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

FERRELLGAS, INC. a foreign corporation,

Petitioner,

V.

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK; THE HONORABLE JOANNA S. KISHNER, DISTRICT JUDGE,

and

JOSHUA GREEN, an individual,

Respondents.

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10	corporation; <b>Home Depot USA, Inc.,</b> a foreign corporation; <b>KSUN</b>			
11	<b>Manufacturing,</b> a foreign			
12	corporation; Does 200 through 300 inclusive; and ROE Corporation 301			
13	through 400;			
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22	ROE Corporations 101 through 200;			
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**Mario S. Gonzalez**, an individual; DOES 1 through 100 inclusive; and ROE Corporations 101 through 200;

Counter-Defendants.

I.

#### Introduction

On June 13, 2018, Defendant, Mario Gonzalez ("Mr. Gonzalez") noticed his outdoor barbeque—fueled and maintained by Defendant, Ferrellgas, Inc. ("Ferrellgas")—was abnormally hot to the touch. Upon closer examination, Mr. Gonzalez observed flames shooting out of the line, and as a result, he contacted Ferrellgas' emergency customer service line. The next day, a Ferrellgas technician visited the Gonzalez property, and after a very short inspection, stated the propane system was not leaking. Without any substantiated proof, Ferrellgas determined the source of the heat was an "electrical problem," and deemed the grill safe for use.

Despite being aware that his grill was experiencing issues, Mr. Gonzalez elected to host a barbeque at his house. Mr. Gonzalez invited his friend, Joshua Green ("Josh"), over to grill and watch a hockey game. Mr. Gonzalez placed a few steaks on the barbeque and asked Josh to monitor the steaks while he went inside his house for a moment. As a professional chef, Josh decided to check the steaks about four minutes later. When Josh opened the lid, his body was suddenly engulfed in flames. Josh, at 5'8, remembers these flames surpassing the height of his entire body. His shoes, pants, and shirt were scorched from blaze, rendering them useless. And, the explosion replicated a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Deposition transcript of Plaintiff, Joshua Green Volume I at 123:12–21, as Exhibit 1. <sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 123:23–24.

bomb—reverberating through the neighborhood like a warzone.3

Since this horrific experience, Josh—a professional chef—has been afraid to use propane grills.<sup>4</sup> When exposed to fire or flames, the memories of the June 2018 explosion are awoken:<sup>5</sup>

Mr. McMullen: Do you have any PTSD symptoms, in your opinion, other than what you've told me? Are you fearful of using propane?

Josh Green: Yep. I mean. I'm fearful of using propane. I'm fearful of using grills. I'm afraid of fire. I mean, I went to O, a show at the Bellagio, with my boss, and I was sitting there and there was guy on fire and I was like, 'Oh look. It's me.' You know, anything that I see that has to do with a guy on fire or, you know, any of that, it brings back memories. And that' the biggest thing, is that it's always -- I'm always being -- you know, I'm always remembering the situation because it was so dramatic and the fact that I was in the hospital for a while. I was in a lot of treatment with them ripping off my bandages and just like the whole process was extremely emotional and devastating to everything that I've done after the accident.

After nearly two years of suffering with depression and debilitating flashbacks, Josh presented to Michael Elliott, Ph.D for the first time on May 20, 2020. Dr. Elliott evaluated Josh for "severe headaches," "stress," "exhaustion" and a generalized fear of using grills and propane. During a follow up appointment on July 1st, Dr. Elliott noted Josh continued to experience "flashbacks to the accident, especially whenever he sees flames," noticeable "waves of depression...[that] cause him to withdraw from relationships," and "anxiety." Dr. Elliott has since diagnosed Josh with traumatic stress disorder, generalized anxiety, and reaction to severe stress. While Dr. Elliott does recognize Josh suffers from mild cognitive impairment, he also notes Josh "has

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 122:24–123:11 and Video footage of explosion, provided through email as Exhibit 2.

Exhibit 1 at 52:20-53:16.
 See Deposition transcript of Plaintiff, Joshua Green Volume II at 298:10-299:3, as Exhibit 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Michael Elliott, Ph.D and Associates medical records at GREEN 1086–1087, as Exhibit 4. <sup>7</sup> Id. at GREEN 1088.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> *Id.* at GREEN 1247.

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a history of seizures" and was in "a major car accident in the past." This history is something Josh has acknowledged since the beginning of this litigation, <sup>10</sup> but also asserts he has not experienced any depression, stress, or anxiety as a result. <sup>11</sup>

On October 26, 2020, Defendants filed a Motion to Compel NRCP Rule 35 Examination of Josh. During the hearing on the matter, The Honorable Discovery Commissioner recommended Josh should appear for a Defense Psychological Examination consistent with the following parameters:<sup>12</sup>

- 1. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff shall be Ordered to appear for a Rule 35 examination at the office of Dr. Lewis Etcoff.
- 2. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff be allowed to have an observer present during the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380.
- 3. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff be allowed to have an audio recording made of the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380.
- 4. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendant's examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's mental condition before the incident, and Plaintiff's general physical condition before the incident. The examiner may inquire as to Plaintiff's medical treatment for five years prior to the incident.
- 5. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's life events prior to and after the incident.
- 6. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's mental and physical condition since the incident occurred.
- 7. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's history with regard to inability to focus and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id.* at GREEN 1087.

<sup>27 | 10</sup> Exhibit 1 at 38:19–20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 44:11–52:19.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 12}\,\textit{See}$  Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations, as Exhibit 5.

memory issues.

Defendant then filed the instant Objection, claiming an observer and audio recording are "prohibited by Rule 35(a)(4)(A)(i)" and that "Plaintiff failed to submit any admissible evidence establishing good cause for prohibiting the same under Rule 35(a)(3)." <sup>13</sup> NRS 52.380 creates a **substantive right** for Plaintiff to have an observer *and* to audio record the examination.

In a Bench Bar Meeting on October 8, 2019 presided over by Judge Allf, a discussion was held with Commissioner Truman regarding the recent enactment of NRS 52.380. Specifically, Judge Hardy asked Commissioner Truman whether NRS 52.380 or Rule 35 controls when there is a conflict. To answer Judge Hardy's question, Commissioner Truman answered that when the NRS and the NRCP conflict, NRS 52.380 controls.

This conflict of laws, and which standard should apply in District Court, has been determined numerous times by Commissioner Truman and the results are always the same. **NRS 52.380 controls** since an examination for the purposes of providing an expert report, whose opinions will be presented to a jury, must be controlled by the NRS since the presentation and admissibility of evidence is substantive. Contrary to what Defendants believe, information gathered for the purposes of presentation at trial is not procedural. A mental examination is not procedural since the information gathered will be used to refute evidence that Josh was injured.

 $^{28}$  |  $^{13}$  See Defs. Obj. at 11:2–8.

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II.

#### **Law and Argument**

Discovery orders may only be reviewed for an abuse of discretion. 14 The Honorable Discovery Commissioner did not err in this instance; as she and other District Court Judges have determined countless times, 15 NRS 52.380 offers the inherent right for an examinee to be accompanied by an observer and to audio record during a Rule 35 Examination.

Enacted May 29, 2019, the plain language of NRS 52.380 reads:

- 1. **An observer may attend an examination** but shall not participate in or disrupt the examination.
- 2. The observer attending the examination pursuant to subsection 1 may be:
  - (a) An attorney of an examinee or party producing the examinee; or
    - (b) A designated representative of the attorney, if:
      - 1) The attorney of the examinee or party producing the examinee, in writing, authorizes the designated representative to act on behalf of the attorney during the examination.
      - representative 2) The designated presents the authorization the examiner before the commencement of the examination.
- 3. The observer attending the examination pursuant to subsection 1 may make an audio or stenographic recording of the examination.
- 4. The observer attending the examination pursuant to subsection 1 may suspend the examination if an examiner:
  - (a) Becomes abusive towards an examinee; or
  - (b) Exceeds the scope of the examination, including, without limitation, engaging in unauthorized diagnostics, tests or procedures.
- 5. An examiner may suspend the examination if the observer attending the examination pursuant to subsection 1 disrupts or attempts to participate in the examination.
- 6. If the examination is suspended pursuant to subsection 4 or 5, the party ordered to produce the examinee may move for a protective order pursuant to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 7. As used in this section:
  - (a) "Examination" means a **mental** or physical examination ordered by a court for the purpose of discovery in a civil action.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Club Vista Fin. Servs. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 128 Nev. 224, 276 P.3d 246, 2012 Nev. LEXIS 60, 128 Nev. Adv. Rep. 21, 2012 WL 1751785.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See Notice of Entry of Order from Department 13, Judge Denton, dated September 18, 2020, as Exhibit 6.

- (b) "Examinee" means a person who is ordered by a court to submit to an examination.
- (c) "Examiner" means a person who is ordered by a court to conduct an examination.

## A. NRS 52.380 creates a substantive right to record and have observed a court ordered Independent Medical Examination.

The United States Supreme Court defines a substantive rule or statue as "creat[ing] duties, rights and obligations." <sup>16</sup> In contrast, a procedural standard "specifies how those duties, rights, and obligations should be enforced." <sup>17</sup> Nevada case law clearly states if a procedural rule conflicts with a substantive statute, the substantive right "supersedes" and "controls." <sup>18</sup>

The differences between the NRS 52.280 and NRCP 35 are substantive, as the statute creates substantive rights for the examinee in a NRCP 35 examination. These substantive rights are the rights to have an observer present, to have that observer be the examinee's attorney, and to record the examination. Under NRCP 35, the examinee has no such rights, as each of these aspects is either completely unavailable or is conditioned upon a request to the court and/or a showing of good cause.

A substantive standard is "one that 'creates duties, rights and obligations,' while a procedural standard specifies how those duties, rights, and obligations should be enforced.<sup>19</sup> This definition of a "substantive standard" is important since NRCP 35 already provides for the procedural right to have an observer at an examination and for recording of an examination. However, NRCP 35 provides:

On request of a party or the examiner, the court may, for good cause shown, require as a condition of the examination that the examination

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<sup>26 | &</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Azar v. Allina Health Servs., 139 S. Ct. 1804, 204 L. Ed. 2d 139, 2019 U.S. LEXIS 3888, 27 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. S 870.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> State v. Connery, 99 Nev. 342, 661 P.2d 1298, 1983 Nev. LEXIS 441.

<sup>19</sup> Azar v. Allina Health Servs., 139 S. Ct. 1804, 1811 (2019)).

be audio recorded.

The party against whom an examination is sought may request as a condition of the examination to have an observer present at the examination. When making the request, the party must identify the observer and state his or her relationship to the party being examined. The observer may not be the party's attorney, or anyone employed by the party or the party's attorney.

The party may have one observer present for the examination, unless [] the examination is a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination; or [] the court orders otherwise for good cause shown. The party may not have any observer present for a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination, unless the court orders otherwise for good cause shown.

NRS Section 52.80, by contrast, provides that:

An observer *may attend an examination* but shall not participate in or disrupt the examination.

The observer attending the examination pursuant to subsection 1 may be [] [a]n attorney of an examinee or party producing the examinee; or [] [a] designated representative of the attorney . . . [.] The observer attending the examination pursuant to subsection 1 may make an audio or stenographic recording of the examination. <sup>20</sup>

Thus, the procedure set forth in NRCP 35 permitted an observer at an examination and recording of an examination. However, these possibilities were conditioned upon a showing of good cause for recording, limited to exclude the examinee's attorney or the attorney's employee as the observer, precluded for neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examinations absent a showing of good cause, and so on.<sup>21</sup>

The statute, by contrast, transformed these conditional elements of an examination into *substantive rights of the examinee by removing all conditions* and *limitations*. The examinee is no longer required to "request" an observer, to show good cause for recording the examination, to show good cause to have an observer at particular types of examinations, to choose someone

<sup>20</sup> See Nev. Rev. Stats. 52.380(1), (2), (3) (emphases added).

<sup>21</sup> See Nev. R. Civ. P. 35(a)(3), (4) (emphases added).

other than his attorney as the observer, and so on.<sup>22</sup>

Under the statute, the examinee now has the right to record the examination, the right to have an observer present irrespective of the type of examination, and the right to have his attorney serve as the observer.

As the foregoing demonstrates, the procedures in the Rule and the statute are identical (i.e., observer, recording). The only difference under the statute is that the examinee now has a right to these elements, rather than having to jump through the hoops defined in the Rule. The statute on its face creates substantive rights not contained in the Rule.

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## B. Although the conflict between NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380 implicates the separation of powers doctrine, NRS 52.380 is presumptively constitutional.

