

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

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1 **EXCERPT OF JAMES LAWRENCE'S TESTIMONY:**

2 THE COURT: Mr. Lawrence has indicated to me
3 that he's going to testify. So he can take the
4 witness stand, so face the clerk and take the Oath.

5 THE CLERK: Do you solemnly swear or solemnly
6 and sincerely affirm as the case may be that the
7 evidence you shall give concerning this case shall be
8 the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth
9 so help you God or upon penalties of perjury?

10 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

11 THE CLERK: State your name and address for the
12 record.

13 THE DEFENDANT: James Lawrence. 1655 Post Road
14 East, Westport, Connecticut.

15 THE CLERK: Thank you.

16 THE COURT: All right. You could be seated, if
17 you want to or you can stand.

18 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. My --

19 THE COURT: This is not an argument. So if you
20 want to talk about the relevant and material
21 information in connection with the charge against
22 you, you can do that now.

23 And you look like you're getting ready to stand
24 up and make an argument to the jury, it's not time to
25 make an argument.

26 THE DEFENDANT: Oh, so you don't want me to -- I
27 can't use this right now to show --

1 THE COURT: Yeah, you can use it, but you have
2 to -- okay, tell your story, whatever you need to do.

3 THE DEFENDANT: I just want to go through the
4 email chain, once again. And --

5 THE COURT: Which you want to refer to an
6 exhibit. Which exhibit are you talking about?

7 THE DEFENDANT: It would be State's exhibit and
8 my exhibit L.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 (Pause)

11 THE COURT: Hold on, Mr. Lawrence. Use the
12 exhibit that's been marked by the clerk, not
13 something that you have.

14 THE DEFENDANT: Okay.

15 THE COURT: I don't know what's on that.

16 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. We'll go through this as
17 efficiently as possible.

18 (Pause)

19 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, if I may, just to
20 move things along.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, I'm going to ask
23 Mr. Lawrence to be directed to not ask questions to
24 the panel.

25 THE COURT: Don't ask questions to the jury,
26 don't make arguments. This is your chance to
27 testify, so testify.

1 C.

2 There is the issue of Oh, a policeman did come
3 by asking if you lived here, I said no and that I
4 hadn't seen you. Okay, safe travels. I just wanted
5 to firmly establish that that exists at the beginning
6 of this email chain.

7 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, these exhibits
8 speak for themselves. We now have two copies of this
9 entire email chain in evidence, State's and defense.

10 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to sustain the
11 objection only because you appear to be making an
12 argument and not testifying. There is an appropriate
13 time to make an argument, this is not it. This is
14 your opportunity to testify, tell your side of the
15 story if you wish but --

16 THE DEFENDANT: I am.

17 THE COURT: -- you don't argue to the jury --

18 THE DEFENDANT: All right. All right.

19 THE COURT: -- testify.

20 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. So I'll move on. So I'll
21 move onto the next page to where there is a -- I want
22 to point out because I am making an argument --

23 THE COURT: Well, you're not supposed to make an
24 argument --

25 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

26 THE COURT: -- that's what I just told you.

27 THE DEFENDANT: I want to note the dates, the

1 times. This is starting at 5:06 on September 14th. I
2 responded on the next day at 5:13 in the morning. So
3 it's starting in the early morning of September 15th.

4 It's very important that this chain shows time
5 frames of what's said and when things are ceased and
6 then when things re-engage. Those times are very
7 important.

8 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, again, this is an
9 argument.

10 THE COURT: Sustained.

11 THE DEFENDANT: All right.

12 THE COURT: Don't --

13 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So the next -- the
14 second -- it's only seven pages. It comes up -- so
15 the 2nd page is once again, addressing an alarming
16 issue that extends all the way to the alleged
17 ultimatum at the end of this chain to which I -- no,
18 I'm sorry, I didn't mean to say that. Okay, so I'll
19 move onto the next one.

20 A third page now fully six hours into September
21 15th, six hours. And we are still dealing with an
22 alarming situation that I had planned on taking care
23 of at the end of this email chain.

