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-vs- : Case No. 1:08-cr-132

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GABRIEL H. PEREZ-AMAYA

and

RAFAEL A. PARADA-MENDOZA

and

JORGE PARADA

Defendants. :

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Before: Liam O'Grady, Judge

And a Jury

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- 1 ladies and gentlemen.
- 2 All right, Mr. Fahey.
- 3 MR. FAHEY: Your Honor, the Government calls
- 4 Detective Matthew Anderson.
- 5 THE COURT: All right.
- 6 NOTE: The witness is sworn.
- 7 MATTHEW R. ANDERSON, called by counsel for the
- 8 United States, first being duly sworn, testifies and states:
- 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. FAHEY:
- 11 Q. Please state your full name.
- 12 A. Matthew Robert Anderson.
- 13 Q. What do you do for a living?
- 14 A. I am a crime scene detective for the Fairfax County
- 15 Police Department.
- 16 Q. How long have you been with the Fairfax County Police
- 17 Department?
- 18 A. I was hired in 1987 as a cadet, and then have been an
- 19 officer since 1989.
- 20 Q. How long have you been a crime scene detective?
- 21 A. Since 1998.
- 22 Q. Do you have a specific title for your, as a crime scene
- 23 detective?
- 24 A. I am known as a crime scene detective for the police
- department.

- 1 Q. If I could draw your attention to Government's Exhibit 3,
- 2 | if you could look at that.
- 3 Do you have Government's Exhibit 3 in front of you?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 O. What is that?
- 6 A. That is basically a resumé of all my training and
- 7 experience.
- 8 Q. Is that relating to being a crime scene detective?
- 9 A. Yes, it is.
- 10 Q. What are some of your duties as a crime scene detective?
- 11 A. My main duties are to respond to major crimes, suspicious
- deaths, accidental deaths within Fairfax County. Once there,
- 13 to document those scenes through notes, photography, sketches,
- 14 | as well as locate evidence, identify evidence, collect it,
- preserve it, process it for latent fingerprints. And then
- 16 | maintain the chain of custody, the packaging of it and
- 17 evidence that needs to be further examined by a laboratory to
- 18 submit it to the laboratory.
- 19 Q. Have you received any specialized training in crime scene
- 20 investigations?
- 21 A. Yes, I have.
- 22 Q. And just generally can you highlight some of the training
- 23 | that you have received from your resumé on Exhibit 3.
- 24 A. My training basically started from the base academy in
- 25 fingerprinting and those types of the basics of it. As a

- patrol officer, I was selected to go to metropolitan D.C. to their crime scene search school, which was three weeks.
- From there I was selected into our crime scene
- 4 section. I had several months of on-the-job training. And
- 5 then I went to the Virginia Forensic Science Academy, which is
- 6 | a nine-week intensified school taught by the state lab in
- 7 Virginia, taught by their scientists and by crime scene
- 8 instructors.
- 9 Q. What types of things were you instructed in that course?
- 10 A. Those courses cover everything from the basic photography
- of the scene, note taking, diagramming, as well as the
- 12 | evidence collection. Best evidence, how to collect it, how to
- 13 package it, how to submit it for analysis. As well as
- 14 fingerprinting techniques, chain of custody issues. And
- 15 everything from basic blood stain pattern analysis, shooting
- 16 | reconstructions, buried bodies. Basically the whole aspect of
- 17 everything that they could possibly think of to throw at you
- 18 and get you involved in processing and handling crime scenes.
- 19 Q. If I could draw your attention to page 6 of your CV.
- Do you have that in front of you?
- 21 A. Yes, I do.
- 22 Q. Under major crime scene investigations, what types of
- 23 | crimes did you include in the major investigations?
- 24 A. Major investigations, homicides, probably up over 20
- 25 homicide investigations that I have been the lead detective

- 1 in. And I assisted in numerous other ones in the ten years
- 2 that I have been up in the crime scene section. As well as
- 3 doing police-related shootings involving officer shootings,
- 4 whether it was a Fairfax County officer involved or some other
- 5 officer that has come into Fairfax County. And I have
- 6 testified in federal and local courts involving those types of
- 7 cases.
- 8 Q. Is it approximately 55 trials, is that still accurate?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Are you a member of any organizations relating to crime
- 11 | scene investigations?
- 12 A. Yes. I am a member of the IAI, which is the
- 13 International Association of Identification, as well as a
- 14 member of the forensic alumni, the Virginia Forensic Academy
- 15 Alumni Association.
- 16 Q. Have you ever testified as an expert in court, as a crime
- 17 | scene investigation expert?
- 18 A. As a--
- 19 Q. As an expert witness?
- 20 A. Yes, I have.
- 21 Q. In what case?
- 22 A. It was actually in this courthouse, it was as a shooting
- 23 reconstruction expert involving a murder trial.
- 24 Q. Have you also testified as an expert in Fairfax County
- 25 Circuit Court?

- 1 A. Not that I am aware of.
- 2 Q. On page 6.
- 3 A. That was my mistake. I believe that wasn't in this
- 4 | courthouse, it was in Fairfax County court.
- 5 Q. That was in Fairfax County?
- 6 A. Fairfax County court.
- 7 MR. FAHEY: Your Honor, at this point I offer
- 8 Detective Anderson as an expert witness in crime scene
- 9 investigations.
- 10 THE COURT: Any objections?
- MR. CONNELL: I have a couple, Your Honor. Would
- 12 | the Court prefer me to argue from here?
- 13 THE COURT: Yes, sir, go ahead.
- MR. CONNELL: I don't have any issue with Detective
- 15 Anderson's qualifications to process a crime scene, but the
- 16 Government hasn't noticed him to give any opinions.
- So, under the Federal Rules of Evidence, he doesn't
- 18 | need a designation as an expert since he is not going to seek
- 19 to give an opinion.
- 20 THE COURT: All right. Let's see how the testimony
- 21 goes. Object if you think an opinion is being offered, and we
- 22 | will resolve that at that time.
- MR. CONNELL: Yes, sir.
- MR. FAHEY: Your Honor, we did notice him, and the
- 25 | reason we did notice him--

- 1 THE COURT: I am sorry, you did or did not notice
- 2 him?
- MR. FAHEY: We did notice him.
- 4 THE COURT: As an expert?
- 5 MR. FAHEY: Yes.
- 6 MR. CONNELL: Yes, certainly they gave notice and he
- 7 is in their expert disclosure, but not to testify to any
- 8 opinion. He would testify about the methods and procedures,
- 9 his role in the investigation, which is what he is qualified
- 10 to do, but that's not expressing any opinion that would
- 11 require a designation as an expert under the rules.
- 12 THE COURT: All right, let's see where we go. And
- 13 | if you have any objection to any question that is asked by Mr.
- 14 Fahey, we will resolve it at that time.
- MR. CONNELL: Yes, sir.
- 16 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 17 Q. As a crime scene detective, how are you assigned cases to
- 18 investigate?
- 19 A. Cases are based in our section, there is basically an
- 20 assignment or schedule set up to where you work, you have
- 21 | certain people that are on call for after hours. There are
- 22 several of us in the office, there are ten of us in the
- 23 office. Eight would be on a normal schedule. Two would be
- 24 | the on-call people. And on-call people would handle calls
- 25 that came in after hours. The other eight would handle calls