The separation of powers doctrine "prevent[s] one branch of government from encroaching on the powers of another branch."<sup>23</sup> The judicial branch has exclusive power to govern legal procedure; however, the legislative branch has the right to enact statutes governing the substance of the law.<sup>24</sup>

Under Nevada case law, all statutes are presumably constitutional and "every possible presumption will be made in favor of the constitutionality of a statute."25 It is further stated that unless a clear demonstration can be made that there is *no* rational for a statute, this Court **must** uphold the law.<sup>26</sup>

Nevada law is extraordinarily clear regarding the interrelation of court rules and legislative statutes. As the Nevada Supreme Court has noted:

The judiciary has the inherent power to govern its own procedures, and

<sup>22</sup> See Nev. Rev. Stats. 52.380(1),(2),(3).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Comm'n on Ethics v. Hardy, 125 Nev. 285, 212 P.3d 1098, 2009 Nev. LEXIS 32, 125 Nev. Adv. 26 Rep. 27. 27

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> State v. Connery, 99 Nev. 342, 661 P.2d 1298, 1983 Nev. LEXIS 441.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> List v. Whisler, 99 Nev. 133, 660 P.2d 104, 1983 Nev. LEXIS 413.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Mengelkamp v. List, 88 Nev. 542, 501 P.2d 1032, 1972 Nev. LEXIS 517.

this power includes the right to promulgate rules of appellate procedure as provided by law. [] Although such rules may not conflict with the state constitution or "abridge, enlarge or modify any substantive right," NRS 2.120, the authority of the judiciary to promulgate procedural rules is independent of legislative power, and may not be diminished or compromised by the legislature. [] We have held that the legislature may not enact a procedural statute that conflicts with a pre-existing procedural rule, without violating the doctrine of separation of powers, and that such a statute is of no effect. [] Furthermore, where, as here, a rule of procedure is promulgated in conflict with a pre-existing procedural statute, the rule supersedes the statute and controls. []<sup>27</sup>

The executive prerogative is given to the judiciary to make its own rules governing its own procedures. The Legislature has the exclusive prerogative to enact status governing the substance of the law. This distinction is predicated upon the "separation of powers" doctrine, which is specifically recognized in the Nevada State Constitution.<sup>28</sup>

This division of powers between three separate departments (Legislative, Executive, and Judicial) is fiercely guarded under Nevada law—in fact, this Court has noted that, while the United States Constitution implicitly divides power through its creation of three branches, "Nevada's Constitution goes one step further; it contains an express provision prohibiting any one branch of government from impinging on the functions of another."<sup>29</sup>

As noted in *Connery*, the prohibition on the Legislature's enactment of a statute that conflicts with a pre-existing procedural rule, without violating the doctrine of separation of powers," is limited to any "procedural statute." A "procedural statute" that conflicts with a "procedural rule" is "of no effect, irrespective of which was enacted first.<sup>31</sup>

Consistent with this separation of powers among co-equal branches of government, the district courts likewise may not promulgate a rule that would

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> State v. Connery, 99 Nev. 342, 345 (1983) (internal citations omitted).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Berkson v. LePome, 126 Nev. 492, 498 (2010) (citing Nev. Const. art. 3, § 1(1)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Comm'n on Ethics v. Hardy, 125 Nev. 285 (2009) (citing Secretary of State v. Nevada State Legislature, 120 Nev. 456, 466 (2004)) (emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> *Connery*, 99 Nev. at 345.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> *Id*.

"abridge, enlarge or modify any substantive right[.]"32

Since NRS Section 52.380 establishes a substantive right, the rule properly governs the presence of an observer (or the conducting of a recording) in Defendant's examinations of Plaintiff in this matter. And, as a result, the doctrine of separation of powers mandates that the statute supersedes NRCP 35.<sup>33</sup>

Although often referred to as "Independent Medical Examinations," the nature of a Rule 35 Exam is inherently adversarial. Rule 35 Exams are conducted at the request of Defense firms; they are performed by doctors chosen and *paid* by the Defense. A Florida court recognized that these exams are less like a "medical patient seeing [their] doctor" and "more akin to a litigant attending a deposition." Due to this, substantive safeguards—the right for an observer present and to audio record the Rule 35 exam—were enacted in NRS 52.380. *Clearly*, rational exists for permitting such safeguards. Thus, under Nevada law, this Court must uphold the **statute**.

III.

#### **Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, Mr. Moats respectfully requests that the Court uphold the Honorable Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations on the basis that there was no abuse of discretion by Commissioner Truman. Josh requests that this Court order that the Rule 35 Examination of Josh Green be audio recorded and he be accompanied by an observer.

26 <sup>32</sup> *Id*.

<sup>33</sup> Connery, 99 Nev. at 345 (court rules cannot "abridge, enlarge or modify any substantive right").

<sup>34</sup> Davanzo v. Carnival Cruise Lines, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 49061, 2014 AMC 1361, 2014 WL 1385729.

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**GREEN** 

VS

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## **Videotaped Deposition Of:**

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Page 279 Page 281 1 to any learning disability problems? 1 Whereupon, 2 JOSHUA GREEN, Α. 3 having been sworn to testify to the truth, the whole You testified that the first six months 4 truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined and 4 after the accident that your mother helped with you testified under oath as follows: with daily activities such as eating, bathing, and driving while your hands and arms were healing; is 7 EXAMINATION that true? 8 BY MR. McMULLEN: ρ A. Yes. 9 Q. Good morning. Q. You testified by October '18 -- sorry, by 10 October of 2018, that by then you were able to 10 Α. Good morning. 11 return to work full time as a chef cooking in the 11 Q. How are you, Josh? 12 kitchen; is that right? 12 Α. Good 13 How are you feeling today? A. 0. 14 Good. Itchy hands, but good. 14 Q. And did that include using gas grills in 15 Do you feel like you can complete your 15 the kitchen? deposition today? And by that I mean, is there 16 16 Α. I haven't used a gas grill or a propane anything that might interfere with your ability to grill since the accident. 18 do so? 18 You've not used any gas grill at all 19 Α. 19 since the time of the accident? 20 Q. So you do feel like you can continue? 20 Α. NO21 Yes. I can continue. 21 And that gets into psychological issues 22 where you are fearful of using a gas grill; is that 22 All right. Thanks. 23 I just have a few things and then I'm 23 right? 24 going to pass the witness to other counsel. Yes. It happened once. It can happen 25 Last time we talked about your work 25 again. Page 280 Page 282 1 issues, and you testified that long before this Other than the psychological issue which 2 grill accident, you had epileptic seizures. I'll get into in a moment, according to your prior 3 think you said those began when you were working at testimony, the only remaining problem that you're SkinnyFATS; is that right? facing that you relate to the accident is It began before that, but yes. temperature extremes on your hands; is that true? And you testified at least initially that Α. 7 7 the seizures reduced your work hours, correct? So let's talk about the psychological 8 8 Α. issue briefly. Q. And then if I understand, once you You testified last time that -- that was 10 May 18, I believe, that the Friday before we treated those seizures with medical marijuana, it 11 has been several years since you've had any started your deposition, which would be May 15, 12 seizures: is that true? that you saw a -- is it psychologist or 13 Α. psychiatrist? So am I correct that you no longer have 14 14 Α. Psychologist. 15 any reduction in your work hours due to seizures? 15 Q. Is that Michael Elliott? 16 16 Α. 17 You also testified about at a very young 17 You saw psychologist Michael Elliott for 18 age, at least at that time, a learning disability; 18 an evaluation on May 15? 19 is that right? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Α. Q. Have you heard from him on the results of 21 Are there any current continuing issues 21 his evaluation? 22 that you relate to that learning disability that 22 Α. Yes. I have another appointment with him 23 interfere with your work? 23 on July 1st. 24 A. Can you tell us what results he reported 25 25 to you from his evaluation? So there's no reduction in work hours due

Page 283 We didn't really go into too much of it. Α. 2 They said we were going to go over stuff on the Do you know what future tests he has in 3 1st. Just told me that I had -- from his findings, 3 mind? 4 that I -- that I have PTSD on the situation, and Α. No. 5 that, you know, me working on grills or anything 5 But some kind of testing you understand Q. 6 that has to do with potential fire, it definitely is slated for the next visit? 7 has a play on it. R And that's on July 1? And, I mean, his whole thing is that he Q. definitely thinks that there's trauma due to the Α. incident. 10 10 Q. Did you get any paperwork from him, any Did he specifically diagnose you with 11 11 kind of report or test results from when you saw 12 PTSD as a result of this grill accident? him on May 15? 13 I mean, he told me that he feels that it 13 A. I believe everything was given to my can and then that's why they're doing more tests lawyer. and they're doing more -- that's why we're having 15 Q. Okay. Have you seen it? more meetings and more sessions. 16 16 Α. So if I understand, is his evaluation 17 Forgive me if I covered this before. 17 18 continuing or has he completed his --18 Had you ever been diagnosed with PTSD 19 No. It's continuing. 19 before this accident? Α. 20 Q. So at this point he said it's a 20 Α. No. 21 possibility that you have PTSD from this accident 21 Have you ever had any traumatic event 22 but that more evaluation is needed; is that true? 22 before this accident that required any kind of 23 Yes, and going more into a detailed 23 professional care? No. I mean, I had a bad car accident, 24 psychological session, and that's what we're going 25 on July 1st. 25 but I never had -- you know, I never had anything Page 284 Page 286 Did you do any testing on May 15 with from it. Michael Elliott? You were seeing Lauren Unger, a shaman in Q. 3 3 Miami? Α. Yes. Q. What kind of testing? Α. Mm-hmm. Α. I went in front of a computer and 5 Q. And what specifically were you seeing her answered a bunch of questions. for? 7 Do you happen to know the name of that I was seeing her for -- I've had a lot of test, what it's called? businesses and I was, you know, taken advantage of 8 No. I think it was like a Pearson's test in a couple ways. And I saw her because I was 10 or some straightforward test. super negative in my life and saw a lot of things 11 Do you recall how many questions were going in a negative spiral. So I went to her to 12 involved? 12 fix -- to fix things and going into a better Like 200. I don't even -- it was a lot. direction, positive and -- you know, kind of fix my 13 Α. How long did it take? 14 life in different ways. 14 Q. And that had to do in part, I think, from 15 Like two and a half hours, two hours. 15 Α. 16 Was it a multiple choice or an essay 16 what you testified before, with what happened with 17 17 Green Gourmet and SkinnyFATS? type? 18 Multiple choice. 18 Α. Yes. 19 So you're given a question and then you 19 That was a negative impact? Q. have, what, three or four possible answers and you 20 Α. pick one of those? 21 Q. Psychologically? 22 22 Α. Yes. I mean, everything. Α. 23 Do you recall any other type of testing 23 Q. Right. 24 that you took on May 15 when you saw Michael Do you feel that you had recovered from

25 Elliott for psychological evaluation?

25 that negative psychological impact, what happened

Page 287 1 with those businesses, before this accident 2 happened? Yes. Because I -- I mean, after going to 4 her, I felt that I was a different -- I was a 5 different person, and I just felt in a more 6 positive attitude towards things and not as

8 By the way, I'm sure I'm mistaken, but 9 Lauren Unger is not now your wife? Is it a

different Lauren?

11 Α. Yes. 12

negative.

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Lauren Unger is still in Miami somewhere? 0.

Yes. I still talk to her. 13 Α.

14 Q. How often do you talk to her?

15 Whenever I need to, but usually like

16 once -- I touch base once every two weeks.

What do you talk about generally? 17 Q.

18 Just what's going on, my well-being, how

I'm doing, how, you know, my path is going. 19

20 Do you talk to Lauren Unger specifically 21 about your psychological issues from this accident?

I mean, we've had discussions about it, 22

23 yes.

24 Q. Is she someone that provides therapy for 25 you on that?

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I mean, she gives me the advice from  $\,$ 2 her -- from her side, and, you know, it's not 3 really -- I wouldn't say "therapy," but it's more

4 of talks and conversations of making myself better.

Is that the main reason you still have contact with her, or are you mainly talking about 7 other things?

8 Α. I mean, we talk about everything. I mean, we have conversations about this accident, 10 about everything.

11 Q. You talk to her about your general 12 well-being?

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14 Has she given you any advice regarding 15 your psychological issues from this accident?

16 MR. PFAU: I'm going to object to the question as it calls for privileged communications. 18 He can answer as long as it's not related to

19 anything she may have said to him.

MR. McMULLEN: I'm not sure I understand 20 21 the nature of the privilege. He's put his

22 psychological condition at issue, so if he's

23 getting any kind of professional care, that's now

24 become relevant.

MR. PFAU: It's not that it's not

Page 289 1 relevant. It is relevant. It's privileged because

2 it is a treating person, a person providing medical

treatment or psychological treatment. So for that

reason, it is subject to the patient privilege.

5 MR. McMULLEN: In Nevada is the privilege not waived once the plaintiff puts the condition in

issue? That's been my experience.

MR. PFAU: No, it's not waived. It's not

waived as it relates to communications.

10 MR. McMULLEN: So if I had medical

records or some notes that she made when she 11

provides therapy to him, clearly those would be

discoverable and I could ask him about those.

MR. PFAU: Certainly.

15 MR. McMULLEN: And that's along the lines 16 what I'm asking now, whether she's provided him any

assistance or help, advice, with his psychological

issues.

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19 MR. PFAU: Okay. That's fine.

BY MR. McMULLEN:

21 Has Lauren Unger provided you with any care, therapy-type care, in relation to this

23 accident?

Just like I said before, just normal --

just conversations and we talk about -- we do talk

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about the incident. We talk about what happened, how I'm doing, and you know, the situation -- how

3 I'm handling it, how I'm going through it. And

4 that's really the basis of it.

