

1 MS. ABERNATHY: Object to the leading,
2 your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Yes. Let's don't lead,
4 Mr. Parsley.

5 BY MR. PARSLEY:

6 Q. Tell us, sir. Were you called to your
7 daughter and son-in-law's home by your son-in-law as
8 relates to an attempted suicide by your daughter?

9 A. I was notified of that at
10 approximately 3:34 on a Sunday morning.

11 Q. Could you tell us what was stated to
12 you, sir?

13 A. Well, Aaron called me and told me
14 what had transpired, that he had found my daughter
15 in the bathroom with trying to injure herself,
16 whether it be the word that you've used or not, with
17 a dryer cord around her neck, and that he had to
18 fastly get the dryer cord from her neck, and that he
19 did not have time to take a picture with his cell
20 phone; and when he called me he was outside the
21 house, I think.

22 Q. Did you and your wife subsequently go
23 to their home?

24 A. No. We discussed that, and Aaron
25 milled around the neighborhood there in Green Hills

1 until about 6 o'clock and went back to the house
2 when the children woke up so that they wouldn't be
3 concerned maybe why daddy was gone. We didn't go.
4 We waited. We just waited for time and prayed to
5 God about this matter, and we went on to our church
6 services that morning; and I can't remember exactly
7 when our next conversation with him was.

8 Q. Did sometime subsequent to that, did
9 you have conversation with your daughter as relates
10 to these incidents?

11 A. No, sir. I had not had any
12 conversations that I know of. I was very
13 concerned about her for this matter, but no
14 conversations.

15 Q. Did you discuss with her getting
16 treatment?

17 A. Yes, I have.

18 Q. Tell us what discussions you've had
19 with her getting treatment.

20 MS. ABERNATHY: May I ask when to know
21 about relevance?

22 BY MR. PARSLEY:

23 Q. Sure. When did you have these
24 discussions?

25 A. Many times on the phone.

1 Q. How recently, sir?

2 A. Oh, in direct -- in direct reference
3 to needing help, within the last two to five weeks
4 on different occasions.

5 Q. And what events have caused you
6 concern to have such discussions with your
7 daughter?

8 A. Well, when you father a child, you
9 know their characteristics and the things and
10 concerns that alert you to differences that are
11 occurring in people's lives, and I think that she
12 would tell that you that dad has told her several
13 times that I wasn't -- I just was worried about her.
14 That's the word that I always used, and I used that
15 broadly.

16 Q. Any particular thing that sticks out
17 in your mind in the last couple of weeks that has
18 caused this concern in you?

19 A. Well, no, not that has caused this
20 concern other than the fact that I know there's been
21 many episodes of irregularities at their home that
22 has not been what a father or a grandfather would
23 like to know of.

24 THE COURT: Tell me about those.

25 BY MR. PARSLEY:

1 Q. Tell Judge Smith about those.

2 A. Well, Judge, I'm a very -- I guess
3 they tell me I have an A type personality and --

4 THE COURT: Don't take that as a bad
5 thing.

6 THE WITNESS: I'm not taking that as a
7 bad thing. That's just me, but I saw when we went
8 to help them move from the first location that they
9 moved from in Spring Hill to where they live now on
10 Abbott Martin Road, that things weren't right with
11 the house, and I saw things weren't right with the
12 clothes.

13 I saw that things were not right with
14 the food preparation, the dishes and all of this. I
15 was really concerned about that. Then when we
16 received a phone call one night that her husband had
17 been arrested and that he was in -- he was in the
18 local jail there -- I don't know whether it was
19 Spring Hill or what the local facility is -- and
20 that he had struck their son and knocked him to the
21 ground, and that they had a neighbor that came to
22 help them and that --

23 This is just one -- Judge, this is
24 just one of many episodes that we have gone through
25 as a mother and father over the last several months.

1 Q. Did that happen?

2 A. No, it did not.

3 Q. It never happened?

4 A. It never happened.

5 Q. Did you and her mother and Aaron, did
6 y'all take her to Parthenon recently?

7 A. We took her on a Friday reluctantly.

8 Q. How long ago? The last couple of
9 weeks?

10 A. That was four weeks or five weeks ago
11 today that we took her to Centennial, and finally
12 was admitted to Parthenon sometime during the course
13 of 11:30 and -- 2:30 in the afternoon and 11:30 at
14 night, because we finally got to leave there because
15 she sent word to us that we didn't need to stay
16 around any longer. We need to go home.

17 That was worded mildly to me and my
18 wife through one of the nurses there, so we all left
19 hoping that -- if I say this out of order, I'm not
20 -- I'm not very versed at what I'm doing. My wife
21 has had problems in the past years, and we felt sure
22 that the first emergency room doctor that talked to
23 us, which was evidently a regular physician,
24 emergency room physician, he told us that --

25 MS. ABERNATHY: May I object, if your

1 Honor please, to the hearsay?

2 MS. MILLER: Not for the truth of the
3 matter. I think it has to do with what the
4 subsequent actions were.

5 THE COURT: Well, it's a statement in
6 response to medical diagnosis or treatment.

7 MR. PARSLEY: Yes.

8 MS. ABERNATHY: But the statements in
9 my response that he wanted stricken, although your
10 Honor didn't strike them, you said you wouldn't read
11 them, and the medical records I had are her
12 discharge notes that are going to contradict
13 whatever was said to him when she arrived.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Parsley?

15 MR. PARSLEY: Just ask what he did.

16 BY MR. PARSLEY:

17 Q. What did you do in response to the
18 conversation?

19 THE COURT: Yeah. I'll sustain the
20 objection. Go ahead.

21 THE WITNESS: He informed --

22 MR. PARSLEY: You can't tell us what
23 he said. I'm asking what did you do --

24 THE WITNESS: What we did was: We
25 stayed around until we had personnel from Parthenon

1 come to us to question all three of us, me and my
2 wife together and then Aaron by himself. Then we
3 stayed in the waiting room until probably 11
4 o'clock, and then we were told that we could go over
5 to Parthenon. That's when we went over to
6 Parthenon, and the lady that had interviewed us come
7 and told us --

8 MS. ABERNATHY: May I object?

9 BY MR. PARSLEY:

10 Q. Can't tell us what they said. Were
11 you allowed to see your daughter?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you want to see her?

14 A. Certainly. No. I take that back. I
15 don't think it would have been good for us to have
16 seen her at that time. I don't think that she would
17 have wanted to see us under the circumstances we had
18 to admit her.

19 THE COURT: Let me ask you, Mr.
20 Huffines. I want you to be specific. What are --
21 what are your concerns right now with behavior or
22 concerns about Mrs. Solomon's mental health issue,
23 any issue with that? Can you give me some things
24 that you have witnessed or that she has said to
25 you?

1 THE WITNESS: Well, the things that
2 she has said to my wife are a lot rougher than what
3 she has said to me.

4 BY MR. PARSLEY:

5 Q. We'll speak to her in a moment. Tell
6 us what she said to you.

7 A. She knows -- she knows how I feel
8 about her. I know that -- I know that we have --
9 I've told her -- and I'll try to explain it this
10 way. I've told her that I have thought that there
11 was changes that need to be made, the way she was
12 raising her children. I thought she was being more
13 of a friend than a mother figure.

14 She's got two wonderful children, but
15 just to give you an instance, we were fortunate
16 enough to celebrate the oldest ones birthday this
17 past Friday night, and Judge, your Honor, we just
18 had a much more relaxed atmosphere, and I'm just
19 so hurt that I have to set here and say these
20 things. But I know if I can --

21 I know the one thing I'm concerned
22 about. I want to see her to where she can reach
23 potential in her life that I know that she has, and
24 I know in a father's opinion, Judge, that she cannot
25 do that, from a father's perspective, in the

1 condition that she's in at this time.

2 THE COURT: Tell me about the
3 condition itself, what you have observed.

4 THE WITNESS: Okay.

5 THE COURT: I hate to put you in this
6 position.

7 THE WITNESS: I'm going to tell you
8 because I love my daughter. She's a compulsive
9 liar. I cannot have a conversation with her. I
10 never look forward to her calling me, although I
11 love to hear her voice and tell me about the actions
12 of the kids. I can never expect to have a
13 conversation with her unless there's some untruth
14 that's going to be told, unless something is going
15 to be stretched.

