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STATEMENT
OF
MOLLY WEI

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6:15 p.m. - 6:37 p.m.
New Brunswick, New Jersey

APPEARANCES:

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1 (The following is a transcript of a audio recording of a statement of
2 Molly Wei, of 95 Warwick Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550,
3 given on September 23, 2010, at Rutgers University Police Department,
4 New Brunswick, New Jersey, to Investigator Michael Daniewicz of the
5 Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, New Brunswick, New Jersey and
6 Lieutenant Richard Dinan of the Rutgers University Police Department.)
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8 QUESTIONING BY INVESTIGATOR MICHAEL DANIEWICZ:

9 Q This is Investigator Michael Daniewicz of the Middlesex
10 County Prosecutor's Office. Today's date is September 23, 2010. The
11 time now is approximately 6:15 p.m. I'm presently located within an
12 interview room of the Rutgers University Police Department located in
13 New Brunswick, New Jersey. Present with me is Lieutenant Richard
14 Dinan of the Rutgers Police Department and Ms. Molly Wei. We're here
15 for the purposes of taking a formal recorder from Ms. Wei regarding a
16 Middlesex County Prosecutor's investigation case that is currently pending
17 an investigation case number. For the purposes of this statement, this
18 case can be referenced through the Rutgers Police Department Incident
19 Case No. 2010-48636. Ms. Wei, before we begin could you please raise
20 your right hand? Do you swear that all the information you are about to
21 provide in this statement will be the truth so help you God?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And you can lower your hand now. For the record, could
24 you please state your full name, correct spelling of your first and your last
25 name?

26 A Molly M-O-L-L-Y, Wei W-E-I.

27 Q And what's your date of birth Molly?

28 A February 1st, 1992.

29 Q Okay. And you are currently a student here at Rutgers
30 University?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And what's your address here on campus?

3 A 88 Davidson Road, Busch Campus.

4 Q Okay. And that's in Piscataway?

5 A In Piscataway.

6 Q Okay. And when you're not on campus, where do you live or
7 where do you reside?

8 A I live at 95 Warwick, W-A-R-W-I-C-K, Road, Princeton Junction,
9 New Jersey 08550.

10 Q Okay. And a daytime phone number where you can be
11 reached.

12 A 609-903-5578.

13 Q Okay. And that's your cell phone?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. As I said before, you're currently a student here at
16 Rutgers?

17 A Yes.

18 Q You're a freshman?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. Do you know someone identified as Tyler Clementi?

21 A Yes.

22 Q How do you know Tyler?

23 A He lives right across from me.

24 Q Okay. In the dorms?

25 A In the dor... in the dorms.

26 Q Okay. And how about someone whose name is Dharun
27 Ravi?

28 A Yes.

29 Q How do you know Mr. Ravi?

1 A I knew him before Rutgers. We went to high school together and
2 he also lives across from me.

3 Q Okay. Is he roommates with Mr. Clementi?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. And they share, there very close proximity to where
6 you reside in the dorm?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay.

9 A Um-hum.

10 Q I want to take you back now a couple days ago. Do you
11 recall an incident where you had the opportunity to make observations or
12 monitor the actions happening in Mr. Clementi's room without him aware...
13 being aware of it?

14 A Yes.

15 A Okay. Tell me how that came to be. Explain to me if you
16 could, walk me through how it came that that actually occurred.

17 A Okay. It was Sunday night and Dharun was coming back and he, I
18 just remember seeing him and he needed to shower so he went to his
19 room and he, his roommate asked him, hey did you get my text. And
20 Dharun said no because he, his phone was broken. And then Tyler said
21 oh, well is it okay if I ask someone over. And Dharun said yes, that's okay
22 and he thinks that like, it's not so private. Like that he's like whatever, like
23 I have people over all the time. So then when he's going to get his shower
24 things, his roommate asked him, asks him do you need anything else and
25 he, and Dharun's like, what do you mean? Oh, you want me to leave?
26 And his roommate's like yeah, can I have the room until midnight. So
27 Dharun says, oh, okay and he leaves and he comes into my room and
28 he's like, kind of like worried and he's like oh, like why does he want the
29 room all to himself and...

1 Q Okay. Let me just stop you there so I can clarify a few things
2 before you go any further. You said that this was Sunday meaning this
3 past Sunday?