24 There is one email here at 12:25 where she says,
25 please stop emailing me it's not what you think, I am
26 hurt not you. Let's sit for coffee or on the beach
27 and talk face to face like mature adults about -- and

1 not without bad words, relax, have a safe flight. I
2 am not the enemy. That's not an ultimatum. That was
3 a peace cry in regard --

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Again, Your Honor,
5 this is an argument.

6 THE COURT: Well, it sounds like one, but I'm
7 going to allow him to say it because I take it you're
8 explaining what you meant by one of these emails you
9 sent, is that what you're doing?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yeah. Yeah.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

12 THE DEFENDANT: Mr. Tamaccio had mentioned that
13 --

14 THE COURT: Don't. Testify.

15 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Now, once again, noticing
16 the time frame. So when she wrote this keep in mind
17 it is the email, please stop emailing me I am hurt,
18 not you. Let's sit on -- let's sit for coffee or on
19 the beach and talk, and face to face like mature
20 adults.

21 So we're now at 12:20 -- 12:25, a full six hours
22 in -- seven hours 'cause it start at five in the
23 morning. Seven hours into a drama okay, that prove
24 to be --

25 All right. And so, basically, I then cease as
26 you see it because the emails are rolling. The next
27 email is at 5:32 pm and Anna Campbell then re-engages

1 with me aggressively.

2 And it reads, And I just re-read what you wrote
3 me. How rude and disrespectful and don't ever write
4 such filth to me again. You wonder how you get in
5 the messes you do and because you just start off
6 without all of the facts.

7 I'm not vindictive, just doing what's right for
8 -- right and you need to do what's right for society
9 sakes. You might have Hepatitis C as I just found
10 out I have, which is deadly if not treated.

11 So screw you and your rudeness and narcissistic
12 attitude. My life, my health, not about you. Once
13 again, she's claiming something that is deadly.
14 She's claiming that I gave it to her, and she is re-
15 engaging. This is the second time in the same email
16 chain. The second time I ceased after the first --

17 THE COURT: Is there an objection?

18 ATTY. TAMACCIO: There is, Your Honor. This is
19 argument, again.

20 THE COURT: Sustained. You're making an
21 argument, Mr. Lawrence. You're not testifying.

22 THE DEFENDANT: Okay.

23 THE COURT: Please don't make arguments at this
24 time.

25 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. That -- that time frame
26 very important. Okay, I'll move on. Very
27 significant. This is when we then begin a -- because

1 once again I'm defending myself because I know this
2 stuff. I think we all saw my lawyer that I -- you
3 know it's better that I can show this state of mind.

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor. It's
5 Irrelevant.

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So the emails roll
8 on because Ms. Campbell is basically once again
9 brought an issue forward, which was supposed to have
10 ceased.

11 And it was all relative to the same issue, so we
12 go through this, all the way through this where we
13 show our knowledge of Hepatitis C. I'll go to the
14 next page.

15 And once again, there is the issue of getting
16 treated. And for me if someone is saying get
17 treated, I would be the first person to go get
18 treated to which I did. And so get tested.

19 And these are unresolved issues that were fully
20 through Exhibit L, the main conflict. We are now
21 through the first four pages of the so-called
22 ultimatum to stop communicating with her.

23 But yet the same time I'm being told that she
24 wants to sit on a beach and to get tested. And it
25 takes at least three, four days to get tested.

26 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.

27 THE COURT: You're talking about the amount of

1 time it takes to get tested?

2 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Well, I was actually objecting
3 to the argument that came before that but while I'm
4 on my feet, yes. I'm objecting to that as well.

5 THE COURT: All right. Well, you're making an
6 argumentative statement, but you know what I'm going
7 to overrule it.

8 THE DEFENDANT: So once again, a declarative
9 statement on Saturday, September 15th. We are now at
10 6:28 pm. A full thirteen, fourteen hours from the
11 initiation of the issue. Now, it's a long day.

