

Consecutive Exercise

JUDGE: We have returned from our break. Everyone is present including the witness, attorneys, court reporter, and court interpreter. At this time, we will continue with the testimony of the defendant.

PROS: Thank you your honor. Mr. Davis, is it your testimony that you were out having drinks at the local bar around the time of your wife's murder?

DEFENDANT: Yes I was. I've already told you that.

PROS: In the report you gave to the police, you stated you arrived home at approximately 1:00 am on the night in question. When you realized she was not already there, you got worried and called her cell phone. Is that correct?

DEFENDANT: Yes.

PROS: Did you make any other calls in regards to her whereabouts?

DEFENDANT: No I didn't.

PROS: Mr. Davis, if you knew it was not in her character to be out very late, why didn't you contact some of her friends to see if they knew where she was?

DEFENDANT: Because we had an argument a few hours before I left home, I really didn't know what to think. Maybe she was still upset and needed to cool off. At the time, I was so concerned and nervous that I didn't think to call anyone else.

PROS: You mean unconcerned and calmed.

DEFENSE: Objection. Badgering the witness.

PROS: By the next morning, when you realized she still had not come home, at what point did you decide to go look for her?

DEFENDANT: It was between 9-10 am.

PROS: Why the long wait?

DEFENDANT: As I stated earlier, I thought she needed to take some time after the blowup we had.

PROS: When the police showed up at your home about your wife's murder, what was your reaction?

DEFENDANT: For a minute, I couldn't believe what I just heard. This was someone who I saw

everyday, loved, and was my life. After it dawned on me what Officer Lee had said, my mind went blank. Because of the grief and sorrow I felt, my body just went numb.

PROS: Mr. Davis. Please spare me and the court with your dramatics.

DEFENSE: Objection. Is there a question here your honor?

JUDGE: Objection sustained. Ms. Turner, is there a question?

PROS: No your honor. The prosecution rests.

JUDGE: Are there any further questions by the defense?

DEFENSE: No your honor. The defense rests.

JUDGE: Thank you. The defendant may step down. Ladies and gentlemen, we will now begin with the final argument. Are both the prosecution and defense ready?

DEFENSE/PROS: Yes your honor.

Simultaneous Exercise

PROS: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury; during this trial the prosecution has clearly shown that Mr. Davis intentionally murdered his wife on the morning of April 23, 2007. Let's consider the obvious: no one can justify his whereabouts on the morning in question, not even the bartender at the local bar where he claimed he visited for 2-3 hours. The defendant had planned this murder for quite some time, so he could finally be free of his wife and start a new life with his mistress of 6 years.