4 A Yes.

5 Q September 19th?

6 A Uh-ha.

7 Q Okay. And it was about in the evening hours?

8 A Around 9:00

9 Q Okay.

10 A p.m., yeah.

11 Q And you, and you, and you told us a bunch of information
12 about a conversation that occurred between Mr. Clementi and Mr. Ravi...

13 A Yeah.

14 Q ...about if Mr. Clementi could have the room to himself.

15 A Uh-ha.

16 Q Is that something you heard personally or is that something
17 that somebody told you secondhand?

18 A That's what Dharun told me.

19 Q Dharun told you. So you're not present for this
20 conversation?

21 A Yeah, yeah, yeah.

22 Q Okay. This is Dharun telling you that Tyler Clementi asked if
23 he could have the room to himself for a period of time.

24 A Um-hum.

25 Q And I guess it's safe to say Mr. Ravi wh, when he first asked
26 didn't quite understand that he meant he wanted Mr. Ravi to leave.

27 A Um-hum.

28 Q He eventually discovered that.

29 A Yeah.

1 Q Okay.

2 A Um-hum.

3 Q And then that results in Mr. Ravi coming to your room, I
4 mean to your room.

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. And that's right where I cut you off, I apologize...

7 A That's okay.

8 Q ...tell me from there. Explain to me now from there what
9 happens next.

10 A Okay, so Dharun's in my room and he's kind of freaking out and
11 he's just, we're kind of like, like wondering like what's going on. And he,
12 I'm not sure if, I think he saw this guy also. He went outside and he sees
13 this like kind of old looking man walking in and he comes back into my
14 room and he's really concerned this time. He's like oh, what's going on
15 and he tells me that he can like turn on his, he can set up his computer so
16 that it automatically accepts video chats. So when Tyler went out, came
17 out of the room, I don't know where he went but the room was empty.

18 Dharun went in and he like, you know, did that, he turned off his monitor
19 and then he came back to my room and he, we kinda closed the door and
20 he was just in my room and later on when, I guess this is when Tyler and
21 like his guest they were in his room, through my computer, my I chat, we
22 like video, we video chatted Dharun's, um screen name which is turned on
23 at his computer and that turned on his webcam and we, we saw Tyler and
24 the other guy like, they were touching each other and like I think kissing
25 and then after like two or three seconds when we realized what we were
26 watching we just turned it off.

27 Q So just to be clear, Mr. Ravi goes to the room when it's
28 empty.

29 A Yes.

1 Q And he sets up his computer. Do you know what kind of
2 computer he has?

3 A It's a desktop. It's Windows.

4 Q Okay. Is, is it a laptop or a desktop?

5 A No. It's a desktop.

6 Q Okay.

7 A Yes.

8 Q And he set it up with, you said to, to accept auto I chat?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q And you said video, meaning like a webcam?

11 A Yeah.

12 Q Is that meaning, is that, is that how you understand it to be?

13 A Yeah, although I don't know if it's like separate or if its part of his
14 computer.

15 Q Okay. You're not, you've never seen it yourself?

16 A I've seen his computer, I just don't remember like, yeah.

17 Q Okay. Understood. And he sets it up when Tyler and his
18 guest are not in the room.

19 A Um-hum.

20 Q And is this guest the older man that, that Ravi is describing
21 to you? Is that who...

22 A Yeah.

23 Q ... you understand to be the guest?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. And you say eventually Tyler does come back to the
26 room?

27 A Um-hum.

28 Q Does he bring that guest with him?

1 A I think so. The thing is, I never saw the guy. Like I was in my room
2 the entire time.

3 Q Okay. So the only way that you witnessed him was through
4 the I chat, what you call I chat or the webcam...

5 A Uh-ha.

6 Q ...video.

7 A Yeah.

8 Q Is that accurate?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q Okay. And so tell me about that. So Tyler has his guest
11 over. He goes into the room. You're in your room. Who's present at this
12 point? It's you?

13 A It's just me and Dharun.

14 Q And Dharun. Mr. Ravi.

15 A Yeah.

16 Q What happens at that point? He accesses his computer
17 through yours?

18 A Yeah.

19 Q And tell me what happens there?

20 A You mean what...

21 Q He logs on and it activates.

22 A Oh. Well, its just I was logged on to mine and I'm video chatting
23 him...

24 Q Okay.

25 A ...like next to his screen name which is logged on to his computer.
26 There's like a video chat button and you click it and normally the person
27 gets an invitation which they have to choose to accept or decline but since
28 he made it so that it automatically accepts, the webcam just opened up.

