

KEYNOTE LECTURE: LAURA RECKART AND CHRIS BOUGHEY

Laura Reckart: So far this is such a wonderful seminar. I want to thank you for asking us to come. We're humbled to be here in NYC, it's one of my favorite cities in the world.

I was out here before we were attacked at the World Trade Center. Looking at the speakers, we're more humbled to be here to talk about the Faleh Al-Maleki case. It was an attempted murder of Amal Khalaf and Noor Almaleki, who were run down in cold blood by Noor's father in 2009. We're humbled to be here, but we're only here because a young woman lost her life, and the other woman in the case is suffering pain to this day.

When Chris and I got involved in this case, we didn't expect to be so affected by this case. We've lost many nights' sleep because of this case. We're dedicated to all our cases, but THIS case hit us to the core!

You know, when we were getting ready for this presentation, we were asked what made this case different for us? We've been around awhile and seen many cases. I don't look a day over 25 [Joke/joking.] You know, because of the number of years we've been on the force involved in crimes and investigating, it's a survival mechanism to be strong and put personal feelings aside. If you don't do that you'll go crazy. But this case really affected us. We asked ourselves "why?" Why did it affect us so deeply? The answer that I can only give you, is to look inside the case.

Chris Boughey: to echo those sentiments, it's an honor to be here. You know, listening to the speakers from this morning, I'm telling you this can happen in your community. This case, Faleh Al-Maleki, has proved that it can. As a detective that's been around on a lot of cases, this case struck me. This is an educational thing, awareness is what we want to communicate. So, to begin. I want to tell you a little about the city of Peoria. We're a suburb of Phoenix, we're west of Phoenix. We have 200 thousand people. In the early 2000's we were growing rapidly. That's slowed down with the economy in the last 2-4 years.

We have a large population from people in Muslim countries. I think it's 50 thousand or more that immigrate from that area. Did I know that before this case? NO! I didn't know.

I've dealt with cases from these regions, but I didn't know we had that large of a segment of the population in our community. The city of Peoria is your common bedroom community. We have a wide range of socioeconomic conditions within the city. We have low-income areas. We also have million dollar homes. It's a very diverse community.

This investigation started on October 20, 2009 at about 1:08PM. The Peoria police department received a call from the security building. We call it DES. That's where you go to get public benefits. It's a busy place. Usually, the parking lot is extremely full of vehicles. There's a lot of traffic. This was after lunchtime. It was a busy place that day.

The call said there were two to three women struck. There were two young women that had been hit by a vehicle. We were lucky in this investigation with two things. There was a civilian on scene with a camera. Every one of our scenes doesn't have someone with a camera. He caught everything.

When we get to our scenes, things are often messed up. Here, we have them in their place where they were found. The first officer gets on scene. Amal is on the ground. She has some trauma to her left leg. The rotation of her ankle is visible. She had a shattered femur.

Noor was not conscious. She was barely breathing. She was very near death when the first officers arrived.

Their purses were next to them. We were able to identify them. One of the women was 20 years old.

These photos were taken by a citizen.

Noor was unconscious. She was bleeding.

Amal was conscious and talking. Amal doesn't speak English. She speaks very limited English. It was difficult for the first arriving officers and witnesses to get a description of what happened. We didn't know if this was an accident or something else. The information we got was that two people were hit. We had a vehicle description. The vehicle took off.

Our first challenge was the language barrier. We are thinking to ourselves if

this wasn't an accident, then who could have done such a thing? That was our first question. We did luck out a bit. We didn't have someone standing there that actually saw this guy drive this vehicle and hit two women. But it is a very busy parking lot. We had a lot of people going about their business and they heard the sound of the engine accelerate. They saw the aftermath. They heard the collision. They didn't see it. They found the two women. They saw the vehicle as it fled.

There was a description of the vehicle, the driver and the direction the vehicle took after leaving the scene.

