#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

THE STATE OF NEVADA,	)	NO.	75662
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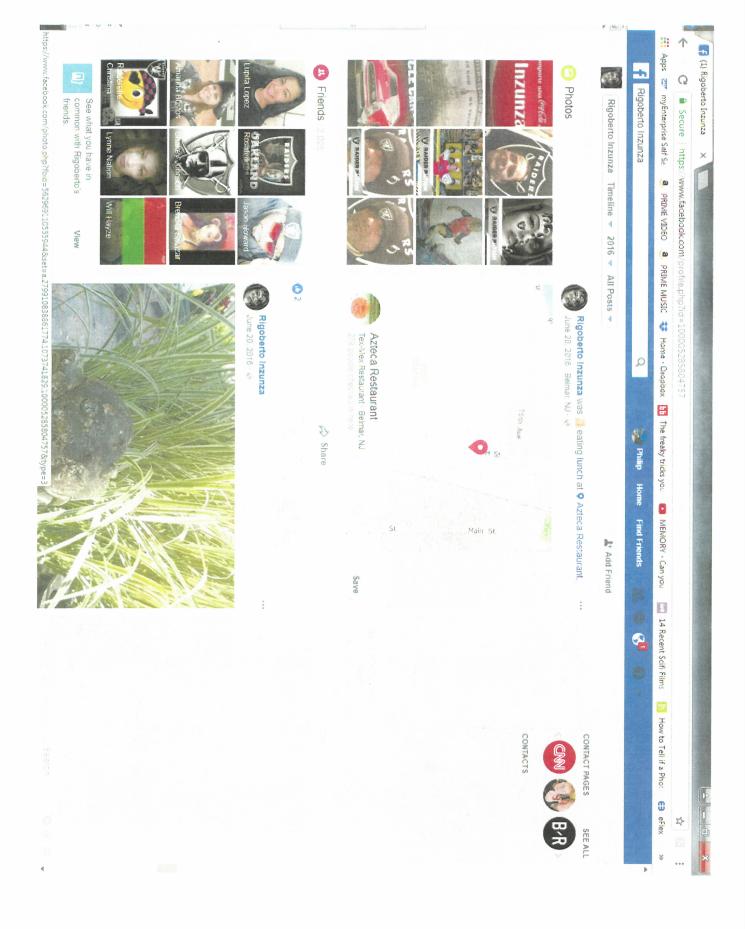
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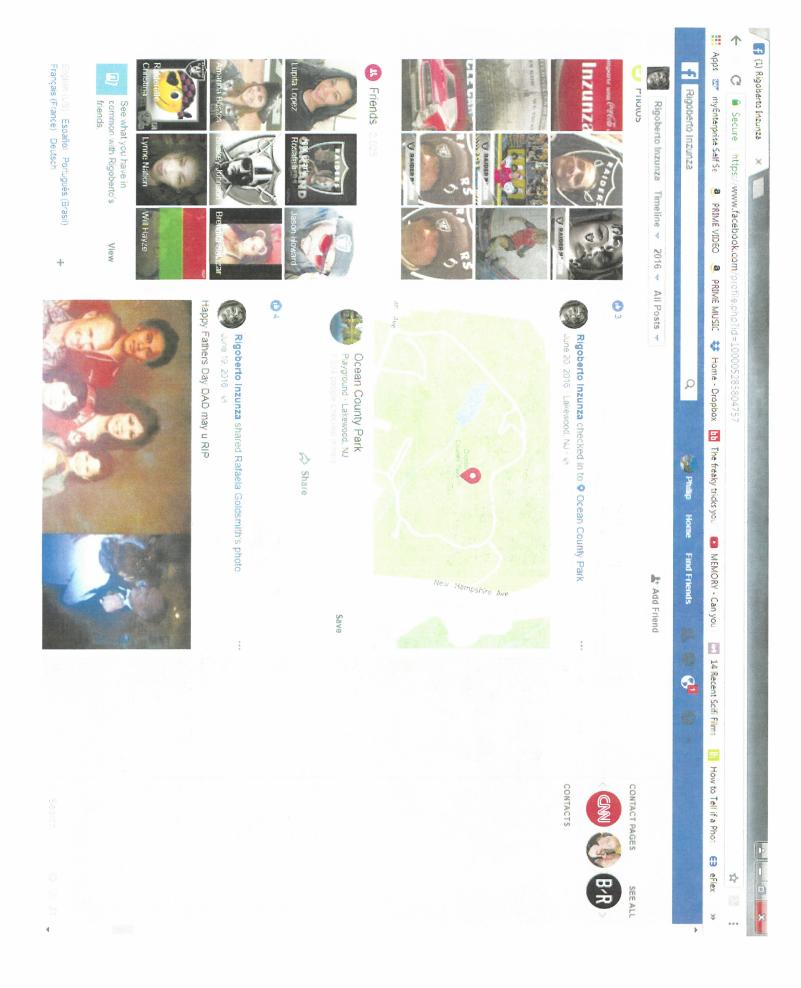
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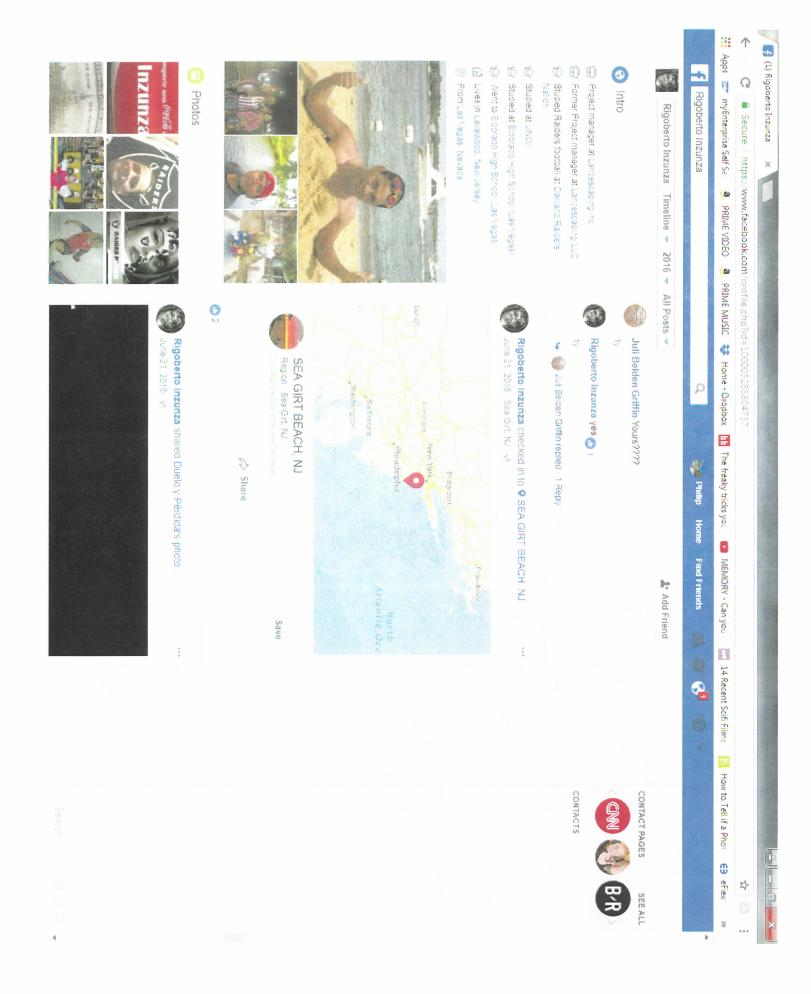
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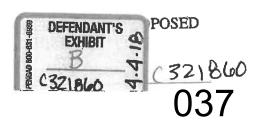
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Rigo was neighbor in Pahrump from March 2004 to January 2005