16 We have -- we have taken care of them
17 through a year and a half of both of them having
18 difficult employment situations, me and my wife
19 have, along with Aaron's parents. I know that we've
20 been told -- I know that we've been told many
21 untruths about what we need this money for and what
22 we need that money for.

23 I'm a very tight individual. I worked
24 37 years in the grocery business, but we gave it
25 because two grandchildren; and secondarily, two

1 people that I love, a daughter and a son-in-law, and
2 just hoping we wouldn't get to this point today.
3 But I've seen that. That's the main objective.

4 THE COURT: Has this extended beyond
5 this period that you're talking about? Has she been
6 untruthful for a long time?

7 THE WITNESS: Absolutely.

8 BY MR. PARSLEY:

9 Q. Tell me how many years.

10 A. It's been -- we've had problems with
11 this for five to eight years, something like that
12 and, you know, I even tried to reason with her and
13 tell her, you know, these are the things that we go
14 through in life sometimes as you get -- if I can use
15 the word maybe "popular" in society, and I had a
16 problem with this because I was coaching.

17 I had a lot of success coaching. I
18 let it get to my head, and the first thing I knew I
19 was representing things stronger than what they
20 should have been represented, and she has -- and I
21 told her. I said you just got to ask God to help
22 you with this, to help you get through this, and
23 with the influence of some wonderful men that I had
24 in our church, I did away with it.

25 Q. Mr. Huffines, did you --

1 MR. PARSLEY: Sorry, Judge.

2 THE COURT: Well, I was going to ask
3 -- I think you described that. What other issues or
4 concerns with her mental health?

5 THE WITNESS: Well, I think that she's
6 a very nervous individual. When we're sitting
7 around a lot of times and we're talking, she is
8 fooling with her fingers, and this has been
9 something that's been prevalent with her for
10 sometime, and I'm just -- I'm just lost for any
11 other descriptions, your Honor.

12 BY MR. PARSLEY:

13 Q. Does she lose her temper easily, Mr.
14 Huffines?

15 MS. ABERNATHY: May I object to
16 leading, if your Honor please?

17 MR. PARSLEY: It's posed in the form
18 of a question, does she lose her temper.

19 THE COURT: It's close, but I'm going
20 to allow it.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, she does. She
22 takes it after her dad.

23 BY MR. PARSLEY:

24 Q. Could you give the Court some examples
25 that you witnessed?

1 A. Well, I know, and I believe my
2 son-in-law has briefed us on --

3 Q. I'm asking things that you have
4 witnessed.

5 A. The only time that she lost her temper
6 with me on the phone was the last conversation we
7 had.

8 Q. When was that conversation, Mr.
9 Huffines?

10 A. Two weeks ago Wednesday.

11 Q. What did she say to you, sir?

12 A. When I was trying to advise her as to
13 what I was wanting to do and why I couldn't come to
14 the phone, the time that she had called me on
15 Saturday and why I couldn't give her a time then, I
16 told her -- I said, yes, I was in the process of
17 trying to get an order made for my store, and I said
18 yes, I'm frustrated with you, frustrated with you.

19 Then I called back. I called her back
20 Wednesday, and she answered the phone, and we were
21 talking for a minute, and our conversation was
22 rather strong to each other, and she finally raised
23 her voice with me on the phone and said, "Now you
24 listen to me," like that, and I just hung up the
25 phone at that time, your Honor.

1 Q. Has she come to you, Mr. Huffines,
2 suggesting that there's some emergency in her family
3 that required money from you, that you later found
4 out wasn't as represented? Has that happened?

5 A. Maybe not titled as emergencies, but
6 needs.

7 Q. Did you subsequently learn that she
8 had previously spent that money that you had given?

9 MS. ABERNATHY: May I object to
10 relevancy, if your Honor please? How does this go
11 to the meat of whether --

12 MR. PARSLEY: Goes to credibility, if
13 it please the Court. Credibility is always an
14 issue. Your Honor, I had pointed out to you in the
15 motion for this restraining order, to resolve this
16 restraining order, they state that there is -- that
17 she didn't threaten or attempt suicide.

18 THE COURT: Well, I do think your
19 question is somewhat collateral, Mr. Parsley. I'm
20 going to let him answer it, but then at that point
21 let's --

22 MR. PARSLEY: Sure. Then I'll call
23 Mrs. Solomon.

24 THE WITNESS: Reword your question.

25 MR. PARSLEY: Never mind, Judge.

1 THE COURT: Ms. Abernathy?

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CROSS EXAMINATION

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BY MS. ABERNATHY:

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Q. Would you describe the relationship
6 between you and your daughter as strained?

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A. No, ma'am.

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Q. Why are you here supporting Mr.
9 Solomon?

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A. I know my daughter needs psychological
11 help. I know that.

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Q. What day was it that you received the
13 call?

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A. What call?

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Q. The call saying that Mr. Solomon had
16 found a cord around her neck.

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A. That was Sunday morning about --

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Q. You have already told us the time.
19 What date?

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A. Sunday morning.

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Q. I said date.

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A. Oh, I can't give -- it was five or six
23 weeks ago, maybe five weeks ago; six weeks ago this
24 coming Sunday morning, or five weeks ago this coming
25 Sunday morning.

1 Q. Was it before the incident you
2 described at Parthenon Centennial?

3 A. Absolutely.

4 Q. About three or four days before then?

5 A. Yes. I guess that's correct.

6 Q. What transpired, if anything, between
7 the Sunday morning you received the phone call and
8 the day that you assisted Mr. Solomon in taking her
9 to Centennial Parthenon?

10 A. We had discussed her -- her mother and
11 myself and her husband, as we had gone as far as we
12 could go with trying to entice her and encourage
13 her, and her mother had talked to her excessively in
14 this regard to encourage her to get help.

15 Q. How long?

16 A. When it come to the point, we decided
17 on a Thursday. We decided on a Thursday that we
18 would -- of course, Aaron wasn't at that house at
19 that time. He had left, so Jennie and I went down,
20 and we waited around until she got off of
21 conference call, which took probably three hours,
22 and finally when the conference call had ended, I
23 went out in the outside, and I text her husband and
24 told him, because he was biding time there in Green
25 Hills.

1 Q. How long had you and your wife been
2 trying to talk to your daughter about needing
3 psychiatric help?
4 A. Months, months, months and months.
5 Q. Had she ever hurt the children during
6 that period of time?
7 A. I never know of any time that she ever
8 hurt my grandchildren.
9 Q. Have the children been asking for her?
10 A. I assume that, yes; not to me, but I
11 understand that to be correct.
12 Q. She missed the birthday party this
13 past week for Grant, did she not?
14 A. Yes, she did.
15 Q. She missed Mother's Day?
16 A. Yes, she did.
17 Q. Do you know when the last time was she
18 saw the children?
19 A. She would have seen them on the night
20 -- the last part of the 36 hours that Aaron came
21 back home with the children.
22 Q. That was after --
23 A. Before they went to bed.
24 Q. That was after this court entered the
25 restraining order, correct? That was Memorial Day?

1 A. I assume, yes.

2 Q. Do you know when the divorce complaint
3 was filed, just out of curiosity?

4 A. I don't know the date, but I know that
5 he -- that was on Monday, and he called me at my
6 store, and he has kept me up to date along with my
7 wife on all actions that he has occurred with with
8 his attorneys.

9 Q. Do you support the children not seeing
10 their mother for any time to speak of since May 10?

11 A. Ma'am, I never support that, but I
12 know as a father and the actions and the -- the
13 subsequent things that has taken place with her in
14 the last several weeks, this is, by far, what needs
15 to be done at this time.

16 Q. But you haven't been able to tell us
17 anything specific she's done to put them in harm's
18 way. Obviously, you've told us about her inability
19 to tell the truth --

20 A. Right.

21 Q. -- and your concerns and issues with
22 her but, sir, may I ask, what can you direct us that
23 links her behavior to putting the children in fear
24 of harm's way?

25 A. Well, you know, I can't give you

1 anything definite along that line, but when Aaron
2 wasn't at home and we knew, due to the conversation
3 she was having with my wife, we didn't know at any
4 time if the kids would be put in the car and took
5 off, and we not know where they were. That was a
6 big fear that we had.

7 THE COURT: Specifically, what was
8 your concern on that? I mean, I understand you had
9 a concern, but I guess what part of her behavior was
10 causing that concern? Was she hallucinating? Was
11 she seeing things that didn't exist? Was she
12 paranoid? Was she, you know, people out to get her?

