IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

BOCA PARK MARKETPLACE SYNDICATIONS GROUP, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Appellant,

v.

HIGCO, INC., a Nevada corporation,

Respondent.

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH GONZALEZ, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

BENCH TRIAL - DAY 1

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016

APPEARANCES:

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FOR THE DEFENDANT: CHARLES H. McCREA, JR., ESQ.

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016, 1:23 P.M.

(Court was called to order)

THE COURT: Good afternoon. Would you like to make an opening statement?

MR. OLSEN: We would, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

PLAINTIFF'S OPENING STATEMENT

MR. OLSEN: Boca Park, the landlord, made a promise in this case, as the Court knows. The promise was that all revenues -- gaming revenues in Boca Park belong to Three Angry Wives. The form of the promise was a negotiated exclusive, which you'll hear about, for gaming. It was gaming and taverns, but what's relevant here is for gaming. And the Court's already decided that Boca Park broke that promise by finding liability in this case.

It broke the promise by entering into a lease with Wahoo's, Wahoo's Tacos, that allowed gaming. Gaming there started in May of 2012, and since that time not only has Boca Park, the landlord, collected the full and increasing rent from Three Angry Wives, but it's also collected base rent from Wahoo's and it's entitled -- as a gaming establishment it's entitled to collect at percentage rent based on Wahoo's revenues.

When the defendant broke that promise in 2012 Three Angry Wives, Higco -- it's trade name is Three Angry Wives, as

the Court knows, was nine years into a thirty-year lease with extensions. It had established itself and Boca Park as a gaming destination. There was no other gaming allowed in the center, except there was gaming at the grocery store, at Von's, and Long's was there for a period with gaming in the drug store.

You'll hear that location is critical. It's critical to any business, frankly, but it's particularly critical to a gaming business. Here you have not only great traffic patterns, a lot of traffic going by this location, but traffic in the center, and it's an affluent area, which is a perfect scenario for gaming.

You'll hear that an exclusive in a center like this is critical. It's because there's potential for other gaming establishments in a center like this to get that as part of your negotiated deal, to get an exclusive on gaming to keep out other competition is essential to the deal. Boca Park took that away by allowing gaming within 600 feet or so of Three Angry Wives.

Then Boca Park claimed that there was no exclusive. Now, that issue of whether it was a different contract or what the exclusive meant was previously resolved in declaratory relief action. Now, however, after the Court has determined liability on Boca Park's part it still claims that Three Angry Wives has no damages or de minimis damages. Three Angry Wives

has been damaged because Wahoo's received revenue for gaming at Boca Park. That's the issue. All Boca Park gaming is supposed to be Three Angry Wives gaming. That is the universe of gaming we're looking at here. There should be no option to go to any other venue in Boca Park for gaming. I think of it as more akin to a -- it's a lease provision, but I think it was more akin to almost like a doctor's noncompete; when that doctor leaves the practice and violates his noncompete every patient should have been a patient of that prior practice. Every Wahoo's gaming game is a loss for Three Angry Wives.

Between July 2012, a couple of months after they opened for gaming, through June of last year, which is the information that was studied by plaintiff's expert, Mr. Aguero, and then reviewed by defendants' expert, during that period of time over \$10 million in coin in you'll see went in at Wahoo's. Wahoo's had about 400,000 in revenue for that three-year period gained from gaming.

The evidence will show that Wahoo's in fact increased relative -- well, not only relative, but over time, over a three-year period its gaming increased substantially while its food revenues declined. Mr. Aguero, the expert for Three Angry Wives, is going to -- is going to tell you that Three Angry Wives is entitled to \$1.1 million in damages over the life -- well, [unintelligible] life of the lease with 21 years remaining on the lease of Three Angry Wives.

We also hear from Sean Higgins and you'll hear in this case that that's -- and from Mr. Aguero, frankly, that's a conservative figure because it's based on rated players.

And I know the Court knows what we mean by rated players, people that are signed up for player tracking and are rated players. Rated players at both locations is what was studied. Three Angry Wives has unrated players, and Sean Higgins will talk about that.

The total impact, just the total impact for 21-year period is closer to 3.1 million. So the number that Mr. Aguero has opined to is a conservative number, because he used that subset which is easily tracked, easily measured, but he used that as a basis. For the year 2014-2015 37.1 percent of Wahoo's rated play was from Three Angry Wives rated players. You'll also hear that rated play at Three Angry Wives represents 56 percent of all Three Angry Wives play. So when Mr. Aguero applies that 37.1 percent figure to all play it's more than statistically relevant, it is easily done at 56 of rated play of all play being rated play.

Three Angry Wives will also provide evidence that share play comes from Three Angry Wives customers. They know who their customers are, they know which customers -- well, their customers there before Wahoo's came in, and customers that remained afterward, customers that play at both locations.

Boca Park's expert is going to attack the damages. They're going to say things like, you know, people sometimes just want tacos and go over there. Wanting tacos is fine. We have no objection to the taco stand being there. But it should not be a place to gamble.

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They also tried to exclude arbitrarily certain shared players by categorizing them as, you know, either Wahoo's players or Three Angry Wives players even though they play at both locations, trying to drop out those dollars from the equation. What they ignore again is that there would not be any Wahoo's gaming customers but for a breach by the defendant. The point is that all of these people gambled in Boca Park, and Three Angry Wives had the exclusive. And these players are known Three Angry Wives players. The attacks really overlook the underlying issue, that gaming occurred -we know gaming occurred in Boca Park, we know that. Our expert looked at what happened at Wahoo's, the gaming at Wahoo's to measure the damages, because none of that should have occurred at Wahoo's because of the exclusive. That was the broken promise, And that's why Three Angry Wives is entitled to damages.

Again, you'll hear Sean Higgins, you'll hear Jeremy Aguero, possibly Kevin Higgins, Your Honor. I know the Court knows the case well, so we'll try to efficient. But I think once the Court hears the evidence the Court will at least

award the \$1.1 million being sought.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Olsen.

Mr. McCrea.

DEFENDANTS' OPENING STATEMENT

MR. MCCREA: Thank you, Your Honor. Just a couple of points I'd like to make.

The evidence will show what it shows, and we believe that at the conclusion of this trial you're going to find that there is no substance evidence that will support an award of money damages in this case. The damages are simply way to speculative to ascertain with any reasonable degree of certainty. And that will be clear through their own expert's own testimony, I believe.

Mr. Olsen alluded to the fact that another court has determined that this lease was breached by this -- by giving Wahoo's the right to operate five slot machines on their premises. The evidence is going to show that this breach was an oversight on the part of my client. There were a couple of leases executed with Three Angry Wives that were in the lease file, and the first lease that was executed didn't have an exclusive in it. Second lease was executed very shortly after the first, did have the exclusive. At the time the Wahoo's lease was negotiated the person who reviewed that file inadvertently missed the exclusive provision.

The 21-year period that you heard Mr. Olsen allude

to is illusionary. While the Three Angry Wives lease will expire, assuming all extensions are exercised, sometime in --well, it will expire June 30th, 2033. Wahoo's lease, assuming that all extensions are exercised, will expire on November 8th, 2026. So they are seeking future damages for a period six years longer than the two leases will run concurrently. There's no intention and no desire on the part of my client to extend the Wahoo's lease to allow gaming past the current expiration date, and there's no intention or desire on the part of my client to lease that space if it doesn't go to Wahoo's to somebody else who would want to engage in gaming on that -- in those premises so as long as the Three Angry Wives lease is in effect.

Mr. Olsen alluded to the fact that the Wahoo's lease has a percentage rent provision in it. That percentage doesn't apply to gaming revenues. We can't collect a percentage of gaming revenues, because we don't have a Nevada gaming license.

We believe at the end of this case, Your Honor, as I said, you are going to find that there is no substantial evidence that would allow you to calculate with any reasonable degree of certainty any money damages that Three Angry Wives has suffered in this case. Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you.

First witness. Before we start have you guys agreed

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on your exhibits, or do you need me to address any issues?
                         We have agreed on the exhibits. I think
             MR. OLSEN:
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    certainly --
              THE COURT: I have a 1 through --
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             MR. OLSEN: -- the expert reports have been
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    stipulated to. I don't know if everything else has.
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              THE COURT: I have Exhibits 1 through 20 proposed by
   the plaintiffs. Do you have any objections to those?
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             MR. McCREA: I may have, Your Honor. Some I don't.
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              THE COURT:
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             MR. McCREA: I don't have any objection to the
    lease, which was Exhibit 1.
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              THE COURT: So 1 will be admitted.
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                   (Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 admitted)
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             MR. McCREA: I'm going to reserve objections to
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   Exhibit 2, because I don't know what it's being offered for.
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              THE COURT: Just tell me the ones you can stipulate
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   to. How's that?
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             MR. McCREA: Okay. 3 is fine.
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              THE COURT: 3 is admitted.
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                   (Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 admitted)
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             MR. OLSEN: And 10, expert reports, are stipulated
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    to, Your Honor.
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             MR. McCREA: I was getting to them.
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MR. OLSEN:
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             MR. McCREA: 10 we stipulate to.
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              THE COURT:
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              MR. McCREA: 10 and 11.
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              THE COURT:
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              (Plaintiff's Exhibits 10 and 11 admitted)
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              MR. McCREA: I'll stipulate to 15.
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                   (Plaintiff's Exhibit 15 admitted)
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             MR. OLSEN: 16 is your guy's exhibits which weren't
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    originally included, so --
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             MR. McCREA: These are exhibits to which report?
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             MR. CICILIANO: 16 is the initial, 17 is the
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   rebuttal, 18 is the supplement.
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             MR. McCREA: Okay. Based on that representation I
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    don't have any objection to those exhibits.
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              THE COURT: So 16, 17, 18, 19 are admitted?
             MR. McCREA: 19? I don't know what 19 is.
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              THE COURT: 16, 17, and 18 are admitted.
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            (Plaintiff's Exhibits 16 through 18 admitted)
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              THE COURT: So on Mr. McCrea's exhibits he's got 501
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    through 506, Mr. Olsen. Can you stipulate to any of those?
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             MR. OLSEN: 501 is stipulated.
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              THE COURT:
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(Defendants' Exhibit 501 admitted)
             MR. OLSEN: I think we'll let them lay the
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    foundation and talk about the relevance on 502 and 503. 504
    is stipulated.
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              THE COURT: 504 is admitted. How about 505?
                  (Defendants' Exhibit 504 admitted)
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             MR. OLSEN: 505 is stipulated.
              THE COURT: It's admitted. And 506?
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                  (Defendants' Exhibit 505 admitted)
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             MR. OLSEN: 506 I understand we got a substituted
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   version.
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             MR. McCREA: It may be duplicative. My initial
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   exhibit didn't have the exhibits attachment. Sounds like
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             MR. OLSEN: But the Court has -- the Court has the
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   new one?
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              THE CLERK: Yes, we do.
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                         Apparently I have the new one.
             MR. OLSEN: Okay. Yeah. Because it looks like 506
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   was addressed. So we agree to the new 506.
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              THE COURT: 506 be admitted.
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                  (Defendants' Exhibit 506 admitted)
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              THE COURT: All right. Now do you want to call a
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   witness?
             Does anybody want to invoke the exclusionary rule?
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             MR. OLSEN: We do not, Your Honor.
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MR. McCREA: We do, Your Honor. THE COURT: So if there's any witnesses in the 3 courtroom who are not seated at counsel table and you think you're going to be called, please wait out in the hallway 4 5 until you're called. Who's our first witness? 6 MR. OLSEN: That's not applying to experts, is it? THE COURT: 8 Doesn't apply to experts. 9 MR. OLSEN: Sean Higgins is our first witness. don't have anyone else. 10 11 THE COURT: Mr. Higgins, if you'd come forward, 12 please. 13 SEAN HIGGINS, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN 14 THE CLERK: Thank you. Please be seated. 15 please state and spell your name for the record. THE WITNESS: Sean Higgins, S-E-A-N H-I-G-G-I-N-S. 16 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. OLSEN: 19 Mr. Higgins, what is your primary occupation? 20 My primary occupation is an attorney. 21 You're a licensed attorney in the state of Nevada; Q 22 correct? 23 Since 1990. Α 24 And you have a practice here --Q 25 THE COURT: Hold on a second.

Mr. Higgins, since you're a lawyer, I'm not sure if you can have the M&Ms. They're usually for witnesses, but I guess since you're on the stand you can have them. There's also water in the pitcher.

Keep going, Mr. Olsen.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

BY MR. OLSEN:

Q And as far as your experience as a lawyer, what are your areas of practice?

A Well, primarily over the course of my practice I have been the general counsel for a gaming company and an oil company. Herbst Gaming and Terrible Herbst Oil Company for 17 years. Handled all of their legal matters, both gaming and real estate, and that is my primary focus along with government affairs from the local level all the way to Washington, D.C.

Q And you're currently involved with -- you have a gaming practice, as well, now?

A I have a gaming practice, as well, right now. I am -- also work currently for Golden Entertainment, which is the largest slot route operator in the state of Nevada and also operates nonrestricted casinos.

Q In your work for the -- for Herbst and Herbst Gaming did you involve -- did your practice involve dealing with slot routes and bars?

- A It was a very large portion of my practice.
- Q And so you're familiar with how slot routes work and the relationships between the bars and the slot companies?
 - A Intimately.