- 1 that come in during the normal daytime or normal business
- 2 hours.
- 3 Q. On the types of cases you are called out to investigate,
- 4 is one detective designated sort of as the lead detective on a
- 5 crime scene?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Does that just depend on the rotation?
- 8 A. It depends on the rotation and how the teams work. With
- 9 eight people, the people are divided, it is two-person teams.
- 10 So, there is always a primary and a backup. And if it is a
- 11 major call, then the primary is usually the person that would
- 12 take the lead and the backup would be the assistant.
- 13 Q. Were you on duty in the early morning hours of December 2
- 14 of the year 2007?
- 15 A. I was on call that night, yes.
- 16 Q. Did you receive a call.
- 17 A. Yes, I did.
- 18 Q. Why did you get a call?
- 19 A. They called me for a shooting that had happened at
- 20 Springfield Mall.
- 21 Q. Were you designated to be the lead crime scene detective
- 22 on that case?
- 23 A. Yes, I was.
- 24 Q. Do you recall approximately what time you received the
- 25 call?

- 1 A. It was between 2:20 and 2:25 a.m.
- 2 Q. Did you respond to the Springfield Mall parking lot?
- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 Q. What time was that?
- 5 A. I arrived a little after 3 in the morning.
- 6 Q. And is Springfield Mall in Fairfax County?
- 7 A. Yes, it is.
- 8 Q. Is that in the Eastern District of Virginia?
- 9 A. Yes, it is.
- 10 Q. When you arrived at the scene, what did you observe?
- 11 A. I arrived at the scene, there was a large area that was
- 12 roped off, several police cars there. And within the roped
- 13 off area was, there were two vehicles, one was closer to the,
- 14 I guess they call it Ring Road, but it's the road that's
- 15 inside the parking lot that separates the inner parking lot
- 16 from the outer parking lot.
- On the inner parking lot there was a vehicle, there
- 18 was a vehicle laying in front of the vehicle, and then several
- 19 orange traffic cones in front of the vehicle. And then
- 20 several spaces further down there was a second vehicle that
- 21 was inside the cordoned-off area.
- 22 Q. How was the area, you say cordoned off. How was that
- 23 done?
- 24 A. Yellow crime scene tape was up, and then there some
- 25 police cars on the outside basically securing the scene, some

- 1 officers standing there making sure no one was coming and
- 2 going into the scene.
- 3 Q. When you first arrived at the scene, did you seek out
- 4 | another officer that was there?
- 5 A. Yes, I did.
- 6 Q. At that point did you become the lead crime scene
- 7 detective on that scene?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. Were you able to see the body of the victim?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Where was the victim's body?
- 12 A. It was approximately five parking spaces in from the Ring
- 13 Road area, between the Target or the entrance 3 side of
- 14 | Springfield Mall. And it was in front of a small Toyota
- 15 pickup truck.
- 16 Q. When you saw the-- Describe the victim. Was he laying
- 17 down?
- 18 A. He was laying on his back. His feet were toward the
- 19 | vehicle. His head was, from standing on Ring Road, outside
- 20 | the perimeter of the scene itself, his head was to my left,
- 21 which was toward the food court. With the left side of his
- 22 body was facing across the parking lot toward the Target
- 23 store, the entrance number 3.
- 24 Q. Was he dead when you arrived?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. When did you notice-- Did you notice anything initially
- 2 about once you viewed the body, anything around the body that
- 3 drew your attention?
- 4 A. Well, the orange traffic cones, once I got up there, I
- 5 | could see that there were several cartridge casings laying
- 6 within the inner perimeter of those orange cones.
- 7 Q. What are cartridge casings?
- 8 A. Cartridge casings are the casing that holds the entire
- 9 cartridge for more or less a bullet. The cartridge is the
- 10 bullet itself, the lead projectile, the cartridge casing which
- 11 | encompasses that which holds onto the bullet, as well as the
- 12 primer and the powder that is inside that ignites to propel
- 13 the bullet out of the gun. The cartridge is what is left
- 14 over, the cartridge casing is what is left over after the
- 15 bullet has been fired.
- 16 Q. Where were these cartridge casings in relation to the
- 17 | victim's body?
- 18 A. It was his vehicle, the body, and then the cartridge
- 19 casings were all above him from his, above his head and toward
- 20 the left.
- 21 Q. Based on finding the cartridge casings in the specific
- 22 location, did that tend to focus your investigation on a
- 23 certain area?
- 24 A. Yes, it did.
- 25 Q. Why is that?

- 1 A. Because the cartridge casings, once I was able to take a
- 2 look at them coming from a semiautomatic weapon which ejects
- 3 the cartridge casing each time it is fired and brings up
- 4 another round to be fired, they were all within a small area,
- 5 | a general area. And between where the cartridge casings were
- 6 and the decedent and the vehicle, that was pretty much my
- 7 | scene. Anything going off that direction, that was the only
- 8 evidence that I could find, it was all together per se when
- 9 you look at the fact that you are talking about a large
- 10 parking lot.
- 11 Q. The cartridge casings are ejected from the firearm?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. So, they were in a certain area. What did that tell you
- 14 based on your experience in terms of looking for firearm or
- other clues about where a potential shooter may have been?
- 16 A. Well, the shooter would have had to have been in
- 17 proximity, very close proximity, standing right next to where
- 18 | these cartridge casings are landing because as you are firing,
- 19 | the gun is kicking them out of the weapon and they are landing
- 20 on the ground.
- So, the gun would have had to have been fired in
- 22 close proximity to where they are landing or they are falling
- 23 on the ground.
- 24 Q. Did you take photographs of the crime scene that night?
- 25 A. Yes, I did.

- 1 Q. If I could ask you to look at Government's Exhibits 4
- 2 through 4X, as in x-ray.
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 Q. Have you looked through all of those?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Are those all photographs that you took that night?
- 7 A. Yes, they are.
- 8 Q. Are they all fair and accurate depictions of the crime
- 9 scene as you found it that night?
- 10 A. Yes.
- MR. FAHEY: Your Honor, at this point I would offer
- 12 Government's Exhibit 4 through 4X into evidence.
- THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. GREENE: I do have an objection on a couple of
- 15 | the photographs, Your Honor. I am not sure if you would like
- 16 to take this up at the bench or at the podium.
- 17 THE COURT: No, just tell me, give me the reason and
- 18 | identify it first, please.
- 19 MR. GREENE: Yes, I think Mr. Linnell would like me
- 20 at the podium.
- 21 THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. GREENE: The Court's indulgence, Your Honor.
- 23 Your Honor, we have an objection to 40.
- I apologize for the delay. The Court's indulgence,
- 25 if I may.

