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VS. : AT NORWICH - GA 21
JULIE AMERO : JANUARY 4, 2007

BEFORE:

THE HONORABLE HILLARY B. STRACKBEIN, JUDGE,

AND JURY OF SIX

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1 THE COURT: Good morning. Any preliminary
2 issues before we bring out the jury?

3 MR. COCHEO: I have an objection, Your Honor,
4 to the size of the photos that the prosecution
5 intends to show the jury. My claim is that it
6 will be highly prejudicial to the jury to see these
7 large photos of these sexually explicit allegations
8 on the screen.

9 MR. SMITH: Clearly, it will be prejudicial,
10 that is the whole point of showing the pictures,
11 although it is not excessively prejudicial. I
12 think it's informative to the jury. I don't think
13 they are highly large size. They are clearly not
14 excessively large. It is easier for the jury to
15 see, and I think the state is allowed to present
16 its evidence as it sees fit to communicate to the
17 jury.

18 THE COURT: I will overrule your objection,
19 Mr. Cocheo. It's an element of the crimes charged
20 and the state has a right to its proof. I believe
21 it's going to be through the overhead projector.

22 MR. SMITH: It will come through the computer,
23 through the projector up across the courtroom away
24 from the jurors, and it's large enough so they will
25 be able to see it. But well below --. I do not
26 believe it will be excessively large.

1 THE COURT: I will overrule your objection
2 right now, but if it appears to be an excessively
3 large picture, you can again, we will take it up'
4 at that time.

5 MR. COCHEO: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: At this point, I believe the state
7 has a right to present it to the jury.

8 Any other matters?

9 MR. SMITH: No, Your Honor.

10 (Jury enters)

11 THE COURT: Good morning, everyone.

12 The state will proceed with the witnesses,
13 and we'll try to go through as much as we can by
14 1:00 o'clock, at which time you will be released for
15 the day to start again tomorrow morning.

16 MR. SMITH: Mark Lounsbury.

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1 M A R K L O U N S B U R Y , [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] , having been called as a witness on
3 behalf of the state, after having been duly sworn by the
4 clerk, was examined and testified as follows:

5 **DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SMITH:**

6 Q Mr. Lounsbury, I will ask you a few questions. I
7 will ask you to speak up. That microphone doesn't amplify,
8 it's not even on today.

9 When you make a response, I will ask you to direct
10 it to the jury.

11 How are you currently employed?

12 A I'm employed with the Norwich Police Department. I
13 work in the detective division. I am a crime prevention
14 officer, the computer crimes officer.

15 Q It kind of leads to the question, you are engaged in
16 investigating computer crimes specifically?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q And part of your job duties, does it entail
19 investigating computer crimes of a pornographic nature?

20 A I investigate crimes of a pornographic nature, yes,
21 sir.

22 Q Computer crimes specifically of a pornographic
23 nature?

24 A Yes.

25 Q How long have you been a police officer?

26 A Almost eighteen years now.

27 Q How long have you been involved in the investigation

1 of computer crimes?

2 A Approximately seven years.

3 Q And do you have any training and experience
4 specifically in investigating computer crimes?

5 A Yes, I do.

6 Q Let me draw your attention to a specific computer in
7 question that was allegedly used at Kelly Middle School on
8 October 19th, 2004. Are you familiar with that computer?

9 A Yes, I am.

10 Q And have you had an opportunity to look at that
11 computer?

12 A Yes, I have.

13 Q And where did you physically get that computer from?

14 A That computer was stored in our department's
15 evidence storage. I retrieved it from the evidence
16 officer, Sergeant Mollis, who maintains custody of the
17 evidence.

18 Q And you were able to identify that computer as the
19 computer that was used at the Kelly Middle School on
20 October 19th, 2004, is that correct?

21 A Yes, I was.

22 Q When you retrieved that computer, did you do
23 anything physically to that computer to get it ready to
24 examine?

25 A Yes. I had to replace the floppy drive.

26 Q And just quickly, how did you do that?

27 A You open the case up. There are two cables. There

1 is a power cable and a data cable, The old floppy drive
2 wasn't working, so I removed those cables. I took a new
3 floppy drive and powered it up and attached a data cable.

4 Q Approximately how long had that computer been in
5 storage prior to your accessing it?

6 A Over two years..

7 Q And had that computer been plugged in to your
8 knowledge or powered up in any way in that time frame?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q So this is the first access that you know of since
11 that computer was taken in custody from the Kelly Middle
12 School?

13 A The entire Computer, yes.

14 Q Okay. And prior to that, had you specifically had
15 any access with this computer?

16 A Yes. With the computer I had.

17 Q Okay. And prior to this last examination you did,
18 what access did you have with this computer?

19 A I had to provide the defense with originally the --
20 the order was to provide the with the evidence which would
21 have been the computer or hard drive itself. And in order
22 to do that, I had to create a copy of the hard drive, which
23 has all the information which is located inside the
24 original computer. So the hard drive was removed from the
25 computer. It was placed in a sterile environment, which is
26 another computer with its own operating system, no other
27 software installed. I obtained a new hard drive from the

1 defense representative and made a copy of that drive so
2 that they could have the evidence in that fashion.

3 Q Other than that access, to your knowledge has that
4 hard drive on the computer in question been accessed?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Prior to you accessing it to gather information for
7 this case?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q At some point, you had this computer powered up,
10 correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And you were in the process of conducting a forensic
13 examination of the hard drive, is that correct?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Could you tell the jury what you did in order to
16 begin this investigation.

17 A I utilized a program known as Computer Cop Pro.
18 It's an examination software. What it does is it examines
19 the hard drive for stuff that I tell it to look for. In
20 this case, I told it to look for things that are associated
21 with the Internet and web pages. So pictures that are
22 commonly used are known as GIFs and JPGs and variations of
23 JPGs.

24 Also, I instructed it to search for certain types of
25 words, and again, in the Internet there is not your words
26 as we know them there, it's HTML, which is a language.
27 HTML, rich text format, TXT's, and I told it to search .

specifically for them, and then there were specific words that are utilized that give you the most information with that group of words looking for pornnographic-type stuff.

Q And once you began that, did you actually begin your forensic examination, did you actually do this?

A Yes.

Q And specifically, how did you actually do the forensic examination?

A The software is on a CD, it runs off the CD. Once I tell it what to look for, I have to tell it where to look, and I told it to look at the hard drive on that computer. The program runs through and looks for all the information, and when it's done, it gives me a complete report, it gives me an audit trail and gives me the evidence it located.

Q And did you actually locate any information on this computer?

A Yes, I did.

Q And what type of information - without going into specifics, what type of information did you locate on this computer?