12 And once again, there is a declarative
13 statement. Interrogatives (Indiscernible) -- a
14 declarative statement by the complainant then get
15 tested and prove it wrong. It's right there, then
16 get tested and prove it.

17 The final page.

18 (Pause)

19 THE DEFENDANT: Which I can't read. Oh, it goes
20 like this. All right, good. Okay. And this is
21 where, like I said I don't see any kind of ultimatum
22 or rational --

23 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor.
24 Argumentative.

25 THE COURT: Sustained. You're making arguments
26 you're not testifying, Mr. Lawrence. Testify.

27 THE DEFENDANT: As the final. I've note she

1 says, I am not blaming anyone, and it ends up her
2 saying at 6:33, don't contact me again or come by the
3 apartment while I'm here. I leave on the 30th I
4 never want to see you again, understand clear, right.

5 Now, there's two emails here. The other one is
6 at 6:33 also saying stop now. So you need to look at
7 the times of these. They are very important.

8 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Argumentative.

9 THE COURT: Yes, I'm going to sustain the
10 objection. Mr. Lawrence, you can testify as you
11 wish. This isn't the time for argument. If you want
12 to explain to the jury what your intentions were in
13 sending any emails that you sent, you can tell them
14 that.

15 But you are making arguments and you're not
16 testifying about what your intent was in sending any
17 emails. Whether you intended to harass, annoy or
18 alarm or whether what you sent was likely to annoy or
19 alarm. If you want to talk about those things, go
20 ahead and do that, please.

21 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. And so the final email
22 after the conflicting ultimatum was --

23 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, again, to
24 argumentative.

25 THE DEFENDANT: -- crystal. I do care about
26 your health. I do not appreciate your jives at me
27 all day. Accusations unfounded. Completely uncalled

1 for.

2 This could have waited. And you could have
3 informed me of the fucking policemen when it
4 happened. I don't know what to believe with you.
5 This is my state of mind.

6 When I was trying to enter exhibits on the
7 complainant's state of mind, which we have a few.
8 But I wanted all of the emails from July, that state
9 of mind.

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

11 THE DEFENDANT: This is state of mind.

12 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

13 THE COURT: You're talking about exhibits that
14 you wanted, that's not the jury's issue.

15 THE DEFENDANT: I'm talking state of mind.

16 THE COURT: Talk about -- you can talk about
17 that, don't talk about what exhibits this court
18 admitted or didn't admit, that's not for them. Do
19 you understand? What is that, yes or no?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

21 THE COURT: Continue.

22 THE DEFENDANT: So this is my state of mind. I
23 don't know what to believe with you. That's my state
24 of mind. And that's my testimony for this. Now we
25 move on to Exhibit M. Two pages.

26 THE COURT: You have to use the --

27 THE DEFENDANT: I have it.

1 THE COURT: No. Use the one that's marked by
2 the clerk.

3 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So -- yeah. I found
4 it, okay.

5 THE COURT: And when you're done with the
6 exhibits return them to the clerk, so we don't lose
7 track of them.

8 THE DEFENDANT: All right. Exhibit M.
9 Something no more than a page.

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor,
11 mischaracterizes --

12 THE DEFENDANT: No, I just want to make sure
13 that we can get out of here. So we can get out of
14 here.

15 ATTY. TAMACCIO: -- the exhibit.

16 THE COURT: Stop. If there's an objection,
17 stop. Let me hear the objection. Yes.

18 ATTY. TAMACCIO: For the clarity of the record,
19 Mr. Lawrence is misstating the nature of his own
20 exhibits. He said no more than a page. Exhibit M is
21 in fact three stapled typed written pages. Again,
22 the clarity of the record.

23 THE DEFENDANT: Upper page, two emails.

24 THE COURT: Sir, don't address the jury you
25 address the court if we're talking about some issue
26 of the miscibility or the nature of an exhibit.

27 The exhibit you're talking about is a three-

1 page document, I can see it from here. Proceed, I'm
2 not asking for anymore comments from you.