It was a silver or gray Jeep Cherokee. The driver was a male, possibly Hispanic.

We knew we had two fairly seriously injured victims. As normal practice, we sent a detective to the hospital. Before Amal was transported, she was able to say this was not an accident. She was able to tell us at the scene that this was on purpose. This was something done to her on purpose. She was also able to provide us a name very quickly as to who was driving the vehicle that hit her. It was Faleh al-Maleki.

Faleh al-Maleki is here. [pointing to screen] That's Noor. She was beautiful. She was a talented and caring young woman. Amal tells us Faleh al-Maleki was Noor's father. Amal and her family had formerly been friends. They lived together at one time in the Phoenix area. Noor was very close to Amal. But there had been some friction between the two families.

Laura Reckart: We learned during the course of the case that the two families had met in Iraq. I'm sorry. That was not right. They did not meet in Iraq. They were from Iraq. They met in the United States. The defendant, Faleh al-Maleki, had been in the Iraqi army. After some time of getting out of the military, he and his family --- his wife and two children -- escaped to Basra, Iraq. In Basra the al-Maleki family applied for US asylum.

They lived in Iraq. Then they moved to the United States where they lived in Detroit. It was similar for Amal's family. They made their way to the United States through Saudi Arabia as well. The two families met in Michigan.

Now, Amal's family later moved to Arizona. And then, sometime later the defendant called Amal from Michigan. He had a trucking job. He asked if

jobs were available in Arizona. The family was moved to Arizona after living with Amal's family.

On this slide, I want to mention the bottom. It's a material you have on your thumb drive about media resources regarding this case. A tabloid magazine did a drawing. You can see the drawing at the bottom.

As families move to Arizona, tensions began to rise. Amal's family was grown to be "not of their culture." The kids were getting into trouble. They wore blouses like this [On screen.] because of the heat of Arizona.

Tensions rose between the parents. During the years, Noor moved out several times. Once she lived with a friend from Pakistan. Her parents didn't like that even though the family was Muslim. She tried getting an apartment on her own, and get jobs. As we find out, her parents would harass her at her work.

We find that Noor and Amal's son had fallen in love. So some background of the families. Noor and Amal were in the hospital. The search is on for Faleh Al-Maleki. Were these accidents? Or was this intentional?

If both women survive, would we prove attempted murder? If one or both should perish from the crime, could it be manslaughter? I'll talk more about this, but 1st degree murder is the death penalty in Arizona law.

We see if there's evidence from the scene to show these acts are intentional. We have Amal saying this was intentional, she testified in a trial. But it wasn't enough to file for 1st degree murder or attempted 1st degree murder.

Chris Boughey: This investigation was different for me. Usually we see people who are shot or stabbed or beat to death. In this case, the weapon is a motor vehicle. I'm not a traffic guy, for those of you who are cops, the investigators really do the work. BUT ... I needed the traffic officer's help. I was a little out of my element in this investigation. I needed other's help.

It's hard to see [On screen.]

This is the scene. This is a driveway. Remember the first picture of the building? This driveway runs north and south of the parking lot. The circle [On screen.] is a scuff mark. You see the tree knocked down? See the stake? It's broken. This is the path of travel by the suspect. You see in this picture,

the scuff mark. When you are driving on a surface and you turn the wheel, you steer, the outside of the tire will leave a rubber deposit on the ground. This doesn't happen if you go 5 miles per hour. You need speed to make that kind of a mark. So earlier on in the investigation, after only 15 minutes, we concluded this was on purpose, it's not an accident.

There's an arch in the rubber residue right where the victims are standing. You can see on the raised median, tire transfer. You can see furrowing in the gravel. Because of the soft gravel surface, it slows the vehicle down. The vehicle knocks over the tree, and we believe Noor was standing here when she got hit. The whole vehicle hit her square in the middle. He didn't stop! He ran right over her! Amal was slightly in front of her and JUST off the curb. This was an intentional act. There's no reason in the world that anyone should be driving in this location at any time. Amal was hit first, she says she saw him coming and put her hand up and says "no father of Noor." She describes him as having a mean look on his face.

