Q Okay. In this break room there are -- there is a file cabinet; is that right?
A That's -- yes, sir.
Q Are there other storage areas in that break room?
A Well, there's a file cabinet here, and that's one of those where you lift the door and slide it back. And I've got paper in there, I've got other office materials. And then -- and that's right there. And then the file cabinet here is one of those four-drawer pull outs.

And I've got, you know, in the first drawer I've got coffee stuff, you know, cups and spoons and forks and plates. And then as you go down I've got greeting cards, I've got get well cards, birthday cards, sympathy cards and all sorts of things, stuff we use in the office.

Then, of course, there's a table here. I've got my own personal microwave. The refrigerator sits between the filing cabinet and there, and the door here, three chairs, and now there is another chair there.

Q Let me make a statement, and if you would, react to it; that's wrong, that's right, or add to it. If I thought that Tara Pisano was working on a
journal and spent time in your break room with her best
friend discussing personal things, I might be
interested in looking in that room to see if I could
find it.

A True.

Q Places in there where you could hide
papers or documents?

A True.

Q Or at least store them?

A Yes.

Q If I wanted to be Chief Judge and thought
that Judge Holder might be undermining my process, and
I wanted copies of his e-mails or something, I might
want to look on a desk or a credenza or something?

A True.

Q Can you tell the Grand Jury what is
located, if anything, on this wall right here near the
back of your private office?

A Currently there is a photograph taken in
August of 1974. In August of 1974 I was a senior or a
firstie of the United States Military Academy.

In August I reported to West Point and
had a squad of plebes, of freshmen, at the Military
Academy. The freshmen or plebes go through what's
called east barracks. It's two months of pretty
intensive, pretty rigorous training. And I was on the
second month of that training. And I came back to West
Point after having gone on leave for 30 days and, let's
see, where else was I?

Well, I went to Germany the summer before
that and had a tank platoon. So that summer I had some
military training, took leave, came back to train the
plebes. Of course, they had already gone through a
month.

We were marching in formation on what's
called The Plain at West Point. It's a beautiful area.
It looks like several football fields together.
They've expanded it since 1975 when I graduated, but
it's absolutely magnificent and immaculate, and the
West Point Band plays, and, I mean, if you go there and
you watch this process and all these now men and women,
when I was there it was all men, marching across The
Plain, it's just one of those very moving experiences,
at least it is for me, and still to this day when I go
back and watch that.

But in August of 1974 we had a parade, a
training parade, with the band and the entire company
was marching. My company was in formation and they
took a training photograph. And somehow I ended up
with that training photograph.
It's about, what is that, about maybe three feet by two-and-a-half feet. It's in black and white. And I kept it rolled up for about 15 years. And finally my wife looked at it, found it one day in the attic and said, "I'm going to get that framed." And so she took it and got it framed.

And although it's in black and white, which I think adds to it, and it's right there with Washington Hall in the background, but you can actually look at the rows and the diagonals to check the alignment, and that's what this training photo was used for.

So it's got all of the seniors or firsties up in the front row with the white hats on, and then all the plebes back behind them with their gray hats. I'm in that photograph. Obviously it was 26 years ago. And that is on that wall, and I think was on that wall July 27th.

Q Well, that's my next question.

A Yeah.

Q Was it on a wall other than this prior to that time?

A Yeah. Yeah. It's always been on this wall. And I moved it, and I don't remember when I moved it because -- but I think it was after July 27th.
I don't think it was on that wall July 27th, but I can't exactly remember. A friend of mine, Dick Matt, who owns The Flyer, gave me the movie poster from the movie "Tombstone." And it's got Kurt Russell, Sam Elliott, and Bill Paxton and Val Kilmer marching down to the O.K. Corral, and it says, "Justice is coming." I kind of liked that. So it's a message for those getting divorced. But I put that up there. But I don't think that --

Q Have you heard Judge Bonanno suggest or read that one of the things he was doing in your office fixing to leave and he saw the picture of you marching?

A I have read that he was mesmerized by a photograph in my office.

Q Could he be talking about a photograph other than the one you're talking about?

A He could be talking about any photograph. I've got a photograph -- I've got a poster of General Swartzkopf, you know, when he returned from Desert Storm.

Q Do you have any other pictures of you marching?

A No.

Q Okay. All right. Because I believe that's what he indicated.
Okay.

It was a picture of you marching. At some point on the evening of July 27th maybe, your wife called you and said that your bailiff is looking for you?

Approximately 5:30 p.m. I received an emergency phone call. I was at the visiting officer's quarters at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, just finished a days' work, and was in the process of changing clothing, was going to go for a run along the water there. It's a beautiful area.