- 1 Yes. Thank you, Your Honor. We object to 40. It
- 2 is repetitive of the other photographs. And while it
- 3 | certainly does not add anything to assist the jury in their
- 4 review of this case, it carries with it a potentially unfair
- 5 prejudicial impact.
- 6 THE COURT: Well, does the Government want to be
- 7 heard in response?
- 8 MR. FAHEY: Your Honor, there is only one picture
- 9 that looks like 40. We were very judicious in selecting
- 10 photos in this case. I would be glad to demonstrate to the
- 11 | Court how we did that.
- 12 THE COURT: No, I have gone through the exhibits in
- 13 | the 4 grouping, and I don't find repetition, don't find that
- 14 this is unreasonably prejudicial given the nature of the case
- 15 | we are trying.
- So, I will overrule your objection. I will admit
- 17 each of the Exhibits 4 through 4X.
- 18 MR. FAHEY: Yes.
- MR. GREENE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Yes, sir.
- 21 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 22 Q. If I could draw your attention to, if you could go back
- 23 | to Government's Exhibit 4. And I do ask permission to publish
- 24 | this exhibit. It was published through the defendant in the
- 25 last exhibit.

- THE COURT: Yes, sir. Go ahead. You can publish--
- 2 And for both counsel, you have my permission to publish
- 3 anything that has been admitted into evidence as long as we
- 4 | don't unduly delay the proceedings. But if you have a select
- 5 number of exhibits you want to publish, then go ahead, as long
- 6 as they are admitted.
- 7 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 8 Q. Detective Anderson, if you could look at Government's
- 9 Exhibit 4. I don't know if you could see a screen to your
- 10 left, are you able to see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Is that the condition of the victim when you arrived on
- 13 the scene?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- 15 Q. And these cones that were testified about earlier by you.
- 16 What's the significance of these cones?
- 17 A. Just basically making another inner perimeter
- 18 encompassing the cartridge casings, identifying the location
- 19 that they were in.
- 20 Q. Just generally, if you could just show on the screen
- 21 where these cartridge casings as a general matter were found?
- 22 A. They were found basically just above the decedent. I
- 23 | don't know if I can make a mark along here or not. Basically
- 24 from within about a foot above him to about eight or nine feet
- 25 further above him.

- 1 Q. So, the closest would have about a foot from him and the
- 2 farthest about eight or nine feet?
- 3 A. Eight or nine feet, yes.
- 4 Q. If I could show you Government's Exhibit 4A. Do you have
- 5 4A to your left?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Is that a close-up view of the victim?
- 8 A. Yes, it is.
- 9 Q. And if you could just show, where on that picture,
- 10 approximately, would be the closest cartridge casing to the
- 11 victim?
- 12 A. I believe the closest one is just, it is actually just
- 13 above-- I don't know if it will make a mark on there or not.
- 14 There is no way to make an easy mark. Probably just above his
- 15 head, probably within less than a foot.
- 16 Q. If I could show you Government's Exhibit 4B. And just if
- 17 | I could just have you focus on the victim's left, inside of
- 18 his left arm.
- 19 What is that a picture of or what does that show in
- 20 that picture.
- 21 A. On the ground is a wallet with El Salvador written on the
- 22 front of it.
- 23 Q. And 4C through 4H are all photos of cartridge casings, is
- 24 that right?
- 25 A. Through 4--

- 1 Q. I believe it is 4I.
- 2 A. 4I. Yes.
- 3 Q. And if I could show you Government's Exhibit, without
- 4 | showing any of those, Government's Exhibit 4J. If you could
- 5 just look to your left when it comes on the screen.
- 6 Do you see Government's Exhibit 4J?
- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. Although it is tilted to the side, there is a number 10
- 9 and there is, looks to be written in yellow and a circle.
- 10 Could you just tell the jury what is within that circle?
- 11 A. That's the closest cartridge casing to the decedent that
- 12 | we could find.
- 13 Q. And the number 10, what does that signify?
- 14 A. That was the tenth item that I collected when I was
- 15 actually drawing my diagram. Item number 1 was not a
- 16 | cartridge casing, but 2 through 10 were.
- 17 Q. So, those were written by you at the scene?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 O. If you could look at Government's Exhibit 4K.
- 20 What does that show on Government's Exhibit 4K?
- 21 A. 4K were the items that were in his right front pants
- 22 pocket.
- 23 Q. Were they taken out of his pocket?
- 24 A. Yes, I took them out.
- 25 Q. If you could look at Government's Exhibit 4L.

- 1 What is the significance of that picture?
- 2 A. That's the Social Security card that was inside the
- 3 | wallet right next to him.
- 4 Q. Was that for the purpose of identifying the victim?
- 5 A. Identifying what information we had in the wallet.
- 6 Q. I am not going to publish 4M and 4N, but if you could
- 7 | just describe what is 4M?
- 8 A. 4M is the vehicle that was right next to the victim or
- 9 | right by, the closest one to him at the parking space by his
- 10 feet. And a bullet had struck the front of the vehicle going
- 11 | through the grill into the engine compartment. We used a
- dowel rod to push through the hole and determine the
- 13 trajectory that the bullet had entered the front of the
- 14 vehicle.
- 15 O. What's a dowel rod?
- 16 A. Dowel rod is a wooden rod, small diameter. We paint it
- 17 | bright orange so you can see it, it shows up better in the
- 18 pictures. And by running that through, as long as you had
- 19 | two, it least two holes, the dowel rod goes through and it
- 20 holds itself and you can look and see what the trajectory was
- 21 of the bullet that entered into the front of the vehicle.
- 22 Q. If I could just show you that one briefly, 4M. The
- orange on the picture, that's the dowel rod?
- 24 A. Yes, it is.
- 25 Q. What direction is that going?

- 1 A. If you are in the vehicle, it would be coming at an angle
- 2 going out across toward, across the driver's side and out to
- 3 the front.
- 4 Q. Where was the victim in relation to this truck?
- 5 A. The victim was just off the front left corner, driver's
- 6 side of the vehicle.
- 7 Q. Is 4N just a can that you collected?
- 8 A. Yes, it is.
- 9 Q. Is there any reason you collected that can?
- 10 A. It was in proximity to where the vehicle was, the
- 11 decedent and the cartridge casings were, so we collected that.
- 12 Q. Was the fact of its location, other than the fact of its
- 13 location, was there any other reason that you collected the
- 14 can?
- 15 A. No. At the time we were collecting the evidence, we
- 16 | didn't have information on who the other parties were other
- 17 than this was our scene. So, we collected what appeared to be
- 18 | items that hadn't been out there for more than a few hours if
- 19 | not a day.
- 20 Anything that has been out, weathered and stuff,
- 21 | this was a clear day, so if it was weathered, it had been out
- 22 | there a longer period of time, it wouldn't have been involved.
- 23 Q. If I could ask you to look at Government's Exhibit 40.
- 24 And I would like to publish this.
- What is Government's Exhibit 40?

- 1 A. That's a photograph of the decedent's back.
- 2 Q. Did you flip the decedent over?
- 3 A. Yes, we rolled him onto his side.
- 4 O. And what does it show in the middle of his back?
- 5 A. There is injuries, holes in his back and his side. And
- 6 there was also lead fragments that were on the ground
- 7 underneath him or on the asphalt underneath him.
- 8 Q. Did you collect the led fragments underneath him?
- 9 A. Yes, we did.
- 10 Q. Why did you collect those?
- 11 A. Those were collected, obviously wearing gloves. They
- were collected, placed into clear zip-lock bags and then
- 13 placed inside the six-by-nine envelopes to be labeled, sealed
- 14 and then secured at the crime scene section until submitted to
- 15 the state lab.
- 16 Q. I would like to show you Government's Exhibit 4P as in
- 17 Paul. This may be hard to see for the jury, but can you
- describe what's in this photo and why you took this particular
- 19 photo?
- 20 A. Well, when we take photographs, we are trying to identify
- 21 | the victim. You know, we took the photograph earlier of the
- 22 | wallet with the Social Security card in it. We also take
- 23 | photographs of tattoos, jewelry, those type of things to help
- 24 | identify somebody later on if we have an issue with not
- 25 getting fingerprints back or something.

