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do it again?

(Jury entering the courtroom at 9:12 a.m.)

THE COURT: All right. Members of the jury, welcome back. Everyone else, please be seated.

Members of the jury, it's time for me to ask my daily question. Have you spoken to anyone, has anyone spoken to you or tried to speak to you or even had a conversation about this case in your presence that you were listening to?

THE JURY: No.

THE COURT: All right. Anyone do any research, listen to any news reports, or even accidentally listen to, read, hear anything about this case?

THE JURY: No.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

And then it's been about a week, so I'll just remind you also again, don't talk to anybody, and when I say don't talk to anybody, that includes each other about the case, now that you guys have got to know each other sometimes I like to remind you because it gets easier as you know each other better.

THE COURT: Okay, alright, who do we have next?

MR. WISE: Thank you, Your Honor. The United

States calls Dr. Jason Brewer.

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please raise your right hand.

- 09:14:27 1 Please state and spell your full name for the record. 09:14:36 2 THE WITNESS: Jason Brewer, J-A-S-O-N, B-R-E-W-E-R. 09:14:41 3 JASON BREWER, having been duly sworn, was 09:14:43 4 examined and testified as follows: 09:14:48 5 09:14:51 6 DIRECT EXAMINATION. 09:15:05 7 MR. WISE: Thank you, Your Honor. 09:15:06 8 BY MR. WISE: 09:15:07 9 Q. Good morning, Dr. Brewer. 09:15:09 10 Α. Good morning. Where do you work? 09:15:09 11 09:15:10 12 I work at the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia. Α. 09:15:15 13 How long have you been with the FBI? 0. 09:15:16 14 A little over twenty years. Α. 09:15:18 15 Can you describe briefly the positions you have held Ο. in your twenty years with the FBI? 09:15:21 16 09:15:23 17 I was first hired as a research chemist through a contract post-doctoral program, I did that for approximately 09:15:27 18 09:15:33 19 11 months. Then I was hired on permanently as a forensic 09:15:36 20 chemist in the chemistry unit. I spent approximately two 09:15:40 21 years in that position, and then was promoted to my current 09:15:43 22 position of chemist forensic examiner. 09:15:46 23 Have you been there ever since? 0.
  - Q. And can you describe what your duties and

Yes, approximately seventeen-and-a-half years.

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- responsibilities are as a chemist and forensic examiner in the chemistry unit?
- A. So when evidence is submitted to the FBI Laboratory, when there is a question about the chemical nature of the item, I will analyze that item of evidence, and write an FBI Laboratory report stating my conclusions. And then testify in court when requested.
- Q. And tell us about your educational background?
- A. I have a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from James Madison University. And a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- Q. Are you a member of are any professional organizations?
- A. Yes, I am a member of SWGDRUG, which is the scientific working group for the analysis of seized drugs.
- Q. And what does that group do?
- A. It's a group of international forensic chemists that help write guidelines and best practices for analyzing controlled substances.
  - Q. Have you ever had previous experience testifying as an expert?
  - A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Approximately how many times?
- A. Approximately 25 times.
- Q. And have you had any specialized training that

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qualified you as a forensic chemist with the FBI lab at Quantico?

- A. Yes. The first permanent position I described as a forensic chemist, that required an approximately one year training program to be qualified and authorized in that position. And then the current position I hold of chemist forensic examiner, also required approximately one year of training to become qualified and authorized.
- Q. Can you tell us, and again, it's only an approximation, but can you tell us the number of suspected controlled substances you have examined in your career?
- A. Probably thousands of items.

MR. WISE: Your Honor, at this time I would move to qualify Dr. Jason Brewer as an expert in the field of forensic chemistry.

THE COURT: Any objection?

MR. KOLANSKY: No objection.

THE COURT: Thank you. He'll be recognized as such. So what that means, members of the jury, fact witnesses can testify to facts, what they know, what they experience. An expert witness is qualified, so the expert can give opinions, so that's why we had to do that, and he can only give opinions in what he's been qualified as an expert.

MR. WISE: May I approach, Your Honor?

Brewer - direct 09:18:23 1 THE COURT: You may. BY MR. WISE: 09:18:29 2 Q. Dr. Brewer, I have just handed you what's been 09:18:31 3 already admitted in evidence as government Exhibit 4. Do 09:18:34 4 you recognize that? 09:18:37 5 09:18:39 6 A. Yes, I do. Within the interior package I can see my 09:18:44 7 name and initials where I sealed the evidence. 09:18:46 8 Q. And is this an exhibit, a piece of evidence you were 09:18:49 9 asked to analyze? 09:18:50 10 Yes, it is. Α. Q. And if I can have government Exhibit 4C, which I also 09:18:52 11 09:18:56 12 believe is in evidence? MR. WISE: I would offer 4C in evidence, Your 09:18:57 13 09:18:59 14 | Honor, it's a photo of the pouch, if there is no objection. 09:19:03 15 MR. KOLANSKY: No objection. 09:19:04 16 THE COURT: Thank you. It's admitted. 09:19:06 17 (Exhibit No. 4C was admitted into evidence.) BY MR. WISE: 09:19:07 18 Q. Do you see 4C on your screen or on the big screen, 09:19:07 19 09:19:11 20 Dr. Brewer? 09:19:12 21 Α. Yes.

> Generally speaking, what is this? Q.

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- Those are the photographs I took of what we called Α. Item 1 at the FBI Laboratory, which is a brown pouch.
- Q. And that's the brown pouch in government Exhibit 4

09:19:24 1 that I have just handed you? 09:19:26 2 Α. Yes, sir.

Okay?

Now, I'm going to ask you what you did to analyze any 0. substances found in this pouch, but before I do, I just want to ask a couple of questions about what you didn't do.

Now, were you asked to analyze this pouch for fingerprints or DNA?

- No, I was not. And those are not areas of my Α. expertise.
- Q. So those aren't tests you conduct?
- No. Α.
- Is there a test that can determine when a drug or Q. controlled substance is put on a physical item like this pouch, is there such a test?
- Α. No.
- So that wasn't a test you conducted; correct? Q.
- Α. Correct.
- Q. Is there a forensic test that can determine who put drugs on a physical item?
- Α. No.
- Q. So that wasn't a test you were asked to conduct, correct?
- Correct. Α.
- Q. And to be clear, you received the pouch in the

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condition it's in, right?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Your analysis does not address what might have happened with the pouch before you received it; right?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And I think this probably goes without saying, but you weren't asked to test, or do a test to determine who put the drugs, if drugs were found on the object, correct?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. Now I want to ask you about what you did, the tests you did.

Can you tell the members of the jury what qualitative tests you performed to determine whether or not the exhibit contained controlled substances?

- A. So the first thing I do in any exam is a visual examination. In this type of case I am looking for any solid material that I can directly remove from the item to then test for controlled substances.
- Q. Did you find any?
- A. Yes. In this instance I found a minimal amount of white powder, or off-white powder, on the inside of the flap, and then another small amount within the bottom interior of the pouch.
- Q. Ms. Vo, if you could enlarge the bottom half of government Exhibit 4C.

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09:21:42 2	A. That's my handwriting, and I took this photo.
09:21:44 3	Q. What are you pointing at?
09:21:46 4	A. As you can see, there is a small amount of white
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09:21:52 7	Q. And that's what you saw from your visual examination?
09:21:55 8	A. Yes.
09:21:57 9	Q. And did you see anything else in your visual
09:22:02 10	examination of the pouch?
09:22:04 11	A. Yes. So this picture shows the interior flap, but
09:22:09 12	also in the bottom, the bottom interior, I also saw similar
09:22:13 13	looking material.
09:22:14 14	Q. Could we go to the next page in Exhibit 4C?
09:22:19 15	So is the top another larger image of what we
09:22:23 16	saw, the material from the inside flap?
09:22:26 17	A. Yes, the top is an enlarged image of the previous
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09:22:29 19	Q. And if we could if you could enlarge, Ms. Vo, the
09:22:33 20	bottom half of 4C.
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09:22:36 22	A. So this is inside of the pouch in the bottom, you can
09:22:39 23	see a small amount of white or off-white solid material.
09:22:43 24	Q. Okay. So after visually identifying these two places
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white material, what did you do?

- A. So I used a metal spatula to remove a few particles from both areas and I combined those particles into a test tube for further testing.
- Q. And then what did you do?
- A. So I then dissolved these solid particles in a liquid chemical known as methyl alcohol. Methyl alcohol would dissolve most controlled substances that we would be analyzing for.
  - Q. Once you dissolved it, what did you do?
  - A. The first instrumental exam I did was called direct analysis, in real time, time of flight, mass spectrometry, or DART for short.
  - Q. And can you explain how DART works?
- A. DART is what's known as a mass spectrometer. So the liquid sample will be volatilized into a gas state, formed into an ion, or a charged particle, and traveled through the mass spectrometer, where we would get what is known as a mass discharge ratio. This mass discharge ratio can be used to determine the chemical formulas of any compounds that were present in the liquid, and became ionized and went through the instruments.
- Q. Do you know what that is, that mass discharge ratio for instance, for cocaine?
- A. So for instance, cocaine has a chemical formula that

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consists of 17 carbons, 21 hydrogens, one nitrogen, and four oxygen's. So when passed through this instrument, it should give a peak of 304.154 for its mass discharge.

- Q. So if the substance you're examining shows that mass discharge, is that an indication of cocaine?
- A. That's a presumptive indication that it could be cocaine. The building blocks that I described that make up cocaine also make up other compounds that are not cocaine.
- Q. What did you do next?
- A. So the next technique I did on that methyl alcohol solution is called gas chromatography mass spectrometry, or GCMS.
- Q. And how did GCMS work?
- A. The GCMS is basically two instruments coupled together, the first instrument is the gas chromatograph, or the GC, the solution that I talked about may contain a mixture of the compounds, they're injected in the GC where they're instantly converted to the gas phase and then they travel through a 30-meter long column. This column has what's known as a stationary phase on it and different compounds will interact differently with that stationary phase, so they will travel through the instrument in different times.

So essentially, we get a, what's called a chromatogram which shows various compounds coming through

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the instrument at different times, so that piece of data is called the chemicals retention time. And a particular chemical will demonstrate a similar retention time each time it goes through the instrument.

- Q. And would a chemical that demonstrates a similar time, for example, be cocaine?
- A. Yes, time is one of the pieces of data, we will compare our unknown material to a reference material of a known substance, for example, cocaine.
- Q. So based on these two tests, the DART and the GCMS, after your visional examination, did you reach a conclusion about the substance you were testing?
- A. Yes. But I do have something to add for that particular instrument.
- Q. Sure. Go ahead.
- A. So for the GCMS, what I described in the first part is the GC. Once the compounds pass through the GC, they go into the mass spectrometer, which is somewhat similar to the DART that I described earlier, except that it's a higher energy ion station, so the compound gets broken into its building blocks in a repeatable manner, and they can use that spectrum of how it's broke into its pieces to help identify the material.
  - Q. Thank you for that clarification. Once you had done all that, did you reach a conclusion?

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- Α. Yes, I did.
- Q. And what was your conclusion?
- Cocaine was identified within the residual white Α. particles that I had sampled.
- Are there multiple forms of cocaine? Q.
- Yes, there are. Α.
- Q. And what are they?
- Α. Cocaine can exist as many drugs, in either its base 09:27:12 9 form or a salt form.
  - And does what is commonly known as crack cocaine Q. present in one of those two forms?
  - Crack cocaine is a -- the base form of cocaine. Α.
- Was the form of cocaine, whether cocaine base or 09:27:28 14 | cocaine salt or hydrochloride, I think you said, determined scientifically in this case?
  - No, it's not. Α.
  - Q. Why is that?
  - A. Because I had such little material, I went straight to extracting it in solution, and once I had that material in solution, if it was a salt it would disassociate, so the base of the salt can't be differentiated.
  - Was the conclusion that cocaine was present in the 0. sample taken from the brown leather pouch memorialized in a laboratory report?
  - A. Yes, it was.

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- Q. Did you prepare the report at or around the time near your analysis?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you routinely prepare reports in the course of regularly conducted examinations in controlled substances?
- A. Yes I do.
- Q. Is that a regular practice of yours required by the FBI lab at Quantico?
- A. Yes.

MR. WISE: At this time Your Honor, I would move in admission government Exhibit 108.

MR. KOLANSKY: No objection.

THE COURT: Thank you. It's admitted.

(Exhibit No. 108 was admitted into evidence.)

### BY MR. WISE:

- Q. Do you see government Exhibit 108, Dr. Brewer?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And what's that?
- A. That's the first page of the laboratory report.
- Q. And is this the laboratory report you prepared?
- A. Yes, it appears to be based on the item description, the second page would have my name on it.
- Q. Now, if we go to the, I believe it's the second page under the title results of examination, what were the results of the examination as reflected in this report?

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- A. So this summarizes the fact that cocaine was identified within the Item 1 residue.
- Q. And you said at the very beginning that Item 1 is the brown leather pouch that has been marked, at least for court, as government Exhibit 4; right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Is cocaine a controlled substance?
- A. Yes, it is.

MR. WISE: No further questions, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Cross-exam.

#### CROSS-EXAMINATION

### BY MR. KOLANSKY:

- Q. Good morning, Dr. Brewer.
- A. Good morning.
- Q. My name is David Kolansky, I am one of the counsel for Hunter Biden. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

Dr. Brewer, you testified about residue that was positive for trace amounts of cocaine, I believe your report described it as a minimal amount; is that right?

- A. I believe the term was residue, but yes.
- Q. Residue, so a minimal amount of residue?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And that residue you said was combined when you did your tests based on what was extracted from the pouch?

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- A. Yes, I combined the two areas that were shown in the photo, I combined those into one sample.
  - Q. That residue that you collected, though, it was not a lot of residue, it was minimal?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And that came from the pouch -- if I may, do you have the pouch?

MR. KOLANSKY: May I approach, Your Honor?

THE COURT: You may.

### BY MR. KOLANSKY:

- Q. So this is the pouch that you tested?
- A. Yes.
- Q. This was the pouch and it was collected in October, from your investigation, it was collected in October of 2018, is that right?
- A. I am not aware of those details, I can speak to when I received it.
- Q. And you received it in October of 2023?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. So if this investigation began in October of 2018, and you received this pouch in October of 2023, that would be five years between the time that it was first collected and when you received it; is that right?
- A. Yes, based on those dates, that would be five years.
- Q. When you received the pouch in October of 2023, to

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put that in sequence, that's after the charges were filed in this case; is that right?

- A. I am not aware of those timelines.
- Q. Do you know when the charges were filed in this case?
- A. No.
- Q. But you know that after you received the pouch, it had been requested by investigators in the course of this investigation?
- A. Yes. Generally we don't receive items until there is a case that has been opened.
- Q. So you don't know, for example, if this case was charged in September or August or October?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. When you received this pouch and you took the evidence from it, you took the residue from it, excuse me, there were no tests done on that residue prior to you having received it?
- A. None that I'm aware of.
- Q. And no tests were done on the pouch itself prior to when you had received it, there was nothing to go off of, is that right?
- A. Can you rephrase that, please?
- Q. Yes, sure. So when you received the pouch and you collected the residue, from your investigation, your test was the first test that was done on that residue sample, is

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- When you collected the residue, tested the sample, 09:32:44 3 0. tested positive for trace amounts, I think minimal amounts 09:32:49 4 of cocaine, is that right? 09:32:55 5
- 09:32:55 6 Yes, residue. Α.
  - Q. Your tests, though, they don't indicate when that residue got on this pouch, do they?
    - They do not.
- They don't indicate who put that residue on this Q. 09:33:05 11 pouch or when that residue was put there?
  - That is correct. Α.
  - And they certainly don't indicate how long the Ο. residue had been on the pouch?
- 09:33:14 15 That's correct. Α.
  - It could have been 2015? Q.
- 09:33:16 17 Any time before when I analyzed it. Α.
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- 09:33:19 19 Yes, sir. Α.
- 09:33:20 20 Q. 117?
- 09:33:20 21 Α. Correct.
- 09:33:21 22 Even 2018? Q.
- 09:33:23 23 Α. Sure.
- 09:33:24 24 But as far as you know, you can't date when that 09:33:27 25 residue got there or who put it there?

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- A. I cannot.
- Q. And so I think you would agree that in your line of work, chain of custody analysis is an important piece of evidentiary testing, is that a fair assessment?
- A. Yes, chain of custody is very important.
- Q. And sample integrity from what comes from that pouch or that piece of evidence is also important; right?
- A. In terms of chain of custody, is that what you mean by sample integrity?
- Q. Yes.
- A. Yes.
- Q. And it's something that's routinely done in your line of work in forensic toxicology and chemistry, is that fair?
- A. Do you mean maintaining the chain of custody?
- Q. I mean testing the chain of custody or analyzing the chain of custody.
- A. We are required to maintain an accurate chain of custody, I wouldn't say I analyze it or test it.
- Q. But in this case, when you received the pouch, no one asked you to do fingerprint testing on this pouch, only to test the residue, is that right?
- A. This came into the laboratory as what's called a single unit submission, so it came in strictly for chemistry exam.
- Q. I understand.

09:34:47 1	So you tested the residue that you would collect
09:34:51 2	from this pouch and that's it?
09:34:53 3	A. Correct.
09:34:54 4	Q. Not the pouch itself, not the fingerprints, not the
09:34:56 5	DNA that might have been on this pouch?
09:34:59 6	A. Those are outside my area of expertise.
09:35:02 7	$\mathbb{Q}$ . But you wouldn't know from your testing who had
09:35:05 8	handled this pouch, before, how long, how many people, you
09:35:09 9	wouldn't know that?
09:35:09 10	A. No, chemistry exams do not determine that.
09:35:12 11	Q. And so, in your test, you can't tell when the residue
09:35:24 12	got on here, who put it there, how long it had been there or
09:35:28 13	who handled that?
09:35:30 14	A. Correct.
09:35:30 15	Q. And that's because it's not possible from your tests?
09:35:33 16	A. Correct, my testing is limited to chemistry.
09:35:36 17	MR. KOLANSKY: Thank you, Dr. Brewer. No
09:35:38 18	further questions.
09:35:38 19	THE COURT: Thank you.
09:35:39 20	Any redirect.
09:35:40 21	MR. WISE: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
09:35:42 22	THE COURT: All right. Thank you, sir, you may
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09:35:45 24	Mr. Hines, what's next.

MR. HINES: The United States calls Special

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Agent Joshua Romig.

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please raise your right hand. Please state and spell your full name for the record.

THE WITNESS: Joshua Romig, R-O-M-I-G.

