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**Episode 2 Relaunch: Hae's Day**  
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**[1:12] Interviewer:**

How about any school activities while you're here?

**Hae Min Lee:**

Um, I've played field hockey for two years. I've played lacrosse for three years. And I also manage boys wrestling.

**Interviewer:**

Hmm, that's a lot to do. Do you have time to, um, have a job while you're doing this?

**Hae Min Lee:**

Yeah, I try to manage my schoolwork and my after school work...

**Rabia Chaudry:** That was the voice of Hae Min Lee, filmed by Channel 36, a Baltimore County public school station, who was filming for Student Athlete of the Month. According to the State, this filming took place on January 13th, 1999, the very last day that Hae Min Lee would be seen alive.

Hi and welcome to Undisclosed, my name is Rabia Chaudry, I'm an attorney and author of [Adnan's Story](#), and I'm here with my colleagues Susan Simpson and Colin Miller:

**Susan Simpson:** Hi! I'm Susan Simpson, I'm an attorney in Washington D.C., and I blog at [TheViewFromLL2](#).

**Colin Miller:** Hi, this is Colin Miller. I'm an Associate Dean and Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law, and I blog at [EvidenceProfBlog](#).

**[2:45] Rabia Chaudry:** So what do we know about Hae Min Lee? Hae was 18 years old, a senior in high school, a scholar athlete with a 3.8 GPA. She played lacrosse, she co-managed the boys wrestling team, and she worked a part time job. She was popular, she was definitely hard working, and she was a star of Woodlawn High School's magnet program.

In October of 1998, Hae, while she was still dating Adnan, met and fell for a young man named Don, who worked with her at the LensCrafters stores at the Owings Mills Mall in Maryland. Don was older, he didn't come with some of the cultural baggage Adnan did, and besides, their relationship had actually been on and off since the homecoming dance.

So by the end of December 1998, Hae and Adnan had broken up.

**Susan Simpson:** And while Adnan began seeing other young ladies, Hae and Don had their very first date on January 1st, 1999. That day together they drove to Aberdeen, Maryland and had dinner at an Olive Garden. The two had been dating for almost two weeks, on January 12th, which was the last time they'd ever see each other. It was the day before she would disappear and never be seen alive again.

Hae spent the evening of January 12, 1999 at Don's home in Bel Air, Maryland. When interviewed, Don recalled Hae being in a good mood, despite having argued with her mother about breaking curfew. According to Don, Hae left his home around 10:30 p.m., and she got back to her house around 11:30 p.m. Once home, Hae and Don stayed up until about 3 am that night, talking on the phone.

That same night, Adnan also called Hae at 12:35 a.m., for a minute and a half, in order to give her his brand new cell phone number from the phone he had just gotten that day. Hae wrote down Adnan's number in her diary and resumed talking to Don, and then made a short diary entry about Don.

According to Don, Hae tried to convince him to call into her school the next day to pretend to be a relative and to tell the school that she was sick so that she could get out and spend the next day with him on January 13th. But Don talked her out of it, so she said okay, and that she would give him a call the next day after her own work shift ended. She was scheduled to work from 6 to 10 p.m. the following night at Owings Mills Mall.

That would be the last time, according to Don, that he ever spoke to her.

In this episode we're going to try to determine what Hae's schedule was on January 13, 1999, and who the last person to see her alive was.

**[5:25] Rabia Chaudry:** Let's start, though, with the State version of her day. According to the State, Hae Min Lee went to school on the morning of January 13th, like any other day.

She was on time and she had classes all day.

During the course of her day, she was interviewed on film by Channel 36 about being a stellar lacrosse player and a great student at the same time, part of which we heard at the top of this episode.

At some point, according to the State, she was asked by Adnan for a ride after school.

Later in the afternoon, Aisha saw her and Adnan talking.

And then, at the very end of the day, Inez Butler, a teacher and instructor at the school, saw Hae leave the school after first pulling her car in front of her concession stand. Hae

ran out of her car, grabbed hot fries and apple juice, and then told Inez that she would be back for the wrestling match.

But you might recall that during Serial, someone else came forward, someone we hadn't heard from before. Her name was Summer. According to Summer, Hae was seen at school much after Inez saw Hae already leave. Summer says she remembers January 13th, 1999, because she was supposed to be scoring a wrestling match with Hae later that evening, and Hae told her she'd be there, but she never showed up.