She gets thrown 25-30 feet, shattering her femur and vertebrae and also had several internal injuries. He turns, after that, as we'll look later at the damage of the vehicle. The front grill of the jeep was snapped in half. He ran her completely over and you see where she landed and was found. After he hits her, he continues through the gravel, south of the sidewalk. He drives through the parking lot and continues westbound.

Based on a couple of things now, including the statement at the hospital and the physical evidence, we don't have a lot of biological evidence. What we have is a statement of a surviving victim. So at this point, we're dealing with a crime. We are dealing with something that happened on purpose. Both victims have suffered significant injuries.

What were these ladies doing at this location on this day? We know Noor went to the DES building. This is the waiting area. [On screen.] Imagine this full of people waiting for assistance. This number 47 for the waiting line is significant. The defendant talks about this significance later on. How is this? As much as we want to say that they knew they were there, it's said it's happenstance.

Noor was there for Amal. Faleh al-Maleki was there applying for public assistance. We believe they were both there at the same time in the same

place.

Laura Reckart: The question became then, if it's happenstance, did the defendant see Noor and Amal there and vice versa? We found out that Noor had seen her father. Amal said Faleh al-Maleki looked right at her. We don't know if he had seen Noor.

Noor began texting her friends. Officers went into her phone and we found that out.

Chris Boughey: We pull cell phones in cases. Cell phones are a wealth of information. People spend more time on their cell phones than talking face to face. We found some very good information. Within about 12 hours, we were able to get a hold of Noor's cell phone. We analyzed the phone. Obviously, it's clear she saw her dad.

She texts her friend, Ushie Love. [Reading text [On overhead.]

This is not a normal text that your daughter would send to her best friend. Obviously, there's some amount of fear in Noor's life.

The second one is Ushie responding back. [Reading text [On overhead.]

The next one is Noor sending a text back. [Reading text [On overhead.]

She sent a follow-up to Ushie. [Reading text [On overhead.]

Noor obviously had seen her dad. Obviously, it was very clear that these texts also show us that the relationship between Noor and her father was strained. She had some fear of her father.

These text messages lend themselves to tell us and show us this was something done on purpose. This was something thought about and carried out. It was not an accident. We are building our case. We are making our case. To anyone that would look at this case, you can see it was not an accident. It was an intentional act.

One of the first things we did at the scene, after being briefed on the incident and who Faleh al-Maleki was, we discovered Faleh al-Maleki had a 2000 Jeep registered to him. We found his home address. Some of my squad and myself

went to his home in Glendale. We initiated a surveillance operation on the residence.

About 10 minutes into this investigation we saw a younger male come out of the garage to take a delivery of a number of pieces. We knew Faleh al-Maleki was there. We knocked on the door. The defendant wasn't there. His son, Ali, was there. He answered the door. At that time, Ali was about 21-years-old. He was the oldest child of Faleh al-Maleki. He proceeded to lie to me for the next hour and a half.

Ali denied talking to his father since he had left in the morning. He did confirm that the relationship between his father and Noor was strained. Ali said she had been going out of her way to disrespect the family. She had become too westernized.

Ali also talked about Noor being sent to Iraq to marry someone. It was an arranged marriage. Every time you press Ali for more information, he would shut down and say he didn't know anything. He didn't want to get involved. He repeated that over and over again. As you know, if you have that information and we are investigating, you are involved.

This goes back and forth for a few hours. I didn't leave. I can be a pain in the butt. I stayed outside. Ali would come out and give me more information every so often. We found out that Faleh al-Maleki was a diabetic. He needed insulin. That came in handy later in the investigation. Ali would give us tidbits of information.

Ali also provided us with his father's cell phone. This tells us what he did and who he was with.