In the course of the care or therapy that Lauren Unger has provided you, has she given you any specific advice to help with your psychological

issues?

No. She just said to go to a more 10 detailed psychological treatment and that's why I 11 went to Michael Elliott.

12 0. I see.

13 The conversations that we have are more of a -- about my attitude, my ways of how I'm dealing with all the situations that come into my life, and how I'm making my life better.

How is your attitude and outlook now? How would you describe your psychological state?

19 I mean, everything -- it's been good, but, I mean, a lot of -- like I said before, a lot of this incident just made me -- hindered a lot of

things that I would have done before.

I was -- I never was ever in fear of 24 equipment. Now I have fear of equipment. I have

25 fear of grills. I mean, I -- you know, I do cook

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Page 291 Page 293 1 on a normal basis, but it's always like -- I used I mean, every doctor I have been to just 2 to work 16-, 17-hour days. I don't do that says put cream and kind of wait it out and see if 3 anymore. it's going to get better. They all tell me it's I probably work -- I mean, right now I going to get better and it's just a waiting 5 work at a pizza place. It's called Fries N' Pies. process. 6 I work there four or five hours a day and that's Is it getting any better? 7 it. And then I go do a personal chef thing for a I mean, like I didn't have itching issues couple hours. It's very minimal work in the until, you know, the past two months. And that's kitchen. just -- maybe that -- like I said, maybe that's the healing process or maybe it's just a sensitivity 10 When I used to work at SkinnyFATS, I 11 worked 16 hours a day. So it's a totally different issue, but that's... 12 12 situation. Have you talked to any medical person 13 Are you saying you work fewer hours about these issues? 14 because you're afraid of being in a cooking I did go to a skin, and they tell me the 15 environment? same -- you know, they tell me the same things, put 16 Yeah. That and -- I mean, I've got real lotion, keep an eye on it, make sure, you know, if Α. you have any other issues, come back and see us. 17 bad sensitivity on my hands. My hands have been itching in the past two -- two months, month. I 18 And that's really it. mean, I get out of the shower and if it's cold 19 Was this a dermatologist in Henderson you 0. outside, like, I have to be extremely dry in the told me about last time? 21 shower, because if I go out and it's cold, my hands 21 It was that one and then there was 22 get extremely sensitive. 22 another one. 23 I have been having issues of itching on When was the last time you talked to any 23 Q. 24 my hands. Maybe that's the healing process or 24 professional about this? 25 whatever. But my hands are extremely tight. The 25 I don't really have exact memory, but I Page 292 Page 294 1 skin is extremely tight. I get cuts all the time. could say March or April, in those months. 2 You can see blisters from cuts. I mean, it's Who was that, if you remember? 3 blisters. I don't. I don't remember the name. I Α. know where it was, but I don't remember the name. I mean, it's crazy. And it's on a 5 continuous basis. Q. And you got the advice about using MR. McMULLEN: Would you be okay if he lotion? 7 holds his hands up for the video so we can see his 7 Α. Yes. 8 8 hands? Q. Do you use lotion? MR. PFAU: Sure. Α. BY MR. McMULLEN: 10 10 Q. What kind of lotion is it? 11 Show us, if you would, where the blisters It's a -- a derma -- a derma -- I don't 11 12 and the itching occur. know exactly what it's called. 12 Blister here, blister here (indicating). Is it over the counter or prescription? 13 A. 13 Q. Go like this so they can see. 14 14 Α. Prescription. 15 Thank you. 15 Q. Who prescribed it? 16 Blister here. Scar here. Or like my 16 Every dermatologist that I went to Α. palms get scraped very easily. I got a blister prescribed the same thing, and it's \$75 bottle of 18 here. And it's just a continual basis of... cream that --18 19 So specifically regarding your hands, I'm Q. Does it help? understanding that you have itching, you have 20 Α. blisters, and you have scrapes? 21 Have you told your health care people 22 Yeah, and sensitivity issues. 22 this lotion isn't helping? Α. 23 And sensitivity. 23 Α. What are you doing to treat those 24 Q. Do they have any advice?

25 problems, if anything?

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Same thing when I went to the person I

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1 said, I use this already, and they said just keep
2 using it. That's really it.

And then they say that it's going to --4 you know, the sensitivity issues should go away and 5 it hasn't. And to be honest with you, I don't

6 think it will because it just gets worse. Me

 $7\,$  grabbing something from the freezer, me grabbing a

8 hot cup of coffee -- you know, like I said last
9 time, if I grab a hot cup of coffee without a

10 jacket on it, you know, it burns.

11 Q. So I appreciate your patience with my 12 detailed questions. I'm trying to get a very 13 thorough understanding of the issues you still have 14 from this accident.

15 I understand physically, with regard to 16 your hands, you told me about sensitivity to 17 temperature, itching, blisters, scrapes, and then 18 you've told me psychologically you have a fear of 19 using grills.

20 A. Mm-hmm.

21 Q. Is there anything else that's continuing 22 from this accident that you claim today?

23 A. I mean, I have headaches on a continual 24 basis. I mean, that is -- I believe it's from the 25 blow and like it just -- it's never stopped since

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1 that accident. I've always had continuous
2 headaches. That's one of the reasons why I smoke
3 weed, is because of that.

And the headaches get so painful,
sometimes I -- you know, if you do look at my
medical record, I had a problem with headaches and
then it kind of got resolved, and then after this
accident I've had massive headaches all the time.

9 Q. I asked you last time -- and maybe I
10 misunderstood or maybe the answer has changed -- if
11 any healthcare professional has told you that your
12 headaches today are likely the result of this
13 accident. And I thought you said no one has, but
14 is that mistaken?

15 A. No. Like I said, I said that I get 16 headaches and I believe that it's from that. I 17 haven't been to a -- I mean, I went to, you know, 18 the specific individuals that I went to, but no one 19 has said exactly from the accident.

20 But I -- you know, like I said before, I 21 went through treatment for the headaches,

everything was good, and then after this accident had numerous amounts of more headaches.

Q. Are you getting any treatment today for your headaches other than over-the-counter Tylenol 1 I think you told me before --

A. Yeah, Tylenol, like I said, and CBD and marijuana.

Q. Anything else?

A. No, not right now.

Q. Have you spoken to any healthcare professional and said, Hey, I need to do something more, or are those things working?

9 A. They work. I mean, it hasn't got to a 10 point where it's not working, so I just keep on --11 on that system.

12 Q. A little bit more about the PTSD. The 13 symptoms of your PTSD you've told me are fear of 14 using grills, fear of other equipment.

15 What other equipment besides grills are 16 you fearful of using because you relate that to 17 this accident?

18 A. Any -- you know, like I told you last 19 time, I do catering. So with catering, you hook up 20 ovens. You hook up different things that have 21 propane. So I don't really use -- I haven't used 22 any propane since this accident and I don't think I 23 ever will.

I mean, that's the thing of it. The propane, the explosion was so traumatic to the

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1 point where it's like, you know, it blew me back 2 and I -- you know, if I didn't jump in the

3 sprinkler, I might have had a lot more, you know,

4 damages. But because of my, you know, ability of 5 reacting, I put myself in water, you know, in a

6 sprinkler, and put out the fire.

7 And then as soon as I -- as soon as the 8 fire went out, I looked at my hands and I said "I'm 9 never going to be able to cook again." So --

Q. Do you have any PTSD symptoms, in your opinion, other than what you've told me? Are you fearful of using propane?

A. Yep. I mean, I'm fearful of using propane. I'm fearful of using grills. I'm afraid of fire. I mean, I went to O, a show at the Bellagio, with my boss, and I was sitting there and there was a guy on fire and I was like, "Oh, look. It's me." You know, anything that I see that has to do with a guy on fire or, you know, any of that, it brings back the memories.

21 And that's the biggest thing, is that
22 it's always -- I'm always being -- you know, I'm
23 always remembering the situation because it was so
24 dramatic and the fact where I was in the hospital a
25 while. I was in a lot of treatment with them

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Page 299 Page 301 1 ripping off my bandages and just like the whole I mean, I think we've covered most of it. 2 process was extremely emotional and devastating to I just, you know -- yeah. everything that I've done after the accident. All right. So I wanted to ask you So if you see fire, that brings back briefly about Green's Gourmet and SkinnyFATS. You 5 these bad memories? testified before that Green's Gourmet -- which, by 6 Α. the way, is that greens like we eat greens or is 7 Anything else regarding PTSD? 7 that you, Green? R I mean, the biggest thing is that, like I Α. Me. said before -- and I don't really -- you know, if 9 Q. So it's Josh Green's Gourmet? 10 this does pertain to PTSD, it's just the fact where 10 Α. 11 before I was able to do a lot more things in the 11 That was a personal chef catering 12 kitchen, a lot more things at work, a lot more 12 business that you with started with someone named 13 things in my life, and now it's hindered a lot of Demetri and an investor, correct? 14 things, to make me think about doing things either 14 Α. 15 differently or things that I, you know, react. 15 Q. What's Demetri's last name? 16 I react kind of just -- I think about 16 Townsend. Α. 17 things before I do it, where before I would just, 17 Q. I'm sorry? oh, turn on a grill and I wouldn't even think about 18 Townsend. T-o-w-n-s-e-n-d, I believe. it, or I would -- you know. So a lot of that stuff 19 And who was the investor? Q. has to do with the posttraumatic syndrome of having 20 Tony Clark. Α. to deal with -- you know, of what happened. 21 0. Is Green's Gourmet still in business? 22 22 So you told me before that you're less Α. 23 social, you're more withdrawn? 23 Q. Where is Demetri Townsend today, if you 24 Α. 24 know? 25 25 With regard to working in the kitchen, I don't know. Α. Page 300 Page 302 1 you do still cook in the kitchen, true? The last time you knew where he was, Q. where was he? Yes, but very little. 3 So what equipment do you use now that you Α. Las Vegas. But I haven't talked to him didn't use before? since. I mean, I use a flat top grill, which is 5 Q. How about Tony Clark? a controlled gas grill, you know, that -- you know, No. Α. 7 yes, anything can happen, but it's pretty You did testify -- the words you used controlled. So, you know, if there's -- if there's 8 were that they sideswiped you, that they, quote, a gas problem, I'm going to smell it or I'm going "pushed you out of the company." 10 to know about it before it goes into the grill. 10 What happened? 11 11 I went to work for a big fighter in Miami And then I use fryers on a daily basis. Α. 12 So the gas equipment that you use would and LA, and while I was doing that, they were doing 13 be a flat top or a fryer, but am I correct that things behind my back in the business. 14 it's not propane that you're using? And when I came back, we were -- we were 14 15 Α. 15 having a talk, and they said that because I was 16 0. It's natural gas? doing personal chef stuff and other things, that 17 Yes. I will never use propane again. I they didn't think I was, you know, putting all 18 mean, that's just -- and that's, you know, part of the -- and I started the business. So they were -the PTSD. That's part of a lot of, you know, the I wasn't putting as much effort or they were 19 thinking process of using propane after this running the business while I was doing this other 21 incident -- accident. 21 stuff. And it just led to problems. 22 Anything else you can think of that you 22 And then they tried to start the aviation 23 can't do or you don't do like you did before or company without me and they went -- and they were 23 24 other symptoms you relate to PTSD, or have we 24 done in three months. 25 covered it?

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Were you an investor yourself? Did you

Page 303 Page 305 And that was back in 2013 or 2014? 1 have an ownership interest in Green's Gourmet? 0. I was the owner. I was the sole owner. A. I've, you know, dealt with a lot of issues behind Q. So you testified before that you had a it. I was very young and I learned a lot of falling out with Mr. Slobusky, that you had disagreements and you parted ways. lessons from it. That's really what it comes down What was the disagreement --7 So legally, if you were the sole owner of I had a seizure, actually. I had a 8 Green's Gourmet, how were they able to push you seizure on the line and I was in the hospital for a 9 out? month after that. The doctor told him that I could 10 not work on the line due to that. Α. Because -- so -- I mean, I was the owner 11 He said that I didn't -- I wasn't 11 and I gave Demetri -- I gave him ownership. And 12 then when I brought in the other investor, he 12 following my contractual obligations. And that's where he said he doesn't need me anymore, and if I 13 brought in the accountants, he brought in everything, brought in the business aspects of it, wanted to take it up with anybody, that I could and they used that talent to -- you know, in his take it up with a lawyer. business ways, to take control and force me out. I 16 I spoke to a lawyer and, you know, we had mean, that's really what it comes down to. a conversation, and he said that I could do it, but 17 18 Was there a lawsuit over this? it's going to -- you know, it's the same thing I 19 just told you. He would have eaten me alive. Α. 20 Q. Did they threaten to sue you? 20 Q. Did you have an ownership interest in 21 No. I mean, not to sue me, no. 21 SkinnyFATS? 22 Q. Did you think about hiring a lawyer 22 Α. That's part of the issue. I was supposed 23 and --23 to. I was supposed to have 25 percent. I was supposed -- and then I had a contract for 2.4 Α. I didn't have the money to fight it. That's the same reason why SkinnyFATS -- I didn't 10 percent, signed it, and he never gave it to the Page 304 Page 306 1 have money to fight it. I mean, that guy from lawyer. 2 SkinnyFATS would have eaten me alive because he And that's the whole thing. He was 3 would have spent as much money as possible. And supposed to be my business advocate. He was that's exactly what happened. supposed to be my confidant. And he got greedy and 5 Q. So when we talk about SkinnyFATS, is that started doing things to get me out of it. 6 Reed Slobusky? So originally you were supposed to have 7 25 percent, but somehow that got negotiated down to Α. 8 a contract for 10 percent? Q. You said he was your best friend at one 9 time? Well, it was -- it was 10 percent and 10 A. 10 then it was, you know, after a certain time it 11 And he was your financing partner for 11 would evolve into more, and --Q. 12 SkinnyFATS? 12 So like Green's Gourmet, you felt like 13 you had been wronged but you didn't have the Α. SkinnyFATS is still in operation? legal -- you didn't have the resources to fight it? 14 Q. 14 15 Α. 15 Α. 16 0. Do they have more than one location? 16 ο. Did you talk to any lawyer about this? 17 17 I mean, I spoke to friends that are Α. 18 Where do those --18 lawyers, but, you know, just to get advice. 0. 19 Eight locations. 19 Did you talk to a lawyer about taking Α. 20 Where was the original location? Q. this on on a contingency so the expenses would be 21 Α. Dean Martin. 21 fronted by them and you can go forward? 22 Is that Dean Martin Drive or Avenue? 22 I mean, nobody that I talked or nobody 0. 23 Dean Martin Drive, I believe. that I -- you know, was willing to do it. Α. 23

Here in Las Vegas?