- Q You understand slot participation and all of that; correct?
 - A Very well.
- Q Tell me about your experience as an owner of gaming properties. What is your experience?
- A Over the course of the last 17 years I have held four separate licenses, four taverns. The initial one was for the first Three Angry Wives, which was at the corner of Horizon Ridge and Eastern in Henderson. We operated that bar for approximately three years. We sold it. We had a good offer on it, sold it while we were -- this bar was under construction. I opened and operate a second tavern at the Meadows Mall for about two and a half years, from '05 to '07. I moved that location out to Henderson, as well, and operated it from about '09 until I sold it three years ago, give or take. So I've operated four separate taverns under my own gaming license.
- Q So you know -- you know the slot route and bar business pretty well?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q You mentioned that -- well, first of all let's just

be clear on the record. Three Angry Wives is a trade name for Higco?

- A Higco, Inc., yes.
- Q Higco, Inc., the plaintiff in this case?
- A That's correct.

- Q Higco had the prior location over on Eastern?
 - A That is correct.
 - Q And what happened with that location?

A We sold it. We were in the process of -- we had signed this lease or were about to when we had an offer made on the location. And because of logistics we decided it was a good time to sell the location as we were opening this location.

- Q And the new location, that's the location we're talking about, the location at Rampart and Charleston?
 - A The location we're currently in, yes.
- 17 Q What's your role with Three Angry Wives?
 - A The company's owned by myself and my two brothers. I would call -- you know, we each have titles in the corporation. I would call myself the operational member of the company mainly because of my background and understanding of the slot route business and my years in gaming, you know, with regard to actually the gaming side. We have management onsite, but I probably spend more time physically at the location than do my brothers with both customers and our

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- Q And you're an officer of the corporation?
- A I'm the president.
- Q Do you -- as part of your familiarity with operations are you at the bar somewhat frequently?
- A Absolutely. Depending on the week, it could be six times, it could be four times, for one hour, two, several hours, depending on the day of the week or what's going on.
- Q And when you're there you're dealing with the customers? Are you out amongst the customers?
 - A Absolutely. On a regular basis.
 - Q Do you know a lot of the customers personally?
- A I would imagine if -- yes is the answer. If we walked in there right now, I would know several people sitting around the location as we speak.
- Q When we say customers let me ask you in particular about the people that are regular gamers at Three Angry Wives. Do you know a lot of those people?
 - A I absolutely do.
- Q When you were -- when you were selling -- had sold the other location and were looking at a new location what caused you to look at this area? When I say this area, the Boca Park area, this part of the Summerlin area.
- A Well, obviously Summerlin in the early 2000s was a booming, you know, home development area. We were looking on

the west side. Ric Truesdale and I -- Ric is a real estate agent -- talked about locations, and he and I met with Stacy Rush. At some point in time over coffee or something we talked about options and possibilities, because we really wanted to be on the western end of town. Boca Park did not have a tavern, they didn't think they could get a tavern. However, being in the gaming business, I knew that there was an exclusion to the distance requirement as long as you were across a 100-foot right-of-way you could be less than the 1500 feet. So we met, we talked about that. And so obviously eventually we ended up with the tavern here.

Q So Stacy Rush, he was a person that worked for Boca Park?

A Yes, he did.

Q And so let's get back to location a second. What was it about this particular -- not about Boca Park, but this intersection, let's say, first of all that was a positive. Why was that important?

A Well, because you've got major thoroughfare at Rampart and Charleston, all four corners are commercially developed with everything from grocery stores to specialty stores, department stores, sporting goods stores, a slue of restaurants on Charleston across the street, you know. So in other words, you've got a high volume of regular traffic, and then you have a high volume of traffic within those centers

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- Q And there are -- well, at the time -- this is about 2001, correct, you were looking?
 - A Yes.
- Q At the time were some of those anchor stores already in operation?
 - A Yes, they were.
 - Q Do you recall? Like the Target? Was it --
- A Target was absolutely there. I mean, and most of the larger boxes were occupied by that time.
- Q Was there any other location that from your perspective compared for the external traffic-internal traffic, we'll call it, reasons in that area?
- A No. I thought our location inside Boca Park was the best location in the -- I'll call it the neighborhood.
 - Q And is location important to a gaming bar?
- 17 A Location is critical to a gaming bar.
 - Q Boca Park, just so the Court's clear, when this -- at this time -- well, Boca Park's broken theoretically into three phases; is that correct?
- A My understanding. To the best of my understanding that is correct.
- 23 Q And your location, Three Angry Wives, falls within 24 Phase 1; is that right?
- 25 A That's correct.

- Q Where's Phase 2, if you know?
- A Phase 2 is -- I think currently Total Wine is there,
 I'm trying to remember the restaurant on the corner there.
 It's where all the restaurants are, Cheesecake Factory, all
 those -- my understanding is Phase 3 is the dirt that is never
 -- that was never constructed on.
- Q Now, the Three Angry Wives, the location you ended up in is -- it abuts Charleston; is that correct?
 - A It because up to Charleston, yes.
 - Q And is that a good location?
- 11 A Yes, it is.

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- Q Now, you have an understanding of the purpose of this trial, do you not?
- 14 A I absolutely do.
- 15 Q This is a damages case. You're aware that liability's already been determined under the lease?
- A Absolutely.
 - Q Let's take a look -- if the book is in front of you, take a look at Exhibit 1, which is the Three Angry Wives lease. And this has been admitted into evidence. Have you seen it -- you've seen it before, obviously.
 - A I can always recognize it's my chicken scratch at the top of the page, so I know it.
- Q What's the -- if you look at the fundamental lease provisions in the first couple of pages, that's probably what

we'll talk about mostly. What's the term of the lease?

It's 30 years from the commencement date. Obviously the commencement date wasn't determined at the time you enter into the lease because you have to have the property delivered. But 30 years from the commencement date.

- And that 30 years is in some increments; correct?
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- Ten years and then options? Q
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 - And based -- looking at this lease, what is the Q lease rate?

The lease rate changes depending on the year of the lease itself. For the first initial term every two or three years it is resetting, and then thereafter it's on the yearly basis I believe at a 4 percent increase.

- So according to this, at least, the first two years were at \$3 a square foot; is that correct?
- 20 That's correct.
- 21 Going up in year eight through ten to 3.50?
- 22 Correct. Α
- 23 And then the -- after that 10 year there is a provision on page 5, is that right, for rent adjusted to 104 percent of the prior year?

- A Section 3.02, yes. Correct.
- Q So the rent after -- the rent went up as per this first page of the lease and has continued to go up every year; is that right?
 - A That is correct.
- Q And you've continued -- Three Angry Wives has continued to pay the rent?
 - A We have.

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- Q Do you have any -- does the company have any percentage rent at this location?
 - A No, we do not.
- Q Take a look in the lease at the third page. It's Bates stamped page HIGCO107. Do you have that?
- 14 A I do.
 - Q What is shown on that page?
 - A That is the language surrounding the exclusive use at the location for a tavern and gaming, and it sets forth the exception to that rule, which would be for the two locations which currently had gaming when we opened, which were a Long's Drug Store and a Von's Supermarket.
 - Q Neither of those were a tavern or a supper club; correct?
 - A Neither of those was a tavern or a supper club.
- Q I think it was mentioned in openings that there was a prior declaratory relief action. Do you know what the issue

was concerning -- in that action concerning this provision? Counsel may have alluded to it.

A Well, with regard -- there was a couple of issues. With regard to this provision the landlord in no uncertain terms told me personally, their representative, that I misread the exclusive and I was incorrect as to what that exclusive meant.

- Q And that issue was resolved by the court in the declaratory relief action in your and the bar's favor; is that correct?
 - A That is correct.

Q And just -- I just want to say for the record I did not say that the prior case was about a breach of the lease. It was about a declaratory relief issue, a dispute about the contract terms; is that correct? Do you understand?

A Yeah. And again, when you asked the question it was also about the fact that the landlord produced a lease which was not our lease and claimed that was the lease in the case. So we had to also have the court determine that the correct lease was the one that's in front of us today. They wouldn't agree to that, either.

- Q This lease, Exhibit 1, was signed on November 2nd, 2002; is that correct?
- 24 A November 5th, but --
 - Q Oh. November 5th. I'm sorry.

I've seen it enough times, yeah. Α Was the lease -- was it negotiated? 3 For quite some time it was negotiated. Let's take a look, if you would, at Exhibit 5. Q 4 Have 5 you seen Exhibit 5 before? 6 I have. And what is Exhibit 5? This would have been a letter of interest or LOI, 8 Α whatever you want to call it, from Higco to Mr. Rush regarding Boca Park, a tavern location inside of Boca Park. 10 11 Q Now, the date on this -- and did you draft this 12 document? 13 It absolutely came from my desk. 14 MR. OLSEN: We'd offer this for admission, Your 15 Honor. 16 THE COURT: Any objection to 5? 17 MR. McCREA: Yes, Your Honor. We object. Parol 18 evidence. The lease agreement has an integration clause. I 19 don't know why any of the negotiations leading up to the 20 execution of that lease would be relevant or admissible. 21 THE COURT: So you're not contending that the 22 materiality of the exclusivity term was important to him and 23 it was negotiated between the parties? Because I think that's 24 the reason they're giving it to me.

MR. OLSEN: It is, Your Honor.

MR. McCREA: I don't know why -- okay.

THE COURT: That's the issue. I think he's offering -- after looking at the findings of fact that were submitted by both of you, my guess is he's offering it to me because he wants to demonstrate that the exclusivity provision was important to them when they negotiated this and it was a negotiated term.

MR. McCREA: Well, I stand by my objection, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Objection's overruled.

(Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 admitted)

12 BY MR. OLSEN:

Q And, Mr. Higgins, so this was sent -- well, the first page says December 13th, 2001. The next two pages say September 4th, 2001. Do you have an explanation for that?

A This was the same form I used for an LOI whether it was a convenience store or a tavern or, you know. And obviously we were -- we meaning the company, were opening locations and entering leases all the time. So I would assume I just overlooked the date on it.

Q And what was the -- looking at the first page, there's a minimum rent proposal. This is a proposal, as I understand it, going from Higco to the landlord; correct?

A Yes.

Q What was the initial proposal for minimum rent? I

see here it's not -- it's broken down per year --Α Yes. 3 -- but you can give us a monthly? Have you done the monthly calculation? 4 5 That'd be \$2.50 a square foot per month. Yeah. 6 And does this proposal contain on the second page an exclusive? It does. A 8 9 From the beginning of negotiations was an exclusive for gaming important to the company? 10 It absolutely was imperative, because a commercial 11 12 center of this size, because of the number of square feet 13 under roof, potentially could have more than one tavern 14 location or more than one gaming location. Because, remember, supper clubs don't have the same distance requirements, so 15 they could have given a gaming license to Applebee's or anyone 16 17 else. And I wanted to ensure that the landlord did not do 18 that and that we had the exclusive for gaming in the center. 19 Take a look at Exhibit 6. Q 20 THE COURT: That's a proposed exhibit, too. 21 MR. OLSEN: Oh. Sorry. 22 BY MR. OLSEN: 23 Exhibit 6, do you have that in front of you? 24 I do. А 25 Now, what's in front of you, Mr. Higgins, is I think Q 25

a little bit out of order. So I'm going to -- as far as dates. 3 Okay. Α MR. OLSEN: Can I approach, Your Honor? 4 5 THE COURT: You can. Because I can't look at it right now. 6 MR. OLSEN: No. I understand. (Pause in the proceedings) 8 9 BY MR. OLSEN: Can you tell me -- even though it may be out of 10 order, can you tell me what comprises Exhibit 6, what's 11 12 contained in it. 13 Well, it looks like several copies of an identical 14 document, some clean, some with comments on it. So it looks like the same document that was passed around and comments 15 were made at various times. 16 17 Do you recognize these documents? 18 I do recognize it. Yeah. It came from Ric 19 Truesdale, who would have been our real estate broker on this transaction. 20 21 And would you classify the basic document as another 22 version of a letter of intent? 23 I would. Α 24 And did you review -- well, were you responsible for

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the contents of this?

A I still would have been responsible. And I think if you look, the basic terms don't change that much. I mean, we may have had a -- we may have tightened up some of the terms, but it is basically still a very similar letter of intent.

Q And did you approve and sign the letters of intent contained in Exhibit 6?

A I did.

MR. OLSEN: We'd offer Exhibit 6, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Any objection to 6?

MR. McCREA: The same objection, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Same ruling. Be admitted.

(Plaintiff's Exhibit 6 admitted)

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Q Now, I'm going to -- I'm going to walk you through this. We'll have to hop around on page numbers, because mine is in date order, and it looks like yours is not. So if you look at page 220, HIGCO220 at the bottom right-hand side --

A Got it.

Q -- that appears to be a fax cover page. Mr. Truesdale is sending the document to you on March 14th, 2002; is that correct?

A Correct.

Q And page 221, HIGCO221 would appear, would it not, to be, if you look at the fax banner on top, the document that was attached to that fax page?

A It does. That's the last four numbers of my fax number at the time.

Q And pages 221 through 224 would appear to be that initial LOI; correct?

A Yes.

Q All right. What was the proposal that Higco was making as of this LOI on March 14th, 2002, to the landlord for a lease at this location?

A We had asked for a 30-year term, \$2.50 a square foot, a \$15-per-square-foot tenant improvement allowance, and an exclusive for Boca Park for tavern and gaming at 1 and 2, and additionally the right of first refusal for any type of similar restaurant for Boca 3.