- This was a tattoo that was inside the webbing of the
- 2 hand on the decedent.
- 3 Q. Would you look at 4Q.
- Is that also, is the purpose of that photo because
- 5 of the tattoo?
- 6 A. Yes, photographing a tattoo on the upper left arm.
- 7 Q. Are you able to read what the tattoo says or what's on
- 8 the tattoo?
- 9 A. It is SSL are the initials.
- 10 Q. I ask you to look at Government's Exhibit 4S. What's
- 11 | that a photograph of?
- 12 A. That's a photograph of a bullet, the projectile that came
- 13 out of the cartridge.
- 14 Q. I would like you to look at Government's Exhibit 4V, as
- 15 in victor.
- 16 What's the significance of that picture?
- 17 A. That's the front of the vehicle that was by the decedent.
- 18 Q. Is that the same truck where the dowel rod was placed in?
- 19 A. Yes, it is.
- 20 Q. You testified about the photographs you took of the
- 21 | cartridge casings, the bullets and things of that nature.
- How many cartridge casings were recovered from the
- 23 scene?
- 24 A. Nine.
- 25 Q. How did you go about recovering them?

- 1 A. Each cartridge casing was collected, put into a clear
- 2 | zip-lock bag. Once in the zip-lock bag, they were placed into
- 3 | a six-by-nine envelope, paper envelope, where they were
- 4 labeled, sealed.
- 5 Out of the nine that were collected, there were
- 6 | seven different head stamps or manufacturer's markings on the
- 7 back of the cartridge casing. So, each one of those was drawn
- 8 on the outside of the envelope and they were numbered as 2
- 9 through 10. And then they were packaged, sealed, placed in
- 10 the crime scene section lockers until submitted to the
- 11 division or Department of Forensic Science.
- 12 Q. If I could ask you to look as Government's Exhibit 7
- 13 through 7H.
- Do you have those in front of you?
- 15 A. Yes, I do.
- 16 Q. What are those?
- 17 A. These are the cartridge cases with the envelopes that
- 18 | they were originally packaged in.
- 19 Q. How are you able to tell that?
- 20 A. Well, they were in the packaging up until I moved them to
- 21 | the outside of the packaging to save some time and make it
- 22 easier to view them.
- 23 Q. Do they have any identifiers on them so you are able to
- 24 recognize them?
- 25 A. I didn't put any markings on them because they were going

- 1 to be examined by the Department of Forensic Science.
- 2 Q. But in terms of the packaging?
- 3 A. The packaging has my original seal on the back, as well
- 4 as my initials and the date.
- 5 Q. Is that on each one of them?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. If I could just ask you, just to show one of them to the
- 8 jury. If you could just hold up 7.
- 9 And is the cartridge casing within that bag?
- 10 A. Yes, it is. I don't know if they can see that or not.
- MR. FAHEY: At this point I offer Government's
- 12 Exhibit 7 through 7H into evidence.
- THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. CONNELL: No, sir.
- 15 THE COURT: All right, they will be received without
- 16 objection.
- 17 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 18 Q. Can you take a look at Government's Exhibit 8.
- Do you have Government's Exhibit 8 in front of you?
- 20 A. Yes, I do.
- 21 Q. What is Government's Exhibit 8?
- 22 A. It's a bullet that was located in the parking lot.
- MR. FAHEY: If I could, at this point I offer
- 24 Government's Exhibit 8 into evidence.
- MR. CONNELL: No objection.

- 1 THE COURT: All right, 8 will be received.
- 2 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 3 Q. If you could just hold that up and show the jury.
- 4 Where in the parking lot was that recovered?
- 5 A. I would have to look at my note real quick.
- 6 Q. We could move on at this point, if you want to.
- 7 A. It won't take but a second. It was in the parking space
- 8 | to the left, just outside the driver's door of the truck below
- 9 the decedent.
- 10 Q. I would like you to look at Government's Exhibit 9 and
- 11 9A.
- Do you have 9 and 9A in front of you?
- 13 A. Yes, I do.
- 14 O. What are those?
- 15 A. Exhibit 9 was a lead fragment that was found underneath
- 16 | the victim's upper back when we turned him over.
- And 9A is, it is actually three lead fragments that
- 18 | were under the lower part of his back when we turned him over.
- 19 Q. Did you also collect these in the same manner as the
- 20 | cartridge casings?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And take them to the Virginia Division of Forensic
- 23 Science?
- 24 A. Yes.
- MR. FAHEY: Your Honor, at this point I offer 9 and

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- 1 9A into evidence.
- 2 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 3 MR. CONNELL: No, sir.
- 4 THE COURT: All right, they will be received without
- 5 objection.
- 6 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 7 Q. Could you look at Government's Exhibits 10 and 11.
- 8 Do you have 10 and 11?
- 9 A. Yes, I do.
- 10 Q. What are 10 and 11?
- 11 A. No. 10 is another bullet, lead bullet. This one was
- 12 | found in the parking lot behind the decedent's vehicle, or the
- 13 | vehicle that was right next to him or below him.
- And No. 11 is a bullet that was removed from the
- 15 engine compartment of the vehicle.
- 16 Q. Who removed that?
- 17 A. Detective Netherton.
- 18 Q. Did he provide it to you afterwards?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Did you package these in a similar manner as the
- 21 | cartridge casings from the other fragments you just testified
- 22 about?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you take them to the Virginia Division of Forensic
- 25 Science?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Are you able to identify them in the same manner, by what
- 3 | is marked on the packaging?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 MR. FAHEY: Offer Government's Exhibit 10 and 11
- 6 into evidence.
- 7 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. CONNELL: Your Honor, can I have just a moment?
- 9 THE COURT: Yes, sir.
- MR. CONNELL: No objection.
- 11 THE COURT: All right, they will be received without
- 12 objection.
- 13 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 14 Q. Did you attend the autopsy of Christian Argueta?
- 15 A. Yes, I did.
- 16 Q. Do you recall approximately what date that was?
- 17 A. I believe it was on the 3rd, a Monday.
- 18 Q. Were there any bullets recovered from Mr. Argueta's body
- 19 during the autopsy?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I would like to ask you to look at Government's
- 22 Exhibit 12 and 12A.
- Do you have those in front of you?
- 24 A. Yes, I do.
- 25 Q. What are those?