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December 2006 lived at 6632 Celeste Ave

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DEFENDANT'S PROPOSED C321860

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9	) Plaintiff, ) CASE NO. C-17-321860-1				
10	v. DEPT. NO. V				
11	RIGOBERTO INZUNZA, DATE: 3/21/18				
12	TIME: 9:00 a.m.  Defendant.				
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14	DECLARATION OF COUNSEL IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO				
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16	DISMISS PURSUANT TO DOGGETT V. UNITED STATES, FOR VIOLATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS				
17	COMES NOW, the Defendant, RIGOBERTO INZUNZA, by and through P. DAVID				
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19	WESTBROOK, Chief Deputy Public Defender, and hereby submits this Declaration of Counsel in				
20	support of his Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Doggett v. United States, 505 U.S. 647 (1992).				
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22	DATED this 4 <sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.				
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#### DECLARATION

#### P. DAVID WESTBROOK makes the following declaration:

- 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada and I am the Deputy Public Defender assigned to represent the defendant, Mr. Inzunza, in the instant matter.
- 2. This declaration is based on communications with Mr. Inzunza's sister, Norma Goldsmith, and the other witnesses listed below.
- 3. In preparation for the hearing in this case, I contacted several of Mr. Inzunza's close family and friends to see whether they had ever been contacted by law enforcement in an effort to locate Mr. Inzunza. None of these witnesses was ever contacted by law enforcement prior to Mr. Inzunza's arrest. This list includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - Rafaela I DeGoldsmith: Defendant's (mother)
  - Guadalupe Lopez DeHughes (sister)
  - Kayla Hughes (niece)
  - Melissa Collaso (friend of over 20 years)
  - James Blomgren (brother-in-law and friend of 46 years)
  - Maria Guadalupe Bortolotti (cousin)
  - Emmanuel Nicholas Vosdoganis (nephew)
  - Courtney Harris (friend of 5 years)
  - Norma Goldsmith (sister)

4. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information and belief. (NRS 53.045).

EXECUTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

RIGOBERTO INZUNZA, AKA RIGOBERTO LOPEZ INZUNZA,

Defendant.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE CAROLYN ELLSWORTH, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

# RECORDER'S TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING: ALL PENDING MOTIONS

**APPEARANCES:** 

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**Chief Deputy District Attorney** 

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Deputy Public Defender

ALSO PRESENT: DANIELA LABOUNTY, ESQ.

For Diana Saunders

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Las Vegas, Nevada, Monday, March 19, 2018

[Hearing began at 11:26 a.m.]

THE CLERK: On page 3.

THE COURT: Case number C321860, State of Nevada versus Rigoberto Inzunza.

MR. VILLANI: Good morning, Your Honor. Jake Villani, on behalf of the State.

MR. WESTBROOK: David Westbrook, on behalf of Mr. Inzunza.

MS. LABOUNTY: Good morning, Your Honor. Daniela LaBounty, on behalf of Diana Saunders.

THE COURT: So this is on the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss --

MR. WESTBROOK: Yes.