So, there seem to be different versions of who the last person at school to see her alive actually was. Was it Inez Butler or was it Summer?

**Colin Miller:** Now that might sound strange to our listeners, to have all different possibilities about the last person to see Hae alive, but it's really not.

In fact, if you're a film buff like me, you might recall a movie called Rashomon. It's about a body that's found in the woods, and four different witnesses with four very different stories about interacting with that victim before he died. And, in fact, that movie was so popular it spawned this term, the "Rashomon effect", which basically says that you're going to have as many different stories about an event as you have witnesses because of problems in perception, memory, and sometimes even honesty.

And so, as we know as attorneys, that's why it's so important in a criminal case for both the prosecution and defense to really pin down the objective facts, so they can determine which witnesses are telling the truth and which witnesses are lying, or just misremembering.

Which is exactly what we're going to do today. We're going to go hour by hour through Hae's day, what we know of it, what witnesses have said, and all the accounts of things that Hae supposedly did, and where she was, and what she was planning to do.

We'll soon realize, though, that all of these stories can't be right. And beyond that, neither the State's version or the podcast, Serial's, version of Hae's day, can be right either.

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**[8:11] Susan Simpson:** January 13th, 1999, was a warm winter day, with temperatures in the 50s. Hae got dressed in a black skirt, a nice blouse, stockings, black heels, and a

white jacket. The last time her grandmother ever saw her, it was around 7:30 a.m. Hae was leaving the house and getting in her gray Nissan.

School began at 7:45 a.m., and students began arriving at the school at around 7:30. The day before, on January 12th, Hae had been late to school, but she arrived on time on the 13th, and Krista remembered seeing both Hae and Adnan before class on that morning.

Out in the hallway, as they were heading to their first period classes, Krista says she saw Adnan ask Hae for a ride later that day, and Hae said sure. Hae then went on to her first period while Adnan and Krista walked together towards their Photography class down the hall.

*[school bell rings]*

At 7:45 am, the bell rings for the first period of the day.

Hae's first period was in Ms. Schab's French class. She wasn't a student in that class, she was a teacher's assistant. And she was probably a T.A. because she had a really close relationship with Ms. Schab, and, in fact, Hae had plans to go with her on a class trip to France in June.

A side point, by the way, is that we also know that Ms. Schab had an interesting role to play in the investigation of this case, and maybe that was because of her close relationship with Hae.

Ms. Schab was heavily involved in the investigation at all stages. She was either self appointed or was asked by the police to act as a go between between for the cops and the teachers and students at Woodlawn during both the missing persons investigation and, later, the murder investigation. Ms. Schab seems to have been suspicious of Adnan from very early on, and believed he was not acting normally in response to questions from investigators and teachers about what he knew.

*[school bell rings]*

**[10:11] Rabia Chaudry:** At 9:15 am, the bell rings for the second period of the day. Now, as we mentioned in the last episode, Woodlawn had "A" days and "B" days. "A" days were Social Sciences and "B" days were English.

And Debbie had a clear recollection of seeing Hae in class, but as we said before, she recalled that day was an “A” day, with Social Sciences, but we know from the school record, in fact, it was a “B” day. So while Debbie remembers seeing Hae, she definitely had the wrong day.

**[10:44] Rabia Chaudry:** Stephanie also remembers seeing Hae that day in second period in English class, and Stephanie is sure it was on the 13th because it was her birthday and it was also the class where Adnan left a stuffed reindeer on her desk.

There’s a third person, too, who remembers seeing Hae during second period, and that’s Inez Butler, the school’s PSA teacher and athletic trainer. Inez remembers Hae coming to her room during second period and asking for the keys to the uniform locker so that she could change for the filming. But neither Stephanie or Debbie recalled Hae leaving class that day for any reason.

Either Hae was in class, according to Stephanie and Debbie, and nothing out of the ordinary happened, or Inez is right and she apparently left that class early to get her lacrosse uniform to start filming for the news clip. Although there is a possibility that she was in class and she popped out and nobody really noticed.

