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STATE OF CONNECTICUT : G.A. # 1
v. : STAMFORD/NORWALK AT STAMFORD
JAMES LAWRENCE : OCTOBER 5, 2021

EXCERPT

BEFORE THE HONORABLE GARY WHITE, JUDGE
AND JURY

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CROSS EXAMINATION BY JAMES LAWRENCE TO OFFICER MARK GRASSO:

Q So we established that you came out to the house on the 18th for a complaint of a email. And you took that email, and you analyze the email, the single email. Can you tell us what that email is?

ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor. First of all mischaracterizes evidence. The testimony was regarding a visit to the location on the 17th not the 18th.

THE COURT: Rephrase your question. Try to be more precise in what you're talking about.

Q All right. The original visit was the 17th where she had concerns. Do you know where I was at the time on the 17th?

A No.

Q Was I anywhere near her?

A Not that I was aware of.

Q Did she tell you where I was at that time?

A I believe so.

Q Where was that?

A I believe she said he you had returned to the United States for a court appearance.

Q Okay. So I had just arrived from Europe on the 17th.

A I don't recall the exact date but --

ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor. Is that a question?

MR. LAWRENCE: No, no, I'm just trying to

1 establish --

2 THE COURT: I'm going to overrule the objection.

3 Ask a question, please.

4 Q So the 17th is your -- so the 17th was your first
5 visit. And then the 18th was your second visit. And that
6 is when you saw the email in question that she presented to
7 you, the 18th?

8 A There was no visit on the 18th but that was when I
9 was provided with the email communication.

10 Q When you visited the apartment, why were there no
11 video cameras available for an interview there?

12 A Oh, I don't know.

13 Q Sometimes you have them sometimes you don't?

14 A I don't carry a video camera with me.

15 Q All right. So got this email and you say you called
16 me. You know I'm coming from Europe. We had this
17 conversation. Did you try to since you didn't reach me via
18 the phone -- since I live in Europe and my phone is
19 European, did you try to email me?

20 A No.

21 Q No. So you didn't try to email me. Given the fact
22 that the contents of the email were addressing a third
23 party, do you know who that third party was?

24 A No.

25 Q You don't recall this one email of the case?

26 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor. Asked
27 and answered.

1 MR. LAWRENCE: This is a second-degree
2 harassment case. It has to do with emails.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence, wait for me to rule on
4 the objection. What's the basis of the objection?

5 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Asked and answered. He asked,
6 do you know who the third party refer to in the email
7 was? Deputy Chief Grasso said, no. He then asked,
8 again.

9 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the objection
10 for the reason brought by the State's attorney.
11 Also, you're referring to some content that's not --
12 as far as I know -- is not in evidence yet.

13 Your question assumes some fact that's not even
14 in evidence. So ask another question.

15 Q Okay. So this email that you get, you read it and
16 you say you try to call me, but the phone doesn't work. You
17 don't email me. This is a very important question but given
18 the fact that there was a third party, did you consider
19 calling the third party that the email was related to?

20 A I don't know who we're talking about. If you could
21 provide me with a copy of the email, maybe I could answer
22 it.

23 Q Yes, I will. Is this your personal stationery right
24 here?

25 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Judge, I don't know what's
26 being shown to the witness. If Mr. Lawrence could --

27 THE COURT: Show whatever you have to the

1 State's attorney.

2 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, I'm going to object
3 to this before I even finish getting through it.
4 There are handwritten notes on this document. It's
5 multiple pages long.

6 MR. LAWRENCE: It's not multiple pages. This is
7 the original discovery that was handed to me --

8 THE COURT: Before --

9 MR. LAWRENCE: Officer Grasso --

10 THE COURT: Stop. Members of the jury, this is
11 one of those times I'm going to excuse you so I can
12 deal with an issue. Before you go, listen carefully,
13 please do not talk with one another about anything
14 you've seen or heard in connection with this trial.

15 Don't do any private investigation or research
16 regarding any of the issues in this case including
17 the law and the facts. And keep an open mind. Now,
18 I'm calling that my admonition.

19 And when I let you go for lunch or we take
20 breaks, instead of repeating everything I've just
21 said, you just remember that's my admonition, okay.
22 So I'm going to let you go for a minute and I'm going
23 to try to clear up something and then we'll bring you
24 back. Okay, Thank you.