JOSHUA ROMIG, having been duly sworn, was

examined and testified as follows:

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

### BY MR. HINES:

- Q. Good morning, sir.
- A. Good morning.
- Q. Sir, where do you work?
- A. For the Drug Enforcement Administration in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Q. What is your title?
- A. I am currently the Assistant Special Agent in charge.
- Q. How long have you served with the DEA?
- A. Since 2008.
- Q. What are the various titles you have had over that
- :36:56 19 course of time?
  - A. With the DEA?
  - Q. Yes, sir?
    - A. I was a Special Agent, when I got hired, we're all Special Agents, and then in 2018, I got promoted to group supervisor of a group in Philadelphia, and then for about a year before I did my headquarters time, I was the resident

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agent in charge in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

- Q. How about prior law enforcement experience before you got into the DEA?
- A. I started my law enforcement career in 1999, in the Baltimore City Police Department, I was a patrol officer, and then assigned to the patrol division, I should say, and then I was a Berks County Detective assigned to the narcotics unit there for about seven years.
  - Q. In Berks County, Pennsylvania?
- A. In Reading, Pennsylvania, yes, sir.
- Q. During the course of your, what is that, 24-year career with law enforcement?
- A. It will be 25 in August.
- Q. Have you investigated narcotic offenses sort of throughout that time period?
- A. Primarily over that 25 years, that's what I have done.
- Q. What kind of experience have you obtained during the course of investigating narcotics offenses over that time period?
- A. That's an interesting -- I mean that's literally all I've done for the last quarter century, even in the patrol division in Baltimore, one of my primary duties was to investigate drug offenses, I was assigned to the Northwest District, which is, the general area is Park Heights,

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Pimlico Raceway, the Preakness, and very high drug distribution area back then, open air drug markets, guys selling on the street, open air hand to hand, so one of my duties was to investigate drug crimes even as a uniformed Patrolman. Even in the patrol division, I had the opportunity to work in a plain clothes capacity, also in an undercover capacity to purchase drugs as, I was pretending to be a drug user. And then once I left the Baltimore Police Department, and got hired by the Berks County District Attorney's office, my primary function in the drug unit there, was to investigate drug crimes.

I did that for over five of the years that I was assigned to the DA's office, was just investigate drug trafficking offenses. I was very briefly assigned to the warrant unit before I got hired by DEA, because my boss didn't want me to get involved in anymore court cases because he knew I was leaving. And then since I have been a DEA agent, the only thing, we're a single mission agency, all we do is investigate drug trafficking. There are nuances to those drug trafficking cases, we investigate money laundering when it comes to drugs, we investigate some firearm offenses when it comes to drug traffickers, theft of firearms, but my primary responsibility is to investigate drug trafficking.

Q. During the course of that experience, have you

investigated both small scale drug trafficking and large
scale drug trafficking?

- A. Over the last 25 years both, certainly, I mean, the, I will say the more my career has progressed, especially with DEA, we want to target the higher level drug traffickers with the Drug Enforcement Administration, we don't want to target smaller level distributors.
- Q. During the course of those investigations, do you often have to start off the small scale level and work your way up within an organization to get to the top?
- A. Yes, very rarely, unless you have a highly placed informant or some other method to start big. Typically you will have to start on a smaller scale, and I have had the ability or the -- I have had to do that numerous times, especially in New York when I first started, I was assigned to the New York Division, and then moving on to Allentown, Pennsylvania when I left New York, I had to start with some smaller purchases and then work my way up to federal wire taps on bigger targets.
- Q. Is the goal to work your way up to disrupt and dismantle the ultimate source of supply?
- A. Yes, always.
- Q. During the course of your investigations, have you had the occasion to interview arrestees, confidential sources, and individuals who are using or purchasing

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narcotics?

- A. Yes. Over the last 25 years, or almost 25 years, that's primarily been one of my main functions.
- Q. Have you reviewed messages, electronic evidence, phone messages, things of that nature by individuals who use narcotics or seek to purchase them?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And during the course of that experience, have you learned the language in which drug users and drug addicts speak with drug sellers to communicate about purchasing drugs?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Have you previously been qualified as an expert in the field of drug trafficking and coded language?
- A. I have.
- Q. In which courts have you been qualified as an expert to the best you can recall?
- A. Yeah, so I was qualified as an expert for the first time in the Circuit Court of Maryland, which is the, we're not in Pennsylvania, we're in Delaware, disregard, Circuit Court of Maryland I was qualified in a crack cocaine case, again, as I described earlier where I was also actually the affiant in that case, the investigating agent, I was in uniform, but hiding out in an abandoned house watching a guy sell crack cocaine, doing hand to hand with users, I

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testified as an expert and gave an opinion of whether the drugs we seized from him were for the purpose of delivering the drugs or for the purposes of using the drugs and that was again, Circuit Court of Maryland, probably 2001.

- Q. Since that time, and I don't mean to interrupt, moving forward, have you been qualified on a number of occasions?
- A. Common Pleas Court, which is the equivalent of
  Circuit Court in Pennsylvania, the Circuit Court of
  Maryland, the Common Pleas Court of Pennsylvania, numerous
  times as an expert witness to render opinions as to whether
  drugs were possessed for purpose of selling them, or for the
  purpose of using them.

And then I was qualified as an expert in New York in a grand jury proceeding, I was qualified in a special narcotic court proceeding, I was qualified as an expert in Federal Court, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania several times, I was qualified as an expert in coded language and drug money laundering in this district, in Wilmington, in Federal Court in this building two years ago, maybe a little less than two years ago. And I think that's it.

Q. Okay.

MR. HINES: At this time, Your Honor, we offer Special Agent Romig as an expert in the manner and means of

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drug trafficking and coded language.

MR. LOWELL: No objection.

THE COURT: Thank you. He will be recognized as an expert.

### BY MR. HINES:

- Q. Agent Romig, I would like to start by asking you some general questions about the drug trade. Based on your training and experience, can you please describe how generally the drug product like cocaine makes its way into the United States and gets to the distributors?
- A. If you're saying specifically cocaine --

MR. LOWELL: Your Honor, I object, can we go to side-bar?

(Side-bare discussion.

MR. LOWELL: Your Honor, the reason that I am objecting is that I don't understand the relevance of -- if it is relevant beyond its prejudice versus probative value of having long testimony about how cocaine is grown, processed, distributed -- shipped into the United States, I mean, that's not what this case is about. He's talked about his purpose is to stop distribution. We don't have any objection to the idea that he can interpret texts or messages, but the idea that we're now going to take a long road from how it's grown to how it's produced to how it's brought in the United States, I don't see the relevance in

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the case.

MR. HINES: It's not going to be a long road,

I'm merely establishing if the jury understands what cocaine
is and generally where it comes from to get to its source
distribution points, and that forms the basis for Mr. Romig
to testify about how he knows what the drugs are and how the
language works in the drug trade so he can give an opinion
to the messages which I seek to put up. This won't be a
long road.

MR. LOWELL: Ten feet, 2 miles, what's the length of the road?

MR. HINES: Not as long as the roads you travel,
Mr. Lowell.

MR. LOWELL: Well, that's very -- okay. I just want to see. I may object if it goes longer, but understanding that, let's go.

(End of side-bar.

### BY MR. HINES:

- Q. Agent Romig, I'll re-ask the question. Could you briefly describe how, where cocaine originates and then ultimately how it gets to a state like Delaware or California?
- A. Sure. So cocaine is different from the other drugs, in that it's produced primarily in the South American Andean region, which is Columbia, Peru, the countries in South

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America. And then it is transported numerous ways. The main method of transportation is through Mexico. The Mexican Cartels control transportation as they have for years. And it will be transported across our land, southern boarder. That's the main method. There are dozens of other methods where cocaine, how it gets here from Columbia, including airplanes, through the Caribbean corridor, also ships, container ships through Ecuador and the Dominican Republic, but again the primary method is across our southern boarder through Mexico.

- Q. Why is there a demand for it in the United States?
- A. That's an interesting question. We have a lot of cocaine users in the United States, so Colombians and Peruvians continue to produce it and the distributors continue to sell it, it's basic economics, it's no different than any other product, anything that there is demand for, the distributors will find a way to distribute it to make money.
- Q. And what is crack cocaine?
- A. Crack cocaine is cocaine. There is really only a level difference on chemistry, it's a more easily smokeable form of cocaine and it's actually -- it's actually cocaine based, so it's a more pure form of cocaine powder. Cocaine powder, which is how the cocaine is transported to the United States, cocaine hydrochloride, when you -- you can

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cut cocaine, as distributors typically do, to make more money on their product, they add adulterants to it or other products to it. One of the more common products that they add to make more of it, to make more money, is an inositol which is a dietary supplement. If you cook it to make it into a crack cocaine the inositol actually falls to the bottom and wouldn't stick to the crack cocaine. An example, if you have an ounce, 28.35 grams of powdered cocaine and you cook that into crack, if there is inositol or another nonactive, or noncontrolled substance or ingredient that's cut there, you will lose that product. So if the drug dealer had cut his cocaine powder with three grams of inositol, when you cook it into crack, you'll only have like 25 grams of crack, you wouldn't have a full ounce. That's a long winded way of explaining that, but that's the best I can do.

- Q. Now, do agents routinely consult you for interpreting electronic messages, texts, things of that nature in connection with their drug investigation?
- A. Yes. My primarily, when I started with DEA, one of the ways that we use to be able to target higher level violators was through wire taps. So for nine years as a working Special Agent with the DEA in New York and Allentown, my primary function was to conduct wire tap investigations. So I have literally listened to thousands

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and thousands and thousands of calls, intercepted calls
between buyers and sellers, and then looked at or reviewed
thousands of text messages, WhatsApp messages, again,
between buyers and sellers.

- Q. So wire taps occur when law enforcement is actively investigating an individual as they're committing the crime, is that right?
- A. It can, yes.
- Q. Are there cases in which you review or testify where you are sort of looking back, looking back at a set of data like messages from someone's phone without the benefit of a wire tap at that time?
- A. Yes. I mean, again, before -- sorry to cut you off.

  Before conducting dozen of federal wire taps when I was a

  County Detective, I had the ability to participate in state

  wire tap investigations, but I also had the ability to

  download defendant's cell phones, look at defendant's cell

  phones upon arrest, and you know, again, interpret codes and

  language, you know, intricate codes, rudimentary codes, yes.
- Q. So in those instances, when you're looking back, do you only have the benefit of what is actually written out in the form of a message usually?
- A. I mean, sometimes there is some context if I was able to interview the defendant, if I was able to interview somebody who knew the defendant, like an informant who could

09:51:20 1 help with the coded language. Sometimes there is none of 09:51:22 2 that at all, and all you have to go on is the messages.

- And does that, in cases in which you reviewed, are 0. there sometimes gaps in messages with where a person, a target, a defendant isn't actually communicating by written message during a period of time?
- A. Of course, especially this day and age, there is so many different applications that people use, so it's sometimes frustrating for law enforcement, but there is -you know, there is standard text messages, SMS, there is iMessages, there is WhatsApp, there is Signal, there is Telegram, there is Serena, so many telecommunications platforms, and if a user switches to a different platform, you're not going to have those communications sometimes.
- Do some of those platforms have end to end encryption Q. where the communications are not preserved?
- They do.
- In this case, first of all, did you have any personal Q. involvement in the investigation of the defendant, Robert Hunter Biden?
- Α. None whatsoever.
- Were you consulted as you are in other cases to Q. review a summary chart of some text messages that you understand were on the defendant's electronic devices?
- Α. Yes.

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Yes.

Q. I'm going to show you was been marked as government Exhibit 18, and we're going to go through some of those messages that have been read into the record previously but without the benefit of interpretation.

If you could please go and look at this first string of messages, the one I'm going to ask you about specifically is Row 3, but there is some context around that that I would like you to indicate for us, Mr. Romig, if it helps to interpret it. The message on Row 3 says "if you can be here by 6:45, I can do another 1.4 on top what you owe", looks like a typo, top of what you owe, from Mr. Biden to Clifford O'Brien. Do you see that message there?

- Q. Based on your training and experience, do you have an opinion as to what 1.4 means and what this message means?
- A. Yeah, but just to be clear -- yes, but just to be clear, not just based on this message independent of anything else, it's based on my review of all of the testimony, all of the messages, and based on that, this message and the messages that precede it, I would say that he's asking for another 1.4 grams on top of whatever O'Brien is bringing, or whoever is running for O'Brien, is bringing.
- Q. Turning to row-- well, you said 1.4 grams. Is grams a weight or a term used in drug trafficking?
- A. Yes. So it is, yes. So it's a little confusing in

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the United States because the traffickers like I said, the producers are from South America, the traffickers are from Mexico, so there are two different measuring systems that we're using obviously, there is kilograms and pounds. However, to make it more easily understandable, a dime bag, a \$10 bag of crack cocaine is typically around a 10th of a gram of crack cocaine, which is one hit, that's one dosage unit of crack cocaine. So if somebody is on the street and wants to get high and has \$10, they'll buy a \$10 bag. 1.4 grams would be the equivalent of about 14 dime bags of crack cocaine. Obviously, just like any other product, if you buy in bulk, the price is going to come down, the more you buy, the price gets cheaper. The smaller dosage units you buy, the more expensive it's going to be.

- And the follow-up message here on Row 4 to that message when Mr. O'Brien says "I'm stuck in traffic, bro, with all your shit, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha", did that inform your understanding of the 1.4 in the prior message?
- That to me would mean he's on the highway with all the product in the car.
- Turning to Rows 20 and 21. Were you asked to look at the images that are in Rows 20, 21, that Clifford O'Brien exchanged with Hunter Biden and that Hunter Biden exchanged with Clifford O'Brien?
- Α. Yes.

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- Q. And did you see the title on the photograph in Row 21 in which Mr. -- the defendant sent Clifford O'Brien?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And what does that title say, can you see it?
- A. Yes, which under any value known to any market in the world, what I paid is 60 percent greater.
- Q. What do you see in the photographs here, based on your training and experience?
- I mean, I see what appears to be crack cocaine. Again just to be clear, could be compressed powder, again, cocaine comes into this country, they press it into kilogram bricks, they can press it into a million things based on how it's hidden, it can be hidden in tires, car parts, I have seized 150 kilograms hidden in fake bananas, plantains, in a 55,000 pound shipping container, it can be hidden inside anything. But typically the cocaine powder is pressed into kilogram bricks with hydraulic presses. Even when the coke gets here, typically dealers can repress it once it's cut like we talked about with the inositol, it can be repressed to appear that it hasn't been tampered with for distribution. When it's pressed, the powder, not crack, but cocaine hydrochloride, cocaine powder is pressed into a brick, it appears very similar to crack, this to me looks like crack, but without the chemistry knowledge, it could also be pressed cocaine off of a brick of cocaine, but

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again, it appears to be cocaine.

- Q. In the second image that the defendant sent, is there a digital scale in the background?
- A. There is.
- Q. Are digital scales used by drug purchasers and drug sellers?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Why are digital scales used?
- A. To verify that the person paying for the product got what they paid for.
- Q. When Mr. Biden says "which under any value known to any market in the world, what I paid is 60 percent greater", based on your training and experience, do you have an understanding or an opinion about what he's talking about there?
- A. I do, the person that sent that message is clearly upset that the amount is a lot smaller than what he paid for, only 4.7 grams it appears by the scale.
- Q. Based on the arithmetic that you were doing earlier, as far as a tenth of a gram being a hit, roughly how many uses is 4.7 grams for a user?
- A. Mr. Hines, don't ask me to do math, I'm sorry, it's
  4.7 times .1, I would need a calculator for it. 3.5 grams
  is commonly referred to as an 8-Ball on the street, an
  eighth of an ounce, when I was doing undercover or using

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CI's, an eighth of an ounce varied for \$120 all the way up to \$220 based on the buyer/seller relationship.

- Q. Directing your attention to the rows 27 and 28, and there is surrounding messages here, actually let's go to the previous page, please. The defendant says "come get, how much I owe? Can you get baby powder?" On the following page says "the really soft stuff." Based on your training and experience, do you have an opinion on what the coded language is that we see in this messages?
- A. Yes. They're asking for powdered cocaine, not crack cocaine.
- Q. And as you testified earlier, powdered cocaine can be cooked into crack cocaine; is that right?
- A. Correct, very easily, baking soda, water, heat.
- Q. And the date of this message, is that May 6, 2018, on the bottom there, do you see that May 6, 2018?
- A. It is. May 5th is the first message and then May 6th is the second.
- Q. Thank you. "Really soft stuff", does that also inform your interpretation?
- A. Yes, he's asking for cocaine powder, again, this is a rudimentary pretty standard code.
- Q. Turning next to Row 32, actually Row 31. The word "party favor" is used there from the defendant to an individual named Vladimir Peteov, as stated in his contacts,

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do you have an opinion based on your training and experience as to what "party favor" is a reference to?

- A. Generally drugs, but if this is buyer/seller dependent, generally drugs, I can't tell you whether it's cocaine, crack cocaine, but just generally drugs. That's going to be based on whatever the relationship was between the buyer and seller prior to this message, or prior to the last time that they met or did some sort of deal, drug deal.
- Q. Now, I would like to turn to Rows 74 to 80, please.

  The series of messages that the jury has seen between someone named Michael and the defendant, do you see where it starts, "you want ten grams", in the middle of the page?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Again, grams is a language in the drug trade used about the weight of the drug, right?
- A. Yeah, again, based on all the other messages and my review of the testimony, I would say this is either ten grams of crack, cocaine base, or cocaine powder.
- Q. You said in review of the testimony, have you been listening to some of the testimony during this trial?
- A. I have, been on the third floor in the overflow room watching on a closed circuit.
- Q. Does the language in which those witnesses have spoken inform the basis of your testimony here today as well in addition to your experience?

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- A. Yes, and the review of all the messages.
- Q. You heard, for example, Zoe Kestan testify in this case?
- A. I did.
- Q. And this message is in July of 2018, correct, the end of July, July 25th?
- A. July 25th, 2018, all three of these messages.
- Q. If you look at the following page, when after the defendant says "Y" do you understand "Y" to be a reference to yes?
- A. Yes. Yes and yes.
- Q. At the bottom of the page, Michael tells the defendant "he said 600". Do you have an opinion as to what he's referencing?
- A. \$600 for the ten grams.
- Q. Is that about the fair market value of cocaine or crack cocaine around July of 2018?
- A. I think it's pretty significantly higher than the fair market value, but again, those are based on buyer/seller relationships. I can give you plenty of examples of where I would make an undercover purchase or I would have a CI make a purchase, a confidential informant make a purchase, and we go to the same dealer on the same day and a different confidential source, or a different undercover would get the product for a lot more, or a lot

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less, that's based on a seller buyer relationship.

- Q. Based on your experience, do the sellers size up the client or customer and see what they might be willing to pay for the product?
- A. 100 percent, that's what happens, like any other sale, drugs are no different.
- Q. Turning to Row 87, the defendant says "I need more chore boy, but regardless come back and yes". What is chore boy?
- A. It's a -- it's a scouring pad, so it's the pieces of the scouring pad that are used as a filter for the pipe, for a crack pipe, or a meth pipe, or you know --
- O. Is that common?
- A. Yes, very common.
- Q. Turning to Rows 172 to 181, someone asked the defendant "what did you need", on that first row. And then there is a series of text messages and then the defendant responds "ounce", is ounce another term used in the drug trade?
- A. Yeah, that's just based on the difference between our measuring systems, but an ounce is 28.35 grams, and it's one of the most commonly distributed quantities of cocaine and crack cocaine.
- Q. And this message is in November of 2018, correct?
- A. Correct, November 27th, 2018.

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- Q. Turning to the following page, an individual says
  "it's only going to be 1450 instead of the 16", what did you
  understand that to mean based on your training and
  experience?
- A. \$1,450.
- Q. Instead of \$1,600?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Turning to the next page on the line, on Row 180, individual says "yes and then 17 gram pure, give him 1,100, you'll be happy." What did you understand that to be based on your training and experience?
- A. That the distributor didn't have access to the ounce, he only had 17 grams instead of 23.85, and the discount was going to be \$1,100 for the 17 grams, not \$1,100 discount, it was going to cost \$1,100 for the 17 grams.
- Q. Turning to Row 208. Have you looked at this video in advance of your testimony today?
- A. I have.
- Q. And the object displayed in the defendant's hand, do you have an opinion as to what that is based on your training and experience?
- A. Based on my training and experience, but also based on again the totality of all the evidence that I have reviewed, it appears to be a crack pipe.
- Q. And this is another line item in the year 2018;

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correct?