After talking to Ali for a few hours I knew Faleh al-Maleki was not at the house and we didn't know where he was. My biggest responsibility is to find Faleh al-Maleki.

In the next couple of days we are doing everything we can to locate Faleh al-Maleki. We run up on his phone. We do a traffic trace. We monitor when the phone is used and where it's being used. There was nothing for several days.

Before I left Ali, I asked him to call me if he heard from his dad. If he doesn't

call, we were going to have a chat. Ali didn't choose to talk to me. He chose to talk to local Phoenix media.

[Video:

This is CBS News. We are hearing from the family of the young lady run over in a Peoria parking lot. We spoke to her brother.

Male Speaker: Ali says his father and sister have been at odds for years. This is because his sister does not follow in Muslim traditions.

Ali: I thought this couldn't happen.

Male Speaker: For days, Noor has been in the hospital.

Ali: She's still unconscious. She has moved a bit. They think it's spontaneous.

Male Speaker: Noor may never recover.

Ali: It has hurt my mom.

Male Speaker: There is tension between father and daughter.

Ali: She triggered my dad's anger.

Male Speaker: His sister is married to an Iraqi man. She moved back here. She moved in with a new man and her parents didn't approve.

Ali: She has gone out of her way to be disrespectful. I don't like Noor's boyfriend.

Male Speaker: That disrespect is the ultimate disrespect.

Ali: There are different values in different cultures.

Male Speaker: even though he doesn't know where the dad is, they did hear from him.

Ali: he called to see how she was. My mom yelled at him.

Male Speaker: he hopes his sister will be ok, and that the family can mend from this.

Ali: it's so hard when someone's so close to you.

CBS 5 News

Laura Reckart: You'll find out how close they were later on [sarcasm]

This was instigated as an honor killing. The words "disrespect" came from her brother. She was 20 years of age, an adult at this time. We'll see more evidence that this was a killing done in the name of honor. Having looked at these things, and talking to people, we know the motive was honor. The father felt disrespected. But we still needed to find evidence to bring justice.

[On screen.]

Chris Boughey: We talked about the cell phones and the investigation and how important that was. We obtained records, and they confirmed what we knew. He called his wife, other family members in the Michigan area. The thing that we saw earlier on in the phone records, we wondered if it was predetermined or if it was in the moment. The answer in my eyes, was that he was there, came back and then ran her over.

The records show that he was at the DES building at 12:53. We know that because the cell phone tower was only 1/4 mile away. We know that he comes to the DES and takes a waiting number. We know he's in the parking lot until 1:15. The next 4-5 calls he makes are processed by cell towers 5-6 miles away, so we know he was at the building and that he left. He confirmed that he drove away. BUT he comes back. We know this from the cell phone records, because the cell phone tower closest to the DES is active. He's there almost until the time of the accident. He's back at the DES at 1:30. So he has 30 minutes in the parking lot, thinking about what he's going to do. Is this evidence? Yes it is. Anyone who's worked in the cell phone industry knows there are gaps in service. But we know that the last phone call he made was processed in Nogales Mexico. Our bandits often run to Mexico, whether they're white, etc., they know they are anonymous in Mexico.

So once we know he's in Mexico, I had some choice words that I screamed. But we also know that he's diabetic. Fax Net is information that is sent out to restaurants, pharmacies, etc. Another speaker spoke about how in cases like this the whole family gets involved. We find later from a pharmacist that there was a prescription picked up the day AFTER the incident.

So his phone is not on, but we have surveillance from all the vehicles, family members, etc. We still can't find him. One thing that we do in Phoenix, is that we have relationships with officers on the other side of the border. We know he's in Mexico, Nogales. I reached out to the Tucson center who has a relationship with the Sonoran province. Within 4 hours of making a phone call, the police found in a shopping mall in Nogales, a vehicle. This vehicle was towed, and taken custody. The vehicle is taken back to Phoenix. We now have a search warrant.