25 JURY EXIT

26 THE COURT: Now, Mr. Lawrence, it appears to me
27 that you want to introduce some paper, and I take it

1 that's an email into evidence. And you didn't
2 indicate what the email is, who wrote it, who's the
3 recipient, when it was sent, nothing.

4 And so you've got to show the email to Mr.
5 Tamaccio and if there's no objection, fine. I think
6 he did object because he said it was multiple pages
7 and you said it was a single page.

8 So perhaps, you're talking about different
9 emails. And you have to lay a foundation before you
10 get something into evidence. Unless, as I told you
11 before we started the trial, if you and the State
12 agree on certain emails or other documentary evidence
13 going into evidence, I'll just admit it and it will
14 be more informal about it.

15 But I believe you indicated you didn't have an
16 agreement with the State. Since you don't have an
17 agreement, you have to lay a foundation and follow
18 the proper steps to have the document admitted.

19 So what are you talking about admitted, what do
20 you want admitted? Show it to the State's attorney
21 so you can be on the same page, so to speak.

22 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, for the record, the
23 document that was handed to me when you directed Mr.
24 Lawrence to show me the document is four pages long.
25 After reading it while Your Honor was speaking that
26 the court's via emails between the APC and Mr. --
27 excuse me Deputy Chief Grasso.

1 However, in addition to the printout, as I
2 indicated there are handwritten notes. It's unclear
3 to whose handwriting that is, when they were, when
4 they were (Indiscernible).

5 THE COURT: Before we get to what's in the
6 email, do you have a clean copy?

7 MR. LAWRENCE: Yes, I do.

8 THE COURT: Because I'm assuming. I don't know
9 but you said there's handwritten notes on there. I
10 take it those are your notes, Mr. Lawrence?

11 MR. LAWRENCE: The chain of events, Your Honor

12 --

13 THE COURT: Is that a yes, or no.

14 MR. LAWRENCE: No. Actually, it was also --

15 THE COURT: Okay. Well, I don't know whose
16 notes they are, I don't know what they say. And so
17 if you have a clean copy, show it to the State's
18 attorney.

19 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Again, Your Honor. For the
20 record, the document -- paper that I was just handed
21 is one sheet. It is completely different from the
22 document that he attempted giving into evidence a
23 moment ago.

24 MR. LAWRENCE: That is not true.

25 THE COURT: Hold on, hold on, Mr. Lawrence.
26 Decide -- Mr. Lawrence, decide on what document you
27 want to offer, at least so you can agree with Mr.

1 Tamaccio what document you want to offer and then
2 we'll take it from there.

3 Because one second, he said it was a multiple
4 page document. Then it --

5 ATTY. TAMACCIO: This is all correct, Your
6 Honor. However, I am prepared to -- the document
7 that I was just handed, while it is different. It is
8 a one-page document printout of three emails that
9 report to be between Mr. Lawrence and APS with
10 September the 18, 2018. It is different than the
11 four-page document that he attempted to introduce
12 into evidence through detective -- excuse me Deputy
13 Chief Grasso.

14 MR. LAWRENCE: (Indiscernible) no way.
15 Objection.

16 THE COURT: Stop talking while the order
17 lawyer's talking. When you get a chance to talk, you
18 can talk. Don't interrupt him, he won't interrupt
19 you. And Mr. Lawrence, when you talk about some
20 issue in a case, talk to me, not to the other lawyer.
21 Do you understand, is that a yes, or no?

22 MR. LAWRENCE: Yes.

23 ATTY. TAMACCIO: What I was prepared to say,
24 Your Honor. Is while we do prepare to be jumping
25 from issue to issue, the emails in this second
26 document that I was handed, the one-page document are
27 a part of what has been pre-marked as State's one for

1 ID. I do intend to be submitting these myself.

2 I'm prepared to stipulate to this as an exhibit.

3 THE COURT: Okay. So you're talking about the
4 one-page document that just was handed to you --

5 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: -- and it's an email exchange
7 between Mr. Lawrence and APC on September the 18th?

8 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Yes, sir. That's correct.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence, do you agree that
10 that's the document you want to have admitted?

11 MR. LAWRENCE: Yes.

12 THE COURT: Okay. And since I take it that
13 there's no issue about authentication, that the email
14 from APC is the person who's the complainant in this
15 case, he hasn't named her yet.