You’d think someone would’ve seen that, though, if she’s getting up in the middle of class to leave. That would stand out more than her just being there the whole time, but it doesn’t mean it couldn’t have happened.

The other interesting thing is that Debbie, in her interview with detectives, says that she has no recollection whatsoever of Hae filming anything on January 13th.

**[12:02] Colin Miller:** There’s also kind of a question, though, as to what time this filming took place. We have the video clip of Hae being interviewed, and there’s the clock in the gym and it’s an action shot. She’s doing a lacrosse move in the video. And we’ve actually blown up the screenshots of this clock, and in two different clips the clock seems to be at 10:30 in the morning and then 10:35 in the morning, which would be right at the very end of second period.

We also have a statement from the athletic director, Graham. He said that filming took place that day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and that a lot of students were filmed. So Hae could’ve been filmed around 10:30, 10:35, but that doesn’t really mesh with the students who recall seeing her in class that day. So the question of whether or not that video footage was taken on January 13, 1999, remains.

*[school bell rings]*

**[12:54] Susan Simpson:** So now it's third period. For Hae and Adnan, it was lunch period, which starts at 10:40 am. Remember, if Hae is filming at 10:35 in the gym, it's tough to see her having changed and being in the lunchroom by 10:40, but nonetheless, we have these witness statements saying she was there.

Becky, who we mentioned in episode 1, is a friend of both Hae and Adnan, and she clearly recalled sitting right next to Hae at lunch period on the 13th . Hae was pretty quiet according to Becky, and when she asked why, Hae told her she was thinking about Don. Becky also recalled a discussion of Stephanie's birthday and the birthday present that she was given. Finally, Becky remembered a discussion of the ride that Hae was supposed to give to Adnan after school.

Becky seems to have a pretty clear memory of Hae being there in the lunchroom on the 13th, and doesn't mention Hae being late to lunch for any reason. And then there's Stephanie, who remembers about the same thing as Becky, that Hae was there at lunch that day.

So we have two witnesses who place Hae at lunch, about five minutes after she's supposedly in the gym filming for Channel 36.

There is the possibility that Hae was filming at 10:35, changed out of her uniform, washed up, came to lunch, and maybe was there a little bit later. Oftentimes in high school, the way lunch is, people just kind of filter in and out. But, if she was filmed on the 13th, she would've had to have left class early, halfway through or even sooner and then would've shown up late again to lunch. And not one person who recalls seeing her remembers something like that.

Another significant thing is this - if Hae was featured as Student Athlete of the Month and filmed that day, you would imagine at least one of her friends would've known, but none of her friends mentioned it. And none of the statements of Hae's friends note that Hae mentioned being filmed that day either. Especially because if she really had been filmed and interviewed on the day of her disappearance, that would have come up at the time you'd think, at some point in time in talking to all these witnesses.

And imagine this. If Hae had just been filming, and then had come to lunch right after, it seems like she would have wanted to talk about it, been excited about it, or at least

have mentioned it. Instead, though, her classmates said that she seemed quiet at lunch, thinking about Don.

Speaking of Don, remember that Don told Serial that on the night before- on the 12th- Hae was asking if he would call her in sick from school that day so she could spend the day with him. If she had an interview that she was going to be filmed for and put on cable TV, why would she want to fake being sick?

*[school bell rings]*

**[15:51] Rabia Chaudry:** Fourth period began at 11:10 am.

We know that Hae had Computer Information class during this time period. We don't know who the teacher was, we don't know who her classmates were, we don't even know if she was even there that day. The police never talked to that teacher, never tried to find out what she'd been doing during this time period. So, while we assume she was in class, we don't actually know that for sure, and unfortunately can't account for this 100 minutes of her school day.

*[school bell rings]*

The fifth period began at 12:50 pm. and this was the last period of the day, AP psychology. This is a class we know was taken by Adnan, Hae, Becky, and Aisha, who was Hae's best friend.

The class started at 12:55 pm, but it turns out that Athletic Director Graham told the police that while the film crew had been filming different students from 9 am to 1 pm, he saw Hae at 1:30 pm, saying specifically that it was after she finished filming.

If that was the case, Hae would have either missed AP psychology or been really late.