1 Q Understood. Do you know, what, what is Mr. Ravi's screen
2 name?

3 A thedharun like t-h-e-d-h-a-r-u-n.

4 Q Okay.

5 A And, I think that's it

6 Q It's one word?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q And it like the with his name?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q Okay. And he accessed that you said before, you seen Mr.
11 Clementi inside, and his, and his guest of his...

12 A Um-hum.

13 Q ...engage in, I guess, intimately?

14 A Um-hum.

15 Q Okay. What happens next?

16 A After, well we turn it off and then we were both kind of just in shock
17 because, like, we don't really, like, we kind of saw something that we

18 never expected to see or we've never seen before. And, yeah, we just

19 spent like a few minutes, five minutes or so, like, kind of not talking, just

20 freaking out. And then later on, I'm not sure like how much later but my

21 roommate comes in and we told her what happened and then that was

22 when she was like, oh, you mean that old guy that came in? And she was

23 like describing how he looked pretty sketchy and like she was wondering

24 who he was and then we were just kind of like talking about it and I think

25 around then Dharun might of like gone outside.

26 Q Okay. Let me stop you right there. You say your roommate,
27 who is your roommate, what's her name?

28 A Cassandra C-A-S-S-A-N-D-R-A, Cicco C-I-C-C-O.

29 Q Okay. And she's, and she's also a freshman at Rutgers?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. So it's you and her and you say Mr. Ravi may have
3 stepped out?

4 A Well, what sh... after we talked.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Um, because I was alone in my room at one point because they
7 both like went outside to talk to other people. So, I was alone at one point
8 but they both eventually came back.

9 Q Okay. Tell me what happens next.

10 A I remember, Dharun, I didn't mention this before but Dharun
11 brought another guy back but he wasn't there when we saw again. And
12 then they left and then Cassandra, Cassie, brought the girls over which, it
13 was like three girls maybe. It was this tall Indian girl, um, a shorter like
14 Hispanic or white girl, Caucasian, and there is one really tall Russian girl.

15 Q Do you know their names?

16 A Yeah. The Russian girl, her name is Ksenyia. Not sure how to
17 spell it.

18 Q Okay.

19 A The Indian girl's name is Pooja and I think the shorter girl's name is
20 Rashi. I don't know how to spell that either.

21 Q Okay. And what happens next?

22 A So they're all kinda, we're all talking about it and they're getting like
23 really worked up and um, like some of them started to ask to watch it but
24 the general consensus was like oh we don't want to click on that again.
25 But the one girl was really persistent so then I said okay and this time it
26 was me. I was at my computer and I clicked the video button and it came
27 on again for two like, a second or two before we turned it off. We saw
28 Tyler again. They moved a little and their tops were off and as soon as we
29 saw that we turned it off.

1 Q Okay. When you say they, you mean Tyler and his guest?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. You say their tops were off meaning they were, they
4 didn't have their clothes on or they didn't have...

5 A They didn't have like their shirts on, yeah.

6 Q Okay. Were you able to see that there were clothing
7 beneath their short, I mean beneath their waistline?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q I mean they had their pants on?

10 A Yeah.

11 Q Okay. So you were able to, it was a clear image that you
12 seen that they were not, they were partially dressed...

13 A Yeah.

14 Q ...but had their pants on.

15 A yeah.

16 Q Okay. You didn't witness them to be engaged in any sexual
17 acts or anything like that?

18 A No, not like with like, no.

19 Q No forms of penetration or...

20 A Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah...

21 Q ...touching...

22 A Yeah.

23 Q just kissing each other.

24 A Just kissing and touching.

25 Q Okay. Understood. What happens next?

26 A Um, I don't know. Like everyone was just kinda freaking out and
27 like everyone just.

28 Q Where is, where is Mr., where is Mr. Ravi at this point?

1 A Right, like during the whole video thing he wasn't there but he
2 comes back later and he comes back and I remember giving him a cookie
3 and then he leaves and he's gone for a while because he went with his
4 friend somewhere. I don't know, like they were just kinda chilling I guess,
5 and he comes back into my room later and, oh, and we, I remember
6 Tyler's guest left around ten, ten, a little after ten, because and then, oh,
7 and then Tyler's room door was open. Like he kept it open for a while and
8 Dharun came into my room like before that and he left like during that time
9 I think and he didn't come back for a while. He came back later, around
10 midnight, maybe a little earlier and he was really tired and he didn't, he
11 wasn't ready to go back to his room so he kinda just fell asleep in my room
12 and me and Cassie were both there.