16 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Correct.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence, you want to pay
18 attention, please. I take it there's no issue
19 regarding the authenticity of these emails -- that's
20 your email and its APC's email, is that correct?

21 MR. LAWRENCE: If we're talking emails, yes.
22 There is no --

23 THE COURT: Okay. All right. All right. Now,
24 is there anything else we should deal with before we
25 bring the jury back because I don't want to keep
26 excusing them?

27 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, as we discussed at

1 the time of voir dire, again, on Friday. Your Honor
2 directed Mr. Lawrence and I to attempt to confer to
3 stipulate, if possible, to any emails.

4 I can represent to the court I provided Mr.
5 Lawrence with all of the exhibits that I intended to
6 enter. It's a seventy-page number document that
7 contains all of the relevant emails stemming from
8 August 21 to September the 22nd.

9 I have not yet received -- other than what was
10 just handed to me just now in front of Your Honor --
11 any physical copies of information that Mr. Lawrence
12 is attempting to enter into evidence.

13 Unfortunately, I am going to be operating from
14 the basis, (Indiscernible) just went where I'm going
15 to have to take this step by step because I would be
16 likely seeing most of this for the first time. I
17 simply wanted to put that on the record.

18 THE COURT: All right. Well, I suppose we'll do
19 the best we can. So with this one-page email with a
20 --

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Three emails, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: -- three email exchange. There's no
23 issue about authenticity. If I understand you
24 correctly, Mr. Tamaccio,

25 MR. LAWRENCE: Your Honor --

26 THE COURT: Stop, while I'm talking. I take it
27 that you're saying that what Mr. Lawrence wants to

1 admit is the same as emails that you intend to admit.

2 ATTY. TAMACCIO: It is a portion of the State's
3 (Indiscernible).

4 THE COURT: A portion?

5 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Okay. All right. And I don't know
7 if you gentlemen have an agreement on how that
8 exhibit should be marked. The State's exhibit, the
9 defense exhibit.

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Candidly, Judge, I'd be happy
11 for it to be marked as state's exhibit unless the
12 defendant would prefer it be marked as a defense
13 exhibit. It's entirely up to --

14 THE COURT: Do you want it marked as a defense
15 exhibit, Mr. Lawrence?

16 MR. LAWRENCE: I want to retract the exhibit. I
17 just, basically, just wanted this hold off because
18 this way too much --

19 THE COURT: Well, if you want to retract, you
20 can do that but apparently the state's attorney is
21 going to offer it later on. And you just told me
22 there's no issue regarding authenticity, there's an
23 email you wrote and an email that APC received.

24 And she wrote an email to you, I take it and you
25 received it. So if you want to -- if you want to
26 withdraw your offer, fine. But -- is that what you
27 want to do?

1 MR. LAWRENCE: I'm just --

2 THE COURT: Yes, or no?

3 MR. LAWRENCE: I'm very --

4 THE COURT: Yes, or no? Do you want to withdraw
5 your offer? ○

6 MR. LAWRENCE: Yes, I do want to withdraw the
7 offer. I'll rather just move on.

8 THE COURT: Okay. So then, you can't ask
9 questions about that when the jury comes back.

10 MR. LAWRENCE: Okay.

11 THE COURT: Bring the jury back, please.

12 PAUSE

13 JURY ENTERS

14 THE COURT: Do both sides stipulate to the
15 presence of the jurors and the alternate?

16 ATTY. TAMACCIO: State so stipulates.

17 MR. LAWRENCE: Yes.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Members of the jury, before
19 we continue with the cross-examination Mr. Lawrence
20 offered a document into evidence but it's not going
21 to go into evidence, so you're not going to see that
22 document.

23 But let me just tell you something for future
24 reference because it's probably going to come up,
25 when documentary evidence is admitted, it's going to
26 get a marking, it's either going to be a state's
27 exhibit, a defense exhibit, sometimes it's a court

1 exhibit.

2 But the clerk's going to keep track of all of
3 that. And the clerk also keeps what's called an
4 exhibit list and the exhibit list is not evidence.
5 But at the end of the trial when I give you all of
6 the evidence and you go back and deliberate, you're
7 going to get a copy of this exhibit list and you can
8 use it to assist you in evaluating the evidence in
9 getting organized.