Q This is a little bit different than the first exclusive proposal; is that right?

A It was.

Q It added Boca Park 2 and the undeveloped Boca Park 3 area; correct?

A That's correct.

Q This was -- oh. And by the way, if you look at page 224, what is that diagram?

A This was the first location. It was called Sundance. It was a specialty store of some sort which sits on -- if you know Boca Park, where Tilly's presently sits today, that was the first location they brought to us, saying, here's

-- they were still looking at it, but that's the location they asked us if we'd be willing to go into at the time. So that is what that shows. It shows them splitting that spot in I don't know how many square feet on each side, but splitting that spot.

- Q Ultimately the location that you ended up with was the one that backed on Charleston; correct?
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- Q And is that a preferable location?
- A Well, yeah. But Boca Park -- we would have certainly taken either location that the landlord offered at the time.
 - Q Obviously an exclusive which was contained in this LOI was important wherever you were located in the center; is that fair to say?
 - A Absolutely fair to say.
- Q You signed this letter, and then there is a copy of it. It starts at page 213 and goes through 216. Do you have that in front of you?
- 20 A I do.
 - Q Now, this appears to be the next version, because it actually has a "Received" stamp on it. Is that what it looks like to you on the first page?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And can you tell me whose -- well, can you tell me

whose handwriting is on the first page, on page HIGCO213? Well, I'm going to assume it's Mr. --THE COURT: We don't want you to assume, sir. THE WITNESS: Okay. 4 5 THE COURT: You knew that. THE WITNESS: Well, I was dealing with Mr. Joe Vitti 6 at the time. Mr. Rush was no longer at Triple 5 or Boca Park, whatever it was called at the time, and so that was the person who I was dealing with. And obviously he has signed this 10 document and returned it to you. BY MR. OLSEN: 11 He signed it on page HIGCO216? 12 13 Correct. No. 215. 14 Q 15 Yes. Α And do you have an understanding that that's his 16 Q notations? 17 Yes, I do. 18 Α 19 MR. McCREA: Objection, Your Honor. 20 BY MR. OLSEN: 21 Do you have a recollection? 22 THE COURT: We don't want you to speculate, sir. So 23 if you have knowledge one way or the other, we'll take that. 24 But don't guess. 25 THE WITNESS: I absolutely received this back from

Jean Marc with the comments on it. BY MR. OLSEN: And what did you take the comment on the first page, where it says "3.25" to mean? 4 It would be his counteroffer to our \$2.50. 5 6 Did he make any change on this document to the exclusive you proposed in the prior letter? He did not. 8 Α If you look at page 225 in the same exhibit through 229 -- well, I guess it's actual 230, how is this different 10 11 than what we just looked at? On page 225 on the top right those are my comments. 12 13 That's my handwriting, the counter \$2.75, \$10 a square foot 14 tenant allowance, and \$4 a square foot commission. 15 So is it fair to say there was continued back and forth o this issue of price? 16 17 Absolutely. А Take a look at Exhibit 7. 18 Q 19 THE CLERK: Proposed. 20 BY MR. OLSEN: 21 This one should be in order. Have you seen Q 22 Exhibit 7 before? It's a letter dated April 1st, 2002. 23 A I have. 24 Did you authorize and approve this letter? 25 Yeah, I signed this letter. [Unintelligible] under A

my signature. And is this another -- a response to the last 3 proposal from Mr. Joe Vitti? Α It is. 4 5 We'd offer Exhibit 7, Your Honor. MR. OLSEN: THE COURT: Any objection to 7? 6 MR. McCREA: Same objection, Your Honor. THE COURT: Be admitted. 8 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 7 admitted) 9 10 BY MR. OLSEN: 11 Now, your notes in the prior letter on 12 [unintelligible] it said 2.75 a square foot. This letter says 13 2.85 a square foot. What was happening here? Well, again at my instruction Mr. Truesdale drafted 14 15 this letter. In the first paragraph the base -- it says, 16 "Please note the base rent of 3420 annually, say 2.85 a square foot per month is not only higher than most rents in the area, 17 it is the top of the market for inline space." So, yeah, we 18 19 were negotiating back and forth, but we wanted him to 20 understand they were pushing the very envelope as far as, you 21 know, what people were willing to pay even for exclusives for 22 taverns. 23 Did Mr. Joe Vitti in -- well, there was no change to 24 the exclusive in this document; correct?

We did not, no.

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And finally -- well, not finally. Let's take a look at Exhibit 8. Exhibit 8, if you have it in front of you, looks a lot like Exhibit 7, doesn't it? Yes, it does. 4 Α 5 And is this another copy of the letter that you sent, Exhibit 7, with some additional notations on it? 6 Yes. This has additional notations on it. Q That letter, Exhibit 7, went to Mr. Joe Vitti; 8 9 correct? That is correct. 10 11 Does Exhibit 8 appear to have his signature on it? Q 12 It does. Α 13 And does it appear to have his notations on it? 14 It has his and mine. MR. OLSEN: We would offer Exhibit 8, Your Honor. 15 Any objection? 16 THE COURT: 17 MR. McCREA: Same objection. THE COURT: Overruled. Be admitted. 18 19 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 8 admitted) 20 BY MR. OLSEN: 21 What was Mr. Joe Vitti -- in this letter what was 22 his response on the per square foot? \$3.33, I think it was. Kind of hard to read here. 23 24 And then there's my notations after that. 25 And what are your notations? Q

A I said \$3.10 a square foot a month for a fixed term, in other words, I was saying I would respond by paying him 3.10 but have no increases over the 10-year initial term.

Q And Mr. Joe Vitti's response -- the Boca Park response was \$3.33 a square foot?

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Q And is there any change to the exclusive? Did he make any notes on the exclusive here?

A No, he did not.

Q So you're going back and forth still negotiating at this point on the per-square-foot price; correct?

A That's correct.

Q Finally, take a look at Exhibit 9. Have you seen Exhibit 9 before?

A Yes, I have.

Q Can you tell me what it is.

A Exhibit 9 is the final -- seems to be the final letter of intent which the parties ended up executing.

Q And what price -- well, and you approved the contents of this letter and you signed it, and it was sent out to Mr. Joe Vitti and then returned with his signature; is that correct?

A That is correct.

MR. OLSEN: We'd offer Exhibit 9, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Any additional objections?

MR. OLSEN: Same objection. THE COURT: Overruled. Be admitted. 3 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 9 admitted) 4 BY MR. OLSEN: 5 What was the proposal that Higco made to Boca Park 6 in this May 1st, 2002? Well, we came to \$3 per square foot for the primary 8 term. So we had come up with a set figure for the primary We had asked for the same exclusive. We had asked for term. a per-square-foot for a TI, and a 30-year term, I believe. 10 So you had -- you were \$3, Boca Park had been at 11 12 3.33, you proposed the same exclusive that you'd asked for 13 before; correct? 14 Correct. Α 15 And did Boca Park accept the \$3? Q They did accept the \$3. 16 Α 17 Did they accept the exclusive as is? Q 18 They did not. Α 19 And what did they exclude from the exclusive? Q They excluded Boca Park 2 and the right of first 20 21 refusal on Boca Park 3. 22 So is it fair to say there was a compromise at that 23 point on the price and the exclusive? 24 Yeah. We came to terms on the two of them, yes, 25 that's correct.

Q And is it fair to say there was -- there was a value to you in the exclusive?

A There was absolutely a value in that exclusive, which is characterized not just by this, but by the final lease that we entered into.

Q And in the end you gave on the exclusive -- they gave a price and you came to an agreement which resulted in the lease; is that correct?

A Correct.

Q The exclusive was bargained for, you just said had a value; right?

A Correct.

Q Can you put a specific dollar figure on that exclusive?

A Well, I can't, because our last offer in this letter of intent was \$3 for the initial term, which was 10 years. The ultimate lease does not do that. And the reason we agreed to the ultimate lease, which increased the rent every two years, was because of the exclusive. And that was discussed. If you look at the lease, it is not three years [sic] for the initial 10-year term. It has increments. So I don't know what the exact dollar figure is, but there was a reason we agreed to that, because the landlord knew that there would be no other gaming there, and we knew, as well.

Q And you've said already that was very important

Absolute. 3 And that's true especially because this location 4 could have additional gaming locations? Well, correct. Obviously -- and my recollection is 5 6 they were supposed to, you know, put a recorded deed restriction, and they did not because there was a second parcel which now has a veterinary clinic, but which would be allowed to have gaming at one point in time, which they -- the landlord failed to properly take care of, as well, in their 10 course of their, you know, title work. This is a large 11 12 company. 13 THE COURT: That was the stinky building; right? Was that the building that smelled bad? 14 15 MR. OLSEN: Might be. And [unintelligible] has the veterinary 16 THE COURT: 17 clinic in it now? 18 MR. OLSEN: Yes. THE WITNESS: That's the one. 19 20 BY MR. OLSEN: 21 So at one point that was poised to become a gaming 22 location? 23 Well, it was under discussion. And the fact of the 24 matter is they had sold that parcel off without putting the

deed restriction on it even though it is in Boca 1.

And that was during the time of the exclusive that you had? Absolutely. Α Yes. Q It never came to be because it became a veterinary 4 5 clinic? Senator Edson came back and opened up a veterinary 6 clinic. Had the -- but you said there was no deed 8 Q 9 restriction put in by Boca Park. That's correct. 10 Had they ignored the exclusive in your lease at that 11 Q 12 point? MR. McCREA: Objection, Your Honor. 13 14 THE COURT: Sustained. We're not talking about 15 that. We're only here about damages. 16 MR. OLSEN: Thank you, Your Honor. 17 BY MR. OLSEN: 18 Mr. Higgins, what was the -- take a look at 19 Exhibit 15. Do you know the commencement date of the lease? 20 The commencement date was September -- per this letter was September 20, 2003, which had been the first day we 21 22 opened for business. 23 And Exhibit 15, is that a letter from John McCall, 24 corporate counsel Boca Park parcels? 25 That is correct. Α

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MR. OLSEN: We'd offer that.
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              MR. McCREA: It's already in.
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And throughout that period there was no other gaming besides the grocery store and the drug store in that whole 3 center; right? Correct. At some point in time Long's became Party 4 5 City, or they closed. At some point in time Long's ceased to exist at that location. I can't remember when. And during that time -- you mentioned that you know 8 the customers at Three Angry Wives. Were you getting to know them throughout that whole period, know who they are? 10 Absolutely. We have customers who have been coming, 11 you know, if not from day one, you know, very soon thereafter. 12 We have a very good clientele. Yeah, I know a group of those 13 people. And they've been coming -- have some of them been 14 15 coming since early on in the process? 16 Absolutely. That would be a correct statement. 17 I'm going to have you look at Exhibits 13 and 14. 18 THE CLERK: Proposed. 19 BY MR. OLSEN: 20 Sorry. Proposed Exhibits 14 and 15. I'm sorry. 21 13, 14. 13, 14. 22 Α 23 THE COURT: 13, 14. 24 MR. OLSEN: Yes. 25 Because 15's admitted. THE COURT:

MR. OLSEN: Yes. THE COURT: Okay. 3 BY MR. OLSEN: I'm not going to ask you detail on this, Mr. 4 5 Higgins, but can you tell me what Exhibit 13 is. This would be the form our bookkeeper, Becky 6 Yeah. Brown -- this is the format we look at our profit and loss 8 statements in, so this would have been something that Becky Brown prepared for us, our bookkeeper, profit and loss from 10 January 2008 through August of 2015. And it looks like it's on a month-by-month basis for that period of time. 11 12 And you have at least generally looked at this 13 document; is that correct? 14 Yes, I have. Α 15 You know it to be something produced by your Q bookkeeper, and you believe it to be accurate? 16 17 Α Yes and yes. 18 MR. OLSEN: We'd offer Exhibit 13, Your Honor, into evidence. 19 20 MR. McCREA: No objection. 21 THE COURT: Be admitted. 22 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 13 admitted) 23 THE COURT: Sir, do you need the magnifying glass? 24 I'm serious. We have it here for looking at shrunk building 25 plans, but this looks a lot like that. It's like a 2 font.

THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor. I'm okay. right now. But if I do, I will -- I appreciate that offer. 3 BY MR. OLSEN: I will also have you look at Exhibit 14 now and tell 4 5 me if that -- if you recognize that document. Yes, I do. 6 Is that also a document prepared by your bookkeeper 8 at Three Angry Wives? 9 It is. 10 Have you generally looked at it and generally familiar with it? 11 12 I am. Α 13 Do you believe it to be accurate? 14 Yes. It looks like a profit and loss of our food 15 and beverage sales for the period of May 2011 through March of 2015. 16 17 We would offer Exhibit 14, Your Honor. MR. OLSEN: Any objection? 18 THE COURT: 19 MR. McCREA: No objection. 20 THE COURT: Be admitted. 21 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 14 admitted) 22 BY MR. OLSEN: 23 Now, I'm not going to ask you about the details, and 24 we have an expert to testify about the damages. But you have 25 a general idea of coin in and net win over time?

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- And the participation rate with the slot company?
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Well, it is not. But ours is. If you're over a certain dollar figure, it remains constant. There are bands for certain wins that fluctuate, but if you're over a certain dollar amount, it does not fluctuate.

