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15 **EXCERPT OF CLOSING ARGUMENTS OF BOTH PARTIES:**

16 **ATTY. TAMACCIO:** Good after noon, ladies and
17 gentlemen. Before I begin my argument, I do first
18 want to thank all seven of you for your time, your
19 attention and your patience as we went through this
20 case over the last two days.

21 What we are here to talk about. What we have
22 been here to talk about is an email exchange and Mr.
23 Lawrence and the victim all go through September of
24 2018.

25 Now sometime over the summer of 2018, the victim
26 rented a room in a residence the had previously been
27 occupied by Mr. Lawrence. From their interactions

1 during that process, a brief social relationship
2 developed. That relationship turned somewhat sour,
3 as you heard.

4 Beginning on August the 21st, when Ms. Campbell
5 first notified Mr. Lawrence of her intent to vacate
6 the apartment a chain of events was set in motion in
7 which you all watched and will soon be able to read
8 the emails.

9 The victim began to push towards privacy to keep
10 Mr. Lawrence from her and from her life. You've
11 watched and you'll be able to read Mr. Lawrence
12 resist those efforts repeatedly, willfully, and
13 forcefully.

14 The evidence that you'll have in the
15 deliberation room is going to show you that no fewer
16 than four times on September the 15th and September
17 the 16th and again, on September the 18th the victim
18 asked, pleading with Mr. Lawrence, please stop
19 emailing me.

20 The evidence will show as you already seen that
21 Mr. Lawrence either ignored or straight out refused
22 to comply with that request (Indiscernible). Then he
23 continued to contact on the 15th, continued on the
24 18th --

25 THE DEFENDANT: Objection. Could I object on
26 the facts?

27 THE COURT: You can -- you will have a chance to

1 argue so your objections overruled. It's up to the
2 jury to remember the facts in terms of the testimony.
3 They'll have the exhibits. They're going to
4 determine the facts. Continue.

5 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Thank you. And he continued on
6 the 22nd of September. Those emails are all
7 (Indiscernible). We've all read them multiple times,
8 you'll have the opportunity to read them at your
9 leisure.

10 Ladies and gentlemen, these are the facts of the
11 case, and they are undisputed. The question that
12 remains for you to determine having heard in a few
13 moments the instructions on the law that Judge White
14 will provide.

15 When are those (Indiscernible) whether that
16 conduct constituted harassment, only you get to
17 determine that, not Mr. Lawrence, not the victim, not
18 me, not the Judge?

19 The Judge is going to instruct you in a moment
20 on the law that there are two elements to that, that
21 Mr. Lawrence communicated with the victim in a manner
22 that was likely to cause annoyance or alarm in a
23 manner, content is irrelevant.

24 And that he did so with the intent to harass,
25 annoy, or alarm. And shortly the Judge will instruct
26 you as to how it is that you as the finders in fact
27 can come to a determination as to Mr. Lawrence's

1 intent.

2 I ask you to listen closely to the instructions
3 on that. And when you do I believe that you'll find
4 there is ample evidence on Mr. Lawrence's intent and
5 ample evidence of the manner in which he
6 communicated.

7 At the end of all of that, I submit to you that
8 there's only going to be one verdict that's supported
9 by facts and the law, and that verdict is guilty. In
10 a moment Mr. Lawrence is going to come up and make
11 his argument.

12 When he's done, I'm going to come up and ask
13 you to return that guilty verdict. Please, pay
14 attention to what Mr. Lawrence has to say. It's
15 crucial that every side gets a fair hearing.

16 Please, pay attention to what the Judge has to
17 say. He's the ultimate Alford of the law. Again,
18 ladies and gentlemen, you decide the facts. And the
19 facts here speak for themselves. Thank you.

20 THE COURT: Thank you. Before Mr. Lawrence has
21 his opportunity to give a closing argument, I want to
22 give you a brief limiting instruction or cautionary
23 instruction.

24 Mr. Tamaccio during his closing argument used
25 the word victim multiple times. And I'm going to
26 tell you to construe that as alleged victim
27 complainant at this point because you're going to

1 have to make a determination of whether the State's
2 proven the charges beyond a reasonable -- the charge
3 beyond a reasonable doubt.