3 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So three days has
4 gone by, and my state of mind being confused also
5 being the landlord, the one who basically arranged,
6 managed and was the one responsible for the original
7 lease with the complainant.

8 I'm now back associating with the owners and
9 landlords and people who also handle this -- the task
10 with the rental unit. And three days into this I
11 take care of medical business and I basically send
12 Ms. Campbell a email.

13 Anna, advice do not cause my beloved 77-year-old
14 parents any stress whatsoever, take this advice.
15 Now, whatever anyone wants to say about this whole
16 thing this is allegedly an email because it was
17 mentioned in the warrant.

18 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 THE DEFENDANT: This is the email and the
21 question in my opinion.

22 ATTY. TAMACCIO: objection.

23 THE COURT: Sustained.

24 THE DEFENDANT: So let's take the word advice.
25 I entered in Exhibit --

26 THE COURT: Which Exhibit is that?

27 THE DEFENDANT: O.

Can't
Verify
facts

1 THE COURT: O.

2 ATTY. TAMACCIO: O as in Ostrich.

3 THE COURT: All right. Could you give him --
4 defense O, please?

5 THE CLERK: Yes.

6 THE COURT: When you're done with it return it
7 to the clerk, please, thank you.

8 THE DEFENDANT: No, this is the wrong one. This
9 is scared. It's the one with advice not scared.

10 ATTY. TAMACCIO: That's Exhibit N.

11 THE COURT: You said O, so you mean N?

12 THE DEFENDANT: N, yeah. So when people say
13 advice. Advice they'll laugh, they'll laugh the
14 sweets (Indiscernible) advice.

15 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor. This is
16 argumentative.

17 THE COURT: You're making an argument you're not
18 testifying.

19 THE DEFENDANT: This -- I'll just read the
20 definition of advice. It is a guidance or
21 recommendation offered with regard to prudent future
22 action. What is prudent future action? Is this a --
23 am I threatening? Prudence is wisdom, it's an
24 advice. It's not even a --

25 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

26 THE DEFENDANT: -- warning it's a
27 recommendation.

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

3 THE COURT: You're making an argument, again.

4 THE DEFENDANT: All right. Well, that's -- all
5 right. So this is -- this is the time and this is
6 the -- where I am my state of mind, basically, and
7 what I was thinking. I'm back for three days. Ms.
8 Campbell, apparently, is in some kind of emotional --

9 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

10 THE COURT: Sustained.

11 THE DEFENDANT: I wanted noted also here that
12 when she responds she says she was trying to contact
13 the police. It is in Officer Grasso's testimony that
14 I was at the police department at the same day and
15 that's the truth. That's the truth.

16 What happens is, is that I was addressing Anna
17 the issues in this email about my parents being
18 thrust into this drama. And my parents -- I,
19 basically, took it upon myself to go to the police.
20 And I walked in there and they told me to take a seat
21 and wait. I sat there and I waited an hour, and no
22 one came.

23 So this testimony of Officer Grasso, which is
24 corroborated in the police report, basically, is the
25 truth.

26 I was there trying to be -- act peaceful. Keep
27 in mind I'm in the system and the complainant knows

1 this because I have the 2nd degree --

2 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

3 THE DEFENDANT: I can --

4 THE COURT: You're -- you are making arguments
5 continuously. Don't make arguments. Tell your side
6 of the story. You could tell what you meant by
7 emails that you've sent. You could talk about your
8 state of mind. Don't make arguments at this point.

9 THE DEFENDANT: So yes, I'm not going near her.
10 I never went near her. And my belongings were there
11 and I could have legally gone there.

12 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 THE DEFENDANT: So I go to the police department
15 and after an hour, no one came out. They may have
16 been too busy, and I decide to say -- I decide to
17 leave and I -- and there's no email after that,
18 right.

19 So I decided to say, all right, just don't
20 contact her. And I don't contact her.

21 But I do contact her one more time. And once
22 again, it's in relation to my role of how I,
23 originally, met her and also in relation to State's
24 department -- the State's exhibit, the beginning
25 about re-renting the apartment, that's a very big
26 issue.