10 But the exhibit list itself is not evidence. So
11 don't think you have to sit there keeping mental
12 track of the markings for each exhibit or the number
13 of exhibits, you're going to have a list with all the
14 exhibits that are admitted, and you can use that to
15 help you get organized, okay. Continue with your
16 cross-examination, Mr. Lawrence.

17 **CONT. CROSS-EXAMINATION BY JAMES LAWRENCE:**

18 Q So where (Indiscernible) you come out to the house on
19 the 17th for the first time, then you come out on the 18th,
20 you're given an email and you, basically, analyze the email.
21 And you tried to call me but my phone's not working and then
22 you did say you tried to email me.

23 So did you then -- did you make any -- when you got this
24 email, did you -- and we established that you did not reach
25 out to the third party what the email was about. Did you
26 receive any other email the next day?

27 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor, as to

1 vague.

2 THE COURT: Rephrase your question.

3 Q Did you receive a -- did you receive a second email
4 on the 18th?

5 THE COURT: Receive an email from who?

6 MR. LAWRENCE: From APC.

7 A I don't recall.

8 Q Was there an email on the -- did you receive an email
9 then on the nineteenth the next day?

10 A I don't recall.

11 Q Did you receive an email on the twentieth?

12 A I don't recall.

13 Q The twenty first?

14 A I don't recall.

15 Q So, basically, you recall one email on the
16 eighteenth?

17 A I recall receiving an email on the eighteenth, yes.

18 Q And we -- and we confer that as one email?

19 A To my recollection I received an email from APC.

20 Q Okay. So and you wanted some aide as (Indiscernible)
21 this email was something that constituted harassment. So
22 you sought the assistance of the district attorney on the
23 same day of the email.

24 THE COURT: Is there an objection?

25 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Yes, Your Honor.

26 THE COURT: What's the objection?

27 ATTY. TAMACCIO: First of all he's testifying.

1 Secondly, relevance. Third, it's hearsay.

2 THE COURT: Rephrase your question. I'm going
3 to sustain the objection.

4 Q Is it normal procedure when you get an email, and you
5 can't contact the person who sent the email and it's only
6 one email to make a beeline to the prosecutor to get some
7 kind of understanding if the email is something that can be
8 used against the alleged perpetrator?

9 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor, as to
10 relevance of procedure. Again, also, to Mr. Lawrence
11 testifying in the form of question.

12 MR. LAWRENCE: I find that --

13 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to overrule the
14 objection, you can answer. But let me just remind
15 the jury of something which I have already said, and
16 I'll say it, again.

17 The evidence come from the witness stand from a
18 witness who's been sworn to tell the truth and says
19 something. If there are factual assumptions included
20 in a question, that's not evidence. Ask your
21 question.

22 Q Okay. So once again, do you recall visiting the
23 prosecutor on the same day as the email?

24 A No.

25 Q You don't?

26 A No.

27 Q So you don't know the name of the prosecutor who

1 approved this email as constituting second degree harassment
2 class C misdemeanor, you don't recall this prosecutor?

3 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Sustained.

5 Q All right. I'll move on. So you don't -- you don't
6 get another email. You don't recall any other emails after
7 this single email. You then get a sworn written statement
8 from the complainant on the twenty-fifth, is that correct?

9 A I believe so.

10 Q Do you have any -- and on the twenty-fifth you
11 then -- you then spend the next -- I would say, so that's
12 one week into this investigation into this one email, is
13 that correct, about the eighteenth the twenty-fifth?

14 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, again, Your Honor,
15 to the relevance of this witness's understanding of
16 what constitutes a week.

17 THE COURT: I'm going to overrule the objection.
18 If he can answer it, he can answer it.

19 A That's what we guess.

20 Q And so when did you submit your warrant?

21 A I don't recall the date.

22 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, as to relevance,
23 however.

24 Q Did you -- I'll put it this way, did you submit your
25 warrant around October 25th?

26 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection as to relevance.

27 THE COURT: Sustained.

1 Q Okay. Do you recall when you go the approval of your
2 warrant?

3 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

4 THE COURT: Sustained.

5 Q Okay. Do you recall -- let me ask you a question.
6 So I -- this email happened on September 18th, alleged
7 email, harassment happened on September 18th, this one
8 email. And you do this investigation. You submit your
9 warrant sometime after September 18th. And I was arrested
10 when?

11 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor. The
12 question assumes multiple facts not in evidence.

13 THE COURT: Well, I think there was testimony
14 about him being arrested. So I'm going to overrule
15 the objection. You can answer it if you can.