4 So having given you that limiting or cautionary
5 instruction, Mr. Lawrence, it's your opportunity to
6 address the jury.

7 **THE DEFENDANT:** As you could see I'm new to
8 this. And I apologize you guys were kept here a
9 little too longer than you should the other day, but
10 it was a lot of unresolved issues prior.

11 So I just want to react really quickly to Mr. DA
12 Tamaccio's case. But he's talked a push towards
13 privacy. And repeatedly and used the word
14 forcefully, which we usually associate it with
15 physical things, but he says forceful.

16 And he talked about this four times which is not
17 right. When he mentions the 15th, that was the
18 argument where there was undeniable scare tactics by
19 the complainant and inviting unresolved issues.

20 So the 15th is arguably most significantly not
21 relevant. This -- Anna advised, do not cause my
22 beloved 77-year-old parents any stress whatsoever.
23 Take this advice. This -- this I got arrested for.

24 And that should really concern you because
25 there's other issues going on. But just to address
26 the issues that we're talking about as Mr. Tamaccio
27 is saying that those are the facts. Really?

1 I think we all know facts, we read novels. Did
2 he just come up here and recite a novel? I'm
3 tripping over paperwork yesterday, over one -- one
4 phrase. And we think we have the facts.

5 Let's get to some facts; intent to harass, alarm
6 and anger. They want to put me in jail for this.
7 There are so many doubts. And that's what you guys
8 have to struggle with.

9 First, we have an obviously scorned complainant
10 saying that this is under testimony that she
11 intentionally -- we're talking intent here --
12 intentionally lied to me about showing the apartment
13 in August. A full month before I came back.

14 She said that she also intentionally was scaring
15 me, James -- scaring you James, by mentioning oh,
16 police came by when it was not the case. That's
17 intent. This is a request a warning at the most.

18 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, I'm sorry. I am
19 going to object during cross -- excuse me, closing
20 but this is the second time Mr. Lawrence has shown a
21 document to the jury that is not in evidence.

22 THE DEFENDANT: It's just a one-line statement.

23 THE COURT: Well, I take it he's alluding to
24 something that is in evidence, his own copy. It's
25 argument. And I'm going to remind the jury that what
26 the party say during the closing argument is not
27 evidence.

1 It's going to be up to you to remember the
2 evidence and determine its credibility, that's
3 including the -- any testimony and any exhibits that
4 are admitted into evidence. Proceed.

5 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. So the obvious doubts so
6 each of -- you have her intentionally lying to me
7 about saying that she wants to help me show the
8 place. Intentionally scaring me that saying that
9 police were looking for me.

10 And intentionally scaring me about potentially
11 having a deadly disease and that I was responsible
12 for giving it to her. And this is her own words.
13 She actually used the word scare. This is why I put
14 it as an exhibit.

15 Advice is not a scare. You look up advice in a
16 Thesaurus, you're never going to find the word scare.
17 It's very important to consult Dictionary's and
18 Thesaurus's on these words. Her own word scare is
19 alarming and angry.

20 Before this one line that is -- I've been living
21 with for three years with mounds of paperwork before
22 September 18th. In that September 15th email chain,
23 there is a host of issues that I was burdened with,
24 that I had to take of. Let alone being the manager
25 of the apartments and having to attend to other
26 tenants and other things, let alone my own affairs.

27 She is also intentionally doing this to my

1 parents, simultaneously. Sharing information with my
2 parents about a deadly disease and that cop could be
3 possibly looking for me.

4 Now, I don't know if -- I'm sitting in an
5 airport and I'm about to board a plane after this
6 craziness. And I'm thinking that I could have
7 something and that I'm going to get picked up, I'm
8 going to be in jail.

9 I mean to me that's alarming. You want to talk
10 real alarms. We as a nation, as a world just went
11 through -- are still going through COVID. And these
12 type of flip kind of accusations about health, I
13 think we understand.

14 Now, so these are -- these are -- there is no
15 doubt about it -- it's like -- it's more than
16 scaring. It seems to be caddy scare tactics. And I
17 think what happens in psychology when you tap
18 into someone who is lying to you and you can call
19 them out for it, there is a triggered response.