- A. It's 12/22/2018.
- Q. Turning to Row 213, could we please play that video,
  Ms. Vo?

Agent Romig, did you review this video in advance of your testimony that we're about to play?

(Video played.)

BY MR. HINES:

I did.

Α.

- Q. Did you hear in that video, an individual say "2.07 without the bag", or words to that effect?
- A. Correct. I did hear that.
- Q. And do you have an opinion based on your training and experience and your hearing the testimony in this case as to what that's in reference to?
- A. Yes, visually you could see the scale, it appears to be just over two grams of either crack cocaine, or again could potentially be compressed powder that looks like crack cocaine, cocaine powder that looks like crack cocaine.
- Q. Is that consistent with how you testified earlier that drug purchasers will sometimes weigh the product that they get to verify that they received what they paid for?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Now, turning next to the next row, page -- Row 214 in the summary chart. Do you have an opinion based on your

10:07:36 1 training and experience and hearing the witnesses in this case, as to what is in the hand of that individual in 10:07:38 2 Row 214? 10:07:43 3 Yes, it looks like a crack pipe. 10:07:44 4 Row 216, if we zoom in on the object next to the book 10:07:48 5 Q. 10:07:58 6 in the right photograph, just the right photograph? 10:08:03 7 Α. Yep, a little bit more elaborate, the object, but again, it appears to be a crack pipe. 10:08:07 8 10:08:09 9 Q. Is this a device that you have seen or similar 10:08:13 10 looking devices during the course of your investigations 10:08:15 11 when you, for example, arrested defendants or searched 10:08:19 12 locations? 10:08:20 13 Α. Yes. 10:08:22 14 Q. Can you describe how that device works? 10:08:24 15 You can see the burn mark on the side of the glass Α. 10:08:30 16 pipe. You put the crack in there, you have the filter pretty much close to where the burn mark is, and you can 10:08:34 17 smoke out of the top, a white piece out of the top. 10:08:37 18 10:08:40 19 smoke will go in the bottom and come up through the stem 10:08:43 20 into your mouth. Row 222? 10:08:45 21 Q.

A. Not your mouth, but whoever's mouth is smoking the pipe, sorry.

Q. Thank you for that clarification, agent.

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Row 222, the defendant says, "one full". Based

10:08:59 1 on everything we have been talking about, training, 10:09:01 2 experience, hearing the witnesses, and the reviewing of the surrounding context, do you have an opinion as to what that 10:09:04 3 message is in reference to? 10:09:06 4

- I would say that's one full ounce, but again, it could be dependent on the prior codes between the buyer and seller, so it could be one full eight ball, 3.5 grams, could be one gram, you know, probably not one gram, you wouldn't say one full for that. Mostly it's one ounce, 28.35 grams.
- Turning to Row 271, the defendant says "I think it may be fentan. What did you understand fentan to mean?
- Fentanyl. Α.
- What is Fentanyl? 0.
- Fentanyl, for lack of a better description or a -- I should say as a simple description, it's synthetic heroin, it's replaced, really, Columbian heroin in this country. Fentanyl is produced in Mexico and it's probably, I would argue, one of the more, if not the most dangerous drug being distributed in America today, it's certainly the focus of DEA.
- Q. Is --
- One of our primary focuses, I should say. Α.
- Do drug resellers sometimes cut or mix Fentanyl into 0. cocaine related products and sell those to drug purchasers?
- They do, unfortunately. Α.

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- Q. And in some instances, do drug purchasers buy, by mistake Fentanyl instead of cocaine or crack cocaine?
- A. They do, unfortunately. Just to be clear, Fentanyl is like heroin, a narcotic, not a stimulant like cocaine, so it's not what the user of cocaine or crack cocaine is looking for.
- Q. Is cocaine and cocaine base, crack, a stimulant?
- A. Stimulants.
- Q. And are they also a controlled substance?
- A. They're both schedule two controlled substances, they're the same.
- Q. And that's a matter of Federal Law, they're controlled substances?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Now, the final message I would like to ask you about, Row 287, Agent Romig, an individual says "I have a ball on me", and then if we zoom out, Ms. Vo, the defendant responds, "dude, did you just scam me. Feels like it."

  There is later messages in which they're talking about whatever they're talking about. Based on your training and experience and everything you have heard in this case, do you have an opinion as to what is being referenced when the individual says I have a ball on me?
- A. Yeah, I would say that that's an eight ball, which we've talked about or I have talked about, 3.5 grams of

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cocaine or crack cocaine. The descriptions from some of the other witnesses about a marble, that's fairly accurate for an eight ball, three-and-a-half grams, the ping pong ball or a little bit larger, you're probably getting closer to an ounce, 28.35 grams.

Q. All right, Agent Romig. Thank you.

MR. HINES: I have no further questions at this time, Your Honor.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Cross-exam.

MR. LOWELL: Yes, Your Honor.

#### CROSS-EXAMINATION

#### BY MR. LOWELL:

- Q. Good morning, agent, my name is Abbe Lowell, I'm one of Hunter's lawyers.
  - A. Good morning, sir.
- Q. Good morning to you all.

I would like if I can in the time I'm here to talk to you about this case and not generalities about how various drugs are grown and processed, okay?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. To begin with, I just wanted to make sure I got this right. In your background, in your work experience, you said you were a member of the Baltimore Police?

- 10:12:57 1 A. I was.
- 10:12:57 2 Q. Tell me those years again?
- 10:12:59 3 A. August of 1999, and I left for the Berks County
- 10:13:05 4 Detectives in April 2001.
- 10:13:07 5 Q. So that was about two years?
- 10:13:08 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 10:13:09 7 Q. Berks County in?
- 10:13:10 8 A. Reading, Pennsylvania.
  - Q. Okay. When you were in Baltimore, what was your job?
- 10:13:16 10 A. I was assigned to the patrol division.
- 10:13:19 11 Q. Meaning you were on the street?
- 10:13:20 12 A. I was.
- 10:13:20 13 Q. And you were working drugs when you were on the
- 10:13:23 14 street?

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- 10:13:23 15 A. Yes.
- 10:13:23 16 Q. In the City of Baltimore?
- 10:13:25 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 10:13:29 18 Q. In your introducing your expertise and what you are
- 10:13:33 19 testifying about, you indicated that your job and the job of
- 10:13:37 20 your colleagues is to be trying to break up large scale
- 10:13:42 21 distribution of drugs?
- 10:13:45 22 A. Correct.
- 10:13:46 23 Q. Usually not individual users?
- 10:13:48 24 A. That's correct.
- 10:13:49 25 Q. And you don't have any reason to understand that what

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Mr. Biden is on trial for has anything to do with him being a distributor?

- A. Nothing that I have reviewed would indicate that.
- Q. And you're not investigating, or you didn't investigate him for the time he was using?
- A. I have never done that, no.
- Q. You went over all those texts that had people's names and numbers, some of which you just went over with Mr. Hines, and there were people that seemed to be the distributors, or at least the people that were selling him narcotics. Did you see those people's texts?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. So as your job to try to break up large scale distribution, did you look into those people?
- A. I didn't look into anybody in this investigation.

  This is not my investigation.
- Q. Got it. So did you see anything in trying to sort out those messages to confirm their meaning that you went to try to find those people that were being communicated with?
- A. No. Again, this is -- was, I should say, an FBI investigation, and I did not do anything as a DEA agent to target any of the individuals, including the sellers.
- Q. Notwithstanding that, you said your mission is to break up large scale distribution.
- A. I'm not sure what you're asking.

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- Q. My question was, you didn't do that, not that you don't know that it was done, not withstanding that you said your goal --
- A. The DEA, as far as I know, but specifically me, or any of the groups that I supervise did not investigate any of the people based on my review of the sellers in this investigation.
- Q. You mentioned something about a process that mixes and I think you used the word inositol right?
- A. Inositol, it is a dietary supplement.
- Q. And you mentioned that cocaine comes from a variety of sources in the world, South America I think is what you mentioned?
- A. Primarily South America, Columbia.
- Q. Again, turning to this case, do you have any idea where the drugs that were used by Hunter at any point, where those came from?
- A. Meaning what country they were produced in?
- Q. Yeah, to the extent he was using what you saw he was using, did you --
- A. Most likely --
- Q. I didn't say most likely, I'm asking do you know, because there were multiple countries that you mentioned where these come from?
- A. I don't know which country they came from.

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- Q. How are they imported into the United States?
- A. I do not know.
- Q. How were they distributed once they were imported into the United States?
- A. By the distributors that were --
- Q. In this case?
- A. By the distributors in these messages.
- Q. How do you know, once it came in, how did they distribute to the people they were selling it to, do you know?
- A. Specifically in this case, by the review of the messages.
- Q. You know somebody was in the car with his stuff in it, but other than that with those other messages, when you know amounts, how did that get to the place where it was provided to Hunter?
- A. How did the distributors in these messages get those drugs?
- Q. Yeah.
- A. I can only surmise, I don't know.
- Q. So you didn't do that?
- A. No.
- Q. You mentioned, I think at one point, a number of times where you would see a large amount of product that is imported in some fashion, I think once you said stuffed into

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- A. Hundreds of plantains, yes.
- Q. I'm sorry, a crate. But you weren't referring to anything in this case?
- A. No.

a plantain?

- Q. So I would like to go back over with you some of the things that you identified. Mr. Radic, would you put back on the screen, please, government Exhibit 18. Did you receive this summary chart from others in the investigation?

  A. I did.
- Q. And then your job, I think as you explained it, was to go through and as you just did interpret based on your expertise what terms mean, correct?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Would you go please to the first one you did. That would be Row 3, Mr. Radic. Do you see it? You said there was one reference to 1.4, and I think there is a typo. But you saw that and you interpreted that to be a reference to an amount of drug?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And would you go, Mr. Radic, please, to the next one, which was Row 20 and 21 -- oh, I'm sorry. And what's the date of that?
- A. The date of this text?
- Q. Yeah, when it was flashed on the screen and enlarged,

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I didn't see the column with the date, so I'm asking you what the date is for that?

- A. 4/18/2018.
- Q. Mr. Radic, could you go to rows 20 and 21. You see that you identified and you explained that it could be powder, it could be compressed powder, it could be crack, and you have identified a scale. Yes?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And the date of that row and the row under it, 20 and 21, the date of that one?
- A. 4/27/2018 and 4/28/2018.
- Q. Mr. Radic, could you go to Row 26, which you talked about, please? You talked about baby powder and you referenced baby powder as being a reference to I think powder cocaine?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And the date of that one?
- A. May 6, 2018.
- Q. And then you identified Row 27 right below it.
- Mr. Radic, the real soft stuff, which was right after that row before, and you interpreted that again as being in reference to powder?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And the date of that one?
- A. Also May 6, 2018.

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- Q. And if you go to the next one you did, which was 10:19:48 2 Row 31. And that's party favor, right?
  - Α. Yes.
  - Which didn't mean a little hat or little candle? 0.
  - Α. I do not believe it means that, I believe it's a reference to drugs.
  - Q. And again if it is, what is the date of that one?
  - May 6, 2018. Α.
- 10:20:03 9 Q. Would you go to the one that you did next, which is 10:20:07 10 Row 74, please, Mr. Radic. And there is a reference there to ten grams. Do you see that?
  - Yes, sir. Α.
- And you interpreted that as being a reference to a Q. 10:20:15 14 weight of some drug; yes?
  - Yes, again, I'm assuming either cocaine or crack Α. cocaine.
  - Q. Right. And the date of that one?
  - A. July 25th, 2018.
  - Q. And then you went to Row 87. And that's a reference to chore boy that you said?
  - Α. Yes, sir.
  - And that's what you explained. And the date of that Q. one?
  - August 8, 2018. Α.
  - Q. And then the next reference that you did was to

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- 10:22:18 24
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Row 174. And that is ounce, and again your interpretation 10:20:50 2 of that was to a weight of, or an amount of drugs?

- Yes, that would make an ounce of cocaine or crack Α. cocaine.
- 10:20:58 5 Q. And the date of that one?
  - November 27th, 2018. Α.
  - Q. Okay. And then you went to Row 180. And there was, do you see that reference on 180?
  - A. Yes, sir.
  - Q. And the date of that one?
  - November 28, 2018. Α.
  - And then you went to Row 208. That was a picture Q. that you identified, and there is something in Mr. Biden's hand and you identified that as a crack pipe?
  - Yes. Just to be clear, I had the benefit of viewing Α. the whole video, so it's a little bit clearer.
  - Yeah, I'm sorry, I know you read it. And the date of Q. that one?
  - A. Is December 22nd, 2018.
  - Okay. Then you went and identified Row 213, 213. Q.
  - And that was the one that there was also a video, and I think that was played, perhaps, and the date of that one?
  - December 29th, 2018. Α.
  - And then you identified the row that's 214 right Q. below it or the next page. And that one you identified as

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him holding a pipe, a hand holding a pipe?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And the date of that one is now in the next year, right, what's the date?
- A. January 14th, 2019.
- Q. And then you identified what's on Row 222. And you were talking about what this meant, one full, to you is a reference, to again, an amount of drugs?
- A. Yes, I would suspect an ounce of cocaine or crack cocaine based on everything else.
- Q. And that's even a month later than the one before, that's at the end of February right, what's the date?
- A. February 26, 2019.
- Q. And then you went to Row 271. And the reference there was it may be fentan, and you explained to us what fentan was, right?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And the date is at the end of, again, that same day of February 26th of 2019?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And when you were reviewing this chart, not to do it again, you did see how many on that one day on February 26th of the backs and forth for the potential person that's supplying him drugs, correct, quite a number?
  - A. Yeah, I would have to go over it again.

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- Q. More than one? I withdrawal the question, it's been established.
- Α. Okay.
- Would you look at Row 287, which was maybe the last Q. 10:24:01 5 one you did, and that's talking about "dude, did you try -that's the, I have a ball on me", do you see that?
  - Α. Yes, sir.
  - You identified a ball as being maybe that 8-ball? Q.
  - Α. Correct.
  - Q. What's the date of this one?
  - Α. March 4th, 2019.
  - So with all those references, let me ask you this. Q. In part of what you did to interpret the texts and to get as you say the "full flavor" of the backs and forth, did you read Hunter Biden's book?
  - No, I had excerpts from the book provided to me, and I listened to the FBI agent's testimony, who is seated at is the table, Erika, but I did not read the book.
  - Q. But you did hear those or see the excerpts?
  - I heard the ones played in court and I read over some of the excerpts in the book.
  - If you did that, you know that Hunter in his book Q. wrote about all the use of his drugs in 2016 and 2017 and the parts of 2018, you heard that played in court, correct?
  - A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. When you combined that, you saw that the things that you have identified as being references to drug use, he himself identified for the time he was using?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, please, I would like you -- I'm sorry, one more.

  Could you go to, Mr. Radic, Row 216. Remember when you identified somebody holding a crack pipe that's a tube, do you remember that?
- A. Yes, well nobody is holding it, it's on the table it appears.
- Q. I don't mean here, I mean on the earlier one when you saw a hand?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. It's a tube, a thin straight tube?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On this one, which is 216, in 2019, you identified this object on the table?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Isn't that what's familiarly known as a bong?
- A. It doesn't appear to be a water bong for marijuana, the reason why I say that is the charred part of the pipe, but yes, it absolutely could be used as a bong as well.
- Q. Meaning it could be used to smoke weed?
- A. You could smoke meth out of there, you could smoke heroin out of there.

- 10:26:20 1 Q. You could smoke weed out of there?
- 10:26:22 2 Α. You could smoke pipe tobacco.
- 10:26:26 3 It's a water pipe? Q.
  - No, I don't know that it is a water bong. Α.
  - Q. It has the ability, you see that bottom part, isn't that a place where people could do that, they would fill it with water?
  - I do, but it doesn't appear, what it looks like on the bottom.
  - At that occasion where the photo was taken? Q.
  - Α. Correct.
  - It doesn't mean it wasn't used in that fashion? Q.
- 10:26:46 13 Α. Absolutely.
- 10:26:47 14 Q. So weed could be in there at some point?
  - Any drug could be in there, even a noncontrolled Α. substance.
    - The date of that photo is January 31, 2019? Q.
    - Α. Yes, sir.
  - Could you please, Mr. Radic, go on government Q. Exhibit 18, to start with Row 88. I want to pick up this.
- 10:27:14 21 First, on Row 87, what's the date with the chore boy?
- 10:27:22 22 August 8th, 2018. Α.
  - You see the next one is October 8th of 2018, do you? Q.
  - Yes, sir. Α.
    - And now I don't know if you have it in front of you,

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- so we're going to skim through Rows 88 to the next page, 10:27:39 2 please, Mr. Radic. Stay there. Can you look up and see -you can see it on your screen?
  - I can. Α.
- 10:27:44 5 Q. Do you see those texts?
  - I do. Α.
  - Q. And then could you go to the next page, Mr. Radic, do you see those texts?
- 10:27:52 9 A. I do.
  - Q. You see the date, these are now October of 2018;
  - Yes, sir. Α.
- Take a look at those. All right. If you go to the Q. 10:28:01 14 next page, please. And you see those texts?
  - Yes, sir. Α.
  - Okay. Now, you see on the 13th, go back one, please, Mr. Radic. Now go forward one, and go forward one. Okay.
  - Look at those texts. Go forward one. Go forward one.
  - That's still in October of '18. Please go forward one.
  - Would you go another one? Do you see a reference to a
    - Bernard at 10:13; right?
      - Α. Yes. 119.
- 10:28:51 23 Q. Do you see that one?
  - I do. Α.
  - You didn't do any independent investigation of who Q.

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10:28:57 1 Bernard is or whether he even exists did you?

- Α. No, I didn't do any investigation in this case.
- Got it. 0.
- I just was provided the messages that you see in front of you.
- And no need to interpret, because there is a word Q. dealer there, so you didn't need to interpret that one?
- A. A lot of these messages don't need much interpretation for me, correct.
- Go to the next one. That's to Rows 125. Please go Q. one more, please. I'm sorry, go back, you saw there is a reference in that to sleeping on a car, smoking crack, you don't need to interpret that?
- A. I don't think I need to interpret that, no, sir.
- You don't know whether that's accurate or not, Ο. whether that's where he was at the time; right?
  - I don't. Α.
- Q. Next one. Look at those. Next one, please, Mr. Radic. And again, we're in October of 2018, right?
- Correct. Α.
- Q. If you go to the next one, take a look at those. Like, for example, 1:35 on the 16th of October is one that says "hey buddy, it's Richie Jones, checking in", that's no reference to drugs or anything like that, right?
- A. It doesn't appear to be, no.

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- Q. Go to the next one, Mr. Radic. With that. Go to one more, please. Okay. We're in the end of October 2018. Go to one more. 1:49. And we're still in October. Right?

  And then the next one. Do you see that's at the going into November and after, do you see that?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. When you reviewed this chart before you came to court or at any point in your investigation, in what I just showed you from the period of time from August of 2018 through November of '18, there is no reference in what you saw or analyzed of 1.4, is there, in those texts that I just went through with you?
- A. No, I'm not sure when that 1.4 text was, but no, not in the ones we just reviewed.
- Q. No reference or photo of any scale with white rocks on it in the texts I identified for you between August and November of 2018; correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. No reference to baby powder in that period of time?
- A. Correct.
- Q. No reference to soft stuff in that period of time?
- A. Correct.
- Q. No reference to party favor in that period of time?
- A. Correct.
- Q. No reference to grams in that period of time?