THE COURT: -- Pursuant to *Doggett versus United States*, etcetera, etcetera.

It is the -- Master Calendar wrongly put this on for the Motion to Vacate the Ex -- well to seal, because we were notified this morning that there was a motion on to seal on an order shortening time. I did sign the Order Shortening Time; however, it didn't get filed or served in time, so --

MR. WESTBROOK: Okay.

THE COURT: -- it shouldn't have been put on calendar.

But do we have everybody we need? Yes for the other motions that are on --

MS. LABOUNTY: Yes.

THE COURT: -- properly.

MR. WESTBROOK: True Your Honor, the Motion to Seal was simply to ask permission to seal the offer of proof that was made in response to Ms. Saunders' motion, which you know, is privileged information for reasons that I described in the Motion to Seal. Just to make sure that that information wasn't produced to any party.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WESTBROOK: So that's -- that was the purpose of the Motion For Order Shortening Time. I'm not sure why it wasn't filed, but that's all there is to it. And you know, the reason that I filed it openly as opposed to just doing an ex parte motion, was simply because I thought that Ms. Saunders would need the opportunity, fairly, to respond to the equal protection argument, if she so desired.

It's a pretty simple argument, but if she wants to respond to it then she should be able to.

THE COURT: You'd have to file the motion to seal something. You have to -- it can't be ex parte. It needs to be filed with notice to the other side, even if the thing that you're attempting to seal ultimately gets sealed. But like I say, it's not properly before the Court this morning --

MR. WESTBROOK: Okay.

THE COURT: -- as the Order Shortening Time it didn't get served or filed timely.

MR. WESTBROOK: Okay. I was under the impression that they were served and filed timely, but if that's not the case, then that's

not the case.

THE COURT: No, it has to be -- it should have been filed on Thursday in order for it, but that didn't happen. And in fact, I don't think it got filed until --

MS. LABOUNTY: I believe --

THE COURT: -- Friday?

MS. LABOUNTY: Yes, Your Honor, I believe I saw it come through like Friday late afternoon sometime.

THE COURT: We can't shorten anything to less than one full judicial day.

MR. WESTBROOK: That is true. When was it signed, do we know that?

THE COURT: Thursday.

MR. WESTBROOK: Okay.

THE COURT: In fact, my JEA emailed it to the secretary to make sure that it would get timely done, but it -- that didn't happen, so it's not on. But I don't, you know, I think we can proceed. Not with that motion, because I can still hear that at a different time as to whether it'll be sealed or not.

But let's take the Motion to Vacate the Ex Parte Order first.

Since that was filed first.

MR. WESTBROOK: Your Honor, I was going to suggest, of course it's up to the Court's pleasure on this, but I was going to suggest that we do the dispositive motions first since it would render Ms.

Saunders' motion moot if this case was dismissed. But it's up to the

Court.

THE COURT: Well I'm, I mean, I want to take this motion first.

MR. WESTBROOK: Okay.

MS. LABOUNTY: Thank you, Your Honor. We moved to vacate the ex parte order on the basis of privilege that the record that the Defendant was seeking from Ms. Saunders, who's a licensed marriage and family therapist, are privileged and no exception under the statute has been established by the Defendant.

Once Ms. Saunders claims a burden on behalf of her client, which she's entitled to do under the statute, is then the burden shifts to the person seeking the records to establish which exception may apply.

Defendant has argued that somehow this privilege has been waived. Ms. Saunders, no privilege has been waived. While she can assert the privilege on behalf of her client she can't waive it. It has to be a voluntary disclosure by the holder of the privilege.

Ms. Saunders is a marriage and family therapist. She's been treating who I believe is the victim in this underlying criminal matter. And some allegations or some details were revealed to her under which she was obligated to report them to law enforcement, as she's a mandatory reporter for any instances of abuse or neglect, sexual assault, anything of that of a minor.

So she complied with her legal obligations and reported these allegations to the police. It was limited to specific facts that were revealed to her during a therapy counseling session that, I believe, must have led to the underlying criminal charges. There was no discussion of

therapy or treatment. It was her reporting to the police was simply limited to what her client revealed to her that rose to the level of mandatory reporting under the statute.

There's been no other voluntary waiver or disclosure that would waive privilege. There's nothing in any of case law that supports production of privileged records. In fact it's very clear, that even under the discovery requirements of the State privileged records still don't need to be produced unless an exception has been established. And no such exception has been established in this case. And there's also our position that the order itself was over broad. It just was a blanket order for records. There was no time specified, there was no limitation on the content in the records sought.

Ms. Saunders has been treating this client for a number of years. I don't believe the allegations were revealed until two or three years into treatment. So there would definitely need to be, if the Court is inclined to grant productionary [sic] records the order would definitely need to be limited in its scope, to a very specific time period, as well as, very specific content of those actual records limited to specifically what — or specifically to any mention of the allegations in this case, and you know, nothing else regarding third parties or any other therapy notes for treatment.

But it's our position, that the records are privileged and the Defendant has failed to meet his burden to an exception to that privilege.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. WESTBROOK: Well, Your Honor, I'd like to start with

exceptions.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WESTBROOK: Obviously Ms. Saunders is not in a position to know whether or not we've actually established something that would meet the privilege, the exceptions to the privilege, because she's not privy to the offer of proof that I submitted under seal for purposes of meeting that burden. Nor should she be, because it has to be presented under seal. To rule otherwise, to rule for example, that *Bradley* requires the defense to expose privileged information, such as, defense strategy and client communications in order to meet the *Bradley* standard would violate equal protection, unless of course, Ms. Saunders and her client are required to do the same.

