

PRELIMINARY HEARING  
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Alexander Cameron

KEY:            J    -    Judge  
                  CW   -    Commonwealth Attorney, John Klock  
                  M    -    Counsel for Defense, Becky J. Moore  
                  D    -    Defendant, Alexander Cameron  
                  W    -    Witness

CW    I call your attention to the 28th day of November, 1986 where were you that evening

W     2727 Duke Street in Alexandria

CW    Is that in the City of Alexandria

W     Yes it is

CW    And, is that an apartment house

W     Yes it is; Cary Dale Apartments

CW    Which apartment do you reside in

W     In Apartment 703

CW    And I call you attention to the evening hours of that day. Where you home then

W     Yes I was

CW    Approximately what time in the day or night did you arrive home

W     I arrived home about 4:00 o'clock or 4:30

CW    Do you recall the day of the week it was

W     It was a Friday

CW    And later on that evening; Let me back up, was there anyone else residing with you on that date

W     I had a room mate

CW    Was she there that evening

W No she was not

CW Later on that evening, did something unusual occur

W Yes, um

17 CW Would you tell the Court and counsel what happened and about when

W I was watching the news and we got a knock on the door

CW You say we

W I got a knock on the door

CW Alright I just want to be sure

W I'm sorry

W I said that only because my room mate and I normally watch the the news together. There was a knock on the door and so I went to answer the door and I looked through the peephole and I knew I didn't know the person but it was only twenty-five after seven so I opened the door to see what the man wanted

25 CW You said you did not recognize him

W I did not recognize him at all

CW Did you ever see this individual before

W No, but I didn't know that my roommate, that he wasn't a friend of my room mate so I answered the door

CW What happened then

35 W When I opened the door the man said he was looking for someone named Terry, and I told him there was no one at the apartment by that name and he said he was looking for this person named Terry he was very insistent, I told him no one lives here by that name. He said he was a private investigator and that's why he was looking for this person. And I started to get nervous and I said if you were a private investigator you would have a badge and I started to shut the door to tell him that I would call the police and he pushed his way in and started choking me.

CW Alright, you say he pushed his way in

39 W The door was partially open, not all the way open, but I was beginning to close it when he pushed the door open and grabbed me and was choking me and pushed me down in to the hallway of our apartment there's a long hallway

CW Would you tell the Court please the ?? layout of your apartment

W When you open the door the first thing you see is the long hallway because the two bedrooms and the bathroom were clustered on one end then the long hallway, then a very narrow kitchen and a living room

CW So the hallway you are describing from the door goes back into the bedroom from the rest of the apartment

W Yeah the hallway runs through the whole apartment, but when you open the door that's the long hallway

CW What happened after the individual started choking you

51 W I started to scream and I tried to get his hands off my neck and um he had pushed me to the floor towards the kitchen and the man has long legs and he was on top of me, he kicked the door shut with one of his legs was choking me and telling me to stop screaming and so I thought, all I thought was I was trying to get his hand off me and he told me to stop screaming and he said take me to your bedroom, which bedroom is yours. And so he yanked me up and we walked down the hallway he was behind me with his hand on my neck and we walked into my bedroom, we walked right over to the bed and pushed me down on the bed and he told me to take off my pants but then he ripped them off and he was leaning over me

60 CW What clothes did you have on

W I had on a sweat shirt and sweat pants

CW Did you have underclothes on

W Underwear

CW Okay ??

70 W So he was leaning over me and then he stood up to unbuckle his pants and he saw that the bedroom light was on and he told me turn off the bedroom light and so I got up to go to turn off the bedroom light and the light was right by the door switch, I mean the light switch was right by the door and so I tried to get out and ran out of the apartment and I ran to the door and I had it

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partially open and he pulled me back in and he started choking me again and told me one more attempt like that and he would kill me so he dragged me back into the bedroom and he just got right on top of me and started to rape me

CW You said he raped you did he try to force??

83 W Well, he was on top of me and he put his penis into my vagina

CW ??