- Exhibit 19. Take a look at that exhibit. This is a proposed exhibit. It's not been stipulated to. Have you seen it before?
 - I absolutely have.
- This is called Participation Agreement? 13
- 14 Α It is.
 - And is this the agreement that pertains to Three Q Angry Wives currently?
- 17 It is for the Three Angry Wives in Boca Park.
 - Did you happen to -- I don't know if you did. Did you happen to take a look at the expert report prepared by the defendants?
- I glanced through it. I've not read it cover to Α 22 cover.
- 23 Did you see the reference to the participation agreement in that report? 24
- 25 I did. Α

You signed this document; correct? Q I did. A 3 Do you recognize the form? Q A I do. 4 5 Why do you recognize the form? Q Because this would have been a form I created at 6 some point in time when I was at Herbst Gaming. This particular document was signed in 2013, though; 8 Q 9 correct? 10 After Sartini Gaming purchased all of the assets of the reorganized Herbst Gaming, which was known as Affinity 11 12 Gaming at that time. 13 MR. OLSEN: Your Honor, we're going to offer this 14 document into evidence. 15 THE COURT: I'm waiting for Mr. McCrea to look at 16 it. 17 MR. OLSEN: Me, too. 18 MR. McCREA: No objection, Your Honor. 19 THE COURT: Be admitted. 20 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 19 admitted) 21 BY MR. OLSEN: 22 Is this document a loan document? Q 23 It is not a loan document. Could you tell me what the document -- I know it's 24 25 participation agreement, but does it have any reference to any kind of interest rate or anything?

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If you look at Exhibit A to the participation agreement, all of the particular terms of this contract are contained in there. In other words, the form is on the front, which you'd use for anyone, and the location-specific items are on Exhibit A, if we've got it. And the performance bonus payments, the participation in net win, and then we have several things, ticket in, ticket out, you know, [unintelligible] bank. We also have a signing loan for \$100,000. And it talks about amortization of that loan. Well, what that means is we received a payment of \$100,000 when we executed this, and over the life of the contract it is a self-amortizing amount of money. In other words, each month a certain figure of that dollar is simply taken off of it. If for any reason we terminate the contract or the route operator terminates the contract prior to the end of the seven-year term, whatever is the remaining unamortized amount will have 10 percent interest added back from the date of the signing of it, it'll be due and payable. However, so long as this is not terminated within seven years, there is no money that is ever required to be repaid from the location Three Angry Wives to the slot route operator.

Q So this isn't a document that indicates any borrowing on the part of Three Angry Wives?

A We did not borrow a nickel.

- Q You said that you had from the start of operations to 2012 at Three Angry Wives that it was successful on food and beverage, successful in gaming. Does successful mean that every year is the same, every year is better than the year before?
- A No, actually not. It fluctuated in about that time, you know. It was successful because we paid off our loans, we made money, and we've made money every year, some years more than others, some years less than others, but ultimately it has been a successful location.
- Q You don't have any expectation prior to 2012 that there was going to be another gaming location allowed in Boca Park?
- A I had every expectation that there would not be another gaming location inside of Boca Park.
 - Q Because you had a contract; correct?
- 17 A That is correct.
- 18 Q Take a look at Exhibit 3. This is the Wahoo's 19 lease.
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- 21 Q Now, did you ever see this lease before the 22 litigation?
- 23 A Never before the litigation.
- 24 Q How did you become aware that there was a lease 25 being granted by Boca Park for the Wahoo's?

I don't know that I knew there was a lease. I believe that I found out that they were in -- that Wahoo's was before Gaming Control Board to be approved for a license at the location. 4 5 So the landlord didn't give you the heads up that that was happening? 6 No, they did not. Let's just take a look at some of the key terms in 8 this lease. You looked at it, so you have an understanding of the term of the lease, that it's a 15-year lease? 10 11 А I do. Yes. Technically it's five-year with two five-year 12 Q options? 13 14 Α Correct. And if you look down at the minimum monthly rent 15 Q 16 section, does it include a percentage rent? 17 It does. Α 18 Now, the percentage rent, it says it applies to Q 19 gross sales. It doesn't say gross sales of what, does it? 20 It does not. But I'm a gaming attorney. I 21 understand that it can't be gross sales of gaming. 22 Counsel made that representation. You assume that's Q 23 probably correct, since he said [unintelligible] not licensed? 24 Α Yes. 25 Probably correct?

THE COURT:

THE WITNESS: If you don't have a gaming license, the Gaming Control Board will quickly come talk to you if you're participating in gaming revenues.

MR. OLSEN: I meant to say it's probably correct they don't have one. That was one of Counsel's representations.

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- Q Nonetheless, there is a percentage rent of 7 percent of gross sales; is that correct?
 - A For a period of time, yes.
- Q Well, if you look at the second page of the lease, the period of time is under -- it's under Section F; correct?
- A Yes. After the [unintelligible] says that they all have a 6 percent percentage rent in the gross sales.
- Q And thereafter --
- 16 A Right.
- Q -- for the life of that lease. So Boca Park has an interest in the revenues under this lease; is that correct?
- 19 A That is correct.
- 20 Approximately how far from Three Angry Wives is 21 Wahoo's located?
 - A Two football fields or less. Right across the parking lot.
- Q When it came to your attention that Wahoo's was on the agenda for gaming approval did you approach the landlord?

I did. Α Did you point out the exclusive you had for gaming? 3 I did. Α Q I know there was subsequent litigation, but what was 4 5 the initial response? MR. McCREA: Your Honor, I'm going to object --6 THE COURT: Sustained. MR. McCREA: -- on relevance grounds. 8 9 THE COURT: We're already past that. 10 BY MR. OLSEN: What did they say to you in response? 11 Q MR. McCREA: Objection. 12 13 Sustained. THE COURT: 14 BY MR. OLSEN: 15 Has the existence of Wahoo's which opened for gaming in 2012 affected business at Three Angry Wives? 16 Absolutely. 17 Α 18 Could you determine that when it initially opened, 19 at the very beginning? Could you tell there was an impact? 20 It's difficult when we talk about time frames. I 21 mean, the day it opened, you know, the month after it opened, 22 six months after it opened. So, you know, I don't -- I guess, 23 you know, the day it opened, no. Eventually over time, yes. 24 Have customers -- now, you say you knew -- you know 25 the customers at Three Angry Wives and you've known them for a

long time; right?

A Absolutely.

Q Have customers that you know that are Three Angry Wives customers gone over to Wahoo's to gamble?

MR. McCREA: Objection, Your Honor. Foundation.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: Yes. And I can tell you specifically I have gone to Wahoo's and bought a beer and seen all five of the machines being played by customers who I would consider Three Angry Wives customers. I have been sitting in Three Angry Wives while a person's playing my gaming machine and they get a text from Wahoo's bartender. It says, You have \$25 in free play, come across the street Wahoo's. So do I know for a fact that my customers are going across the street?

Yes. I've seen the mailers that they bring in and say, I got this from Wahoo's in the mail.

MR. McCREA: Objection, Your Honor. Hearsay.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: So, yes, I absolutely know for a fact that my customers, both carded and uncarded, are going across the street to Wahoo's to gamble.

THE COURT: And when you say carded you mean people playing in your loyalty program.

THE WITNESS: People playing in my loyalty program, 25 that is correct.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

BY MR. OLSEN:

Q Okay. And let's focus on that for a second. So if I -- if I were to use the term "rated play," which comes up in -- will come up in examination, is that someone who is a player in the player loyalty program or a carded player?

A Yeah. Right. There's a -- everyone has a card. Either they have one on their person, or we have them behind the bar. When they walk into the location, if they choose, they put the card in the machine, and that basically tracks their play. And you do it for numerous reasons, one of which is to allow those people to be bonused or awarded points for the amount that they play. Additionally, there are bonusing features of games that if you aren't a carded player or rated player that you can't participate in. So there's reasons to do it. However, there's reasons people choose not to do it, as well.

Q You're saying that -- are there -- are there customers of Three Angry Wives that are we'll say your customers, regular players that aren't rated players?

A We have many, many, many of our customers -- again,
I didn't know the number. I heard it's 50 percent. But I can
tell you from my own experience we have many players who are
there on a -- several trips a week who do not want their play
tracked, who do not want it for various reasons. Because they

don't want you to send mailers home to them because their spouse may see them, they don't want to see them, they don't want to get texts on their phone from you. There are reasons why people choose not to be rated, you know. And I don't ask them. It's none of my business why they choose to be rated or not. But we have a very loyal following of non-rated players, as well.

Q And have some or most of those non-rated players, have they been customers since before the time Wahoo's was there?

A Absolutely. Again, customers come and go, but we have had a very, very solid base of customers for several years.

Q And would that apply to rated players, as well? We were talking about unrated players. Are there rated players that you know to have been customers of Three Angry Wives prior to the time Wahoo's even came in?

A I will say we'll keep both of those terms under our employee of Three Angry Wives players. There are Three Angry Wives players which will do both of those terms, rated and non-rated, that have been customers and I'll go back, you know, for 10 years or plus. So, yes, absolutely prior to Wahoo's opening.

Q Have you seen some of those customers yourself over at Wahoo's?

A I have been in Wahoo's and seen those customers myself.

Q And if I understood your testimony, you actually had observed some of those players at your bar receiving text messages from Wahoo's?

A That is one of the -- again -- and I know this because my bartenders and my management kind of put the program together which ultimately a lot of people have used, and Wahoo's was one of them, which was texting your players with bonusing, basically saying, if you come in in the next hour or 30 minutes or two hours we will bonus you \$50 or \$25. And we found it to be a very good tool. Well, the Wahoo's folks obviously found out about it and used it very similar to the way we used it, and on several occasions, not one, we would laugh, because as I'm -- they're sitting there in my bar and I'm standing 5 feet from them, they'd go, look, look what I'm getting. And it's a text from Wahoo's. So, yeah, I've observed it on numerous occasions.

THE COURT: But they have to have the location function turned on their phone for that to work.

THE WITNESS: That I don't know, Your Honor.

THE COURT: We know that. Don't ask us how we know that.

24 BY MR. OLSEN:

Q And have you -- you testified you've also seen some

of these promotional materials you're talking about --

A Yes.

O -- from Wahoo's.

A Yes. And, again, they have a slot route operator like we have a slot route operator. As a matter of fact, it's the same slot route operator company. And they assist in a lot of those promotional activities, as well.

Q Since Wahoo's opened up have you, Three Angry Wives, increased your promotions?

A I believe we have, yes.

Q I want to have you take a look at Exhibit 16.

THE COURT: 16?

MR. OLSEN: It is admitted. Okay. I hear you over

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15 BY MR. OLSEN:

Q 16 is admitted. This is actually an exhibit to defendants' expert report, but I thought it was probably the best -- easiest place to look at this information.

So page 14 in Exhibit 16 --

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Q Uh-huh. Now, page 14, this document says it is prepared by defendants' expert, but it's using HIGCO393 and 394. Those are Bates-stamped pages from your QuickBooks profit and loss statement. You may not be able to see that without the magnifying glass.

- A Well, when you say page 14, is it the exhibit number at the bottom, 14, or where am I looking at here?
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 - A PL-TE00014?
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- A Okay. Yeah. I got that.
- Q Okay. I just wanted you to look at the -- if you can find the total gaming line about a third of the way down on the page. You can really use that magnifying glass, if you want.
- 11 A I don't need that. Total gaming. Yeah, I got it.
- 12 Q Okay. What's that figure?
- 13 A Well, the first one under May 11 is --
- Q Sorry. If you'd take a look at the total. I'm just going to look at the total.
 - A Oh. All the way down here. 1,442,896.85.
- 2 And this is for the year -- it's broken down into 18 fiscal years. This is May 11 to April 2012. Do you see that?
 - A Well, I'm going to tell you that that's the year prior to them opening, prior to Wahoo's opening. It's not a fiscal year. It's a year prior to them opening.
 - Q Fair enough. Not your fiscal year. It is the year prior to the opening.
- 24 A Right.
- 25 Q And the -- if you look down to Gaming Promotions

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Α You are on page --18. Q 3 Yeah. It looks like gaming is down again by another \$60,000, unless I'm reading it wrong. \$50,000? 4 5 Actually, you're right about that. And the gaming 6 promotion? This is -- it looks like it's almost identical. It's within \$7,000 of it. 8 9 Doesn't that say -- doesn't that say \$530,000? Yeah. 10 Α Three hundred fifty-seven. 11 Q 12 I'm sorry. Three fifty-seven. I'm sorry. Α 13 it's significantly higher. My apologies on that. 14 And then the following year at May 14-April 15 period that is page PL-TE20. How does the gaming compare --15 It's down even further. It's 1,090,813. So from 16 17 the first year it's down over \$400,000, and the promotion is 18 up from the mid three hundreds to five hundred and almost 19 eighty thousand dollars. 20 Okay. So the promotion is up in that year, as well. 21 Α Yes. So you testified to this. But you've seen some 22 Q 23 evidence that in fact you're correct that gaming promotions

were up substantially after Wahoo's opening; is that right?

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Q Was that by chance?

MR. McCREA: Objection, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: No, it was not. We felt had to drive business some way into the location. And one of the ways you attempt to drive business and bring gaming business back is by doing promotional giveaways. And obviously in this instance we felt that we needed to do that or at least try to do something to get our gaming numbers back up.

10 BY MR. OLSEN:

Q And you believe that Three Angry Wives has been damaged by the presence of Wahoo's; correct?