A In the picture search, there was a number of pictures in the form of JPGs and GIFs which are from web pages. Also, in the word search related to language of the web, there were a number of web page html documents that included the words I was searching for related to pornogzaphy.

Q And the words are related to pornography, correct?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And once -- Did you find any images that you
3 considered of evidence?

4 A Yes.

5 Q What did you do once you found this information?

6 A The program again allows me to view the evidence,
7 the stuff it found, and then if it is of value, say it's
8 pornography or related to pornography, the software gives
9 me the option to save it. And the reason I had to change
10 the floppy drive on the computer is because it saves it to
11 the floppy drive.

12 Q Did you, in fact, save that information off the hard
13 drive from the computer in question onto a floppy?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 Q What did you do then?

16 A Upon completion of the examination, there is an
17 associated program that is located on my computer which is
18 a Case Manager program. I take the floppy -- two floppies
19 were needed in this case, and the information is then
20 inputted to the Case Manager on my computer. From the Case
21 Manager, I can then produce reports, export the
22 information, create CDs to share.

23 Q And did you do that?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 Q And then what happened next?

26 A That was pretty much about it.

27 Q Did you actually transfer information over to that

1 secured computer?

2 A My terminal with the Case Manager software **has** the
examination results on the computer.

 Q Once that was done -- Let me make sure I've got this
-- Once that was done, did you provide **that** information in
any hard form copy?

 A Yes, I did.

 Q How did you do that?

 A I printed out the report -- there was a lot of
10 **information**, hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of pages of
11 stuff. I printed up a report. I printed out the **websites**,
12 the web pages that were identified as being visited. It
13 gives a complete history, and I printed out the suspect
14 images, and I **printed out** the suspect **html** information, **web**
15 **page** information.

16 Q Did you print this out on the hard copy, meaning a
17 paper copy?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Did you also download **any** of the **images** or **transfer**
20 any images in a digital form?

21 A **Again**, I exported the case, and then once I **exported**
22 the case outside **of** the software, I then made a copy of the
23 case on a CD.

24 Q **On** a CD-ROM?

25 A Yes.

26 MR. SMITH: May I approach the witness, **Your**
27 **Honor?**

1 THE COURT: Yes.

2 MR. SMITH CONTINUING:

3 Q I'm going to show you what has been premarked as
4 State's Exhibit Number 4 for Identification purposes, and
5 also State's Exhibit 5 for Identification purposes.
6 Without telling us what is in those various exhibits, can
7 you please tell us what they are.

8 A This is a hard copy of the case search. It includes
9 the cover, it gives the information of what I searched for
10 and what was sent. It also includes the log.

11 Q It's not telling you what's in it?

12 A This is the hard copy, and this is a copy of the
13 export.

14 Q That is a digital copy of the export?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Have you had a chance to go over that information?

17 A Briefly, yes.

18 Q And that is information -- you provided that
19 information, as a matter of fact, to the state's attorney's
20 office, correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q To your knowledge, is the information on the paper
23 hard copy and also the digital copy an exact copy of what
24 was on the hard drive of the computer from Kelly Middle
25 School?

26 A Yes, sir.

27 MR. SMITH: At this point, we would ask that

1 the two exhibits be admitted as full exhibits.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Cocheo?

3 MR. COCHEO: No objection.

4 THE COURT: Without objection, they will both
5 be full exhibits.

6 (Whereupon State's Exhibits 4 and 5 are marked
7 as full exhibits)

8 MR. SMITH: At this point, I ask for
9 permission to publish, not necessarily all, but some
10 of the images in the information to the jury.

11 THE COURT: Any objection?

12 MR. COCHEO: Well, my objection stands, Your
13 Honor.

14 THE COURT: Your original objection?

15 MR. COCHEO: Yes.

16 THE COURT: That was overruled. Yes. You may
17 publish. You don't need to leave them up.

18 MR. SMITH: I will not, Your Honor.

19 MR. SMITH CONTINUING:

20 Q I am showing you on the screen that is being
21 projected right now the image from the computer. This is
22 for the record, obviously. There is a window that has, and
23 one of the indications are files currently on the CD. Is
24 that correct?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And just below that I believe there is a file that
27 is still on there, could you please read that file, the

1 name of that file.

2 A The folder is Kelly Middle School, 04-5212-05.

3 Q And that number correlates to what?

4 A The case investigation.

5 Q Concerning specifically information provided or
6 taken off of the computer, correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q The computer in question I should say.

9 A The case file folder.

10 (Shown on screen)

11 Q These are some of the images taken from that
12 computer, correct?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q And what I'm going to do, I'm going to put the
15 images up, a few of the images, I'm just going to ask you
16 if the images that are being portrayed here for the jury
17 are the images you took directly off of that computer that
18 was in use in question. Okay?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. Is this one of the images that was taken off
21 of the computer in question?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Is this one of the images that was taken off the
24 computer in question?

25 A Yes.

26 Q Is this one of the images that was taken off the
27 computer in question?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Is this one of the images that was taken off the
3 computex in question?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Is this the image that was taken off the computer in
6 question?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Is this the image that was taken off the computer in
9 question?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Are these two of the images that were taken off the
12 computer in question?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Is this an image, two images taken off the computer
15 in question?

16 A Yes.

17 Q The image was taken off the computer in question?

18 a Yes.

19 Q An image taken off the computer in question?

20 A Yes.

21 Q I believe that is enough at this point.

22 Now, in addition to the various images, were there
23 actual web pages actually taken off the computer in
24 question?

25 A Yes. That is the html document.

26 Q And those web pages, do you recall what they related
27 to?

1 A I recall they were related to adult sexual nature.
2 There were some sites related to pornography, et cetera.

3 Q Of an adult sexual nature?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And let me bring up a couple of those pages. This
6 is one of the web pages that was stored on the computer
7 from October 19th, 2004?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And obviously brought over to the digital form,
10 correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q This is a page specifically to adult sexual
13 information, correct?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q I'm going to ask you, do you see that open space
16 there with the red X on top?

17 A Yes.

18 Q I will ask you to keep this in mind as I ask this
19 question. How are web pages put together?

20 A It's a bit complicated. You start with the html,
21 which is a language of web pages. You include a number of
22 other things. The person who built the web page would
23 include pictures, usually JPGs, GIFs. They can include
24 animated JPGs and GIFs, and one of those was animated.
25 Like when you take a stick figure and make it change a
26 little bit on a piece of paper and flip through, it is
27 animated. You add Javascript, which allows for a lot of

1 other stuff including pop-ups, at cetera. And when it's
2 all said and done, you have your finished product, your web
3 page.