20 Some people who are very honest and who will try
21 to address that right away. A lot of people --
22 psychopathic kind of behaviors will double down and
23 even go to another extreme. It's like one extreme
24 against another.

25 The testimony Ms. Campbell was kind of scared.
26 Avoiding a lot of stuff, slouching in her chair, not
27 looking at us. And I just found that there's most

1 certainly some emotional and mental issues.

2 Now, more doubts. What did the complainant do
3 to illegally keep me from my belongings? What was
4 her intent to play victim? All the while invites
5 unresolved issues on the-- on the 15th.

6 I don't know what to believe with you, was a
7 quote that I sent at the end of September 15th. I'm
8 not lying. I didn't know what to believe with this
9 person, I have no clue.

10 All I know is that I have the whole host -- I
11 had a storm and I left this part of the world to seek
12 peace and to avoid conflict. And I came back to a
13 world wind of craziness. These were conflicting
14 statements she made.

15 And keep in mind, this is a friend this is not a
16 stranger. I did not come up to you know -- hey stop
17 typing, take the -- you know -- I was not doing
18 something to somebody in person -- email is certainly
19 more passive than in person, it's not forcefully. It
20 was someone who I knew.

21 When I tried -- when I tried to enter all of
22 these, I want of the emails read because I want
23 contents. I want everyone to understand the nature
24 of our relationship. And why she was -- I could show
25 how she was fiending some kind of fear of me when I
26 was at nine thousand miles away.

27 When we read that first exhibit, I'm sorry I put

1 you through that. Okay, because I had no idea that
2 if I rejected the exhibit that the clerk would have
3 to read the entire exhibit to you.

4 But in that one exhibit was more words and more
5 substance of any kind of relationship in anything --
6 in anything else, okay. And that was the first week
7 I knew her. We hung for like four weeks after that.
8 We got close, she got close to me. All right.

9 Now, more doubts. These were unresolved issues.
10 More doubts. Did she harass my family? And do I
11 have the right, not only as a family member but also
12 as a worker of -- as a co-landlord, as a manager to
13 address this harassment.

14 Who's her to set the agenda on saying who is
15 harassing? Some people will use it as a victim
16 playing it's a big (Indiscernible) right now for the
17 (Indiscernible). A lot of people will just be like
18 they're more like, I like take care of it myself.

19 Who's to set the agenda on this. And then
20 where is the evidence after someone is claiming this
21 his happening? I thought we could've heard from my
22 father more and my mother about the details because
23 they were unduly thrust into this situation. And
24 they were having contacts and they were my third-
25 party connection to Ms. Campbell. I was channeling
26 stuff through her.

27 My father is going over there pulling out books

1 and belongings, five days into this thing. What
2 should've taken five minutes for me to be able to go
3 over and get my stuff, it took five days. It was
4 drama, it was hype.

5 Now, was there a restraining order issued for
6 me? Did I not have a right to over to my very own
7 place of work at least without some very strange kind
8 of like cop and woman and all of these secret
9 shenanigans that went on that I ended up not knowing
10 about any of this stuff.

11 And I had a five months later with some crazy
12 warrant that was written, put out there. I mean --
13 there's a -- once again, Mr. Tamaccio said those are
14 the facts. I haven't begun chapter 1. You let me get
15 out of here I'll tell you the truth.

16 So there's no restraining order. I was
17 completely within my legal right to go to my
18 apartment, fetch my belongings but I chose peaceful
19 routes, I chose unforceful routes, I chose
20 uncontroversial routes.

21 I'm using my family, a third person. In fact,
22 even when I got that COVID test back in two days --
23 three days on the 19th. I didn't go over there and
24 stick it in her face all angry and scorned like how
25 dare you even think that I -- you know did this, I
26 had my father do it.

27 There's no emails of this. There is no record

1 of me being aggressive towards here. You have to
2 keep in mind, my intent when I came back was to stay
3 out of trouble.

4 I had a crazy false arrest for a second-degree
5 breach of peace, which ended up being resolved as a
6 ninety-dollar infraction because COVID came. I would
7 still be fighting that thing right now because I
8 don't want anything on my record, and I have a clean
9 record

10 But I took that ninety-dollar infraction which
11 is nothing -- a noncriminal ninety-dollar infraction,
12 noncriminal just for perspective. I fell asleep in
13 my car at the rest stop at the highway. I got a two-
14 hundred-and-fifty-dollar infraction.