55 W And while he was doing it, he was asking why I hated black people, he asked me my name, he kept saying my name and telling me that I liked what he was doing, but he kept asking why I hated black people and I tried to explain that I don't, and then he told me to turn over and then he was raping me from the rear. And ah he was doing it and then I think he got nervous about the time or something, so he stood up and was holding on to me and so I laid there and he found a sweater that had been out in my room, and he tied up my hands and my legs behind my back and he opened my drawer and got a lot of socks and he made a gag and stuck them in my mouth, and he took a pair of socks on his hands and then I was laying, I was on my stomach on my bed, but my head was to the side so I could see out of the corner of my eyes, he went my roommate's bedroom and she had some rope there, and he got the rope and he finished tying me up my hands and legs together and ah he found my purse, which was on the floor, and he dumped it out, and it was only \$25.00 in it; he was really mad because he wanted more money, he asked me where more money was and I couldn't answer, I could only ? because I had a gag in my mouth, and so he took the gag out of my mouth and he said where is more money. I said I didn't have any more and he said he was dumping out and he found my work ID because I work for the government, and he said where do you work, tell me where you work, so I told him and he disappeared and went walking, I could hear him walking around the apartment moving things around a little bit just looking for things. He did it two or three times. He would come back in and he would say are you being good now and things like that, and then he came in one time he knelt right by the bed, he said I shouldn't tell anyone he had been there and if I, I heard him out in the kitchen I was just real nervous, because that's where the knives were that my room mate had right on display, that's when he came back in and told me that if I ever told anybody he would slit my throat, he

126 would kill me, and if he didn't, he would have his brother kill me and that he knew where I worked and so I better not tell anybody and ah I was still laying there, you know, every time he came in he put his face real close to mine. I just laid there and he went out and I heard the door shut and I wasn't sure if he was really gone or not, then I heard the hallway door, which was metal? and I thought he was gone, but I waited awhile and I just prayed to God and then after awhile I worked off the ropes and things and I called my brother.

134 CW And thereafter were the police called

137 W Yeah, my brother didn't live too far from me, but he said that I had to call the police right away so if the man might still be in the vicinity, so I called 911 and they contacted the police

CW ??

W Yes they did

CW During the about how long was this individual in the apartment from the time you first saw, you first saw him

143 W Fifteen to twenty minutes, because I could see the clock the whole time

CW What were the lighting conditions in your apartment

145 W The lighting conditions were very good, because when ever I was home by myself, I kept all the lights on, every light in the whole apartment was on except in my roommate's bedroom

CW During the 15 or 20 minutes he was there ??? did you have an opportunity to observe him

W Yes I did, he was...

CW ??

149 W I could see him when he was choking me, I could see him when he was on top of me, and after he tied me up and would go around and come back and check on me and he put his face right close to mine yes

CW If you ever saw the individual again would you recognize him

W Yes I would

CW Do you see him in court today

W Yes I do

CW Would you point him out please and state what he is wearing today

155 W It's that man right there he's wearing a tan shirt or a khaki shirt

CW Next to defense counsel

W Next to the defense attorney

CW Did you sustain any injuries as the result of your encounter with the Defendant

W Yes I did

CW Would you tell the court what they were

160 W I was scratched up and bruised and I just, I didn't have to like get stitches or things like that, but I was all beaten up and bruised and I had to go to the hospital and just the emotional trauma has just been terrible because this whole thing happened just weeks before I was supposed to get married

CW No further questions your Honor

J ??

M What is the name of the apartments where you live

169 W Cary Dale East

M The entire time the attacker was there was about 15 minutes

W 15 or 20 minutes

(Several people talking here not clear)

M Where was the clock in your apartment, that you could see

179 W The clock in my apartment was, there was the air conditioning unit was underneath the window and I had an alarm clock and I know what time I went to answer the door because we had a clock in the living room and I glanced at it as I went to answer the door, and when I was tied up on my stomach I had my head turned facing

184 my roommate's bedroom and I had total vision of my clock and I watched the clock ????

M This was the clock in the living room that you could see from the bedroom or was there a separate clock in the bedroom

87 W Separate, I had the alarm clock, it was a living clock a clock in our living room, but I looked at it before I answered the door

M And then a separate clock in the bedroom

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M And it was about 7:25 at night

W Yes

M Is there a chain on the door, or is there...

191 W No, there was a deadbolt lock and just another little door lock

M On the door handle

W Yes

M You screamed when he pushed the door opened, is that right

W When he began to open it

W Yes

M Did you scream any other time

194 W I screamed when he dragged...when I almost had the door open again, and when he started choking me again and I thought I would black out screaming

M Did you scream in the bedroom

W No I didn't

M He pushed you on the floor, was that in the kitchen

202 W No, ??? towards the kitchen, our hallway, I couldn't, the hallway was like this in the hallway, I, I I just fell towards the kitchen

M And you did fall on the floor

M How was it that you were able to get up from the floor

W. He yanked me up

M By ah

206 W My my neck

M By your neck, ok

M How long were you on the bed in the bedroom, for what period of time

209 W Ten or fifteen minutes

M And, that is where he raped you, on the bed

W Yes it is

M And that's where he tied you up, is that right

W Yes

M And did he say what his brother's name was

W No

M Did he make any other allusions to a brother, did he say anything else about a brother other than the one time you testified to already

215 W No

M And you immediately called your brother after you realized that he was definitely gone and you heard the click of the door, is that right

218 W I got myself untied, I did; before I called my brother, I ran and locked the door again from the inside even though once it was shut he would not be able to get in, the one door locked ???, then ran and I called my brother since he the closest to me, and I ? he could get to me.