So I submitted my information under privilege and I also argue that they would also be required to submit their information to privilege, if I am, which is what *Bradley* appeared to say so that the Court can review it. And what's important to understand here and to keep our eyes on the ball is that this is not the same thing as producing it to the defense.

The whole purpose of in camera review and filing something under seal is so that a finder of fact and a knower of the law, which is Your Honor, can take a look at all of the information and determine whether it's relevant and should be turned over to actually weigh the standards. And unless we turn them over, then no one can make that intelligent decision.

So I created an offer of proof. I filed it under seal initially and

filed it with a motion to file under seal, which I believe I filed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. And then, excuse me I have a cold, Master Calendar set it for the 28<sup>th</sup>, which of course was too late. So we tried to get it on for today to argue. I'm not sure where the miscommunications happened or why it didn't get filed on time, I apologize for that. But I got everything over here as soon as I personally could. And I certainly have no problem with the Court delaying a decision regarding whether or not we met the standards of the exceptions to the privilege rule until the -- until Ms. Saunders has a chance to respond to our Motion To File Under Seal I suppose. Or until the time the Court has had a chance to look at my offer of proof under seal.

Now the offer of proof again, can't be shared outside of the -of chambers. I did submit an order to seal for in camera review, but I
believe that offer of proof more than meets the exceptions that were
noted. And it, you know, counters Ms. Saunders's points that we haven't
provided information to meet any exceptions. We have, she just can't
look at it. And also to the extent that Ms. Saunders might argue, well if I
can't look at it, how can I respond to it. That is precisely the Defense
argument when we're asking for records of this treatment.

As to the specific comments about SCOPE, the reason why SCOPE from the beginning is important is because these allegations came out of therapy. And it's our understanding that other prior allegations, I don't know if they're prior false allegations or prior true allegations, but other allegations have been made as a part of the therapy. And that in fact, that is the reason for the therapy, as I

understand it. And again, this is one of the reasons why I need these documents to actually verify if what I understand to be true is true.

But as I understand it, there've actually been four people accused by the subject minor here of committing some kind of sexual misconduct. One of which is her father, one of which is her uncle, one of which is Darrington Rivers, and there's a record of that by both sides and this is a witness for the State. And the fourth of which is Mr. Inzunza.

All of that is certainly relevant, because if she's making prior false allegations and remember we're saying that this is a false allegation, and that goes directly to her credibility. And furthermore, it invokes whether or not her therapy itself is relevant, because she's going to therapy and she's accusing people. Okay, so it goes to her state of mind and it actually brings the therapy into relevance.

As for the waiver of privilege, I agree that if you're a mandatory reporter and you go and report that that is not a waiver of privilege, because you're required by a different statute to do that. However, Ms. Saunders did far more than just report. As a mandatory reporter she's required to go in to the police department and report what she knows. That's one time and it should be limited to the facts that she knows and mainly it should be as a way to encourage further investigation by the police.

She doesn't have to share a lot of information to do that. She just has to go in and say, you know, my client told me that she was touched by so and so and you need to follow up with the investigation.

Well Ms. Saunders, didn't just go there once, she actually met with police at the request of her client and that's a very important fact to remember. At the request of her client she went to the police three different times. Spoke to the police often on behalf of her client relaying things her client was not comfortable saying, and this is all in the police report.

And she didn't just talk about the facts that concern Mr. Inzunza; she also talked about the facts that concern Mr. Rivers. And furthermore, Ms. Saunders, again with the permission and at the express request of her client, told the police that she suffers from a mental illness. Her diagnosis of a mental illness has nothing to do --either her diagnosis of a mental illness has nothing to do with the reporting or it has everything to do with the reporting. Either way it certainly goes outside of what she was required to do under that statute.

She shared facts regarding the therapy by disclosing that the client has -- her client has a mental illness. By doing that, she has waived the privilege. We need to get to the bottom of it. And when I say waive the privilege; I'm talking about as it relates to pretrial discovery. Of course under *Bradley* the entire issue of whether or not we can cross-examine on this under the confrontation clause is still open. *Bradley* is purely a pretrial discovery rule. It has nothing to do with whether or not we can get into these issues on cross-examination.

But what wasn't discussed in *Bradley* and what I have discussed in my motion is that in order to be prepared to do a cross-examination under the Sixth Amendment to the United States

Constitution, and to be effective, I need the stuff before we go in there. We're talking about a case when my client's facing a life sentence. As I said in my motion, and I'll say it again, I am ineffective if I'm going in there and just wing it. And if I'm forced to go through this and try to prepare a cross-examination without these documents, it's exactly what I'll be doing. I'll be going in there and asking questions to a witness for which I do not know the answers having reviewed -- having failed to review the important relevant documentation.

Bradley doesn't discuss or deal with effective assistance of client -- excuse me -- I have a really bad cold. Effective assistance of clients at all it -- that issue wasn't brought up. But my position is that if I'm forced to go through with this without reviewing these documents I will be ineffective. It will be impossible for me to be effective.

So to summarize, the privilege was waived because she's sharing information on three different occasions with police regarding not just what she told them about Mr. Inzunza, but what she told them about other people. The details of how the therapy session went, who was present at the therapy session, what was said at the therapy session, and most importantly her diagnosis. Her diagnosis was shared with police. That means it has to be shared with us and it's relevant.

