

1 A It would have been, yes.

2 Q Did you pull the box out of the ground?

3 A I believe it was Mr. Rinke that actually pulled it up out
4 of the ground. I may have helped him pull it up out of the
5 ground. It was still in the ground when I got there. It was
6 just the top was uncovered.

7 Q And what did you do after you pulled it out of the ground?

8 A We proceeded to remove the plastic to see what was actually
9 in the box.

10 Q Did you have to cut through any duct tape to get --

11 A We did. We had to cut or tear the duct tape and plastic to
12 get in the box.

13 Q Once you removed the plastic from the box, did you know
14 what it was?

15 A Yes. Once I opened the box, I knew exactly what it was.

16 Q How do you know that?

17 A I am a ex-Marine and also a Army Reservist, and so I have
18 been familiar with the case and the contents of the case.

19 Q Why don't you tell the jury about your military experience.
20 How long have you been in the Army Reserves?

21 A Almost 11 years, ma'am.

22 Q Have you ever been in combat?

23 A I have, ma'am.

24 Q When was that?

25 A I deployed to Iraq from 2005, 2006, where I was exposed to

- 1 A That's a practice round.
- 2 Q Have you seen practice rounds before?
- 3 A Yes, ma'am.
- 4 Q Have you seen live rounds before?
- 5 A Yes, ma'am.
- 6 Q Have you ever seen 40-millimeter grenades outside of the
7 military setting?
- 8 A No, ma'am, I had not.
- 9 Q Did you take any of the rounds out of the bands?
- 10 A To look at them, yes, ma'am.
- 11 Q What did you do after that?
- 12 A At that time, once we identified what they were, I set them
13 back in the canister, proceeded to contact my boss, the mayor of
14 London, and asked him how to proceed. And at that time he
15 called the sheriff's department, and we waited on site until the
16 sheriff's department arrived.
- 17 Q And someone from the sheriff's office did show up?
- 18 A Yes, ma'am.
- 19 Q And what happened once that person got there?
- 20 A We showed him what we had found. He brought a camera and
21 proceeded to take some pictures. We identified ourselves to
22 him, and at that time he told us we could leave the area and
23 that's what we did, leaving it in his possession.
- 24 Q Did you touch the canister or the grenades after the person
25 from the sheriff's office got there?