Whereupon,

REBA WEST

was called as a witness by and on behalf of the defendant and, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HURLEY:

Q Can I call you Reba?

A Yes.

Q By whom are you employed?

A Children and Families First.

Q And what particular capacity do you hold with the organization or the agency?

A Social worker.

Q Okay. And, basically, what do your duties include with regard to children who are in temporary custody of DFS?

A I'm the foster care and adoption social worker. I do visitation, I make visits at the home, I make visits at the school.

Q Okay. Taking into consideration the person that you now know as Anna Morse, were you assigned as a social worker in her case?

A Yes.

Q And what month of what year would your efforts have begun?

A In August of 2012.

Q Okay. And how long have they continued?

A Present.

Q Okay. And ballpark estimate, approximately how many different face-to-face contacts have you had with Anna during the past about 20 months?

A A lot.

Q What role have you played in the supervised visitation between Pauline Morse and Anna Morse?

A I supervised -- well, from September till November, I supervised her visiting myself, of 2012, and then another social worker did their visits. And whenever she was unavailable, I stepped in because I was the primary worker. And from December till now I'm doing the visits.

Q Okay. Were you aware of any rule, I'll call it for want of a better word, that Anna and Pauline were informed regarding what should not be discussed between the two of them?

A They were not to talk anything about the

trial.

Q Do you remember in January of last year, January 2013, that you appeared in a Family Court matter involving the Family Court aspect of this, gave testimony for Judge Millman?

A Yes.

Q And at that point in time, what did you indicate with regard to, I'll call it a problem, that was going on with regard to -- and had gone on with regard to Pauline and Anna?

A Anna -- I mean Pauline would always try to bring up different things. Pauline would say different things like, when she was young, she almost got drowned.

Pauline would tell Anna that when she came home, she would be able to sleep upstairs again. And she would tell Anna that she didn't have money to pay her bills.

So I would have to redirect her, let her know that's not what the visit was all about.

Q There is also a notation, talking about the pending criminal case. Did Pauline and Anna do that?

A Yes. Well, as far as when Pauline would try

to bring up different things about what happened to her when she was younger and stuff, we would just try to redirect things so that they wouldn't get any further, especially when she was talking about her near-death experience when she also drowned.

Q Pauline was talking about that?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember a time in December of 2012 when, in your presence, Anna handed an envelope to Pauline and you asked to look at it and asked Anna what it was?

A Yes.

Q And do you, as you sit here without my showing you what -- I'll show you if you'd like -- do you remember what Anna's response was to what it was?

A Can you show me?

Q Sure. That's the report, December 12th, 2012. I've put green underneath the thing that is the mark that's in focus.

A Okay.

Q In looking there, do you now remember it? Or you don't remember it, but you can look there and know that's what happened because you wrote it?

A Yes, that's what happened.

Q Okay. What is it that happened? What did Anna tell you?

A Anna -- well, I have written here: I asked about the envelope, and Anna lied and said that she was asking her mom about their cat.

The worker asked to see the note. And Pauline was reading the note also and she didn't disagree with Anna.

Worker asked Pauline for the note. The note was asking Pauline did she get Anna's e-mails.

Q Okay. Do you remember at this point where Anna had written the stuff about, "Did Pauline get Anna's e-mails"?

A Do I remember what?

Q Where on the envelope it was written?

A The envelope was tucked under, sealed under, and that's where it was at.

Q Okay. Was Anna supposed to be sending e-mails to Pauline?

A No, Anna was not supposed to be on the computer at all.

Q Okay. Were you also the worker assigned to

Melody?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember a conversation that you had with Melody last summer about Melody maybe returning home at some point in time?

A Yes.

Q What did Melody tell you that her understanding was of what would have to happen for Melody to be able to return to her home?

A That her dad would have to go to jail before she can come home.

Q And did Melody share with you how she came to that conclusion?

A She said Anna told her.

MR. HURLEY: Thank you. I think you have -- yeah, let me get that from you.

MS. EWART: No questions, Your Honor.

THE COURT: May she be excused?

MR. HURLEY: Please.

THE COURT: Have a good day.

(Witness steps down.)

MR. HURLEY: Doralene Davis.