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25 weren't willing to take it?

So you did talk to some lawyers, but they

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1	A. Yeah.	1	A. Scott Sibley.
2	Q. So today	2	Q. Who is he?
3	A. Because he had the paperwork.	3	A. He's a prominent man in Las Vegas. I
4	Q. I'm sorry?	4	mean, he has a bunch of businesses. And he got my
5	A. Because he had the paperwork. He knew	5	name through someone that he was trying to lose
6	what he was doing.	6	weight, and he said, "I need the best personal chef
7	Q. "He" being Slobusky?	7	in town," and somebody that I know referred him.
8	A. Yes.	8	And that's how it happened.
9	Q. So today you're working at Fries N' Pies?	9	Q. How long have you been doing that?
10	A. Yes.	10	A. About five months.
11	Q. And as a personal chef for someone?	11	Q. What kind of hours do you work as a
12	A. Yes.	12	personal chef for Mr. Sibley?
13	Q. What are your hours at Fries N' Pies?	13	A. About 4:00 to 8:00 every day.
14	A. 10:00 to 3:00.	14	Q. Seven days a week?
15	Q. And I know you told me this.	15	A. Yes.
16	Is there more than one location?	16	Q. Sounds like you're cooking all of his
17	A. No.	17	evening meals, anyway.
18	Q. Where is Fries N' Pies located?	18	A. Yep. I do his dinner.
19	A. 4503 Paradise Road.	19	Q. Do you do other meals too?
20	Q. Some of your time when you're working	20	A. I leave a lunch for him in like a
21	there from 10:00 to 3:00 is cooking?	21	container.
22	A. Yes.	22	Q. I know you're skilled at cooking a wide
23	Q. Is that primarily what you do?	23	variety of things, but give me an idea. What do
24	A. I mean, I'm a manager. I'm an operating	24	you cook for him?
25	manager. So I operate the store and make sure the	25	A. I mean, everything. I mean, it's it
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1	store's opened and following the proper code of	1	can be tacos to pasta to I mean, anything and
2	setting up the restaurant.	2	everything.
3	Q. And you cook as well?	3	Q. Do you use any gas-fueled equipment to
4	A. Yes.	4	cook for Mr. Sibley?
5	Q. How much time do you spend cooking at	5	A. I use I mean, I use a stove and an
6	Fries N' Pies?	6	oven, and that's really it.
7	A. I mean, actual cooking, probably two to	7	Q. Those are indoor appliances?
8	three two hours a day, two to three hours a day.	8	A. Yep. I mean, we have he's asked me to
9	Q. What do you cook?	9	grill a bunch of times and I tell him no and I tell
10	A. I just cook on a flat top and make french	10	him I can't. And then about three months ago, he
11	fries.	11	asked me to grill and there was another person
12	Q. Well, that's what it is, right, it's	12	there, one of his friends, who said that he would
13	pizza and french fries?	13	grill instead, so I didn't have to.
14	A. Yeah.	14	Q. What kind of income are you making
15	Q. How is that business going?	15	working for Mr. Sibley?
16	A. It's good. I mean, it's getting better	16	A. I make \$4,000 a month. And that's what
17	now. We cut the menu down, so	17	keeps me afloat. So that's why I had to take that
18	Q. How many employees do you have?	18	job. Because I do not get paid at Fries N' Pies
19	A. Seven.	19	because I own 45 percent of it.
20	Q. Full time?	20	Q. That's a long-term business venture?
21	A. Yes.	21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Making a profit?	22	Q. Who owns the rest of Fries N' Pies today?
23	A. Starting to, yes.	23	A. Adam Sadie.
24	Q. Your other job is a personal chef to	24	Q. The two of you are the owners; no one
25	someone, and I forgot who someone is.	25	else?
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Page 313 Page 311 Yes -- oh, no. There is one 10 percent Yes. Α. investor, one of -- a friend of his. 2 Q. Do you have a timetable for that? 3 Q. Who is that? In the next year or two, open another Sherman -- I forget his last name. Yu, store, and then keep growing it after that. Α. 5 actually, Y-u. Sherman Yu. Q. Open another store in Las Vegas? As manager of Fries N' Pies, which I Α. 7 understand has been in operation since July of Q. How many stores ultimately do you think R 2018? you might open with Fries N' Pies? 9 Α. Yes. Α. I mean, the goal is 100-plus. Continuously? 10 One hundred plus? 10 Q. Q. 11 11 Α. Yes. Besides the past -- we closed in A. Yes. 12 March and reopened two weeks ago. 12 Q. Do you have any expectation as to how 13 Q. Because of COVID-19? 13 long that will take? 14 Α. I mean, I think I could start selling 15 Q. But now you're back open? 15 franchises in the next two to three years, and 16 history will be then. 16 Α. 17 Including dine-in? 17 Perhaps outside Las Vegas or no? 18 Α. Yeah. I mean, that's my goal. My goal 19 is to get it nationwide. Because it is easy to Q. As manager of Fries N' Pies, do you have 19 a projection or expectation as to how that business duplicate. No need to -- I don't need a big may grow or how it will work out in the future? storefront. I don't need a big area. So it's pretty easy to plug and play. 22 I mean -- maybe I don't understand your question. 23 23 Do you have some idea what the gross 24 Q. Sure. sales or income currently is for Fries N' Pies? 25 Do you have a business plan for Fries N' 25 The first year we were open, we made Page 312 Page 314 1 Pies? \$760,000. I mean, we -- I mean, we developed it 2 When you say you "made," is that net or Q. 3 based on -- I was actually going to put in a 3 gross? healthy concept. The guy wanted a pizza concept; That was gross. Α. 5 then Adam and I developed it. ο. Total? 6 Can you do healthy pizza? Yes. Α. 7 7 We do. It's cauliflower crust and 760,000? 0. broccoli crust. 8 8 Α. Yes. 9 Q. So that concept does survive in some way? Q. And that was July of '18 to July of '19? 10 10 A. Α. 11 11 Q. I'm not -- do you have a written business Q. How about July 19 to the present; do you 12 plan? 12 know? 13 For Fries N' Pies, no. 13 Right now I don't, but, I mean, you know, 14 Do you have a business plan in your head, due to COVID -- you know, now we -- to make a 15 as it were, as to what you want to -profit, we need to make \$100 an hour and we're 16 Actually, Adam might have one. He might 16 doing that, so... 17 have something then. 17 Q. So you're in the black? 18 Well, our whole goal of it is to -- I 18 Yeah, now we are. Α. 19 mean, the reason I opened it was because I had the 19 Even with COVID? 0. 20 experience -- our whole reason of opening it was to Α. Well, I mean, we're starting to, yes. 21 franchise it. So that's where I'm going with it. 21 Okay. Have you worked out or do you have 22 I'm trying to take it to the next level and 22 some idea of what your financial benefit would be 23 franchise it. 23 as you grow? With each franchise location that So that's the main goal of the business opens, how does that impact you personally, 25 plan, is to grow and have other locations? 25 financially? Do you have an idea?

Page 315 Page 317 And that's how I've done this whole I mean, once we start, you know, making 2 incident. I haven't really communicated with a lot 2 profit, you know, we break it up into 45 percent 3 Adam, 45 percent me, 10 percent to the other quy. of different people about it, but I speak to a And then the same with the franchise -certain group of people, you know. 5 the building of the franchise would be the same 5 Do you feel that your businesses are 6 going well? 7 For each franchise location, the same 7 Α. Yeah. 8 percentages? R You got married middle of May? Q. Α. Α. Yeah. 10 Mr. Green, you've been very courteous and 10 Q. Are you happily married? 11 11 patient. Thank you. Α. I am. 12 Is there anything about your testimony as 12 MR. McMULLEN: Those are all my 13 we sit here that you think you need to change or 13 questions. Thank you. 14 15 A. No. I mean, I just -- I just want you to 15 EXAMINATION 16 know that, you know, after the -- after the fire, 16 BY MS. WINSPEAR: you know, like I said, you know, like I've been I think I'm probably next in order. My 17 stating, it's changed my life in many ways. name is Gina Winspear and I represent Defendant 19 And now I'm just handling it in the fact Carl Kleisner. 20 with -- like I was never a practicing Jew before, 20 Have you ever met Mr. Kleisner? 21 and now, because of the accident, like I said, like 21 Α. I haven't. 22 I stated last time, the rabbi came and sat with me 22 Did you have any knowledge of 23 Mr. Kleisner or had you ever heard his name prior 23 for two hours and opened my world to religion. 24 And, you know, now I talk to a rabbi every single 24 to the incident back in June of 2018? 25 day. 25 Α. Page 316 Page 318 So, you know, there's a lot of things Since the incident in June of 2018, have 2 that have changed, you know, like I said, with my you had any conversations with Mario Gonzalez about

3 thinking, my way of life, because of the accident. 4 That's really what it comes down to.

When you talk to the rabbi, are you talking specifically about this accident or about 7 your path forward?

Α. We talk about everything. Everything.

Q. It's been a positive thing?

10 Yeah. I mean, you know, it's helped me 11 get through -- I mean, the biggest thing with this 12 is having -- is being able to turn to people and 13 having people that, you know, understand. 14 You know, I speak to a very, very small

15 group of this incident. I don't talk to my friends about it. I don't talk to anyone about it. I talk to my parents. I talk to my rabbi. I talk to 18 Lauren. I talk to my wife. And that's it.

19 It's very -- I don't talk to -- you know, 20 Mario is good friend of mine. I don't talk to him 21 about this incident at all. We don't have a

22 conversation about it because I know he's emotional 23 about the situation, and I don't -- you know, me

24 and him have a friendship, and I don't want to ruin

25 the friendship, so I separate it.

Mr. Kleisner?

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ο. Have you obtained a disability rating from any governmental body or disability insurer?

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8 0. Have you applied for any disability insurance since this incident in June of 2018?

Α. I haven't.

11 Prior to the incident in June of 2018, 12 did you have any knowledge that Mario was having electrical problems with his koi pond?

> Α. No.

15 In your lawsuit you allege that 16 Carl Kleisner owed a duty to Mario Gonzalez and all of his guests to ensure that all electrical lines 18 to the home were in working order.

Were you aware that's one of your allegations in this lawsuit?

> Α. Yes.