27 She said -- said she was lying here when she

Insanity

1 said that she would help me rent the apartment. And
2 all I'm doing -- now, if anyone can tell me that a
3 question, it's an interrogative. So can we halt --

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

5 THE DEFENDANT: I'm just reading the email.

6 THE COURT: No, you're in the course of making
7 another argument. So sustained.

8 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So can we halt the
9 relative craziness now. And help me rent the place?
10 I was planning to be back in Europe this week. I
11 have to be back there November 19th and want another
12 seven-week stretch.

13 So how about letting me show the unit to three
14 or four people. Now, keep in mind. When the -- the
15 -- when the complainant was saying that she's posting
16 the place, I'm simultaneously taking lists of people.

17 This is a friend. This is someone I'm
18 trusting, a friend and someone I'm intimate with.
19 I'm getting names of people and I'm setting up times
20 to show because I got to leave in two weeks.

21 We've already wasted a week through drama with
22 all kinds of stuff that I'll explain in my closing
23 argument. But my state of mind and once again my
24 confusion -- like it was at the end of the 15th email
25 -- my state of mind and my confusion was like okay, I
26 have somebody here, we're intimate, we've shared a
27 lot. There was the issue of Hepatitis C that was

1 resolved by my father handing over the
2 (Indiscernible)

3 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Assumes facts not
4 in evidence.

5 THE COURT: Sustained. Sustained.

6 THE DEFENDANT: Everyone knows that everyone is
7 clean and no one has Hepatitis C. So what I --

8 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Speculates us to
9 another state of mind and personal knowledge.

10 THE COURT: Sustained.

11 THE DEFENDANT: So what I'm doing in defense of
12 myself here -- what am I doing, I'm asking questions
13 as a friend, as a former lover and as a landlord who
14 rented her the place.

15 And as someone who had invested interest and
16 still being able to ascertain belongings that were
17 being held there and I write, I have seven, seven
18 people waiting for October one now. Don't freak on
19 the cleaning. That's not pressure just orderly. You
20 and the kitties -- she has cats -- can take the café
21 for a couple of hours.

22 Once again, and I reiterate. I really don't
23 want my family involved in all of this drama. I
24 don't want them to be dealing with what is clearly
25 someone who is unpredictable.

26 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Argumentative.

27 THE COURT: Sustained.

1 THE DEFENDANT: And I write, my parents are
2 afraid of you. No unnecessary anxiety, please. I
3 see questions here, I don't see caps lock --

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

5 THE DEFENDANT: I don't see --

6 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Argumentative, Judge.

7 THE COURT: Sustained.

8 THE DEFENDANT: And that is Saturday, September
9 22nd at 6 -- at 3:58 am. And that's it. That's it.
10 A question I got arrested for. As a landlord, as a
11 friend, and a lover asking for no anxiety. That's my
12 defense.

13 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Argumentative.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 THE DEFENDANT: Or maybe I'm going to take the
16 -- I would love for the State to call me they don't
17 want to call me. Do you want to call me?

18 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Let's sustain the objection. You
20 keep making arguments, Mr. Lawrence. This is not a
21 time to make arguments it's the time to testify.

22 THE DEFENDANT: I'm an open book.

23 THE COURT: As I've said a dozen times now.

24 THE DEFENDANT: So why don't we attempt to bring
25 in the other two exhibits. We have N and O. What
26 was O, Mr. Kim?

27 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, Your Honor. The

1 clerk is not an advocate here. If Mr. Lawrence wants
2 to submit evidence that's up to him.

3 THE COURT: Just to expedite things. You can --
4 which one is this?

5 THE CLERK: O. This is O.

6 THE COURT: O. All right.

7 THE DEFENDANT: I'm not done --

8 THE COURT: Hold on.

9 THE DEFENDANT: I want to talk one more thing
10 here.

11 THE COURT: Sir, return the other exhibit --

12 THE DEFENDANT: I have one more question on
13 this.

14 THE COURT: -- to the clerk. Well, finish your
15 question and return the exhibit to the court.

16 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. So and she gets back to
17 me once again in caps lock to say leave me alone.
18 And once again she's mentioning my parents and you in
19 small -- in small letters, don't contact me, again,
20 for any reason. This to me this looks like someone
21 --

22 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Argumentative.