- 1 A. Two more bullets that were removed from the decedent.
- 2 Q. Did you also package these in the same manner as the
- 3 previous exhibits?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And deliver them to the Virginia Division of Forensic
- 6 Science?
- 7 A. Yes, I did.
- 8 Q. Are you able to identify them by markings on the
- 9 packaging materials?
- 10 A. Yes, it still has my original seal and the date.
- MR. FAHEY: At this point I would offer Government's
- 12 12 and 12A into evidence.
- THE COURT: Any objection? They will be received.
- 14 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 15 Q. Please look at Government's Exhibit 13.
- What is Government's Exhibit 13?
- 17 A. 13 is a bullet fragment that was found on the decedent's
- 18 body at the medical examiner's office.
- 19 Q. Did you package that in a similar manner to the previous
- 20 exhibits?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Did you deliver it to the Division of Forensic Science?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- 24 Q. Are you able to identify it by markings on the packaging
- 25 material?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 MR. FAHEY: At this point I offer Government's
- 3 Exhibit 13 into evidence.
- 4 THE COURT: Any objection? All right, it will be
- 5 received.
- 6 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 7 Q. I want you to take a look at Government's Exhibit 5.
- 8 And I ask permission to publish Government's
- 9 Exhibit 5.
- 10 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 11 Q. Is that an aerial photo of the Springfield Mall?
- 12 A. Yes, it is.
- 13 Q. If you could look to your, the screen to your left. Are
- 14 | you able to see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. If you could just broadly circle where the victim's body
- was and where this evidence was recovered on this diagram or
- 18 on this photograph.
- 19 A. There.
- 20 Q. And if I could show you Government's Exhibit 6.
- Do you have Government's Exhibit 6 in front of you
- 22 before I publish them?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. What is that?
- 25 A. It's a diagram I drew of the close proximity view of the

- 1 | scene itself, the vehicle, the evidence, and the decedent.
- 2 Q. Is it a fair and accurate diagram of the crime scene that
- 3 evening?
- 4 A. Yes, it is.
- 5 MR. FAHEY: Offer Government's Exhibit 6 into
- 6 evidence.
- 7 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 8 MR. CONNELL: No objection.
- 9 THE COURT: All right, it will be received into
- 10 evidence.
- 11 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 12 Q. Showing you Government's Exhibit 6, if you could-- Did
- 13 | you also do-- Is there also a blowup diagram of Government's
- 14 Exhibit 6?
- 15 A. Yes, I believe so.
- 16 Q. With the assistance of the Court Security Officer, I
- 17 | would like to show you Government's Exhibit 6A, which is just
- 18 a larger version of Government's Exhibit 6.
- 19 Your Honor, I don't know if the Court would permit
- 20 | the detective to step down.
- 21 THE COURT: Yes, please step down. And if you have
- 22 got a marker of some sort, you can use it.
- Can the ladies and gentlemen of the jury, can you
- 24 | see the diagram? Is it large enough?
- THE WITNESS: Am I blocking?

- 1 MR. FAHEY: I don't know if we can move it a little
- 2 closer.
- 3 THE COURT: That's why I asked. Joe, could you move
- 4 | it up to the front here at the risk of cutting off my young
- 5 law clerks' view.
- 6 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 7 Q. Detective Anderson, if you could just keep your voice up
- 8 when you are speaking. What does this diagram show?
- 9 A. Again, this diagram is a closer, basically an aerial view
- 10 looking straight down onto the scene showing the vehicle, the
- 11 decedent, and the location of the evidence that was collected.
- 12 Q. And you have on the left, you have a key?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. What does that key show?
- 15 A. It identifies with the numbers. Number 1 being the soda
- 16 | can, which was right here on the parking lot markings, parking
- 17 space markings.
- 2 through 10 are here, the cartridge cases that were
- 19 collected.
- 20 11, 12-- It goes through all the different items of
- 21 evidence.
- The cigarette, that was number 11.
- 23 | 12, the Heineken can that was in front of the
- 24 vehicle.
- 25 13 being a bullet.

- 1 14 was some broken glass, appeared to be like
- 2 headlight glass, like if a vehicle was parked there.
- 3 15 was the wallet underneath his arm.
- 4 16 and 17 were fragments underneath the victim.
- 5 18 was a bullet behind the vehicle.
- 6 19 was a small plastic zip-lock baggie,
- 7 approximately that big, light blue.
- 8 20 was a Heineken can which was actually down by
- 9 Ring Road on a little median, grass/dirt area that separates
- 10 the parking spaces from the Ring Road.
- 11 And 21 was a Corona bottle that was about four or
- 12 | five parking spaces up, out of the parking lot just a little
- 13 bit.
- 14 Q. And you have certain items you have in blue, certain ones
- 15 in orange. What are the numbers in the blue?
- 16 A. Items in blue are the cartridge cases. Items in orange
- 17 | were the bullet or bullet fragments. And they are signified
- 18 in different colors to show which items were collected and
- 19 | actually submitted to the Department of Forensic Science for
- 20 examination.
- 21 Q. So, the items in blue, if you could just highlight those.
- 22 Are all those all the cartridge casings that were found?
- 23 A. Yes, those are all the cartridge cases that were found
- 24 | right here. And the bullet fragments were here. The bullet
- 25 there. And a bullet back behind the vehicle.

- I did not highlight the one that was actually inside
- 2 | the vehicle because we didn't find that until later.
- 3 Q. When you testified earlier about the distance between the
- 4 | fragments and the victim's body, I believe you testified
- 5 anywhere from about a foot to several feet away. How far
- 6 | would the furthest one be, I guess that would be number 2 on
- 7 the diagram, from the victim?
- 8 A. Number 2 was about eight or nine feet from the decedent,
- 9 the decedent's head.
- Number 9 and 10, the one photograph, it shows it was
- 11 within a foot of the decedent.
- 12 Q. And 16 and 17, are there arrows pointing to the victim?
- 13 Were these the ones that you testified that were underneath of
- 14 the victim?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And number 13, that was approximately how far away from
- 17 | the victim?
- 18 A. 13 was probably about somewhere between five and
- 19 seven feet.
- 20 Q. Number 18, this was found-- Where was that found?
- 21 A. Back behind the Toyota pickup truck.
- 22 Q. And just to be clear, your numbers on your chart don't
- 23 | match up with the Government's exhibit numbers, is that
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. At this point I would like to show Detective Anderson, if
- 2 you could take your seat, Government's Exhibit 6B.
- 3 Do you have Government's Exhibit 6B?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 O. What is that?
- 6 A. 6B is another diagram that I drew, a larger overall
- 7 diagram of the parking lot and a portion of the mall to show
- 8 where in the parking lot the incident occurred.
- 9 Q. If I could show you-- Is it a fair and accurate
- 10 depiction of the mall parking lot?
- 11 A. Yes, it is.
- 12 Q. If I could show you Government's Exhibit 6B.
- 13 And I offer Government's 6B in evidence. And I
- 14 | would like to show it to the detective.
- MR. CONNELL: No objection.
- 16 THE COURT: It will be received.
- 17 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 18 Q. Just generally, if you could show on this diagram where
- 19 | is the victim's body? Where was the victim's body found and
- 20 where is the victim's car?
- 21 A. The victim's body and vehicle are down on the bottom part
- 22 of the screen right there, right down there.
- 23 Q. I would like to highlight this section of the exhibit.
- And the vehicle that you described, right next or
- 25 close to the victim, is that the Toyota truck?