Here's the thing though, Hae is not marked late for psychology class despite us having other records of people being marked late to class, because the teacher of that class apparently took very close note of who showed up late and who didn't. On his notes for that day, the teacher had marked all the names of students who weren't there at the first bell. And that's how we know that Adnan was late, because he marked Adnan walking in at around 1:27 pm, and another student, Adnan's friend Mac, was noted as walking in at 2 pm.

**[17:30] Colin Miller:** It's also not clear why the athletic director thought he saw Hae at 1:30 pm, when the clock on the gym wall shows the interview took place at 10:30 am.

Now, for the record, we tried to find this clip, the original, and find out if there's a time or a date stamp on it, but so far no one seems to have the original copy, including Channel 36.

So how do we reconcile these statements about Hae's TV interview, class attendance records, and her friend's recollections? Well, it's important to note that Graham didn't give this statement to the police until February 22nd, six weeks after Hae went missing, and weeks after her body had been found. It could simply have been a matter of him getting his dates wrong, and that Hae wasn't, in fact, interviewed on January 13th. Rather, she was in AP psych class, on time, and stayed until it ended.

*[school bell rings]*

**[21:06]** So school ends at 2:15 pm with the final bell. At this point, there are multiple contenders for the last witness to see Hae alive. Aisha and Becky both report seeing Adnan and Hae pretty soon after school ended at about 2:20, and Aisha testified at trial she saw the two talking.

Becky had two versions: one, in her police statement, she says she sees Adnan and Hae walking in opposite directions and Hae says to Adnan, "Oh, I can't give you a ride. I have something else to do." And Adnan says, "Oh, that's okay. I'll just ask someone else."

At trial, defense counsel called Becky as a defense witness, and asked for her recollection. Again, she recalled seeing Hae at about 2:20 pm. She's walking to the door that leads to her car, and according to Becky, Hae says to her, "I have to leave right away. There's somewhere I need to be." Doesn't say where the somewhere else is. So at trial we don't have Adnan mentioned in the conversation.

It's tough to say whether this was an oversight or some type of decision that was made by defense counsel. It's also tough to say whether Becky herself decided to leave Adnan out of the conversation, and whether it was just a matter of the way she was questioned, because it is entirely possible that both things happened - Becky heard Hae tell Adnan she couldn't give him a ride and she also told her that she had somewhere else to be.

**[22:30] Susan Simpson:** So after Becky sees Hae walk down the hallway towards her car, according to the State, Hae apparently gets in her car and then drives around to the front parking lot, where Inez Butler sees her.

After school, Inez sets up a concession stand outside the gym area where students can buy snacks and drinks. And in all of Inez's statements, she says that she saw Hae at this time. However, the details of what happened change during each version of the story that Inez has given.

In Inez's very first statement to the police, she said that Hae had been upset that day because her mother and her were fighting. She wanted to call her dad in California, Hae said. Inez was also clear that Hae was not going to a wrestling match that day.

In Inez's second statement to the police, given about a month later, she says that she saw Hae that day at school at about 2:30 m., and that was when Hae pulled up in the circle, left her car running, ran up to the concession stand, grabbed a snack, threw some money into the box, and then left again. In this version of Inez's story, Hae was intending on going to work that day at LensCrafters. And, in fact, we know that she was scheduled to work that evening from about 6 pm to 10 pm. But Hae didn't show up, and she didn't call in, and that's the first time that Hae had ever been a no show at work.

At the first trial, Inez's story changes once again. She says again she saw Hae pull up to the concession stand, but this time she says it happened about 2:15, 2:20. She also testifies in the first trial that Hae did not pay for snacks, but that that was okay because Inez knew Hae would be back by 3:45 to catch a bus to the wrestling match. According to Inez, the Woodlawn wrestling team had a match at Chesapeake, and Hae would be going with the team to score it.

At the second trial however, Inez's story changes again.

This time she says, like the first trial, that Hae came up to the concession stand at about 2:15, 2:20. And once again, Hae didn't pay for snacks, but that Inez reminded Hae to be back at school by 5 pm for the wrestling match, which according to Inez, now starts around 6:30 or 7:30 pm.

It's not clear why Inez's story about when the match was taking place changed between the first trial and the second or why Inez's police statements reflect that she thought Hae was going to work, but by the time of trial, she changed her story and said that Hae was instead going to the wrestling match.