23 THE COURT: You are arguing, again. Sustained.

24 THE DEFENDANT: What part of crystal clear.

25 Okay. And she mentions the word threat, which is --
26 if I was to begin to -- there is no threat under any
27 kind of (Indiscernible) law

1 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

2 THE DEFENDANT: Whatever.

3 THE COURT: Sustained.

4 THE DEFENDANT: State of mind. What was I going
5 through, I'm there now for a full week, that's the
6 22nd, okay? I'm there for a full week, 15th-22nd.
7 Now, I could've gone over there.

8 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Argumentative.

9 THE COURT: Sustained. Mr. Lawrence, are you
10 saying that in these emails you wrote you weren't
11 threatening or trying to harass her?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

13 THE COURT: Okay. It was as simple as that.
14 Continue.

15 THE DEFENDANT: I'm not threatening. I'm being
16 -- I'm just trying -- I'm trying to comply with what
17 we had in communicating with all through State's
18 evidence. All through August. And I was basically
19 -- since I was proactive to resolve the test that you
20 wanted. I thought that the issue was over then.
21 That's why I made this email. I thought that the
22 issue was over. If my parents could have testified.

23 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 THE DEFENDANT: But that issue of the test was
26 resolved on the 19th. And then, so I gave it three
27 days. I have people waiting, people still want to

1 see it. I have girlfriends. I know it takes time
2 sometimes, you got to cool down. I gave her three
3 days. I gave her three days.

4 And I just pose the question, a question that
5 was simultaneously being done by all the interested
6 landlords. It wasn't just me who had an agenda and a
7 flight --

8 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

9 THE COURT: Sustained.

10 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So my state of mind
11 is like, this is someone I know, we've resolved
12 stuff, there was unresolved issues. Now, all of the
13 issues are resolved.

14 The correspondence -- see you have to understand
15 I have a phone, I did not call. Officer Grasso
16 couldn't reach me on a phone because I had a European
17 phone.

18 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. As to relevance --

19 THE DEFENDANT: I'm just saying, Officer Grasso
20 was testifying --

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: -- and argumentative.

22 THE DEFENDANT: -- that he had tried to call me.

23 THE COURT: While there is an objection, let me
24 hear the basis of the objection, don't interrupt if I
25 have a chance to rule. Yes, counsel.

26 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Relevance, argumentative and
27 while I was objecting assumes facts not in evidence.

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 THE DEFENDANT: No, it is in evidence. Officer
3 Grasso --

4 THE COURT: Rephrase the question.

5 THE DEFENDANT: In Officer Grasso's testimony,
6 he mentioned the fact that he tried to call me --
7 Officer Grasso mentioned that he tried to call me at
8 the same day that saw me driving around the police
9 department.

10 In defense of myself I'm old school -- I don't
11 have it on me -- my flip phone. And I have a
12 European phone. I was only back for two weeks so
13 everything that I'm doing is via email or someone who
14 would call me or visit.

15 So here I am waiting three days to let the issue
16 around the September 18th drama calm down. And then
17 I tried to then re-engage with the agreed upon agenda
18 with a friend -- now, using pleas underlined. And I
19 never ever contact her, again, ever.

20 She then has a full nine days at the unit,
21 undisturbed like she asked. Including from my family
22 we don't show the apartment, we don't even rent it
23 out. My family also, had an agenda to leave quickly
24 because they live in Florida.

25 When I'm presenting evidence that I was the
26 manager of this place, that is the truth. My parents
27 only live up in the North four years -- for I mean

1 four months of the year.

