

2. Argument

At trial, the State introduced the 62-page diary of the victim in its entirety. (State's Exhibit 2, 1/28/00-32, App. 27) Although Appellant did not object at that point, Appellant objected numerous times when the State asked a witness to read several pages of the diary:

Q If I may, I'll ask you to read for the jurors the entry under May 14, 1998?

[BY DEFENSE COUNSEL]: Objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.

A I think I'll try the one week recess Deb suggested. I hope forth and went out with Iesha [sic], Deb and Sean in Sean's new car. It is so fly with those tinted windows. . . . I couldn't be with my baby because he had to go to D.C. for his religious stuff. That's what I need to figure out. Do I dare to pull him away from his religion? Ms. Savic [sic] was all up in my face about it. She said stuff like well Adnan used to be so religious and strict last year but this year he is so loose, like I changed him. Actually, I did and I don't want to pull him away from who he is. I think I need time to organize these things but I do not know that -- but I do know one thing. I love him and he loves me. Nothing will change that. I'll try the recess week and see what happens. I'll probably kill myself if I lose him but I'll go crazy with things complicating. I wish he'll [sic] call back soon.

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Q I ask you to read the entry under May 15th?

[BY DEFENSE COUNSEL]: Again objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.

A I did it. Me and Adnan are officially on recess week or time out. I don't know what's going to happen to us. Although I'm in love with him, I don't know about him. He actually suggests that what we have is like, not love. I heard the doubt in his voice. Although he couldn't pick up mine, I felt the

same way. I like him. No, I love him. It's just all the things that stand in the middle, his religion and Muslim customs all are in the way. It irks me to know that I am against his religion. He called me a devil a few times. I knew he was only joking, but it's somewhat true. I hate that. It's like making him choose between me and his religion.

The second thing is the possessiveness. Independence rather. I'm a very independent person. I rarely rely on my parents. Although I love him it's not like I need him. I know I'll do just fine without him. I need time for myself and my friends other than him. How dare he get mad at me for planning to hang out with Iesha [sic].

The third thing is the mind play. I've matured out of my jealousy shit. I don't get jealous over trying to get him jealous as a fool -- him trying to get me jealous is [sic] a fool because I'll definitely lose him -- me. I prefer a straight relationship that doesn't get in people mixed up just because he wanted to play mind games.

The fourth thing is nothing. Because I do love him. It's just all of the shitty things that are messing with my mind. I'm just too confused. If I don't take the time to set things straight, the whole thing will blow up . . . in my head making me mad and do something I'll regret forever. That's why I need the time out. I just hope I don't lose him because of this. I love him. When I hold him, I want it to be forever. I feel secure and comfy with him. I think he expected more of a spontaneous combustion. That's not going to happen all of the time. Our relationship burns lightly at first and then it eventually calms down. We started strong but now we settle in a boring but secure and loving relationship. I don't know what he wants. All I want is him to hold on to, to cuddle up to, kiss when I feel empty inside. Maybe I'm not supposed to be loved but supposed to love and I thought that I had found another keeper and maybe I have. Hopefully, we'll go through this and come out much stronger -- with a much stronger foundation. I love him. I can live without him but I love him and want him with me. Please Adnan be patient with me, love.

(2/16/00-304-307, App. 28) In addition, the trial court previously ruled that hearsay of the victim is admissible:

(Out of the presence of the jury)