

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT

WITNESS INFORMATION:

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Gender: Female

First Name: [REDACTED]

Marital Status: Not married

Other Names (used in the bush): [REDACTED]

Father's Name: [REDACTED]

Mother's Name: [REDACTED]

Children: No children.

Date of Birth/Age: [REDACTED] years old. Born in [REDACTED]

Place of Birth: [REDACTED]

Place of Residence: [REDACTED]

Ethnic Origin/Tribe: Lango

Religion: Protestant

Languages Spoken: Lango, Kumam, Acholi, English

Languages Written (if different from spoken): Lango (some) and English

Languages Used in Interview: English and Lango

Current Occupation: [REDACTED]

Former Occupations: [REDACTED]

Place of Interview: [REDACTED] Uganda

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Witness statement of [REDACTED] 2

Date and time of Interview: 9 July 2006 (11.15 am – 5 pm); 10 July 2006 (2.10pm – 4pm).

Interviewers: Dianne Luping, Jenny Mohamedhoesein

Interpreter: [REDACTED]

Names of all persons present during Interview: Dianne Luping, Jenny Mohamedhoesein, [REDACTED], [REDACTED].

Signature(s):	[REDACTED]	10/07/2006
	Jenny Mohamedhoesein	10/07/2006
	[REDACTED]	10/07/2006
	Dianne Luping	10/7/2006
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WITNESS STATEMENT

Procedure

1. I was introduced to Dianne Luping, Investigator, and Jenny Mohamedhosein, Analyst and told that they work with the Office of the Prosecutor (“OTP”) of the International Criminal Court (“ICC”).
2. The investigator explained what the ICC is and described its mandate. She also explained the role and authority of the OTP within the ICC.
3. I was told that this interview is voluntary and that I may end the interview at any time. I confirm that I agreed to answer the investigator’s questions of my own free will.
4. My father, [REDACTED], has given his prior consent for me to be interviewed by the investigators.
5. I was asked if I had concerns regarding my protection and security. The security measures which are available to me have been explained.
6. I was informed of the existence of the Victims’ Participation and Reparation Unit and its function and told that individuals who qualify as victims, in the judgment of the judges, will be entitled to participate in future court proceedings and potentially to receive reparations.
7. I was told that at the conclusion of the interview, I would be asked to sign a written statement after having had the opportunity to review it and add any corrections or additional information.

Abduction from Lwala School

8. I believe that the attackers who came to Lwala Girls’ Senior Secondary School (“Lwala School”) were from the groups of TABULEY and OTTI. I understand that OTTI’s group was from Control Altar and TABULEY’s group was Trinkle. I think most of the attackers were from TABULEY’s group, with about three I believe from Control Altar. Ocan BUNIA was leading Gilva, and we were told he was in Katakwi, so understood that some from Gilva were moving with some from Trinkle. I met BUNIA later and not in Katakwi.
9. I think that from the girls who were first abducted, which I believe were more than 100, I saw more than thirty girls released myself although I was not so much focused on how many girls were being released. However, I am not certain. I think about thirty girls remained after the release. Some other girls had escaped along the way.



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Meeting Kapere and Tabuley

10. After I was abducted I was taken to KAPERRE and that night I slept where he was. The following day some of the girls were released. The girls were released by KAPERRE. OKUTI later showed me TABULEY, and I believe he was a person we were showed as being in our group shortly after we were abducted. But I cannot recall exactly when I saw TABULEY myself the first time. Before we were taken to OTTI I think we stayed with TABULEY for about one or two weeks.
11. I believe we were thirty girls because KAPERRE kept on counting and confirming the number of girls; including the thirty girls remaining. After the thirty was counted a few more people escaped. We were collected again and we were counted again. After the count I think we remained with about twenty girls from Lwala School, but I am not certain.
12. I heard a commander on the radio call who was informing other commanders that the girls were being brought to Sudan. I only recalled what was said in Acholi and they then switched over to speaking in Arabic, which I could not understand.
13. I remember saying last time, that after the radio call that I believed the commander who spoke on the radio call was saying afterwards to other commanders that only thirty girls had to remain and seventy girls had to be released. However, I cannot remember the exact number of girls remaining and being released; but believe that the numbers released was just more than thirty and those remaining were about thirty. TABULEY had said some would first be released, then the rest be released later. I do not recall him saying to us that seventy would be released.
14. I think that traveling from where we first met KAPERRE to where we met TABULEY was a short distance; about four kilometers.