- 1 A. Yes, it is.
- 2 Q. Approximately how far away is that from the victim?
- 3 A. The truck itself? Probably about eight feet.
- 4 Q. I would like to show you Government's Exhibit 14 and 14A.
- 5 Do you have Government's Exhibit 14?
- 6 A. 14 is right here.
- 7 Q. What is Government's Exhibit 14?
- 8 A. 14 was the shirt that the decedent was wearing.
- 9 Q. If you could-- I offer Government's Exhibit 14 in
- 10 evidence.
- MR. CONNELL: No objection.
- 12 THE COURT: It will be received.
- 13 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 14 Q. If you could hold up Government's Exhibit 14.
- 15 A. Do you want me to step down?
- 16 THE COURT: Please, go ahead, Detective.
- 17 Q. Did you recover that from the victim's body?
- 18 A. Yes, the medical examiner's office.
- 19 Q. If I could ask you to hold it up with the back side of
- 20 the shirt facing the jury.
- 21 And what is shown on the back?
- 22 A. On the back side of the shirt, I will move to the side
- 23 real quick, there are several markings. There is a small hole
- 24 up in the top, very top center.
- 25 There is another hole here to the, just off the

- 1 right of center.
- 2 Q. When you say the center, is that the center back?
- 3 A. The center back.
- 4 Then you have got-- I will hold it up. And off to
- 5 | the left, left middle of the back there is a larger hole with
- 6 a smaller hole right next to it.
- 7 As well as a small hole right here.
- 8 There is, the holes that run down the back left,
- 9 there is actually one just into the sleeve, I am sure that it
- 10 is hard to see, I am sure you are having a hard time over
- 11 there seeing it.
- There is a hole, almost in a line with this one.
- 13 And then these two together.
- 14 Q. I would like you to take a look Government's Exhibit 14A.
- What is Government's Exhibit 14A?
- 16 A. 14A are the jeans with the belt that the decedent was
- 17 wearing.
- 18 MR. FAHEY: Your Honor, at this point I offer
- 19 Government's Exhibit 14A into evidence.
- 20 THE COURT: Any objection? All right, 14A will be
- 21 | received without objection.
- 22 BY MR. FAHEY: (Continuing)
- 23 Q. Detective Anderson, in the course of your investigation,
- 24 | did you do a gunshot residue test, or a GSR test?
- 25 A. On the clothes?

- 1 Q. On the victim, yes.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What is that generally?
- 4 A. A gunshot residue kit, it's a small vial with a cap on
- 5 it. On the bottom side of the cap is a black sticky surface.
- 6 And that sticky surface, you can run it across, it is made to
- 7 | run across somebody's hands. And it picks up gunshot residue,
- 8 the primer, the antimony, barium and lead, the particles that
- 9 | are leftover from a gunshot.
- And it is basically to collect those, it is turned
- 11 | into the Department of Forensic Science, and they analyze it
- 12 and look for those particles. And those particles can tell
- 13 you that that person either fired a gun, they were in
- 14 proximity to a gun being fired, they touched something that
- 15 had those types of particles on it.
- So, if I shot a gun and shook somebody's hand, it
- 17 | can transfer. It basically shows that somebody was in close
- 18 proximity to or fired a gun or handled something that had
- 19 | those particles on it.
- 20 O. When is this test done?
- 21 A. We use it in almost all shooting cases, from
- 22 self-inflicted gunshots to accidental shootings and to
- 23 | murders. We use it on suspects, we use it on victims, just to
- 24 | see, just another thing to see the proximity or who fired the
- gun or who could have handled the gun.

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- 1 MR. FAHEY: No further questions, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: All right.
- 3 MR. FAHEY: Your Honor, at this point if I didn't
- 4 admit 14A, I offer 14A.
- 5 THE COURT: 14A was received. But the blowup, 6A, I
- 6 don't think you offered that. Is there any objection to 6A?
- 7 MR. CONNELL: I wasn't sure if 6A was being offered
- 8 or if it was just demonstrative.
- 9 THE COURT: Is it offered?
- MR. FAHEY: Your Honor, I would like to offer 6A
- 11 into evidence. It is a blowup of 6, they are the same
- 12 exhibit.
- MR. CONNELL: I don't have any objection. I just
- 14 know it is a hassle to keep big exhibits sometime.
- 15 THE COURT: Thank you. It will be received then.
- 16 All right. Cross-examination, Mr. Connell.
- MR. CONNELL: Thank you very much.
- 18 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. CONNELL:
- 20 Q. Good afternoon, Detective Anderson. My name is James
- 21 Connell, I am Mr. Perez-Amaya's attorney.
- I would like to begin by showing you what has been
- 23 | admitted as Government's Exhibit 2, which is the CAD traffic
- 24 report.
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. Do you see the time stamp 1:58 for the beginning of the
- 2 CAD traffic?
- 3 A. Yes, I do.
- 4 Q. Is that consistent with your understanding of the
- 5 sequence of events that you testified about where you got a
- 6 | call?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And what time did you tell us that you got the
- 9 call?
- 10 A. My pager went off at approximately 2:23, right around
- 11 there.
- 12 Q. And you told us that you were on scene by a little after
- 13 | 3 a.m.?
- 14 A. Yes, 3:08 I think is what I had in my notes.
- 15 Q. 3:08, okay. Now, I would like to show you, and I will
- 16 | finish speaking and then move, I would like to show you
- 17 | Government's Exhibit 4, which is your book. It will also be
- 18 on the screen.
- Now, in this picture, the north is to the right of
- 20 Government's Exhibit 4, is that correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. And so, in this picture Mr. Argueta's feet are pointing
- 23 to the north?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. His head is pointed to the south?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Okay. Sir, I am showing you now Government's Exhibit 4A.
- This picture was taken from the reverse, from the
- 4 opposite side of Exhibit 4, correct.
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. So, Mr. Argueta's head in this picture is pointed to the
- 7 | right, but he was still, his head was still pointing to the
- 8 south?
- 9 A. That's correct. He wasn't moved.
- 10 Q. On this picture the south is to the right-hand side of
- 11 | the picture?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. I am showing you Government's Exhibit 4P.
- Now, you testified briefly about 4P on direct
- 15 examination. Can you tell what letters are depicted in this
- 16 tattoo that is shown in 4P?
- 17 A. I believe that is SSL.
- 18 Q. SSL?
- 19 A. The same as up here, just a little closer together,
- 20 almost on top of each other.
- 21 Q. Have you seen that SSL on top of each other before?
- 22 A. No. I have seen some of the signs before just in
- 23 training, and working in patrol. But that's what it appeared
- 24 to be.
- 25 Q. Okay. I am showing you Government's Exhibit 4Q.