13 THE WITNESS: Oh, yes, yes.

14 THE COURT: Give me an example of
15 that. I hate to ask you to do it, Mr. Huffines.

16 THE WITNESS: I just wish I could
17 recall them. She's always had a very jealous heart
18 toward her husband, feeling that he was always
19 involved with other women and she has -- she's
20 expressed that to us a lot, and I don't know what
21 kind of illness that would be, under what kind of
22 entitlement that would be under but, your Honor, I
23 just can't give you an exact illness. I know -- I
24 just know that I would be very concerned with her
25 being with my grandchildren at this time.

1 THE COURT: Even if it were
2 supervised?

3 THE WITNESS: I'm afraid then there
4 would be something said that one of those
5 grandchildren would not need to hear.

6 THE COURT: Ms. Abernathy?

7 BY MS. ABERNATHY:

8 Q. What if Mr. Solomon was having
9 contact, communication or relationships with other
10 women? What if your daughter was really telling you
11 the truth about that, sir?

12 A. Ma'am, I'm a man of the Bible, and I
13 believe in truthfulness, and I try to -- you know, I
14 just despise in my life constantly hearing turmoil
15 and this going on and that going on and this going
16 on. I never --

17 Q. I just asked you --

18 A. I never believed that.

19 Q. If I showed you proof, you would never
20 believe that?

21 A. I would never believe it until you
22 showed me proof.

23 Q. Did she take an order of protection
24 out on you in 2008?

25 A. She certainly did.

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MS. ABERNATHY: That's all I have.

Thank you.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. PARSLEY:

Q. Did she dismiss hers the day it was supposed to be heard like she did against her son-in-law? (sic.)

A. No. It stayed in effect the entire time.

Q. Did you harm your daughter, sir?

A. Did I what?

Q. Did you harm your daughter?

A. No.

Q. She alleged -- did you allegedly threaten her?

A. I told her on the phone that if we couldn't get things straightened out on the phone on the accusations that she had made against her mother, that families don't act like this, that I will be down there when she don't expect me and address this, and I felt that I had a right as a father to say that.

Q. She went and took the order of protection out on you, didn't she?

1 A. Well, it was after we came to bring
2 Christmas gifts and knocked on the front door and
3 didn't think there was anyone there. We didn't get
4 to have Christmas with them that year, and we
5 decided that we would go ahead and take the
6 Christmas gifts and just see if we could leave them;
7 and no one answered the door. The next thing I
8 knew, on a Friday afternoon, I had the city police
9 in Gainesboro serve me with an order of protection.

10 Q. You had never spoken to her that day.
11 You just tried to leave gifts for the kids?

12 A. She told us she was scared.

13 THE COURT: Was the order of
14 protection granted, or was it --

15 MS. ABERNATHY: My records indicate
16 yes, it was.

17 BY MR. PARSLEY:

18 Q. Did you object to it?

19 A. Yes, I did. We contested it because
20 there was no date on the order.

21 Q. And the court granted it anyway?

22 A. We came here and -- Judge Wyatt -- no,
23 not Judge Wyatt. It's Wyatt, Judge Wyatt, Randall
24 Wyatt.

25 THE COURT: Why would he be doing an

1 order of protection?

2 THE WITNESS: Well, he sure did. We
3 came down here and contested it on the fact that I
4 wanted my name not to be in the records here in the
5 Metropolitan Davidson County, and they dismissed it
6 on that ground, but he said he wanted to hear this
7 case and set up another date that we could come
8 back. Then I didn't -- I didn't contest it then.

9 Q. You didn't come back, did you?

10 A. I just said let it go.

11 Q. John Aaron Holt.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Judge Holt. That's who it was. But
14 you never came back to contest it at the initial
15 hearing, did you?

16 A. No.

17 MR. PARSLEY: I have no further
18 questions, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Abernathy?

20 MS. ABERNATHY: I don't have any more
21 questions of this witness.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Huffines, thank you.
23 You can step down, sir.

24 MR. PARSLEY: Your Honor, I will cut
25 to the chase on Mrs. Solomon, if I may.

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THE COURT: All right. It's really
Ms. Abernathy's motion.

MR. PARSLEY: She can go if she wants
to. I'm sorry.

MS. ABERNATHY: I'll be glad to go.

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ANGELIA SOLOMON,

having been first duly sworn as a witness, on behalf of the Defendant, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. ABERNATHY:

Q. Are you Angie Solomon?

A. Yes.

Q. What is your profession, Ms. Solomon?

A. I'm a pharmacist. I have a doctorate degree.

Q. Did you work as a pharmacist until September of 2012?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you been a stay-at-home mom since then?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that with your husband's permission as far as you know?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. Has there been trouble in your marriage?

A. Yes.

Q. For how long?

1 A. Approximately five years.

2 Q. Have you been under the care of a
3 psychiatrist?

4 A. Within the last two-and-a-half, yes.

5 Q. What is his name, please?

6 A. Dr. Michael Reed.

7 Q. Does he prescribe any medicines for
8 you?

9 A. He does. He prescribes Pristiq, 100
10 milligrams and Klonopin, .5, three times a day.

11 Q. So what, if anything, has occurred
12 that has caused you to put the children in harm's
13 way or fear?

14 A. Nothing.

15 THE COURT: Let me stop you, Ms.
16 Abernathy. What is -- what is your diagnosis?

17 THE WITNESS: I was diagnosed, your
18 Honor, with depression, and is now in remission, so
19 now I don't have a diagnosis.

20 THE COURT: So you are not seeing a
21 psychiatrist still?

22 THE WITNESS: Continue to see, but I
23 have no axis to or any depression in my charting.

24 THE COURT: Are you still on
25 medication?

1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 THE COURT: Why is he prescribing that
3 medication if you don't have an ailment or a
4 disorder?

5 THE WITNESS: Currently, we're working
6 to get off of both medications, but because of the
7 severity of the situation personally that I'm going
8 through right now, he felt it best that I wait until
9 things had calmed down a little bit in my life
10 before we started reversing that, and I agreed with
11 that.

12 THE COURT: Ms. Abernathy.

13 BY MS. ABERNATHY:

14 Q. Did an incident occur that caused your
15 mom and dad and your husband to take you to
16 Centennial Hospital?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What date was that?

19 A. Of the incident?

20 Q. The date that you were taken.

21 A. The date I was taken. On the 10th,
22 but I refused, Joanie, to go with them. I felt
23 safer to go with police ambulance or any other
24 escort that would take me, so I actually went in the
25 ambulance.

1 Q. So is your daddy correct when he says
2 he and his wife and your husband took you?
3 A. No.
4 Q. You went by ambulance?
5 A. That's correct. I refused to go.
6 Q. Who called the ambulance?
7 A. Aaron called someone. I don't know
8 who he called, but he did call someone.
9 Q. How long did they keep you?
10 A. I was there from I guess 1:30 on
11 Friday the 10th until -- unless looking at the
12 medical records so I can be accurate, and I don't
13 have them here, around 8:30 or 9 o'clock on
14 Saturday. It might have been 8 o'clock on Saturday,
15 the 11th.
16 Q. Were you suicidal?
17 A. No.
18 Q. And had there been an incident that
19 occurred the Sunday before, as your father
20 testified?
21 A. No.
22 Q. No. Did your father get a call from
23 Aaron on a Sunday?
24 A. That I don't know unless I looked at
25 the phone records.

1 Q. So he described an incident where you
2 put a cord around your neck, right? Did that occur?
3 A. No.
4 Q. Do you know what your father is
5 talking about?
6 A. I have a feeling I know what he's
7 talking about but --
8 Q. Did a situation develop between you
9 and your husband that caused you to take out the
10 order of protection against him?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. And do you stand by the version of how
13 you typed it -- how it is written in your order of
14 protection?
15 A. I did not in fact write that, but I
16 stand by it. I might have added some to it.
17 Q. So why did you dismiss the order of
18 protection?
19 A. Because through third party, which are
20 my parents, it was related to me that if that was
21 dismissed, then the restraining order and the
22 divorce would also be dismissed because they weren't
23 quote real, so I obviously wanted to make things
24 right with my family, and I dismissed my order of
25 protection and immediately was served with a

1 restraining order and divorce.