MS. LABOUNTY: Thank you, Your Honor.

Going to the point of the waiver again, I have a hard time believing that an effective reporting would be simply going to law enforcement and saying, my client has said that she was abused or assaulted in any way.

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Ms. Saunders did go to police. It's documented in the police report. I think most of the information of what Mr. Westbrook is looking is actually in the police report. And simply stating that her client has a mental illness isn't a waiver of that privilege. It's simply stating a fact of why she was getting therapy, again no details of her therapy or of her treatment plan were revealed voluntarily by the victim in this case.

Bradley is very clear, that relevance is not enough to overcome the privilege. And what Mr. Westbrook is arguing is that the records are relevant. And I'm not going to, you know, make an evidentiary argument; I'm probably sure they probably are. But the point is he has to make -- establish -- they go to a substantive issue of law of the defense of his client. And that's unclear because of whatever offer of proof that he claims that he's making, I don't know; I can't respond to that, because I haven't seen it.

Regarding the time delay and coming back again to hear the motion on the offer of proof, I would object to that, I mean, we were here a couple weeks ago, you set a briefing schedule. We all knew the timeframe of when you were going to hear this. You know, my client incurs fees and costs every time that I have to read something, respond to it, appear in Court, and so that's something that's a concern for her. So, you know, I would object to further delaying this out, because it's, you know, it's a burden on my client. And with that I don't have anything further.

MR. WESTBROOK: Could I have two things real quick, Judge?

THE COURT: No. This is, you know, this was her motion. You get to --

MR. WESTBROOK: All right.

THE COURT: -- argue. She gets to respond. That's how it works.

MR. WESTBROOK: Okie dokie.

THE COURT: All right.

So I read the *Bradley* case. I believe that this motion is properly brought. That in fact, you're correct. The holder of the privilege, I think we all need to remember, is not the counsellor; it is the client, the patient. And here we don't have anything. I've got no person, no patient in here saying I'm willing to waive the privilege and so is there an exception? The -- there're only a few exceptions set forth for this particular privilege and nothing that has been submitted, whether it be in the form of the offer of proof arises to the -- a showing that there is an exception to the privilege.

And I believe the motion is well taken. I'm -- I do believe that further, I think, there is an argument that the -- in any event the order was patently overbroad, I agree with that. It was and that the Court should not have issued such an order and so the motion is granted. And we'll take up whether or not the offer of proof will be filed under seal, but I don't know that it's necessary for your client to be here for that frankly.

MS. LABOUNTY: Okay.

MR. WESTBROOK: And Your Honor, I think -- I was going to ask maybe since you've already said that you reviewed the offer of proof

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in consideration of this motion, is that what I heard?

THE COURT: I did.

MR. WESTBROOK: Okay.

In that case, I would suspect Ms. Saunders' counsel just to streamline everything, would say there's no objection to filing it under seal as an offer of proof so that it goes with the record. That way no one would have to respond and we wouldn't have to have more court dates?

THE COURT: Well it's a little more complicated than that, because the law is that things aren't supposed to be filed under seal unless there is a showing and that only things that would be properly sealed should be sealed, otherwise it should be redacted.

There were things in your offer of proof that amounted to further arguments on the motion. So --

MS. LABOUNTY: May I make a suggestion? Maybe if you withdrew your motion to file the offer of proof under seal, I don't know if that would remedy the situation and from having to come back or I don't -- just a suggestion.

MR. WESTBROOK: No, my offer of proof needs to remain with the record under seal; otherwise we won't have an appellate record unfortunately. Which is why to streamline it seems to make sense just to see if there's an objection by the other side to filing under seal. If there's no objection I would assume that it would be filed.

THE COURT: It wouldn't matter whether they object or not.

It's the Court's burden to make a decision as to whether something gets filed under seal.

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MR. WESTBROOK: Okay.

THE COURT: Because otherwise the presumption is everything that's filed in a case isn't to be filed under seal. And so I have to make that decision apart. And so my concern is that there are -- even if -- it would be far better on -- when you -- if you want something to be filed under seal that it be just the offer of proof. An offer of proof is just a recitation of facts. It is not further argument on a brief and that's what you did in this case. And so I don't know if you want to -- I may have to fashion something. And I don't know frankly, whether I'm going -- whether I think that you've properly cited to case law, because I haven't had a chance to read it --

MR. WESTBROOK: Mm-hmm.

THE COURT: -- because I filed the Order Shortening Time.

But then it was never given to me to look at the substance of the basis for your argument that it should be filed under seal. So right now --

MR. WESTBROOK: So in that case is it still on for the 28<sup>th</sup>?

THE COURT: Exactly.

MS. LABOUNTY: Your Honor, --

MR. WESTBROOK: Just --

THE COURT: I'm not going to change the status quo on it for now, but I don't know that you have --

MS. LABOUNTY: Well the thing was is his Motion to File
Under Seal was also a countermotion. It was also a motion to compel
us to produce records in camera, so is that motion denied or moot as --

THE COURT: Yes.

MS. LABOUNTY: -- a matter that you've denied or you've granted the motion to vacate?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. WESTBROOK: I'm sorry, Your Honor, that motion's not on today. We have to discuss that on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

THE COURT: Well I -- I'm not going continue to bring counsel who had to bring this motion in the first place, because frankly it's my error in doing this ex parte order. To keep having to come back to Court when you didn't do what you were supposed to do to properly get it on file. So --

MR. WESTBROOK: It is on file for the 28<sup>th</sup>, though right? THE CLERK: No.

