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1 Q. Did you see any evidence from any source that
2 tended to show that Sandy had the desire to hurt, much
3 less murder her husband?

4 A. No, sir.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Secrest, I think it's a
6 good time to take our morning break. We'll be on break
7 until 11:45.

8 THE BAILIFF: All rise for the jury.

9 (Break taken.)

10 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, due to
11 some scheduling issues, I am allowing Defense to call a
12 witness out of order.

13 MS. SECREST: Your Honor, I call to the
14 witness stand Mr. Julian Ramirez.

15 THE COURT: All right. Defense, you may
16 proceed.

17 MR. SECREST: Thank you, Your Honor.

18 **JULIAN RAMIREZ,**
19 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

20 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

21 **BY MR. SECREST:**

22 Q. Good morning, Mr. Ramirez.

23 A. Morning, sir.

24 Q. Would you please state your name and spell it
25 for our court reporter?

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1 A. It's Julian, J-u-l-i-a-n, Ramirez,
2 R-a-m-i-r-e-z.

3 Q. Mr. Ramirez, how are you employed?

4 A. I'm an attorney in private practice right now.

5 Q. And how long have you been an attorney?

6 A. Since 1989.

7 Q. Are you -- are you married, have any kids?

8 A. I do. I'm married and have one son.

9 Q. Does your wife work for the District Attorney's
10 Office?

11 A. She does.

12 Q. Okay. Have you worked for the District
13 Attorney's Office before?

14 A. I have.

15 Q. And how many years did you serve as an
16 assistant district attorney of Harris County?

17 A. I was an assistant D.A. for more than 27 years.

18 Q. And what was your last assignment prior to you
19 leaving the D.A.'s Office?

20 A. I was chief of the Civil Rights Division for
21 four years. Ended that in December of last year.

22 Q. At any time during your service as assistant
23 district attorney, did you come to know a person by the
24 name of Shawn Carrizal?

25 A. I did.

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1 Q. And how did you get to know him?

2 A. Professionally, he worked on a couple of cases
3 that I was involved in at different times. And then I
4 also investigated a matter that involved him.

5 Q. Let me ask you this: Do you have an opinion as
6 to whether or not he is truthful or untruthful?

7 A. I do have an opinion.

8 Q. And what is that?

9 A. He is not truthful.

10 MS. SECREST: Pass the witness.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 MS. BARNETT: I don't have any questions.

13 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Ramirez.

14 May this witness be excused?

15 MR. SECREST: He may, Your Honor.

16 And, Your Honor, we call Mr. Belk back to
17 the stand.

18 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, before I
19 forget, while we get in Mr. Belk, please remember at the
20 breaks, especially on the longer breaks, I do allow
21 you -- I understand we have a lengthy time before we
22 take a lunch. So you are, of course, allowed to go to
23 the second floor to get snacks. But please make sure,
24 no wandering in the hallway. Once you get a snack,
25 please come back to the jury room and stay in that area.