A Every dollar that goes into their location shouldn't go into their location. They shouldn't be there. Any dollar that is gambled there should be money that would be going to my location. That location should not be there. It doesn't matter if it's one dollar. There shouldn't be a dollar gambled there. I had an exclusive, I negotiated for that exclusive. I didn't get the benefit of my bargain. And so, yes, every dollar that is put in there is, as far as I'm concerned, a dollar that I should be entitled to.

Q Now, I think I asked you whether you looked at the expert report or reports that defendant had prepared, and I think your testimony is you're aware of them.

A Yeah. You know, I think I read the summary pages,

which were the first two or three pages. And, you know, I wasn't going to look through the exhibits.

Q Did you happen to notice as you were looking through the reports that certain players had been excluded in Mr.

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A Well, that jumped out at me, to be quite honest with you. Yes. So I did notice that, that Mr. Rosten excluded two specific players from his accounting.

- Q And what were their names?
- A Dylan Higgins and Mike Higgins.
- Q And do you recall what the explanation of why, as to why they were excluded?

A He made an assumption that they must have somehow been related to myself and/or my brothers or my family in some way, shape, or form.

- Q Are they related?
- 17 A They are not related at all. However --
 - Q So they're not part of the ownership --
- 19 A They're not related -- they're not distant cousins.
- 20 You started to say however. What else --
 - A However, Dylan has worked for me for numerous years, and here's one of the prime examples I can use a name. As are a lot of my employees, my employees also gamble. They also play video poker. And a lot of my employees will stay at the bar afterwards, because they're allowed to, and gamble at the

bar, have a drink, gamble, do whatever. Just so happens that Dylan and his father always used to stay at the bar and gamble. However, once Wahoo's opened, Dylan and his father, Mike, now gamble at Wahoo's. So -- and that has happened with more than one of my employees. So the fact that they excluded them is incorrect, too, but, second, it shows -- it's clear as day, because I know who those people are, that my gaming customers are walking across the parking lot and going into Wahoo's and gambling.

Q Now, at the time that this breach occurred, the lease was signed with Wahoo's, there was how much time remaining on your lease?

A Twenty-one years.

Q We looked at the fact that the Wahoo's lease is a 15-year lease. Do you recall that?

A I do.

Q And you recall -- you probably recall statements of Counsel in argument about the experts say that there was fourteen and a half years left on the Wahoo's lease for whatever reason, fourteen and a half years left when the breach occurred. So why should Three Angry Wives get damages beyond that fourteen-and-a-half-year life of the Wahoo's lease, the whole twenty-one years of the Three Angry Wives lease?

A Well, several reasons. The first is obviously we've

got a landlord here who obviously didn't care or wasn't concerned about a single tenant in a single shopping center and thus enforcing what was a very negotiated exclusive. But second off, my brothers and I had built a business over the course of many years. It takes time and effort. And you bring customers into that business. I don't care when Wahoo's closes. It will then be up to me to try to rebuild those customers to bring them back to try to have them come to my place. So the fact that they opened in the first place, as far as I'm concerned, give me damages throughout the end of my term. It isn't the term that Wahoo's is there, and who's to say that Wahoo's doesn't continue to be a screaming success and they sign another 10-year extension and they're there for another 10 years? I mean, you don't want to be speculative, but, again, I don't believe that matters. Because they now have put me in a position, and my brothers and our company, where we have to compete. And even if they close their doors after 15 years, I then have to somehow bring those clientele back into my location. So but for them entering in a lease in contradiction to the exclusive I wouldn't be sitting here.

- Q Well, let me ask you this. In your experience -you've had years of gaming experience working for the slot
 route, and you've dealt with a lot of bars; correct?
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Q And a lot of landlords in the process, I assume.

- A Many, many landlords.
- Q Do you have any reason to expect a landlord for a successful location, gaming location, wouldn't extend or renew a lease or replace that with such a tenant?

A Well, I've seen them replace the tenant with another gaming tenant. So to answer your question, no, I've never seen a landlord throw a gaming tenant out who was ready, willing, and able to pay rent even at the end of their initial -- end of their final term.

Q Have you seen instances where one gaming tenant leaves and another gaming tenant -- the landlord wants another gaming tenant in and assures that there's one put in there?

MR. McCREA: Objection, Your Honor. Irrelevant.

THE COURT: Sustained.

MR. OLSEN: Withdraw the question.

BY MR. OLSEN:

- Q Is there anything about this location where Wahoo's is that by law is somehow limited in -- by ordinance, I mean, limited in duration or otherwise limited in -- you know, any reason another location, gaming location couldn't be there but for your exclusive?
 - A Absolutely not.
- Q You testified probably at length for the Court, but you testified on at length the value and the critical nature of the exclusive to the business. What's that exclusive worth

now?

A Not a whole heck of a lot, obviously, since we don't have an exclusive since we aren't the only operator in there currently offering gaming to the general public.

Q You've reviewed your own experts' reports; correct? Just generally?

A Yes.

Q Are all the damages that have been suffered by Three Angry Wives detailed in those reports?

A Yeah. Again, I believe -- no, I don't believe. I know for a fact that there have been nonrated players who I've seen at Wahoo's, and the fact of the matter is, you know, limiting this to rated players is ridiculous and ludicrous, because rated players -- just because they're rated doesn't mean they're the only players. The fact of the matter is Wahoo's has taken both rated and nonrated. And again, as far as I'm concerned, any dollar that's gambled at Wahoo's is a dollar that should be our damages.

Q So you don't think that that report, even though it's a great report, captures all of the potential -- all the actual damages?

A In all due respect to Mr. Aguero, no, I don't believe it is.

Q For the reasons you stated, that it doesn't include anything other than rated players and then applying that

formula? Correct. Correct. 3 MR. OLSEN: Court's indulgence. (Pause in the proceedings) 4 5 BY MR. OLSEN: I have one more question. Would Three Angry Wives 6 have signed a lease without the exclusive for gaming in this location? 8 9 We would have signed some lease in this location. 10 can't tell you what the value of the lease would have been. think the location itself is a good location, but it certainly 11 12 is not worth what we pay for it. 13 So you wouldn't have paid this price? 14 Α No. 15 MR. OLSEN: Pass the witness. 16 THE COURT: Mr. McCrea, I'm supposed to give my 17 staff a break every hour or so. We've been going about an 18 hour and 15 minutes. Is it okay if we take a break? 19 MR. McCREA: It's fine. 20 THE COURT: Can I ask Mr. Higgins a question as he's 21 leaving. 22 Sir, is ETT on the participation agreement the same 23 one I remember from that tragic incident that you were here 24 one night all night on? 25 THE WITNESS: It is. But obviously the Herbsts no

longer own that company. THE COURT: It's been transferred to the Sartinis, 3 who are my Todd Bice, John Bailey problem. Okay. I'm going to step out. 4 5 (Court recessed at 2:47 p.m., until 2:56 p.m.) THE COURT: 6 Okay. Are you ready? Okay. You may begin your cross-examination. MR. McCREA: Thank you, Judge. 8 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. McCREA:

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- Good afternoon, Mr. Higgins. Q
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 - Towards the end of Mr. Olsen's examination of you you were characterizing the reports or attempting to summarize the report of your expert, Mr. Aguero. And I think you said that you didn't agree with his methodology from the standpoint that you thought he only addressed play from rated players.
 - I'm not sure I said his methodology. I'm not -- I didn't get into the methodology, I don't believe.
 - Okay. Q
 - I just said I think there's another universe of players out there who may not be caught.
 - Okay. Is it your understanding that Mr. Aguero's report only renders an opinion on gaming revenues earned by Wahoo's on rated players that played at both locations?

- A Well, I can't -- I unless I reviewed the report right now I could not tell you exactly that. So I'd have to review the report. Happy to do so.
- Q Okay. So you don't have an understanding as you sit here either way. Is that your testimony?
 - A Right. I guess that's correct.
 - Q Okay. Whatever his report says it says.
 - A That's correct.
- Q Okay. Now, Mr. Sean [sic], are there any other businesses in your vicinity that you consider competitors other than Wahoo's?
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- 2 And what businesses would those be?
- 14 A You've got Martinis, Dotty's, The Pint, maybe 15 Chicago Brewing Company, maybe Lion's Tail.
 - Q What about Calico Jack's?
 - A I wouldn't consider -- you ask me what I consider, I wouldn't consider it a -- and because of proximity and I think clientele and what they offer, if you know the tavern business, they offer a little different kind of an experience.
- 21 Q What's the difference?
 - A They do a lot of karaoke, big room in the back, live music, different -- different kind of experience.
- Q Okay. They also offer 24-hour dining?
- 25 A Sure.

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A Well, again, I characterize it because of its proximity to my location. I don't believe it's a competitor, I don't think they draw in the same people at all. But it was a Bilbo's for years and years and years before that. The new location at the corner of Hualapai and Sahara is a different driving pattern. I don't consider that a -- that's the only one -- the next nearest one, so I don't consider that competition via proximity. Because, again, I would argue Dotty's doesn't compete because they're looking at a different type of gamer altogether.

- Q You mentioned Dotty's as a potential competitor.
- 12 A Because proximity more than because of their type of 13 gaming offered.
 - Q More than 15 slot machines?
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- 16 Q 24-hour food service?
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- 18 Q If you'd call it that?
- 19 A I would disagree with that. But that's for another 20 day.
- 21 Q At least they represent that they've got 24-hour 22 food service?
- 23 A That's a fair enough representation.
- 24 And 24-hour bar service?
- 25 A Correct.

- Q And the Lion's Tail, similar situation, 15 slot machines, 24-hour food service?
 - A No food. No food.
 - Q Okay. 24-hour bar service?
 - A Correct.

- Q And The Pint?
 - A Same thing. Same thing.
- Q Now, in the year prior to the introduction of gaming at Wahoo's was gaming revenue at Three Angry Wives increasing, decreasing, staying about the same? What's your recollection?
- A Well, I'd have to look. Again, I'll be honest with you. I don't have a specific recollection. I know I've looked at things and said it was down the year before, again. But I haven't looked specifically. I can just tell you that I know that I've heard that as part of the preparation for this.
- Q Okay. If I told you that your federal income tax returns in this case that were produced show that from 2010 to 2011, before Wahoo's opened and offered any gaming at all, your reported revenues -- gaming revenues went from \$1,737,136 to 1,495,849, a decline of almost 14 percent, would you dispute that?
- A I would have -- again, I don't have it in front of me, but I have no reason to believe you're not being truthful when you make the statement. I don't have it in front of me.
 - Q Now, if I understood your testimony correctly when

you were examined by Mr. Olsen, you can't put a specific value on the exclusive use provision that you negotiated.

A Well, no, I cannot.

Q Now, in that participation agreement that you signed that had the -- I think it was referred to as signing loan --

A Yes.

Q -- for \$100,000.

A Correct.

Q And you said you didn't borrow anything. Was that your testimony?

A Yeah. We have no requirement for repayment so long as we continue that contract throughout its term.

Q Okay. I thought I understood your testimony also to be that the -- that monthly payments were made, they were just deducted from whatever your share of the gaming revenues were and that --

A No. I said it's a self-amortizing loan, meaning all they do is every month -- it started at 100,000, and I don't know what 84 months divided by whatever one eighty-fourth is, the next month you're going to owe 98,200, the next month you'll owe -- it just keeps going down every month by one eighty-fourth of that. We never pay a penny. It's self amortizing. In other words, so at the end of six years and eleven months there's \$1,350 or whatever the number is that's outstanding. At the end of the seventh year there's nothing

- outstanding. So there's never a repayment of any dollars to any people.
 - Q I'm just trying to understand where that money comes from.
 - A It comes from my slot route operator.
 - Q Okay. Does it come --
 - THE COURT: So is it forgiven during the term as long as you remain a customer?
- THE WITNESS: That is correct. I call it self amortized, but it's forgiven.
- 11 BY MR. McCREA:

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- Q But the payment doesn't come out of your share of the participation. Is that what you're saying?
 - A There's no payment.
- Okay. Comes out of the slot operator's part of it;

 16 is that your understanding?
 - A There is no payment. I mean, so there's no money -- after we get the \$100,000 there's no payment that exchanges hands thereafter.
- 20 Q Okay. Do Von's and Long's still operate slot 21 machines in Boca Park?
 - A Neither location operates today.
- 23 Do you know when they closed?
- 24 A Von's was a Hagen's up until sometime this year, and 25 I know Hagen's had gaming devices up until -- and I don't know

the month or whatever, but they were Hagen's. Long's has been Party City for a long time, I don't know, years. 3 When those businesses had gaming did you notice any effect on your revenues? 4 5 MR. OLSEN: Objection. Relevance. THE COURT: Overruled. 6 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't even -- they were there when I got there. BY MR. McCREA: When they closed did you notice any effect? 10 I can't recall that today. I wasn't privy to their 11 12 numbers, either. 13 All right. Your slot route operator is Golden Gaming? 14 15 A subsidiary thereof, yeah. Golden Entertainment. Α Same slot operator at Wahoo's? 16 Q 17 Correct. Α 18 Tell me, did you say you represent Golden Gaming or Q 19 had represented Golden Gaming as an attorney? 20 I actually work for Golden Gaming as their head of 21 business development and government affairs. 22 Okay. So you're currently employed by Golden Q 23 Gaming. 24 I am. Α 25 So do you have access to their internal records? Q

- A I guess I would. I guess I do. But I --
- Q And do you know how many customers Golden Gaming has that are members of their slot players club?
 - A I'm not sure I understand the question.