We're looking for evidence. Talk about the dent in the hood. This is the location where Amal was struck. The cracked windshield, [On screen.] here. There are two areas of impact. One is on the front passenger side, where the dent is and also in the front grill area where Noor was struck.

We talked about before, he made several phone calls to his wife, and son. The last call he made before leaving the Phoenix area was to his cousins' house. He drives out of Peoria, out of the state, and out of the US to Nogales. We learned later, that he turns his phone off in Nogales. He stays in Nogales for two days.

He travels to Hermosillo by bus. At this point, we're working on a warrant for him. There was already an American warrant for attempted murder. No one ever checked at customs. They didn't check his papers or identification. Faleh al-Maleki basically traveled freely through Mexico. He catches a plane from Mexico City and flies to London, England.

Thank goodness for British customs. If they hadn't checked his papers he would be gone. When he got off the plane in London he had to answer questions. He had very little money. His sponsor to get into the country was Noor's husband. He was living in Scotland at the time.

Faleh al-Maleki had little money. He had no business being in Great Britain. He had no job or address. They said they were going to detain him. They ran a check and found the warrant. They put him in a processing center. They

called to see if I wanted him. They sent him back to the United States. They weren't sure where they would send him, but they then sent him to Atlanta, Georgia.

He was on the run for nine days. When we got to Atlanta, he got off the plane and my first concern was whether or not he spoke English. We knew he could communicate. He was a truck driver. That was a big concern. He did speak very good English. He understood the language. One thing we decided to do was interview him as quickly as we could.

Immigration let us interview him there. They didn't have the capabilities to video the interview, but we have an audio recording. The interview was long. It was frustrating. The interview was a cat and mouse game for several hours. He was not very forthcoming. He changed his story several times.

It went from being an accident. He lost control and lost his mind. Then, he said he wanted to scare them. We know that we have a sliver. We tried to run with that.

Faleh al-Maleki said some interesting things during the interview. He was always blaming Amal and her family for being out of their culture and being bad people because of that. He wanted us to look at Amal and her family's record. He never took responsibility for anything he did. He said, if he wanted to kill them he would use a gun or knife.

Then, finally, Faleh al-Maleki admitted he did mean to hurt them. That was the closest we were going to get. He also admitted to getting money from his cousin. Someone brought him money in Mexico. Not once did Faleh al-Maleki ask how his daughter was. One time, he told me to ask Noor. I told him I couldn't. He asked why. I said it was because she was almost dead. He had little response.

We had a five and a half-hour plane ride back to Phoenix. He never asked how his daughter was doing.

During the interview, it was interesting that he made an analogy saying that if you have a little fire, you have to put that fire out or that small fire will burn the whole house down. Noor was the fire. The whole house was the family. At first he agreed. Then he said that's why he was getting help from his

family. The first part spoke volumes.

Laura Reckart: We got the defendant back in the Phoenix area. We had to determine if we had an intentional or accidental act. We obtained jail calls. We only need an administrative subpoena.

We found a translator. All of the calls were in Faleh al-Maleki's native language. While we were awaiting the translations, Noor passed away. Noor passed away 13 days later from cardiac arrest. This was now a homicide case. In the 13 days Noor was in the hospital, she had many surgeries. Her body was septic. Her body couldn't fight because of the brain damage. That caused cardiac arrest.

We awaited the translations. It was worth the wait. The calls confirmed the motives behind the crimes. Again, it was all about honor. This wasn't just one or two conversations. These were several conversations over various amounts of time. The defendant asks to go before the American Embassy because an Iraqi without honor is nothing.

There's the family. [On overhead.] I worry about the two females. God knows what their brother will do to them.

[Reading quote from Faleh al-Maleki [On overhead.]

I respect the judge. He's a professional friend of mine. He missed the mark. It was the defendant who made this about honor, not the media. This wasn't enough. To classify this as an honor killing, this notion of honor went on. The police investigated the family prior to these crimes. There were two prior incidents with the defendant, Noor and Amal. Honor was the motive.