Meeting with OTTI

15. I believe that the first time I saw OTTI was about one week after my abduction, in Pader district. I cannot remember where in Pader I saw him, but I think it was in Patongo, Pader district. I think that it could have been in Lukole, which I believe is in Patongo. When arriving at Lukole in Pader district I was swapped into OTTI's household. I remember now that I heard that KONY was in Kitgum when I saw OTTI for the first time in Pader; and not when I was in Orungo, Katakwi. I did not see OTTI in Orungo in Katakwi district after our abduction. I had thought OTTI was in Katakwi because I heard somebody speaking to him on the radio call when we were in Katakwi; but did not see him there myself.
16. The commanders that I remember traveling with us from Katakwi towards OTTI in Pader included TABULEY, KAPERRE, OKUTI and LABONGO.
17. I recall that not all of us Lwala girls remaining in the bush were taken to OTTI. Just before reaching OTTI, only a few of us Lwala girls were selected to go to

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OTTI including me, whilst the rest remained at this place where we had been selected. I believe that those not chosen to go to OTTI went in the direction of Katakwi, whilst we were brought to OTTI in Pader. I saw one of the girls later who told me they were brought back to Katakwi. Her name is [REDACTED] I cannot recall the numbers in these two groups. I do not remember whom amongst the LRA stayed with the remaining girls.

Meeting KONY

18. I do not remember how much time was spent with OTTI before reaching KONY. I remember that after moving from Lukole in Pader, people from OTTI's group were traveling with me. I think some from OTTI's group may have also been at the attack at Lwala School; including one called OPIO whom I knew for about one week before he was killed by government soldiers. I think he was an escort for OTTI.
19. I met KONY in Palabek in Kitgum near the Ugandan border close to Sudan. We passed through Kalongo to reach Palabek. The first time I met KONY was in Kitgum. I did not meet him before this in Lukole in Pader district when I met OTTI. I met KONY only after that.
20. Not all of us brought to that place where KONY was, physically met him; only about four of us met him. I remember the girls meeting KONY were me, [REDACTED] I do not remember exactly how long after being at Palabek I was brought to meet KONY; but I think I first met KONY about two months after we were abducted, in about August 2003.
21. The other Lwala girls who were brought to Palabek and not brought to KONY were staying with other commanders. I saw them there. The other commanders with whom these girls stayed included Mzee BANYA.
22. I remember that amongst those LRA who brought us to where KONY was, one was called OBURA, who is from Boroboro. His first name is Aron. This is the only name that I know for him. [REDACTED]
23. OBURA was present when I met KONY. OTTI was also present. KONY selected there [REDACTED] I was then taken by OBURA back to OTTI's place with [REDACTED] I cannot remember if anybody else brought us to KONY's place and back again to OTTI's place other than OBURA.
24. I do not remember how long we remained at this place in Palabek, but I do not think it was for very long. I do not know how long KONY was in this place, but I also do not think it was for very long.