16 A I believe it was February 6th, 2019.

17 Q Thank you, Mark. Okay.

18 THE COURT: Let's -- I'm not totally formal with
19 -- don't call him Mark, okay.

20 MR. LAWRENCE: Okay.

21 THE COURT: We're not going to -- skip the
22 informality, please.

23 Q So that's about five months after the alleged email,
24 correct?

25 A Yes, I would agree with that.

26 Q And you were not the one who spotted me or arrested
27 me, is that correct?

1 A That's correct.

2 Q Do you recall the name of the officer who spotted me
3 in a car at a gas station?

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, as to relevance, it
5 assumes facts not in evidence.

6 THE COURT: Sustained. Sustained.

7 Q All right. So we established that you're not --
8 you're not the one who arrested me. My question to you is
9 that, when you get a warrant and it's approved within a
10 certain amount of time -- maybe a month, maybe two months at
11 the most, and it's a five-month period.

12 My question to you is, why did you not contact me when
13 you got this warrant for this one email on September 18th?

14 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Again, objection, testifying,
15 relevance, assumes facts is not in evidence.

16 THE COURT: Sustained. Sustained.

17 Q Okay. So then, basically, you needed to -- we had --
18 I had asked you to turn over this email via a motion for
19 discovery. Do you recall the date that you turned over the
20 motion -- you turned over this original discovery evidence?

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 Q Okay. Okay, so we're not going to talk about that
24 either. Do you feel at the -- did you -- September 18th,
25 when you got that one email, did you have in your possession
26 any emails in September that was prior to September 18th?

27 A I don't recall.

1 Q So you just had one email?

2 A I received an email thread. I believe there were
3 multiple emails on it. I don't recall the dates without
4 referring to the document. I would be -- I would be
5 guessing as to what the content was.

6 Q And in this thread that you call it was a thread.
7 How many emails constituted harassment?

8 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Sustained.

10 Q If I was to say to you, advice, do you know the
11 definition of advice?

12 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, relevance.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 MR. LAWRENCE: Can I confer with my lawyer for a
15 second?

16 THE COURT: Go ahead.

17 PAUSE

18 Q All right. Let's talk law. Describe steps to
19 getting a restraining order?

20 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, relevance.

21 THE COURT: Sustained.

22 Q Was there a restraining order on Ms. Campbell?

23 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, relevance.

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 Q Were you aware of my -- were you aware of any
26 personal property that I had at the property that you went
27 to visit?

1 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, relevance.

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 PAUSE

4 MR. LAWRENCE: This is very hard to ask
5 questions, but can I confer with my lawyer?

6 PAUSE

7 Q Would you say that in regard to a email and if it's
8 harassing that the nature of the email for it to be criminal
9 would be annoyance or alarm?

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

11 THE COURT: Sustained.

12 Q Did you read any prior -- if we can't talk about
13 documents -- okay, here's one. At the time of the arrest,
14 Mark -- I'm sorry, Officer Grasso. At the time of the
15 arrest when I was in the jail cell, did you tell me that you
16 had all the emails?

17 THE COURT: Repeat that question because I
18 didn't hear part of it.

19 Q Okay, so at the time of the arrest I was in the jail
20 cell, Mark came in and interrogated me, 4/6/2019.

21 THE COURT: I keep telling you, don't refer to
22 him as Mark, but you keep doing it. Please do not do
23 that.

24 Q So five months after the arrest warrant, February
25 6th, 2019, I'm arrested. And during the interview, Mark,
26 you told me on tape that you told me that time of the arrest
27 that you had all of the emails, is that correct?

1 A I may have said that, yes.

2 Q Did you have all the emails?

3 A I probably was referring to the fact that I had all
4 of the relevant emails pertinent to my investigation.

5 Q Okay. Did you a year later -- let's jump ahead now
6 to February 2020 -- a whole year after the arrest and a full
7 year and five months, almost a year and a half after your
8 warrant, did you fill out a search -- and submit a search
9 and seizure warrant from my emails to google?

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, relevance.

11 THE COURT: Sustained.

12 Q Hears a question. Was I quoted in your warrant?

13 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, relevance

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 Q Do you recall the paperwork that you submitted to the
16 prosecutor in May of 2019 as discovery?

17 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, relevance.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 Q When you interviewed the complainant, you take the
20 complainant in the police station, that's correct?