Got an emergency phone call from Captain Elizabeth Waldrop. Captain Waldrop is the Executive Officer to Brigadeer General Jack Rives, who is the Staff Judge Advocate for Air Combat Command, the head lawyer.

Captain Waldrop indicated that Dee Kabliska, she didn't know that Dee was my wife, had called with an emergency. I said, "Oh, my God, that's my wife and my father-in-law just died." And obviously we have two children and my wife does not ever use the word "emergency," so I was concerned.

And I hung up with Captain Waldrop, immediately called home, said, "What's the matter?" And she said, "It's not me, it's Deputy Sylvia Gay."
She needs to speak to you immediately."

I paged Deputy Gay. She called me right back up at Langley and indicated that -- she was extremely shaken and indicated that she had come back to the office about 5:20, 5:30 p.m. that evening, Thursday, had unlocked the door, had entered the door, and had sensed that someone was in. Saw the light on in my private office and, but no other lights on, and had called out twice. No answer, no response either time with hesitation in between the two calls. Really knew somebody was in there, saw a shadow, and then Judge Bonanno had appeared suddenly, and she was extremely shaken.

Q I mean this, I'm not kidding. I want you to tell the Grand Jury after all this time to think about it, name for them at least one legitimate reason that he was in your office.

A There are no legitimate reasons for Judge Bonanno to be in my office at 5:20 p.m. on July 27, 2000, none, zero, zip, nada.

Q That's not exactly what I asked for but -- you really cannot think of any reason at all for him to be in there?

A None, zero, zip, nada, correct.

Q As a result of that, you had some
communications with the Chief Judge?

A I e-mailed the Chief Judge twice after I unscrewed myself from the ceiling. And I'm speaking figuratively. I was extremely mad. The first e-mail, and I'll paraphrase, was sent from my private commuter, which I carried with me to Langley Air Force Base, Virginia using my AOL account was, "What has Bobby been up to? Do you want to tell me or should I ask him?"

About 15 minutes later, as I calmed down a bit, I sent another e-mail demanding a meeting on Monday and putting in information, I don't remember the exact words, that Judge Bonanno had been discovered in my office by Deputy Gay, and that I demanded a meeting with he, the Chief Judge, Judge Bonanno, court counsel David Roland, and myself first thing Monday morning. I wanted him to set it up and call me.

Q Did you have that meeting?

A Yes, sir, we did.

Q Tell us about it.

A The meeting was set for 8:00 a.m. that Monday morning. I arrived at -- down at Chief Judge Alvarez' office at 8:03 a.m. Judge Bonanno was seated in the wing-back chair to the right; Mr. Roland, court counsel, to the other wing-back chair to the right. I sat on the couch across from Chief Judge Alvarez.
Judge Alvarez was seated at his desk.

I immediately began the meeting by thanking the Chief Judge for setting it up. And I then began to speak stating, you know, "Dennis, when I left, we had had a meeting on the 24th, Monday the 24th, to try to air out this e-mail thing," some of the remarks he had made to the press.

He was extremely upset when he talked to the Times that night when he told them about my e-mail and said some things that at least I hope he wished that he hadn't said. But anyway, we're both adults and we had had a pleasant discussion on the 24th and aired it out a little bit and tried to continue what I thought had always been a professional relationship between Judge Alvarez and myself.

And before I left that meeting on Monday, the 24th, I said to Judge Alvarez, I said, "Look, I know Bobby's real upset. I've heard that. You better calm him down and don't let him do anything foolish."

And because, obviously, Gaspar Ficarrotta had come to me saying that Bonanno wanted to be Chief Judge, and I had said when cows could fly, and I knew Bobby knew that. And I had heard that Judge Bonanno was upset, so I said, "Calm him down, just, you know, let's just get our relationship back on track. We're
all doing our job. There's 49 of us men and women, and
let's return some decency to this circuit," you know,
recognizing that we disagreed on some issues. And he
said he would.

So I left to go off on military duty.
You know, I reminded him once again that I was leaving
on a Wednesday at that point, and then that changed the
next day when I cracked this tooth. And so I thought
things were fine when I left, but obviously they
weren't I guess.

Q    That Monday morning meeting that you had
when you returned, would you classify that as a
successful meeting?

A    No, it was extremely unsuccessful. As I
was saying, and I got a little bit off track, I
apologize, I started the meeting by saying, you know,
"Dennis, I thought we had aired this out." And Judge
Bonanno then interrupted me and said, "When am I going
to get to say something?" I said, "Well, go ahead."

And he then started explaining that he
had just come to see me. And then he said, "How dare
you think anything nefarious could have occurred." And
at that point his reason for being in my office,
briefly explained, was in my opinion an absolute lie.