2 So I'm basically, responsible for a lot of
3 duties there. I need to be able to have access when
4 I have tenants and stuff and locks were changed,
5 drama --

6 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

7 THE COURT: Sustained.

8 THE DEFENDANT: So that's what happened. My
9 parents were out of there in a week or two, I was out
10 of there in a week or two, we were both out of there.
11 They were going back to Florida, I was going back to
12 Dusseldorf. And you know we left the place
13 unreckoned for another six months. We lost --

14 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

15 THE COURT: Sustained.

16 THE DEFENDANT: So again, I would say that I
17 have abided by her -- caps lock -- unresolved --
18 resolved issues ultimatum. I was very much aware.
19 I'm

20 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Argumentative.

21 THE COURT: Sustained. You keep making
22 arguments.

23 THE DEFENDANT: Well, what --

24 THE COURT: You're not testifying.

25 THE DEFENDANT: All right. I'm -- so you're
26 saying that she -- she's saying that -- all right,
27 you're saying that she -- I harassed her with these

1 -- with this email? Okay. And I'm saying that I did
2 not harass with this email.

3 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Argumentative.

4 THE COURT: I'm going to overrule that
5 objection. You're saying you didn't intend to harass
6 with the emails, is that what you're indicating?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 THE DEFENDANT: Because according -- the intent
10 is a big thing. That's the big thing here. What is
11 your intent? Is it have anything to do with
12 disturbing the anger in her or harming her, no.?

13 You want to talk alarm, look what I went through
14 in September -- whatever -- all right. So that's --
15 that's basically my testimony on these two emails
16 that were you know --

17 There's a lot of variables going on. And it's
18 very frustrating after three years and you're still
19 trying to bring out that you saw me yesterday crazy
20 with papers all over the place --

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection.

22 THE DEFENDANT: -- but these are documents.

23 THE COURT: Sustained.

24 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So let's move on so
25 that's -- this you'll read. No. I'm going to move
26 on to the Exhibit N. We did go over N, the Exhibit
27 on the advice.

1 THE COURT: Which one do you want to talk about,
2 Mr. Lawrence?

3 THE DEFENDANT: I think it's O now. Yes, we did
4 -- we did talk about it.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Kim, do you have O?

6 THE DEFENDANT: The dictionary definition of
7 advice it called a prudent action.

8 THE COURT: Sir, don't talk to the jury. Which
9 exhibit is --

10 THE MARSHAL: This is Exhibit O, Your Honor.

11 THE DEFENDANT: We heard a word. We heard a
12 word yesterday. I asked you, did I frighten and most
13 significantly, was there frightening things before
14 this. Frightened is associated with alarm. Now, if
15 someone frightens you, do you -- how do you respond?

16 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection. Questioning the
17 jury. Relevance. Assumes facts not in evidence
18 instructing on the law.

19 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the objection,
20 but I take it, Mr. Lawrence, you're saying that in
21 any email you sent you did not intend to frighten,
22 alarm, scare the complainant Ms. Campbell, is that
23 what you're saying?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Definitely.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

26 THE DEFENDANT: Once again, my intent. The
27 September 18th email, which I will go over in my

1 closing. That email, a full three, four days after
2 the initial conflict was an admonishment. It was a
3 request.

4 It was something that is in everyday happening
5 between anyone from someone leaning you up against a
6 car, say get the hell off my car to anything.

7 Now, I know we want to think that there was some
8 kind of cease of, but there wasn't. There were
9 unresolved issues. That's -- that's my main defense
10 here is that there were unresolved issues.

11 And I was not only doing things to resolve -- I
12 was trying to be proactive to resolve, but I was also
13 protecting a third party that was involved. That
14 email involves a third party. It does not involve
15 anything having to do with my relationship with Anna
16 Campbell.

17 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Objection, again, Your Honor.
18 I've let this go on quite a bit. It's argumentative.

19 THE COURT: It is argumentative. And again, Mr.
20 Lawrence, I take it you're indicating that the emails
21 you sent were not intended to harass, annoy, or
22 alarm, but to protect a third person and to resolve
23 some issue that you thought was left unresolved. Is
24 that what you're indicating?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

26 THE COURT: Thank you. Continue.

27 THE DEFENDANT: And so why don't we bring up the

1 last exhibit and see if it's able to be brought in,
2 that would be P, exhibit P.