- 10:31:43 1 Α. Correct.
- 10:31:44 2 No reference to chore boy in that period of time? Q.
- That's correct. 10:31:48 3 Α.
- 10:31:48 4 No reference to one full in that period of time? 0.
- 10:31:52 5 Α. Correct.
  - No reference to fentan in that period of time? Q.
  - Α. Yes. Correct.
    - And no reference of a ball in that period of time? Q.
    - Α. Correct.
- 10:32:02 10 Those last 4 or 5 were all the way into 2019 as we Q. 10:32:05 11 went through on the screen a moment ago, right?
- 10:32:08 12 Yes, sir. Α.
  - And in that period of time, there is no pictures of a Q. drug being used, right, no holding of a pipe, right?
  - None that I reviewed. Α.
  - No bags on a scale, right? Q.
- 10:32:18 17 No, sir. Α.
- 10:32:19 18 Q. No bags at all?
- 10:32:20 19 Α. Correct.
  - No videos of him weighing any drugs, right? Q.
    - Α. None that I reviewed, no.
    - So all that you identified and what I went through Q. with you, were for the years I said before and after the period of August of 2018 through the time that we identified those in November of '18, that would be a fair statement I

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just made, isn't it?

- A. With the exception of the October text that we talked about, where he said he was smoking crack.
- Q. I did those too. We identified those too. You'll agree with me, no pictures, no photos, no scales, no white rocks, no chore boy, no fentan, no ball, no ounce, no grams, none of that?
- A. Yes, sir, outside those two messages, you are correct.

MR. LOWELL: That's all I have.

THE COURT: Redirect?

#### REDIRECT EXAMINATION

### BY MR. HINES:

- Q. Mr. Lowell asked you some questions about those October messages and in response you said some messages don't really need interpretation?
- A. Correct.
- Q. What did you mean by that?
- A. I think those messages are pretty clear, I don't think you need me as an expert to provide any kind of information about those texts.
- Q. One of them, for example, the one we've seen over and over, sleeping on a car smoking crack, crack is a controlled substance as you talked about earlier?
- A. Correct.

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- Q. Mr. Lowell asked you in that time frame of October whether you saw anything related to, you know, the messages that were code, while you have been sitting in this trial, did you see any other evidence regarding the month of October or that time frame that is consistent with someone who is using narcotics?
- A. Yes. Special Agent Jensen's testimony, where she went over some of the cash withdrawals.
- Q. Those were large cash withdrawals --

MR. LOWELL: That's beyond the scope, but I'm happy to get the cash -- we can talk about that. I'm happy to, but I want to point out it's beyond the scope.

MR. HINES: I have one follow-up since he opened the door about October in asking what he saw.

THE COURT: Okay.

### BY MR. HINES:

- Q. So there were almost daily large cash withdrawals in the amounts of hundreds and thousands of dollars that you saw that have informed your interpretation in this case, is that right?
- A. Can you repeat that one more time, did you say hundreds of thousands of dollars?
- Q. There were almost daily withdrawals of hundreds of dollars or thousands of dollars?
- A. Yes, that I heard correctly, correct.

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10:34:58 1	Q. That's consistent with someone who is using and
10:35:02 2	abusing narcotics, right?
10:35:03 3	A. Well, again, coupled with all the other evidence, I
10:35:07 4	can review that and make an interpretation as to what at
10:35:10 5	least some of that cash is being used for, correct.
10:35:12 6	Q. And what is your interpretation?
10:35:14 7	A. That some of that cash is being used to purchase
10:35:17 8	drugs.
10:35:19 9	MR. HINES: No further questions.
10:35:23 10	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
10:35:24 11	BY MR. LOWELL:
10:35:25 12	Q. Is large withdrawals of cash on any day that is in
10:35:29 13	the amounts that they said used for things other than drugs
10:35:32 14	A. It absolutely can be, yes.
10:35:34 15	Q. Can it be used to give your family cash to pay for
10:35:38 16	their expenses or living?
10:35:40 17	A. Absolutely.
10:35:41 18	Q. And can it be used to purchase goods if you don't
10:35:44 19	have a usable credit card at the time?
10:35:46 20	A. Absolutely.
10:35:47 21	Q. Can it be used to pay for the place that you checked
10:35:51 22	yourself in for rehabilitation if they'll take it that way?
10:35:54 23	A. Yes, as far as I know.

Can it be used for a person's living expenses

themselves to pay for their rent, their groceries, anything?

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- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. So when Mr. Hines asked you a moment ago whether you heard Agent Jensen give her view as to whether there is -- defined large amounts of cash, you don't know in this case as opposed to your experience what that cash was used for, right?
- A. No, actually I'm -- I'm specifically looking at those cash withdrawals in reference to this case because of all the other evidence.
- Q. Correct.
- A. The exact opposite is true, if this was someone who didn't have all these other messages and was withdrawing \$1,600, \$1,500 in cash, I may think that there is absolutely nothing to that. The reason that it stands out is because of the other evidence.
- Q. I understand your connection, but it's your making that connection. So when you were doing that to make that connection, did you look at his bank account statements to see where the cash went, if there was a debit, whether or not there was a specific withdrawal that went to a rehab place, did it go to another person's account like his daughter, did you see and make the evaluation yourself as to where this money went?
- A. I don't know where the cash went. I did not trace the cash, if that's what you're asking. I didn't

10:37:20 1 participate in this investigation, again I'll reiterate, 10:37:23 2 only reviewed the evidence that was provided to me.

- Okay. So as I leave this podium, other than seeing 0. the cash, you cannot say on any particular day with any amount whether it was used for -- I'm sorry, that's not my last question, I apologize. I think you said for example
- Α. Correct.
- Q. You mentioned three point something could be 220?
- Α. Correct.
- That's dollars meaning 120, 140, 220, right?
- Yes, sir. Α.
- Thousands and thousands of dollars, how much was --Q. how much is a kilo, 2.2 pounds?
- 2.2 pounds, yes, sir. Α.

1.4 could cost \$140, right?

- And how much does that cost? Q.
- Depends. Α.
- Upwards of perhaps \$60,000, right? Q.
- No, probably not. In 2018, I would say probably Α. somewhere in the range of 35 to \$40,000.
- Q. So when we're talking about a buy of hundred dollars here and a hundred dollars there, that's not thousands and thousands of dollars that's being withdrawn right?
- No the amounts I saw in the thousand dollar range were some of the references, the \$1,400 an ounce, then I saw

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10:38:32 1 the withdrawals of 1,600, which is pretty close. 10:38:35 2 there may have even been a reference in a text to 1,600, but I'm not certain, it could have been 14. 10:38:39 3 This will be my last questions. 10:38:42 4 Q. The period of time that I asked you if you saw 10:38:44 5 10:38:47 6 any scales, saw any powders, saw anything you identified, 10:38:51 7 did you compare that to the withdrawals at that time that were happening in cash? 10:38:54 8 Say that one more time. 10:38:55 9 10:38:56 10 Turning to October of 2018, on the things that people Q. 10:38:59 11 can use cash for. 10:39:01 12 Yes. Α.

- Q. You didn't see any reference in those to the cash being used for drugs in that period, did you?
- A. In other words, were those specific messages lined up with the cash withdrawals.
- Q. Yes.

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A. No.

MR. LOWELL: Thank you.

THE COURT: Anything further?

MR. HINES: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You're excused.

THE WITNESS: Thank you, ma'am.

MR. HINES: Your Honor, subject to the admission of exhibits in this case, at this time the United States

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rests.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you. All right, members of the jury we're going to take our morning break now. We may have some procedural things that we need to address, so it might be a little bit longer, but it will probably be maybe 20 to 30 minutes. All right. Thank you.

COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.

(Jury exiting the courtroom at 10:39 a.m.)

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Lowell, you can be seated. Mr. Lowell, why don't you make your motion. But before you do, I would asked you before if you gave us all your exhibits and we have the exhibits you sent us, is that all the exhibits you have for any witnesses you are going to call?

MR. LOWELL: I'm sorry, for the ones today you mean, if we're calling any of the witnesses today? I mean for any of the witnesses we're calling or potentially calling, you have all the exhibits today.

THE COURT: I have seven exhibits and they are things like --

MR. LOWELL: My colleagues are nodding their heads.

THE COURT: So you have no exhibits for Mr. Clemons, Mr. Turner, Mr. Palimere.

MR. LOWELL: Other than the government Exhibits,

10:41:12 1 which are in evidence. 10:41:13 2 THE COURT: Other than the government exhibits which are in evidence. 10:41:14 3 MR. LOWELL: Or if they're not in evidence, 10:41:15 4 they're a government exhibit that has yet to be, but I don't 10:41:17 5 10:41:20 6 know that there is one. 10:41:21 7 THE COURT: But I asked that you give them to me 10:41:24 8 so that if there are disputes, I have them handy. 10:41:27 9 MR. LOWELL: I understand, I'm a little confused 10:41:30 10 myself. If government Exhibit 10A is in evidence, and it's been talked about. 10:41:33 11 10:41:34 12 THE COURT: Yeah. 10:41:35 13 MR. LOWELL: That would be -- did I need to give 10:41:37 14 it to you again? 10:41:38 15 THE COURT: Because what we did is you're supposed to give them to me in like a direct folder so I 10:41:40 16 10:41:44 17 have --10:41:44 18 MR. LOWELL: I didn't understand that, I thought 10:41:46 19 it was in evidence. 10:41:47 20 THE COURT: So the only exhibits that you're 10:41:49 21 going to use with those folks are things that are already in 10:41:52 22 evidence? 10:41:53 23 MR. LOWELL: Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry I didn't know that you wanted them again. 10:41:55 24 10:41:57 25 THE COURT: Okay.

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MR. LOWELL: And so with the government resting subject to that, as we have talked about in terms of the schedule, we are orally now making a motion under federal rule of criminal procedure 29 for a judgment of acquittal. Orally, I will tell the Court the three grounds, and as I promised this afternoon, we will be submitting to the Court and to counsel a motion that will explain the grounds, the first ground, as we talked about at the beginning of the case, will be a motion for a judgment of acquittal based on this case's charges being unconstitutional under the second amendment. As applied to the facts and the people, the person in this case.

The second, and it's hard to describe, is that the section that is being charged in Count 3, which is a combination of 922(g) and I think 924(a). We will present to Your Honor that that section has been amended and its amendment means the period of time about which this case depends did not have an offense as charged in Count 3. It's hard to describe better than that, but I think --

THE COURT: As I understand the change in 924 was a change that was made in 2021 or 2022 to increase the penalty from the maximum of 10 years to a maximum of 15 years.

MR. LOWELL: Yes, but in that period of time it had an effect on the statute that was in effect when the

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offense was charged, when it was created.

THE COURT: So can you help me understand what you're talking about?

MR. LOWELL: I can try orally, but I am in the process of putting it together. When a statute is amended, and we will give you the case law, it has an impact on whether or not it is the affect of repealing the statute that existed at the time at which the statute was amended. And we will set out the case law to indicate that that's the event in this case, that's the best I can do at the moment. I'm not prepared to make the argument, but I promise you it will be spelled out quickly.

THE COURT: So essentially, the argument is that in increasing the penalty, there was a wiping out of the statute for times before that?

MR. LOWELL: A period of time before that.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. LOWELL: All right. And third, you're smiling.

THE COURT: That's something only congress could do, right, intend to increase the penalty for a gun charge and essentially wipe out the statute?

MR. LOWELL: Wipe out the statute, judge, but it will be as a defect in this case.

THE COURT: We'll take a look.

10:44:42 1 MR. LOWELL: And that's all I'm asking you to 10:44:43 2 do. 10:44:44 3 THE COURT: Okay. 10:44:44 4 I know by your smile that means MR. LOWELL: you're likely skeptical. 10:44:46 5 10:44:48 6 THE COURT: No, no, I didn't mean I was 10:44:51 7 skeptical, it's kind --10:44:53 8 MR. LOWELL: Interesting concept. 10:44:54 9 THE COURT: Interesting concept. 10:44:56 10 MR. LOWELL: Thank you, I think it's an interesting concept myself, the third is something the Court 10:44:57 11 10:45:00 12 is used to, which will be the standard on the sufficiency, especially as connected to the Second Amendment as applied. 10:45:03 13 As indicated, that will be in Your Honor's and the counsel's 10:45:07 14 10:45:11 15 possession by midafternoon at the latest. 10:45:13 16 THE COURT: Okay. 10:45:14 17 MR. LOWELL: And I understand the Court's 10:45:16 18 intentions is to reserve accordingly. 10:45:18 19 THE COURT: But I appreciate you letting me know 10:45:20 20 what is coming. 10:45:24 21 Anything else that we need to address? 10:45:29 22 MR. HINES: I think for just housekeeping, who 10:45:33 23 are they calling? 10:45:34 24 MR. LOWELL: The first witnesses depending on who is in the courtroom is Jason Turner, and the second 10:45:37 25

10:45:39 1	witness will be Ron Palimere, and then we'll see where we're
10:45:44 2	at.
10:45:52 3	MR. HINES: All right. We'll take the morning
10:45:54 4	recess I guess and continue. Is that what Your Honor would
10:45:57 5	like us to do?
10:45:58 6	THE COURT: Sure.
10:45:58 7	MR. HINES: Thank you.
10:46:01 8	COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.
10:46:39 9	(A brief recess was taken.)
11:10:17 10	COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.
11:12:02 11	(Jury entering the courtroom at 11:12 a.m.)
11:12:19 12	THE COURT: All right, everyone, welcome back,
11:12:36 13	again, everyone else please be seated. Mr. Lowell, what's
11:12:39 14	next?
11:12:40 15	MR. LOWELL: What's next, Your Honor, is that we
11:12:42 16	would like Jason Turner to be a witness in this case.
11:12:48 17	COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please raise your right hand.
11:12:57 18	Please state and spell your full name for the record.
11:13:09 19	THE WITNESS: Jason Turner, J-A-S-O-N,
11:13:15 20	T-U-R-N-E-R.
11:13:17 21	JASON TURNER, having been duly sworn was
11:13:22 22	examined and testified as follows:
11:13:25 23	DIRECT EXAMINATION
11:13:26 24	BY MR. LOWELL:

Good morning, Mr. Turner. Without giving us your

- 11:13:37 1 specific address, can you tell us where you live?
- 11:13:40 2 Wilmington, Delaware. Α.
- How long have you lived in Wilmington? 11:13:41 3 Q.
- 11:13:43 4 Five years. Α.
- 11:13:46 5 Calling your attention to the year of 2018, where Q. 11:13:50 6 were you employed?
  - Α. StarQuest Shooters and Survival Supply.
- 11:13:54 8 Q. What is that store?
  - Α. It's a gun shop and survival store.
- 11:13:58 10 And how long had you been employed there by 2018? Q.
  - Α. Five or six years.
- Prior to that, did you work in some other form of Q. 11:14:06 13 store that sold firearms or survival equipment?
  - No. Α.
- 11:14:10 15 Where are you employed today? Q.
- U.S. Mint, Philadelphia. 11:14:11 16 Α.
- 11:14:14 17 Got it. Q.

So calling your attention to that day, do you remember a day of -- I'm sorry, who is the owner of that store?

- Α. Ron Palimere, junior.
- Is he presently still the owner of that store? Q.
- 11:14:27 23 As far as I know. Α.
  - Do you have any contact with him these days? Q.
  - No. Α.

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- Q. At that time in-- I want to call your attention to the month of October of 2018, and specifically, I want to talk to you about October the 12th of 2018, okay?
- A. Okay.
- Q. Were you employed and working on that day?
- A. October the 12th, and October 18th.
- Q. Those are the two days you remember working?
- A. Yeah, as far as I remember.
- Q. So let's talk about the 12th, okay?
  - A. Okay.
  - Q. What's your normal schedule, do you work every day -- in that period of time did you work every day in the store?
  - A. At least two days off a week depending.
- Q. Okay. But you remember on the 12th, when we're talking about a gun sale that occurred with Hunter, you were there that day?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What is your job at that period, on that day, what's your job at the store?
- A. Key holder, background, like run the NIC system, sell firearms.
- Q. Sometimes you would sell?
- A. Correct.
- Q. When you say run the NICS, N-I-C-S, that is the background check?

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- Α. Correct.
- 11:15:35 2 Q. You're not just the person who works in the back, sometimes you're selling, is that true?
  - Α. Correct.
- 11:15:40  $5 \parallel Q$ . So on that date in particular, were you on the sales floor, do you remember?
  - A. I might have been on the sales floor, might have not been on the sales floor.
- 11:15:50 9 Q. On that day, do you recall the first the time that you became aware that Hunter was in the store?
  - A. When the background check was brought to me because at that time it was in the evening, and I was running background checks.
- Q. So at that point of the day, your job was to run background checks? Were there others that day that were 11:16:08 16 purchasing weapons?
  - Α. Correct.
- 11:16:11 18 Q. So you would run those for whoever needed to have that done?
  - Yup. Α.
  - Q. At that point then, you're in the back room, is that right?
  - A. In the back room, out front, answering questions for the staff.
  - Q. Right. When it comes to running a background check,

- 11:16:24 1 do you do that in the front or do you do that in the back?
- In the back. 11:16:27 2 Α.
- 11:16:28 3 You do it by way of some computer or laptop? 0.
- 11:16:31 4 Yes. Α.
- Looking at that day, you became aware of Hunter being 11:16:31 5 Q. in the store when you ran a background check?
  - Α. Background check, paper was brought to me, so the 4473 was brought to me.
  - When you say the 4473, you mean the ATF form that Q. somebody filled out?
  - Α. Correct.
    - You said evening. Do you know the time period? Q.
  - Not off the top of my head. Α.
- 11:16:55 14 Q. Can we put on the screen government Exhibit 12. 12A, I'm sorry. Can you see that on your screen, Mr. Turner?
  - Uh-huh. Α.
  - Do you recognize what that is? Q.
    - Α. That would be the printout from the NIC system.
    - And the NIC system is what we are referring to as the Q. background check?
      - Α. Correct.
      - And was it your understanding by looking at this that Q. you're the one who ran that check that day?
      - Submitted by me. Α.
      - Do you see at the bottom it says your name?