MR. WESTBROOK: At this moment? That's what my filed copy says. I'm just curious.

THE COURT: I don't know --

THE CLERK: It is not, Your Honor. I was looking, because I was confused. The calendar did not reflect it. It is not, and so we're talking about the second one listed on your calendar, correct, Your Honor?

MR. WESTBROOK: Motion to File Defendant's Offer of Proof Under Seal.

THE CLERK: Which is the one that we were notified late about.

THE COURT: I've just got the Motion to Vacate Ex Parte Order. That's on here.

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THE CLERK: Okay, so the final calendar that I have is different.

THE COURT: Okay.

THE CLERK: Okay. Got it.

THE COURT: Okay.

THE CLERK: And so that is -- I don't know where it went.

MR. WESTBROOK: It should be on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

THE CLERK: Oh no, they did add it to our calendar today, so what I'll do, Your Honor, is continue it to the 28<sup>th</sup>? Is that -- it was just late notice. I mean, I got the email at home at 9:00 p.m. and forwarded it to everyone, because I was like --

THE COURT: I know it's ridiculous. I don't -- I've got to take it up -- I don't know if we even have a -- who's acting the clerk right now?

THE CLERK: I'm not sure.

THE COURT: Who do I complain to?

THE CLERK: I will complain for you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WESTBROOK: All I know is I was literally running documents here by hand myself as much as I could just to make sure it happened. And I don't know how it didn't happen.

THE COURT: Yeah, when you don't make sure that the secretary does her next part then it doesn't get done, so.

MR. WESTBROOK: I'll tell you what though; I'll bet a million dollars it's not your staff's fault.

THE COURT: I wouldn't take that bet, because --

MR. WESTBROOK: They're top notch that's why. We all know that.

THE COURT: -- I know it wasn't their fault. I followed up on that already. Okay, so I don't know whether you want to prepare to --

MS. LABOUNTY: Yeah, I just for purposes of the record I'll prepare an order granting our motion to vacate. And then with respect to -- I guess you're going to hear the motion to file the offer of proof under seal on the 28<sup>th.</sup> But with respect to that motion to compel us to produce records in camera, is that --

THE COURT: I don't know why that would be -- there would be a countermotion? Like I said, I haven't seen the motion itself. I just looked at the motion for an order shortening time and signed it on that basis.

But why that you would file a countermotion to produce the records in camera when that's what I'd already done and that's the whole subject matter of this motion to vacate that order. I don't --

MR. WESTBROOK: I can explain it. Because as I was preparing my offer of proof and rereading -- what is still a very new case in *Bradley*, it occurred to me that it didn't seem like it was particularly fair and constitutionally so under equal protection and due process. That I was sitting here filing an offer of proof, to be submitted to the Court in camera that had my client's privileged information in it, including his trial strategy, etcetera, in order to meet the requirements of *Bradley* if Ms. Saunders wasn't required to do the same. That seemed to me to be an equal protection violation.

If they don't have to actually submit this stuff in camera to be reviewed intelligently so we can see whether or not it's relevant or beyond relevant, whatever standard *Bradley* just created for us. Then why should I have to in responding to it and in trying to meet some of these possible exceptions, do what Ms. Saunders's counsel doesn't have to do. I mean, why am I -- why do I have to expose my client and his privilege for in camera review if Ms. Saunders' client doesn't have to expose her privilege for in camera review. So it's an equal protection violation.

As I was filing the motion -- writing the motion to file under seal, I realized that and so I made it a compound motion. Which is legal if not preferable, legal under our statutes and it is a proper filing. I filed it, but it was set for the 28<sup>th</sup>. Then I attempted to get it on for today so that it would be easier and we would just have one court date in order to make it so that Ms. Saunders's counsel wouldn't have to come here twice. That's the whole reason I did it. But if we can't hear them today, that's fine, I understand. We can come back on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

THE COURT: Right, well the only thing I'm going to consider on the 28<sup>th</sup> is whether your offer of proof gets filed under seal or not, that's all.

MR. WESTBROOK: Okay.

MS. LABOUNTY: So --

THE COURT: Because my ruling is -- I looked at your offer of proof and I don't feel that it, I mean, basically you're arguing *Brady*, that's how I look at it. And *Bradley*, made very clear that *Brady* is not a

discovery, I mean, rule, it's a post-conviction remedy after trial. Nothing that you've said in your offer of proof goes beyond really what you're -- frankly what you're arguing today. And so I don't -- again I'll have to look more closely at your motion to see whether I'm going to file it under seal or not. But I don't believe that there's any exception that's been met by, you know, for the privilege.

And this is the same exact arguments that were made in the *Bradley* case when Judge Herndon ordered in camera review of certain otherwise privileged records. And so I don't think it rises to the level where any exception has been shown. And there are reasons that the privileges exist and I don't see that any of that's been met. And so and it's not been — there's been no waiver certainly by the client.

The counsellor is asserting privilege on behalf of the client and there's nothing that's been shown to my satisfaction that there's any exception to the privilege that's been met, so.

MS. LABOUNTY: Okay. So I guess then for the purposes of the order I'll do the order granting our motion to vacate and denying the countermotion to produce records in camera?

THE COURT: Yes.

MS. LABOUNTY: Okay.

THE COURT: Because it's intertwined and I'm not -- the -- I -- you know. All I want to focus on for this continued hearing is whether or not the offer of proof should be filed under seal.