4 Q In relation to this page we are looking at here,
5 which is one of the adult websites, that blanked out area
6 with the X there, what type of information, what type of
7 things would be put into that blank spot?

8 A There would be an image, a JPG, GIF-type pictures.

9 Q When you download the information, when you separate
10 it, would the images that we showed and what you separated,
11 separated from the actual web pages that were shown here?

12 A What happened is the program specifically looks for
13 the specific pictures and takes those separate from the
14 page. What we are doing is reviewing the page, we are not
15 reviewing the page built*. But the pictures aren't there
16 because you are blocking them. Two, you are not online,
17 and that is the information that the person built into
18 their web page. They updated, changed pictures, add more
19 pictures.

20 Q The images that we just viewed, that you downloaded,
21 those would be imbedded in this or other web pages that you
22 also downloaded?

23 A They would come from the web pages, yes.

24 Q Okay. And that is another page taken from that
25 computer on the day in question?

26 A Yes.

27 Q This page also deals with sexual contents, correct?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Without going through all of them, I believe you
3 have several pages that you downloaded or transferred from
4 your hard drive, correct?

5 A They were, yes.

6 Q And the several pages that you transferred over from
7 the hard drive, correct?

8 A They were, yes.

9 Q And the several pages that you transferred over EX—
10 &@ hard drive, you got obviously by putting in those code
11 parameters, correct?

12 A Those were the word search parameters.

13 Q And for the record, I want to ask you for the word
14 search parameters, specifically the words that you used to
15 retain your parameters for pulling up not only the
16 photographs but also the web pages.

17 A The word search parameter was specifically for the
18 word search related to the text types. And the reason it
19 is used is because it pulls up the most objectionable
20 material or sexually-related material, and the words are --
21 and I didn't make them up, are cum, pussy, cum suck a&
22 wet.

23 Q And you used those and those went through the
24 computer to pull up the specific web pages, correct?

25 A Those words are used for the search so that while it
26 searches through the pages, it seized those words in the
27 pages and adds them to the evidence list.

1 Q Okay. Were you able to go through the report and
2 correlate the times that those web pages were accessed and
3 created on the computer originally?

4 A That information is included by the software.
5 software takes the date, time tag associated with the
6 images and with the documents and includes that.

7 Q When you print up the report, is that time and date
8 stamp made available on the printed hard copy?

9 A Yes.

10 Q I'm going to pick a picture at random off the
11 information that has already been admitted as a full
12 exhibit.

13 MR. COCHEO: No objection.

14 MR. SMITH CONTINUING:

15 Q I will ask you to look at this and read out where on
16 this report it would indicate that the image was initially
17 created?

18 A In the report, it shows the created date and time
19 and it gives it for this particular image to be October
20 19th, 2004 at 10:11:32 a.m.

21 Q That is when that specific image was created?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Are there any other numbers on this page?

24 A Yes. There is modified and access times.

25 Q What does the modification number indicate?

26 A Modification number usually is associated with the
27 website, server, picture on the server, when was that last

1 modified. The last access time was when was this image
2 last looked at.

3 Q And there is another number you have on there?

4 A There is an MD5 signature.

5 Q What's that?

6 A That tells you that the image has not been tampered
7 with. It's a unique hexi-decimal number which identifies
8 the picture has not been changed in any way.

9 Q And that is information provided on all of the
10 images that were downloaded directly from this computer in
11 question?

12 A Yes.

13 Q I want to put this up, and I think the jury can see
14 that.

15 You indicated that: the created date and time is the
16 time that this image was initially created, or I should say
17 placed on the hard drive, correct?

18 A Created on the local computer.

19 Q How would that image have been created on the local
20 computer?

21 A What happens specifically with the browser Internet
22 Explorer, it actually loads part of the web page onto a
23 temporary folder. The reason it does that is to make
24 surfing quicker. In the old days, the Internet was slow
25 and it would download the pictures and allow stuff right to
26 your hard drive. When you go back to the page, you don't
27 have to go back to the web server and have to download

1 everything again. That stuff is there and it just adds it
2 to make the faster surfing.

3 Q You also spoke of the last modified date. This time
4 is a little different, but that refers to the server. You
5 are not talking about the server on the school system, are
6 you?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Are you talking about the server that could possibly
9 be out of state or wherever these actual images are located
10 before it's transferred?

11 A Yes. The server that is serving that web page.

12 MR. SMITH: No further questions, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Cross examination.

14 MR. COCHEO: I would request a very short
15 recess, if I may. I need to consult with my
16 expert.

17 THE COURT: All right. Five minutes, because
18 you had time for preparation before. I will ask you
19 to leave. I would like to say we'll be a five-
20 minute recess. We are on time constraints. If the
21 jury can go out for a five-minute break.

22 (Recess taken)

23 (Jury returns)

24 THE COURT: I will remind you that you are
25 still under oath.

26 Cross examination, Mr. Cocheo.

27 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. COCHEO:

1 Q Detective, in your search, why didn't you examine
2 the whole hard drive?

3 A The whole hard drive was examined.

4 Q It was examined?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Using a desk editor utility, did you examine the
7 whole hard drive?

8 A The entire hard drive was searched under the
9 parameters that are in my report. The entire hard drive
10 was searched, based on those parameters with that
11 particular software which is -- there is other software I
12 can't use. It's not at my disposal.

13 Q Did you examine the hard drive for spy ware, ad
14 ware, viruses or parasites?

15 A No, I didn't.

16 MR. COCHERO: Thank you. Nothing further,

17 Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Any redirect?

19 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BP MR. SMITH:

20 Q You said you did examine the whole hard drive with
21 the software you were using.

22 A Yes.

23 Q When you user that software you were using to
24 examine the hard drive, I believe you showed the
25 photographs you showed on the digital hard copy you made,
26 were those all of the images that were found when you
27 examined it with your software?

1 A No.

2 Q This was a **sampling of** the images?

3 A Those images were of **evidentiary** value, **the other**
4 **ones weren't.**

5 Q Now, if you go through the disk which **showed some of**
6 **the images** and also on the hard copy, are there **different**
7 **images** on the hard copy than on the digital copy?