And it's interesting that Inez's story is changing here, but by saying that Hae pulled up about 2:15 - 2:20, the jury never heard what we got to hear in Serial about the "21 minute drive test" that Sarah Koenig did.

**[25:36] Rabia Chaudry:** If you recall, in the "Route Talk" episode of Serial, Sarah and Dana are retracing Hae's route to try to determine whether the State's theory of the case makes sense, whether Hae could've been killed by 2:36 pm when, according to the State, Adnan made a phone call to Jay.

The first thing to note is, that in that Serial episode, actually, they don't finish the route by 2:36.

It's actually around 2:37 or 2:38 and they claim that it's a minute or two, so therefore the test passed. They think that maybe they could've been a little bit more efficient but, yeah, when they run the test, it doesn't work.

When they run the test, they are stuck behind the bus loop, before they can even get to where the concession stand is. The buses clear at about 2:26 pm, which is when they go to the concession stand, and with that, they don't make it within the State's timeframe.

Now, in her second statement, Inez says to the officers, "I saw Hae jump out of her car at 2:30. It couldn't have been closer to 2:15 because the bus loop had to clear first. That bus loop clears at 2:25." And the cops asked her, "Could it have been closer to 2:15?" But she said, "No, it couldn't have been because the buses don't clear until later."

And yet, Inez went on to testify at trial that Hae came up to the concession stand between 2:15 and 2:20, which is an odd change from her police statement, and it makes no sense given what we know about when the bus loop clears, both in 1999 and then in 2014 when we had Sarah and Dana conduct their drive test.

But the change in her testimony is not odd, and it makes complete sense, if you know that for the State's theory to work, Hae could not have been at school closer to 2:30, because the 2:36 pm "*come and get me call*" couldn't work then. It could only work, and even then barely, if Inez had seen Hae closer to 2:15 pm.

So that was the State's theory of the case, that Hae left school around 2:15pm, went straight to the concession stand, and was somehow intercepted and killed by Adnan at 2:36 pm in the Best Buy parking lot.

Except all of that got a bit blown up when we heard from Summer, in Serial.

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**[28:16] Colin Miller:** Now, Summer was also a student at Woodlawn High School, and as she was listening to Serial, she realized that she had some information that nobody knew about, so she contacted Sarah Koenig, and she told her that she distinctly remembered seeing Hae at school around 3 pm on January 13th, 1999.

She says she remembers this day because she was going to be scoring the wrestling match that evening with Hae. She was new to it, so she needed Hae to be there, but Hae didn't show up. So Summer was a little bit upset that Hae did not show up and for that reason, the memory's pretty distinct for Summer.

It is strange that Summer says that she had never been contacted. According to her, she basically gets Hae to change her plans, that Hae is probably not going to that wrestling match and she convinces her to go. So it's odd that somehow she didn't talk to the cops... no one was made aware of her... that for some reason, this person, who's the co manager on the team, isn't interviewed by anyone back in 1999.

And she apparently never mentioned it to any of her friends or any of Hae's friends. Assume you're a high school student, and you have a friend. She's the co manager on a sports team with you. You talk to her and, you know, basically get her to change her plans, and then she disappears and turns up dead. What do you think you would do when you find this out?

Tell someone, it seems like. So It's hard to see how this story didn't come out before, back at the time of the investigation or the trial.

**[29:34] Susan Simpson:** But let's play devil's advocate here for a minute. It's strange that in a case that takes place in a high school, a pretty large high school even, we're left with very limited statements from witnesses. In fact, we have police statements from just a handful of students, actually: Becky, Debbie, Aisha, and Stephanie.

But there were many more students in the magnet program, and even with the wrestling match, you think the wrestling team must have had a coach, right? An adult coach. And that coach would have known whether or not Hae was going to be scoring that day and whether she showed up or not. The real dearth of witness statements taken by the police is troubling, and may explain why Summer and many others were overlooked.

The thing is that the police never talked to anyone in the school who wasn't in some way related to their case against Adnan.

They didn't talk to Hae's teachers other than Ms. Schab. They didn't talk to the wrestling coach. They didn't talk to the wrestlers. Everyone they spoke to was either a teacher of Adnan's and also sometimes happened to also be a teacher of Hae's or one of Adnan's friends, which is why we can't even be sure if Hae was in her third period class that day. They never talked to anyone in that class.