22 What information or knowledge do you have 23 that the electrical lines in the home were not in 24 working order?

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Page 319 Page 321 1 whole thing. 1 his backyard? Q. You believe they were or they were not? A. I don't know. A. I didn't know anything about the You don't personally have any of that electrical problems. information, fair? 5 So as you sit here today, is that still Α. Yen. your position, you don't know one way or another Do you personally have any information about any electrical problems? that Carl Kleisner maintained or repaired any R MR. GOLDSTEIN: I want to raise an electrical lines inside Mario Gonzalez's home or in objection. Vague. his backyard in the barbecue area? 10 No, I don't. 10 Go ahead. Α. 11 BY MS. WINSPEAR: 11 And I believe -- and I just want to 12 clarify from your earlier testimony. What I wrote 12 Do you understand my question? Let me down that you said weeks ago when we were in your 13 restate it so I make sure our record is really original deposition is that you didn't know 15 15 anything about an electrician until after the A. Yeah. 16 In your lawsuit you allege that incident. Q. 17 Carl Kleisner owed a duty to Mario Gonzalez and all 17 Is that a fair statement? 18 his guests on Mario's premises to ensure that all 18 Α. 19 electrical lines to the home were in working order. 19 You now know the name of an electrician Q. 20 As you sit here today, do you have any to be Carl Kleisner, but that's -- is that from 21 knowledge or information that the electrical lines information Mario provided to you or information 22 were not in working order? 22 you learned in the course of this lawsuit? 23 MR. PFAU: Objection that this calls for I mean, both. But I just heard the name 24 an expert opinion and calls for a legal conclusion. 24 from Mario, but that was -- that was it. 25 25 / / / Okay. You didn't -- other than hearing a Page 322 Page 320 1 BY MS. WINSPEAR: 1 name, what other information did Mario give you You can still answer. about Carl Kleisner? Q. 3 A. Nothing. Α. So do I know -- maybe say it again. Do you have any knowledge or information MS. WINSPEAR: Okay. That's all the 5 that the electrical lines at Mario Gonzalez's home 5 questions that I have. Thank you very much. were not in working order? MR. WALKER: I have no questions. 7 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm Steve Goldstein. I Α. 8 MR. PFAU: Same objections. represent Mario. I won't have too many questions 8 THE WITNESS: I thought they were. because everything's been thorough thus far. I 10 BY MS. WINSPEAR: just have a few follow-up questions. 11 11 So nothing has been communicated to you 12 by Mario indicating that the electrical lines were 12 EXAMINATION 13 not in working order. 13 BY MR. GOLDSTEIN: Is that a fair statement? 14 The cream that you use -- I don't know. 14 15 Do you still use it today? 15 Α. And you never independently did any 16 16 MR. PFAU: Asked and answered. inspection or investigation of the electrical lines 17 BY MR. GOLDSTEIN: 18 at Mario's home either inside or in the barbecue 18 Forgive me. I'm just laying a foundation 19 area. Is that also a fair statement? 19 here. 20 20 Α. Α. Yes. I have a cream and I do use it. 21 Q. In your -- well, let me ask this 21 How long does it take you to go through a 22 question. 22 bottle of cream or a tube of cream? 23 Do you have any -- do you personally have I mean, I've had the same bottle for a 23 24 any knowledge or information that Carl Kleisner 24 while. So --25 installed electrical lines in Mario's home or in 25 Q. A month, two months?

Page 323 Page 325 Couple months. I mean, he is one of my best friends at Α. Α. 2 this time. Q. Okay. Do you apply it every day? 3 I apply it when needed or when I -- but, Q. I mean, I have a lotion that I use every day, yes. And that's why we don't talk about this case. We don't communicate about it. We don't say 5 Okay. Is the lotion over the counter? Q. 6 Α. nothing. 7 What kind of lotion is it? When was the last time you communicated R I mean, it's non-medicated. about this case? Α. We don't -- I mean, honestly, we don't 9 Q. Α. have a -- we don't. 10 Α. Yes. It's like Aveeno. But I also use 10 11 the other lotion that I was given by the doctors. 11 Well, I imagine during your healing period you guys talked about things, right? 12 And I don't believe you remember that 12 13 name? Yeah. But I don't -- I don't have an A. 14 Α. No, I don't. exact date. 15 Let me ask you about your relationship 15 Q. I'm not asking for an exact date. But with Mario a little bit. was the last time you talked to him about this 16 17 incident before you filed a lawsuit against him? 18 And forgive me if we go over a little bit 18 Yeah. I mean -of what was discussed last time. 19 19 Q. Have you been over to his house since the 20 You -- how long have you known Mario? last time -- since you filed a lawsuit against him? 21 I know Mario probably for five years. 21 22 Okay. Before this incident, have you 22 Q. Approximately how many times have you 23 ever been a business partner with him at all? 23 been over? 2.4 Α. Α. I mean, I honestly can't tell you. I 25 At the time of this incident, were you don't know. Four or five, six. I don't know. We Page 324 Page 326 hang out. I mean, like I said, he's one of my best 1 all discussing business options and things to make money together? friends. This didn't hinder anything because we 3 Α. I mean, we always talk about business, don't talk about it. but nothing to the fact -- no, we weren't doing 4 But you do realize you are suing him, 5 anything. right? 6 There wasn't a gummy bear CBD --Yes. But, I mean, my whole thing was --Q. 7 Oh, we were talking about that, but that yes, I'm suing him, but, you know, the insurance company, and at the end of the day, you know, my wasn't -- he was just trying to see if he could buy 8 a product for me because I have a white label friendship -- that's the whole reason we don't -we don't talk about it. You know, we don't have a 10 company for my edibles. 11 Q. What does that mean? 11 conversation about it because we don't -- you know, 12 I have an edible company that I'm a 12 it keeps our friendship the way it should be. 13 partner with in San Diego that I try to get Do you know why you're suing him? contacts for, and because he's in the CBD business, I mean, yeah, because he was negligent 14 15 I told him about that I had this connection and we and he had the -- you know, it was his grill. It 16 were talking about it, but nothing came from it. was his place. And, you know, if that incident 17 Would you classify your friendship with didn't happen, then my life would be different 18 Mario to be good? 18 right now. 19 Yeah, very good. 19 So if I understand you correctly, the Α. 20 Q. Today even? reason why you're suing him is because he owned the 21 A. Yes. 21 grill and he had the house? Yeah. I -- because I was at his house 22 I know you mentioned one other fellow 22 23 that you worked with that started SkinnyFATS as working on something that should have been handled 23

24 your best friend. Where does Mario rate in the

25 whole pantheon of friends that you have?

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and fixed and -- you know.

But he was -- if I understand correctly,

Joshua Green, Volume II June 29, 2020 Page 327 Page 329 1 he was told by Ferrellgas that the grill was Q. And that was to go for your health 2 inspected and fixed and everything was fine? 2 expenses? And that's how he told me, and then Yes, which is not even one percent of it. that's why we used it. And look what happened. Understood. Understood. It was a drop 5 Okay. So with that being said, then, you in the bucket, let's say. still think that he's negligent when Ferrellgas is Α. the one that told him? But what did you think of that -- him I think everyone in the situation is setting up that GoFundMe page for you? 8 negligent to the fact where -- they all had a place I mean, it was very -- it was nice and in this incident, and if everyone handled it to the 10 generous and... way that they should have, it wouldn't have 11 All right. You had mentioned that --12 Mario gets -- you hadn't talked to him because he 12 happened. Okay. Do you believe it is reasonable gets emotional. 14 for Mario to trust what the representative for What do you mean by that? 15 Ferrellgas told him? 15 I mean, just in the situation -- I mean, 16 Α. when you talk about this incident -- and this is 17 And that's the thing. When I asked Mario like a long, long time ago. When you talk about if it was fixed, he said that he had the okay from the incident, he just gets -- he gets choked up. Ferrellgas and obviously it wasn't. So I leave it alone. 20 Q. The grill, you mean? 20 Q. So he gets choked up in a way that is 21 Α. Yes. What did I say? 21 sorrowful or somber? Well --22 Q. 2.2 A. Yeah. I mean, I think that -- you know, 23 Yeah, the grill. 23 he's --Α. 0. I just wanted to clarify what the okay 24 Q. He's not angry about it is what I'm 25 was that was okay. trying --Page 328 Page 330 No, I don't think he's angry. I just 1 Α. The grill was okay to use. 2 That's what was told to Mario? think he's frustrated that it happened. He trusted Q. 3 Α. someone -- you know, he trusted someone from a gas 4 company and now we're dealing with this issue. Q. We all know that you used the grill before. Understood. Yes. I've used numerous grills before. Has any doctor told you that you can't 7 I never had an issue. work to your full potential? 8 8 Q. And you've used that particular grill Α. I mean, directly, no, but indirectly, before without any issue? 9 yes. 10 A. 10 Q. What do you mean? 11 After the incident, and I'm talking I mean, every doctor that I've spoken to 0. 11 Α. 12 directly after the incident, when you were taken to that I've had a conversation about my work, they the hospital, Mario took you, right? tell me to not work as much and they tell me to 14 Α. 14 limit what I do in certain areas, you know. 15 Q. Do you know that Mario set up a GoFundMe 15 And like I said before, I used to work page for you? 16 16-, 17-hour days. There would be no way I could 16 17 17 do that right now. 18 And do you remember how much money Mario 18 But formally, there has been nothing on 19 raised for you? paper or anything saying you can't do what it is 20 I don't remember exactly. I think it was you do, which is be a chef? like anywhere from \$1,700 to \$2,300, something in 21 I mean, you could take that two different 22 ways: Me being a chef and being able to use every that range.

Yeah.

And he gave you all that money; is that

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24 right?

23 piece of equipment that I'm able to use? I am not

able to use everything, so yes, it hinders me.

And the ability of grabbing hot stuff. I

Page 331 Page 333 Did you see any kind of certifications 1 mean, like before, I used to grab -- I mean, I used 2 to work at a restaurant which had a thousand hanging on the wall in her -- in her house at all? 3 covers. I used to grab steaks off the grill, like, I mean, no, but I, you know, I know she 4 with my hands. And now I can't even touch went through a lot of training and, you know, I 5 something hot. definitely -- before it wasn't just the blind I think that is, you know, an incredible thing. Like I knew that she's worked with people feat. I just want to put that on the record. He and helped people. could take something hot before and flip it? Does she have an office or does she work Q. I mean, yeah. As a chef, and every chef out of her house? will tell you, that when you build -- you build She works out of her house. 10 Does she see other -- does she have other 11 your tolerance. 11 12 Q. Right. 12 clients that you know of? 13 In your business, in your line of work, 13 A. do you ever use oven mitts? Q. I just want to follow up on your itchy 15 I use towels, which is like an oven mitt. 15 hands. Kind of like that, yeah. 16 16 You said that they have been itchy for 17 Now -approximately about two months? 17 18 But now, anything that I grab -- like 18 Α. Yep. 19 before, I used to grab stuff with either a damp 19 Q. Does that mean they were not itchy before towel or whatever, just grab it. And now it's like 20 this incident? 21 I have to make sure everything's dry, or like if I 21 They were. Not to the point where I got 22 grab something -- the other day I grabbed something 22 to scratch them every couple hours or whatever. 23 out of the oven that was sitting out for probably They just itch more than frequently, more than they 24 25, 30 minutes, out of the oven, I grabbed the pan 24 25 25 and I dropped it right away because it was hotter Do you have any allergies? Q. Page 332 Page 334 than I can handle. I do. Α. You work for this Scott Sibley person. What? Q. How long have you worked for him now? 3 Α. Demerol, codeine, and shellfish. Five months. 4 Q. Have you had in the last two months any Α. 5 ٥. Five months. of those? And did you know him before? Α. 6 No. 7 7 Before the incident? Or before that? Α. 0. 8 No. Before working for him. 8 Α. ο. 9 Α. Q. All types of shellfish or just --10 And you work about four hours a day for 10 A. Red shellfish, crab, lobster, shrimp. 11 him? 11 All the good stuff. Q. 12 12 Yes. Α. Yep. Α. Do you have any assistants help you? 13 That us nice Jewish boys should be 13 Q. 14 Α. 14 eating. 15 Q. Now, Lauren Unger, do you know if she has 15 So with the psychologist, 16 any kind of certifications, professional 16 Michael Elliott, you've seen him one time, right? 17 certifications? 17 Α. 18 Α. I believe so, yeah. 18 How many minutes or hours did you spend 0. 19 Have you seen them or -- do you know? with him on that first visit? 20 No. I believe so. I said -- that's all. 20 I mean, I just did a testing visit with She's -- from my understanding, she's a certified 21 him. It was like two and a half hours. healer and shaman, whatever you want to call it. 22 And it was you filling out forms? Q. All right. You have lived with her for a 23 23 Me going through questions and -- yeah. Α. 24 little bit of time, right? Did he tell you the questions and you provided answers or did you fill out --Α. Yes.