The first incident was May 6, 2008. Noor was driving a family car. She crashed and walked away from the collision. Citizens reported a scene of an accident. There was no injury. Police contacted the defendant and said Noor stole the car. Faleh al-Maleki told police Noor dishonored him by taking photos with boys who were not her husband.

Our problem on the marriage aspect, is that we couldn't establish if the marriage had actually taken place. The marriage issue came up during the trial. We couldn't contact anyone to see if it happened. The marriage

supposedly took place when her parents dragged her to Iraq saying that a family member was sick.

By virtue of the marriage she would assist in gaining US citizenship. Her boyfriend claimed he saw a video of what appeared to be a marriage and that Amal was not happy in engaging in this issue. Arranged marriage was a big issue between Noor and her family.

[On screen.]

In the second report the defendant and his wife trespassed onto Amal's property to attempt to physically remove Noor and return her to his home. There was no report. It was later discovered by contacting the police, that a year and a half later the police remember that he said HIS laws were above the state. He also said he would rather go to jail than obey the laws by the state.

The judge agreed with us, all the evidence came in, establishing this is an honor killing. It was also confirmed the defendant had NO remorse for his crime. When he found out his daughter had died, he responded "oh" -- ONE word. Then asked if there were protests going on.

He said, "no one shamed our family except Noor and that she didn't take the right Path." He stated [On screen.] "What can you do? It's these bitches that are burning us ..." [On screen.]

Especially his wife, had some talk about how she wished Amal would die in the hospital. They had these conversations after Amal had passed away. The first question now is what to charge. Attempted murder, assault, and for Noor, first degree murder. With the content of the calls we thought we had enough for 1st degree murder. For Amal we have 1st degree attempt and assault. [On screen.] So now, since we decided to charge 1st degree, we have the death penalty.

We have a committee you go before, who decide to pursue the death penalty. The defense filed a motion, there's a copy on your thumb drive, they wanted the death penalty open so they could charge for political reasons. If they did the death penalty they said that it would be for religious reasons. They claimed that there were many honor killings.

I want to say a lot more than I'm able to [holding back anger.]

I do want to talk about pre-trial issues. This was an issue in the media. A month before trial, the defense desired a settlement conference. This conference is where they try to resolve the case. Victims are allowed to be there if they want to be. So for this case, we pulled in a special judge who works for the supreme court. His last name was Reinstein, he's Jewish. The defense counsel was also Jewish. We tried to keep the settlement under raps.

The state went into this making NO offer -- none at all. For the mitigation to try for first degree murder off her charge, they had psychiatric tests done. It was an issue later if we could use those tests. One was defense, one was manslaughter. Second degree murder was flat time. First degree is 25 to life. His son, told me to give him 12 years because men in his family don't survive past 62 years old anyway. Asshole!

[Laughter]

Yasshole sorry

Chris Boughey: it's a long afternoon.

Laura Reckart: this was unsuccessful. The local news station told people to write me personally asking me not to settle the case. So pretty much this case was very much like prosecuting a gang case. There was no cooperation, they were difficult to locate.

Then he said that this was not an honor killing, that the killer was just a mean old man. He will serve 30 years. Hopefully he will pass away beforehand because of his diabetes. The most disappointing thing is that on Noor he only gave the defendant 1 more year. 15 was the maximum on Noor and he could have gone as much as 14 more years. He will serve about 30 years.

Why was this case so different?

[On screen.]

You know when you see other cases, there's jealousy, heat of passion, so Chris and I over a glass of wine asked "why is this case so different?"

We decided it's about entitlement. This makes you go crazy. He believed he was entitled to this, and that's what makes a difference.

Chris Boughey: This case threw us both through a loop. We were disappointed about the verdict. There seems to be some overwhelming political correctness here that's affecting us.