There isn't even any attempt by the police to determine that this wrestling match, which comes up repeatedly as part of Hae's evening plans, even took place on January 13th. But Hae going to this wrestling match is still part of the State's theory, though remember that Hae was also scheduled to work that evening, and no explanation was ever offered to explain this contradiction.

Now, this wrestling match has come up a lot of times, but the weird thing is, the witnesses always seem to give slightly different stories. We've heard lots of versions about when it started. And two different schools for where it was supposed to take place: Summer said it was at Randallstown, but Inez Butler said it was at Chesapeake High.

None of the witnesses talking about the wrestling match can seem to agree exactly what the match was supposed to be. So I started looking into it, and after reviewing some old newspaper clippings at the Baltimore Public Library, it turned out that there wasn't a wrestling match that evening.

That's right. The wrestling match, which has been part of the State's narrative since 1999, and was even accepted as gospel in *Serial*, actually never happened. There was no wrestling match on January 13, 1999.

I started off just trying to figure out if the match was against Chesapeake, like Inez said, or against Randallstown like Summer said. But after looking into it, it was neither. There was no match for Woodlawn. According to the newspaper records, Woodlawn had

actually played Randallstown the week before on January 5th, and on January 13th, Randallstown did have a wrestling match, but it was against a different team entirely.

So whatever else might've happened on January 13th, Woodlawn did not play Randallstown.

But let's go back to January 5th, now, this is the big one. This is pretty huge. We have a match against Randallstown. So, why is this such a big deal?

Because of the Don note. Remember, there was a note found in Hae's car, written to Don. The police, the prosecution - they believe this is a note she planned to give to Don on January 13th- and it's hugely important because it ties everything together that we've been talking about. The note mentions both the wrestling match and the TV interview.

**[33:04] Rabia Chaudry:** The note is in Hae's handwriting, and here is what it says:

*"Hey cutie, Sorry I couldn't stay. I have to go to a wrestling match at Randallstown High. But I promise to page you as soon as I get home, okay? [sic] 'till then, take care and drive safely!"*

*Always, Hae P.S.*

*The interview went well, [and] I promise to tape it so you can see me as many and as often as you want."*

Well, now that we know that Randallstown played Woodlawn on January 5th, we know that note was written on January 5th as well.

What seems to have happened is that Hae wrote this note and planned to leave it with Don, who was working at Owings Mills Mall that day. But it seems from Hae's credit card records, which show purchases at Owings Mills Mall during the same time that the wrestling match was going on, that she never made it to the match.

She went to leave a note and instead perhaps she saw Don, ended up staying there with him, and never gave him the note at all, which is why it was still in her car when the police found it.

And it also explains why Summer was a little bit upset, because she got stood up on January 5th- not January 13th. And the reason none of the students recalled seeing Hae leave class to go film on January 13th was because that didn't happen on the 13th. It happened on January 5th.

All of this completely undermines the State's timeline. Inez was not the last person to see Hae alive. She's thinking of the wrong day. It also means Summer is not the last person to see Hae alive. And why is that important? It's important because, like a lot of people, when we listened to Serial, we believed Summer.

**[34:52] Colin Miller:** Summer thought she saw Hae, you know, around 2:45, 2:55 or so at school. Which takes us back to Asia McClain, who says she saw Adnan at the library until about 2:40 pm.

So while Asia is a great alibi witness from a legal perspective because she destroys the State's timeline at trial, she's pretty meaningless from a factual perspective because of Summer, who says she saw Hae well after 2:40 pm.

Now, the significance here is if we remove Inez and Summer from the timeline, we're back to Becky being the last person to see Hae at around 2:20 pm as Hae is about to leave school because she has something else to do and somewhere else to be. Which means that if Asia saw Adnan at the library up until 2:40 pm, she's not just a legal alibi witness, she's a factual alibi witness who can prove Adnan's innocence.

But then there is Debbie. Debbie, as we discussed last episode, was a friend to both Adnan and Hae and she gave a couple of statements to police.