3 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, given that Mr.
4 Lawrence is testifying in the narrative form because
5 he is self represented, I'm going to object now in
6 advance of it being brought out in an abundance of
7 caution.

8 THE COURT: Okay. And --

9 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, I'd also ask Mr.
10 Lawrence be admonished to stop communicating with
11 people in the gallery.

12 THE DEFENDANT: I haven't questioned my mother,
13 my father is (Indiscernible).

14 THE COURT: Don't, don't, don't do that.

15 THE DEFENDANT: My father.

16 THE COURT: Don't do that. And you continue to
17 do it as I tell you not to do it.

18 ATTY. TAMACCIO: I'd ask the record to reflect
19 that he continues to turn around mouthing words to
20 the gallery.

21 THE COURT: Well, it's on the record what --
22 what is this last one?

23 ATTY. TAMACCIO: P.

24 THE CLERK: P.

25 THE COURT: P. It's on the record what that is
26 and that is not strictly germane to what's going on
27 here --

1 ATTY. TAMACCIO: That is the basis of the
2 objection. Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: -- in terms of relevance or -- or
4 materiality. So I'm going to sustain the State's
5 objection.

6 THE DEFENDANT: So you don't want to enter it,
7 okay.

8 THE COURT: So that last exhibit is not a full
9 exhibit.

10 THE DEFENDANT: All right. So in defense of
11 myself, that's taking the stand here to show you
12 that, that's what was my state of mind.

13 THE COURT: You're making an argument, again,
14 but go ahead.

15 THE DEFENDANT: You have to understand that was
16 very --

17 THE COURT: Don't -- testify. Do not make
18 arguments. I don't know how many times I have to say
19 that.

20 THE DEFENDANT: But I don't have anyone
21 questioning me, so it's very hard to --

22 THE COURT: Well.

23 THE DEFENDANT: It be easier if I'm welcoming.

24 THE COURT: Sir, if you're done testifying say
25 that and then the State will have an opportunity to
26 cross-examine.

27 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, I'm going to object

Exhibit

1 to this entire colloquy.

2 THE DEFENDANT: Okay, yes. Let's -- let's
3 cross-examine.

4 THE COURT: All right. You can sit down on the
5 witness stand. Cross-examination, Mr. Tamaccio.

6 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Good morning, Mr. Lawrence. I
7 have --

8 THE COURT: Are those exhibits or --

9 THE DEFENDANT: That was just notes.

10 THE COURT: -- that's your paperwork.

11 THE DEFENDANT: That's not exhibits.

12 THE COURT: All right. Do you have all of the
13 exhibits, Mr. Kim?

14 THE CLERK: I do, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

16 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Good morning, Mr. Lawrence. I
17 have no questions. Thank you for your time, sir.

18 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. All right,
19 you can leave the witness stand. I don't know what's
20 so funny, Mr. Lawrence.

21 ATTY. TAMACCIO: Your Honor, I'd ask the record
22 reflects that --

23 THE DEFENDANT: You're a punk.

24 ATTY. TAMACCIO: -- Mr. Lawrence -- excuse me,
25 sir -- I'd ask the record to reflect that he is
26 laughing as he removes himself from --

27 THE DEFENDANT: And a coward. A coward.

1 ATTY. TAMACCIO: -- the witness stand and is
2 calling me a punk and a coward.

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

4 ATTY. TAMACCIO: And I ask he be admonished for
5 the (Indiscernible)

6 THE COURT: Don't do that. You're misbehaving.
7 Don't do that. Do you have any other witnesses?

8 THE DEFENDANT: No, that's it.

9 THE COURT: All right. So you rest your case?

10 THE DEFENDANT: I rest my -- well, we have
11 closing arguments -- yes, I rest.

12 THE COURT: Members of the jury, that concludes
13 the evidence in the case. The next thing we're going
14 to do is have closing arguments by the parties.

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