8 A They are the same **images.**

9 Q And the images on the hard copy were the **images** you
10 **used to extract the information** from the **hard** drive,
11 **correct?**

12 Excuse me, I **didn't** say that correctly. The images
13 **on the paper hard copy are** images you got by extracting **the**
14 **information off the hard drive** with the soft ware you **used,**
15 **correct?**

16 A Yes.

17 Q And to your knowledge, does the software you **used** in
18 any way change the **information on** the hard drive?

19 A No, it **doesn't.**

20 MR. SMITH: Thank you.

21 THE COURT: Anything based on that?

22 RECROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. COCHEO:

23 Q **Detective,** what about the **dates other than the 19th,**
24 **the web site** access?

25 MR. SMITH: Objection, **beyond the scope.**

26 THE COURT: What **are you** asking? Are **you**
27 asking was there **other** pornography on other **dates?**

1 MR. COCHEO: Exactly, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Can you answer, if **you** know?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes. We went through, included
4 in **the** report is a history of **websites** visited. The
5 earliest was in 1999. There was a break, and then
6 there was a continuation of **website** visited on
7 through October 19th, all the way to October 26th
8 was the last date.

9 Going back prior to October 19th, I found no
10 pornographic **websites** visited. On the 19th, there
11 were a number of pornographic **websites** visited, then
12 on the 20th, there were two instances of
13 pornographic **websites** visited, Those two **sites**
14 were two of the **same** sites visited on the 19th.

15 THE COURT: Thank you.

16 MR. COCHEO: Nothing further.

17 THE COURT: Anything **further**?

18 MR. SMITH: No further questions.

19 THE COURT: Thank **you** so much.

20 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Ronor.

21 MR. SMITH: At this point, the state would
22 call [REDACTED]

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2 having been called as a witness on behalf of the state,
3 after having been duly sworn by the clerk, was examined and
4 testified as follows:

5 THE COURT: You may proceed.

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SMITH:

7 Q You said you are [REDACTED]

8 A Yes.

9 Q Did you have a name prior to that?

10 A Yes, [REDACTED]

11 Q I'll call you , because that's
12 how I identified you earlier on. Okay.

13 A Yes.

14 Q How old are you currently?

15 A What?

16 Q How old are you?

17 A Fifteen.

18 Q I will ask you a few questions, and I will ask that
19 you answer out loud. And if you can, if you can direct
20 your answers to the jury.

21 A All right.

22 Q You're fifteen years old currently?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And you live in Norwich?

25 A Yes.

26 Q And how long have you lived in Norwich?

27 A My entire life.

1 Q Fifteen years?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did you go to the Norwich school system your entire
4 life?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Did you attend Kelly Middle School?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. Were you a student at Kelly Middle School in
9 2004?

10 A Yes, I was.

11 Q Let me draw your attention to October of 2004.
12 Okay?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you remember a teacher at Kelly Middle School
15 named Mr. Napp?

16 A Yes.

17 Q How do you know Mr. Napp?

18 A He was my language arts teacher.

19 Q Okay. And were you a student of Mr. Napp's in
20 October of 2004?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you recall on or about October 19th, 2004, you
23 being in Mr. Napp's classroom and there being a substitute
24 teacher?

25 A Yes.

26 Q Did anything occur, without telling us what it was,
27 did anything occur on that date that caused you to remember

1 that day specifically?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. You said there was a substitute teacher,
4 correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you remember if that substitute teacher was a
7 male or female?

8 A She was a female.

9 Q If you had an opportunity to look around the room,
10 do you think you might be able to identify that person?

11 A Not in the slightest.

12 Q I understand. It was a couple years ago.

13 Q Yes.

14 A Do you remember the incidences that happened on that
15 day?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And you went to the room for class, correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Other kids in the classroom?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What happened? First off, let me ask you this, the
22 substitute teacher when you were in the class, where was
23 the substitute teacher?

24 A Up at the desk being at her computer.

25 Q The teacher's computer, correct?

26 A Yes.

27 Q When you say her, you're meaning the teacher's.

1 computer?

2 A Yes.

3 Q That would be Mr. Napp's computer that she was
4 using?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Where were you sitting in the classroom?

7 A Way in the back.

8 Q From where you were sitting, could you see the
9 computer?

10 A Not the monitor or anything, but yea, I could see.

11 Q You could see the physical computer?

12 A Yes.

13 Q But you could not see the monitor?

14 A No.

15 Q At any point, did you notice her getting up --
16 strike that.

17 During the course of that class, it was a class
18 period, correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Forty-five minutes?

21 A Fifty minutes.

22 Q Okay. What was the substitute teacher doing?

23 A She was just sitting at the computer. We all were
24 working on projects for the class, and we didn't really, we
25 just kind of kept to -- sat in our little groups and did
26 our projects.

27 Q When you initially got there, did this substitute

1 teacher indicate to you that you had to do a certain
2 something?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Some class work, right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Some type of class work. And after that: did she
7 interact with you anymore?

8 A No.

9 Q And where was she during the class period?

10 A Just up at the computer.

11 Q For the whole class period?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Were you able to see anything she was doing on the
14 computer?

15 A No.

16 Q Okay. Now, during that whole class period, did you
17 see any other kids go up to the computer and use the
18 computer?

19 a No.

20 Q Did you see any kids have access to the computer?

21 A Not that exact computer. There are computers for
22 the students, and there was one computer which in the
23 teacher's.

24 Q To your knowledge during the course of that
25 classroom, no other kids used the computer, correct?

26 A No other kids used the computer.

27 Q Did you see anything where another kid in your

1 class, something happen with that other kid and the
2 teacher?

3 A Yes.

4 Q What did you see? First off, who was that other
5 kid?

6 A My friend [REDACTED].

7 Q What's his last name?

8 A [REDACTED].

9 Q What happened with [REDACTED]

10 A He went up to the computer -- I just witnessed this
11 from the back of the room -- he walked up to the computer.

12 Q The computer, which computer?

13 A The teacher's computer.

14 Q What happened?

15 A And he kind of looked over her shoulder to see what
16 exactly she was looking at, and she shoved his face away.

17 Q Okay. And then what happened after that?

18 A He kind of like ran to the back of the room and was
19 a little quiet. He's normally a talkative kid, but he was
20 quiet for the rest of the class.

21 Q You newer actually saw what was on the computer, did
22 you?

23 A No.

24 Q Later on in the class, were there any rumors
25 floating around the school as to what was going on in that
26 class?

27 A Yes.

1 Q Were these **rumors** related to what **was** being viewed
2 by the teacher?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Did these rumors start on the **same day as** the
5 incident happened?

6 A Yes.

7 MR. COCCEO: Objection, Your Honor, hearsay.

8 MR. SMITH: I'm not asking for the substance
9 of the **rumors**.

10 THE COURT: The question was **any** rumors
11 started, that would mean who heard these rumors?

12 THE WITNESS: **Yes**.

13 **THE** COURT: I will allow **it**. Overruled.
14 Go ahead.

15 MR. SMITH: No **further** questions. **Thank** you.

16 **CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. COCCEO:**

17 Q So you were sitting in an area way back in the room,
18 correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And you **could** not **see** the monitor, what the **teaches**
21 **was** viewing.