15 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the objection.
17 Ladies and gentlemen, ignore anything for which there
18 is no evidence. There's no evidence about what Mr.
19 Lawrence was just talking about, it's not a part of
20 the case.

21 And I told you before, argument is not evidence.
22 And you are only to consider the evidence that was
23 admitted through witnesses and exhibits. And
24 anything else that's said is -- you should just
25 ignore it 'cause it's not a part of the case.

26 And while I'm telling you this, earlier Mr.
27 Lawrence said something to the effect that they want

1 to put me in jail. I've told you before, I'm going
2 to tell you again, when I give you my final
3 instructions that the consequences of your decision
4 -- either guilty or not guilty -- are not part of
5 your decision-making process.

6 So you don't make a decision because you're
7 concerned about what might happen to the complainant,
8 what might happen to Mr. Lawrence, that's not a part
9 of your consideration.

10 You find the evidence -- I mean you find the
11 facts based on the evidence you find credible, you
12 take -- you take the law that I give you and you make
13 your decision one way or the other. Proceed.

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. So just -- just for
15 perspective that's why I was saying. So we got
16 knowingly false -- knowingly false accusations being
17 directed at me. All right. I was not knowingly,
18 intentionally directing you know false accusation. I
19 invited -- the accusation was that she was disturbing
20 of my parents.

21 And I've invited the facts to come out but
22 because the law is directed a certain way we're not
23 getting all of the facts.

24 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Sustained. Make your arguments
26 based on the evidence that's been admitted. So --

27 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So back to the

1 THE COURT: Sustained. I'll tell the jury,
2 again, you only consider factual claims that are
3 based on evidence that was admitted during the trial.
4 Continue.

5 THE DEFENDANT: The prosecution objected to
6 basic questions to resolve doubts. And we witness
7 complainant fuzzy with details and out right lying.

8 Now, it was prosecutor's constant objections
9 yesterday to something as basic as a question about
10 nature of relationship with the people I'm talking
11 about in the email and (Indiscernible). Is that
12 really -- is that something to conceal?

13 Was the prosecution's tactics their intent to
14 object to try to rise my anger. Was he trying to
15 anger me to look bad in front of the judge? That's a
16 tactic. Now, so she says she has updated
17 (Indiscernible) all right (Indiscernible), okay.

18 Why be afraid to answer a question about the
19 nature of your relationship with people. I
20 referenced this relationship into two emails that are
21 an issue in this crazy case.

22 You know I'm going to go there. It might sound
23 a little sociopolitical, but do we really want to
24 reward this type of victim playing?

25 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

26 THE COURT: Sustained. That's an improper
27 argument.

1 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Are we not in probably
2 the most gender ^{war} woring zeitgeist in history of man
3 kind?
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4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 THE DEFENDANT: Have we ever really heard of
7 this type of arrest before? I mean really. This
8 kind of arrest -- all right, so I stayed away from
9 her because my intent was to stay out of trouble.
10 And yet, somehow, I ended up arrested.

11 There is a story there. They want to put me in
12 jail for advice.

13 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Again, Your Honor, objection.

14 THE COURT: That's sustained. And you said that
15 before and I gave the jury an instruction on that
16 last comment you've made. Don't make that anymore.

17 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Now, I said -- I wrote
18 this September 18th email in lower caps, no
19 exclamation marks, the call to prudent action. I
20 visited the police to show for illegal treatment of a
21 landlord and other tenants locking us out of our
22 belongings. It was a whole host of people.

23 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

24 THE DEFENDANT: They want --

25 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Assumes facts not relevant.

26 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain that. There's
27 no evidence about that last comment. Ignore it.

1 THE DEFENDANT: So this is no laughing matter.
2 I have a home and a life elsewhere and deserve after
3 three years of court runs to return to my home abroad
4 at the age of fifty-six and live out my life, have a
5 child, and do things.