25. I do not remember very well where I was taken after Palabek, but I think that it was in Atiak.
26. After Palabek I met KONY a second time in Uganda. I cannot remember where it was, but I remember crossing a certain road to reach him. I think that this second time I met him was about one month after the first time we met. During this second time I saw KONY, I also saw [REDACTED]. At this time I was in OTTI's household. There were many soldiers there, both times I met KONY in Uganda.
27. During this time period between the first and second time I met KONY, most of the time OTTI was with us.
28. I remember seeing KONY only twice. After the second time meeting KONY, I do not know whether he was staying in Uganda or was going somewhere else. But KONY separated from OTTI. At this time I was still with OTTI's group.
29. [REDACTED] went to Sudan, as KONY went to Sudan. I know [REDACTED] who studied at the same school who was also abducted, but I do not remember now whether she was brought to Sudan.

Release of girls

30. After the group of girls were released by KAPERRE in Katakwi, I recall hearing from TABULEY a short time later that all of us girls were to be released. I cannot recall exactly what he said but I believe he said that KONY ordered that all of us Lwala girls who were abducted were to be released. We were told that the Lwala girls not selected to move on after leaving Katakwi were being released then and those of us selected to move onwards (to Pader) would be released later. However, I believe that none of them remaining behind were released, as I met some of them later whilst we were still in the bush.
31. The names of girls who stayed behind and who were not selected to go to OTTI that I can recall include [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] I remember that from these girls, I saw the following girls later on whilst I was still in the bush after we had been taken to OTTI and KONY; including, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
32. I saw [REDACTED] in the bush again after I was selected by OTTI to remain in his household. I saw [REDACTED] before they were going to attack Padibe centre to collect things from there. I saw [REDACTED] once when I was already in OTTI's household. We were meeting to be distributed because some of the group were going to Sudan. I saw [REDACTED] again in Omot, bordering Lira and Pader whilst I was in the sickbay; but they were not in the sickbay with me as well.



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33. The rest of those girls I mentioned who were not selected to meet OTTI, I do not recall seeing again in the bush after we had been selected to go meet OTTI. I learnt later that [REDACTED] is dead. She was staying with TABULEY. The wives of TABULEY took her to OKUTI's household after TABULEY's death. I met [REDACTED] in OKUTI's household after TABULEY died. I met some of the girls who were in OKUTI's household after they escaped and they told me that [REDACTED] was killed by a gunshot in Pader. I remember seeing the remains of what was later confirmed to me to be [REDACTED]'s dead body between Patongo and Adilang. She was not killed when we were on the way to OTTI in Pader after we were first abducted.
34. I have never seen [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] since I last saw them when we left to meet OTTI. I last saw [REDACTED] in the bush before we left to meet OTTI; she escaped and I saw her on my return. I saw [REDACTED] when I came out of the bush as she had also come out. I never saw [REDACTED] again in the bush, but saw her after I returned.
35. [REDACTED] are currently all at the same school with me.
36. When we came to where OTTI was in Pader, LABONGO who had brought us to this location told us that we had to rise early the next morning because we were going to be released. YARDIN, who died, had also previously said to us that we would be released. OTTI was not with us, but was not far from our group sitting with other commanders, when LABONGO told us girls that we were going to be released.
37. But when we met OTTI he would not allow us to be released. We were deceived when we were told we would be released. When OTTI saw us being lined up he said that we could not be released without his permission. After he said we were not going to be released he had a photograph taken of us with him.

Pajule

38. I remember people leaving for the attack on Pajule on 9 October 2003 at night; as they gathered in OTTI's compound where we stayed. Between the second time after meeting KONY and the attack on Pajule I remember traveling to Acholibur and Pajule itself. During this time period I do not remember whether we went back to Lango with OTTI, but we did not return to Teso. During this period I was in OTTI's group and I stayed in his household. OTTI was the group leader and he remained with us.
39. I recall that the commanders involved in the Pajule attack besides OTTI were Raska LUKWIYA and ACEL CALO APAR. Just before the attack at Pajule I heard OTTI give the orders to abduct. Some time before the attack I also heard him tell one of his favourite wives that KONY had said there were already enough women in the bush so that they did not need to abduct any more women.
40. I have heard of Dominic ONGWEN, but I never saw him. I have heard of ODOMI and even saw him but I cannot remember where this was.

