

S20NCR190147994S : SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT : G.A. # 1
v. : STAMFORD/NORWALK AT STAMFORD
JAMES LAWRENCE : OCTOBER 6, 2021

E X C E R P T

BEFORE THE HONORABLE GARY WHITE, JUDGE
AND JURY

A P P E A R A N C E S :

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Corruption

1 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence, you can call your
2 first witness.

3 THE DEFENDANT: I'd like to -- as my first
4 witness, Your Honor, I like to call my father and
5 landlord --

6 THE COURT: Okay. Just get your witness and
7 bring your witness in.

8 THE DEFENDANT: My father and landlord --

9 THE COURT: Don't --

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, we had briefly
11 dealt with this previously, but the State is asking
12 for an offer of proof as to the relevancy of any
13 testimony from this witness.

14 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to have the witness
15 sworn in, you can begin and if you have an objection
16 you can object.

17 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Okay, sir. Good morning, sir.
19 Could you face the clerk and take the oath?

20 THE CLERK: Raise your right hand please. Do
21 you solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm,
22 as the case may be, that the evidence you shall give
23 concerning this case shall be the truth, the whole
24 truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God or
25 upon penalties of perjury?

26 THE WITNESS: Absolutely, yes.

27 THE CLERK: State your name and address for the

1 record.

2 THE WITNESS: My name is James Lawrence. I live
3 at 137 Beach Summit Road, Jupiter, Florida.

4 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.

5 THE COURT: All right. You could be seated,
6 sir.

7 THE WITNESS: Thank you. Is it all right if I
8 take off my mask?

9 THE COURT: That's fine. You could proceed.

10 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. I'm just going to go in a
11 chronological way. Keep it very simple as for your
12 exposure to the complainant and your dealings with
13 the complainant.

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1 JAMES LAWRENCE, SR, after having been duly
2 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

3 EXCERPT OF DIRECT EXAMINATION BY JAMES LAWRENCE:

4 Q So as we know that this case goes from July to
5 September. The time that we rented her a unit in Westport
6 Connecticut. My first question is, how did you meet Anna?

7 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

8 THE COURT: I'm going to overrule it. And maybe
9 you -- you're talking about Anna Campbell?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Anna Campbell, the complainant.

11 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to overrule the
12 objection. You can answer the question.

13 A Good morning, I met --

14 THE COURT: Ask the question, again.

15 Q In July, how did you meet Anna?

16 A When you had advertised the apartment for rent for
17 two months, both your mother and I wanted to meet the person
18 that was renting the apartment and get to know her before
19 she took occupancy.

20 Q Was there any degree on all, were we all together
21 ever or --

22 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Vague and
23 relevance.

24 THE COURT: Rephrase your question.

25 Q Did we all have dinner together?

26 THE COURT: Who is we?

27 THE DEFENDANT: The complainant, myself and you,

1 the landlord and manager of the apartment when I
2 left.

3 Q Did we all break bread together?

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection as to relevance, Your
5 Honor.

6 THE COURT: How's that relevant, whether the
7 people you named had dinner together?

8 THE DEFENDANT: I'm just trying to establish how
9 we -- maybe perhaps what we talked about there 'cause
10 --

11 THE COURT: Sustained.

12 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. I'll move onto the second
13 question. All right.

14 Q So I go to Europe. A month later in the beginning of
15 August after a intermit relationship with the complainant --

16 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor. Is
17 there a question?

18 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence, I'm going to sustain
19 the objection. You are making statements and
20 essentially testifying. Ask a question.

21 Q Okay. Did you take over managing the apartments at
22 73 and 75 West Parish Road, Westport Connecticut when I left
23 for Europe on August 1st?

24 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance. Assumes
25 facts not in evidence.

26 THE COURT: Sustained.

27 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. What is in evidence

1 Q During August when I had left, what kind of things
2 did you do at the apartment when you -- during August up
3 through -- till in August -- just -- what did you do?

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

5 THE COURT: I take it's the same thing. Also,
6 assuming --

7 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Yes.

8 THE DEFENDANT: Well, it is relevance 'cause it
9 has an exhibit (Indiscernible)

10 THE COURT: The objection sustained. You can
11 ask questions about items that are information that's
12 in evidence. Your question is assuming certain
13 things that for which there's no evidence at this
14 point. So -- proceed.

15 Q There are emails in August though. Okay. My next
16 question is, on September 15th the day before I was
17 scheduled to return to America from Europe, did Anna
18 Campbell the complainant come to your house and what
19 transpired?

20 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

21 THE COURT: Rephrase your question. Be more --
22 what transpired? Be more specific -- what --

23 THE DEFENDANT: Basically, that's my question.
24 It's that --

25 Q On September 15th, the day before I was scheduled to
26 return back to America, did the complainant Anna Campbell
27 come to your house and what transpired at that house

1 relative to the email communication that Anna Campbell and I
2 had on the same day?