M And then you hung up and called the police

224 W No I called 911

M Okay

W While I was on the phone with 911 they called the police

M Did you see any weapon of any sort



226 W No I did not  
M You didn't see Mr. Cameron with any sort of weapon ?? or any knife or anything like that  
W No  
M Did you indicate in your earlier testimony that the bedrooms lights were turned off, did you turn the bedroom lights or did you just run out without turning them off

231 W No I did turn, he, rather he turned the light off when he was dragging me back in, but I could still see him because all the other lights were on  
M Okay, and its a two bedroom apartment with a living room and a kitchen is that right and then a bathroom between the bedrooms

234 W There is a bathroom and the two bedrooms are next to each other, a long hallway, a kitchen and a living room  
M Can you see the living room from the bedroom  
W No, you stepping right out  
M Once you're in a hallway  
W Once you're in a hallway you can see the very beginning of it  
M Is there an overhead light in the hallway  
W Yes there is  
M Was that overhead light on in the hallway  
W Yes it was  
M Was the overhead light in the hallway directly in front of the bedroom door

244 W No, it is directly over, directly hanging in front of the door to the apartment  
M The front door, like a foyer light  
W I don't understand  
M It's ah in front of, its above the front door

W It's above the door

M Okay, are there any other lights in the hallway

W No

M And there were no lights on in your bedroom, is that right

249 W No, but the bathroom light was on, the door to my bedroom was out opened on to the hall, the balcony light was on and it was shedding light. Plus the light from the hallway which was a 100 watt bulb

M Is there a door from your bedroom into the bathroom or do you go out in the hallway

255 W No my roommate's bedroom, I my roommate's bedroom is right next to the bathroom

M And so you walk out of your bedroom and go down the hall to go into the bathroom

258 W No, well a little bit of the hall, the distance from my bedroom to the bathroom was less than from you right here to that corner, right there

M Is the bathroom across the hall from your bedroom, or on the same side of the hall as your bedroom

264 W The bathroom is diagonal, my bedroom directly, my bedroom wall and my roommate's bedroom wall we have a common wall here and the bathroom, this being my bedroom, this is my roommate's bedroom the bathroom being right here

M It's on the other side of your roommates bedroom

W

M Its in the corner of the apartment

W Yes

M The bathroom is in the corner of the apartment

W Un huh

M Okay, you testified earlier that you were scratched up, where were you scratched

276 W On my neck and I had bruises on my shoulders and on my hips and on my back and just a little bit of rope burns on my hands and on my ankles and ??

M If you could just describe that a little bit further how you were beaten up. You testified earlier that you were beaten up

281 W Well he was just slamming me on the floor as he was choking me

M And just what..

W On the wooden floor

M Almost in the kitchen

W Un huh

M When he first came into the apartment

W Yes

M In what places were you bruised and how did those bruises occur

286 W All on my neck and shoulders where he'd been choking me and I had bruises right in my pelvic region from when he was raping me from behind

M And do you have curtains in your bedroom

W Yes we do

M And were your curtains closed

W Yes they were

M Do you have venetian blinds

W Yes we do

M Were those venetian blinds closed

W Yes they were

M You testified earlier as to the various things he said to you, did he say anything else to you that you haven't testified to already

299 W No not that I can recall right now

M Had you ever heard that voice before

303 W No

M It didn't sound familiar at all

W No

M And you testified that you had not seen the attacker before and he didn't look familiar at all

306 W No I've never seen him before

M When he first came into the apartment I guess you tried to shut the door, is that right

W Un huh

M And then he pushed the door open, after that point in time, in what ways did you try to resist the attack and other than try to run out of the apartment when you turned the lights out, what other ways did you try to resist

314 W The way I tried to resist was to try to get his hands off my neck because he was choking me

M Did you do anything else

W No I tried to run out and I tried to scream and after he told that I would be killed I figured that a getting raped was better than getting killed.

M Have you seen the attacker since that day other than today

W No

M Did you notice any peculiar identifying characteristics at the time that he came in that night

M Did anything cross your mind

328 W I looked at his eyes if that's what you mean

M Is there anything peculiar about his eyes

W No, but there was just a lot of hate in there

M Did you notice any scars on his face

W No