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Q I'm not talking about specific individuals who may be a member of the Golden Gaming slot players club, but specific locations that offer that loyalty club to their patrons.

A Every bar offers it in some way, shape, or form. But it is not a single club. No one but my -- no one but Three Angry Wives has access to Three Angry Wives' players tracking club. In other words, a person at Golden does, but no one -- in other words, Golden can't go to that player tracking list and offer a PT's promotion to people on Three Angry Wives or Wahoo's or anyone else, for that matter. In other words, now, Golden PT's, their 50 locations have a universal slot club that all -- but, you know, just pick a bar. Lion's Tail, I don't know. They'll have a slot club, but it'll be specific to them and their players.

- Q And that's what yours is, is that --
- A Yeah. That's what all of them --
- Q Yeah. And that's what Wahoo's is?
- 23 A That's what all of them are, yes.
- Q Will you turn to Exhibit 13, please.
- 25 A Sure. I'd like to direct your attention to some of

the pages you were looking at under your direct examination.

One of the things you went over with Mr. Olsen was the gaming promotion, your gaming promotion expenses.

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- Q Now, did there come a point in time when you changed your accounting treatment of certain expenses?
 - A I don't have a recollection.
- Q I notice that there's an item called "Gaming Promo."

 And if you look at -- I'm looking at the Three Angry Wives

 profit and loss, and this is for the year 2011.
 - A Okay.
 - Q And this is page --
- 13 THE COURT: What Bates number?
- MR. McCREA: HIGCO393.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. 393. Got it.
- 16 BY MR. McCREA:
- 17 Q And I see that under Gaming Promo in there are no 18 entries.
 - A Oh. Okay. I can -- I understand the -- now that you've pointed me to it, I can explain it. Up until that time the machines didn't have the ability -- you had to do a mailer or you could send it out via text, but you had to do something which you then physically had to put money into the machine.
- In other words, if you brought your phone in to me, you said,
- 25 here's my text, we would have to put a hundred dollar bill in

the machine. The technology advanced so you can do downloadable credits into the game. That's the only 3 difference. So you'll notice the line Tavern Tracker Promotion goes -- TT Promotion or TT mailer goes away 4 5 completely about the same time. So that you didn't -- it was simply a different way. You didn't have to give people a 6 physical voucher or anything physical anymore, it could simply 8 be downloadable. It was a technology change. 9 Okay. So that explains --10 Yeah. It was a technology change. Α MR. McCREA: Court's indulgence. 11 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 12 13 (Pause in the proceedings) 14 MR. McCREA: I have nothing further, Your Honor. 15 THE COURT: Mr. Olsen, any redirect? 16 MR. OLSEN: Just a few questions, Your Honor. 17 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. OLSEN: 19 Mr. Higgins, you were asked about a few bars and 20 locations and whether you considered them competitors. 21 any of those bars and locations, were any of those inside of 22 Boca Park?

A None of them are inside of Boca Park, and all of them have been in existence one way or another in excess of 10 or 15 years.

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- Q So prior to the time Wahoo's was --
- A Well before. Not a single one of them -- all those locations have been -- and I would go back. I think the only one that opened post us was Martinis, and that was by several months at most. So in the same time frame. Every other one I mentioned has been open in some iteration since before we were open.
- Q They've been there the whole time, essentially, Three Angry Wives has been in business?
- A That is correct.
- Q It was a little confusing, but as I understand the participation agreement, the \$100,000 is like a bonus; is that right?
- A Yes. In exchange for signing a contract they will give you that.
- Q And that reduced automatically each month, that \$100,000, until the seven years, I think it was --
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- 19 Q -- is completed, and then it's down to zero; is that 20 right?
 - A Yeah. That's in our instance. I mean, some people do a four-year contract, they get \$50,000. In other words, the amount of bonus you get is in direct relation to how long you're willing to do a contract for.
- 25 Q It wasn't a loan?

- A In no way, shape, or form was it a loan.
- Q It didn't come out of your -- any of your money, the repayment?
 - A It did not.

Q Would you say that the Von's customers that were there when it was operating were the same customers as Three Angry Wives customers?

A No. I've been in this business since 1990. I've been a general counsel for a slot route company from 1993 to 2010, and I now for the past five months have worked again at a gaming company. I think I understand restricted gaming as well as almost anyone in the state of Nevada, to be quite honest with you, and those customers are by and large a different customer than goes into a tavern. Now, there are some people who game in both places. However, they are a different customer by and large when you look at the demographics for those people versus the demographics for people who go into a tavern-supper club location to gamble.

- Q Okay. And both ET&T, the Herbst operation, and Golden have had machines in grocery stores over those years; correct?
 - A Have and still do.
 - Q You've had a lot of experience with those locations?
- 24 A All the time.
 - Q When did you start at Golden Gaming?

- A April of this year. End of April.
- Q So you haven't been there throughout this case?
- A No. I -- they were one of my consulting clients. I for five years did just government affairs, and they were one of my clients at both the local and state level, Carson City and here, for their gaming route operations.
- Q Okay. I want to have you look at Exhibit 13 again. I think you were looking at --
 - THE COURT: What page?
- MR. OLSEN: Page 393, Your Honor. And 94.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 12 BY MR. OLSEN:

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- Q Let's take a look at 394. If -- I wasn't quite following the questioning, but it looks like on page 394 a new line item was added for gaming promotion -- gaming promo in.
 - A Yes.
- Q Okay. And you were talking about how the machines had a function, added a function where promotions could be done through the machines; is that right?
- A That's exactly what -- it was just a change from a mailer to basically direct downloadable credits, we'll call them, to the gaming device itself.
- Q And it looks like some of the categories that had been below that line in the past, for example, tavern tracker and gaming promotion other, after October 2012 gets sucked up

in that line which is gaming promo in; correct?

A Yes. There are several lines there that had dollar values that ended up being zeros as you go forward because it's simply -- again, everything -- rather than being a mailer or a card we have, you know, physical card, we had a keno card you would stamp when you got six of a kind, five of a kind. We didn't use those anymore. It was all downloadable credits to the game. So it just changed -- it was just a method by which we were promoting our gaming to our customers. But, nonetheless, if you look at -- starting at page 393 at September of 12 --

First of all September 2012 is after Wahoo's opened; correct?

- A September of 2012. Okay. I'm looking.
- Q That's when it opened, was May 2012 when Wahoo's opened; right?
- A Right.

- Q So in September 2012, starting with October and going forward, the amounts spent on total gaming promotion -- the total increases over all of those prior months on page 394 back into -- well into 2011, correct, the total promotion?
- A Yes. They did. That's a different question, the methodology that I was talking about. But, yes, absolutely we increased our gaming promotion to try to retain customers.
 - Q Okay. So it's not just about moving the numbers.

The numbers grew; is that correct? Absolutely. But, again, the reason it changed was 3 different. MR. OLSEN: Pass the witness. 4 5 THE COURT: And the different is because of a 6 technology improvement that your supplier of machines was giving you to be able to access your customers. THE WITNESS: That is exactly right, Your Honor. 8 9 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. THE WITNESS: That is exactly correct. 10 11 THE COURT: Anything else, Mr. McCrea? 12 MR. McCREA: Yes, Your Honor. 13 RECROSS-EXAMINATION 14 BY MR. McCREA: Mr. Higgins, do you have customers that patronize 15 Three Angry Wives exclusively? 16 17 I wouldn't say that's -- I would not say that. 18 So your customers, even your good customers, often Q 19 go other places to eat and to play slot machines? 20 I would agree with that. 21 And some of those places would be the customers --22 or, pardon me, the competitors that we identified a few 23 minutes ago? 24 Potentially. I can't, you know, tell you whether 25 those are the ones they frequent or not or where they go. But

I'm not going to say they don't eat or gamble anywhere else in the city of Las Vegas. 3 Do you have any customers that you consider exclusive customers of Three Angry Wives? 4 5 What do you mean by exclusive? That they never set 6 foot in another restaurant or another tavern? That they gamble exclusively at Three Angry Wives and no place else. 8 9 Α No. 10 MR. McCREA: Thank you. Anything further of Mr. Higgins? 11 THE COURT: 12 MR. OLSEN: No, Your Honor. 13 Mr. Higgins, thank you very much. You THE COURT: 14 may step down. You're welcome to leave, if you'd like, or to 15 remain in the courtroom. Next witness. 16 17 MR. CICILIANO: Jeremy Aguero, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Mr. Aguero, if you'd come forward, 19 please, so we can swear you in. And as a non lawyer the M&Ms 20 are yours to devour. 21 JEREMY AGUERO, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN 22 THE CLERK: Thank you. Please be seated. Please 23 state and spell your name for the record.

THE WITNESS: My name is Jeremy Aguero, J-E-R-E-M-Y

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MR. CICILIANO: And, Your Honor, before we begin Mr.

McCrea and I have agreed that Mr. Aguero, as well as Mr.

Rosten, are qualified as experts. Reserve the right, of course, to dispute their opinions, but they're qualified, so hopefully we'll save that step.

THE COURT: Okay. And, sir, there's water in the pitcher if you need some.

THE WITNESS: Thank you, ma'am.

MR. CICILIANO: In all candor to the Court --

THE COURT: Is that accurate, both the experts -both sides stipulate to the experts' qualifications and we're
only going to worry about what they base their opinions on and
the weight to be given those opinions?

MR. McCREA: That is correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CICILIANO: Thank you, Your Honor. And not to correct you, but Mr. Aguero may have gone to law school, but not being a lawyer, so I don't know if that changes the M&M opinion. I consider him to be the smarter one of us, so he deserves probably an extra one.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. CICILIANO:

- Q Mr. Aguero, could you tell me where you currently work.
 - A I'm a principal analyst for Applied Analysis based

out of Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Q And what does Applied Analysis do?
- A We're an economic fiscal and policy consultancy.
- Q Okay. And what type of economic fiscal and policy consultancy work do you do?

A We represent a relatively broad cross-section of clients, everything from real estate to government to gaming and related operations. We do work for utilities, some litigation support work, a lot of urban economic work, some survey-related work, and certainly a lot of general economic analysis.

Q Okay. And just to narrow this down, with regards to your experience with gaming could you give us a brief overview of what you've done in your career.

A Sure. In 1997 I was a principal author for the what was called then the Impact -- the "Economic Fiscal and Social Impact of Gaming on the State of Nevada" that was delivered to the Federal Gaming Impact Study Commission. I penned that jointly with a professor at UNLV by the name of Shannon Bybee.

Subsequent to that, in 2000-2001 I was the chair of the Governor's Task Force on Tax Policies Technical Working Group that worked for a year to evaluate tax alternatives on behalf of Governor Kenny Guinn. In doing that I analyzed any number of gaming-related activities, both relative to restricted and nonrestricted gaming licensees.

In 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2015 I analyzed various tax alternatives on behalf of the State of Nevada. I have worked historically for the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority to do economic and fiscal analyses surrounding visitation and gaming expenditure level data. I have surveyed both residents and visitors in multiple thousands of them relative to their gambling behavior, and worked on various economic and fiscal impact analyses, as well as feasibility studies both in and out of Nevada.

THE COURT: Including things about stadiums.

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

BY MR. CICILIANO:

Q With respect to -- just breaking gaming down, with respect to a gaming establishment issue in this case, the more nonrestricted, have you done work specifically to those types of entities?

A Yeah. I mean, a fair amount of work relative to nonrestricted licensees. We did take a look -- did some analyses relative to the smoking ban that existed several years back. In addition to that there's been a lot of discussion recently, both among restricted and nonrestricted licensees, as well as I guess I should say the legislature as a whole in terms of the development of some of these slot parlors, the Dotty's, the Molly's, those type of things, and what implications they're having both on the expansion and

trends in terms of consumer behavior as it relates to gaming. So I understand the market. And in addition to that our office has a system, it's called myresearcher.com, where we track all gaming-related activity in the gaming sector.

Q And when you say you track all gaming-related activity what does that mean just briefly, thousand-foot view?

A Well, for all of the data that are released by the Gaming Control Board we've created a central repository for all that information going all the way back in some cases well before 1980 so we can actually see trends in the amount of play, what new types of slot machines are coming online, those type of things.

Q Okay. In your career have you analyzed the factors that contribute to the success of a local gaming establishment?

A Generally speaking the answer to your question is yes. But those are the same economic factors that affect almost any analysis that we do, supply, demand, and pricing.

Q Okay. And so for bars what happens to be important factors?

A I would argue the most important factor is convenience, location. That has a tendency to attract and retain customers. Beyond that there's the quality of the product, there's the ability of the operator, all of those type of things. But I think all of those are second to

convenience and location.

Q And when you say convenience and location is that location to one's home, or location to something else?

A Well, it can be both. I mean, the answer to your question is yes. When we're talking about location really we're talking about the equilibrium, if you will, between supply and demand. On the supply side the question of location is do I have a competitive market in which I'm operating, can I be competitively positioned against the other suppliers in the region. From a demand side it's largely based on — the first step in any analysis is going to be look at all of the rooftops that are around a specific location. It is a demonstrative factor. Beyond that you want to know the income level and the marginal propensity to participate in gaming activity. Certainly the population over the age of 21 is critically important in that regard.

Beyond that, however, there are other factors that affect gaming operations, including bars and taverns, that are also very important. I think the one that you were alluding to is something like traffic counts, how much volume is moving up and down the roads adjacent to where you are. That is critical to almost any retail establishment. Certainly a bar or a tavern it's important to, as well.