22 A **No**.

23 MR. COCCEO: **No** further questions, **Your Honor**.

24 MR. SMITH: **No** further questions.

25 THE COURT: Thank **you** for **coming** in. You **axe**
26 all set.

1 [REDACTED], Norwich,
2 Connecticut, called as a witness on behalf of the state,
3 was examined and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SMITH:

5 Q [REDACTED], how old are you?

6 A I'm fourteen.

7 Q And I am going to ask you a few questions. I'm
8 going to ask you to speak up, which you don't have a
9 problem with.

10 A Yes.

11 Q I will ask you to direct this information to the
12 jury.

13 A Yes.

14 Q What is your date of birth, by the way?

15 A May 30th, 1992.

16 Q And are you from Norwich originally?

17 A No. I was born in Brooklyn, New York.

18 Q New York?

19 A Yes.

20 Q At some point, you moved to Connecticut, correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q How old were you when you moved here?

23 A Six.

24 Q Did you ever go to school in the Norwich Public
25 School system?

26 A Yes.

27 Q Where do you go to school now?

1 A I go to NFA.

2 Q Okay. And did you go to Kelly Middle School?

3 A Uh-huh.

4 Q Were you a student at the Kelly Middle School in
5 Qctobes of 2004?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Hbw old were you then?

8 A I was twelve. Yes, twelve.

9 Q Twelve years old?

10 A Yes.

11 Q When you were a student there, do you remember a
12 teacher named Mr. Napp?

13 A Yes.

14 Q How do you know Mr. Napp?

15 A I remember him from my English class, and he was my
16 basketball coach last year.

17 Q Last year also?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. Now, when you were a student --. You said
20 you were a student, correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q In the Kelly Middle School?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And do you remember being a student af his in
25 October of 2004?

26 A Yes.

27 Q Do you remember at some point there being a

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4 testified as follows:

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6 Q [REDACTED], how old are you?

7 A Fifteen.

8 Q Fifteen. You live in Norwich?

9 A Yes.

10 Q How long have you lived in Norwich?

11 A Seven, eight years.

12 Q Seven, eight years. Okay. Are you from Connecticut
13 originally?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. Do you currently go to the Norwich school
16 system?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Did you go to Kelly Middle School?

19 A Yes.

20 Q How old are you now?

21 A Fifteen.

22 Q How old were you when you went to Kelly?

23 A Twelve, thirteen.

24 Q Okay. And do you remember having a teacher called
25 Mr. Napp?

26 A Yes.

27 Q How do you remember Mr. Napp?

1 A He was my language arts teacher, he was one of my
2 favorites.

3 Q Okay. And do you recall at some point having -
4 first off, were you a student of his in October of 2004?

5 A Yes.

6 Q I'm going to ask you to speak up.

7 A Yes.

8 Q And talk to the jury. Okay?

9 A All right.

10 Q I tend to speak fast. If we both speak fast, it
11 will be hard to understand. I will try to slow down, if
12 you will.

13 Were you a student of Mr. Napp's in October of 2004,
14 correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do you recall at some point on or about October
17 19th, 2004, there being a substitute teacher in that
18 classroom?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And was that substitute teacher a female or a male?

21 A A female.

22 Q If I ask you to look around the room and see if you
23 could identify that person, do you think you would be able
24 to?

25 A No.

26 Q I understand, it was two years ago. But even if you
27 can't identify that person, do you recall the incidences of?

1 what happened, do you recall what happened on that day?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. And why do you recall, without telling us
4 what happened yet, why do you recall that? What makes it
5 stand out in your head?

6 A Because there was something I wouldn't expect a
7 teacher to see or look at.

8 Q Okay. Did you walk into the classroom, you went
9 into the classroom, correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Your regular classroom, Mr. Napp's classroom?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Were there other kids in the classroom?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Where did you sit in relation to, let's say, the
16 teacher's desk?

17 A Well, I am in the back of the room. There were
18 basically three ahead of me.

19 Q And from where you are sitting, can you see the
20 computer that the teacher uses?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And is there a different computer that the teacher
23 uses from the students?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And you were sitting at your desk, and you could see
26 the screen on the computer while you were sitting there?

27 A No.

1 Q At **some** point, did **something** interesting happen
2 specifically to you in that class?

3 A **Yes.**

4 Q Okay. Tell the jury what **happened.**

5 A **Well,** I walked up to the desk to ask **the** teacher to
6 help me with my work, **and** I looked at the screen **and it was**
7 two naked **ladies** on there, and she told **me not** to look and
8 pushed my **face** away.

9 Q Where was the teacher, substitute teacher sitting
10 when you went up to the screen?

11 A At the desk.

12 Q At **the desk** or at the computer **desk?**

13 A At the **computer** desk facing the computer.

14 Q Was she actually **engaged** in a **computer** at **this point:**
15 **in time?**

16 A **Yes.**

17 Q **And are the images,** I will go back, I **was** getting
18 more specific on **the images.** You saw these images on **the**
19 screen of the **computer?**

20 A **Yes.**

21 Q Is that the **screen** that the substitute teacher **was**
22 looking at?

23 A **Yes.**

24 Q As best you can describe, what type of **images** were
25 they?

26 A Two ladies, no **clothes** on.

27 Q Okay.

1 A And they were cartoon.

2 Q They were animated or there was animation involved
3 in the pictures?

4 A They were cartoon pictures of girls.

5 Q What did you **see** of the women, their animated
6 figures, did you see their entire bodies?

7 A On **one**, I only saw the upper part **and** on the other
8 girl, I saw everything.

9 Q **Okay.** When you say upper part, what **do you mean by**
10 that?

11 A Her head, from like hex belly up. No clothes on or
12 anything.

13 Q Nude breasts?

14 A Yes.

15 Q **And** on the second figure, you saw the **whole body**,
16 correct?

17 A Everything.

18 Q The breasts?

19 A **Yes.**

20 Q **And the other private parts?**

21 A Yes.

22 Q And at **some** point, you said she touched you?

23 A Yes.

24 Q **Hw** did that happen?

25 A **Well**, she told **me** not to **look**, and she pushed my
26 face away.

27 Q **Mw** did **she** push you away?

1 A Took her hand and just pushed my face like.

2 (Indicating)

3 Q Softly? Hard?

4 A She probably hit me harder than she thought it was
5 because it hurt a little bit.

6 Q What did you do?

7 A I went and sat down.

8 Q Okay. After this incident happened in the classroom
9 or outside the classroom, did you hear any discussions
10 between the students or anybody else concerning this whole
11 thing?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did you start hearing these discussions on the same
14 day this incident happened to you?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. Now, while you were in the classroom, do you
17 recall seeing -- did you see any other person use the
18 computer except for this substitute teacher?