6 I do not deserve for what I was doing, coming to
7 the aid of my parents, okay, and dealing with some
8 emotionally imbalanced person to have -- I've already
9 spent three years you know fighting for a justice,
10 which you could help with. Now -- now, we sold this
11 house.

12 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Sustained. There's no evidence
14 about selling a house.

15 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. I do believe that me
16 myself -- that myself and my parents were victims and
17 have been for three years. They've been experiencing
18 this with me. Three years is a long time. I spent a
19 lot of money to maintain my clean Connecticut record.

20 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

21 THE DEFENDANT: To maintain my clean Connecticut
22 record.

23 THE COURT: Sustained.

24 THE DEFENDANT: I could not and will never allow
25 someone to think that they can get away with false
26 statements to recognize the police. Some people
27 recognize the police others don't. I don't think

1 that's the kind of a healthy culture that we want.

2 Now, this was a friend, this was not a stranger.
3 This is someone that there was familiarity. Someone
4 I trusted. And since with friendship there's trust,
5 you're going to test waters.

6 You're going to say, oh, okay, you're
7 emotionally -- things are a little better now four or
8 five days later. Can I show the house? All right,
9 okay. Never heard from me again.

10 My own feeling is that -- well, that's just
11 around the arrest warrant and I will talk about that
12 another time. Okay, so this was a friend. And I
13 asked you, really who does this to a friend?

14 Would any of you, an ex-boyfriend, ex-
15 girlfriend, ex-friend, whatever, any kind of friend,
16 would you do this to someone that you know?

17 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

18 THE DEFENDANT: That you know. That you know.
19 Someone that you know.

20 THE COURT: That's argument. But I'm going to
21 tell the jury again, you only decide the case based
22 on evidence that was admitted. If there's no
23 evidence in the case for something, you ignore it.

24 Argument is not evidence. And the parties are
25 given some lead way in making their closing
26 arguments, so they can assist you in your
27 deliberations.

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1 But you've got to make a decision based on
2 evidence that was admitted in the law I give you.
3 And if somebody who's making an argument in front of
4 you says something for which there's no evidence,
5 just ignore the argument. Proceed.

6 THE DEFENDANT: So in the -- I'm sorry -- so in
7 the emails with the state of mind. In the emails she
8 admits that she is stressed, that she's down, that
9 she's hurt, that she's sick. Her state of mind and
10 motivation is an issue.

11 I wish she answer the questions. For the State
12 even to have the opportunity to recall her but they
13 do. I had planned to sit on a beach with her like
14 July to which she asked in that September 15th email
15 chain but kept things in a business manner.

16 I got tested. I stayed away from her while
17 attending to my parents' needs. Take this advice.
18 This is a common idiom like the following everyday
19 for (Indiscernible) a (Indiscernible) prudent action.

20 If you know what's good for you, parents say
21 that to children all of the time. Do your homework.
22 Take this advice, if you know what's good for you.

23 There's another idiom, cut the bullshit. Little
24 street language but that's -- that's -- cut the shit.
25 Here's something which is actually worse than what I
26 said arguably because it's setting a little bit
27 different tone.

1 Don't harass my parents, or else. Like you're
2 insinuating that there is going to be other actions.
3 You're not calling to prudent action or else. Now,
4 that -- I still as a jury -- I would not, but if I
5 were you -- if I was in your shoes I would -- these
6 are used everyday.

7 How about this. Well, if I were you -- or how
8 about this -- for good measure, do this. Actions
9 speak louder than words. What were my actions? Was
10 I anywhere near her?

11 Couple more idioms just to consider. Wake up
12 call Anna. We give each other wake up calls. Buckle
13 your seat belt or how about this, heads up. These are
14 all warnings, they're not threats. They're everyday
15 language. Are these unlawful? Do you get arrested
16 for this nonsense?

17 She gave conflicting ultimatums on the 15th,
18 okay. My belongings. My parents had the right to
19 warn her not to harass beloved ones until there's a
20 restraining order. You really think about it. Why
21 do they have restraining orders? Why do they have a
22 whole sequential process?

23 THE COURT: Is there an objection?

24 ATTY. TAMACCIO: There is an objection, Your
25 Honor.

26 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain it. There's no
27 evidence about restraining orders in this case.