Another one that I would add into that would also be consideration of surrounding developments. I mean, you take a

retail development like Boca Park, it is designed to draw people -- the size of Boca Park, if you will, and having anchor tenants is designed simply to draw people from a --

MR. McCREA: Your Honor, I'm going to object to this. This is beyond the scope of his written report. He didn't render any opinions on location or desirability of locations or anything like that.

THE COURT: Overruled. Keep going.

THE WITNESS: And I think I was pretty close to being done. My only point is that the ability to be adjacent to areas where the population is going to naturally come to —we think about it in terms of an attracter of consumer or an attracter of that type of volume. You think about that size matters. The bigger that retail development, the more it's able to draw from a longer way out, and that's why everybody from banks to bars want to be in those specific locations, because they benefit from those adjacent uses.

BY MR. CICILIANO:

- Q With those factors there, including roads, the development's location, and effluence, how does Boca Park rate?
- A It is among the best locations in the Las Vegas valley today.
- MR. McCREA: I'm going to object to that, Your
 Honor. That's his expert opinion. It wasn't --

THE COURT: You don't want to have your place called one of the best locations? You can blow this up and use it.

MR. McCREA: Wonderful. But it's not -- and we're very proud of that, Your Honor. But it's irrelevant and it's beyond the scope of his expert report. He was required to put whatever opinions he's going to express in this case in his report. That opinion isn't in here.

THE COURT: Overruled. I think this is only part of the basics for getting to his opinion as to why the issue related to the exclusive is so important in this case.

Let's go.

12 BY MR. CICILIANO:

- Q Have you had the opportunity to look at the gaming markets in Southern Nevada in general?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Okay. And what was the condition of that market from 2008 to 2012 just generally?

A Generally speaking, from 2008 to 2012 it was probably one of the most difficult periods that Southern Nevada has seen relative to the gaming market as a whole. Gaming revenues dropped precipitously with as the Great Recession came online and held on. That continues still today. I mean, it's become -- in terms of the overall gaming market we continue to struggle to recover the gross gaming revenue that the state of Nevada has come to rely on.

Q And did you have an opportunity to look at Three Angry Wives' financials for that same period?

A I did.

Q Okay. And how did -- or what happened those revenues from 2008 to 2012?

A Well, the principal focus of my analysis was really sort of the period leading up to the opening of Wahoo's and the period after the opening of Wahoo's. And so the revenues were declining in advance of that, not inconsistent with the fact that, frankly, Southern Nevada was among the hardest-hit areas in the entire United States relative to the economic downturn. We saw it in any number of different businesses that we were looking at. Post that, not unlike the balance of the economy, sort of starting in 2012, but really gaining in -- a little bit after that, the market started to gain some momentum back.

Q Okay. And earlier you were in the courtroom when Mr. Higgins went through some of the gaming and advertising numbers; is that correct?

A When you're talking about gaming you're talking the promotion numbers?

Q Sorry. Promotion and overall gaming numbers.

A Yes, sir, I was.

Q And would you agree with just generally his numbers he gave, like ballpark that's what you found to be true, as

well? Yes, sir. I think that's exactly right. And I just want to make sure that I'm being clear. What I believe is consistent is that the amount of promotional activity 4 5 increased at the latter end of that study period. 6 Okay. And that latter end of that study period was the period in which Wahoo's was open? It was. 8 Α 9 And do you believe that it would be accurate to --10 in this case to just compare Three Angry Wives' gaming 11 revenues for to gaming revenues after Wahoo's opened? Look, I think it's a fair analysis to start there, 12 13 but, that being the only analysis, no, I don't think that'd be 14 appropriate in this case. 15 Okay. And do you have any opinion about the 16 economic benefits of the exclusive that Three Angry Wives had 17 in this case? 18 MR. McCREA: Objection, Your Honor. That's not part 19 of his report. 20 THE COURT: If it's not part of his report, we need 21 to --22 MR. CICILIANO: Yes, Your Honor. We'll move on. THE COURT: That's not part of the basic stuff I 23 24 expect to hear from an economist.

MR. CICILIANO: Sure.

THE COURT: Okay. BY MR. CICILIANO: 3 When looking at -- have you had the opportunity to look at how competition influences the location of a gaming 4 establishment? 5 Yes, sir. 6 Okay. And how does proximity of a competitor Q 8 matter? 9 It's incredibly important. Why? 10 Q Because the consumer has a choice at the point at 11 Α 12 which proximity gets closer, right. Two competitors are 13 across the street from the other, that could be restricted or nonrestricted licensees. Consumers don't have to drive past 14 one to get to the other. The convenience of those locations 15 provides -- the absence of the second location gives the first 16 17 one a competitive advantage. 18 And do you know generally where Wahoo's is located 19 in comparison to Three Angry Wives? 20 Generally, yes, sir. 21 Okay. And if you'll turn to what should be the 22 smaller binder there, I believe it's Defendants' Exhibit 501, 23 which was stipulated. 24 THE COURT: Is this the map?

MR. CICILIANO: This is the map.

BY MR. CICILIANO:

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- Q Do you see the little notation that says "Three Angry Wives"?
 - A Yes, sir, I do.
 - Q And the other notation that says "Wahoo's"?
- 6 A Yes, sir, I do.
 - Q Is that consistent with your recollection of their general proximity?
 - A Yes, sir, it is.
 - Q And did you hear Mr. Higgins testify that they're approximately two football fields or less away from one another?
- 13 A I did.
- 14 Q Do you concur with that opinion?
- A Generally speaking, yes. I think that the numbers that we were using were roughly 660 feet, which is in the ballpark.
 - Q Did you have the opportunity to look at other competitors in the surrounding area to Three Angry Wives?
 - A I looked at them generally, both in terms of our analysis as a precursor to it, as well as the rebuttal that we asked to issue.
- Q And you understand that Mr. Rosten was critical of the fact you didn't consider those other competitors; is that correct?

A I understand that, yes, sir.

- Q Okay. And what did you determine or learn about those other competitors?
- A Well, the reality is that those competitors aren't in Boca Park, right. Those competitors would be considered secondary competitors in comparison to Wahoo's, and therefore they weren't part of the determination that we looked at at least for my analysis.
- Q Okay. And were there gaming locations -- or were there other gaming locations at those competitors' locations prior to Wahoo's being there?
- A Sure. The answer to that question is yes, that those competitors existed before. I think it was mentioned previously that there were some competitors and the drug stores and the grocery stores that were there and did not exist anymore, those Boca Park competitors. But then certainly what's been clear is a turnover of gaming licensees or turnover of brands, if you will, in a number of those existing facilitates that are there today.
- Q So would it be accurate to say, then, that the other competitors that were discussed by Mr. Rosten were not new gaming establishments in the sense that there had been gaming on that property previously?
- 24 A The vast majority, yes, sir.
 - Q Okay. And in this case how would you classify what

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- A My assignment was to evaluate damages based on the fact that Wahoo's was operating inconsistent with the lease.
- Q Okay. And what was your understanding of what was inconsistent with their operations?
- A That it had gaming and that gaming was supposed to be exclusive with the previously cited exemptions to Three Angry Wives.
- Q And what is your understanding of where that exemption came from?
- 11 A I believe I got it from having reviewed the 12 complaint and this document.
- Okay. Did you have the opportunity to review Three Angry Wives' lease?
- 15 A I did.
- 16 Q Okay. And what's the term of that lease?
- 17 A I believe it's 10 years with four five-year 18 extensions, if I'm remembering correctly.
 - Q So a total of 30 years?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 Q And did you review Wahoo's lease?
- 22 A Just briefly, yes.
- 23 And what's the term of that lease?
- A I want to say it's 15 years total. I'd have to go back and look at my report to be absolutely certain.

And in this case did you actually determine what you believe to be plaintiff's damages --3 I did. Α -- resulting from the breach of the exclusive? Q 4 5 Yes, sir. A Okay. And did you determine those with a reasonable 6 degree of certainty? 8 Α Yes, sir. 9 MR. McCREA: Objection, Your Honor. The report 10 doesn't determine them with a reasonable degree of certainty. 11 THE COURT: No. He does. MR. McCREA: It's not in the report. He didn't 12 13 render an opinion that this was to a reasonable degree of 14 certainty. 15 Okay. Well, he's going to today; right? THE COURT: MR. McCREA: It has to be in his report under 16 Rule 16.1. 17 18 THE COURT: No, it doesn't. Mr. McCrea, that 19 doesn't have to be in the report. 20 MR. McCREA: Your Honor, Rule 16.1(2)(b) states, 21 "The report shall contain a complete statement, all opinions 22 to be expressed and the basis and reasons therefore, the data 23 and other information considered by the witness in forming the 24 opinions." 25 THE COURT: And this is not the opinion. This is

the standard to which the opinion is tested, which is different. Sir, you may continue. MR. CICILIANO: Thank you, Your Honor. 4 5 BY MR. CICILIANO: And did you prepare a report in this case with your 6 findings? Yes, sir, I did. 8 Α 9 Looking in the larger binder --THE COURT: Go back so my record is clear as to 10 whether he did or did not express these opinions to a 11 12 reasonable degree of certainty in his field of expertise. That's a question for me, Your Honor? 13 THE WITNESS: THE COURT: It's a yes or no. 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. 15 16 THE COURT: Well, it was mostly a [unintelligible], 17 but --18 MR. CICILIANO: Thank you, Your Honor. 19 BY MR. CICILIANO: 20 Did you prepare a report in this case with your 21 findings? 22 Yes, sir, I did. Α 23 And in that large binder if you'd turn to 24 Exhibit 10, which has been admitted, is that your report? 25 Yes, sir, it is. Α

Q Okay. And in determining or in preparing the report where did you begin?

A Well, the very first step in the analysis was to look both at revenues and expenditures for the two competitors, in this case Three Angry Wives Pub and Wahoo's. And then really the other step was to evaluate the underlying economy during that same period. I was interested to know whether or not some of those shifts were related or unrelated to the economic activity at the time.

Q Going in did you make an assumption regarding an allowable level of gaming that Wahoo's could have?

A No. Because my understanding was that it should have been zero.

Q Okay. And when you said you looked at the overall market with the two competitors, what did you do when you did that?

A Look, in looking at the market with the overall competitors, I mean, principally my interest was in coin in and was in gaming revenue generated by those two properties during the study period for my analysis.

Q Okay. And so you looked at Wahoo's gaming numbers?

A I did.

Q Okay. And over what period did you look at those numbers?

A Wahoo's gaming numbers I had from July of 2012

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- Q And did you come up with a total gaming revenue between July 2012 and June of 2015?
 - A Yes, sir, I did.
 - O And what's that amount?
 - A \$399,923 in terms of gaming revenue.
- Q And did you determine the amount of coin in during that same period?
- A Yes, sir, I did.
- 10 Q And what's the difference between revenue and coin in?
 - A If a player comes and sits down with \$20 in their pocket and they put that into a slot machine, that's \$20 that comes in. That player then gets they play, they may win a little, they may lose a little, but whatever comes back out of that let's say they get \$18 paid back out, they then put that \$18 back into the machine and they play again. That churn of that money is what is commonly referred to as handler coin in, and the revenue is what is the win that's ultimately held, if you will, by the gaming the machine in that case.
 - Q Okay. And how did -- and how much was revenue from -- how much was coin in from July 2012 to June 2015?
 - A \$10.5 million.
- Q Okay. And did you also look at coin in and revenue for the period of July 2014 to June of 2015?

- Yes, sir, I did. Α And what was coin in for that period? 3 \$4.73 million. So that one year was approximately 50 percent of the Q 4 5 coin in for the entire three-year period? That's correct. 6 Okay. And what was the revenue for that same July 2014 to June 2015 period? 8 \$149,500. 9 10 Okay. So that's just for that one year? That's correct. 11 A Did you also look at Wahoo's food and beverage 12 Q 13 during the same period? 14 Α I did. And how did food and beverage correlate with gaming 15 Q numbers? 16 17 Food and beverage numbers were dropping while gaming 18 coin in was increasing. 19 And what does that indicate to you? Q 20 That Wahoo's was getting better at being a gaming
 - Q And when you say getting better what does that mean?
 - A It means they were attracting and retaining quality customers. It means that they were increasing the amount of revenue that was going through their machines and generating

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more revenue from the slot machines that they had while generating less revenue from the food and beverage that they had.

Q And going into the future what would you expect Wahoo's gaming revenues to be more like, the total period, or the individual -- or that last year?

A I think the most current year would be most indicative of the pattern that they're expected to have on a going forward basis.

Q And why is that?

A Because that's more indicative a gaming-related -restricted gaming operation. I mean, that's a lucrative
operation. It will increase the revenue for them. And,
frankly, the time they took, the money that they spent to
develop those customers, it's important that they continue to
retain them. It's part of their business.

Q And did you consider whether or not plaintiff's damages were equal to the amount of Wahoo's total gaming revenue?

A Yeah. To be honest with you, that was my starting point. At the outset of my analysis the very first analysis that I looked at just took the total amount of that gaming revenue, that \$3.1 million over that -- the totality of the study period named said, well, that's the starting point for the damages. That said, in my professional opinion I think

that's probably overly aggressive, which is why I went through the steps that we were just talking about.

- Q Okay. And when you say the total study period, what was the length of that period?
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Q Okay. And so what did you ultimately do to determine what plaintiff's damages were?