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- 11:17:33 1 A. Yes, that's me.
- 11:17:34 2 Q. You would have done that. Do you see the time of
- 11:17:37 3 this, it says created 6:36 on top, created date
- 11:17:43 4 October 12th?
- 11:17:43 5 A. Yes.
- 11:17:44 6 Q. That would indicate what?
- 11:17:45 7 A. The time.
- 11:17:45 8 Q. The time of?
- 11:17:47 9 A. When it was created.
- 11:17:48 10 Q. Meaning the time you ran the check?
- 11:17:50 11 A. Correct.
- Q. And if you look at the bottom, it says retrieve date,
- 11:17:54 13 do you see that?
- 11:17:56 14 A. Correct.
- 11:17:56 15 Q. And you see the time?
- 11:18:00 16 A. One minute apart.
- 11:18:01 17 Q. Meaning that you ran the check and the results came
- 11:18:03 18 back in a minute?
- 11:18:04 19 A. Yes.
- 11:18:04 20 Q. And the results were to proceed?
- 11:18:06 21 A. Correct.
- 11:18:06 22 Q. So looking at this, would this be the time that you
- 11:18:10 23 | first became aware that Hunter was in the store seeking to
- 11:18:13 24 purchase something?
- 11:18:15 25 A. No, I would have had his paperwork in my hand, I

- 11:18:18 1 would have read the paperwork.
- 11:18:19 2 Somewhat right before 6:36? Q.
- Correct. 11:18:23 3 Α.
  - So you're in the back room, who brings you the Q. paperwork?
    - Gordon brought me the paperwork. Α.
    - Q. Gordon Cleveland?
    - Α. Correct.
    - Q. When he brought you the paperwork, when you say paperwork, am I understanding you to say that that included the 4473 form?
    - Α. Yes.
    - Was there anything else? Q.
    - A copy of the passport. Α.
    - Was it a copy of the passport or the actual passport? Q.
    - Whatever is in that paperwork bundle from, with the 4473, that's what he brought me.
    - Q. And when you got the form, I want you to be clear about this, you got the 4473, was Hunter's signature on the form at that point?
    - Α. No, it was not, because it was my -- the way you do it, is you review the form making sure that all the boxes are checked, making sure that all the information is on the form properly. You can't run a background check until it's been signed.

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- 11:19:20 1 Q. But you just told me a minute ago --
- 11:19:23 2 Α. I did not run his background check until it was signed. 11:19:26 3
- 11:19:26 4 So let me --Ο.
  - Α. When I --
    - Stop, stop, stop, let's me get the sequence, a moment Q. ago you said when you got the form it was not signed?
    - Α. Correct.
    - Q. Did you get the form later when it was signed?
    - Α. Yes.
    - Q. Let's talk about the sequence?
  - Okay. Α.
    - Mr. Cleveland comes in and brings the form and it's Q. not signed?
      - Correct. Α.
      - And he brought in a copy of some form of identification at that point or the actual thing?

MR. WISE: Your Honor, I object at this point, the questions are all leading. Which is fine on cross, they're calling him, they should ask sort of what happened.

MR. LOWELL: Okay, I will do it.

BY MR. LOWELL:

All right. Let's start over. What is it, the first 0. time that you saw the form, that you saw along with the form, if anything?

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A. So the form should have had the form itself, and a copy of the identification because that's what the form requires. Everything on there, on that form, all the directions are right there. Not only for the purchaser, but for the person disposing of the firearm. The person selling the gun. It's all on there.

- Q. That's in the -- sorry, I want to take this in small pieces. When you say it's all there, you mean the directions --
- A. The directions are on there.
- O. Sir --

THE COURT: Mr. Turner, see this guy down here, that's Dale, he's my court reporter and he can only take down one person at a time, so if you talk while Mr. Lowell is talking, he gets mad at me, so you've got to wait for him to finish and then he'll wait for you to finish your answer. Got it.

THE WITNESS: Be mad at me, that's all right.

BY MR. LOWELL:

Q. That's all right, he's been mad at me the whole trial.

So when my question was, Mr. Cleveland comes in with a copy and you said to me there are everything, all that's on the form, that means directions for the seller and for the buyer, right?

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- A. Correct.
- Q. And what are some of the directions for the seller?
- A. In the individual boxes, it says sign here, or this information is required here.
- Q. For the seller?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And what --
- A. You need to have a copy, a photographic copy, so I need a picture of a state ID, or some other federally issued identification.
  - Q. Okay.
  - A. So a passport.
  - Q. In this case you said a passport?
- A. Correct.
- Q. When Mr. Cleveland first comes in, just to be as clear as we can be about the sequence, he has the form which is not signed; is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And he has a copy of the passport?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now, when he came in with that form, was Mr. Palimere in the office at the same time?
- A. **No.**
- Q. Where was he?
- A. I don't know.

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- Q. Did Mr. Palimere come on the scene in this exchange with Mr. Cleveland at any time?
- A. Not that I know of.
- Q. So Mr. Cleveland came in, and he presented this to you, and he handed this to you, right?
- A. No, he put it in a pile because there are four other checks that were going on.
- Q. So it wasn't just -- are you indicating that what you were working on was not just the form that had anything to do with Hunter?
  - A. No, I was running probably three other backgrounds.
  - Q. Was this put on the pile?
- A. Right next to it, right in order.
- Q. And did Mr. Cleveland wait when you did that then?
- A. No, he went back out to attend to the sales floor.
- Q. Without the form and without the copy of the passport?
- A. Correct.
- Q. When he went back out to the floor, did you see what he did?
- A. No.
- Q. How long did it take you, then, to run the checks you did by the time you went to the one that's up on the screen?
- A. I have no idea. That was 2018.
- Q. So -- but is it your memory, though, that there were

- 11:23:18 1 ones you were working on before this?
- 11:23:20 2 A. Yes.
- 11:23:20 3 Q. So in a time sequence, if you run this at 6:36, that
- 11:23:25 4 would mean that you got this form sometime prior and you
- 11:23:30 5 were working on other things before you got this?
- 11:23:32 6 A. On other background checks, correct.
- 11:23:34 7 Q. But you're sure that the form you got had no
- 11:23:38 8 signature on it?
- 11:23:38 9 A. **Positive.**
- 11:23:40 10 Q. Then you get to this one. Did you have any
- 11:23:43 11 conversation with Mr. Cleveland when he first brought you
- 11:23:46 12 | the form without the signature and then the copy?
- 11:23:49 13 A. No.
- 11:23:49 14 Q. He just left it for you?
- 11:23:51 15 A. Yes.
- 11:23:51 16 Q. And then he left?
- 11:23:53 17 A. Went back out on the sales floor.
- 11:23:55 18 Q. And what did you do next?
- 11:23:57 19 A. Took the next one in the pile.
- 11:23:59 20 Q. Which was not yet Hunter's?
- 11:24:02 21 A. Probably not Hunter's, maybe it was.
- 11:24:04 22 Q. You don't know?
- 11:24:05 23 A. I don't remember.
- 11:24:06 24 Q. Okay. Eventually you got to his?
- 11:24:08 25 A. Yep.

- 11:24:08 1 Q. And you ran that at that point?
- 11:24:11 2 A. No.

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- 11:24:11 3 Q. What did you do?
- 11:24:12 4 A. You have to review the form.
- 11:24:13 5 Q. Okay. So you reviewed the form and what happened?
  - A. Make sure there is a first name in the first name box and a last name in the last name box, make sure all of the boxes are checked correctly, and then you open it up and you make sure that the buyer has signed the form.
  - Q. But when you did that --
  - A. Before you would even type in your log in, you look at all these things.
  - Q. Okay.
  - A. If it was missing information, close the form, go find my salesperson, make him get me the right information.
  - Q. Was it missing information?
- 11:24:46 17 A. It was missing information.
- 11:24:48 18 Q. Okay. So among other things, it was missing a 11:24:51 19 signature?
- 11:24:51 20 A. Yes.
- 11:24:52 21 Q. So then what happened?
- 11:24:53 22 A. Took it to the sales floor, to my sales associate.
- 11:24:56 23 Q. You went outside?
- 11:24:57 24 A. Went out to the front of the store, correct.
- 11:25:00 25 Q. Did you bring anything with you when you went out to

- 11:25:02 1 the floor?
- 11:25:03 2 A. The paperwork.
- 11:25:03 3 Q. Meaning?
- 11:25:04 4 A. The 4473 and a copy of the passport.
- 11:25:07 5 Q. And then when you went back to the floor, did you 11:25:10 6 speak to Mr. Cleveland?
- 11:25:11 7 A. Yes.
- 11:25:11 8 Q. What is it that you said to Mr. Cleveland?
- A. I told him that he was missing the supplementary identification because you can't do just a passport alone, it has no address on it. And it didn't have a signature.
- 11:25:24 12 Q. It did not yet?
- 11:25:26 13 A. Correct.
- Q. So part of the form was filled, whatever you said,
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  you went out and spoke to Mr. Cleveland and told him what
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  you just said?
- 11:25:35 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 11:25:36 18 Q. You only spoke to Mr. Cleveland?
- 11:25:38 19 A. Correct.
- 11:25:38 20 Q. Did you at any point when you went back out talk to
- 11:25:42 21 Mr. Biden at all?
- 11:25:43 22 A. No.
- 11:25:43 23 Q. Never?
- 11:25:44 24 A. No.
- 11:25:44 25 Q. Not a word?

- 11:25:46 1 A. No.
- 11:25:46 2 Q. You didn't ask Mr. Biden for anything?
- 11:25:48 3 A. No.
- 11:25:48 4 Q. You didn't seek him to go and get some other form of
- 11:25:51 5 papers?
- 11:25:52 6 A. No.
- 11:25:52 7 Q. You just spoke to Mr. Cleveland?
- 11:25:54 8 A. Correct.
- 11:25:54 9 Q. After you spoke to Mr. Cleveland, what did
- 11:25:57 10 Mr. Cleveland do?
- A. He went and followed the orders that he was given, he
- got a supplementary I.D., and had him sign the paperwork.
- 11:26:06 13 Q. At that point?
- 11:26:06 14 A. At that point.
- 11:26:07 15 Q. How do you know that that is what Mr. Cleveland did?
- 11:26:08 16 A. Because I waited by the back office door.
- 11:26:11 17 Q. Say it again?
- 11:26:12 18 A. I waited by the back office door.
- 11:26:15 19 Q. And watched Mr. Cleveland?
- 11:26:16 20 A. Correct.
- 11:26:16 21 Q. Where was Mr. Biden?
- 11:26:18 22 A. In the front of the store.
- 11:26:20 23 Q. Where?
- 11:26:21 24 A. Over by the sales counter.
- 11:26:23 25 Q. You told Mr. Cleveland something and you went back to

- 11:26:26 1 the door?
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- Α. Yep.
- And Mr. Cleveland went outside? 0.
- No, Mr. Cleveland never left the store. Α.
- Q. You didn't talk to Mr. Biden, we understand that?
- Correct. Α.
- Q. You just said something about a supplemental form of identification?
- Α. Uh-huh.
- Because you told Mr. Cleveland that the passport was Q. 11:26:40 11 not sufficient?
  - Correct. Α.
  - Can you put up government Exhibit 12 -- 10A, please. Q.
  - And it's in evidence.
  - So do you recognize this five years later as the form or just because it's on the screen?
  - Α. That looks about right.
  - Okay. Can you turn to the next page? And you see on Q. the next page it says U.S. passport 01052027?
  - Uh-huh. Α.
  - Q. Do you recognize that writing?
  - That looks like mine. Α.
  - And you are the person that put that on that says Q.
  - U.S. passport, correct?
    - Α. Correct.

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- Q. A minute ago you said you went to speak to

  Mr. Cleveland and you said to him that that wasn't

  sufficient because it did not have an address on it. And

  you see the passport is what you wrote on, right?
- A. Correct.
- Q. When did you write that on it?
- A. Somewhere in filling out his NICS check.
- Q. You see the books next to it, line 18(b), right under
- A. Correct.

it?

- Q. It says supplemental government issued documentation, if the identification document does not show current residence, government issued photo identification, do you see that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. If it doesn't show residence, do you see that?
- A. Correct.
- Q. You a moment ago said that the passport doesn't have somebody's address?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Then you said that you told Mr. Cleveland something, right?
- A. He needed to get further government issued identification with an address on it.
- Q. Right. And if he did, what would you do with that?

- 11:28:29 1 A. I would have written it right in there.
  - 32 2 Q. But you don't see such writing in there, do you?
    - A. When I wrote that out, I wrote the car registration.
    - Q. You don't see such a writing in there, do you?
    - A. When I wrote that out, I wrote car registration.
    - Q. When you wrote this out, you wrote car registration here or car registration there?
    - A. 18(b), car registration.
    - Q. You wrote it?
    - A. I wrote it.
    - O. Where is it?
    - A. I wrote vehicle registration in there.
    - Q. I'm asking you if you did and this is the form, where is it on the form that you say you wrote?
    - A. It's not there.

MR. WISE: Your Honor, may we approach side-bar? (Side-bar discussion.

MR. WISE: So this line of questioning was excluded, he has a memory of writing it, he hasn't established when, he's not impeached him, he said he remembered writing it in. He's asking him about the day, but he's not distinguishing, and this is simply irrelevant, a secondary form of ID is irrelevant.

MR. LOWELL: Wow. I have no idea he was about to say what he just said, that he wrote in a different form

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of identification.

THE COURT: He's confused as to the time.

MR. LOWELL: I know he is and I'm not going there but he said it, so I just wanted to ask who wrote it, where is it, I didn't know he was going to say that, judge.

MR. WISE: He did know that because the Jakes that we gave you from Palimere, said Palimere told him to write it.

MR. LOWELL: Two years later.

MR. WISE: That's not your question.

MR. LOWELL: I'm asking him on that day, I'm asking him on that day.

THE COURT: What you can do now is you can just say there is nothing about the vehicle registration. It is not written in this box on this version of the form.

MR. LOWELL: Okay. But let's be clear on the record, when you say I knew he was going -- I had no idea he was going to say that.

THE COURT: I take your word for that. I didn't know he was going to say that.

(End of side-bar.

# BY MR. LOWELL:

Q. So what I was asking you is from whatever you just said about the testimony of anything having to do with the registration, you and I can be clear that on this form that

- has the date on it, there is no such reference in
- 11:31:27 2 line 18(b), right?
- 11:31:28 3 A. There should be.
- 11:31:29 4 Q. Okay. So you went out, spoke to Mr. Cleveland, you
- 11:31:37 5 saw Mr. Biden do something, come back, right? And then did
- 11:31:42 6 you then go back into the back room?
- 11:31:45 7 A. Yes. Sat down and entered his information into the
- 11:31:48 8 NICS system.
- 11:31:49 9 Q. With the form as it presently then stood?
- 11:31:53 10 A. Correct.
- 11:31:53 11 \ Q. As the form as it then was in existence?
- 11:31:57 12 A. (Witness nodded.
- 11:31:59 13 Q. Did Mr. Cleveland go back inside with you?
- 11:32:01 14 A. He was still on the sales floor.
- 11:32:03 15 Q. And Mr. Biden was still on the sales floor?
- 11:32:05 16 A. Correct. Nobody left the store.
- 11:32:07 17 Q. I'm sorry?
- 11:32:09 18 A. None of the staff left the store.
- 11:32:11 19 Q. Okay, I understand, I'm just trying to create the
- 11:32:15 20 time sequence, okay?
- 11:32:16 21 A. Sure.
- 11:32:16 22 Q. Now you get the form as you understood it to exist as
- 11:32:19 23 | that looked, or maybe not, and you went and did the NICS?
- 11:32:23 24 A. Correct.
- 11:32:23 25 Q. And we showed you the NICS form. After that, how did

- 11:32:30 1 you communicate, if you did, the results of that background check to Mr. Cleveland or anybody else? 11:32:34 2
  - Well, if you scroll or focus on that form --Α.
  - I should go to the next page anyway, Mr. Radic, just 0. to make sure we're acclimated. On top where it says Colt manufacturer, do you recognize that handwriting?
    - Α. That looks like my handwriting.
  - Where would you have put that on? Q.
  - Α. While I was running the form.
  - Okay. And then there is a StarQuest Shooters stamp Q. and a number on the right, what is that, do you recognize that?
  - That would be an address and the number on the right would be the FFL.
  - FFL meaning the license? Q.
  - Α. Correct.
    - Who put that on? Q.
    - That gets put on by the filing secretary. Α.
  - Is that stamp of the store's name and its license Q. number on the forms already?
    - Α. No.
      - Are they put in each time a gun is purchased? Q.
- 11:33:32 23 Each time a gun is purchased. Α.
  - And then I see that there is, the blue name of Gordon Cleveland and the signature, do you see that?

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- Α. Yes.
- Q. And it says sales, do you see that?
- Uh-huh. Α.
- There is a date and that looks like your handwriting; 0. 11:33:47 5 is that right?
  - Correct. Α.
  - Q. How did that come about?
  - I probably dated it while sitting there. Α.
  - Q. Was that before or after Mr. Cleveland signed it?
  - Α. It would have been after Mr. Cleveland signed it.
  - Would that be before or after you saw the form with
  - Mr. Hunter Biden's signature on it?
  - It would have been after.
  - So now you ran the check, and my question was how did Ο. you communicate proceed to whoever you needed to communicate it to?
  - On the other page, I would have finished filling out the document where it said proceed. Right there.
  - So now --Q.
  - He --Α.
  - Q. Go ahead?
  - Proceed, put the date on there, and the NTN number, Α. which is a transaction number, and I would have put my name in the box that said I ran it.
  - Okay. I see that this date and the NICS number is in

- 11:34:41 1 red ink, do you see that?
- 11:34:42 2 Α. Uh-huh.
- As was the date next to Mr. Cleveland's name and 11:34:43 3 0.
- signature, and your name, Jason V. Turner is in black ink? 11:34:46 4
- 11:34:52 5 Α. Right.
- 11:34:52 6 Is that your handwriting for your name? Q.
- 11:34:55 7 Α. Yes.
  - When did you put that on versus the red? Q.
- 11:34:59 9 Α. All at the same time.
  - You switched pen colors? Q.
- 11:35:03 11 Α. Yes.
- 11:35:03 12 How come? Q.
- 11:35:04 13 Because the date, proceed and NTN number now stand
- out on the form so during the yearly ATF audit it makes it 11:35:08 14
- 11:35:13 15 easier to see those numbers.
- 11:35:15 16 And then when you did that, now you put the red in
- 11:35:18 17 and put your name, you still have that form; right?
- 11:35:22 18 Α. Yes.
- 11:35:22 19 Q. And then what did you do with it?
- 11:35:24 20 Took the form and the firearm out front. Α.
- 11:35:27 21 Q. So at the point at which you did this, did you have
- 11:35:30 22 the firearm back there as well?
- 11:35:32 23 Yes, because I needed the information off the gun. Α.
- So Mr. Cleveland brought you the form at one point, 11:35:35 24
- 11:35:40 25 right?

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- 11:35:40 1 A. **Uh-huh**.
- 11:35:41 2 Q. And a copy of the passport; right? You went out and
- 11:35:48 3 spoke to Mr. Cleveland. When you went out to get
- 11:35:50 4 Mr. Cleveland and tell him about the form, is that when you
- 11:35:54 5 picked up the gun?
- 11:35:54 6 A. No, he brought the gun with him the first time.
- 11:35:57 7 Q. So I'm sorry I got confused. So the first time when
- 11:36:00 8 he comes in, he brings in the form, the copy of the
- 11:36:03 9 passport, and the gun?
- 11:36:04 10 A. Uh-huh.
- 11:36:05 11 Q. So the gun is no longer out on the showroom?
- 11:36:08 12 A. No.
- 11:36:09 13 Q. And you went back outside to tell Mr. Cleveland --
- 11:36:13 14 A. Out front, not outside.
- 11:36:15 15 Q. Outside of the back room?
- 11:36:17 16 A. Correct.
- 11:36:17 17 Q. To see Mr. Cleveland and talk to him, the gun was
- 11:36:20 18 behind, back in the back room?
- 11:36:22 19 A. **Uh-huh**.
- 11:36:22 20 Q. That never left?
- 11:36:23 21 A. No.
- 11:36:23 22 Q. Until you were done?
- 11:36:25 23 A. Correct.
- 11:36:26 24 Q. So now after you did this, you communicated to
- 11:36:29 25 Mr. Cleveland by bringing what?