13 Q Okay. So, for, did anybody else go back, besides the one
14 time and you said it was a short period of time, for about two seconds...

15 A Uh-ha.

16 Q ...Dharun and you accessed the camera in his room.

17 A Yeah.

18 Q And then it was yourself and a couple of girls who accessed
19 it again in a very short period of time.

20 A Yeah.

21 Q Was that the only time during the period in this day that
22 anybody accessed that room?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Okay. Was it your understanding that Mr. Clementi was
25 unaware that he was being monitored?

26 A Yeah, yeah.

27 Q Okay. So he, so he, it, it, it was kind of a secret?

28 A Yeah.

1 Q Understood. Did there come any more conversations or
2 communications about this in the days to follow?

3 A Yes, I guess. It wasn't really a lot, but actually like no one really
4 talked about it. Like not, not a lot of people knew. It was the people that
5 were in my room, like the people that Dharun might have talked to about it.
6 And, I forgot the Twitter thing. Should I...

7 Q Sure, whatever, please tell me.

8 A Okay. It was before Cassie came in that Dharun went on Twitter
9 and like, tweeted that, he tweeted I went into Molly's room and we turned
10 on my webcam and I was telling my roommate kissing a guy.

11 Q And he put that out there on Twitter?

12 A Twitter, yes, uh-ha.

13 Q Okay. And obviously that's, that's not a private thing when
14 he puts it on Twitter. That's accessible to just about anybody who wishes
15 to see it. Is that, that's your understanding of Twitter?

16 A I think so.

17 Q Do you have Twitter personally?

18 A No, I don't.

19 Q Okay, so you're not familiar with it.

20 A Yeah.

21 Q Okay. Understood. And that was that same night after
22 looking at it the first time but before your roommate had come into the
23 room when you viewed it the second time. That was in the middle that
24 occurred...

25 A Yeah, um-hum, yeah.

26 Q ...the Twitter. Okay. Beyond that night, eventually does Mr.
27 Ravi go back to his own room?

28 A Yes...

29 Q Okay.

1 A around like one or two, pretty late.

2 Q Okay. After a period of time.

3 A Um-hum.

4 Q That would be early Monday morning, correct?

5 A Yeah.

6 Q Okay. On, during the Monday, did you hear anything else
7 about this? Did Ravi speak to you? Did he tell you that he tweeted
8 again? Did he tell you that he went back on and monitored, anything like
9 that? Did this happen anymore?

10 A No, I don't, I don't think Dhuran did anything like that. I didn't really
11 talk to, I don't remember if I had a conversation with him because Monday
12 is actually when I have a lot of classes and I got back later so I'm not
13 really sure. We might have talked for, you know, a few minutes but not
14 about that. And he definitely didn't tell me that he did anything else
15 involving like that.

16 Q Okay. Did you, did he come to your room beyond that first
17 time and asked you to use your computer again to access his computer in
18 any way?

19 A Uh-uh.

20 Q Nothing like that ever happened?

21 A No, it didn't.

22 Q When is the next time, if anything, did you hear about this
23 incident?

24 A Well, I looked through my text just now and Dhuran said that Tyler
25 asked for the room again on Tuesday but I don't remember any talk about
26 that. I don't remember like, like I don't remember like the guy even being
27 there. I never, I've never seen this guy.

28 Q Okay.

29 A Yeah.

1 Q So basically Dharun had texted you on Tuesday if he, that
2 Tyler needed the room again?

3 A Um-hum.

4 Q Did he, but did he ever come over and see you?

5 A No.

6 Q Did he ever come over to access your room?

7 A No.

8 Q Are you sure if this person, this guest, this older man, ever
9 came to the room?

10 A I don't know.

11 Q Okay.

12 A I don't know, yeah.

13 Q Okay. At some point today, you were contacted by the
14 Rutgers Police Department, right?

15 A Um-hum.

16 Q And they asked us, if you, they could speak to you?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. And you came. Myself and another Rutgers police
19 officer met you after classes and brought you here to speak with us. Is
20 that correct?

21 A Um-hum.

22 Q Okay. While speaking to you, it was necessary for us to take
23 a pause, in, in, in, in a small break from our conversation and I stepped
24 out. You had some text communications with Mr. Ravi today, correct?