1 Ignore that.

2 THE DEFENDANT: I'm just talking about the
3 arrest process. Now, do I deserve to have my
4 employment opportunities invented by this insanity?
5 Is that -- *effected*

6 ATTY. TAMACCIO: *Objection*, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: *Sustained*.

8 THE DEFENDANT: Is it not strange that police
9 never contacted or quoted me during this? And is it
10 not strange that they never contacted the subjects of
11 the email, my parents, is that not strange to you?

12 There's no evidence at all of Officer Grasso --
13 he gets -- My parents have lived in that town for
14 sixty years. And you're trying to tell me that we
15 got the facts, as Mr. Tamaccio says. Do you really
16 think you have the facts?

17 You get an email about elderly people possibly
18 being harassed and you don't go over there and try to
19 get a fair and balanced assessment of the situation.
20 There are other things going on.

21 Threats are real. Harmful. *Where is the harm*
22 *or the damages? Look at my damages I could speak to*
23 *them when you are reported on.*

24 ATTY. TAMACCIO: *Objection*, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: *Sustained*.

26 THE DEFENDANT: I moved here to avoid conflict.
27 The complainant knew my immediate needs, peace away

1 from here. But as she writes she was jealous to a
2 fault of where I was. She wrote that.

3 Jealous to a fault meaning that there were
4 issues admittedly down, sick, there were problems,
5 there was emotion issues. I'm not -- you know. But
6 when someone's emotional issues end of affecting your
7 life you have the right to bring them out.

8 She was jealous to a fault. Now is that --
9 that's not proper motivation to get someone arrested.
10 Is that not more doubt for -- for you, reasonable
11 doubt.

12 Feelings and jealousy are not grounds to get
13 someone arrested. She claims she is not the enemy,
14 as she says. She's writing it in an email to me that
15 she's not -- that she's not the enemy when she is
16 feeling that police were coming by me because she was
17 trying to, as she says, scare me, okay, alarm me.

18 And then she's writing that she's not the
19 enemy, then why am I here three years later facing
20 what I'm facing?

21 Just -- she claims in the emails that's she's
22 not vindictive. Yet, look at where I am now. Look
23 at where you are. This case is not worthy of your
24 time, yet the full true story is.

25 And what is the full true story? Complainant,
26 police, prosecution, even Judges, media, a lot of it
27 -- elements. That just don't come out in a

1 courtroom. This is worthy of your time. Free me and
2 I'll show you what's going on.

3 We need to reign in this victim playing for I
4 can attest to it because I am a victim here.

5 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: The jury's going to have to evaluate
7 the evidence and decide the credibility issues, so
8 continue with your argument.

9 THE DEFENDANT: I had no irrational desire to
10 communicate with her. Harassment usually has a kind
11 of irrational --

12 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

13 Constructing the jury (Indiscernible).

14 THE COURT: I've told jury before, I'm going to
15 tell them again, you get the law from me not from Mr.
16 Lawrence or Mr. Tamaccio. So I'm going to tell you
17 what the law of harassment is. So you follow what I
18 say on that issue. Thank you. Continue.

19 THE DEFENDANT: I was warning, I was requesting,
20 I was not alarming, and I was not scaring. And I did
21 not initiate this. And I did not re-engage in the
22 same email conversation after a pause for five hours
23 and re-engage with the same type of stuff. That is
24 repeated.

25 She was doing repeated stuff to me. Repeated
26 alarms, multiple types of alarms, but not just
27 towards me but towards (Indiscernible) and with two

1 different topics, cops and -- and a deadly disease.

2 Now, you remember when DA Tamaccio warned us --
3 warned us, so I'm saying that what I did at the worst
4 was a warning -- I'm saying a request -- a call to
5 prudent action.

6 Where did -- when Officer Grasso left here, and
7 you guys left and then you guys came back. And do
8 you remember what he warned you of? He warned you
9 that the COVID 19 --

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

11 THE DEFENDANT: -- that Officer Grasso's
12 daughter had COVID 19.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

15 THE COURT: Sustained.

16 THE DEFENDANT: We took this advice and warning.
17 We as a world populous have been dealing with this
18 kind of stuff. And the subject is not to be
19 (Indiscernible) about or evasive about or out right
20 mendacious about. Hep C is serious.