- 11:36:30 1 A. The form and the firearm.
- 11:36:32 2 Q. The form, the firearm, and the copy of the passport?
- 11:36:35 3 A. Correct.
- 11:36:35 4 Q. Did you ever see the actual passport?
- 11:36:37 5 A. No.
- 11:36:38 6 Q. Did he ever -- so you're saying he never, as you
- 11:36:42 7 remembered it, brought the actual passport, only a copy?
- 11:36:46 8 A. Mr. Cleveland made a copy.
- 11:36:48 9 Q. In the back room or in the front?
- 11:36:50 10 A. In the book room where the copier was.
- 11:36:52 11 Q. Did you see him do that?
- 11:36:54 12 A. It's down the hallway.
- 11:36:55 13 Q. I'm just asking, did you see him do that?
- 11:36:57 14 A. No.
- 11:36:58 15 Q. When did he do that?
- 11:36:59 16 A. Somewhere in between Mr. Biden filling out the form
  11:37:01 17 and picking out his firearm.
- 11:37:04 18 Q. And then you took the gun, the form, and you went
- 11:37:08 19 back outside after the NICS check?
- 11:37:11 20 A. **Uh-huh**.
- 11:37:11 21 Q. And you gave them to Mr. Cleveland?
- 11:37:13 22 A. Correct.
- 11:37:14 23 Q. Still no conversation with Hunter?
- 11:37:16 24 A. Correct.
- 11:37:17 25 Q. And then what did you do thereafter?

- 11:37:19 1 A. I went back to the back office to run more background
  11:37:22 2 checks.
  - Q. And that was the end of your involvement at that point that day?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Had any conversations with Mr. Palimere that day about the form?
  - A. No.
  - Q. And he was not in the back room with you?
  - A. No.
  - Q. And then when the sale ended, did you have any further conversations with Mr. Cleveland?
  - A. About football, whatever was going on that day, yeah.
  - Q. Say that again?
  - A. We worked together.
  - Q. No, I mean about the sale?
- 11:37:50 17 A. About the sale, no.
  - Q. Can I also show you what is in evidence as government's Exhibit 13, and put it up on the screen, please, Mr. Radic.

So we saw the NICS checks dated, you're doing it at 6:36 and it comes back at 6:37, and you can see that this is what, do you recognize this document?

- A. That looks like a sales receipt from the shop.
- Q. That's the way those sales receipts looked?

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- A. At the time, yeah.
- Q. And you see the date is the same date and the time is
- 6:53?
- A. All right.
- Q. Do you see that on top?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And you see the user of this is Gordon, that means he's the salesperson?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And did you see that that day?
- A. Maybe at night when we were locking up and doing the last minute paperwork.
- Q. So do you remember that you ran the check, and it came back at 6:37, right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you see that this sale was completed at 6:53, right?
- A. Correct.
- Q. That's 16 minutes between the two, right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. So did you know what happened between the time that you ran the check and the time that the sale was completed?
- A. No.
- Q. Would that have been the time in which you brought back the gun, the form, the copy of the passport?

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- Α. Probably.
- Q. Because according to your sequence you --
- You're not understanding how gun shop life is. Α. like going to the barber shop, we have regular customers 11:39:24 5 that would come in every day just to hang out, talk about the local news. I can go to a gun shop today and spend two hours in there and it not seem like anything.
  - Okay. Q.
  - A. So you're trying to set a time frame. That's not going to happen. Like, I can literally go to a gun shop and be there for an hour-and-a-half and it not seem like I was there for an hour-and-a-half.
  - I understand what you're saying. I get it. What I'm asking you, though, since we have two date parts, we know when the NICS was done and received right, that's not anything but what it says, 6:36 and 37, and we know that this sale occurs at 6:53, I'm asking you, is it in that period between the two, that you had testified, that you went back out, you had the gun, you had the form, you had the photo ID, it had to happen in that period of time?
    - You're saying that the form ran in a minute. Α.
  - 6:37 is when it came back? Q.
  - Now I got to sit and write all that information that Α. was on there. So there is your 16 minutes, I write slow.
  - I see. So that time was taken from the time between

THE WITNESS: I put on my ritual robes and went

11:40:38 1 your writing it, coming back out, and that's when the sale 11:40:40 2 was consummated? 11:40:42 3 Α. Yes. Q. Did you see that sale being running up then in that 11:40:42 4 11:40:45 5 period? 11:40:46 6 A. No. I literally would have been going back to run 11:40:50 7 more backgrounds. 11:40:51 8 Q. I understand, but your understanding is that time 11:40:53 9 period between the NICS and the sale, was taken up by you? 11:40:57 10 Α. Okay. 11:40:58 11 MR. WISE: Objection, that's not what he said. 11:41:00 12 **BY MR. LOWELL:** Q. Let me ask him, let me do it again. We know two 11:41:00 13 times, right? 11:41:03 14 11:41:05 15 A. Yes. 11:41:06 16 MR. WISE: Now he's leading him. BY MR. LOWELL: 11:41:07 17 Q. Well that's already been established? 11:41:08 18 11:41:10 19 MR. WISE: He should ask non-leading questions. BY MR. LOWELL: 11:41:12 20 11:41:12 21 Q. So between the time of 6:37 when the NICS check was done, and 6:53 when this is consummated, what happened? 11:41:16 22 11:41:20 23 MR. WISE: Asked and answered, he's already

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and sat in a marble room, what do you want me to say to you counselor?

#### BY MR. LOWELL:

Q. I would like to you to tell me as best as you can remember -- let me finish sir, whether that was the time period it took for to you run the NICS check and then to do the paperwork, come back outside with the gun, the form, the NICS check completed?

MR. WISE: He's already asked the question and he's answered it.

THE COURT: So Mr. Turner, if anything that you remember, you can respond, you can respond. If you don't remember something, you don't have to make something up, whatever you remember to answer Mr. Lowell's question, you can do so.

THE WITNESS: Sure. I ran his background check.

I filled out the rest of the form. I took the gun out to
the front.

# BY MR. LOWELL:

- Q. And then the sale was consummated?
- A. As far as I know.
- Q. Thank you. I have no other questions. Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Cross.

MR. WISE: Thank you, Your Honor.

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# 11:42:26 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 11:42:26 2 BY MR. WISE:
- 11:42:32 3 Q. Good morning, Mr. Turner.
- 11:42:33 4 A. Good morning.
- 11:42:34 5 Q. So you were subpoenaed by the defense as a witness,
- 11:42:37 6 right?
- 11:42:38 7 A. Correct.
- 11:42:38 8 Q. Did they try to talk with you before they did that,
- 11:42:41 9 before you testified here today?
- 11:42:43 10 A. That's a whole mess of stuff right there.
- 11:42:47 11 Q. Really?
- 11:42:49 12 A. I got the subpoena, I had to call them.
- 11:42:51 13 Q. Uh-huh.
- 11:42:53 14 A. And they can't be on time for nothing.
- 11:42:57 15 Q. What does that mean?
- 11:42:58 16 A. I work third shift.
- 11:43:00 17 Q. **Uh-huh**.
- 11:43:01 18 A. And so I should be sleeping right now.
- 11:43:05 19 Q. What does third shift mean?
- 11:43:07 20 A. Third shift, that's on the other side of the clock
- 11:43:10 21 from everybody else, I go in at 6:00 p.m., I get done at 5
- 11:43:15 22 **a.m.**
- 11:43:15 23 Q. Is that what you got done today?
- 11:43:17 24 A. Yes.
- 11:43:18 25 Q. All right. So I just have a -- you and I have never

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11:43:22 1 met, right, Mr. Turner?

- I don't even know you from nobody. Α.
- I just have a couple of questions? Q.

THE COURT: Did you introduce yourself?

MR. WISE: I'm not sure. I will.

THE COURT: He said he doesn't know you.

# BY MR. WISE:

My name is Leo wise, I represent the United States in Q. this case. Nice to meet you.

So if we could have government Exhibit 10A on the screen. This is the form that Mr. Biden filled out that Mr. Lowell asked you about, right?

Correct. Actually that form is wrong. Α.

THE COURT: Just take it one step at a time, only answer the questions that he asks.

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

# BY MR. WISE:

- Q. So the first page, this is all filled out by the person buying the gun; right?
  - Except for that top corner on the right-hand side. Α.
- Q. Got it. So looking at the form as it is on the screen, this is all information that comes in this case from 11:44:21 23 Mr. Biden himself, right?
  - Α. Correct.
  - That includes, if we could highlight the questions in

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the middle, and it's question E, if you could enlarge that as well. That includes are you an unlawful user of or addicted to marijuana or depressant stimulant narcotic drug or any other controlled substance, right?

- A. Correct.
- Q. Now you run the background checks, correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. The background checks don't tell you whether the person trying to buy the gun has answered that question truthfully or they've lied, right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. For that question, you have to depend on whoever is buying the gun, being truthful about their own drug use or addiction; right?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Nothing you do in the one minute when they run that check tells you whether they're using drugs or addicted to it, right?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And when you got this form, we can come out of that

  -- when you got this form to run the background check like

  you said you did every day or whenever you worked, this was

  all filled out; right?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And it had been filled out by Mr. Biden, right?

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- 11:45:42 1 Α. Correct. 11:45:42 2 And you said you noticed it was missing his Q. signature; correct? 11:45:47 3 11:45:48 4 Correct. Α. Q. So that's what you raised; right? 11:45:48 5 11:45:52 6 Yes. Α. 11:45:52 7 Q. You raised it with Mr. Cleveland or whomever? But there was nothing, nothing from this first
  - page that he hadn't filled out?
  - Α. No, the first page was correct.

MR. WISE: That's it, Your Honor. Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Redirect.

# REDIRECT EXAMINATION

#### BY MR. LOWELL:

You understand, sir, can we go back to the first page of government Exhibit 10A, please? There we are again. You said that this is not right. Why wasn't this right?

MR. WISE: Objection, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Sustained.

MR. LOWELL: All right.

BY MR. LOWELL:

- Q. Did you see Mr. Biden check those boxes?
- Α. No.
- So when Mr. Wise just asked you whether Mr. Biden

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11:46:41 1 checked those, you have no idea whether he did or not or 11:46:44 2 when? Well, it wouldn't have been Gordon, so unless 11:46:45 3 Α. somebody else filled that form out for him. 11:46:49 4 11:46:51 5 Q. Right. But the next page, when you saw the boxes 11:46:57 6 checked, that signature wasn't on it? 11:46:59 7 Α. It was not on it. And I went out front. 11:47:03 8 As between-- that's all I asked. As between you and Q. 11:47:07 9 Mr. Cleveland, who was having interactions with Mr. Biden? 11:47:11 10 Mr. Cleveland. Α. So you didn't see Mr. Biden in any state that you 11:47:12 11 Q. could tell whether he was drunk or using anything that would 11:47:16 12 cause you any concern? 11:47:19 13 11:47:20 14 Α. No. 11:47:20 15 As between you and Mr. Cleveland, that would be Q. Mr. Cleveland then if that was the case? 11:47:24 16 11:47:25 17 If that was the case, yes. Α. 11:47:28 18 Q. And the last question that I have for you, then, is 11:47:39 19 when -- do you know what --11:47:40 20 MR. LOWELL: I don't have any other questions 11:47:43 21 for you. 11:47:44 22 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, sir. You are

THE WITNESS: Thank you, ma'am.

excused. I hope you get some sleep.

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THE COURT: All right. Mr. Lowell, what's next?

11:47:53 1	MR. LOWELL: We would like the jury to hear from
11:47:56 2	Ron Palimere.
11:48:02 3	COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please raise your right hand.
11:48:06 4	Please state and spell your full name for the record.
11:50:02 5	THE WITNESS: Ronald Palimere, Jr. R-O-N-A-L-D,
11:50:25 6	P-A-L-I-M-E-R-E, Jr.
11:50:29 7	RONALD PALIMERE, JR., having been duly sworn was
11:50:34 8	examined and testified as follows:
11:50:36 9	DIRECT EXAMINATION
11:50:37 10	BY MR. LOWELL:
11:50:41 11	Q. Good morning, Mr. Palimere.
11:50:43 12	A. Good morning.
11:50:43 13	Q. My name is Abbe Lowell, we've never met?
11:50:46 14	A. No, sir.
11:50:46 15	Q. Never spoken?
11:50:47 16	A. No, sir.
11:50:48 17	Q. You have spoken to the prosecutors and investigators
11:50:50 18	in the case, right?
11:50:51 19	A. Yes, sir.
11:50:52 20	Q. And we have
11:50:54 21	MR. WISE: Your Honor, I object to that
11:50:56 22	question, prosecutors and investigators, we've never met as
11:51:01 23	well.
11:51:01 24	MR. LOWELL: I'm sorry.

BY MR. LOWELL:

- 11:51:03 1 Q. You have met with members of the FBI?
- 11:51:07 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 11:51:07 3 Q. Even recently; correct?
- 11:51:08 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 11:51:09 5 Q. And you're here because we have subpoenaed you,
- 11:51:14 6 meaning, we, the lawyers that are representing Mr. Biden?
- 11:51:17 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 11:51:18 8 Q. What do you do for a living?
- 11:51:20 9 A. I own StarQuest Shooters and Survival Supply.
- 11:51:23 10 Q. For how long have you owned the store?
- 11:51:25 11 A. About 12 years.
- 11:51:27 12 Q. And before that, did you have any other stores like
- 11:51:30 13 that, any other survival or shooting stores or gun stores?
- 11:51:34 14 A. No, sir.
- 11:51:35 15 Q. You're still the owner?
- 11:51:37 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 11:51:37 17 Q. And as an owner, other than of course owning it, in
- 11:51:44 18 terms of day to day sales, what's your responsibility?
- 11:51:47 19 A. Just general operations, you know, the bookkeeping,
- 11:51:51 20 the sales, the ordering of products, that kind of stuff.
- 11:51:56 21 Q. Did you yourself ever make sales?
- 11:51:59 22 A. No, sir.
- 11:52:00 23 Q. You have salespeople for that?
- 11:52:01 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 11:52:02 25 Q. I want to call your attention to October of 2018, the

- 11:52:06 1 date about which this trial is. Okay. You were the owner 11:52:09 2 of the store?
- 11:52:10 3 Α. Yes, sir.
  - Q. Were you in the store on that day?
- 11:52:14 5 A. At some point I was in the store, yes.
- Q. Do you know what time or what part of the day you 11:52:20 7 were there?
  - I'm usually in and out of the store during the day. Α.
  - Q. Did there come a time in the afternoon that you recall who you now know to be Hunter Biden came in the store?
  - Yes, sir. Α.
  - Where were you then? Q.
  - Α. I believe I was next door at -- I had owned another business next door at the time and I was called over to the shop.
    - Who called you over to the shop? Q.
    - A. I don't remember.
    - Q. At the time, was there a person named Gordon Cleveland who worked in the shop?
    - Yes, sir. Α.
    - Was there a person named Jason Turner who worked in Q. the shop?
    - Yes, sir. Α.
    - Q. Do you recall whether it was either one of those two

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- 11:52:58 1 people?
- 11:52:58 2 I believe it was one of those people. Α.
- 11:53:00 3 But did you cannot remember which one? Q.
  - I do not remember which one. Α.
    - Q. Whoever it was called you to come over?
- 11:53:06 6 Correct. Α.
- 11:53:07 7 Q. Was that because Mr. Biden was in the store?
- Α. Any time we have certain, we call them celebrities, 11:53:15 9 they usually will call me in.
  - Did you at that point that they called you already Q. know that the celebrity was Hunter Biden?
  - Α. No, sir, they just called me over and said we need you next door.
  - He didn't use the word celebrity, they called just Ο. you over?
  - Α. Yes.
  - Did you come over? Q.
- 11:53:32 18 Α. Yes.
- 11:53:32 19 Q. When you came in, what did do you?
- 11:53:34 20 I have a desk in the back off the floor, I went and Α. 11:53:37 21 sat at my desk.
  - Did you go through the back to get to your office? Q.
- 11:53:40 23 Yes, sir. Α.
  - You didn't come through the store? Q.
- 11:53:42 25 Α. No.

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- 11:53:42 1 Q. Now as I understand it, you're sitting in the back
  11:53:45 2 room?
  - A. Correct.
    - Q. And who is there with you?
    - A. Typically it would be my desk and then across from me would be a desk where Jason would be sitting doing background checks.
    - Q. By Jason, you mean Jason Turner?
    - A. Jason Turner, yes.
    - Q. When you came back from wherever you were back into the store, Mr. Turner was in the office then?
    - A. Correct, yes.
    - Q. As far as you know, what was he doing?
    - A. Typically he would be doing background checks or whatever clerical stuff he was doing off to the side.
    - Q. So you came back, you're in the office and he's in the office, do you see Mr. Cleveland at that moment?
    - A. I don't believe he was in the back at the time, no.
    - Q. Did there come a time that you did see Mr. Cleveland?
    - A. Yes, at some point he came back, yes.
    - Q. So one thing I want to establish from the beginning, from the moment you got back in the store, in the office, Jason Turner was there?
    - A. I believe to the best of my recollection he was in the back when I arrived.

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- Q. Okay. So when in the sequence then did you have any interaction with Mr. Cleveland?
- A. Gordon came back, there was discussion about the use of a passport, he just asked if I was okay with him using a passport for the sale.
- Q. When Mr. Cleveland came in the back room, what was he holding in his hand or bringing in?
- A. I don't recall.
- Q. Well, did he have a passport to show you?
- A. I don't recall what he had in his hands at the time.
- Q. Did he have a copy of a passport?
- A. He should have, but I can't --
- O. You can't remember?
- A. I can't remember.
- Q. When he came in the back room with that, was he also carrying a firearm?
  - A. His personal firearm?
- Q. No, no, a sales firearm from the front, do you remember him --
- A. I don't believe he would have brought that back, no.
- Q. So what you can recall, he was there, and he asked you a question?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And the question was about the passport?
- A. Correct.

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- Q. What did you understand, what was the question?
- A. We typically, or at that point, I don't know that we've ever had a passport used as a form of identification and he just said is it okay if we use this.
- Q. And does a passport have an address on it?
- A. At that time, I believe it had an address and it was a type of identification just like any other type of identification.
- Q. Mr. Radic, can you put up, please, government 10A.

  You recognize this form, right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. It's a 4473 ATF form?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Would you flip through it, Mr. Radic, to the last page. Before do you that, you see it says in 18(a) U.S.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Mr. Radic, would you flip to the end, do you see
- that?
  - A. Yes, sir.

passport, correct?

- Q. Do you recognize what that is?
- A. That's a United States passport.
- Q. Can you look at it carefully?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you see it?

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- Α. Yes.
- Q. Does it have an address on it?
- No, sir. Α.
- You see the handwriting on the left, do you see it? Q.
- Α. Yes, sir.
- Do you recognize that, I mean whose it is, do you Q. recognize whose that is?
- Α. Would you want me to guess?
- Q. No, if you can't recognize it, just tell me you can't recognize it?
  - I can't say with any certainty whose it is. Α.
- That's fine. You can take that down. Q.

Go back to the first page, Mr. Radic, and then 11:57:15 14 go to the second page.

> And you see on the form, the form of identification that's used says U.S. passport, right?

- Α. Yes.
- Q. But as we just established, it doesn't have a residence on it, does it, the passport?
- What you just showed me, no, I don't see an address Α. on it.
- So Mr. Cleveland comes in and he asks you, can you Q. take a passport?
- Α. Correct.
- Q. What did you say?