MR. WESTBROOK: Okay. And so for my purposes, Motion to Compel Saunders to File the Subject Counseling Records Under Seal

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For In Camera Review as Required by The Equal Protection Clauses of
the State and Federal Constitutions, is being denied without the Court
reading it?

THE COURT: No I heard your arguments today. I just am not persuaded by that circular argument.

MR. WESTBROOK: I understand, Your Honor, but I just wanted to make a record that you haven't read the motion that you're denying.

THE COURT: I heard you offer, you know, make your arguments on it. And, you know, if you want to argue at the time after I've read that I should reconsider it and you can make that argument and I'll look at it and decide whether I want to reconsider it.

Based upon your arguments today as the basis for that part of the motion, I need a countermotion. I'm not persuaded by that if --

MR. WESTBROOK: And is this the --

THE COURT: If it's something --

MR. WESTBROOK: -- motion currently on calendar? The second --

THE COURT: Pardon me?

MR. WESTBROOK: -- the second part of my motion. Is that currently on calendar or is that not on calendar for argument?

THE CLERK: It was moved up to today and so, Your Honor, --

THE COURT: But we're having to reset it.

THE CLERK: Correct.

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THE COURT: Because it shouldn't have been moved up.
And it so the date is when?
THE CLERK: March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 am. We'll put it back where it
was.
MR. WESTBROOK: Okay, sounds good. Thank you.
THE COURT: After I've read the pleading if I find that there
were things you didn't tell me in your oral argument today on that one
issue then I'd reconsider it.
MR. WESTBROOK: Thank you, Your Honor.
MS. LABOUNTY: So, Your Honor, do we need to respond
and then appear, I guess, on the 28 <sup>th</sup> for that separate countermotion?
THE COURT: Not if you don't want to.
MS. LABOUNTY: Okay.
THE COURT: Now, thank you. So I just wanted to finish that
so, because the next the other motion that's on calendar doesn't have
anything to do with Ms. Saunders' counsel.
MS. LABOUNTY: Okay.
THE COURT: Thank you.
MS. LABOUNTY: Thank you, Your Honor, and I will prepare
the order.
THE COURT: So Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. Mr. Villani
is present for the State.
All right. So I've read the papers, my concern about the

State's response just is that it really didn't address the issue of the delay

from the filing of the criminal complaint and the issuance of the arrest

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warrant. And so, you know, I've only been involved in this case since
the Indictment happened. So I'm not in the motion itself, you didn't
give me a very good posture of the case for me to get all the dates, but
tried to figure it out and write things down, so let me see here.

But I'm still lacking -- when was the date that the arrest warrant was issued? Can you -- can somebody tell me that?

MR. VILLANI: So the criminal complaint was filed on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Let me see if I've got a copy of the arrest warrant here. I doubt I do.

THE COURT: Well it's probably been simultaneously.

MR. VILLANI: Yes.

THE COURT: The criminal complaint was filed December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014?

MR. VILLANI: Correct.

THE COURT: And when was the date of the arrest on the original warrant? He was arrested on the original warrant, right?

MR. WESTBROOK: That is correct, and I actually believe that was earlier, but I don't have the arrest warrant with me.

MR. VILLANI: I don't know when he was arrested. I can tell you his initial appearance date, oh actually --

MR. WESTBROOK: Oh, when he was actually arrested, yes. I know that, that's in my motion, I'm sorry, Your Honor

THE COURT: On the original warrant, I just want to make sure I -- because I have --

MR. WESTBROOK: He was arrested -- okay I don't have the

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date of the original arrest warrant. I do have the date of the original police report.

THE COURT: Okay. The police report I don't think is a controlling factor necessarily, I mean.

MR. WESTBROOK: Sure.

THE COURT: So, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, a criminal complaint's filed and that certainly gets the ball rolling on that.

MR. WESTBROOK: Correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Are you sure you didn't have that date for the --

MR. VILLANI: There's a supplemental arrest report. I don't know that I have that in my file, but it's in discovery.

THE COURT: Let's see.

MR. WESTBROOK: Of course we know it can't be after December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, because there's always an arrest warrant associated with a criminal complaint filing. So that would be the latest it could possibly be. And then the earliest it could be would be November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we're talking about a one month period.

THE COURT: And then when was he arrested? It just says between November 3<sup>rd</sup> and the date of his arrest, so I've been looking for the date of his arrest.

MR. WESTBROOK: It's January, I'm sorry, Your Honor.

MR. VILLANI: According to the motion it's January -- according to the Defense motion the date of his arrest was January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

MR. WESTBROOK: That's right, just found it.

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MR. VILLANI: But his first appearance in Justice Court was
January 15 <sup>th</sup> , according to my notes. Perhaps that's a misprint.
Perhaps it was February 15 <sup>th</sup> , but the date says January 15 <sup>th</sup>
MR. WESTBROOK: That's interesting.
MR. VILLANI: not the 17 <sup>th</sup> . But a
MR. WESTBROOK: Yeah, he was what happened is he
was arrested and then he was transported in custody, because he was
in New Jersey.
THE COURT: Right. He was extradited?
MR. VILLANI: He was extradited from New Jersey, yes.
MR. WESTBROOK: Yeah, his recollection is January 28th,
My record shows January 27 <sup>th</sup> , the 28 <sup>th</sup> was the arrest date.
MR. VILLANI: 2017, right?
MR. WESTBROOK: 2017, sorry. January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2017.
THE RECORDER: You can't walk and talk.
MR. WESTBROOK: Sorry.
THE COURT: January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2017?
MR. WESTBROOK: Right.
THE COURT: So we're talking about a two year roughly
MR. WESTBROOK: Like two years, two months and 18 days
or something like that. I wrote it somewhere in my motion.
THE COURT: The other thing I don't know and it would be, I
think, something that a court in the analysis that remember Doggett
really is just further clarification of Barker versus Wingo.