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41. About a week after the attack at Pajule I was taken to the sickbay, which was, close to Patongo or Okwang in Pader along the banks of Agago. This place is not near Lira. I was left at the sickbay and the group of OTTI was going to travel to Teso. I stayed at this sickbay from about October 2003 until my escape in [REDACTED]. Some injured at the attack in Pajule were also taken to the sickbay. I escaped from this sickbay after I heard OTTI's plans to make me his wife. I believe I was left there because I could hardly walk and because they were afraid that if I was brought back to Teso I could escape. I remember reaching Lango with the group of Major [REDACTED] who was a commander in charge of the sickbay. I had said previously that it was in December 2003 that I had tried to escape with [REDACTED] from OTTI, but I remember it was about October 2003 before the attack at Pajule as we had planned to celebrate Independence Day back home.

Lwala girls given to commanders as 'wives'

42. From the first time I saw KONY in Kitgum, girls were already distributed to other commanders to live in their households. But I only learnt later that these commanders to whose homes they had been distributed in Kitgum, had made them their 'wives' some time after this first meeting with KONY in Kitgum. I learnt this from speaking to individual Lwala girls. I also heard from a wife of OTTI that OTTI said to her that KONY had issued an order that those girls who were old enough should be made the commanders' wives. This is what I meant when I said before that girls were selected as wives some months after we met KONY in Kitgum that first time.
43. I remember one Lwala girl given to Raska LUKWIYA called [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I do not remember the name of the Lwala girl that ODHIAMBO took.
44. I remember that [REDACTED] also a Lwala girl, was a ting-ting in OTTI's household for about four months. I believe that she was then sent to the household of Ceasar. [REDACTED] were in Ceasar's home. I saw [REDACTED] at Ceasar's home.
45. [REDACTED] started at Ceasar's household and was later transferred to Raska's household. I know that the girls were transferred to Ceasar's home because they were nearby.
46. I was asked if I had heard of a girl called [REDACTED] in the bush, who was not abducted from Lwala School; but I confirmed that I had not. I think there was an [REDACTED] I met in the bush who had been from Lwala, though not Lwala School.
47. There is only one [REDACTED] from Lwala School that I know and who was given to ANYWAR the signaler. At first she stayed with Mzee NYEKO, as the signalers stayed with NYEKO.
48. I do not know whether Dominic ONGWEN or ODOMI received any girls from Lwala School. I do not know Dominic ONGWEN by any other name; nor ODOMI by any other name.



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49. I remember a Lwala girl called [REDACTED] in LABONGO's household who was beaten to death by ODHIAMBO. I saw this myself. They said she was a witch. This happened before the attack at Pajule; I think in about September 2003. We were then warned that if we tried to do something like escape we would face the same fate.

Closing Procedure

50. I have nothing to add to the above statement nor do I have anything to clarify.
51. I have given the answers to the questions of my own free will.
52. There has been no threat, promise or inducement which has influenced my answers.
53. I have no complaints about the way I was treated during this interview.

WITNESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

1. This Statement has been read over to me in the English and Lango languages and is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have given this Statement voluntarily and I am aware that it may be used in legal proceedings before the International Criminal Court and that I may be called to give evidence in public before the International Criminal Court.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Dated: 10 / 07 / 2006.

INTERPRETER CERTIFICATION

I, [REDACTED], certify that:

1. I am duly qualified to interpret from the Lango language into the English language and from the English language into the Lango language.
2. I have been informed by [REDACTED] that she speaks and understands the Lango language.



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3. I have orally translated the above statement from the English language to the Lango language in the presence of [REDACTED] who appeared to have heard and understood my translation of this Statement.
4. [REDACTED] has acknowledged that the facts and matters set out in her Statement, as translated by me, are true to the best of her knowledge and recollection and has accordingly signed her signature where indicated.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Dated: 10-07-06.



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