Page 337 Page 335 No. I sat a computer and filled it out. 1 deal with grills. So he wasn't like providing you with any 2 Anything about grills you don't do? Q. guidance at that time? Α. No. It's like an ex-girlfriend. Stay Not yet, no. That's why we're having away from it. 5 another meeting on the 1st. 5 So how often do you get blisters on your Q. 6 I'm just going through my notes from the hand? 7 last time. I mean, not -- it can happen -- I mean, R And the biggest thing is I had no fear of it happens on a continuous basis. I don't know Α. using anything before. Like never had a fear of exactly. 10 drills, equipment. And now, you know, I have a 10 Well --Q. fear, a fear of a lot of different things. 11 11 A. I mean, I had this blister -- I had this blister the other day. I have -- you know, I have 12 In your mind, do you know if there's a 13 difference between natural gas and propane? blisters that come and go all the time. 14 Yeah, there's a difference. Q. Is that because you're dealing with heat? 15 Because you mentioned earlier that you 15 Α. Yeah. Heat. Yeah. 16 won't use propane, but the other grills at your 16 Q. So it comes on when perhaps maybe you're work are natural gas. 17 taking a -- something you're cooking and you're 17 18 Yes. But they're not open flame -- I 18 flipping it? won't use an open flame grill at all, ever. Even 19 19 Α. Well, I don't use my bare hands anymore. if it's a gas grill, I won't use it. I'm afraid of It's just anything. I mean, I can touch something 21 flames. I'm afraid of the idea of fire. that is like a little hot and it will create a Like -- I mean, like I said to --22 blister. 2.2 23 Mr. McMullen, is it? 23 Let me ask you about the PTSD you 2.4 MR. McMULLEN: Yes. 24 mentioned earlier. If you're not thinking about or 25 THE WITNESS: Like I said to him, it 25 not having something like an open flame that you Page 338 Page 336 see or somebody on fire, do you think about, you 1 was -- I mean, I saw the show, and when I saw the 2 show, when I see anything on fire, it brings me know, the incident? I think about the incident all the time. 3 back to that day and it's -- you know, it's Α. 4 traumatic. Yeah. It changed my life, drastically, in 5 BY MR. GOLDSTEIN: everything that I do and everything that I -- I So your grills at work aren't -- don't mean... 7 have open flame? 7 But up until May --Q. 8 Α. Α. I used to be a very active person and Q. The grills at -- or the stove at always outside and always doing things, and like this hindered me -- I mean, for the whole month 10 Scott Sibley's, does it have open flame? It does, but it's -- you know, it's on -that I was, you know -- or, I mean, from the time 11 12 it's controlled by a burner, so the flame is 12 since the accident, in the first year I didn't go 13 controlled. It's not super high. And there's in the sun at all. You know, there's a lot of always something covering it. You know, I always things that I didn't do because of the accident. 15 have a pan covering it or... 15 Q. I believe Mario told us about you playing 16 And do you ever use charcoal or 16 hockey. 17 wood-pellet grills? 17 Playing hockey? Α. 18 A. No. 18 Yeah, or being a good ice skater, ice 19 Why not? 19 hockey? Q. 20 I won't use -- I will not use a grill 20 Α. Okay. Yeah. 21 ever since this accident. Like, I don't care what 21 Q. Can you tell us how long you have been --22 it is. My father uses charcoal grills. I went to 22 I played hockey for 22 years. I was Α. 23 his house. He -- and I stayed inside when he, you 23 supposed to -- I chose to go to a cooking school or 24 know, dealt with the grill. 24 UNLV rather than going to a school for hockey. I Like I don't go near grills. I don't 25 ended up playing at UNLV after four or five years,

Page 339 Page 341 1 when they started opening a team. But, I mean, I Since our last meeting, have you seen any 2 have skated my whole life. medical professionals regarding this incident? 3 Q. Okav. His son was skating, so I started So just Michael Elliott? Α. Q. teaching him how to skate, but I never -- it was Mm-hmm. Α. always -- I never used a stick or, you know, used Q. And then you're waiting until July 1st anything. I would just skate with him. to have a follow-up visit? With Mario's son? Yes. And that was because I had -- you R Q. 9 Α. know, after talking to my rabbi and Lauren Unger Okay. But you used -- you played and specific people, I felt that it was time to get 10 hockey -- was this on a formal UNLV team -some more doctor help. 11 11 12 12 Α. Yes And the rabbi you talked to, he's 13 Q. -- when you were a student there? associated with Chabad, right? 14 Yes. I actually haven't played -- I used Which Chabad? to play roller hockey all the time. I haven't 15 Q. played hockey since this accident. 16 The one on Arville. Α. 17 You said roller hockey? 17 What was his name again? Q. 18 Yeah. I used to play on Sahara and 18 Rabbi Motti Harlig. M-o-t-t-i, 19 Maryland at a facility, and I haven't played since 19 H-a-r-l-i-q. 20 this accident. 20 The grills at Fries N' Pies, there's no 0. 21 Has anybody said that you can't play or 21 open flame, right? is it just that you don't want to play? 22 22 A. No. No. I just haven't. 23 23 So it doesn't have the same look as like And the ice skating, when did you tutor 24 Scott Sibley's that has, you know, a flame that 25 Mario's son? comes up from the stove? Page 342 Page 340 Well, it's a stove that I use at Scott's, I mean, in the past -- it was only a couple -- it was only like four or five times. and this one is a flat top grill that it's under Was it before the incident or after? the --I'm not sure exactly. I think it was a Q. Understood. little before, a little after. I'm not sure. So there's a flame under the grill. Have you been on the ice since tutoring Yeah. The grill's a metal or steel 7 Mario's son? plate, and then the heat rises and you cook on it. 8 8 The pizzas that you-all make there, is it Α. Q. Is it because you don't want to or you an oven that's --10 just haven't had the opportunity? 10 A. No flame. Gas. 11 I just haven't. 11 It's a gas oven? Α. Q. 12 Okay. When you get a blister, how long 12 Brick gas oven. Α. does it take for them to heal? 13 So there's no -- it's like not one that's 13 coal-fired? Four or five days. 14 Α. 14 15 Q. Do you put anything on the blisters? 15 Α. 16 Just cream. 16 I call those the new fancy -- new way of Α. 17 Just cream. 17 doing things because they heat up to like 800 or so 18 You don't put a Band-Aid on? 18 degrees. 19 No. I mean, unless it needs a Band-Aid, 19 Α. Α. Mm-hmm. 20 if it's open. 20 Q. What does your pizza oven heat up to? 21 Q. Do they ever bleed? 21 A. We keep it at 550. 22 22 550? I mean, it depends. It depends on the Q. 23 blister, you know. If you pick a blister sooner 23 Or 555. Α. 24 than normal, then it's going to -- I don't usually MR. GOLDSTEIN: All right. I don't have 25 pick them either. any further questions for you.

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              Thank you very much.
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              MR. PFAU: I don't have any questions.
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              Are we all done?
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              MR. McMULLEN: I think so.
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              MR. PFAU: Okay.
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              MR. McMULLEN: Do we have the usual
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              MR. PFAU: To read and sign, you mean?
              MR. McMULLEN: Right.
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              MR. PFAU: Yeah. We can waive the read
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    and sign for Josh.
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              MR. McMULLEN: Very good. Thank you.
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              MR. PFAU: Thanks.
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              THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes today's
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# EXHIBIT "2"

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### In the Matter Of:

A-19-795381-C

**GREEN** 

VS

FERRELLGAS, INC. et al.

### **Videotaped Deposition Of:**

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    GONZALEZ, an individual;
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    CARL J. KLEISNER, an
    individual; DOES I through
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Page 279 Page 281 1 to any learning disability problems? 1 Whereupon, 2 JOSHUA GREEN, Α. 3 having been sworn to testify to the truth, the whole You testified that the first six months 4 truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined and 4 after the accident that your mother helped with you testified under oath as follows: with daily activities such as eating, bathing, and driving while your hands and arms were healing; is 7 EXAMINATION that true? 8 BY MR. McMULLEN: ρ A. Yes. 9 Q. Good morning. Q. You testified by October '18 -- sorry, by 10 October of 2018, that by then you were able to 10 Α. Good morning. 11 return to work full time as a chef cooking in the 11 Q. How are you, Josh? 12 kitchen; is that right? 12 Α. Good 13 How are you feeling today? A. 0. 14 Good. Itchy hands, but good. 14 Q. And did that include using gas grills in 15 Do you feel like you can complete your 15 the kitchen? deposition today? And by that I mean, is there 16 16 Α. I haven't used a gas grill or a propane anything that might interfere with your ability to grill since the accident. 18 do so? 18 You've not used any gas grill at all 19 Α. 19 since the time of the accident? 20 Q. So you do feel like you can continue? 20 Α. NO21 Yes. I can continue. 21 And that gets into psychological issues 22 where you are fearful of using a gas grill; is that 22 All right. Thanks. 23 I just have a few things and then I'm 23 right? 24 going to pass the witness to other counsel. Yes. It happened once. It can happen 25 Last time we talked about your work 25 again. Page 280 Page 282 1 issues, and you testified that long before this Other than the psychological issue which 2 grill accident, you had epileptic seizures. I'll get into in a moment, according to your prior 3 think you said those began when you were working at testimony, the only remaining problem that you're SkinnyFATS; is that right? facing that you relate to the accident is It began before that, but yes. temperature extremes on your hands; is that true? And you testified at least initially that Α. 7 7 the seizures reduced your work hours, correct? So let's talk about the psychological 8 8 Α. issue briefly. Q. And then if I understand, once you You testified last time that -- that was 10 May 18, I believe, that the Friday before we treated those seizures with medical marijuana, it 11 has been several years since you've had any started your deposition, which would be May 15, 12 seizures: is that true? that you saw a -- is it psychologist or 13 Α. psychiatrist? So am I correct that you no longer have 14 14 Α. Psychologist. 15 any reduction in your work hours due to seizures? 15 Q. Is that Michael Elliott? 16 16 Α. 17 You also testified about at a very young 17 You saw psychologist Michael Elliott for 18 age, at least at that time, a learning disability; 18 an evaluation on May 15? 19 is that right? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Α. Q. Have you heard from him on the results of 21 Are there any current continuing issues 21 his evaluation? 22 that you relate to that learning disability that 22 Α. Yes. I have another appointment with him 23 interfere with your work? 23 on July 1st. 24 A. Can you tell us what results he reported 25 25 to you from his evaluation? So there's no reduction in work hours due

Page 283 Page 285 We didn't really go into too much of it. Α. 2 They said we were going to go over stuff on the Do you know what future tests he has in 3 1st. Just told me that I had -- from his findings, 3 mind? 4 that I -- that I have PTSD on the situation, and Α. No. 5 that, you know, me working on grills or anything 5 But some kind of testing you understand Q. 6 that has to do with potential fire, it definitely is slated for the next visit? 7 has a play on it. R And that's on July 1? And, I mean, his whole thing is that he Q. definitely thinks that there's trauma due to the Α. incident. 10 10 Q. Did you get any paperwork from him, any Did he specifically diagnose you with 11 11 kind of report or test results from when you saw 12 PTSD as a result of this grill accident? him on May 15? 13 I mean, he told me that he feels that it 13 A. I believe everything was given to my can and then that's why they're doing more tests lawyer. and they're doing more -- that's why we're having 15 Q. Okay. Have you seen it? more meetings and more sessions. 16 16 Α. So if I understand, is his evaluation 17 Forgive me if I covered this before. 17 18 continuing or has he completed his --18 Had you ever been diagnosed with PTSD 19 No. It's continuing. 19 before this accident? Α. 20 Q. So at this point he said it's a 20 Α. No. 21 possibility that you have PTSD from this accident 21 Have you ever had any traumatic event 22 but that more evaluation is needed; is that true? 22 before this accident that required any kind of 23 Yes, and going more into a detailed 23 professional care? 24 psychological session, and that's what we're going No. I mean, I had a bad car accident, 25 on July 1st. 25 but I never had -- you know, I never had anything Page 284 Page 286 Did you do any testing on May 15 with from it. Michael Elliott? You were seeing Lauren Unger, a shaman in Q. 3 3 Miami? Α. Yes. Q. What kind of testing? Α. Mm-hmm. Α. I went in front of a computer and 5 Q. And what specifically were you seeing her answered a bunch of questions. for? 7 Do you happen to know the name of that I was seeing her for -- I've had a lot of test, what it's called? businesses and I was, you know, taken advantage of 8 No. I think it was like a Pearson's test in a couple ways. And I saw her because I was 10 or some straightforward test. super negative in my life and saw a lot of things 11 Do you recall how many questions were going in a negative spiral. So I went to her to 12 involved? 12 fix -- to fix things and going into a better Like 200. I don't even -- it was a lot. direction, positive and -- you know, kind of fix my 13 Α. How long did it take? 14 life in different ways. 14 Q. And that had to do in part, I think, from 15 Like two and a half hours, two hours. 15 Α. 16 Was it a multiple choice or an essay 16 what you testified before, with what happened with 17 17 Green Gourmet and SkinnyFATS? type? 18 Multiple choice. 18 Α. Yes. 19 So you're given a question and then you 19 That was a negative impact? Q. have, what, three or four possible answers and you 20 Α. pick one of those? 21 Q. Psychologically? 22 22 Α. Yes. I mean, everything. Α. 23 Do you recall any other type of testing 23 Q. Right. 24 that you took on May 15 when you saw Michael Do you feel that you had recovered from

25 Elliott for psychological evaluation?

25 that negative psychological impact, what happened

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Page 287 1 with those businesses, before this accident 2 happened? Yes. Because I -- I mean, after going to

4 her, I felt that I was a different -- I was a 5 different person, and I just felt in a more 6 positive attitude towards things and not as

7 negative.

8 By the way, I'm sure I'm mistaken, but 9 Lauren Unger is not now your wife? Is it a different Lauren?

11 Α. Yes.

12 Lauren Unger is still in Miami somewhere? 0.

Yes. I still talk to her. 13 Α.

14 Q. How often do you talk to her?

15 Whenever I need to, but usually like

16 once -- I touch base once every two weeks.

What do you talk about generally? 17 Q.

18 Just what's going on, my well-being, how

I'm doing, how, you know, my path is going. 19

20 Do you talk to Lauren Unger specifically 21 about your psychological issues from this accident?

I mean, we've had discussions about it, 22

23 yes.

24 Q. Is she someone that provides therapy for 25 you on that?

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I mean, she gives me the advice from  $\,$ 2 her -- from her side, and, you know, it's not

3 really -- I wouldn't say "therapy," but it's more

4 of talks and conversations of making myself better.

Is that the main reason you still have contact with her, or are you mainly talking about 7 other things?

8 Α. I mean, we talk about everything. I mean, we have conversations about this accident, 10 about everything.

11 Q. You talk to her about your general 12 well-being?

13 Α.