- On direct examination 4Q was turned in a different
- 2 direction and it was a little more difficult to read.
- But this is the one, this is the one that shows sort
- 4 of a highly scripted S, a highly scripted S and then a highly
- 5 | scripted L, is that correct?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And this is a picture taken from Mr. Argueta?
- 8 A. Yes, this is his upper left arm.
- 9 Q. Upper left arm?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And which hand was the other picture, 4P?
- 12 A. That was left-hand also.
- 13 Q. Okay. I'm showing you now Government's Exhibit 6, which
- 14 is your crime scene diagram. Now, you testified -- This shows
- 15 litems number 2 through 10 are in blue, are the cartridge
- 16 casings that you testified about on direct examination, right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Now, this diagram shows the scene as it appeared to you
- 19 | after it had been stabilized when you arrived a little after
- 20 | 3 a.m., correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. All right. You don't have any direct personal knowledge
- 23 of what happened before 3 a.m. when you arrived?
- 24 A. No. I photographed what's there when I get there.
- 25 Q. Sure. You arrive on the scene, there is a perimeter that

- 1 has been set up, you work inside that perimeter, or if
- 2 necessary expand the perimeter?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. I take it in the course of the many crime scene
- 5 investigations that you have done, you have extensive
- 6 experience with shell casings?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Now, you mentioned this just briefly on direct
- 9 examination, but I want to make sure it is clear. There is a
- 10 kind of weapon which is sometimes called an automatic weapon,
- 11 but it refers to an automatic feed of bullets into the
- 12 chamber, correct?
- 13 A. That's correct, yes.
- 14 Q. But there is another thing that is called an automatic
- 15 | weapon which is one pull of the trigger fires more than one
- 16 | bullet. But this is a different use of the word "automatic"?
- 17 A. Yes. Well, semiautomatic versus a fully automatic is you
- 18 hold the trigger down and it keeps firing. The semiautomatic,
- 19 every time you pull the trigger, it cycles another cartridge.
- 20 You have to pull the trigger again to get the next cartridge
- 21 to fire.
- 22 Q. And in a semiautomatic weapon like you described, this
- 23 | use of the word "automatic" or "semiautomatic," there are
- 24 bullets which are in a magazine which are fed into a chamber
- 25 and then ejected, the cartridge casings are ejected, correct?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. And those cartridge casings are in general made of brass,
- 3 | correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. A bullet is made of lead or could be jacketed, but the
- 6 | cartridge casing itself is generally made of brass?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. And have you yourself fired semiautomatic weapons of this
- 9 type on many occasions, I gather?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Pretty standard for police departments?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And one of the characteristics of these casings is that
- 14 | when they hid a hard surface, they bounce, is that right?
- 15 A. Yeah, they can bounce, they can be kicked.
- 16 Q. So, when you are at the firing range, if you are in a
- 17 | firing booth, for example, they might bounce forward, they
- 18 might bounce back, they might hit you in the head, bounce all
- 19 over the place?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. Okay. And that's true for a hard surface such as asphalt
- 22 in this crime scene, correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. So, you would expect-- It's also true that when the
- 25 | cartridges are ejected from a semiautomatic weapon, they are

- 1 | not uniformly-- They are generally ejected to the right, but
- 2 | within that spectrum they are ejected in different directions
- 3 on different fires, correct?
- 4 A. As long as you are holding the gun upright. If you are
- 5 holding the gun canted, if you cant the gun this way instead
- 6 of going up to the right, it can go basically straight up. If
- 7 | you turn it upside-down, it is going to eject them.
- 8 But in general, holding the gun straight, it's going
- 9 to go off to the right.
- 10 Q. Okay. But it doesn't uniformly always go off in exactly
- 11 the same direction to the right, correct?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. Different vectors depending on I don't know what factor,
- 14 but it can go in different directions just generally to the
- 15 right?
- 16 A. Yeah, within, it's not going to eject them, you know,
- 17 | 100 feet, but it is going to drop them off. The manufacturers
- don't want those cartridge casings to come back and hit you.
- 19 | So, they kick them off to the side. So, they bounce off to
- 20 the right.
- 21 Q. Sure. Sometimes to the right and a little forward,
- 22 | sometimes a right and little back, sometimes directly to the
- 23 | right, et cetera?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And those cartridges are not very heavy, are they?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. So, if a person intentionally or accidentally kicks the
- 3 cartridge, it will travel, correct?
- 4 A. It can, yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. And in fact, on a shooting range it is generally
- 6 | considered polite to take a broom and sweep up your casings
- 7 | after shooting, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And you don't have any trouble just using an ordinary
- 10 broom and sweeping up casings, right?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. You mentioned on direct examination that this was, that
- 13 | this was a clear day?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Is that right? By that you meant, you didn't mean that
- 16 | it was daytime, you meant that there was no rain or fog or
- 17 | anything else that would ordinarily obstruct one's ability to
- 18 see?
- 19 A. Yes, visibility was fine.
- 20 Q. At the parking lot did you find that the lighting was
- 21 sufficient?
- 22 A. I thought, other than, you know, we still look around
- 23 | with flashlights and extra lights to make sure we don't miss
- 24 | something. But the lighting was sufficient to be able to see
- 25 | what we were looking for. Not only with the street lights,

- 1 but there were some headlights on cruisers and spotlights that
- 2 we could use.
- 3 Q. Okay. You testified on direct examination that you
- 4 | recovered nine cartridge casings, is that right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And how long were you on the crime scene?
- 7 A. Three, approximately four hours.
- 8 Q. All right. The jury may not be 100 percent familiar with
- 9 how excruciating crime scene investigation can be sometimes.
- 10 Can you describe for them all the efforts that you made to
- 11 make sure that you had found all the casings that were in the
- 12 | area?
- 13 A. Basically the scene is roped off, I believe the one
- 14 | photograph that we showed of the overall. We went, I went
- 15 from that scene, we kind of worked that main part and then we
- 16 expanded out. We went back about two rows further toward the
- 17 | food court to the south. And then we kind of made a cone away
- 18 from where the cartridge casings were, where it appeared that
- 19 the shooter had been standing, kind of made a cone pattern out
- 20 and walked the parking lot back and forth in a grid pattern or
- 21 | a line pattern trying to see if we could find any more
- 22 bullets, bullet fragments, anything of that nature to see if
- 23 | it had gone down farther out into the parking lot.
- 24 Q. All right. And the last thing I want to ask you about is
- 25 you testified on direct examination about the gunshot residue

- 1 | test that you performed?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Can you tell us exactly what you did?
- 4 A. What I did, at the scene the decedent's hands, paper bags
- 5 | are placed over them and held in place before he is placed
- 6 into the body bag. The paper bags are sealed to basically
- 7 hold any type of foreign matter, trace evidence, that type of
- 8 thing inside the paper bag.
- 9 The body bag is then sealed. The body is
- 10 transported to the medical examiner's office with an officer
- 11 | following for chain of custody.
- 12 At the autopsy that body bag is opened, the lock
- 13 | seal is still on it, we are there when it they unlock it,
- 14 maintain the chain of custody. The medical examiner then
- 15 removes the bags. I collect the bags in case there is any
- 16 | trace evidence that fell off the decedent into the bag.
- 17 And then the GSR kit is utilized to basically run
- 18 | along the-- If you're holding a gun, most of it is going to
- 19 be on the tops of your hands, somewhere closest to where the
- 20 action is working when the gun is being fired. So, it is run
- 21 across the top of the hands from the thumb, first finger, a
- 22 little bit inside, a little bit outside.
- 23 And it is just a sticky tab on the bottom of the
- 24 cap. So, you take the one for the right hand, basically just
- 25 run it back and forth just so the sticky part can pick it up.