3 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Same objection, Judge.

4 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the objection.

5 Q Okay. On September 18th, the day of the alleged
6 email in question, about me accusing her of harassing you.
7 What did you notice about the apartment complex, but on the
8 day that I emailed Anna Campbell with my belongings in the
9 apartment?

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Counsel is
11 testifying irrelevant, assumes facts not in evidence.

12 THE COURT: Sustained.

13 Q Was Anna Campbell the complainant problematic,
14 allowing -- all right. Was Anna Campbell the complainant,
15 problematic with following through on her promise to show
16 the apartment as is in the emails?

17 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

18 THE COURT: Is that the end of the question?

19 THE DEFENDANT: That's the next question, yes.

20 THE COURT: Okay. There was an objection?

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Relevance. Assumes facts not
22 in evidence.

23 THE DEFENDANT: It is in --

24 THE COURT: Sustain the -- I'm going to sustain
25 the objection.

26 Q Was Anna Campbell a problematic tenant?

27 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 Q As you -- did I stay with you at your house between
3 September 17th when I returned till the day I left back for
4 Europe in October?

5 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 Q It shows that I was never near this person. Did we
8 have any contact with Anna after September 22nd, before she
9 moved out on September 30th?

10 As a landlord and tenant since there was an
11 email about landlord tenant issues. September 22nd
12 is an email on landlord tenant issues, did we have
13 any contact with her after September 22?

14 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

15 THE COURT: Sustained.

16 Q Did Anna Campbell scare you when she came over with a
17 Hepatitis C accusation of me?

18 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 Q Did Anna Campbell scare you in any way?

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 (Pause)

24 Q Do you take deadly diseases serious?

25 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

26 THE COURT: Sustained.

27 Q Did you know as Officer Grasso testified that I went

1 to the police the same day as the September 18th email, were
2 you aware that I went to the police on September 18th?

3 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

4 THE COURT: Sustained.

5 Q Did you consider calling the cops on Anna Campbell?

6 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

7 THE COURT: Sustained.

8 Q Did you have any text message correspondences with
9 Anna Campbell?

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

11 THE COURT: Sustained.

12 THE DEFENDANT: Just looking for details here.

13 And we don't want to have details.

14 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

15 THE COURT: Don't give -- don't make comments.

16 Ask questions if you have anymore to ask.

17 THE DEFENDANT: Well, no one's -- we haven't

18 Q Okay, did Anna Campbell talk to you at all about
19 intimacy issues or relationship issues and feelings about me
20 with you?

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 THE DEFENDANT: I just want you to tell me what
24 is relevant then? Email. One email. Did Anna
25 Campbell --

26 (Pause)

27 Q We have evidence of an apartment dwelling. How many

1 -- and you're the manager of this apartment dwelling. Do
2 all of the tenants need to use the basement for various
3 functions?

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 THE DEFENDANT: Well, I mean -- you know he has
7 one witness. I (Indiscernible)

8 THE COURT: Don't make comments. Ask questions
9 if you have anymore to ask.

10 THE DEFENDANT: I -- you know it's just very
11 hard when you know --

12 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence, I just said to you
13 don't make comments ask questions if you have more to
14 ask. If you don't, then say that.

15 Q Can you -- did you pick me up at the airport to
16 verify that I was no where in the vicinity on September
17 17th?

18 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 Q Okay. Can you verify -- for the state of mind as the
21 exhibit C and then exhibit A and another state of mind
22 exhibit its function is, can you characterize the time when
23 you took me to the airport to go to Europe, and what
24 happened when we went to drop off the new lease to Anna?

25 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

26 THE COURT: Sustained.

27 THE DEFENDANT: So it's me and Anna Campbell's

1 emails. Me and Anna Campbell, one email. Harass my
2 beloveds parents that I'm trying to --

3 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence, for about the third or
4 fourth time I told you, don't make comments, ask
5 questions. If you don't have any more questions to
6 ask, then just say that. But you can't stand there
7 making comments.

8 I don't know what you're talking about, you
9 don't seem to be talking to anybody in particular.
10 Ask a question.

11 Q Have you ever gotten any -- let me see. Did police
12 come by looking for me around the time of September 15th?

13 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Vague relevance.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So basically, my
16 parents are not permitted to talk. I have no idea
17 what to say here. I mean I really don't. I mean I
18 can --

19 THE COURT: Are you done with your questions?

20 THE DEFENDANT: I think I am, I guess -- yeah,
21 because no --

22 THE COURT: Cross-examination? If -- well --

23 ATTY. TAMACCIO: I have no questions. Thank you
24 for your time, sir.

25 THE COURT: Thank you, very much, sir.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription of the audio recording of the above-referenced case, heard in Superior Court, G.A. #1 of Stamford, Connecticut, before the Honorable Gary White, Judge, on the 6th day of October 2021.

My only witness!

Dated this 8th of November 2021 in Stamford, Connecticut.

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