14 Has she given you any advice regarding 15 your psychological issues from this accident?

16 MR. PFAU: I'm going to object to the question as it calls for privileged communications.

18 He can answer as long as it's not related to 19 anything she may have said to him.

MR. McMULLEN: I'm not sure I understand 20 21 the nature of the privilege. He's put his

22 psychological condition at issue, so if he's

23 getting any kind of professional care, that's now

24 become relevant.

MR. PFAU: It's not that it's not

Page 289 1 relevant. It is relevant. It's privileged because

2 it is a treating person, a person providing medical

treatment or psychological treatment. So for that

reason, it is subject to the patient privilege.

5 MR. McMULLEN: In Nevada is the privilege not waived once the plaintiff puts the condition in

issue? That's been my experience.

MR. PFAU: No, it's not waived. It's not

waived as it relates to communications.

10 MR. McMULLEN: So if I had medical

records or some notes that she made when she 11

provides therapy to him, clearly those would be

discoverable and I could ask him about those.

MR. PFAU: Certainly.

15 MR. McMULLEN: And that's along the lines 16 what I'm asking now, whether she's provided him any

assistance or help, advice, with his psychological issues.

19 MR. PFAU: Okay. That's fine.

BY MR. McMULLEN:

21 Has Lauren Unger provided you with any care, therapy-type care, in relation to this

23 accident?

Just like I said before, just normal --

just conversations and we talk about -- we do talk

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about the incident. We talk about what happened, how I'm doing, and you know, the situation -- how

I'm handling it, how I'm going through it. And 4 that's really the basis of it.

In the course of the care or therapy that Lauren Unger has provided you, has she given you any specific advice to help with your psychological

issues?

No. She just said to go to a more 10 detailed psychological treatment and that's why I 11 went to Michael Elliott.

12 0. I see.

13 The conversations that we have are more of a -- about my attitude, my ways of how I'm dealing with all the situations that come into my life, and how I'm making my life better.

How is your attitude and outlook now? How would you describe your psychological state?

19 I mean, everything -- it's been good, but, I mean, a lot of -- like I said before, a lot

of this incident just made me -- hindered a lot of

things that I would have done before.

I was -- I never was ever in fear of 24 equipment. Now I have fear of equipment. I have

25 fear of grills. I mean, I -- you know, I do cook

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Page 291 Page 293 1 on a normal basis, but it's always like -- I used I mean, every doctor I have been to just 2 to work 16-, 17-hour days. I don't do that says put cream and kind of wait it out and see if 3 anymore. it's going to get better. They all tell me it's I probably work -- I mean, right now I going to get better and it's just a waiting 5 work at a pizza place. It's called Fries N' Pies. process. 6 I work there four or five hours a day and that's Is it getting any better? 7 it. And then I go do a personal chef thing for a I mean, like I didn't have itching issues couple hours. It's very minimal work in the until, you know, the past two months. And that's kitchen. just -- maybe that -- like I said, maybe that's the healing process or maybe it's just a sensitivity 10 When I used to work at SkinnyFATS, I 11 worked 16 hours a day. So it's a totally different issue, but that's... 12 12 situation. Have you talked to any medical person 13 Are you saying you work fewer hours about these issues? 14 because you're afraid of being in a cooking I did go to a skin, and they tell me the 15 environment? same -- you know, they tell me the same things, put 16 Yeah. That and -- I mean, I've got real lotion, keep an eye on it, make sure, you know, if Α. you have any other issues, come back and see us. 17 bad sensitivity on my hands. My hands have been itching in the past two -- two months, month. I 18 And that's really it. mean, I get out of the shower and if it's cold 19 Was this a dermatologist in Henderson you 0. outside, like, I have to be extremely dry in the told me about last time? 21 shower, because if I go out and it's cold, my hands 21 It was that one and then there was 22 get extremely sensitive. 22 another one. 23 I have been having issues of itching on When was the last time you talked to any 23 Q. 24 my hands. Maybe that's the healing process or 24 professional about this? 25 whatever. But my hands are extremely tight. The 25 I don't really have exact memory, but I Page 292 Page 294 1 skin is extremely tight. I get cuts all the time. could say March or April, in those months. 2 You can see blisters from cuts. I mean, it's Who was that, if you remember? 3 blisters. I don't. I don't remember the name. I Α. know where it was, but I don't remember the name. I mean, it's crazy. And it's on a 5 continuous basis. Q. And you got the advice about using MR. McMULLEN: Would you be okay if he lotion? 7 holds his hands up for the video so we can see his 7 Α. Yes. 8 8 hands? Q. Do you use lotion? MR. PFAU: Sure. Α. BY MR. McMULLEN: 10 10 Q. What kind of lotion is it? 11 Show us, if you would, where the blisters It's a -- a derma -- a derma -- I don't 11 12 and the itching occur. know exactly what it's called. 12 Blister here, blister here (indicating). Is it over the counter or prescription? 13 A. 13 Q. Go like this so they can see. 14 14 Α. Prescription. 15 Thank you. 15 Q. Who prescribed it? 16 Blister here. Scar here. Or like my 16 Every dermatologist that I went to Α. palms get scraped very easily. I got a blister prescribed the same thing, and it's \$75 bottle of 18 here. And it's just a continual basis of... cream that --18 19 So specifically regarding your hands, I'm Q. Does it help? understanding that you have itching, you have 20 Α. blisters, and you have scrapes? 21 Have you told your health care people 22 Yeah, and sensitivity issues. 22 this lotion isn't helping? Α. 23 And sensitivity. 23 Α. What are you doing to treat those 24 Q. Do they have any advice?

25 problems, if anything?

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Same thing when I went to the person I

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1 said, I use this already, and they said just keep

2 using it. That's really it.

3 And then they say that it's going to --4 you know, the sensitivity issues should go away and

5 it hasn't. And to be honest with you, I don't

6 think it will because it just gets worse. Me

7 grabbing something from the freezer, me grabbing a

8 hot cup of coffee -- you know, like I said last

9 time, if I grab a hot cup of coffee without a

10 jacket on it, you know, it burns.

11 Q. So I appreciate your patience with my 12 detailed questions. I'm trying to get a very 13 thorough understanding of the issues you still have 14 from this accident.

I understand physically, with regard to your hands, you told me about sensitivity to temperature, itching, blisters, scrapes, and then you've told me psychologically you have a fear of using grills.

20 A. Mm-hmm.

21 Q. Is there anything else that's continuing 22 from this accident that you claim today?

23 A. I mean, I have headaches on a continual 24 basis. I mean, that is -- I believe it's from the 25 blow and like it just -- it's never stopped since

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1 that accident. I've always had continuous
2 headaches. That's one of the reasons why I smoke
3 weed, is because of that.

And the headaches get so painful,
sometimes I -- you know, if you do look at my
medical record, I had a problem with headaches and
then it kind of got resolved, and then after this
accident I've had massive headaches all the time.

9 Q. I asked you last time -- and maybe I
10 misunderstood or maybe the answer has changed -- if
11 any healthcare professional has told you that your
12 headaches today are likely the result of this
13 accident. And I thought you said no one has, but
14 is that mistaken?

15 A. No. Like I said, I said that I get 16 headaches and I believe that it's from that. I 17 haven't been to a -- I mean, I went to, you know, 18 the specific individuals that I went to, but no one 19 has said exactly from the accident.

20 But I -- you know, like I said before, I 21 went through treatment for the headaches,

everything was good, and then after this accident had numerous amounts of more headaches.

Q. Are you getting any treatment today for your headaches other than over-the-counter Tylenol 1 I think you told me before --

A. Yeah, Tylenol, like I said, and CBD and marijuana.

Q. Anything else?

A. No, not right now.

Q. Have you spoken to any healthcare
professional and said, Hey, I need to do something
more, or are those things working?

9 A. They work. I mean, it hasn't got to a 10 point where it's not working, so I just keep on --11 on that system.

12 Q. A little bit more about the PTSD. The 13 symptoms of your PTSD you've told me are fear of 14 using grills, fear of other equipment.

What other equipment besides grills are you fearful of using because you relate that to this accident?

18 A. Any -- you know, like I told you last 19 time, I do catering. So with catering, you hook up 20 ovens. You hook up different things that have 21 propane. So I don't really use -- I haven't used 22 any propane since this accident and I don't think I 23 ever will.

I mean, that's the thing of it. The propane, the explosion was so traumatic to the

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point where it's like, you know, it blew me back and I -- you know, if I didn't jump in the

3 sprinkler, I might have had a lot more, you know,

4 damages. But because of  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{my}}\xspace,\ensuremath{\mathsf{you}}\xspace\,\ensuremath{\mathsf{know}}\xspace,\ensuremath{\mathsf{ability}}\xspace$  of

5 reacting, I put myself in water, you know, in a

sprinkler, and put out the fire.

7 And then as soon as I -- as soon as the 8 fire went out, I looked at my hands and I said "I'm 9 never going to be able to cook again." So --

10 Q. Do you have any PTSD symptoms, in your 11 opinion, other than what you've told me? Are you 12 fearful of using propane?

A. Yep. I mean, I'm fearful of using propane. I'm fearful of using grills. I'm afraid of fire. I mean, I went to 0, a show at the Bellagio, with my boss, and I was sitting there and there was a guy on fire and I was like, "Oh, look. It's me." You know, anything that I see that has to do with a guy on fire or, you know, any of that, it brings back the memories.

21 And that's the biggest thing, is that 22 it's always -- I'm always being -- you know, I'm 23 always remembering the situation because it was so

dramatic and the fact where I was in the hospital a

25 while. I was in a lot of treatment with them

Page 299 Page 301 1 ripping off my bandages and just like the whole I mean, I think we've covered most of it. 2 process was extremely emotional and devastating to I just, you know -- yeah. everything that I've done after the accident. All right. So I wanted to ask you So if you see fire, that brings back briefly about Green's Gourmet and SkinnyFATS. You testified before that Green's Gourmet -- which, by 5 these bad memories? 6 Α. the way, is that greens like we eat greens or is 7 Anything else regarding PTSD? 7 that you, Green? R I mean, the biggest thing is that, like I Α. Me. said before -- and I don't really -- you know, if 9 Q. So it's Josh Green's Gourmet? 10 this does pertain to PTSD, it's just the fact where 10 Α. 11 before I was able to do a lot more things in the 11 That was a personal chef catering 12 kitchen, a lot more things at work, a lot more 12 business that you with started with someone named 13 things in my life, and now it's hindered a lot of Demetri and an investor, correct? 14 things, to make me think about doing things either 14 Α. 15 differently or things that I, you know, react. 15 Q. What's Demetri's last name? 16 I react kind of just -- I think about 16 Townsend. Α. 17 things before I do it, where before I would just, 17 Q. I'm sorry? oh, turn on a grill and I wouldn't even think about 18 Townsend. T-o-w-n-s-e-n-d, I believe. it, or I would -- you know. So a lot of that stuff 19 And who was the investor? Q. has to do with the posttraumatic syndrome of having 20 Tony Clark. Α. to deal with -- you know, of what happened. 21 0. Is Green's Gourmet still in business? 22 22 So you told me before that you're less Α. 23 social, you're more withdrawn? 23 Q. Where is Demetri Townsend today, if you 24 Α. 24 know? 25 25 With regard to working in the kitchen, I don't know. Α. Page 300 Page 302 1 you do still cook in the kitchen, true? The last time you knew where he was, Q. where was he? Yes, but very little. 3 So what equipment do you use now that you Α. Las Vegas. But I haven't talked to him didn't use before? since. I mean, I use a flat top grill, which is 5 Q. How about Tony Clark? a controlled gas grill, you know, that -- you know, No. Α. 7 yes, anything can happen, but it's pretty You did testify -- the words you used controlled. So, you know, if there's -- if there's 8 were that they sideswiped you, that they, quote, a gas problem, I'm going to smell it or I'm going "pushed you out of the company." 10 to know about it before it goes into the grill. 10 What happened? 11 11 I went to work for a big fighter in Miami And then I use fryers on a daily basis. Α. 12 So the gas equipment that you use would and LA, and while I was doing that, they were doing 13 be a flat top or a fryer, but am I correct that things behind my back in the business. 14 it's not propane that you're using? And when I came back, we were -- we were 14 15 Α. 15 having a talk, and they said that because I was 16 ο. It's natural gas? doing personal chef stuff and other things, that 17 Yes. I will never use propane again. I they didn't think I was, you know, putting all 18 mean, that's just -- and that's, you know, part of the -- and I started the business. So they were -the PTSD. That's part of a lot of, you know, the I wasn't putting as much effort or they were 19 thinking process of using propane after this running the business while I was doing this other 21 incident -- accident. 21 stuff. And it just led to problems. 22 Anything else you can think of that you 22 And then they tried to start the aviation 23 can't do or you don't do like you did before or company without me and they went -- and they were 23 24 other symptoms you relate to PTSD, or have we 24 done in three months. 25 covered it?

