. Poss – possibly, I don’t – I couldn’t say yes, he definitely kissed me. There might – there might have been a kiss but I know there were nothing more than a kiss.
- Q. Okay, I understand you. You don’t recall any sort of – sort of full on sex, as it were.
- A. Yeah, we – there were no.
- Q. And it might have been just a kiss goodbye, “See you later,” and ---
- E** A. Yeah and that type of thing.
- Q. Oh right, fair enough.
- A. Yeah it wouldn’t – it wouldn’t be out of the question to say there was no kiss goodbye or anything like that.
- Q. Okay, do – do you recall any conversation about phones or – or phone numbers or
- F** keeping in contact or anything like that or?
- A. I already had Pav’s number before that.
- Q. Did you call him in (inaudible), wanting to kind of call him or speak to him a bit more or anything like that or not?
- A. No, we – we – like I say I already had his phone number anyway so I don’t – I don’t
- G** recall any conversation about that.
- Q. All right, okay. Now, just to be fair to you, all right, okay, what I want to do is just sort of remind you what you said in the ABE about this.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And then ask you some more questions about where we might disagree, all right.
- H** A. Yeah.

- A** Q. So I'll just remind you of it just so that you've got it clearly in your mind, all right.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And so what you say and that's at page four of the transcript for ABE nine is – oh sorry, three, page three of 25 and it's just at the top of the page, all right, and what you say is
- B** – is that, "I were saying how pissed off I..." Just set the context, this is obviously at [Sid's address], you and Pav talking, all right.
- A. Yes.
- Q. "I was saying how pissed off I was and Pav were like, "Oh no you can, erm, you can piss him off back if you want," erm, and I were like, "How do you mean that? Do you know, do you know, kind of like flirting a bit though?" As I was saying it and, erm, he were like,
- C** "You can sleep with me." And at that – at the time, I were drunk and stuff so I thought it were a good idea so I slept with him, erm, and then, erm, it went upstairs or..." I presume that's they, "Went upstairs in Sid's house into the second bedroom and then, erm, I kind of got a bit attached to Pav and – and we – we started spending quite a bit of time together and
- D** stuff." All right, so that's what you said at the ABE and I'm just trying to (inaudible) ---
- A. Yeah.
- Q. So just one or two specifics then in relation that passage, all right,
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Starting if I may with the – the suggestion that Pav was effectively saying, "You could get back at – at Nav," ---
- E** A. Yeah.
- Q. As a – as a – as a reason to be with him. He didn't do that, did he?
- A. Yes, he did.
- Q. We disagree on that.
- F** A. I remem – I – I remember exactly that conversation. I might not remember cos that conversation included the – the talk about his dad and stuff like that, talking about my circumstances. I remember that conversation even though we are – we were – were under the influence. I remember that conversation pretty well and I remember them – something along
- G** the lines of them words, maybe not exact words that I said.
- Q. All right. Okay ---
- A. --- so, been – sorry, I've lost my train of thought now, yeah, being – being – being used about getting back at Nav and stuff like that, yeah, there was. He – he definitely said something within that ---
- H** Q. Just pause for a minute, and listen to that question.

- A** JUDGE DURHAM HALL: What is an ABE? It's ---
- A. It's my video evidence isn't it?
- Q. No, it's yeah, exactly, thank you. You answer the question.
- A. It's ---
- B** Q. Okay, an ABE is the title that we give to the pre-recorded interview, achieving best evidence. It's a generic title. So we can use ABE, Mr Bell, we can use any word ---
- MR BELL: I can say the video.
- JUDGE DURHAM HALL: The video, shall we call it the – yes, we even use archaic words like video don't we. Whatever, as long as we know what you mean. Thank you.
- C** MR BELL: Well, I hope you do. Right, again, just to be fair to you because that sort of came towards the end of your answer and I want to be fair, all right. So essentially, the difference between us is you're saying in some way, he used Nav as – as a way to kind of get a bit closer to you?
- A. Yes, when – when he did say it, he wasn't – it wasn't like he were saying it with a serious face, you know, stone cold expression, “You can get back at Nav by doing this.” It was jokingly, flirtatious and stuff but he definitely said them words.
- D** Q. All right, just dealing with that, as your state of mind and so on, you've spoken about having drunk a bit of alcohol, you've spoke about taking some cocaine and so on but – but it is right, in essence, that you were aware of what you were doing when you were having sex, right.
- E** A. Yes, I wasn't – I wasn't as drunk or high as most other times, yes, it was more of a ---
- Q. I under – I understand. It's just so there's no confusion, that you – you – you weren't in your right mind, didn't know what you were doing and you were completely out of it?
- F** A. No, that's why I remember more details about the conversation and stuff like that because, yes, I wasn't as ---
- Q. So you – you were aware and you could make choices and (inaudible) that's ---
- A. Yes, yeah.
- Q. Thank – thank you. In – in terms of the general issue of alcohol first, and we'll do alcohol and drugs but I'll do the alcohol first, all right.
- G** A. Yeah.
- Q. Now, it's right that Pav did bring some alcohol sometimes to Sid's or – or I think visiting you in Dewsbury sometimes?
- A. Yes, so did – so did most people at the house, yeah.
- H** Q. That – that – that's fair isn't it?