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- A. I said yeah, sure, not thinking anything else about it, yeah, sure, take a passport.
- Q. Even though it didn't have a residence on it?
- A. We didn't discuss that, not that I can recall.
- Q. Why did you understand he was asking if you could take a passport?

MR. WISE: Objection, he can't --

MR. LOWELL: I agree, bad question. What did he say to you about the passport?

MR. WISE: And then that's hearsay.

THE COURT: That's hearsay.

#### BY MR. LOWELL:

Q. I'll withdraw that question.

What did you tell Mr. Cleveland when Mr. Cleveland came in holding or asking anything?

- A. Yeah, sure, take the passport.
- Q. And after he did that, do you recall him having anything in his hand, paper, passport, or just asked the question?
- A. I don't recall. The only thing I can remember is this-- him asking hey, can we take this as a form of identification.
- Q. And you said sure?
- A. Sure.
- Q. Were you trying to have the sale go in a hurry?

- 11:58:36 1 Α. Yeah, I was trying to --
- 11:58:42 2 Q. I just asked --
- 11:58:43 3 Α. Yeah.
  - Were you trying for it to happen in a hurry? 0.
    - I was trying to not hold the sale up. Α.
      - How is that different than trying to get it done in a Q. hurry?
      - Α. By not having him in the back for 20 minutes and going through a bunch of discussion, just saying yep, take it and proceed with running the background check.
      - Are you familiar with the expression about Mr. Cleveland called "whale hunter"?
- Α. 11:59:09 13 Yes.
  - Q. You're smiling, so you do?
- 11:59:11 15 Yes. Α.
- 11:59:12 16 What is that? Q.
- 11:59:13 17 He is very good at selling a lot of the more expensive products that we have in the store.
  - Okay. Meaning bringing in the whale? Q.
  - You can draw however you want from a term whale hunter, it's just --
  - But that's what it means to you, being very Q. successful at bringing in and selling more expensive items?
  - He's very good at selling the expensive items that we have for sale in the store.

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- Q. So Mr. Cleveland leaves and is Mr. Turner still in the back room with you?
- Α. Yes.
- What do you recall happening next after you have told Q. 11:59:50 5 Mr. Cleveland go ahead?
  - That's it. You know, I don't -- I didn't have Α. anymore interaction at that point.
  - Q. With whom?
  - A. Cleveland or Turner.
  - Okay. You mean when you say interaction, Mr. Turner Q. is in there doing his background checks, right?
  - Correct. Α.
  - Did there come a time that you observed Mr. Turner Ο. taking any form and running the background check that was involved in this purchase?
  - No, I went about doing my work at my desk. Α.
  - Not paying attention to what he was doing? Q.
  - Α. No.
  - After Mr. Cleveland went out the first time, did you Q. see Mr. Cleveland come back in with any form or that was it?
  - Α. I don't recall anything else.
  - Okay. So the one exchange is the thing you remember? Q.
  - The exchange between me and, I believe it was Gordon, Α. about the passport, yes.
    - Did you go outside from the point at which

12:00:41 1 Mr. Cleveland came in the back room to the point at which the sale was completed? 12:00:43 2 12:00:45 3 Α. Can you ask that again? Did you go to the showroom? 12:00:47 4 0. 12:00:49 5 Α. No. 12:00:49 6 From the time that you -- Mr. Cleveland and you had Q. 12:00:53 7 the conversation and then you went back -- he went back 12:00:56 8 outside? 12:00:56 9 Α. No, sir, I stayed in my station. 12:00:58 10 So you never went back in the storeroom? Q. 12:01:01 11 Α. No. 12:01:01 12 The showroom? Q. I wasn't in the showroom at all. 12:01:02 13 Α. 12:01:04 14 You just came to the back? Ο. 12:01:06 15 Correct. Α. 12:01:06 16 So you have no idea whether or not Mr. Cleveland Q. spoke to Mr. Biden at that point or not? 12:01:10 17 12:01:12 18 Α. No. 12:01:12 19 And you had no conversations after that exchange with Q. 12:01:16 20 Mr. Turner? 12:01:17 21 Α. No. 12:01:17 22 Did you see him run a NICS check for any gun that Q.

Mr. Biden sought, or did, bought that day?

Did I observe him running a NICS check?

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- Α. No I did not.
  - Do you know that he did?
- Yes, I did. Α.
- Can you place in time when the exchange you just said Q. happened that day of October 12th, 2018?
- If you bring up the NICS check, I can tell you Α. exactly the time.
- Will you bring up the government Exhibit 12A. Q. now looking at that, does that help tell you when it happened?
- So, yeah, October 12th, 2018, at 6:36 p.m. was Α. created and status date one minute later, 6:37 got a status proceed.
- Q. When you see that time of 6:37, does that help acclimate or help the sequence of when the exchange with you and Mr. Cleveland about the passport occurred?
- That would tell me that prior to 6:36 when the 12:02:19 18 background check was created, Mr. Cleveland would have asked me if he could take a passport, yeah.
  - Q. Do you know how many minutes or time before that, that that happened?
  - Α. No.
  - Q. For Mr. Turner to run a background check, what does he have to have in his possession?
  - A. All of the necessary requirements to fill in the data

- 12:02:41 1 to fill in on the screen there, all these questions have to 12:02:45 2 be answered for him to run this background check.
  - 0. That would be the last name, middle name, age, height, weight, whatever is there?
- 12:02:54 5 A. Correct.
  - Q. Whatever he needs?
  - Α. Yes.
- Q. He doesn't need the form itself, he just needs the 12:03:00 9 information that's reflected on that?
  - He's pulling the information from the form and typing Α. it in on the FBI NICS website to fill in the blanks to get this answer.
  - Q. And the NICS form has the need for that information?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. You can see from the bottom who is the one who then
- A. Submitted by Jason V. Turner, retrieved by 12:03:20 18 **Jason V. Turner.** 
  - Q. So did you observe him running this?
  - No, I did not observe him running this. Α.
  - Q. But this is the form that's generated if that's happening?
  - That is the form, yes, that's printed out from the Α. actual NICS website.
  - Q. Before you said that somebody called you to come into

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the store because there was -- I'm sorry, somebody called you, and you came in the store through the back?

- A. Correct.
- Q. And I think you said they do that customarily when there is a "celebrity"?
- A. A celebrity, or some sale, something they need me to be involved with.
- Q. Is that what you needed to be involved with that day, was the issue of the passport?
- A. I don't recall. I don't recall why I was called over.
- Q. But whatever the reason was you never went out to the showroom?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you therefore never see anything that Mr. Biden did that day?
- A. I didn't observe anything that he did that day, no.
- Q. And one last time, when Mr. Cleveland came in, at the point he asked you about the passport, are you clear that he did not carry with him the gun he was selling to Mr. Biden?

MR WISE: I don't understand, objection, he's already asked and answered this, one last time is to repeat the same thing over and over again.

MR. LOWELL: Over and over, twice, I'm sorry I thought because you did that, I could do that.

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MR. LOWELL: Your Honor, based on our

12:04:47 1	THE COURT: All right. We'll let him ask it one
12:04:50 2	last time.
12:04:50 3	BY MR. LOWELL:
12:04:51 4	Q. You never saw the gun that Mr. Biden purchased that
12:04:53 5	day being brought to the back room?
12:04:55 6	A. Yeah, I don't recall anything that Mr. Cleveland
12:04:58 7	brought back at the time.
12:04:59 8	Q. Would it be unusual for the person to bring the gun
12:05:02 9	back in the room, that backroom for the check to occur?
12:05:05 10	A. It could be, it could go either way, there isn't a
12:05:10 11	there isn't a set rule that says the firearm being purchased
12:05:13 12	stays on the floor or comes to the back. It's up to the
12:05:16 13	discretion of the salesman, I guess if he wants to bring it
12:05:19 14	in the back.
12:05:20 15	Q. On that day you have no memory of which happened?
12:05:23 16	A. No.
12:05:23 17	MR. LOWELL: That's all I have, Judge.
12:05:25 18	THE COURT: Thank you.
12:05:25 19	Cross-exam?
12:05:26 20	MR. WISE: No thank you. I don't have any
12:05:29 21	questions.
12:05:29 22	THE COURT: Thank you, sir. Thanks for coming
12:05:31 23	in. You are excused.
12:05:32 24	All right. Mr. Lowell, what's next?

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12:06:59 2	(Side-bar discussion:)
12:06:59 3	MR. LOWELL: I thought
12:06:59 4	wanted the opportunity to consider
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12:06:59 9	MR. WISE: Our underst
12:06:59 10	scheduling issue, too, my preferen
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12:06:59 12	MR. LOWELL: I didn't
12:07:12 13	start with her.
12:07:13 14	(End of side-bar.)
12:07:24 15	MR. LOWELL: Your Hono
12:07:25 16	to hear from Naomi Biden.
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12:07:42 19	THE WITNESS: Naomi Ki
12:07:47 20	K-I-N-G, B-I-D-E-N.
12:07:51 21	NAOMI KING BIDEN, havi
12:07:56 22	examined and testified as follows:
12:07:58 23	DIRECT EXAMINATIO
12:07:59 24	BY MR. LOWELL:
12:08:01 25	Q. Good afternoon, Naomi.

th counsel -- can you approach?

LOWELL: I thought our plan was because we rtunity to consider Naomi and Jimmy Biden ing to wait and do it at the break so we , we told her that, I don't know if she's is moment, I can find her just because I we were going to do an early lunch.

WISE: Our understanding is she's got an e, too, my preference we start with her, get

LOWELL: I didn't mind, I just wanted to

LOWELL: Your Honor, we would like the jury omi Biden.

RTROOM DEPUTY: Please raise your right hand. d spell your full name for the record.

WITNESS: Naomi King Biden, N-A-O-M-I, E-N.

MI KING BIDEN, having been duly sworn was stified as follows:

#### DIRECT EXAMINATION

12:08:03 1	A. <b>Hi</b> .
12:08:03 2	Q. Can you tell the jury a little bit about yourself,
12:08:07 3	where you live?
12:08:07 4	A. I live in D.C., in Georgetown.
12:08:11 5	Q. And what do you do for a living?
12:08:13 6	A. I'm an attorney, at a law firm in D.C.
12:08:16 7	Q. And where did you go to college?
12:08:20 8	A. I went to UPenn.
12:08:22 9	Q. University of Pennsylvania?
12:08:24 10	A. Uh-huh.
12:08:25 11	Q. And you went to law school?
12:08:26 12	A. Yes.
12:08:26 13	Q. Where did you go to law school?
12:08:28 14	A. Columbia.
12:08:30 15	Q. That's in New York?
12:08:31 16	A. Yes.
12:08:32 17	Q. You are the daughter of Hunter Biden?
12:08:36 18	A. Yes.
12:08:37 19	Q. And your mom is?
12:08:38 20	A. Kathleen Buhle.
12:08:40 21	Q. Do you have any siblings?
12:08:42 22	A. Two sisters.
12:08:44 23	Q. And their names?

And a brother, who I love.

And their names are?

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- A. Finnegan, Maisy, and Beau.
- Q. When your mom and dad got divorced, how old were you?
- A. I was --
- Q. Already an adult?
- A. An adult, 23 maybe.
- Q. You were in college or after. Before that you and your sisters, you lived together?
- A. Yes.
- Q. I want to call your attention to the year of 2018, and particularly in the summer, meaning August and in September of 2018. Can I call your attention to that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did there come a time in that period of August and September that you understood that your dad was living in Los Angeles?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And when that happened, did there come a time that you visited him there?
- A. Yes, I visited him with my boyfriend, now my husband.
- Q. What's his name?
- A. Peter.
- Q. So how did it turn about that you and Peter went to Los Angeles?
- A. I hadn't seen my dad in a really long time and I knew he was in rehab facility there and he reached out and he

- 12:10:00 1 said that he would organize the trip if we came to visit 12:10:05 2 him.
  - 0. So you and Peter both flew out and he made the arrangements?
  - Α. We drove actually, but yes.
  - You drove across? Q.
  - Α. We drove from Wyoming.
  - Where were you at the time, you were in Wyoming? Q.
  - Α. In Wyoming, at Peter's parents house.
  - You went from Wyoming and you drove to LA? Q.
  - Α. Yes.
  - Do you remember whether that was towards the end of Q. August?
  - Α. Yes.
    - And when you got to LA, did you see your dad? Q.
  - Yeah, we did. Α.
  - How so, where was he, and where were you? Q.
  - We met him at a coffee shop, and we had lunch with Α. him, and we met his sober coach.
    - Okay. So back to that period of time where he asked Q. you to come, you said you knew that he was in a period of rehab, right?
    - Yeah. Α.
    - And do you remember the name of that rehab place? Q.
    - Um --Α.

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- Q. Do you think it was called The View?
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- Α. Yeah, it was, sorry.

I'm nervous.

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- It's okay. 0.
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- Q. Don't be nervous, can I get you water?
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- No, I'm good. Α.
- 12:11:12 7
- Q. When you got there to see your dad, he was in a rehab
- place, when you actually got to see him, was he already in 12:11:16 8
- 12:11:19 9 the residence, or did you know whether he now left, was he

Like a sponsor, I guess.

12:11:23 10 still there in residence?

Yes.

- 12:11:24 11 Α.

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- You said something about a sober coach, what's that? Q.
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- So you, the sober coach, Peter, and your dad went to 12:11:29 14 Ο.
- 12:11:33 15 lunch?
- 12:11:34 16 Α.
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- How did your dad seem? Q.

Yes.

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- He seemed like the clearest that I had seen him since Α.
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- And you spent some time with him then? Q.

my uncle died, and he just seemed really great.

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- Yeah. Α.
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  - And then after you and your dad and Peter had lunch, Q.
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- We went to Santa Barbara. Α.
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- Did you drive there?

where did you and Peter go?

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- A. Yeah.
- Q. And after you saw your dad on that date, did there come a time that you communicated with him?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. How did you communicate, by phone or text or both?
- A. Text.
- Q. Do you recall what you told your dad after seeing him?
- A. Yeah, I told him that I was so proud of him and I was so proud to introduce Peter to him.
- Q. So then you and Peter went to Santa Barbara, and he, as far as you knew, went back to The View?
- A. Yes.
- Q. I would like to take you forward from that date to a time in October. In October, were you yet in law school -- of 2018?
- A. Yes, so I was in my second year.
- Q. And so calling your attention to the end of the month of October of 2018, were you going to, or already in New York by the end of the month?
- A. I was going to New York.
- Q. Where were you going from?
- A. From D.C.
- Q. And how did you get from D.C. to New York?
- A. We borrowed my dad's truck because we had to -- Peter

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- was moving in with me in New York, so we had to move his furniture from D.C. where he was living to New York and the truck was big.
- Q. And the truck at that point and where you wanted to use it, was located in D.C.?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did your sisters use the truck as well?
- A. Yes, from time to time.
- Q. So you picked up the truck in D.C. but your dad wasn't there when you picked it up, right?
  - A. No.
- Q. So you and Peter got the car, the truck loaded and you drove it where?
- A. To New York.
- Q. When you got to New York, what did you do?
- A. We unloaded the truck.
- Q. At your apartment?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And so did there come a time when you, Peter, and the truck in New York got to see your dad?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How did that come about?
- A. He was coming to New York to see me and because he needed the truck back.
- Q. And so how did he get to New York, do you know?

- 12:14:07 1 A. He drove my pop's Cadillac.
- 12:14:10 2 Q. When you say pops, that means your grandfather?
- 12:14:14 3 A. Yes.
- 12:14:14 4 Q. Hunter's dad, Joe Biden?
- 12:14:17 5 A. Yes.
- 12:14:17 6 Q. When he drove it up, do you recall about what day it
- 12:14:20 7 was in October, was that October 15th?
- 12:14:22 8 A. Yeah.
- 12:14:23 9 Q. And you were already -- where were you, were you
- 12:14:26 10 moved into your apartment?
- 12:14:27 11 A. Yeah.
- 12:14:27 12 Q. When your dad drove up in pop's car, did you get to
- 12:14:31 13 see him?
- 12:14:32 14 A. Yeah.
- 12:14:33 15 Q. Did you and Peter have any occasions to interact with
- 12:14:36 16 him?
- 12:14:37 17 A. Yes.
- 12:14:37 18 Q. How did he seem at that point at the end of October?
- 12:14:40 19 A. He seemed great, he seemed hopeful.
- 12:14:43 20 Q. Did he seem in comparison to the way you saw him when
- 12:14:47 21 he was at The View?
- 12:14:48 22 A. Yes.
- 12:14:48 23 Q. And you had occasion to see him that day, or that
- 12:14:51 24 **period?**
- 12:14:52 25 A. Yes.

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- Q. Did there come a time that -- and Peter did something to, with the truck, or pop's car?
- A. Yes, they switched the cars, we had my pop's car, and my dad took the truck back.
- Q. Do you know -- that was a couple of days later?
- A. Yes.
- Q. So Peter and you kept the black Cadillac, right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And then your dad took the truck back?
  - A. Witness nodding yes.
- Q. When you took the truck from Washington D.C. to New York, what was the condition of the inside of the truck?
- A. It was in good condition.
- Q. By that I mean was there any laundry thrown around, any things that you could determine were left in the truck by your dad?
- A. No.
- Q. I want to talk about the Raptor truck a minute.

  Would you put up DX -- can you look at Exhibit 12 in your

  book. So the condition of the truck is where we were at. I

  asked you what was inside and you said there was nothing

  particular left behind.

When you gave the truck to your dad in New York, did you see strewn about, any, what we'll call drug paraphernalia?

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- A. No.
- Q. Did you see any white powder residue or anything like that?
- A. No.
- Q. And we're clear that's at the end of October, or at least 18th, 19th?
- A. Yes.
- Q. That would be before October 13th, right -- I'm sorry, that would be after October 13th?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And after October 14th?
- A. Yes.
- Q. So if there is an exchange between your dad and Hallie Biden on the 13th and the 14th, this is all afterwards?
  - A. Yes.
  - MR. WISE: Objection. Exchange between Hallie Biden.
  - MR. LOWELL: If there is a text between the two or any communications -- I'm sorry, judge, I'll withdraw, if there is any communication between your dad and Hallie Biden that would be on those days, 13th, 14th, you saw him after.
- MR. WISE: Objection, he hasn't established a foundation she knows --
  - THE COURT: I mean, everybody knows dates

- 12:17:34 1 Mr. Lowell so I don't think you need to --
- 12:17:36 2 MR. LOWELL: Thank you.
- 12:17:37 3 **BY MR. LOWELL:**
- 12:17:38 4 Q. So now, your dad has the truck, when you gave your
- 12:17:43 5 dad the truck, I want you to describe the inside of it.
- 12:17:46 6 Does the truck have a console?
- 12:17:48 7 A. Yes.
- 12:17:49 8 Q. And underneath the console, what's there?
- 12:17:52 9 A. It's like a safe.
- 12:17:54 10 Q. And meaning it's a steel or metal object?
- 12:17:59 11 A. Yeah.
- 12:17:59 12 Q. Does it have a lock or does it not have a lock?
- 12:18:01 13 A. It has a lock.
- 12:18:03 14 Q. And when you and Peter had it at the period of time
- 12:18:07 15 in October, was the safe working?
- 12:18:09 16 A. Yes.
- 12:18:10 17 Q. Was it broken?
- 12:18:11 18 A. No.
- 12:18:13 19 Q. Was the combination lock working?
- 12:18:16 20 A. We couldn't open it, so yeah.
- 12:18:18 21 Q. How do you know all the things that I just asked you
- 12:18:21 22 **about?**
- 12:18:21 23 A. Because we tried to open it.
- 12:18:23 24 Q. And?
- 12:18:25 25 A. And we were not successful.