- 1 And then you put that cap right back on to the little canister
- 2 that it is in. Then you take the one for the other and do the
- 3 exact same thing for the other hand.
- 4 Those are then placed into an envelope, and it is
- 5 | sealed, and it is submitted to the Division of Forensic
- 6 Science for examination.
- 7 Q. Okay. So, the sticky thing that you are talking about,
- 8 | it is not unlike the action of a Post-it' note, right? It has
- 9 a gum on it?
- 10 A. It has a tacky surface.
- 11 Q. It has tacky surface which picks up particles, et cetera,
- 12 | that are on the hand?
- 13 A. That's right.
- 14 Q. That's what you did in this case?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Which hand, or both of them?
- 17 A. Both hands.
- 18 Q. Both hands. And once you-- And then you take the cap,
- 19 | the tacky surface is on the inside of the cap?
- 20 A. It's on the under side of the cap that sits down inside
- 21 the canister.
- 22 Q. The canister is not unlike a baby food jar, you screw the
- 23 | cap back on and it keeps the tacky surface from contamination?
- 24 A. That is correct. It comes in a sealed package and you
- 25 have to unseal the package, take the canisters out, open the

- 1 | cannister, utilize the cannister, close it, and put it back in
- 2 the package and seal it. Then seal the package back up and
- 3 submit it.
- 4 Q. In this case did you seal up the gunshot residue kit to
- 5 prevent any external contamination?
- 6 A. The lid just snaps back on. They were snapped back on
- 7 and placed back into the envelope and closed and the envelope
- 8 was sealed.
- 9 Q. And you did that in this case?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what did you do with the gunshot residue kit once you
- 12 sealed it up?
- 13 A. It was submitted to the Department of Forensic Science
- 14 for examination.
- 15 Q. All right. Was a proper chain of custody maintained from
- 16 you to the Department of Forensic Science?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did you take it to them?
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- 20 Q. I just had one more question. I am sorry for doing this
- 21 backwards.
- The SSL that you saw on Government's Exhibit 4Q, the
- 23 | tattoo, did you at the time know what that stood for?
- 24 A. I assumed it stood for South Side Locos.
- MR. CONNELL: Thank you, sir.

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- 1 THE COURT: Any other cross-examination?
- 2 MR. GREENE: I do.
- 3 THE COURT: Mr. Greene.
- 4 MR. GREENE: Thank you.
- 5 BY MR. GREENE:
- 6 Q. Good afternoon, Detective. My name is Matt Greene. I
- 7 represent Mr. Parada-Mendoza.
- 8 I would like to show you Government's Exhibit 5 on
- 9 the ELMO and then ask you some questions about it.
- 10 When Mr. Fahey was asking you questions, sir, you
- 11 | were able to indicate where your crime scene investigation
- 12 occurred with the body being in the center of it. Could you
- 13 do that again?
- 14 A. Where the vehicle and the decedent were?
- 15 Q. Exactly.
- 16 A. Right there.
- 17 Q. Could you make a dot where on Government's Exhibit 6,
- 18 your chart, where you collected a variety of matters, could
- 19 | you make a dot where that location was?
- 20 A. A little bit to the outside.
- 21 Q. Now, during the course of your crime scene investigation,
- 22 did you take any measurements of where that dot was, its
- 23 distance from the entrance to the Cerro Grande where the
- 24 number 3 is?
- 25 A. A distance from where the cartridge cases were to the

- 1 | entrance to the mall?
- 2 Q. Yes.
- 3 A. No, I did not.
- 4 Q. Okay. Were you able, based on your recollection, looking
- 5 at this, are you able to take an educated guess as to the
- 6 distance?
- 7 A. If I counted parking spaces -- The parking spaces are all
- 8 approximately ten feet wide. If I took the time to count the
- 9 parking spaces, I could come somewhat close to the building,
- 10 but-- It is going to be well over 100 feet.
- 11 Q. Okay, well over 100 feet.
- When you arrived at the scene at approximately 3:08,
- during the course of your investigation you were advised that
- 14 there had been cars in the parking lot, correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. And then you were advised that those cars had left prior
- 17 to you coming there to investigate the scene?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. So, it's true that you did not have an opportunity to
- 20 examine any of the cars that had left the scene, unlike you
- 21 being able to examine the Toyota where the dowel was in the
- 22 grill?
- 23 A. That is correct.
- MR. GREENE: The Court's indulgence very briefly.
- Thank you, sir. Those are my questions.

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- 1 MR. IWEANOGE: No questions, Judge.
- THE COURT: Thank you. Redirect.
- 3 MR. FAHEY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 BY MR. FAHEY:
- 6 Q. You were asked on cross-examination about the distinction
- 7 between automatic and semiautomatic weapons. Just to be
- 8 | clear, the ones that expel the shell casings, how do you
- 9 characterize those?
- The shell casings or cartridge casings that you
- 11 | found, based on your training and experience, what type of
- 12 | weapon were those fired from?
- 13 A. The 9 millimeters?
- 14 O. Yes.
- 15 A. All the 9 millimeters that I have run into have been
- 16 semiautomatic weapons.
- 17 Q. In those, does each shot fired require a deliberate
- 18 action of pulling the trigger?
- 19 A. Yes.
- MR. FAHEY: Okay. No further questions.
- 21 THE COURT: All right. May Detective Anderson be
- 22 excused?
- MR. FAHEY: He can from the Government, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: Any need to have the detective remain?
- MR. CONNELL: Your Honor, we would like him subject

- 1 to recall, but we will let him know if we need him again.
- 2 MR. FAHEY: We will make sure he can be available.
- 3 If he can be excused now and if that comes up--
- 4 THE COURT: Detective, you are excused presently.
- 5 You are not to discuss your testimony with anyone until the
- 6 case is over.
- 7 You are subject to recall. You may go about your
- 8 | normal official duties, and the U.S. Attorney's Office or
- 9 | counsel for one of the defendants will let you know if you are
- 10 going to be needed further.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. Have a good day. Thank you,
- 13 sir.
- 14 NOTE: The witness stood down.
- THE COURT: Do you want to go a little while longer,
- 16 or are you ready for a break? I see-- Keep going? Keep
- 17 going, all right.
- 18 Next witness.
- MS. LINEHAN: Your Honor, the Government calls
- 20 Madalein Argueta.
- NOTE: The witness is sworn.
- MADALEIN ARGUETA, called by counsel for the United
- 23 States, first being duly sworn, testifies and states:
- 24 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 25 BY MS. LINEHAN:

1	that the evening won't produce different results as we think
2	about further things we could have, should have, might have
3	asked. Which is exactly what I would spend the whole evening
4	doing if I was in your shoes.
5	All right, Mr. Rangel, you are in the middle of your
6	testimony, sir. You are under oath. You are going to be
7	brought back tomorrow morning for further testimony at 9 a.m.
8	You are not to discuss this case with anyone between now and
9	9 o'clock tomorrow morning.
10	Do you understand that, sir?
11	THE WITNESS: Yes.
12	THE COURT: All right. And you are subject to
13	contempt of court if you violate that order. Do you
14	understand that?
15	THE WITNESS: All right.
16	THE COURT: Okay. All right, then we are in recess.
17	We will see you all at 9 a.m.
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19	NOTE: The May 27, 2009 portion of the case is
20	concluded.
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23	I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes.
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25	/s/ Norman B. Linnell Norman B. Linnell, RPR, CM, VCE, FCRR