Q    What was his reason? I'm sorry to
interrupt you.

A He said he had come to see me about a matter. He didn't specify what matter. And at that point he never said he came in that door, never said that door was open, he had just come to see me. And I didn't buy that at all.

And then he obviously challenged me and said, "How dare you think anything nefarious had occurred." And, of course, that -- when I hadn't told him that anything nefarious had occurred.

But at that point I terminated the meeting. And I told the Chief Judge the meeting, as far as I was concerned, was over, and that I would come back down and talk to the Chief Judge without Judge Bonanno, without Mr. Roland after I had a cup of coffee and calmed down a bit. Because I felt that Judge Bonanno had not offered a legitimate excuse for being there, just kind of hemmed and hawed. There was no legitimate reason and he didn't offer me one then, and then had insulted me by saying, "How dare you think anything nefarious had occurred."

And I'd heard about all I needed to hear at that point, and went back and finished typing the letter that I had typed -- I had started typing the letter Sunday but didn't finish it. I wanted to wait
to hear what Judge Bonanno had to say.

I finished it then Monday morning after
my meeting with Judge Alvarez, Judge Bonanno, and court
counsel. I then went back and gave it to Judge Alvarez
demanding an investigation by both the JQC and law
enforcement.

Q Who is Mike Sheehan?

A Corporal Mike Sheehan is a Hillsborough
County Sheriff's officer assigned to the courthouse.
He's been assigned here as long as I've been around.

He is the only person generally in the
courthouse with actual law enforcement authority, i.e.,
he has arrest powers. Our bailiffs technically do not
have arrest powers. They can take somebody into
custody, but they must turn that person over then to
someone like Corporal Sheehan.

He is extremely close with Judge Gaspar
Picarrotta. They take vacations together, they go
places, they have dinner together, both alone
individually with each other and with their spouses,
and they are extremely, extremely close.

Q And how close is he with Judge Alvarez?

A I think very close, but not as close as
Judge Gaspar Picarrotta.

Q Does it strike you as logical, and it may
be, that if I as Chief Judge want a down and dirty or a quick investigation done on what's happened that I would go to Mike Sheehan, or would I call the Sheriff's Office?

A Mike is not an investigator. So, although I might start with Sheehan because of his responsibilities, I would definitely contact Cal Henderson and say get me the right person, an investigator, someone that does this day in and day out; get me your best man or woman to come do this job.

Q Are you aware that Sheehan, in fact, did an investigation?

A Well, he called me the next day and said, "Judge Alvarez asked me to conduct an investigation." He asked me some quick questions. When I got back on Sunday, I sent Mike Sheehan an e-mail demanding a copy of his report. I wanted to know what the investigation number was. I never, never, never got a response to that e-mail.

Q To your knowledge was that investigation completed by the time you had your Monday morning meeting?

A I have no knowledge of that investigation. I'm not even aware there is an investigation or was an investigation. I know he
called me, asked a few questions, very few because I
was still on active duty and I had Air Force business
to tend to.

Q Are you aware of the relationship between
Sheehan and Judge Bonanno?
A I'm not.

Q Okay. I want to talk to you, and maybe
the best thing to do is to lead you through it, I don't
want to drag it out, but there's some points that are
contained in the Pisano diary, novel.

A I've called it a journal. She doesn't
like that word, okay. You can call it a diary, you can
call it notes, correspondence, memoranda, you can call
it a document, call it a diary, I call it a journal.
That's just a name, a word I gave to it.

Q Were you informed that she and Judge
Picarrotta had performed sex acts in Judge Picarrotta's
private office while you were holding jury trials in
the next room?

A Yes.

Q How were you informed of that?
A Deputy Pisano told me that and told me
that that was contained in the journal. If you want a
time frame, I'm going to estimate I heard tidbits about
sex acts in his private office around November-December
time frame while the Ward thing was still active.

But the majority of the information I received with respect to those sex acts in Judge Gaspar Ficarrotta's private office between Deputy Pisano and Judge Gaspar Ficarrotta would have been relayed to me by Deputy Pisano in or about March-April time frame of this year.

Q Do you know if she was still working on her journal at that point, or had it been completed and she was just sharing the contents?

A To the best of my recollection she had already completed that document, given it to the JQC in or about early 2000.

Q All right. Let me ask you about a couple of things that aren't sex acts.

A Thank you.

Q Were you advised that she had observed large sums of money in Judge Ficarrotta's office?

A Yes, cash.

Q Tell us what you learned about that cash. Was it his personal money? Was it someone else's money?

A I never was told whose money it was. I was just told that Judge Gaspar Ficarrotta kept large sums of money in his private office, and that she,