2 Q. And did your husband come home after
3 the restraining order was signed?

4 A. Yes, ma'am.

5 Q. How long or how many days were he and
6 the children there?

7 A. They came home on Memorial Day for
8 about four or five hours with my parents there to
9 supervise. Aaron came back on the Tuesday by
10 himself, and on that day we had relations; and then
11 on Wednesday he brought Gracie back home. Grant was
12 staying with a friend, and Thursday the four of us
13 went to pick Grant up. Then we obviously all moved
14 back in, including the two dogs. Then on Friday
15 morning when I awoke they were all fine. The two
16 dogs were still there.

17 Q. So did you miss Mother's Day and your
18 child's birthday?

19 A. Yes, ma'am.

20 Q. Have you gotten to talk to either
21 child on the telephone?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Have you gotten to see either child
24 since May 31st?

25 A. No.

1 Q. When he was there a few days before
2 May 31st, did he leave you alone with the children?
3 A. Sure.
4 Q. Why are you willing to have supervised
5 visitation until a psychological can be done?
6 A. It's very simple, your Honor and
7 Joanie. I will do anything, anything at this point
8 to be able to see my babies.
9 Q. Do you have people willing to
10 supervise?
11 A. I do.
12 Q. Who are here today?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Is one a psychiatric nurse, retired?
15 Another one a pediatric nurse, retired?
16 A. Correct.
17 Q. And you do have other friends that can
18 supervise?
19 A. Yes, I have many.
20 Q. You also are musically inclined. Am I
21 correct about that?
22 A. Yes, ma'am.
23 Q. How long have you been singing or
24 entertaining?
25 A. I've been musically inclined since I

1 was born, but actively singing since I was seven;
2 then performing in bands up until my age today.

3 Q. Do you describe your relationship with
4 your mother and father as strained?

5 A. Yes, significantly strained.

6 Q. Has anyone --

7 MS. ABERNATHY: Well, get into the
8 money later, is that right, Judge, or should I ask
9 her a few questions about the money while she's up
10 here?

11 THE COURT: Well, I have a couple of
12 questions about it. I can get to that later on.
13 But both of these parties are unemployed. I don't
14 know what I'm going to do in this situation.

15 BY MS. ABERNATHY:

16 Q. How were the bills being paid before
17 May the 10th, or before the divorce was filed on the
18 13th?

19 A. Aaron would pay the bills.

20 Q. What source of funds was put into the
21 joint account to pay the bills?

22 A. Money from -- his trust, a trust that
23 he received.

24 Q. Did you give me a withdrawal slip from
25 the joint account that showed he withdrew 10,000 on

1 the day he filed the divorce complaint?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. May I?

4 A. Yes, that's it.

5 MS. ABERNATHY: May I have that marked
6 as an exhibit?

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8 (Exhibit One received into
9 evidence to this hearing.)

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11 BY MS. ABERNATHY:

12 Q. Did that leave you any money in the
13 account after the divorce was filed?

14 A. Joanie, there's approximately \$753
15 left in the account. Because of the circumstances
16 that I was left in, I was not able to go immediately
17 to get that money. I'm sure we'll discuss that
18 later, but when I did withdraw, I withdrew \$700.
19 Had I not gotten it on that Tuesday, there were
20 checks written, and those checks would have put that
21 account over on the following Wednesday, so actually
22 there was \$200 left for me in the account.

23 Q. Have you had any money since May the
24 13th?

25 A. I think I've had \$300 from the joint

1 account. That's all, and I have had --

2 Q. Except for borrowing money, of course?

3 A. Exactly, or friends, strangers.

4 Q. What will the joint bank records show

5 was the source of the deposit that was supporting

6 your family before May 13?

7 A. Without seeing it in front of me, I

8 can tell you that it would say something similar to

9 deposit for Aaron Solomon out of the Ruth Pinel

10 estate, which is a trust.

11 Q. That's a relative of his who set up a

12 trust?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. When was the last time he was

15 employed?

16 A. I really need to look at a calendar

17 for that, but the 10th was -- of May, so I believe

18 two weeks or three weeks prior to that on a

19 Thursday.

20 Q. And who drove the Tahoe?

21 A. I did.

22 Q. How is it that it was paid for?

23 A. By the bills, when he paid the bills.

24 Q. Meaning the joint account?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 Q. Just out of curiosity, who wrote the
2 check for the last Tahoe payment out of the joint
3 account?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. So he didn't restrict your use of
6 spending the trust deposits that were made into the
7 joint account?

8 A. No, Joanie. He actually asked me to
9 make the payment because he was afraid it would be
10 taken, the Tahoe.

11 Q. So you wrote a check for three
12 payments to catch it up?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. When was the last time you saw the
15 Tahoe?

16 A. On the 10th. Well, actually I did see
17 the Tahoe when I came home on Memorial Day weekend.

18 Q. When was the last time you got to
19 drive the Tahoe?

20 A. The morning of the 10th when I dropped
21 the children off at school.

22 Q. Did he ever drive the Tahoe?

23 A. He would drive the Tahoe when we were
24 together as a family, but he has his own car that
25 his mother gave him.

1 Q. Where is that car now?

2 A. It's parked in my driveway locked.

3 Q. Do you need that car removed and the

4 Tahoe back?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Have you been interviewing for

7 pharmacist jobs since you were served with the

8 divorce?

9 A. Yes, I have.

10 Q. Do you need transportation in order to

11 get a job, keep a job?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How much money are you asking for for

14 groceries, food, clothes, gas, until we can do

15 something further?

16 A. I know we had one column just for the

17 children and then one column just me.

18 Q. Just for you.

19 A. As for me I'm not sure without looking

20 at it. I think it was around 25, 2800, and we

21 weren't sure about the insurance at that point.

22 That pushed it up a little higher, but probably

23 around 3,000.

24 Q. Do you have any other source of money?

25 A. Not right now, no.

1 Q. Do you have any food in your
2 refrigerator?

3 A. No.

4 Q. How often do you want to see the
5 children under this visitation supervision?

6 A. How often? Well, your Honor, Joahie,
7 as much as possible.

8 THE COURT: For the record let's refer
9 to her as Ms. Abernathy.

10 THE WITNESS: Ms. Abernathy, as much
11 as possible.

12 BY MS. ABERNATHY:

13 Q. You will take anything?

14 A. Yes.

15 MS. ABERNATHY: I guess that's all.

16 THE COURT: Cross-examination?

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18 CROSS EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. PARSLEY:

20 Q. You didn't try to hurt yourself, Mrs.
21 Solomon?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. You didn't?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Let me ask you about this e-mail to

1 your husband dated May the 31st. Do you have a copy
2 in front of you?

3 A. I have.

4 Q. Do you recognize that document?

5 A. Yes.

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7 (Exhibit Two received into
8 evidence to this hearing.)

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10 BY MR. PARSLEY:

11 Q. Did you write that document?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. "My life, Angie Huffines Solomon, I
14 love you more than words can say, Aaron. I never
15 thought you would do this to me. As years go by, do
16 you realize I didn't deserve this torture? But it's
17 over for me now. You live with it." What does that
18 mean?

19 A. He had left with the children. When I
20 woke that morning they were gone. I was very
21 desperate and frantic to find them. That line
22 basically means it's over for me and you, obviously.

23 Q. Let's jump up two paragraphs. "I love
24 you forever, my best friend. I'll always be
25 watching over you. Wish I had got to kiss and hug

1 you one more time." What do you mean by that?

2 A. Wished I had got to kiss and hug him
3 one more time?

4 Q. Pardon?

5 A. Wished I had gotten to kiss and hug
6 him one more time?

7 Q. Kiss and hug you one more time.

8 A. Well, I did. They were gone, and he
9 wouldn't respond to any of my texts or calls. I did
10 wish. I knew they were gone. My mother told me
11 they were gone.

12 Q. Let me ask you about some texts that
13 you --

14 THE COURT: Well, let me ask you,
15 because I got more questions.

16 MR. PARSLEY: I can zero in on it
17 pretty quick.

18 THE COURT: Mrs. Solomon, I'm going to
19 say -- Mrs. Solomon, that doesn't read that way to
20 me. Then you say up here -- and I haven't even read
21 the full paragraph, but just go two lines up about
22 -- you know, above. It says, "So this is my last
23 writing on this earth." I mean, when I read that,
24 that just really kind of tells me -- your
25 interpretation of what you're telling me is not

1 understand why I wrote it.

2 Q. So you were kind of -- so it's your
3 testimony you were making up stuff, making up lies
4 to get what you wanted then, right?