19 A No.

20 MR. SMITH: Okay. No further questions.

21 THE COURT: . Cocheo.

22 MR. COCHEO: Thank you.

23 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. COCHEO:

24 Q Good afternoon, [REDACTED].

25 A Good afternoon. How are you?

26 Q Good, thanks.

27 You discussed this matter with a lot of your fellow

1 students, right?

2 A Yes.

3 Q I'm going to show you a document and ask you if this
4 is your signature on here.

5 A Yes.

6 Q Is the writing above your writing?

7 A No. It's the police officer's.

8 Q The police officer. Okay.

9 Approximately how many other students did you
10 discuss this matter with?

11 A Probably at the time all my friends, probably like
12 six, seven.

13 Q Let me ask you this, [REDACTED], do you think
14 that some of the information that is in the documents is
15 the result of your discussions with other students?

16 A No. That is what I saw.

17 Q And once again, how many students did you discuss it
18 with?

19 A Six or seven.

20 MR. COCHEO: Okay. Nothing further, Your
21 Honor.

22 MR. SMITH: No further questions.

23 THE COURT: You are all set. Thanks for
24 coming in.

25 MR. SMITH: My next witness is [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED].

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4 examined and testified as follows:

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6 Q [REDACTED], how do you pronounce your last
7 name?

8 A [REDACTED].

9 Q [REDACTED], I'm going to ask you a few
10 questions, and I'm going to ask you to keep your voice up.

11 A Right.

12 Q We are taking your dictation. And I'm going to ask
13 you to speak to the jury when you give an answer.

14 A Okay.

15 Q How old are you?

16 A Fifteen.

17 Q And where, you live in Norwich currently?

18 A Norwich, yes.

19 Q **Are** you from Norwich originally?

20 A No.

21 Q When did you move here?

22 A Seven, eight years ago

23 Q Eight years ago. You go to the Norwich school
24 system?

25 A Yes, I do.

26 Q And did you go to Kelly Middle School at some point?

27 A Yes.

1 Q How old were you when you were at the Kelly Middle
2 School?

3 A Twelve.

4 Q Specifically, in October of 2004, were you twelve
5 years old?

6 A Yes. Twelve or thirteen.

7 Q Twelve or thirteen.

8 Do you remember a teacher named Mr. Napp?

9 A Yes, I do.

10 Q And how do you know Mr. Napp?

11 A He was my LA teacher.

12 Q LA is what?

13 A English.

14 Q Language arts?

15 A Yes, language arts.

16 Q Do you recall being a student of his on or about
17 October 19th, 2004?

18 A Yes, I do.

19 Q Do you remember that day there being a substitute
20 teacher in the room?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you remember if that substitute teacher was a
23 male or female?

24 A It was a female.

25 Q If I ask you to look around the room, do you think
26 you could identify that person in the room?

27 a No.

1 Q But you recall it was a **female** substitute teacher?

2 A Yes, I do.

3 Q On that school day, October **19th**, on or about that
4 date, do you recall anything of interest happening?

5 A Yes.

6 Q What do you recall happening on that day?

7 A Well, we were doing a project in class, and I had to
8 print it because I was done and it was due tomorrow. So I
9 walked up to go print it, and she threw her body in front
10 of the computer and told me to sit down, which then I saw

11
12 Q I will stop you. Which computer did she do that?

13 A Her computer.

14 Q The teacher's computer?

15 A Yes. The teacher's computer.

16 Q When you say she threw her body, what do you mean,
17 she threw her body in front?

18 A The computer is facing this way, slanted a little
19 bit, and she threw her body in front to try to block it.

20 (Indicating)

21 Q Were you able to see past her?

22 A Yes, I was.

23 Q What did you see on that computer screen?

24 A Women in lingerie.

25 Q Okay. Real people?

26 A Real people, yes.

27 Q And how were they standing in lingerie?

1 A Just like posing.

2 Q And could you see their whole bodies?

3 A Well, she was in the way, but yes, I could see, yes.

4 Q And how many images did you see?

5 A Like two or three.

6 Q Were they all women?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And as you say posing, were they all posing in
9 different lingerie?

10 A Yes.

11 Q I don't know if you know this, what type of
12 lingerie; was it full lingerie that was covering
13 everything?

14 A No.

15 Q What kind?

16 A It was --

17 Q Was their whole body covered?

18 A No.

19 Q Was it skimpy?

20 A Yes, skimpy, that's the word I was looking for.

21 Q Okay. And after this, did you go back to your seat?

22 A Yes

23 Q At some point --. Now, during this class time
24 period, was the substitute teacher using the computer?

25 A The whole time.

26 Q The whole class period?

27 A The whole class.

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22 A Yes

23 Q At some point --. Now, during this class time
24 period, was the substitute teacher using the computer?

25 A The whole time.

26 Q The whole class period?

27 A The whole class.

1 Q Did anybody else, any students, anybody **else** go up
2 and use the teacher's **computer** during that **time** period?

3 A Not that I know of.

4 Q **After** class, but on that **same** day that this incident
5 happened, do **you remember** the discussions about this in
6 school **about** what happened in **the** class?

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q Yes?

9 A Yes.

10 Q That **information** was clearly making its way around
11 the school, correct?

12 A Yes.

13 MR. SMITH: No further **questions**.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Cocheo.

15 MR. COCHEO: Thank you, **Your** Honor.

16 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. COCHEO:

17 Q Good afternoon, . How are you **doing**?

18 A Good, and you?

19 Q I just have a few questions. I want to **show** you
20 this document and ask you if **this** is your signature **at the**
21 **bottom**.

22 A Yes, **it is**

23 Q Is **this your** writing at the top?

24 A No.

25 Q I **am** sure before you signed this document, you **read**
26 **it**?

27 A Yes.

1 Q Okay.

2 MR. COCHEO: Can I have this marked for
3 Identification please?

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 (Document marked for Identification only)

6 MR. COCHEO CONTINUING:

7 Q You just testified you saw women clothed scantily?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Didn't you say in your statement they were wearing a
10 bathing suit?

11 A Well, I was twelve. To me that was a bathing suit.

12 Q Okay.

13 MR. COCHEO: Nothing further. Thank you,
14 Your Honor.

15 MR. SMITB: Nothing further for this witness.

16 THE COURT: Thank you for coming. You are all
17 done.

18 MR. SMITH: The state now calls

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4 testified as follows:

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6 Q Your last name is pronounced [REDACTED]?

7 A Yes.

8 Q I want to ask you a few questions. I will ask you
9 to keep your voice up. That microphone doesn't work.

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q I will ask you, and also, could you make your
12 comments to the jury when you answer. Thank you very much.

