Police reports are not evidence. To the extent that an officer testified about what they did or what they heard or who they interviewed, you can consider that. However, you cannot have the police reports, because they are not evidence in this case.

But you can bet that if there was other information that would be helpful to you in your decision making process that either counsel or myself would have brought it out during the trial.

The judge also gave you a specific instruction on the believability of witnesses. And there are a number of factors for to you consider. You may decide that some factors are more important than others. You may decide to weigh some heavily and others not as much. That is entirely up to you.

Some of the factors that the Court lists are the extent of the opportunity to see or hear what the people are testifying about. Certainly common sense, right? If they have no basis for knowing what they are telling you, now how much credibility are you going to give them?

The ability to remember or communicate what they are testifying about. The character and quality of their testimony.

Let's talk about Ms. Rhoads for a moment.

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