5 A. No. I felt -- it was unbearable pain.

6 Q. Let's do another. You know you've
7 been pretty prolific in sending texts to them, don't
8 you?

9 A. Yes. I have counted them with you.

10 Q. Let's talk about some you sent on May
11 the 9th. The bottom of the page, Mrs. Solomon, a
12 copy for your Honor, also. From Aaron, do you see
13 that, the third sentence from the bottom, Mrs.
14 Solomon? "And I have a picture of you in the shower
15 when you tried to hang yourself with the hair
16 dryer," and you respond, "Oh, Aaron" --

17 Flip over to the next page. You see
18 where your husband responded, but let's look what
19 you say the fourth line down from Angie. "You took
20 a picture before you tried to help me? That shows
21 me where this has gone. Just go find another. I
22 staged that anyway, but who cares. Use it against
23 me. Now I'm a complete wreck. I won't be making
24 any field trip or to the school."

25 Move down another. "I'm beyond

1 hysteria. Got to calm down. All I wanted was to be
2 loved, nothing more. Unfortunately, I wouldn't kill
3 myself, but you would memorialize my faking it to
4 get attention and use it against me instead of love
5 me."

6 So you did -- he did find you in the
7 shower with the hair dryer cord around your neck,
8 didn't he?

9 A. No.

10 Q. You're still going to deny it?

11 A. I can't state that that's my text.

12 Q. It's not your text?

13 A. I don't see my number on there.

14 Q. You don't. So it's your testimony
15 this didn't happen. These texts did not occur,
16 correct?

17 A. I -- would you repeat that.

18 Q. It's your testimony these texts did
19 not happen. You didn't write this text, these
20 series of texts, did you?

21 A. I don't recall that in that way, and I
22 don't see my number or --

23 Q. What's your number?

24 A. My phone number, 615-585-0363.

25 Q. So it's your testimony under oath in

1 front of Judge Smith today, that these texts do not
2 emanate from your cell phone; is that correct,
3 because I'm going to show them to you.

4 A. You can show them to me, but I'm not
5 saying that I did it.

6 Q. Can you not remember, ma'am, if you
7 did these texts or not?

8 A. I don't recall these texts, no.

9 Q. Did you erase the texts from your
10 phone?

11 A. I frequently erase texts from my
12 phone, but I don't recall doing this, writing this
13 series of texts at all.

14 Q. Let's move on two more pages back,
15 ma'am. Top of the page from Angie: "Sending out my
16 picture you made before helping me. You tried to
17 hang me." So it's your testimony that your husband
18 tried to hang you, correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Why didn't you go through with this
21 order of protection when this man tried to hang you
22 from the shower nozzle with the blow dryer cord?

23 A. Why did I -- I'm sorry. Why did I
24 what?

25 Q. Why didn't you go through with this

1 order of protection? Why did you come up here and
2 tell Judge Smith you didn't want it?

3 A. Because it was through a third party,
4 my family, that if I dropped the order of
5 protection, that there was no divorce, there was no
6 restraining order, and that he was coming home, and
7 actually Mike told my attorney that day.

8 Q. Let's move on a couple of more pages
9 where you start around 5, 5 o'clock in the morning
10 on May the 9th.

11 MR. PARSLEY: Judge -- and I apologize
12 for these not being numbered. They are so prolific,
13 we didn't have time to get them all.

14 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Where are
15 you at?

16 BY MR. PARSLEY:

17 Q. I'm on the page where it begins with
18 the date May the 9th, 5:18 a.m. That should be
19 seven pages back, Mrs. Solomon. Tell me when you're
20 there.

21 A. May 9, 2013, 5:18?

22 Q. Yes, ma'am. From Angie, "I'm hurting
23 badly in my back. I'm sure I did all of this to
24 myself, of course. No field trip, no school, no
25 rehearsal, no Dr. Reed, no practice." I don't know

1 what practice -- I guess that means practice,
2 correct?

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. You don't know. You didn't text that,
5 correct?

6 A. No. I do not recall texting that.

7 Q. Let's go down a couple of two
8 paragraphs. From Angie, "You're gone. That's all I
9 know since 4 a.m. You broke my trust and called my
10 parents on me again. You took a picture of me
11 before helping me. That's real concern for
12 situation in my life. I'm hurt and you aren't
13 here."

14 What picture are you making reference
15 to that he says he took of you?

16 A. Well again, if I don't recognize these
17 texts then I don't -- I don't know what I would be
18 referencing, unless you're trying to draw me back to
19 the initial conversation, but that's not what I'm
20 going to do.

21 Q. Let's assume you didn't send any of
22 these texts. Did you have any discussion with your
23 husband about him taking a picture of you in the
24 shower?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And what were you concerned about if
2 you had not tried to harm yourself? What would make
3 a difference if he took a picture of you in the
4 shower?

5 A. I did not -- I did not try to harm
6 myself. I was concerned that he didn't dial 9-1-1
7 instead of making a picture of me.

8 Q. I'm sorry. One more time.

9 A. That he wouldn't have dialed 9-1-1 if
10 he -- if he had tried to harm me, than to make a
11 picture of me instead.

12 Q. I'm sorry. I don't understand what
13 you're saying.

14 A. We had a conversation face-to-face
15 about it. He said he made a picture of me in the
16 condition that he left me in. Why would you make --

17 Q. What condition were you left in?

18 A. Pardon?

19 Q. What condition did he leave you in,
20 ma'am?

21 A. He left -- what condition he left me
22 in?

23 Q. Yes, ma'am. What condition were you
24 in?

25 A. I was without the cord on my neck and

1 out the door and attending to my son who was
2 awakened by the entire ordeal.

3 Q. Okay. I didn't hear you. You were
4 what?

5 A. Let me go back and let you maybe ask
6 the question again.

7 THE COURT: You just said something
8 about a cord around your neck?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes. I took that off
10 and ran out of the bathroom. He was gone, and Grant
11 was awake in the bed.

12 BY MR. PARSLEY:

13 Q. How did you get a cord around your
14 neck, ma'am?

15 A. He put it there.

16 Q. He put it there. Then he went and
17 called 9-1-1?

18 A. I said no. That was what my concern
19 was when we had our personal conversation
20 one-on-one, was why would you make a picture of me
21 instead of calling 9-1-1?

22 Q. Let me ask you this. Let me pass you
23 this e-mail up. So I assume you had been e-mailing
24 him, weren't you? I'll give you mine. You see this
25 in front of you?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you write this e-mail?

3 A. May I read it, please?

4 Q. Yes, ma'am, go ahead.

5 THE COURT: I'm going to mark this for
6 I.D., three.

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8 (Exhibit Three so marked for
9 I.D. only to this hearing.)

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11 MR. PARSLEY: I may not be necessarily
12 going through that one.

13 BY MR. PARSLEY:

14 Q. Let me read the third sentence. "I am
15 not suicidal. I made a bad choice for attention,
16 but I accept responsibility for that choice and have
17 learned why I did it and won't repeat it."

18 What bad decisions did you make for
19 attention?

20 A. I didn't make any bad -- I didn't make
21 any bad -- I know what the e-mail says.

22 Q. What are you talking about in this
23 e-mail?

24 A. In order for Aaron to stay at home
25 with me, I had to take ownership of what has

1 happened.

2 Q. Tell us what you are taking
3 responsibility for, what bad choice you made. What
4 were you trying to do to get attention?

5 A. I didn't take responsibility for what
6 happened in the shower that night so that he will
7 come home and then protect his public image.

8 Q. So what you're telling us, Mrs.
9 Solomon, is in this e-mail -- this is a copy for
10 your Honor. In this e-mail you lied to Mr. Solomon
11 and -- about trying to harm yourself to get
12 attention. Never happened, right?

13 A. I'm not going to say that I lied and
14 it never happened.

15 Q. I don't suppose you would say that you
16 lied. I understand that.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Parsley, let me stop
18 you. Ma'am, I'm going to have to ask you. A lot of
19 your testimony isn't adding up to me. This e-mail
20 on May the 16th -- and I think it was before you
21 were served with the divorce.

22 THE WITNESS: May the 16th I actually
23 knew about the divorce.

24 THE COURT: You knew about it. Hadn't
25 been served?

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THE WITNESS: Correct.

(Exhibit Four received into evidence to this hearing.)