21 A I'm sorry repeat that?

22 Q When you interviewed the complainant at the police
23 station, you -- the interview was on tape?

24 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, as to relevance.

25 MR. LAWRENCE: Because I have a follow up
26 question.

27 THE COURT: I'm going to overrule the objection.

1 He can answer it.

2 Q Was there -- why was only half the interview --

3 THE COURT: Wait a minute. He never answered
4 the first question and you're going onto something
5 else.

6 MR. LAWRENCE: All right. I'll retrack the
7 question.

8 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Motion to strike that from the
9 record, Judge? That question that he answered.

10 THE COURT: Well, there was no answer. Mr.
11 Lawrence asked a question and for probably the tenth
12 or twelfth time, I'll tell the jurors, a question is
13 not evidence.

14 So don't treat it like evidence because it's
15 not. The only evidence is from the witness responds
16 to a question or documents or other things that are
17 admitted as exhibits.

18 Q Mark, can you -- I'm sorry. Mr. Grasso -- Officer
19 Grasso, can you describe the basement at this particular
20 location that you visited?

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, relevance.

22 MR. LAWRENCE: Relevance is the fact that the
23 basement as -- is described in many different
24 contexts. And --

25 THE COURT: Before you go on, I don't know what
26 basement you're talking about. And so rephrase your
27 question. If there's an objection, I'll rule on it.

1 I don't know what you're talking about.

2 Q Were you aware that I and other tenants had
3 belongings in that particular basement that you visited?

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Again, objection. In this case
5 vague.

6 THE COURT: You're still -- you're going to have
7 to rephrase your question. You know what you're
8 talking about, I don't, and I don't think anyone else
9 does. So rephrase your question.

10 Q You came out on the seventeenth and the eighteenth --
11 or just the seventeenth --

12 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence, you said came out,
13 what are you talking about, came out of where?

14 MR. LAWRENCE: He came to the house. He came to
15 the apartment on the seventeenth.

16 THE COURT: Are you talking about your apartment
17 or somebody's else's apartment, you got to refine
18 your question so that we know what you're talking
19 about.

20 Q So, Mr. Grasso -- Officer Grasso, you came out to the
21 apartment I was renting to Anna Campbell.

22 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor. I'd ask
23 the victim's name to be stricken from the record.

24 THE COURT: Yes, you're assuming facts that
25 aren't in evidence. Sustained.

26 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Thank you.

27 Q Can you describe the house that you visited?

1 THE COURT: Do you know when he's talking about
2 or what house he's talking about?

3 THE WITNESS: Sir, I can only assume.

4 THE COURT: Don't assume anything. Rephrase
5 your question.

6 Q Can you describe the house that you visited on
7 September 17th, 2018, in reference to the complainants
8 concerns that you responded to?

9 A The house at seventy-five West Parish Road?

10 Q Yes.

11 A The best to my recollection it was a -- I believe it
12 was a single-family home that was converted into multi-
13 family dwelling. The best to my recollection there were
14 three apartments in the home.

15 I think there were common stairways that led from the
16 basement to the individual apartments. That described the
17 residents sufficiently?

18 Q The information I have of your knowledge, it comes
19 from the police report and the warrant. So it did describe

20 --

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

22 THE COURT: Sustained. Ask a question.

23 Q Did this dwelling, did this house have a basement?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Did you visit this basement?

26 A I did.

27 Q Describe that basement?

1 A All I can recall is it was dark. There was a washing
2 machine and dryer. And there was a I call it a BILCO, but I
3 think that's a commercial name. It's a basement hatchway
4 door.

5 Q That's all, was in the basement, that's all you saw?

6 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, as to -- asked and
7 answered, Judge. He's asked for a description; he's
8 giving a description.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 Q Were you aware that the function --

11 THE COURT: You didn't give him a chance to
12 answer the question. You asked it, there was an
13 objection. I overruled the objection, then you
14 didn't wait for the answer. Do you remember the
15 questions you can answer it, if you can?

16 MR. LAWRENCE: No, I'll retract that question.

17 I'm sorry, Your Honor.

18 Q Do you remember the -- how many -- did all -- was it
19 your knowledge that all the tenants utilized this particular
20 basement?

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection as to relevance.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 PAUSE

24 Q All right. I guess that's it. I'm done for now.

25 Thank you.

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