

had any concerns as to where he was," Harris said. Harris testified that he gave Magaña positive performance evaluations and praised him for his knowledge of police work and for working a lot of hours.

Harris apparently did not regularly check up on officers on the street. He said he relied on their honesty. "It's absolutely crucial for us to be honest with each other."

At one point, Magaña allegedly placed himself on "special assignment" with dispatchers so he would have time to coerce sex from a female drunk driver while on duty. Harris said he would have known and authorized such a "special assignment" but he appeared ignorant that Magaña gave himself the assignment that night.

Fellow officers had questions about where Magaña was while on duty, but apparently did not report their concerns.

"There were times I would see Mr. Magaña at the briefing and not see him until the end of the shift," testified officer Greg Reeves, who worked an adjacent patrol sector to Magaña.

Officer Jeff Glemser said he patrolled Bethel with Magaña but now realizes, "I never really knew where officer Magaña was."

Officer Thompson said in 1999 he looked for Magaña at a location he had reported by radio but couldn't find him. He said he found Magaña a few blocks away entering a drug "flop house" where one of his alleged victims lived.

A trainee officer, John Sharlow, noticed Magaña was on his personal cell phone a lot late at night when most people were asleep. Magaña allegedly used the phone to call his sex victims.

Yet More Questions

• Did Magaña have many more victims? The jury was only asked to consider crimes against 11 victims. But McKee told an alleged victim last year that he had 18 victims he was investigating, according to a tape played at trial.

• Did Magaña also steal money? McKee testified that Magaña has not been charged with theft, but he did begin investigating questions about his finances. He said people contacted him with concerns of how Magaña was able to afford a half million dollar house, new cars and thousands of dollars in new fitness equipment on his and his wife's relatively small salaries. There was also suspicious evidence that Magaña had paid for several hundred dollar cell phone bills and \$3,000 to \$10,000 in fitness equipment in cash. "I haven't completed that inquiry" into Magaña's finances, McKee said.

• Magaña helped train several police officers while he was allegedly also sexually abusing women. It's unclear if those officers will now require retraining.

• David Montgomery prosecutes drug cases for the district attorney and testified that he had to dismiss many drug cases Magaña was involved in after the allegations against the officer came to light. "There was a cloud and it would be uncomfortable to go forward based on the allegations against Mr. Magaña," he said. It's unclear if the district attorney will also have to go back and retry or dismiss existing drug convictions that were based on Magaña's testimony.

In the taped phone call to a victim last summer, the woman told Det. McKee that she "was surprised it's taken this long" to catch Magaña.

McKee, noting allegations stretched back to 1997, replied, "I am too." **EW**

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