THE COURT: Says here from you, at 4:04:38 a.m., subject: "Still throwing up. It's 3:55. It happens every night, and I'm worrying about you guys, and I hope G and GG's little minds are okay. I never got over my mom being removed from me. I never was sure what was around the next door. Dr. Murphy is concerned for them too. I am not suicidal. I made a bad choice for attention, but I expect -- I accept responsibility for that choice and have learned why I did it and won't repeat it."

THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

THE COURT: Mrs. Solomon, this question is a very important question, and it could be key to this case. I want you to explain to me why you would put that language, "I made a bad choice for attention" in this correspondence, and again this is a watershed moment in this case. Okay?

THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

1 THE COURT: Why did you put that in
2 there?

3 THE WITNESS: Because in our marriage,
4 when anything went awry or there was any violence,
5 as long as I took ownership of it, Aaron would come
6 home, and I would still have a marriage.

7 THE COURT: And this is a man who you
8 said put a cord from a hair dryer around your neck?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Why would you want that
11 man back?

12 THE WITNESS: That's a watershed
13 moment, your Honor. I wanted him back because I
14 love him. I loved him then. When he came back
15 Memorial Day everything had so-called worked. When
16 he took the kids out on Thursday, and I got up
17 Friday morning and they were gone, at that point I
18 was done.

19 THE COURT: But what you're saying to
20 me doesn't make sense to me.

21 THE WITNESS: Which part?

22 THE COURT: Well, the part that you
23 say if you take ownership he'll come back home. I
24 mean, I'm beginning -- I'm going to --

25 MR. PARSLEY: I'll interrupt your

1 thought, Judge. I think I can conclude this rather
2 quickly.

3 BY MR. PARSLEY:

4 Q. Mrs. Solomon, if you would, please,
5 ma'am, these are texts related to May the 31st,
6 2013. Seventh line from the bottom, "I'm
7 hysterical, and I'm ending it all." Did you text
8 that, ma'am?

9 A. I do not recall that. I do not see
10 anything on here that says I did.

11 THE COURT: I'll tell you what let's
12 do. Mr. Solomon, do you have it on your phone?

13 MR. SOLOMON: Which set of texts?

14 MR. PARSLEY: Most respectfully, we'll
15 submit these. We did this for convenience to read
16 them, but they are on the -- we've got them on --

17 THE COURT: I want to show it on the
18 phone. Let me say this. What is it dated?

19 MR. PARSLEY: May the 31st, your
20 Honor.

21 THE COURT: She should still have it
22 on her phone because there's a statutory injunction,
23 that prevents her from --

24 MR. PARSLEY: Against destroying
25 evidence.

1 THE COURT: To prevent her from
2 deleting any text messages.

3 MS. ABERNATHY: Here's her phone, so
4 find it on your phone.

5 MR. PARSLEY: Your Honor, I'm sorry.
6 We have like 80 pages, and we're trying to cull the
7 most important ones. Forgive us.

8 THE COURT: Tell you what I'm going to
9 do. I'm going to take five minutes. I got a
10 sandwich back there. I'm going to eat it real
11 quick.

12 MR. PARSLEY: How many?

13 THE COURT: One for me. Why don't you
14 and Ms. Abernathy look at those texts?

15 (Recess was taken.)

16 THE COURT: Be seated.

17 MR. PARSLEY: We have scrolled the
18 cell phone appropriately. She's identified her
19 phone number. I have a couple of questions I want
20 to ask her just to get this text stuff out of the
21 way if I could. I want to know what order your
22 Honor wants it. I would like to do this first.
23 Then we'll show you through him that they're here,
24 she did them.

25 THE COURT: All right.

1 (Exhibit Five received into
2 evidence to this hearing.)

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4 BY MR. PARSLEY:

5 Q. Do you have the document I just passed
6 you, a series of text messages for the record?

7 A. Yes.

8 MR. PARSLEY: Your Honor, do you have
9 your copy?

10 THE COURT: I do.

11 BY MR. PARSLEY:

12 Q. Seven lines from the bottom, May 31st,
13 2013. "I'm hysterical, and I'm ending it all." Did
14 you text that, ma'am?

15 A. May I look?

16 Q. You don't know if you told him you
17 were going to end it all?

18 A. I don't recall telling him "I'm going
19 to end it all, but I know that that would get him to
20 come back home.

21 Q. Let's go down a little bit. "You
22 aren't responding, and so I assume the worst. You
23 are gone, and you took my babies again. I won't be
24 alive through this day." Did you text that?

25 A. Again I don't -- I would have to look

1 here to see if I texted it. I don't recall, but
2 there was so much pain, and my heart was so broken,
3 I'm surprised I didn't go through with it that day.
4 I wasn't going to hurt myself, but I was
5 heartbroken.

6 Q. Let's flip to another page. About
7 halfway down the page, "You are taking y'all back to
8 lake house to forever leave Mommy. I found one
9 bullet in the chamber, and I left a note for the
10 babies. I can't live this way." What should he
11 interpret from that text from you, ma'am, when you
12 say there's a bullet in the chamber, and you left a
13 note for the babies? What does that mean?

14 A. I was going to end it, I guess, but I
15 don't have any bullets.

16 Q. So were you lying?

17 A. No.

18 Q. So you were telling the truth?

19 A. I wanted to look it up on here right
20 here to be sure.

21 THE COURT: Look it up.

22 BY MR. PARSLEY:

23 Q. 11:02 a.m., May the 31st -- I'm sorry.

24 That's correct. 11:02 a.m., May the 31st, 2013.

25 A. May the 31st.

1 Q. Be mindful, Mrs. Solomon, that Judge
2 Smith, he sees your text there too.

3 MS. ABERNATHY: May I object to Mr.
4 Parsley making comments?

5 THE COURT: Yes. I'm going to ask
6 both counsel to approach at this point also. That
7 wasn't an appropriate comment. I'll strike that for
8 the record. This one was ...

9 THE WITNESS: 11:02.

10 THE COURT: 11:02.

11 MR. PARSLEY: Oh, I thought you wanted
12 us to approach, your Honor. I'm sorry.

13 THE WITNESS: I have a 10:46 a.m.
14 right there, May 31st, 2013. Then I have May 31st,
15 2013, 11:06.

16 BY MR. PARSLEY:

17 Q. So you don't have them on your phone?

18 THE COURT: What does it say?

19 MS. ABERNATHY: Read the one before.
20 It's not my examination. I'm so sorry.

21 MR. PARSLEY: That's all right.
22 You're doing well.

23 THE WITNESS: I said on May 31st,
24 2013, 11:06, I said, "I'll be a good wife and won't
25 ask any questions. I don't want to die. Please

1 help me."

2 THE COURT: Wasn't there more to it?

3 MR. PARSLEY: I guess she could tell
4 us, your Honor, why she would die then.

5 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I guess if
6 you take that literally as die, but if you also take
7 it as you're heart's broken and you are hurting so
8 bad you're going to die ...

9 THE COURT: Let me see your cell.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, go ahead.

11 THE COURT: Wait a minute now.

12 There's more to this message than you read. Says --
13 this is on your phone, ma'am. Says, "You're taking
14 y'all back to the lake house to forever leave Mommy.
15 I found one bullet in the chamber, and I have left a
16 note for the babies. I can't live this way."

17 Counsel --

18 MR. PARSLEY: She just told this Court
19 that was not on that cell phone.

20 THE COURT: It's 11:06.

21 THE WITNESS: Right. I thought you
22 were wanting 11:02.

23 MR. PARSLEY: I may have said 11:02,
24 because there's different times.

25 THE WITNESS: That's fine.

1 MR. PARSLEY: Your Honor, does it have
2 the -- does it have an entry subsequent to that that
3 says, "I called Mom, and I told her and Dad good
4 bye. I never wanted to hurt myself, but I can't
5 stand this pain, and you won't talk to me. You took
6 my children. Again I hope one bullet does the trick
7 because I sure don't know what I'm doing."

8 THE COURT: What time would it have
9 been?

10 MR. PARSLEY: It would have been --
11 his phone indicates 11:50 a.m., but apparently
12 there's a minute or two leeway between those
13 processing.

14 THE COURT: 11:06, one bullet. 31st.
15 Then it jumps to 12:55 p.m.

16 MR. PARSLEY: We'll show it on his,
17 Judge, if it's not on hers.

18 BY MR. PARSLEY:

19 Q. So you don't have an entry -- "I guess
20 this is it for old Ang. I'm scared to do this, but
21 I can't live without you and Gracie and Grant. Here
22 goes." That was not on that phone either, your
23 Honor?