- A** A. Yes.
- Q. I think where we disagree is that I'm saying to you that he did not give you cocaine. Do you accept that or not?
- A. Yes. Yes he did, I even remember spe – specific circumstances around him giving me
- B** cocaine. I remember the – a time at [Person B2]'s house when him and Yasar came to [Person B2]'s house and Pav brought cocaine. I remember being in Pav's car after we'd ran out of cocaine and him driving. This is how I found out where he lived, him driving us to his house to see if he had any cocaine at his house which he didn't so we went to another house that he had either owned or went to or whatever it were, just round the corner from where he
- C** lived and there was a bag of cocaine on the patio roof in like the guttering that he had climbed up and got and got out of the guttering and at that – that's just like two of many times I remember specific ---
- Q. I think we disagree.
- A. Yeah, safe to say, we definitely disagree there.
- D** Q. All right, but we're just dealing generally, if I may, with – with sort of suggestion of him sort of giving you cash or jewellery for sex or being transacted. It wasn't that sort of thing was it, that's fair isn't it?
- A. Yes.
- E** Q. Right, I mean, effectively, you got on, you were mates, you liked him and – and that's the context in which you were intimate, that's fair isn't it? And now, I want to ask you a little bit about the time period and the amount of times, all right, okay. And – and to be fair to you, the long ---
- A. Time period.
- F** Q. Don't worry, I'm not going to bat on about timelines and I – I'm not gonna sort of criticise you with any undue detail, all right.
- A. I – I know that I said – I know what I said in my video evidence. I know that I could have exaggerated in there. I ---
- Q. Yes.
- G** A. --- I know it happened over a long period of time ---
- Q. Yes.
- A. --- it was quite a while. It wasn't a matter of weeks, it was more months, do you know, quite a few months as well. It was through the time of me going to [Sid's address] into me living on [Location E1]. So that's a – a chunk of time there.
- H** Q. All right.

**A** A. It may have been less than year and a half or whatever but it was still a substantial amount of time, yeah.

Q. Yes, you've covered almost the grounds that I was gonna ask you but can – can – just for clarity, all right, okay, so we – we know that initially in your ABE I think you said up to

**B** two years. I think you've accepted that because of passage of time that's possibly a bit too long.

A. Yeah.

Q. It could have been less and – and I think where we've got to on the last occasion was that I was suggesting to you, in essence, that it was probably around six months or so and you

**C** were saying it was closer to a year.

A. Yeah.

Q. And do you stand by that?

A. Yeah, I stand by that. It's closer to a year than six month. Like I say, it were pre – it wasn't straightaway when I went to Sid's house that I met Pav but it wasn't – it was pretty

**D** early on, it were in the first maybe two month of me going there and like I say, it were going on until I were living in [Location E1] and I'd been there for a bit so it was about a year-ish, give or take a month type of thing or so.

Q. All right, we've – we've covered that ground. We'll move on to a different angle in relation to that. Just dealing with, so the number of times that you were intimate, all right,

**E** yeah?

A. Yeah.

Q. I think again in your ABE it was sort of almost as far as 15, but I think you then accept ---

**F** A. Yeah.

Q. --- you just get there a bit quicker.

A. It were – it were ---

Q. It were less than that.

A. It was multiple times and I – I couldn't give you an accurate number. It wasn't just

**G** like a one off or even just like with – with the other people, I could remember like three specific times or two or one or whatever. I couldn't – I can't with Pav, it was over a long time period and it was multiple times. I couldn't give no accurate number of the amount of times that we slept together.