If you look at this and go "what the hell?" This wasn't our trial, we're disappointed. But we're also very excited, if that's the right word, to share this with you. This IS going on in the US. It happened in Peoria, Arizona! So I'm guessing it's happening in NYC and anywhere else. From all of this tragedy we hope that you get some help, some answers. Contact us, we're not experts, but we hopefully can be a resource. We're so honored to be here. You probably need water, etc. But I want to close with a saying ...

As an officer it's for me to understand the principles of homicide investigation. Your own commitment is to see that final justice is done not only for the deceased but for the family as well.

Chris will talk more about that.

Chris Boughey: Are we doing okay?

One thing we found out in investigating this case was that there is a lot of fear in these communities, especially from the young women. They are fearful to come forward. I had to call non-stop to get a statement. Noor's friends were fearful that either the defendant or someone within the community was going to pay them back for talking to us. We had decisions to make.

Noor's best friend, from the text messages, we didn't call her. We felt her safety might be at stake. Greater good is keeping her safe.

My FBI linguist is from Basra. They did all of this work for us. When we started doing the interviews, she said she wasn't testifying. She works for the FBI. She was scared to death that he would get her. Again, we had to make a decision on whether or not to compel this person to testify with a subpoena or figure something else out.

We got someone who worked in Noor's office.

Laura Reckart: By a stroke of luck, a legal assistant was born in Iraq. She is Christian. She is in my office and speaks fluent Arabic. She can write and speak it. Two months before trial, she translated those discussions. The defense agreed because we had another translator. It was a stroke of luck.

The other issues were with Amal. They wouldn't return phone calls. We couldn't find her for weeks. I didn't know until the day of the trial if I would have the live victim testifying.

There were numerous pre-trial issues. This is a pictorial from the Web. This is from Noor's senior yearbook. That's Ali next to her. [Reading quote from Ali [On overhead.]]

Isn't that sweet?

Noor's mother had a restraining order on Noor at the time of her murder. We did not dispute, but when the mother visited Noor and touched her, her heart rate would escalate. The mother never testified.

I provided the jury questionnaire for you.

The trial. There were opening statements. That's a quote from Thomas Jefferson. [On overhead.]

Are there defense attorneys here? I may offend you. I don't care. [Laughter]

The defense was that it was an accident and Faleh al-Maleki meant to scare the girls.

Faleh al-Maleki said he was a loving father. She was a bad girl. She had a huge phone bill. That was basically it.

We have a Power Point for the sentencing of this case. [On overhead.]

Male Speaker: We called 22 witnesses during the trial. They were really quick. [Laughter.]

[Reading list of witnesses [On overhead.]]

The prior act witnesses were the officers from the scene before.

My partner also testified. The trial lasted over a month. To no one's surprise, the defense didn't call anyone. We were hoping Faleh al-Maleki would take the stand to get the chance to have filleted Faleh.

The jury got the case on Monday, February 14th. They returned a verdict 8 days later. Lots of wine was consumed. On 2-22-11 the verdict was guilty on the lesser of a 2nd degree murder. [Reading verdict [On overhead.]

Because of that verdict, we alleged that Faleh al-Maleki was lying in wait for ambush. There were multiple victims. We called Amal. [Reading verdict [On overhead.]

Noor's dad told us people were still sitting in that jury that wanted first degree. They were not to give up on the lying in wait or ambush. They wouldn't acquit. They believed Faleh al-Maleki was lying and waiting in ambush. They hung it to not find that aggravator.

This photo is important. There's Chris' head! [Laughter.]

I think I provided a copy of the sentencing memorandum. I couldn't use the psychological report. The defendant admitted to wanting to injure Amal. Amal is there. She is hugging Marlin. We presented this video I will show you. Marlin had never seen photos of the crime scene. He broke out in the middle of it.