24 THE COURT: What time was it?

25 MR. PARSLEY: Judge, it's subsequent

1 to the 10:40 and before the 11:50 a.m., May the 31st
2 where it says, "I found one bullet in the chamber
3 and I left a note." Your Honor found that one?

4 THE COURT: Yeah, I did. It's on
5 there.

6 MR. PARSLEY: It should be pretty
7 shortly after that, Judge.

8 THE WITNESS: 11:50 a.m.?

9 THE COURT: "I guess this is it for
10 old Ang. I'm scared to do this, but I can't live W
11 O U and Grant and Gracie. Here goes." Yes, that's
12 on there.

13 MR. PARSLEY: W O U is high-tech
14 texting. Judge, I'm concerned about the one that
15 says, "I called Mom and told her and Dad good-bye
16 and everyone if I hurt myself. I hope one bullet
17 will do the trick." That should be shortly
18 thereafter.

19 THE COURT: It's not on there, Mr.
20 Parsley.

21 MR. PARSLEY: Okay.

22 THE COURT: Here is the next one. It
23 is one from Mr. Solomon. "Please don't do anything
24 drastic. I love you. The kids love you." Says,
25 "You nerr to get more help." I guess that's a typo.

1 "Seriously, I'm not playing any games. I'm worried
2 about you."

3 MR. PARSLEY: I'll let him be looking
4 for that, Judge.

5 THE COURT: I think -- Mr. Parsley, I
6 think I've probably heard enough at this point from
7 Mrs. Solomon.

8 BY MR. PARSLEY:

9 Q. Let me ask you something. You told
10 his Honor that you don't have any money, but you
11 raised \$17,000 over the Internet by telling people
12 he stole your babies. What did you do with that
13 money?

14 A. First of all, I didn't tell anyone I
15 needed 17,000. Second of all --

16 THE COURT: Did you raise 17,000?

17 THE WITNESS: No.

18 THE COURT: How much did you raise?

19 THE WITNESS: So far I've only been
20 able to acquire \$3900.

21 BY MR. PARSLEY:

22 Q. So you are not broke, are you?

23 A. I don't have that money because I used
24 it to retain my attorneys until I could pay them the
25 balance.

1 THE COURT: Why would you tell people
2 he had stolen your babies? I mean, I signed a
3 restraining order, ma'am. If anybody is to blame
4 it's me.

5 THE WITNESS: That was a prayer chain
6 that was started by a young lady named Hope Conrad
7 at Grace Christian. That was what it was intended
8 to be. I didn't do anything until I was texted. I
9 think it was the next day and said it's getting out
10 of hand on here, and I actually came on and realized
11 somebody got into my Facebook account so I said
12 let's take this thing down. I don't want to do
13 anything to hurt Aaron, the children or me. Just
14 please pray for all. I thanked Hope.

15 MR. PARSLEY: If we could, Judge, on
16 June the 7th we filed this motion for restraining
17 order. We attached to that these Facebook chain or
18 whatever it is, Judge. Let me, if I may, read some
19 of these and see if Mrs. Solomon will admit this.

20 BY MR. PARSLEY:

21 Q. You stated in this chain, "I love you.
22 I shouldn't be leaving until noon. Calling the bank
23 right now. I have until then to get the money,
24 \$17,000." That's your writing, isn't it?

25 A. No. I didn't need \$17,000.

1 Q. Ma'am, it's your testimony that you
2 did not put that entry on that Facebook chain or
3 whatever it is where you were trying to raise
4 \$17,000?

5 A. That is correct, but it is my
6 testimony that I did come on around 11 something, I
7 mean, somewhere the next day and say please, we've
8 got to take this chain down.

9 Q. Ma'am, how much money have you paid
10 these lawyers?

11 MS. ABERNATHY: I object to the
12 relevancy, if your Honor please.

13 THE COURT: Yeah.

14 MR. PARSLEY: If it please the Court,
15 she said she didn't raise but \$3900 on this.

16 THE WITNESS: I didn't raise it on the
17 Facebook account.

18 BY MR. PARSLEY:

19 Q. Where did you get the money? How much
20 did you pay your lawyers?

21 MS. ABERNATHY: I said I object to
22 relevancy, if your Honor please.

23 THE COURT: Again, Ms. Abernathy, I'm
24 not concerned about your -- you're worth every penny
25 you got and more, but let me say, you know, I think

1 I do need to hear what money has come into her
2 hands. There's an issue of temporary support out
3 there.

4 BY MR. PARSLEY:

5 Q. How much have you paid your lawyers so
6 far?

7 A. \$3900.

8 Q. So it's your testimony today, all you
9 have paid your lawyers thus far is \$3900; is that
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now you then send to the children
13 certain things telling them that you're locked up at
14 the house, right?

15 A. No.

16 Q. That their dad -- let me ask you some
17 things --

18 MR. PARSLEY: One for the Court ...

19 BY MR. PARSLEY:

20 Q. Pull these conversations up on your
21 phone that you had with Grant on June the 3rd, 2013
22 at 12:53 p.m. You said you didn't say that. Go to
23 your phone, pull it up, June 3rd, and it may not be
24 exactly 12:53, but a minute there before.

25 A. See, Grant, he won't be on here. We

1 don't communicate.

2 Q. Ma'am, you got a text message. Just
3 check, please, ma'am, and see if you have a text.

4 A. I did. We don't communicate via text
5 messages, like I can't communicate with my iPhone to
6 his iTouch.

7 MR. PARSLEY: Let me pass Grant's
8 iTouch up to you and see if you said these
9 statements. That's your phone number at the top.

10 THE WITNESS: That's what we're
11 looking at. I haven't moved it. I was just trying
12 to see it.

13 MR. PARSLEY: Put it back where it
14 was. The number comes up. Tell Judge Smith what
15 your phone number is again, ma'am.

16 THE WITNESS: That's my number.

17 BY MR. PARSLEY:

18 Q. That's your son's iTouch, so you're
19 saying to the judge you didn't send those, right?

20 A. I don't recall sending those, no.

21 Q. "I got to get y'all, but I don't know
22 where you are. No. Erase everything I send you."
23 You didn't tell him to erase everything you send him
24 then either, did you?

25 A. No. I wouldn't want him to erase

1 everything I send him.

2 Q. I mean, he didn't. I mean, it's
3 there, right? Why would you tell a child to erase
4 communications from you?

5 A. I did not tell him to erase
6 communications.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Parsley, I've heard
8 enough from her. Let me hear from Mr. Solomon.

9 MR. PARSLEY: Okay, Judge. I hate to
10 say it, but I got 60 or 70 more pages, but another
11 day, I guess.

12 THE COURT: Another day.

13 MR. PARSLEY: Your Honor, we would
14 like to enter those as the next exhibit, whatever
15 sequential order.

16 THE COURT: Is there any objection,
17 Ms. Abernathy?

18 MS. ABERNATHY: No. The summaries of
19 the texts or e-mails, is that what you're asking
20 for, Scott?

21 MR. PARSLEY: Yes.

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23 (Exhibit Six received into
24 evidence to this hearing.)

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THE COURT: Mr. Solomon, take the stand, please. What I want to address at this point -- I know what I'm going to do on parenting time, but I do want to hear on the support issue. That's all I want to focus on.

MR. PARSLEY: Okay, Judge..

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AARON SOLOMON,

having been first duly sworn as a witness, on behalf of the Plaintiff, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. PARSLEY:

Q. Mr. Solomon, state your name, please, sir.

A. Aaron Solomon.

Q. Are you employed, sir?

A. Not presently, no.

Q. When was the last time you were employed?

A. April 27th was my termination date from Morgan Stanley.

Q. Prior to that time how long have you been unemployed?

A. I worked for six weeks at Morgan Stanley. I was unemployed previously since last March of 2012 at a radio station. In the meantime last summer and fall I was working towards getting a position of coaching and teaching at Grace Christian Academy where our kids have been going to school, and I was getting monetary credit towards their

1 tuition for my coaching, and they were going to
2 create a position for me for this next school year.
3 That was the original plan.

4 Q. Mr. Solomon, you and Mrs. Solomon have
5 been in bankruptcy, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Hadn't made a house payment in three
8 or four years, have you?