**H**

- A** Q. All – all right, I mean, I accept your answer, difficult to remember, all right, okay. Just got a couple of grounds briefly for you to make. I'd say it was closer to around five times, would you accept that?
- A. I'd say it were a bit higher than five times ---
- B** Q. Just a bit higher then.
- A. It were a bit higher than – it – I know it were higher than five times, I could – like I say, it's hard to remember. Probably closer to 10, I – trying to remember each time ---
- Q. [Person A1], don't worry, all right, okay. I think we've – we've got the point. We understand the context in your evidence and I'm not going to push you on that, all right, okay.
- C** A. Yeah.
- Q. Just want to touch on – on one other aspect in your ABE when you're being asked about being drunk and being high ---
- A. Yes.
- D** Q. --- and having sex, all right and – and what – what – what you were asked in the – in the video, it's video 16, all right, is, "Okay if you'd been drunk or high would you have had sex with Pav?" And then your answer is, to be fair to you, all right, is, "I don't know, I think so." All right and that – that's your response, all right.
- A. I think I said after that I've never been in a situation where I haven't been drunk or else I couldn't give you an accurate answer. I think that were the end of that sentence.
- E** Q. Absolutely, so – so I'm just gonna push a little bit and see how – how we go, all right, okay, bear with me. So, what I just want you to consider is this. Is that do you think that even if you hadn't drunk a bit of alcohol or if you hadn't taken the cocaine, do you think actually you would have probably still have had sex with Pav, is that fair?
- F** A. I will be ---
- Q. Cos you were fond of him, that was?
- A. --- I will be honest with you. In my whole entire life, I have only ever slept with three people without being under the influence of drunk – drunk – drigs or drink. Drigs or drink. I can't speak.
- G** Q. Drugs or drink.
- A. Dri – yeah that one. I have only ever slept with three people without being in – under the influence of drink or drugs and that was when I finish – when – all this finished when I were 18. I were five year I were with my kids' fath – my children's father, he was the first person, no, the second person I'd ever slept with, without being under the influence. The
- H**

**A** person before that was [Person DD] who I was in a relationship with and then one other person since then. So, I honestly could not tell you because I have not experienced that type of thing often in my life. So I honestly – hand on heart, I do not know what I would have done at that age under them circumstances because up until I were 18, I’d never had sex with anyone without being drunk.

**B** Q. All – all – all right. I’m not gonna go into other relationships, let’s put that to one side, all right. I just want to move on to a slightly different topic now, all right. There was some suggestion in your video of Pav encouraging you to be intimate with his nephews.

A. Yes.

**C** Q. Just that – just to give you the context, all right. Now let me just put the question, all right. Just so that you’re clear, it’s put on his behalf that he – he never encouraged you to be sexually intimate, sexually intimate with anyone and that’s distinct from just being friendly or hello and so on, what do you say?

**D** A. I remember being in – it was in [Location E1]. I remember being with [Person XXX]. I remember the night that it was as well. It was the night that [Person DDD1] and [Person XXX] were at my house because they’d apparently stabbed someone at a petrol station. I remember being on the phone to Pav. I remember Pav saying – me saying to Pav, “Can you come out? Can you come, come over?” And he were like, “No, no, I can’t.” And he said to me, “Oh make sure you look after my – my [relative] good,” and I were like, “Oh, what do you mean?” And he were like, “Oh you know what I mean,” and – and know what he meant. He meant sexually.

**E** Q. All - all right. We disagree, very briefly, on this topic, all right. He’d never used the word sex is that fair?

**F** A. That yeah, that’s fair.

Q. All right. He – he never, as it were, physically, as it were, presented anyone to you and ---

**G** A. No, but he did have intention because even [Person XXX] told me that Pav had said, “Oh, I know a girl that lives around here, I’m gonna go take you to meet her and all this lot,” [Person XXX]. So he did have intention of introducing me to [Person XXX] and [Person DDD1] anyway but I met [Person XXX] and [Person DDD1] under different circumstances. So, yes, he didn’t do it but he did have an intention.

Q. I’m nearly finished, all right. But just, as it were, as a – finishing off on this particular subject. You met his nephew independent of anything that he did.

**H** A. Yes.

**A**

Q. That's fair isn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. And you met quite by chance, that's fair isn't it?

A. Yeah it were, yeah, it were quite a surprise actually.

**B**

Q. No further questions, thank you very much.

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: Thank you, Mr Bell. So, well, thank you, it's – it's just gone quarter to four. Are you okay to do it?

MISS KELLY: I mean, I'm happy to start, I don't think I'll finish but I – I can make a start.

A. I – I could do with ---

**C**

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All right ---

A. Yeah.

Q. All right, that's what I was going to just pivot then.

**D**

JUDGE DURHAM HALL: All right, I'd rather you didn't start and you're not finishing. I'm

not a great fan anyway. I'm a fan of doing a bit of work in the day but not – not – no

seriously, ladies and gentlemen, not in a case like this which is so important when we're going

to, in fact, 10 to four, okay. I'll see you tomorrow. May we start – can we start a bit earlier

than 10 o'clock? I would like – I'm guaranteeing you the one o'clock but it may mean that I

can accommodate counsel so that they finish, one of them at least, or two of them. I don't

**E**

want – I don't want any barrister going over the weekend not finished. Am I getting, yeah,

okay, you understand. So if you'd leave us. Let's try and start at quarter to 10 please, okay.

Quarter to 10 tomorrow and then we'll – we will finish, even if we have to use an extra 15

minutes, something like that, lunchtime. Okay, you just take a seat, [Person A1], thank you.

If you'd like to go, thank you, usher.

**F**

(The witness withdrew)

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