13 How old are you?

14 A I'm fifteen years old.

15 Q And have you lived in Norwich your whole life?

16 A No, I haven't.

17 Q When did you move to Norwich?

18 A Six years ago, I believe.

19 Q And have you been in Norwich Public School **systems**
20 the whole time?

21 A Yes, I have.

22 Q And did you attend Kelly Middle School?

23 A Yep, all three years.

24 Q All three years. Do you remember being in Kelly
25 Middle School in October of 2004?

26 A Yes, I do.

27 Q How old were you then?

1 A I was thirteen years old, I believe.

2 Q *And* do you remember a teacher called Mr. Napp?

3 A My homeroom.

4 Q He was *your* homeroom teacher?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Did you take any other class, any *classes* from him?

7 A Language arts.

8 Q Okay. Do you recall on or about October 19th, 2004,
9 there being a *substitute* teacher there?

10 A Yes, I do.

11 Q And was that *substitute* teacher a male or *female*?

12 A Female.

13 Q If I asked you to look around the courtroom today,
14 do you think you could *identify* that person?

15 A I don't believe so, sir.

16 Q That's fine.

17 You do remember a female *substitute* teacher?

18 A Yes.

19 Q On that day, October 19th, do you recall anything of
20 interest happening that day in your memory? Yes or no?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Now, you walked in the room on that day, and was a
23 substitute teacher there already?

24 A She was.

25 Q And where do you sit, where were you sitting when
26 this incident occurred?

27 A On the far left near the back,

1 Q In the front or in the back?

2 A Near the hack.

3 Q Could you see from where you were sitting the
4 teacher's desk and the desk where, the computer was on?

5 A Yes, but not the screen.

6 Q But not the screen. Is the desk where the computer
7 is on, is it close to where the teacher's desk is?

8 A Fairly.

9 Q Is that near the front of the classroom?

10 A The desk?

11 Q The teacher's desk where the computer is.

12 A Yes.

13 Q You are saying you could see the computer but not
14 the screen, correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q During the course of this time while you were in
17 class where this incident happened, was the substitute
18 teacher doing anything in the classroom?

19 A Besides sitting on the computer, no.

20 Q She spent the predominant amount of time on the
21 computer, is that what you're saying?

22 A Yes.

23 Q It was the teacher's computer?

24 A Mr. Napp's.

25 Q Mr. Napp's computer?

26 A Yes.

27 Q At some point, did you go up to the front of the

1 class?

2 A When I threw away a piece of paper.

3 Q What happened when you went up towards the front of
4 the class?

5 A I crumbled up a ball of paper, I walked towards the
6 front of the class, threw it away in the garbage can next
7 to the computer and took a glance back, and I looked at the
8 computer.

9 Q Was she on the computer at that point in time?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Did you see any images on the computer?

12 A Yes.

13 Q As best you can, what type of images did you see on
14 the computer?

15 A I saw naked males and females having sexual
16 intercourse.

17 Q Sexual intercourse. What type in general, was it
18 all?

19 A All.

20 Q Did you actually see the photograph, the images of
21 this?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And she was at the computer while this was going on,
24 correct, she was actually on the computer when this
25 happened, correct?

26 A Yes.

27 Q You then went back to your seat?

1 A Yes.

2 Q During the entire class time that you were there,
3 did you see any other children or anybody else access that
4 **computer** other than the substitute teacher?

5 A No.

6 Q **After** class, yes or no, after class, on the **same day**
7 **this** happened, were discussions going on around the school
8 as to what was going on in that classroom?

9 A Yes.

10 MR. SMITH: Thank you. No further questions.

11 THE COURT: Cross **examination**.

12 MR. **COCHEO**: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. COCHEO:

14 Q Good afternoon, sir.

15 THE COURT: You will have to stay because he
16 gets **to** ask you **some** questions.

17 MR. COCHEO **CONTINUING**:

18 Q I just have a **few** questions for you.

19 A Yes.

20 Q Is your signature on these documents?

21 A Yes, they are.

22 MR. COCHEO: May these be **marked** for
23 Identification, **Your** Honor?

24 (Defendant's Exhibit 5 marked for
25 Identification only)

26 MR. COCHEO **CONTINUING**:

27 Q Now, when you walked up to the **computer**, what **did**

1 you say happened, you saw **some** items **on** the computer, what
2 was the teacher's reaction? **You** say she **didn't** see you?

3 **A** I said she glanced at **me**.

4 **Q** Didn't you say in your statement the **teacher didn't**
5 notice you saw the **computer** images?

6 **A** May I look at it?

7 **Q** Yes.

8 **A** Thank you.

9 (Document handed)

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 MR. COCXEO CONTINUING:

12 **Q** Let me ask you this, **you** have discussed **this** aasa
13 with a **number of students**?

14 **A** In that **day** and **time**, yes.

15 **Q** And you **have** discussed obviously this **case with** the
16 police, is that **correct**?

17 **A** Yes.

18 **Q** Once again, this **id** not your handwriting **at the top**,
19 right?

20 **a** No.

21 MR. COCXEO: Nothing **further**, Your Honor.

22 Thank you.

23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SMITH:

24 **Q** On the **statement**, you had a chance to Look at **that**
25 statement, and to **refresh** your recollection, **correct**?

26 **A** Yes.

27 **Q** When you **went** up to see the **teacher**, did she notice

1 you coming up or do you know?

2 A I don't know.

3 Q At ~~some~~ point as you wese walking to the garbage
4 can, did she glance and see you? .

5 A Yes.

6 Q At that point, did she do anything to get off the
7 computer?

8 A No.

9 Q ~~What~~ did she do?

10 A She looked right back at it.

11 Q She just went back at the computer and started
12 looking at it again?

13 A Yes.

14 MR. SMITH: Thank you. No further
15 questions.

16 RECROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. COCHEO:

17 Q At the time she went back on the computer, where
18 were you headed for, back to your seat?

19 A Yes.

20 Q So was your back to her?

21 A Yes, it was.

22 MR. COCHEO: Thank you.

23 MR. SMITH: No further questions.

24 THE COURT: You are all done. Thank you far
25 coming.

26 THE WITNESS: Okay.

27 MR. SMITH: The state calls [REDACTED].

Editor's note: The names of minors have been redacted from the Julie Amero trial transcript by the Norwich Bulletin. The Bulletin also redacted all home addresses.

1 [REDACTED], Norwich,
2 Connecticut, having been called as a witness on behalf of
3 the state, after having been duly sworn by the clerk, was
4 examined and testified as follows:

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SMITH:

Q [REDACTED], how old are you currently?