In her first statement at the end of January, she says she saw Hae at about 3 pm, and that she was on her way to see Don at the mall. And if you look at all the news reports at the time of Hae's disappearance even at the time that Adnan was arrested, she is presented as the last person to see Hae alive at 3 o'clock as she's leaving Woodlawn. Then later, we have Debbie giving a second statement, this time in March.

This is the statement where she said she saw Adnan about 2:45 on his way to track practice.

She also in that statement, though, in which she then saw Hae between 2:45 and 3:15 pm, she said they weren't alone. Instead, according to Debbie, there was a third person in the conversation. This was a person whose name is written as "Taker" in the transcript, but that's not her name. And according to Debbie, Taker asked Hae for a

ride. And according to Debbie, Hae turned her down, said, "I can't give you a ride because I have no time. I have to pick up my cousin at school."

And also, according to Debbie, this is the only person that she recalls asking Hae for a ride on January 13th. There's another time that Takeru comes up too. This is after Hae's body has been found. There's a crisis intervention team that's sent to the school, and Debbie recalls Debbie herself, Becky, Aisha, Takeru and Takeru's sister going together to talk to the crisis intervention team. And in fact, there's a second teacher who's interviewed at the school, and she also remembers this same group of students going together to the crisis intervention team.

**[37:14] Susan Simpson:** So we have Debbie, Aisha, Becky... all key people in the case. They're interviewed, they testify at trial, and then we have ...Takeru. The person who literally, according to Debbie, asks Hae for a ride just before she disappears, and as far as we can tell, she's never contacted. Not by the prosecution, not by the defense, not by anyone.

Here's the exchange between Debbie and the police though, about Takeru:

***Susan Reads:***

*Detective MacGillivray asked: "Did she indicate that she was going to give anybody a ride?" referring to Hae.*

*Debbie responds: "No, um, somebody, I think Takeru had asked, and like she said she couldn't because she had to pick up her cousin [sic] after school and she had to meet them around [sic] 3 o'clock, so she didn't have time. But no one else that I remember."*

Takeru first appears on page 31 of the transcript of Debbie's police interview. But the documents that include that interview from the defense files, they end on page 30. In other words, Adnan's attorney Christina Gutierrez didn't have the part of Debbie's interview that mentioned Takeru asking Hae for a ride. And Gutierrez also never had the audio for it.

But If Gutierrez had known about this, and then had just repeated what Debbie said about what happened on the 13th at trial, that could have meant an exoneration.

And then there's this - if something came up that day that caused Hae to change her mind and say that she had somewhere else to be, something else to do, the most likely

way that would've happened is if someone had contacted her, which means someone would have paged her.

That's right. Hae didn't have a cell phone, but she did have a pager. And we didn't ever get Hae's pager records, by the way. Either the police never tried to pull them, which would be shocking negligence in a missing persons case that only later turned into a murder, or they did get them and they didn't disclose them to the defense.

And her pager itself was, in fact, never recovered with the evidence. It wasn't with her body, or in the car. If her pager had ever been found, we might know who actually had paged her that day. The implication, then, is that the pager was disposed of by the killer because it could have shown that they had paged her before she disappeared.

What's also interesting, though, is that Jay never mentions a pager either. He doesn't mention it being in Hae's car, and doesn't mention Adnan disposing of it. He doesn't mention anything about it at all.

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**[39:58] Rabia Chaudry:** So what we know now is that Hae's day looked a lot different than we thought it did, than the State presented it at trial, and even different than it was presented on Serial.

Though she had school as everyone says, she certainly wasn't doing her filming for Channel 36 on January 13th. That filming took place the same day she wrote the note to Don, which also happened to be the same day she had a match against Randallstown. None of that happened on January 13th. It all happened on January 5th.

A couple of other things we know that we're pretty certain about is that at some point during the day, Adnan asked Hae for a ride after school. She initially said yes, and then later, in front of a couple different people, she said, "No, I have somewhere to go. I can't give you that ride."

That takes us to Debbie and Takeria. Well, we've heard a lot from Debbie, police statements, her testimony at two different trials... We've never heard from Takeria. No one ever contacted her back then, not the police, not the prosecution, not defense counsel. But she may have been one of the last people to see Hae Min Lee alive.

So where do we go from here? We track the movements of the State's star witness: Jay Wilds. Next time, on Undisclosed.

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