Okay. So ultimately the first step was to get information about all of the rated players, because for rated players we have information about who they are, how often they gamble, and what their volume of play is. This is very important, because it gives us a pretty good indication in terms of their marginal propensity to play and, frankly, what their value is to the specific location. We start with that. We then obtained that information for both Three Angry Wives and for Wahoo's, and those were independent lists. So that is to say that it gave us all of the play-related information for Three Angry Wives Pub and all of the play-related information for Wahoo's. That was the starting point of our analysis, because that gave us the ability to understand how those rated players were playing. It also gave us the ability to understand what share of the total play was coming from those rated players.

Once we had those data we then cross-checked them against each other, the objective being that while I may not

be able to day -- wouldn't be appropriate to say that every dollar that went to Wahoo's would be a dollar that would otherwise go to Three Angry Wives. What we do know is that for a patron that had at least at some point been a Three Angry Wives customers, that that -- any of those revenues that otherwise benefitted Wahoo's would have been in my opinion ill-gotten gains. So we start from that perspective, we cross-check them, and then go from the \$3.1 million number and move all the way down to a number that reflects only at this starting point the share of players that went to both locations. And that seemed to me to be a very reasonable and fairly precise starting point for that analysis.

Q Okay. And if I understand you correctly, then you went and obtained the ranked player information for Three Angry Wives and for Wahoo's; is that correct?

A I just want to correct you. Ranked -- I think you said ranked. It's rated. And I think that's -- in my world that's an important distinction.

Q I have "rated" everywhere else in my notes besides one space, and I, of course, read from that. Sorry.

THE COURT: It's okay. You can walk around and pick that up.

MR. CICILIANO: All right. I'll grab it.

24 BY MR. CICILIANO:

Q So what percentage of Three Angry Wives' gaming

revenue is from rated play?

A A little over 50 percent, if I'm remember correctly. I think the number is 56 percent.

- Q And what percentage of Wahoo's gaming revenue is from rated play?
- A It was a little less than 50 percent. I want to say it's 43, 44 percent of their play is rated.
- Q Okay. And so you took the entire group of rated play for what time period?
- A Well, for two time periods, right. One is for the summer -- I guess I should say June of 2012 through -- excuse me, July of 2012 through June of 2015, that was one period. The second period is July of 2014 through June of 2015.
- Q Okay. And did you just take a sampling from that, or did you take all rated --
- A We took the entire universe, everything that was provided to us. There was no sampling or redistribution that was done.
- Q Okay. And why -- do you know why you didn't go before that time period, that 2012 time period?
- A If I remember correctly, and I think that I am, there was a change in the methodology that was used to collect this information. I think they went to something called -- and I can look it up in my notes -- Edge, something Edge technology that meant that we could not get similar

information on a going backward basis. In addition to that we had a period that was very close to approximating when Wahoo's opened. So, again, it seemed reasonable and appropriate to use the universe that we had.

Q Okay. And if a player didn't use his or her card when they went to Wahoo's or Three Angry Wives, would that play have been captured?

A It would.

Q If they didn't use their card?

A I'm sorry. I guess I want to make sure I'm clear on the question. If you're asking whether it would get into our analysis at one point, it was very important. We wanted to consider both rated and unrated play. If you're asking whether someone that was a rated player, for example, at Wahoo's and went over to Three Angry Wives but never used their card would we have captured that person, no. And that's a limitation of our analysis that I think was alluded to earlier and I would agree with makes it somewhat conservative.

Q And when conservative you mean your analysis you think would probably be lower than what actual damages are?

A Yeah, I think so. Look, I mean, if the top end estimate the control total for purposes of our analysis here today is \$3.1 million and the number that I'm opining to is roughly \$1.1 million, that means that we've essentially carved out the other let's call it \$2 million during that period.

And what you just mentioned, someone that was rated at one location but wasn't rated at the other would not have been included in my analysis. And there are other population groups that also wouldn't have been included. Again I think is -- unfortunately, we don't have the same level of data, and so it would be difficult for me to include them as part of my analysis.

Q And just briefly what are those other population groups that wouldn't have been counted?

A Oh, I think there's several of them. I think there's people that aged in during the period. That is to say that they were under 21 and then became 21 and started to participate in one location or the other. We are now the fourth or fifth fastest-growing community over a million people in the United States. Our population growth matters in terms of consumption and related activities. Someone that moved into the community, went to Boca Park, went over to, I don't know Target or Office Max or whatever and decided to go to one location versus the other would not have been included. Anyone that would not have been on one of those two lists for whatever reason was outside of the scope of that preliminary analysis.

Q Okay. And did the level of -- or, sorry. Did you determine whether or not -- when Three Angry Wives players became rated at Three Angry Wives?

- A No, sir.
 - Q And did that matter to your analysis?
 - A No, sir.

Q And why not?

A Because as long as they were a player at Three Angry Wives seems to me that that was the determinative factor in whether they were a shared player or not. Whether that was in 2005 or whether that was in 2015, they were still a shared player.

- Q And in looking at the rated player category did you remove any players from those lists?
- A no, sir.
- Q Okay. And why not?
 - A Because -- forgive me. I hope I'm answering the right question. The reason that I didn't remove anything is because I wanted to make sure that we were looking at the entire universe of shared players, everyone.
 - Q And did you attempt to normalize the data?
 - A There was no reason to, because you have the entire universe. The idea of trimming the tails of outliers or trying to normalize the universe of dataset frankly would just be inappropriate.
 - Q And are you aware of the criticism in Mr. Rosten's rebuttal report that you didn't remove the players, certain players?

- Α Yes, I am.
 - Okay. And what percentage did he advocate removing?
- 3 Well, he sort of had a number of ways that he truncated it. I think it was the 15 percent threshold or the 4 5 tails. So that is to say if a player only played 15 percent or less, I guess I should say, of their play at one location 6 they were considered a minimal player and were outside of the scope. As was mentioned earlier, there were two players whose 8 names were similar to the owners that were extracted from 10 there, so they would have been out, and then there was a third methodology, to be honest, I'm not a hundred percent sure 12 exactly how it was applied, that started with \$2500 and 13 considered that person a de minimis player overall, I believe.
 - And did you look at the list of the people he excluded?
 - Yes, sir, I did.
 - Okay. And in Exhibit 17 in the large binder in front of you at Bates Number PL-TE00085 -- do you recognize this document?
- 20 Yes, sir, I do.

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- And what do you recognize that to be?
- This is the report that was prepared by Mr. Rosten. А
- 23 Okay. And is it accurate to state that the -- is it 24 your -- well, is it your understanding -- there is the shaded 25 line on 0085. Do you see that line?

Yes, sir. Α And is your understanding that he advocates 3 eliminating everyone above that line? Yes, sir, that is my understanding. 4 5 Okay. And just for that group of people, who do 6 they represent? These represent players whose Three Angry Wives coin 8 in as a percentage of total coin in was less than 15 percent of their total. Okay. And during the time period looked at here 10 what was their coin in at Three Angry Wives? Their total coin 11 12 in. The total coin in from all of these folks? 13 14 Yes. Q At Three Angry Wives total coin in running total 15 41,205, if I'm looking at that math correctly. 16 17 Okay. And what was the total coin at Wahoo's? 18 Total coin in at Wahoo's was -- forgive me. I can't Α read that number. I think it's --19 20 THE COURT: Do you want the magnifying glass? 21 THE WITNESS: I don't know that that's going to 22 help. 23 THE COURT: Yeah. They're small. 24 BY MR. CICILIANO: 25 It's a little pixelated. 108

- A Maybe it's -- it's six hundred thousand and something.
- Q Okay. And for those -- so it's your understanding that Mr. Rosten advocating removing the \$41,205 in coin in from Three Angry Wives' numbers, as well as the six hundred and fifty or so thousand from Wahoo's numbers?
 - A I believe so, yes, sir.
 - Q And would you advocate removing those figures?
- A Absolutely not.
- Q Okay. And if you take a look at a few of the people on the list, I'm going to refer to a row number. On the very left-hand side there's sequential numbering. Do you see that?
- 13 A I do.

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- Q Okay. And if you look at Row Number 15, could you tell me what the Three Angry Wives coin in for that individual would be.
- 17 A For Row Number 15 the Three Angry Wives coin in was 18 \$5,887.
- 19 Q Okay. And do you find that to be a significant 20 figure to include in the analysis?
- 21 A I do.
- 22 | Q And why is that?
- A It's a significant amount of money. Look, I'll be honest with you. I don't think any of these should be excluded, because they're reflective of play at both

locations. The ones that are higher, which I'm assuming is what you're alluding to here, are particularly egregious, because they're significant.

- Q Okay. And if you'd turn, then, to page -- in the same exhibit, which is Exhibit 17, PL-TE00087.
 - A I'm there.
- Q Okay. And do you see the shaded line I believe looks like it's about Row 134?
 - A I see it, yes, sir.
- 10 Q And do you have an understanding as to what 11 everything below that line represents?
 - A I do.

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- 13 Q And what's that?
 - A This is where the coin in as a percentage of total coin in at Three Angry Wives was greater or 85 percent or greater to that location.
- 2 And what did those players contribute to Wahoo's?
- 18 A Excuse me. To Wahoo's. I want to say that's 19 \$97,820.
 - Q Okay. And if you look at Row 136 for that gentleman, during that time -- during the time period of this analysis how many Three Angry Wives visits did he make?
 - A He made 23 visits to Three Angry Wives.
- 24 Q And how many visits did he make to Wahoo's?
- A He made -- I'm sorry. I slipped. Did you say 135?

Q -36. Sorry.

A I'm sorry. 136. So it would be 23 visits to Three Angry Wives and 11 visits to Wahoo's.

- Q Okay. And for Row Number 143 how many visits did that individual make to Three Angry Wives?
 - A 139 visits.
 - Q And how many did he make to Wahoo's?
- A 51.

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- Q And do you consider those to be significant factors in your analysis?
 - A Absolutely.
- 12 Q And why is that?
- 13 A Because, again, I don't think any of these should be 14 truncated. They reflect play that was occurring at both 15 locations. And again, the ones that you're highlighting here,

it just shows that some of the volumes were very significant.

- The fact that it was only 15 percent does not make them a minor player either way.
- Q Okay. And are you familiar with Mr. Rosten's supplemental report?
- 21 A Yes, sir, I am.
- Q Okay. And is it fair to say that he looked at frequency of play in that report?
- 24 A Yes. Just to make sure that we're clear, this is 25 the report that has the histograms as the attachments?

- There've been a number of reports. I want to make sure I'm referring to the right one.
- Q Sure. So what we're referring to now, if you turn to Exhibit 18, starting I guess right after A portion, I guess the 112, Plaintiff's 112 --
 - A Thank you, sir. Yes, this is the one.
 - Q -- are these the histograms you're referring to?
 - A Yes, sir, they are.

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- Q And what do the histograms track?
- 10 A These are looking at the volume of play for each individual player at Three Angry Wives and at Wahoo's.
 - Q And does that volume of play matter to you?
- 13 A The volume of play of course is important, yes.
- Q Okay. And does it -- or from these histograms can you tell when one individual played at -- strike that.
- Turn to an example of one. Turn to page -- it's PL- TE000122.
- 18 A Thank you, sir. I'm there.
- Q Okay. And looking at this individual for August of 20 2014 how many times did they play at Three Angry Wives, and 21 how many times did they play at Wahoo's?
 - A According to this document, they played six times at Three Angry Wives and ten times at Wahoo's.
- Q Is it your understanding they went 16 different days to game?

- A There's no way to tell.
- Q Okay. So it's possible that some of these players, as Mr. Higgins had testified to, were at Three Angry Wives and then went to Wahoo's?

A I think it's equally likely that they played on different days or the same day.

- Q And does it matter to you in your analysis whether or not they played on different days?
 - A It does.

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- Q Okay. And why?
- A Because the analysis, again, looks at the total universe of shared play between these two locations. And just to be frank, I mean, we can go through as many of these as you like, I'm happy to do it; but it doesn't matter if it's one or one hundred and fifty-one. The reality is that this is shared play between two locations, one of which had been there, the other one that wasn't supposed to be there.
- Q Okay. And for the sake of not getting something thrown at me, I will move on past these histograms.
- 20 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 21 BY MR. CICILIANO:
- Q What does your analysis of rated play between Wahoo's and Three Angry Wives customers determine?
- 24 A Can you point me back to where my report was just so 25 I can point to specific numbers?

- Q I believe it's Exhibit 10.
- A 10. Thank you, sir.

If it's okay, I'd like to reference Exhibit 2 in response to your question. So when we looked at --

THE COURT: Exhibit 2 to Exhibit 10?

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- Q And that's on page AA00005; is that correct?
- 8 A Thank you.

THE COURT: That's a part of your report; right?

10 THE WITNESS: Correct.

THE COURT: Because, remember, we've got duplicate numbers of what your exhibits are to your report, so we'll get confused if we don't --

THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor. I apologize. So I'm looking at Exhibit 10 -- excuse me. Am I saying that right? Exhibit 10 -- Exhibit 2 within Exhibit 10 on page AA00005.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 BY MR. CICILIANO:

- Q And what did your analysis of rated play between Wahoo's and Three Angry Wives rated customers determine?
- A It determined that there was a significant share of play that happened at both locations. If we looked since the inception period, that is to say from July of '12 through June of 2015, the number was about 28.7 percent. And if we looked