A I'm fifteen.

Q And do you live in Norwich now?

A Yes

Q Have you lived here your whole life?

A Yes.

12 Q Did you go to school in the Norwich school system?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Did you go to Kelly Middle School?

15 A Yep.

16 Q Do you remember being in Kelly Middle School around
17 October of 2004?

18 A Yes.

Q How old were you then?

20 A About thirteen.

21 Q Okay. Do you remember a teacher named Mr. Napp?

A Yes.

Q How do you know Mr. Napp?

24 A He was my language arts teacher.

25 Q Okay. And do you remember being in Mr. Napp's class
26 on or about October 19th, 2004?

27 A Yes

1 Q On that date, do you remember a substitute teacher?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Do you know if that substitute teacher was a male or
4 female?

5 A A female.

6 Q If I asked you to look around the courtroom today to
7 identify her, do you think you would be able to identify
8 her?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Would you look around and tell me if you see her?

11 A Uh-huh.

12 Q Could you point her out and tell me the color of her
13 clothes?

14 A White.

15 MR. SMITH: We would ask for an in-court
16 identification of the defendant.

17 THE COURT: The witness identified the
18 defendant as wearing white.

19 MR. SMITH CONTINUING:

20 Q You walked into the classroom, correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Were there other kids already in the classroom?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Where did you go when you walked into the classroom?

25 A I walked to my seat.

26 Q in relation to the teacher's desk, let me put it
27 this way, in relation to where the computer was, the

1 teacher's computer, where were you sitting?

2 A The back of the room.

3 Q Could you see the computer from where you were?

4 A NO.

5 Q You could see the physical computer, but not what
6 was on the screen, is that what you're saying?

7 A Yes.

8 Q At some point, did you leave your seat to go up
9 towards the front of the classroom?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Why did you go up there?

12 A To see what the homework was.

13 Q You went to go specifically to communicate with the
14 defendant, correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q What happened when you got up there?

17 A Something started loading on the screen.

18 Q Okay. It was actually -- What do you mean by
19 loading, was it a program or web page?

20 A A web page.

21 Q Have you used the web before?

22 A Yes.

23 Q You are familiar with what a web page looks like
24 when it loads up?

25 A Uh-huh.

26 Q Was the defendant sitting at this computer while it
27 was happening?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And what happened as the picture, as the web page
3 loaded up?

4 A She turned ~~the~~ screen so no one **could see it.**

5 Q Okay. And did you actually see that screen before
6 she was able to turn it away?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And did anything load up on there that you were **able**
9 to see?

10 A Yes.

11 Q **What** did you see?

12 A I saw **two** pictures of two naked **women.**

13 Q And when you say you saw naked women, **I'll** ask you
14 **more** specifically, did you see their whole body?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you see **their** breast area?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Did you see there other private part areas?

19 A Yes.

20 Q After you saw this, what did you do?

21 A I asked her what the homework was and then I **went**
22 and sat down.

23 Q Back to your seat?

24 A **Yes.**

25 Q **The** whole time **you were** in this class, what **was the**
26 defendant **doing?**

27 A She was sitting at **the** computer.

1 Q Okay. Did anybody else during that time frame go
2 up, meaning any other students go up or anybody else go up
3 and access that computer while you were in the class
4 watching?

5 A No.

6 MR. SMITH: No further questions. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Cocheo, cross examination?

8 MR. COCHEO: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. COCHEO:

10 Q Good afternoon, sir. I have a few questions for
11 you, if I may.

12 I am going to show you two documents and ask you if
13 you see your signatures in these.

14 A Yes.

15 Q Is the writing above your writing?

16 A No.

17 Q That is the writing of a police officer?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Now, how many students did you discuss this matter
20 with after it occurred?

21 A I'm not positive about how many students.

22 Q Roughly how many?

23 A About three or four.

24 Q But it wasn't until after you discussed it that you
25 went to the police and made a complaint or made this
26 stat — nt?

27 A Yes.

1 MR. COCHEO: Nothing futther, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Redirect?

3 MR. SMITE: Quickly.

4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SMITH:

5 Q After this incident happened, after you saw these
6 nude images of women on the computer, on that same day were
7 discussions going on about what was going on in that
8 classroom going around the school?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Among the kids?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. And actually you didn't go to the police
13 necessarily, the police came to you investigating this,
14 correct?

15 A Yes.

16 MR. SMITH: No further questions. Thank you.

17 THE COURT: You are all set. Thank you for
18 coming.

19 MR. SMITH: At this point, no further
20 witnesses. The state tests.

21 MR. COCHEO: I did not expect the state to
22 be resting at this time, and I would ask for a
23 continuance until tomorrow morning. I don't have
24 any witnesses, not ready to go, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: How many witnesses do you have?

26 MR. COCHEO: Approximately six, Your Honor.

27 THE COURT: Isn't your computer person here?

1 MR. COCHEO: Yes, but we have not had an
2 opportunity to sit down and review his information,
3 Your Honor, and he **doesn't** have his **equipment** here
4 either, Pour Honor.

5 THE COURT: I will ask the jury to step out
6 briefly.

7 (Jury excused)

8 THE COURT: I'm not sure I understand why you
9 are not prepared to go forward.

10 MR. COCHEO: I didn't expect the state to end.

11 THE COURT: That was discussed that **the** state
12 would put **on** its witnesses and we would put part **of**
13 the defense in. That would have given you **an hour**
14 and ten minutes of new witness time.

15 MR. COCHEO: I did not expect this, the state
16 to rest at this **time**.

17 THE COURT: Well, I **am** hoping we **can** get
18 through **all** your witnesses tomorrow.

19 MR. COCHEO: I **will** try to do that, **Your** Honor.

20 THE COURT: That is all we can do.

21 MR. COCHEO: I apologize to the Court, Your
22 Honor.

23 THE COURT: It's the jury's time that I'm
24 concerned about, **Mr.** Cocheo. Bring them **back out**.

25 (Jury returns)

26 THE COURT: We will have to stop **for** the
27 day. We are going to start -- Is there any **reason**

1 we ~~couldn't~~ start at 9:45 instead of 10:00 o'clock?
2 Normally, it would be 10:00 o'clock.

3 What we will do then is adjourn until 9:45
4 tomorrow promptly, and we will try to move this
5 along as we have been trying to do all along.

6 Don't discuss the case with anyone. If there's
7 anything in the press, don't read anything about
8 that.

9 Okay. I will see everyone tomorrow morning.

10 (Jury excused)

11 THE COURT: Anything before we adjourn?

12 MR. SMITH: Nothing from the state.

13 MR. COCCEO: Nothing from the defense.

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