9 A. Not at the Abbott Martin residence,
10 no. We have rented at other locations.

11 Q. You received some money from an
12 inheritance; is that correct?

13 A. Yes. I had a great aunt pass away
14 last summer.

15 Q. That estate has not been settled or
16 distributed, has it?

17 A. It actually just started to get
18 distributed this week, last week.

19 Q. You got some up-front money from them
20 by telling them about your financial situation, did
21 you not?

22 A. Correct, emergency advance.

23 Q. That's your separate property, isn't
24 it?

25 A. It's supposed to be in the trust. The

1 trust is, yes.

2 Q. But you didn't have any way to pay the
3 bills or feed the family, so you asked them to
4 advance the money, didn't you?

5 A. Yes. We borrowed a lot of money from
6 family members and things. Nobody else could help
7 at any point.

8 Q. You did that. Let me -- Judge, I
9 guess you want income and expense statements?

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11 (Exhibit Seven received into
12 evidence to this hearing.)

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14 (Exhibit Eight received into
15 evidence to this hearing.)

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17 THE COURT: Ms. Abernathy --

18 MR. PARSLEY: I gave her a copy.

19 THE COURT: I need hers. Let me ask
20 you, Mr. Solomon. Will you be getting any
21 distribution from the trust?

22 THE WITNESS: There's nothing set up
23 right now. Right now on the trust there's a farm
24 and investments like stocks, bonds, things like
25 that, but nothing set up to get a certain

1 distribution.

2 THE COURT: Do you have any idea what
3 you will receive from the settlement of the estate?

4 THE WITNESS: As far as what do you
5 mean?

6 THE COURT: Do you know --

7 THE WITNESS: -- the monetary value?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes. The investments
10 are roughly \$300,000. The farm is separate. It was
11 appraised last year for 740,000.

12 THE COURT: Are you the sole
13 beneficiary of the trust?

14 THE WITNESS: Until I die. Then my
15 children are.

16 THE COURT: Generation skipping trust?

17 THE WITNESS: I don't know the terms.

18 I know I'm the beneficiary, and if I die my

19 children --

20 THE COURT: It's not a generation
21 skipping trust then.

22 BY MR. PARSLEY:

23 Q. But that farm has to be sold for you
24 to realize --

25 A. It's a farm sitting there right now.

1 Q. It's not sold?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. You understand that's your separate
4 property, and she doesn't have any rights to it.
5 You understand that?

6 THE COURT: Mr. Parsley, that's not
7 quite right. Can't separate property be considered
8 for support?

9 MR. PARSLEY: I didn't get to ask my
10 next question.

11 THE COURT: Just making sure that I
12 didn't have to send you back to NSL.

13 MR. PARSLEY: This isn't my first
14 rodeo, your Honor.

15 BY MR. PARSLEY:

16 Q. You're willing to use what money you
17 can to try to get through this to help support the
18 family, correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You have been doing that after all?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. PARSLEY: That help?

23 THE COURT: That will help. Thank
24 you.

25 MR. PARSLEY: Judge, I certainly don't

1 know how to pick or what you're going to say, but I
2 don't want to be hesitant and let this go without my
3 client expressing his concerns about what state he
4 found his wife in the bathtub.

5 THE COURT: I'll allow it.

6 BY MR. PARSLEY:

7 Q. Mr. Solomon, these texts and e-mails
8 that we have put in as exhibits today, you received
9 those in exchange with your wife, did you not, sir?

10 A. Yes, I did.

11 Q. Have you fabricated any of this
12 evidence, sir?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you have these texts between you
15 and she on your phone right now?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. The judge can look at every one,
18 correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Have we retyped these just for the
21 convenience of the court?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And you reviewed those subsequent to
24 their being transcribed by a secretary onto the
25 paper, correct?

1 A. I actually -- I physically transcribed
2 everything from the phone onto the paper, yes.

3 Q. But you have on your phone. You have
4 not deleted any of these, have you?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. These things on the iTouch, how did
7 you discover those she says she can't remember to
8 the child?

9 A. I figured she would try to communicate
10 with Grant in some way, and on the iTouch it's an ap
11 that allows you to text via -- something. I don't
12 know the tech word.

13 Q. The question is pretty simple. Did
14 you find it on his iTouch?

15 A. I found it on his iTouch.

16 Q. Did it indicate that it came from her
17 phone?

18 A. Yes. It has her phone number at the
19 top.

20 Q. All right, sir. Let me ask you. She
21 said she didn't attempt suicide. Tell Judge Smith
22 about this incident that you say occurred in the
23 bathtub.

24 A. Yes. It was -- we were in our living
25 room together. She was not happy. We had been

1 arguing; over what, I don't even know. Arguments
2 happen a lot. She said, "I'm going to go end it.
3 I've been thinking about this. I know how to do it.
4 I know what I'm going to do."

5 She walked out of the room. From our
6 living room our kids were asleep in our bedroom, in
7 our master bedroom. She went through the master
8 bedroom into the master bathroom which is
9 connected. She locked the bedroom door behind her.
10 Then she locked -- she went into the bathroom, and
11 there's a French double door that doesn't lock.

12 Then there's an inner part of the
13 restroom that has the toilet and the shower. She
14 went in there and locked that door. Locks on the
15 door are the kind that just have the tiny little
16 holes that you have to -- we have a key, but it's
17 not really a key. It's kind of a weird lock that
18 you have to --

19 Q. We know what you're talking about.

20 A. So as soon as she walked in and locked
21 those, I followed in behind, and I got the little
22 key thing. It took a couple of minutes to get
23 through both sets of doors.

24 Q. What did you find when you got
25 through?

1 A. When I got through both sets of
2 doors, I opened the second door, and I couldn't
3 believe it. She ... She had wrapped the hair dryer
4 cord around her neck three or four times, and the
5 hair dryer was resting like here, and the other end
6 which she plugged in, she had attached to the shower
7 head.

8 She was slumped down in the bottom of
9 the shower, and I immediately could tell that she
10 had not snapped her neck. I know that that's how
11 you die when you hang yourself and -- but she was
12 turning colors. Her hands were turning purple. Her
13 face was turning red. It was tight. It was taut.

14 And so I immediately undid it from the
15 shower head first, and then allowed me to get it out
16 from around her neck, and it took -- I don't know.
17 It took maybe three or four minutes for her to come
18 to. She was breathing. She had a pulse. I got a
19 cold cloth and rubbed it on her head and tried to
20 get her to come to.

21 It took three or four minutes maybe.
22 When she came to she became semi-violent. She
23 wanted to push me away, get away from me. She
24 kicked at me. Don't try to help me. Then that
25 became -- that's transferred it back into the living

1 room because I've always tried to protect anything
2 from the kids, and they were in our bedroom right
3 there.

4 They were not awake. They were not
5 awakened by the incident. We went into the living
6 room where she proceeded to get violent with me and
7 said that she was going to beat the hell out of me
8 for the next two-and-a-half hours until the kids
9 woke up. It was roughly 2:30-ish when this
10 happened.

11 She proceeded to attack me, tried to
12 hit me, scratch, pull, all that. At that time I
13 tried to defend myself, get away, grabbed my cell
14 phone which was charging, and I went out the front
15 door, got in our car, drove to the Kroger, which is
16 roughly three or four blocks down Abbott Martin.

17 And on the way I immediately called
18 her father just to let him know what had just
19 happened, and that she had escalated, and that she
20 had threatened suicide many times in the past, but
21 had never carried anything out to the point of
22 making it look like she had done it or tried it
23 or --

24 And that really bothered me that she
25 had threatened it many times, but never to this

1 degree of doing something like that, and that's why
2 I called them because we had already talked about
3 the fact that we needed to somehow get her help in
4 some way.

5 Q. Let me ask you, Mr. Solomon.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You've heard her say up here on this
8 stand that you tried to hang her, you tried to hurt
9 her. Do you remember she took the order of
10 protection out on you?

11 A. I know, I know. We took her to
12 Centennial the next day.

13 MR. PARSLEY: We'll pass a certified
14 copy of that order of protection.

15 MS. ABERNATHY: I've seen it. It's
16 the order of protection?

17 THE COURT: It is.

18 BY MR. PARSLEY:

19 Q. You were up here when Mr. Strickland
20 and Mike Parsley came up on the order of protection,
21 correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. She said that you tried to hang her
24 with the blow dryer cord in the bathroom of your
25 home, correct?