21 Police looking for you is serious alarms. Now,
22 I can handle these alarms. I'm not the type of
23 person you're going to call the cops on someone for
24 something like this, all right?

25 But I could've -- I could've pled guilty for
26 this but I don't want to allow a woman to think that
27 she can get away with this. Because if she does it

1 to me, she gets away with it with me, she'll do the
2 same victim playing feening, lying to another person.
3 And I don't think our system needs that. I can
4 handle myself.

5 And unnecessarily involve my family and scaring
6 them, that crosses the line. She brought multiple
7 unresolved issues that in all reality demanded a
8 better mediator and not an opportunistic arrest
9 (Indiscernible) after an email like that.

10 We don't have the facts. I invited all of the
11 emails for context. You have some, but not all. Who
12 gets arrested for this? I have to tell you a really
13 fascinating story, but it will have to happen at
14 another time.

15 What kind of friend an intimate or not does this
16 to another, this is not a stranger? Why -- we cannot
17 reward this type of false alarms and these
18 premeditated alarms, concoctive alarms. For whom is
19 she the one to set the agenda after inviting two very
20 alarming things to me?

21 I had no intent to harass someone. I intended
22 to war. I intended -- I called the prudent action,
23 but not to alarm or anger. Do you think I wanted to
24 anger someone being in the system? Do you think I
25 wanted to anger someone? I had better things to do.

26 I was trying to be a peacemaker for my mother
27 and father, for they were fuming over the apartment.

1 issues. And keep in mind this is a tenant that was
2 only two or three months there. We didn't know a lot
3 about her. She has her own particular history.

4 We've had other tenants been there ten years.
5 All right, so you know. So we're obviously dealing
6 with someone we don't know. We don't know -- I mean
7 if something like that happened while I was away,
8 changed locks or lock other people out, or other kind
9 of issues -- yeah.

10 She probably would've been dealt with you know
11 -- with -- as -- by my father or whoever else was
12 managing at the time with the same type of stern
13 language -- hey, look you can't do this, don't do
14 this, don't do this to another tenant.

15 And though we can't get into her own renting
16 history. These are more facts that we can't -- that
17 we don't know about. So where is the evidence?
18 Recall, she was in a holding pattern in August and
19 then feening she was afraid of me. I sat here for an
20 hour asking her what are you afraid of?

21 We were on good terms when I left. And all of a
22 sudden now I get this police report and this
23 narrative that you are afraid of me in August, late
24 August but yet, the emails don't show anything to be
25 afraid of. They show Bondi running shoes and a whole
26 bunch of other things. And if we could admit all of
27 them, you'd see even more (Indiscernible) and

1 friendly things.

2 Where is it? We press, we press, I press, I
3 wait two hours, what is it? Is it (Indiscernible)
4 what is it? I hear blogs. I'm like what blog, what
5 are you talking about, a blog?

6 Is that for someone to get arrested for, oh I
7 read a blog? Did anyone else try to get me arrested
8 for this blog? I mean come on. She was in a holding
9 pattern.

10 Planning on staying longer and she was afraid of
11 me. She was feening. People do this -- there are
12 some type of borderline personality types that do
13 this.

14 But like I said we didn't get into sworn written
15 statements, we didn't get into a lot of other aspects
16 of what makes up an arrest. This was really
17 educational for me. I learned a lot, okay.

18 Representing yourself, you learn a lot. And I'm
19 kind of glad I went through this process, because I
20 do feel that I can be a good voice for the future for
21 people.

22 So she was on a holding pattern planning to stay
23 longer. And she was never afraid in August. She had
24 no grounds to fear me there's no evidence of it.
25 I've been wanting to understand this.

26 I was being a responsible person doing what she
27 requested. I was being a responsible person for what

1 she advised me to do, advised, that she advised me to
2 go get a test. And I did it.

3 You the jury can give common sense. And I'm
4 done. Thank you, for your time.

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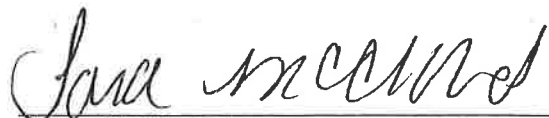
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