The defendant was ridiculous. He cried. The wife did not show up for the trial. Ali was also crying. He was there for the trial. We were going to call Ali and his wife. They helped him escape. They were both granted council. We couldn't call him.

The sentencing was ridiculous. He went on a theological dissertation. He brought in every religion possible. It was very bizarre. He went on for a long time. Saddam Hussein of Phoenix.

Laura Reckart: we became a family for Noor because no one else was there. We put the following video together. This is what we played at sentencing. To Noor, rest in peace.

[Video]

[Music playing]

Lyrics:

You never loved. You can't hurt me now, I got away from you, I never thought I would. You can't make me cry. You once had the power. I never felt so good about myself. Seems like yesterday I laid down next to your boots and my pain. Oh father I have sinned. You can't hurt me now. I got away from you. I never thought I would. You can't make me cry. You once had the power. I never felt so good about myself.]

[On screen.]

" What's the address?"

" West 40th "

"At the DES office?"

"Yes. There's 2 people who got hit here by truck, I think they were walking."

"The two people?"

"Two people"

"Are they walking?"

"No they're on the ground"

"They're both on the ground right now?"

"Yes."

"One moment."

"You see obvious injuries on them?"

"I don't know, I don't know ... I don't see blood"

"Ok. We'll get units out there. Keep everyone calm."

"They're talking and awake."

" The other one is barely breathing."

"The other is barely breathing? Ok. We have help on the way"

"Thank You."

"Bye."

"911?"

"Yes. I'm at 8990 at the DES office. I'm an employee. There are two people in the parking lot run over by an SUV. I believe they went west bound and I don't think they speak English. Does anyone know what the truck looked like? It's a jeep. I think it's grey."

" Which direction did they go? "

"Westbound."

"Are the two people still laying down?"

"Yes ma'am "

"Thank you." Help is on the Way."

[Music playing]

[Father, you left me, but I never left you. I needed you. You didn't need me. I just want to tell you.]

[I don't know. Daddy come home. I don't know. Daddy come home.]

Ali: For the past two years, she's gone out of her way to be disrespectful.

The boy that is her boyfriend right now, I don't like him.

Male Speaker: For a traditional Muslim family, that was the ultimate disrespect for his father.

Ali: Different cultures. Different values. It may not make sense to another culture.

[Music: Keep that in mind. I designed this rhyme to tell you how I tried so hard. Remembering all the times you fought with me. I'm surprised it got so far. Things aren't the way they were before. You kept everything inside. What it meant to me will eventually be ... I tried so hard and got so far. In the end, it doesn't even matter. I had to fall to lose it all. In the end, it doesn't even matter.]

I put my trust in you. Pushed as far as I can go. For all this, there's only one thing you should know. I tried so hard and got so far. In the end, it doesn't even matter. I had to fall to lose it all. In the end, it doesn't even matter.]

[Music: Because of you, I never stray too far from the sidewalk. Because of you, I learned to play on the safe side so I don't get hurt. Because of you, I find it hard to trust not only me, but everyone around me. Because of you, I am afraid.]

[Music: Look what he's done to you. It isn't fair. You're life was bright. He didn't care. He took the heart of a little girl and made it grow up too fast. This is a song for the broken girl. The one pushed aside by the cold, cold world. You are. Hear me when I say. You're not the ... there is a love he can never steal away. You don't have to stay the broken girl.]

[Music: Somebody cries in the middle of the night. The neighbors hear but they turn out the light. A fragile soul caught in the hands of fate. When morning comes, it will be too late. The wind, and the rain, she stands hard as a storm. In a world that she carries above. But her dreams hear her wings. She flies to a place where she's loved. Come creation. A statue stands in a shaded place. An angel with a beautiful face. A name is written on the oldest rock. A broken heart that the world forgot. There's a wind and the rain. She stands high as a storm. In a world that she carries above. Her dreams give her wings. She flies to a place where she's loved. Concrete angel.]

Laura Reckart: Thank you very much.