MR. WESTBROOK: Mm-hmm.

THE COURT: And so, one of the things that they talked about in *Doggett*, because *Barker versus Wingo*, was delay going to trial not this pre-arrest delay that is what the court talked about and considered in *Doggett*.

But in the analysis there's some discussion about what efforts did the police take or in that interview *Doggett* it was the DEA that, you know, took to get him arrested. And, you know, there's this long thing about where he is and these different countries, etcetera.

So my understanding is this was a North Las Vegas case.

MR. WESTBROOK: Correct.

THE COURT: And what I don't have is anything -- because you don't really address that, so --

MR. VILLANI: I don't because I don't have that information. I don't know what steps were taken. I can tell you commonly, a warrant is put into NCIC. But I don't what steps North Las Vegas took to track him down after so that --

THE COURT: There's two things I want to know and I want to have an evidentiary hearing about it.

MR. WESTBROOK: Okay.

THE COURT: I want to know what steps, if any, they took.

And I want to know since my understanding is that the victim or victim's family gave them information about his whereabouts.

MR. VILLANI: Mm-hmm.

THE COURT: Did they notify him or, you know, is there any evidence that he knew? Because both of those things were considered

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in *Doggett*. And I think they have relevance in the analysis on -- there's four things that I have to analyze and the first two being kind of intertwined. I need that information.

MR. VILLANI: Okay. And the -- I agree an evidentiary hearing is the only way to get that. So I'll get Detective Hoyt, here for a hearing on the Court's pleasure.

THE COURT: Well we need to do that immediately.

MR. VILLANI: Okay.

THE COURT: Because as we have right now, a trial date, that is I'm not delaying any further, for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. So we're basically one month away, so I want to set the hearing in, let's see.

THE CLERK: Your Honor, I think it would have to be -- in a -- would it -- how long do you anticipate it taking?

MR. VILLANI: I wouldn't even venture to guess. My part will be very short.

MR. WESTBROOK: I don't anticipate --

THE COURT: Maybe an hour at the most.

MR. WESTBROOK: -- calling any witnesses, because like I'd be proving a negative. I can't --

[Colloquy between the Judge and Clerk]

THE COURT: Yeah, but we could start early, if we start at 8:00 o'clock?

MR. WESTBROOK: I can start at 8, sure.

MR. VILLANI: I'm sorry, what date are we talking about?

THE CLERK: March 30th.

MR. VILLANI: Okay, I have a nine o'clock murder prelim on that date and I'm at a conference on the 26<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>.

THE COURT: Okay, so --

MR. VILLANI: If we could just roll it that Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, could we do it then?

THE CLERK: No, because that's our --

MR. VILLANI: Okay. Yeah I'm sorry; I'm just not available on the 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10 anyway. I can do it in the afternoon.

THE COURT: Well I'm going to be in trial.

MR. VILLANI: Okay.

THE COURT: Well if we did it on -- wait we could just put it at the end of the criminal calendar. Try and keep the calendar somewhat light so we can get the calendar done in time.

[Colloquy between the Judge and Clerk]

THE COURT: April 4th, we'll just put you on for 11?

MR. VILLANI: Okay.

MR. WESTBROOK: April 4th at 11.

I would like to object for the record to this evidentiary, because the State had more than enough time to present any evidence whatsoever that any steps were taken whatsoever by the police to contact my client or to locate him or any other witnesses.

They provide absolutely nothing in response to my motion and they shouldn't be given the second bite at the apple. I'm also deeply concerned that they'll be going and talking to the police, and saying, hey you better come up with something and that something they'll come up

with that's not necessarily supported by any records or any basis in fact.

I know my client wasn't contacted. There's no evidence that my client was contacted. There's evidence that the State has stipulated to that the police knew where he was and that the entire delay prior to February 5<sup>th</sup>, was the fault of the State solely. That is a stipulation in this case, they admitted it. So going and having an evidentiary hearing to get them out of it, I don't think that's fair to my client.

THE COURT: I don't recall any such stipulation. I want to have -- I want the information. And the information that, you know, when Doggett was decided was available. So I want to have this information.

MR. WESTBROOK: Your Honor, I misspoke. Stipulation is a legal term of art. They admitted it, not stipulated to it.

THE COURT: When did they admit to that?

MR. WESTBROOK: By not opposing any of it during their motion. And by saying that we were responsible for February 5<sup>th</sup> on, but not saying that we were responsible for the continuances or the delays prior to February 5<sup>th</sup>. I mean, it's also a matter of record that they're responsible for it, but --

THE COURT: That may be, I mean, their argument at this point seems to be that the length of the delay between the time of the complaint and the arrest isn't significant enough to rise to the level of an extraordinary delay. And that may be the case that I would -- I'd like to err on the caution of having all the information before I rule on something as important as this.

MR. WESTBROOK: Thank you, Your Honor.

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1	THE CLERK: April 4 <sup>th</sup> , at 11:00 a.m.
2	MR. VILLANI: Thank you, Your Honor.
3	THE CLERK: And the other matter is March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.,
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