

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

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE GARY WHITE, JUDGE
AND JURY

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1 THE COURT: Here's what I'm going to do instead
2 of you explaining. Call your mother, in the absence
3 of the jury she could take the witness stand, you can
4 ask her what you want to ask her, okay, and -- okay,
5 and we'll do it that way.

6 THE DEFENDANT: Why -- why in absence of the
7 jury though?

8 THE COURT: Because they're not -- they're -- I
9 don't want to expose them to testimony that they
10 shouldn't be listening to. We're not going down a
11 dozen different rabbit holes about items that have no
12 relevance or materiality to what you're charged with.

13 THE DEFENDANT: Are you --

14 And if she -- if your mother is testifying about
15 things that have nothing to do with this case, then
16 those things shouldn't be placed in front of the
17 jury.

18 So if you want to do it that way, you know I
19 asked you for an offer of proof, and you were doing
20 it yourself. I'm going to give you an opportunity to
21 put your mother on the witness stand and ask her what
22 you want to ask.

23 And if she has something relevant or material to
24 say, then I'm going to let her testify. And if she
25 doesn't, then we're not going to go through what we
26 just went through with your father.

27 THE DEFENDANT: In front of the jury you're

1 saying we will? If you find that what she says is
2 relevant, then you'll bring the jury out and you'll
3 let her speak in front of the jury?

4 THE COURT: Right.

5 THE DEFENDANT: Okay.

6 THE COURT: You want to do that or not, it's up
7 to you?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, yes.

9 THE COURT: Okay, bring her in.

10 (Pause)

11 THE COURT: Hi, good morning, ma'am.

12 THE WITNESS: Good morning.

13 THE COURT: Hi. Could you face the clerk and
14 take the oath, please?

15 THE WITNESS: I sure can.

16 THE CLERK: Raise your right and please. Do you
17 solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as
18 the case may be, that the evidence you shall give
19 concerning this case shall be the truth, the whole
20 truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God or
21 upon penalties of perjury? State your name and
22 address for the record.

23 THE WITNESS: Geri Lawrence. 137 Beach Summit
24 Court in Jupiter, Florida.

25 THE CLERK: Thank you.

26 THE COURT: All right. Ma'am, you can be
27 seated. And if you want to, you can lower your mask

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so we can understand what you're saying.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

THE COURT: Okay.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

THE COURT: All right, Mr. Lawrence, you can
inquire.

1 G E R I L A W R E N C E, after having been duly sworn, was
2 examined and testified as follows:

3 EXCERPT OF DIRECT EXAMINATION BY JAMES LAWRENCE:

4 Q Did you have text message communication with Anna
5 Campbell between -- from the moment I left for Europe to --
6 September 15th -- 20

7 A I did.

8 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Relevance.

9 THE COURT: Well, you have to refine your
10 question. So I'm going to sustain the objection in
11 the form you asked the question. Refine your
12 question or rephrase it.

13 Q Did you receive harassing text messages from Anna
14 Campbell?

15 A I did.

16 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

17 THE COURT: Let him finish the question, please.

18 Q Did you receive harassing text messages relative to
19 the contents of the emails on September 15th?

20 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

21 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the objection
22 because the question is vague, and you're asking her
23 for -- it sounds like some type of legal conclusion
24 in any event.

25 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Absolutely.

26 Q Did you have text messages with Anna Campbell between
27 September 15th and September 20th?

1 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Your Honor, I'm
2 sorry --

3 THE COURT: You know what, that's okay. I'm
4 going to overrule the objection. What were the dates
5 you mentioned?

6 THE WITNESS: 15th through the 20th.

7 THE DEFENDANT: September 15th through September
8 22nd.

9 THE COURT: Okay, go ahead. Ask your next
10 question.

11 A I did.

12 Q He did. Can you describe any of these text messages
13 just in general for the --

14 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

15 THE COURT: You're asking her to talk about what
16 Anna Campbell said to your mother in these email --
17 pardon me -- these text messages between what were
18 the dates, 15th and 22nd?

19 THE DEFENDANT: September 15th through the 22nd.

20 THE COURT: Is that what you're asking her to
21 do, to talk about what Anna Campbell said?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Well, I could go, I could go --

23 THE COURT: Listen to my question. Are you
24 asking your mother to talk about what Anna Campbell
25 said to your mother in text messages between
26 September the 15th and September the 22nd of 2018, is
27 that what you're asking?

1 THE DEFENDANT: With defense Exhibit Q, yes.

2 THE COURT: Sir, answer my question. Is that
3 what you're asking?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

7 THE COURT: Okay, I'm going to sustain the
8 objection.

9 (Pause)

10 Q Did you have any -- did Anna Campbell illegally lock
11 you out of the house on September --

12 A Yes.

13 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. And Your Honor, I'm
14 going to ask the witness to be admonished to not
15 respond, at least until the question is done, and in
16 the presence of objection.

17 THE COURT: Yes, I'm going to sustain the
18 objection. And, ma'am, if you're asked a question
19 and the lawyer objects, please don't answer the
20 question until I have a chance to rule on the
21 objection.

22 THE WITNESS: All right, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Lawrence.

24 Q Did Anna Campbell anger you with various material
25 about subject matter about me with Hepatitis C?

26 A Yes.

27 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 Q We're done, we're done. (Indiscernible) This is --
3 this is a clown show. I'm sorry.

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor --

5 THE COURT: Are you done, Mr. Lawrence? Is that
6 a yes, or no?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Well, she was able to answer one
8 question, and with that one question --

9 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence, I'm asking you, are
10 you done inquiring of this witness? If you are, say
11 that, if you aren't, then ask a question.

12 Q Okay. I have one more question, okay. Establishing
13 you were able to answer whether you had text messages
14 between Ms. Campbell, and that's good. Did you author the
15 lease with Anna Campbell?

16 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 THE DEFENDANT: So, with this one question that
19 she's -- will the -- will the jury hear this one
20 question that we can ask to her, that -- well --

21 THE COURT: Ask -- if you're done inquiring, say
22 that, and if you're not, ask your next question.

23 THE DEFENDANT: Can the -- can the record report
24 back to the question that was accepted, not
25 sustained. That was -- there's --

26 THE COURT: What are you --

27 THE DEFENDANT: There was one question that she

1 was able to --

2 THE COURT: You -- I think you're talking about
3 -- you asked your mother if she had a text message
4 exchange with Anna Campbell, and she said, yes. And
5 I didn't -- I don't know if there was an objection to
6 that question, but if there was, I overruled it, and
7 if there wasn't, she -- she -- your mother answered
8 it, okay.

9 THE DEFENDANT: So it's in the record?

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 THE DEFENDANT: All right, so that's something
12 that the jury will be able to see?

13 THE COURT: Not necessarily. This is your offer
14 of proof. That's why I said to you, bring your
15 mother in here and you can ask her questions, and I
16 wanted to determine what she -- whether she'd be
17 testifying to anything that's relevant or material.

18 So, this is your offer of proof. If you have
19 other questions, please ask.

20 Q Was I the manager of the apartment complex that's
21 responsible for showing the apartment?

22 A Yes.

23 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 (Pause)

26 THE COURT: Are you done, sir, cause you're just
27 standing there, not saying anything? Well, you're

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still not saying anything, so I suppose you're done.
Cross-examination, if any?

ATTY. TAMACCIO: No questions. Thank you, for
your time, ma'am.

THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am. You're -- you're
excused.

9 Questions
9 Objections
8 Sustained
1 Answered

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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 November 2021.

Dated this 24th day of November 2021 in Stamford, Connecticut.



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