25 A Yes.

26 Q And you had some communications with him even before we
27 picked you up. Is that correct?

28 A Ahhh...

29 Q From the bus stop?

1 Q But you obviously, your concerns and I guess the concerns
2 we share is that you're a freshman here on campus and that probably
3 wouldn't be a good idea to take your phone from you as a, as a means for
4 you, for your safety and you asked us not to. So you actually gave us
5 consent to print out that dialogue between you and Mr. Ravi. Okay. And
6 just briefly, if you could tell us what did that dialogue consist of. What did
7 Mr. Ravi ask you? What did you tell him?

8 A Well he just asked me what you guys said to me and what I said or
9 what you guys asked me and I told him that I told them everything and he
10 said what do you mean and I said literally everything. And he told me
11 what he said and I, I told him that he, he should talk to me because I don't,
12 I told them everything. He asked me more about like, just kind of like
13 where, what I said, things like that. I asked him questions. I asked him
14 where is Tyler and he didn't respond to that.

15 Q Okay. Did he ask you about if you had told the police that
16 they, that he deliberately accessed...

17 A Oh, yes...

18 Q ...Mr. Clementi's room.

19 A ...that was the first text actually.

20 Q Okay. And what did he say exactly? Not exactly, if you
21 recall what was the text?

22 A Should I look at it.

23 Q You can look at your phone, absolutely. If you need to look
24 at your phone, please do.

25 A Okay. He, okay, he said, did you tell them we did it on purpose. I
26 said, yeah while that we didn't know what we were going to see where is
27 Tyler? he said, because I said we were just messing around with the
28 camera. He told me he wanted to have a friend over and I didn't realize
29 he wanted to be all private. I said, Dharun, why didn't you talk to me first.

1 I told them everything. And he said like what. I said literally everything
2 because they asked me to tell them exactly what happened. He asked me
3 what did you tell them when we asked why, when they asked why we
4 turned it on. I said, well I said, I said we wanted to see what was going
5 on. He said, you said we closed immediately. I said yes. He said okay. I
6 said I'm scared. What is going on? He said nothing. I'm at home. What
7 did they tell you? And I said, what, so why are they asking all these
8 questions? And they told me nothing. And he said, okay, don't worry,
9 you're not in trouble. He said, did you say anything about Tuesday
10 because I turned my computer off that day. I said, well I had a little. I
11 asked still, Tuesday. I don't know what happened that day. He said
12 nothing happened. I said okay LOL. And he said but rumors got started.
13 I said what, like what. And did Tyler found out, find out, is that why the
14 police are asking questions? And he said he thought people were
15 watching him Tuesday.

16 Q Okay. And that the, that's the extent of the, of the dialogue
17 back and forth through text.

18 A Um-hum.

19 Q Okay. The other thing we asked also is that because your,
20 your computer was utilized to access this aim or this video, is for consent
21 for us to take a look at it to see if there's any remnants or residual data,
22 behind that would have been left by that and you gave us consent to also
23 to access your computer.

24 A Um-hum.

25 Q Okay. And, and I don't have the serial number now, but
26 obviously you've signed the consent form with Lieutenant Dinan here.
27 He's going to arrange to have you go back to your dorm. He'll, the
28 patrolman who is with you will copy the serial number off and put it on to

1 that consent form and provide you with a receipt for it obviously so that
2 you we can get it back to you when that examination is complete.

3 A Okay.

4 Q Is there anything I haven't asked you, Ms. Wei, that, or that
5 anything I may have missed, anything you feel may be relevant to our
6 investigation, anything at all that we may feel, you feel we should need to
7 know about?

8 A Well, I'm not really sure what you guys are looking for.

9 Q Okay.

10 A Like

11 Q Just the truth and anything leading up to, you know, this
12 basically, an invasion of privacy.

13 A Um-hum. Well, if, if, it started at nine p.m. Sunday. That was
14 nothing before that. We didn't like, we didn't like, I don't really talk to this
15 roommate so I didn't know anything and I mean, up to yesterday still there
16 were police coming so, I mean, that's like, like I know it's an ongoing thing
17 involving like Dharun and his roommate but like I'm not really sure what
18 exactly has happened since then, that night.

19 Q Okay, okay. Lieutenant Dinan, any questions for Ms. Wei?

20 LIEUTENANT DINAN: No.

21 Q Okay. Alright, Ms. Wei, I have no further questions for you
22 at this time. I believe that will conclude our, our interview. The time now
23 is approximately 6:37 p.m. and I thank you for your time, ma'am.

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