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12:18:27 1	Q. And so after your dad picked up the truck that was
12:18:31 2	the condition you understood it was in still, it still had
12:18:34 3	the lock, I mean the safe, et cetera?
12:18:36 4	A. Yes.
12:18:36 5	Q. When you had the truck in New York and your father
12:18:41 6	left, and you're describing what was under the console, was
12:18:47 7	there any leather pouch lying around the car?
12:18:53 8	A. No.
12:18:53 9	Q. And that's where you left it?
12:18:56 10	A. Yes.
12:18:56 11	Q. And then you left to go with Peter or you stayed in
12:19:00 12	New York?
12:19:00 13	A. I stayed in New York, yes.
12:19:02 14	MR. LOWELL: Thank you, Ms. Biden.
12:19:03 15	THE COURT: Thank you.
12:19:05 16	Cross-exam.
12:19:05 17	MR. WISE: Thank you, Your Honor.
12:19:06 18	CROSS-EXAMINATION
12:19:09 19	BY MR. WISE:
12:19:18 20	Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Biden.
12:19:20 21	A. <b>Hi</b> .
12:19:20 22	Q. My name Leo Wise, I represent the United States.
12:19:23 23	We've never met before, right?

So I'll try to perhaps go in the order that

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- Mr. Lowell did. When you visited your dad in California, you said it was for lunch?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Was that an hour or two?
- A. We went to lunch and then we went shopping.
- Q. Okay. So all told, sort of an afternoon?
- A. Yeah, an afternoon.
- Q. I think you said you hadn't seen him for a really long time before that?
- A. Perhaps, yeah, at least a few months because Peter hadn't met him.
- Q. Were you aware before that your father reached out to you about visiting him in rehab that he had been using drugs?
- A. Yes, I knew that he was struggling with addiction.
- Q. Had he ever used drugs in front of you?
- A. No.
- Q. So you knew when he was struggling -- you knew he was struggling with addiction but he didn't use drugs in front of you?
- A. No, I mean, I knew when he was struggling, I didn't see him, we didn't communicate.
- Q. Before he went to California -- when did you first become aware that he was struggling with addiction?
- A. I can't recall, but after my uncle died things got

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bad.

- Q. And so that was in 2015; right?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And then you saw him again in 2018, right, in August?
- A. Yes. I mean, I saw him in between 2015 and 2018.
- Q. In that period of time from 2015 I guess, to whenever you hadn't seen him leading up to the visit in 2018, you understood he was struggling with addiction in that period of time?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. So in that period of time when you were seeing him and you knew he was struggling with addiction, he still wasn't using in front of you, right?
- A. Yeah -- yeah, I mean we didn't see him for whenever he was using, no.
- Q. You never saw -- you say you never saw him when he was using. Would you know if he was using or not?
- A. No, but I don't remember -- I don't recall any prolonged periods of time, hours, that we spent with him.
- Q. What -- what do you mean by that?
- A. Just that we would see him for like an hour, maybe, at a time, during that period, but no, I never saw him use.
- Q. So did you ever observe what it looked like when he was using?
- A. I -- I don't -- I don't know.

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- Q. So if he was using, is it fair to say you don't know what that looks like?
  - A. I guess. I guess not.
- Q. So I want to -- I want to talk about -- ask you some questions to follow-up on Mr. Lowell about when he came up to New York, okay? Do you remember being asked about that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. So we're talking about the week, I wasn't sure on the dates, we're talking about the week of October the 15th, does that sound about right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Just to put a kind of bookend on it, do you remember when he actually got the truck back, do you remember the day when he got the truck back in that week?
- A. Right before he left.
- Q. Do you remember what day he left on?
- A. No.
- Q. All right. Do you remember texting him or did you text him when he was up in New York when you were trying to arrange to see him?
- A. Yes. I mean, yeah, it refreshed my memory.
- Q. You have refreshed your memory. Did you look at some of those text messages?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Before testifying?

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- A. The texts, yes.
- Q. Now, it was difficult to actually get to see him; right?
  - A. I don't recall.
- Q. Would it refresh your memory to show you some of the text messages from that time?
- A. Sure.

MR. WISE: Your Honor, I have government

Exhibit 120, which are text messages. I can provide a copy
to defense counsel.

MR. LOWELL: We haven't seen these.

MR. WISE: We didn't know she was testifying.

MR. LOWELL: I haven't seen them.

THE COURT: It's cross.

MR. LOWELL: I understand that, but in terms of source, authenticity, things that we discussed when it was my presenting, I haven't seen them before. I would like to have a moment, if I may.

THE COURT: You can have a moment.

MR. WISE: If I can approach, I'll give

Ms. Biden a copy.

MR. LOWELL: Can you tell me, this is like twenty pages in it?

MR. WISE: Yes.

MR. LOWELL: Are you using all twenty pages?

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MR. WISE: It depends if her memory needs to be refreshed for them or not.

MR. LOWELL: It's for refreshing purposes for right now.

MR. WISE: We'll start there.

THE COURT: May I have a copy?

MR. WISE: Yes, Your Honor, I think and we have it electronically.

#### BY MR. WISE:

Q. So the first one, the first text I want to ask you about if you recall, and we'll start it that way, Ms. Biden, is actually I think one of the messages you may have reviewed in preparation for your testimony, just a point of reference, I think the first one I'm going to ask you about is in defense 16C, I'm not sure if they gave you a binder. Is a defense binder up there? Just to be clear, what I'm asking you about, the first one is from that binder, there is a message -- well, you remember your father on December the 17th asking you where, or I guess it's you, you asking your father "when are you getting the car?"

MR. LOWELL: That's a misstatement, it's October.

MR. WISE: I'm sorry. October.

#### BY MR. WISE:

Q. Do you remember on the 17th you asking your father

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- when he was getting the car? Do you remember that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. So was he in New York by the 17th?
- A. I assume so because he asked when I'm getting the car.
- Q. The first text, do you remember texting him asking when he was coming to get it?
- A. I mean, I don't recall sending the text. But looking at them, I know that I sent them.
- Q. Well, does it -- first of all, seeing the text does that refresh your memory about whether you sent it or not?
- A. Yeah, I mean this is my number, it was like five years ago, I don't remember every text I sent.
- Q. If you don't remember, that's fine just to say you don't remember. But if you do, that's equally fine.
- A. I remember.
- Q. And is that because you hadn't seen him yet?
- A. No, it was because he needed the car back, if I recall.
- Q. Do you remember how many times you saw him in New York?
- A. No.
- Q. Was it once?
- A. Probably, if he was only there for three days.
- Q. So in that three days, you think you saw him one

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- time?
- A. Probably.
- Q. So the time on that message, do you remember sending that text at like 2:45 in the afternoon?
- A. I see the text.
- Q. Well, is the time on that text 2:45?
- A. Yes.
- Q. All right. And then do you remember getting a response from your father much later that day around almost midnight?
- A. Yeah. I mean, I see the text.
- Q. Would you remember -- do you remember you texted him in the afternoon on the 17th and then he didn't respond until almost midnight?
- A. No, I don't remember it.
- Q. All right. If you now look at then government Exhibit 120, on the second page of the exhibit, which is 1717, do you see the text from your father that reads, "are you up?" At 11:40 p.m.?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And then again, he says, "please call me.", right?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. So at this point, he didn't have the truck back on the 17th and if I understand, he's responding to you trying to set that up; is that right?

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- A. Yeah, that's what it looks like.
- Q. And then did you respond to him much later, sort of in the middle of the night?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And did he actually ask you then at 2 o'clock in the morning "where are the keys to the truck?" And "can Peter bring to 57th and 5th, and I'll trade cars with him?"
- A. Yes.
- Q. So your father is asking if you can exchange the car at 2 o'clock in the morning on the 18th now at 57th and 5th?
- A. Yes. Well, I don't drive.
- Q. **But** --
- A. That's why he's saying will Peter bring it.
- Q. But it's 2 o'clock in the morning when he's asking you to do this, right?
- A. That's what the time stamp says, but I don't recall it being that late.
- Q. All right. But that is -- do you recall even the text exchange?
- A. I recall trying to coordinate with him about exchanging the cars.
- Q. And you said you don't recall it being that late, but if you look at the text, did you send him a text immediately before that saying you had fallen asleep and that's why you had missed his earlier text closer to midnight?

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- A. Yeah.
- Q. All right. Do you know what your father was doing at 2 o'clock in the morning and why he was asking you for the car then?
- A. No.
- Q. And then --

MR. LOWELL: Hold on a second.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

### BY MR. WISE:

- Q. And were you surprised that he was reaching out to you in the middle of the night to get the car?
- A. To be honest, I don't remember any of this except that I remember that I exchanged -- we exchanged the car with my dad and he still seemed good and I was hopeful, the specifics of all these --
- Q. The next text, after asking Peter to bring to 57th and 5th, and I'll trade cars with him at 2:21, you asked him "right now?" With a question mark, right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And then you said "keys are with us at my apartment." Because he had asked you where the keys were, right?
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And then it looks like he didn't respond again;
- right?
- A. Yeah.

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- Q. All right. So did you try -- well, it is sort of the next day, but did you try then in the daytime on the 18th, just like you had done on the 17th to try to set up when you're going to get him this car back?
  - A. Yeah.
- Q. And so did you text him -- did you send him a text sort of in the afternoon on the 18th trying to do that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And again, were you unsuccessful in trying to set up a meeting with your father to get him the car back? Now on the 18th?
- A. I think they did exchange the car.
- Q. Well, if we go to the next page, did you send your father a series of texts where you told him that you were in Brooklyn, but that you could have Peter meet him and trade, then did you ask your father if he had seen Peter and did he ask if -- and did you ask if you would get to see him, in other words, your dad?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And was your dad's response no? This is on page 1719?
- A. I think he's saying no to did he call.
- Q. Your next message then is "so no see you?!"
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And then you said, it looks like you did sort of an

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- 12:34:51 1 unhappy face, and the next text?
- 12:34:56 2 Α. Are you asking?
  - 0. Yes.
    - Yes. Α.
      - And then the next one is "I'm really sorry, dad, I Q. can't take this." And then "I don't know what to say, I just miss you so much, I just want to hang out with you." Right?
    - Α. Yeah.
      - And then it looks like -- by this point it's about Q. 10 o'clock in the night on the 18th; right? And then your father says "I'm sorry, I have been so unreachable, it's not fair to you." And that's at 10:30 now on the 18th; right?
      - Uh-huh. Α.
      - Do you know why he had been so unreachable? Q.
      - Α. No.
      - Do you know what he had been doing on the 17th and Q. the 18th when you were trying to set up giving the car back to him?
      - I don't remember. Α.
      - Q. Did he tell you he was meeting with someone named Franky?
      - I don't remember. Α.
      - Did he tell you that he had Franky come to his hotel Q. room?

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- A. No. I don't remember.
- Q. I'm sorry, I didn't hear you?
- A. I don't remember.
- Q. Did he tell you he had given someone named Franky an access code to his Wells Fargo account?
- A. No.
- Q. And then I guess, it's now 10:40, 10:30, 10:45 on the 18th. Was it finally then on the 19th that you were able to arrange to meet your dad to get him the car?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And I think Mr. Lowell asked you this, and I want to pick up there. So -- or I don't know that he did ask you. When did you actually get the truck? If the 19th is when you gave it back to your father, when did you get it?

  A. Whenever we picked -- got Peter's stuff from his
- Q. Do you remember how many days -- do you remember how many days you had the truck?
  - A. No.

house in D.C.

- Q. All right. So you got it at some point, drove it up to New York, and then gave it back to your father on the 19th; right?
- A. I guess, yes.
- Q. Okay. I think Mr. Lowell asked you this, but you said when you got it, the condition it was in was, it was in

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- good condition, I think that's the phrase. So when you got
  it, did you see what I am going to refer to as drug remnants
  in the interior of the car?
  - A. No.
  - Q. Did you see drug paraphernalia in the interior of the car?
  - A. No.
  - Q. And this may seem like a strange question, but in the period of time that you had it, did you put any drug paraphernalia in the car?
  - A. No.
  - Q. Did you put any, it's going to seem like an even weirder question, but did you ever use drugs?
  - A. No.
  - Q. So you wouldn't have done anything that left any drug remnants in the truck, is that fair to say?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. And when you gave it back to your father on the 19th, there was no drug paraphernalia in it, right?
  - A. No.
  - Q. And there were no drug remnants in it, right? Is that right?
  - A. Yes, that's right.
  - Q. So if drug paraphernalia was later found in the car, that would had to have been put there after you gave it back

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to your father on the 19th; right?

MR. LOWELL: And the assumption is she doesn't know, it's the same thing they objected when I did that, judge.

THE COURT: Yes.

### BY MR. WISE:

- Q. Just to be clear, no drug paraphernalia in the car when you had it on the 19th, right?
- A. No.
- Q. And no drug remnants on the car when you had it on the 19th, right?
- A. No.
- Q. And that's when you gave it back to your father and he left with it, right?
- A. Yes.

MR. WISE: Nothing further, Your Honor. Thank you.

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#### BY MR. LOWELL:

Q. Naomi, almost done.

In the text that Mr. Wise showed you about what time of night, you didn't understand, or did you when he's in the middle of the night asking you whether he was asking you to drive in the middle of the night to exchange the car in the middle of the night or whenever?

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- A. Yes.
- Q. And when you were hard to see him in that period of time, didn't you tell him that that was part your fault because you were going to court, you were doing other things?
- A. Yes, I was doing an internship at the court house in Brooklyn, and it was like an hour commute.
- Q. Notwithstanding which day you were asked about, there is no confusion in your head that you had time to spend with your father while he was in New York, even if it's not in that one day that this exchange occurred, is that true?
- A. To the best of my recollection.
- Q. And there is no doubt in your mind when you left the truck off with him, the safe was intact?
- A. Yeah, there is no doubt.
- Q. And when you were asking -- when he was asking questions and you were talking about the years that you knew him and saw him, et cetera, you were saying when he was struggling, he was not communicative, you're not seeing him, right?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Is that what you meant?
- A. Yes.
- Q. But in October of '18, was he communicative?
- A. Yes.

12:41:34 1	Q. Were you seeing him?
12:41:36 2	A. Yes.
12:41:37 3	Q. Was that after you said you were proud of him?
12:41:40 4	A. Yes.
12:41:42 5	MR. LOWELL: That's all I have.
12:41:44 6	THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may step
12:41:48 7	down.
12:41:49 8	We are going to take our lunch break.
12:41:52 9	MR. LOWELL: Yes, ma'am.
12:41:53 10	THE COURT: We're going to take our lunch break
12:41:55 11	and come back in about an hour.
12:41:57 12	COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.
12:41:59 13	(Jury exiting the courtroom at 12:41 p.m.)
12:42:28 14	THE COURT: Very quick side-bar.
12:43:52 15	(Side-bar discussion.
12:43:52 16	THE COURT: I just want to make sure we're
12:43:52 17	candid about anything, it was in the courtroom and the juror
12:43:52 18	on the end.
12:43:52 19	MR. LOWELL: Back row.
12:43:52 20	THE COURT: Back row on the end, at one point it
12:43:52 21	was when you were waiting for Ms. Biden to come no, it
12:43:52 22	was after Mr. Turner testified, and he just pulled Mark over
12:43:52 23	and said, if the prosecutor, and Mark said, can't talk about
12:43:52 24	it. But that was I just wanted you to know so that there
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MR. LOWELL: Thank you for that.

MR. HINES: Thank you, Your Honor.

MR. LOWELL: See you after lunch.

(End of side-bar.)

COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.

(A luncheon recess was taken.)

THE COURT: All right. So I understand with timing and everything we're going to break for the day?

MR. LOWELL: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Normally -- everyone can sit down.

I would normally just allow the jury to go, but given that it's Friday, I just want to give them sort of an admonition of don't talk, don't listen, don't do anything, just because it's a weekend, if that's okay with you guys.

MR. LOWELL: What we are going to ask you to add, I heard it and it makes sense, it's not a surprise to the outside world that in the middle of this trial this week a few members of Congress decided to make news by making accusations against my client, that's not about this case, so the question is not to read anything --

THE COURT: Not just the case, but anybody involved in the case.

MR. LOWELL: Could you do that?

THE COURT: Yes, I'm happy to do that.

MR. HINES: Your Honor, just so I'm clear, at

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this point we understand that no more defense witnesses absent a decision by the defendant.

MR. LOWELL: We've decided not to call that witness regardless of the timing issue and that's fair to you, of course. But we have to make that other decision and do the other things. Okay.

THE COURT: There were two other potential ones.

MR. LOWELL: Again, because of the wonderful job that my colleague did, we don't need to call Dr. Coyer, we we are down to that last decision.

THE COURT: The last decision. And I do have jury instructions which I'll send out to you guys and let's plan to be here, can we do 8:15 on Monday?

MR. HINES: Yes. I just want to make clear that we are still considering whether we may do a rebuttal case in light of some of the information.

THE COURT: That's fine. I want to make sure we're ready to go to the extent --

MR. LOWELL: Assuming that there is only one potential witness, will you know with that decision will be made.

MR. HINES: I will know when you make the decision. If you tell me over the weekend I can let you know.

MR. LOWELL: We'll figure that out together.

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THE COURT: Let's bring the jury in, and hopefully they're back.

I'm just going to tell them that I have some things that I need to work out so that's why I'm letting them go.

(Jury entering the courtroom at 1:43 p.m.)

THE COURT: All right. Members of the jury, thanks for coming back. So everyone can be seated.

So we are starting to wrap up the evidence in this case. And that means that I have some things I need to take care of in terms of making sure I have the jury instructions that I am going to give to you ultimately when all the evidence is finished.

So in order for us to get that done in an efficient manner, what I am going to do is I am going to excuse you all early today so you can enjoy a long weekend, maybe get some warmth outside of this courtroom because I know it's crazy cold, but trust me, it's better than when it's hot because that's gross.

I wanted to bring you in before I did that so I can just remind you, it's going to be a weekend and you may be hanging out with your family, may be hanging out with friends and they might just be curious because you're on this jury. You really cannot talk with anyone. It's graduation season. You may be at a party or a barbecue.

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You may go to religious services where people want to talk about it or hear about it. You cannot be involved in that. Okay? And if you are, you have to get yourself out of it and you're going to have to tell us about it just so that we can ensure that nothing has been said that would affect your opinions because we just really want to make sure this is fair for everybody involved. Okay.

And so, I know you're not going to do any research on your own, but just I ask you don't look at anything about this case, and when I say this case, I mean any of the parties involved in it, anything that could possibly get you to a place where you might accidentally see something about this case.

All right. With that, I will wish you a very happy long weekend or longish weekend and a half a day.

Safe travels to you all and we'll see you here on Monday morning.

COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.

(Jury exiting the courtroom at 1:45 p.m.)

THE COURT: All right. Anything we need to

discuss?

MR. HINES: Did you say 8:15 Monday?

THE COURT: 8:15, does that work for everybody.

MR. HINES: Yes.

THE COURT: 8:15. Have a good weekend.

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COURTROOM DEPUTY: Court is adjourned.

(Court adjourned at 1:46 p.m.)

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript from my stenographic notes in the proceeding.

/s/ Dale C. Hawkins
Official Court Reporter
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