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Were you an investor yourself? Did you

Page 303 Page 305 And that was back in 2013 or 2014? 1 have an ownership interest in Green's Gourmet? 0. I was the owner. I was the sole owner. A. I've, you know, dealt with a lot of issues behind Q. So you testified before that you had a it. I was very young and I learned a lot of falling out with Mr. Slobusky, that you had disagreements and you parted ways. lessons from it. That's really what it comes down What was the disagreement --7 So legally, if you were the sole owner of I had a seizure, actually. I had a 8 Green's Gourmet, how were they able to push you seizure on the line and I was in the hospital for a 9 out? month after that. The doctor told him that I could 10 not work on the line due to that. Α. Because -- so -- I mean, I was the owner 11 He said that I didn't -- I wasn't 11 and I gave Demetri -- I gave him ownership. And 12 then when I brought in the other investor, he 12 following my contractual obligations. And that's where he said he doesn't need me anymore, and if I 13 brought in the accountants, he brought in everything, brought in the business aspects of it, wanted to take it up with anybody, that I could and they used that talent to -- you know, in his take it up with a lawyer. business ways, to take control and force me out. I 16 I spoke to a lawyer and, you know, we had mean, that's really what it comes down to. a conversation, and he said that I could do it, but 17 18 Was there a lawsuit over this? it's going to -- you know, it's the same thing I 19 just told you. He would have eaten me alive. Α. 20 Q. Did they threaten to sue you? 20 Q. Did you have an ownership interest in 21 No. I mean, not to sue me, no. 21 SkinnyFATS? 22 Q. Did you think about hiring a lawyer 22 Α. That's part of the issue. I was supposed 23 and --23 to. I was supposed to have 25 percent. I was supposed -- and then I had a contract for 2.4 Α. I didn't have the money to fight it. That's the same reason why SkinnyFATS -- I didn't 10 percent, signed it, and he never gave it to the Page 304 Page 306 1 have money to fight it. I mean, that guy from lawyer. 2 SkinnyFATS would have eaten me alive because he And that's the whole thing. He was 3 would have spent as much money as possible. And supposed to be my business advocate. He was that's exactly what happened. supposed to be my confidant. And he got greedy and 5 Q. So when we talk about SkinnyFATS, is that started doing things to get me out of it. 6 Reed Slobusky? So originally you were supposed to have 7 25 percent, but somehow that got negotiated down to Α. 8 a contract for 10 percent? Q. You said he was your best friend at one 9 time? Well, it was -- it was 10 percent and 10 A. 10 then it was, you know, after a certain time it 11 And he was your financing partner for 11 would evolve into more, and --Q. 12 SkinnyFATS? 12 So like Green's Gourmet, you felt like 13 you had been wronged but you didn't have the Α. SkinnyFATS is still in operation? legal -- you didn't have the resources to fight it? 14 Q. 14 15 Α. 15 Α. 16 ο. Do they have more than one location? 16 ο. Did you talk to any lawyer about this? 17 17 I mean, I spoke to friends that are Α. 18 Where do those --18 lawyers, but, you know, just to get advice. 0. 19 Eight locations. 19 Did you talk to a lawyer about taking Α. 20 Where was the original location? Q. this on on a contingency so the expenses would be 21 Α. Dean Martin. 21 fronted by them and you can go forward? 22 Is that Dean Martin Drive or Avenue? 22 I mean, nobody that I talked or nobody 0. 23 Dean Martin Drive, I believe. that I -- you know, was willing to do it. Α. 23

Here in Las Vegas?

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25 weren't willing to take it?

So you did talk to some lawyers, but they

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1	A. Yeah.	1	A. Scott Sibley.
2	Q. So today	2	Q. Who is he?
3	A. Because he had the paperwork.	3	A. He's a prominent man in Las Vegas. I
4	Q. I'm sorry?	4	mean, he has a bunch of businesses. And he got my
5	A. Because he had the paperwork. He knew	5	name through someone that he was trying to lose
6	what he was doing.	6	weight, and he said, "I need the best personal chef
7	Q. "He" being Slobusky?	7	in town," and somebody that I know referred him.
8	A. Yes.	8	And that's how it happened.
9	Q. So today you're working at Fries N' Pies?	9	Q. How long have you been doing that?
10	A. Yes.	10	A. About five months.
11	Q. And as a personal chef for someone?	11	Q. What kind of hours do you work as a
12	A. Yes.	12	personal chef for Mr. Sibley?
13	Q. What are your hours at Fries N' Pies?	13	A. About 4:00 to 8:00 every day.
14	A. 10:00 to 3:00.	14	Q. Seven days a week?
15	Q. And I know you told me this.	15	A. Yes.
16	Is there more than one location?	16	Q. Sounds like you're cooking all of his
17	A. No.	17	evening meals, anyway.
18	Q. Where is Fries N' Pies located?	18	A. Yep. I do his dinner.
19	A. 4503 Paradise Road.	19	Q. Do you do other meals too?
20	Q. Some of your time when you're working	20	A. I leave a lunch for him in like a
21	there from 10:00 to 3:00 is cooking?	21	container.
22	A. Yes.	22	Q. I know you're skilled at cooking a wide
23	Q. Is that primarily what you do?	23	variety of things, but give me an idea. What do
24	A. I mean, I'm a manager. I'm an operating	24	you cook for him?
25	manager. So I operate the store and make sure the	25	A. I mean, everything. I mean, it's it
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1	store's opened and following the proper code of	1	can be tacos to pasta to I mean, anything and
2	setting up the restaurant.	2	everything.
3	Q. And you cook as well?	3	Q. Do you use any gas-fueled equipment to
4	A. Yes.	4	cook for Mr. Sibley?
5	Q. How much time do you spend cooking at	5	A. I use I mean, I use a stove and an
6	Fries N' Pies?	6	oven, and that's really it.
7	A. I mean, actual cooking, probably two to	7	Q. Those are indoor appliances?
8	three two hours a day, two to three hours a day.	8	A. Yep. I mean, we have he's asked me to
9	Q. What do you cook?	9	grill a bunch of times and I tell him no and I tell
10	A. I just cook on a flat top and make french	10	him I can't. And then about three months ago, he
11	fries.	11	asked me to grill and there was another person
12	Q. Well, that's what it is, right, it's	12	there, one of his friends, who said that he would
13	pizza and french fries?	13	grill instead, so I didn't have to.
14	A. Yeah.	14	Q. What kind of income are you making
15	Q. How is that business going?	15	working for Mr. Sibley?
16	A. It's good. I mean, it's getting better	16	A. I make \$4,000 a month. And that's what
17	now. We cut the menu down, so	17	keeps me afloat. So that's why I had to take that
18	Q. How many employees do you have?	18	job. Because I do not get paid at Fries N' Pies
19	A. Seven.	19	because I own 45 percent of it.
20	Q. Full time?	20	Q. That's a long-term business venture?
21	A. Yes.	21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Making a profit?	22	Q. Who owns the rest of Fries N' Pies today?
23	A. Starting to, yes.	23	A. Adam Sadie.
24	Q. Your other job is a personal chef to	24	Q. The two of you are the owners; no one
25	someone, and I forgot who someone is.	25	else?
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Page 313 Page 311 Yes -- oh, no. There is one 10 percent Yes. Α. investor, one of -- a friend of his. 2 Q. Do you have a timetable for that? 3 Q. Who is that? In the next year or two, open another Sherman -- I forget his last name. Yu, store, and then keep growing it after that. Α. 5 actually, Y-u. Sherman Yu. Q. Open another store in Las Vegas? As manager of Fries N' Pies, which I Α. 7 understand has been in operation since July of How many stores ultimately do you think R 2018? you might open with Fries N' Pies? 9 Α. Yes. Α. I mean, the goal is 100-plus. Continuously? 10 One hundred plus? 10 Q. Q. 11 11 Α. Yes. Besides the past -- we closed in A. Yes. 12 March and reopened two weeks ago. 12 Q. Do you have any expectation as to how 13 Q. Because of COVID-19? 13 long that will take? 14 Α. I mean, I think I could start selling 15 Q. But now you're back open? franchises in the next two to three years, and 16 history will be then. Α. 16 17 Including dine-in? 17 Perhaps outside Las Vegas or no? 18 Α. Yeah. I mean, that's my goal. My goal 19 is to get it nationwide. Because it is easy to Q. As manager of Fries N' Pies, do you have 19 a projection or expectation as to how that business duplicate. No need to -- I don't need a big may grow or how it will work out in the future? storefront. I don't need a big area. So it's pretty easy to plug and play. 22 I mean -- maybe I don't understand your question. 23 23 Do you have some idea what the gross 24 Q. Sure. sales or income currently is for Fries N' Pies? 25 Do you have a business plan for Fries N' 25 The first year we were open, we made Page 312 Page 314 1 Pies? \$760,000. I mean, we -- I mean, we developed it 2 When you say you "made," is that net or Q. 3 based on -- I was actually going to put in a gross? healthy concept. The guy wanted a pizza concept; That was gross. Α. 5 then Adam and I developed it. ο. Total? 6 Can you do healthy pizza? Yes. Α. 7 7 We do. It's cauliflower crust and 760,000? 0. broccoli crust. 8 8 Α. Yes. 9 Q. So that concept does survive in some way? Q. And that was July of '18 to July of '19? 10 10 A. Α. 11 11 Q. I'm not -- do you have a written business Q. How about July 19 to the present; do you 12 plan? 12 know? 13 For Fries N' Pies, no. 13 Right now I don't, but, I mean, you know, 14 Do you have a business plan in your head, due to COVID -- you know, now we -- to make a 15 as it were, as to what you want to -profit, we need to make \$100 an hour and we're 16 Actually, Adam might have one. He might 16 doing that, so... 17 have something then. 17 Q. So you're in the black? 18 Well, our whole goal of it is to -- I 18 Yeah, now we are. Α. 19 mean, the reason I opened it was because I had the 19 Even with COVID? 0. 20 experience -- our whole reason of opening it was to Α. Well, I mean, we're starting to, yes. 21 franchise it. So that's where I'm going with it. 21 Okay. Have you worked out or do you have 22 I'm trying to take it to the next level and 22 some idea of what your financial benefit would be 23 franchise it. 23 as you grow? With each franchise location that So that's the main goal of the business opens, how does that impact you personally, 25 plan, is to grow and have other locations? 25 financially? Do you have an idea?

Page 315 Page 317 And that's how I've done this whole I mean, once we start, you know, making 2 incident. I haven't really communicated with a lot 2 profit, you know, we break it up into 45 percent 3 Adam, 45 percent me, 10 percent to the other quy. of different people about it, but I speak to a And then the same with the franchise -certain group of people, you know. 5 the building of the franchise would be the same 5 Do you feel that your businesses are 6 going well? 7 For each franchise location, the same 7 Α. Yeah. 8 percentages? R You got married middle of May? Q. Α. Α. Yeah. 10 Mr. Green, you've been very courteous and 10 Q. Are you happily married? 11 11 patient. Thank you. Α. I am. 12 Is there anything about your testimony as 12 MR. McMULLEN: Those are all my 13 we sit here that you think you need to change or 13 questions. Thank you. 14 15 A. No. I mean, I just -- I just want you to 15 EXAMINATION 16 know that, you know, after the -- after the fire, 16 BY MS. WINSPEAR: you know, like I said, you know, like I've been I think I'm probably next in order. My 17 stating, it's changed my life in many ways. name is Gina Winspear and I represent Defendant 19 And now I'm just handling it in the fact Carl Kleisner. 20 with -- like I was never a practicing Jew before, 20 Have you ever met Mr. Kleisner? 21 and now, because of the accident, like I said, like 21 Α. I haven't. 22 I stated last time, the rabbi came and sat with me 22 Did you have any knowledge of 23 Mr. Kleisner or had you ever heard his name prior 23 for two hours and opened my world to religion. 24 And, you know, now I talk to a rabbi every single 24 to the incident back in June of 2018? 25 day. 25 Α. Page 318 Page 316 So, you know, there's a lot of things Since the incident in June of 2018, have 2 that have changed, you know, like I said, with my

3 thinking, my way of life, because of the accident.

4 That's really what it comes down to.

- When you talk to the rabbi, are you talking specifically about this accident or about 7 your path forward? 8
  - Α. We talk about everything. Everything.
- 9 Q. It's been a positive thing?
- 10 Yeah. I mean, you know, it's helped me 11 get through -- I mean, the biggest thing with this 12 is having -- is being able to turn to people and 13 having people that, you know, understand.

14 You know, I speak to a very, very small 15 group of this incident. I don't talk to my friends about it. I don't talk to anyone about it. I talk to my parents. I talk to my rabbi. I talk to 18 Lauren. I talk to my wife. And that's it.

19 It's very -- I don't talk to -- you know, 20 Mario is good friend of mine. I don't talk to him

21 about this incident at all. We don't have a

22 conversation about it because I know he's emotional

23 about the situation, and I don't -- you know, me

24 and him have a friendship, and I don't want to ruin

25 the friendship, so I separate it.

you had any conversations with Mario Gonzalez about Mr. Kleisner?

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ο. Have you obtained a disability rating from any governmental body or disability insurer?

Α.

8 0. Have you applied for any disability insurance since this incident in June of 2018?

Α. I haven't.

11 Prior to the incident in June of 2018, 12 did you have any knowledge that Mario was having electrical problems with his koi pond?

> Α. No.

15 In your lawsuit you allege that 16 Carl Kleisner owed a duty to Mario Gonzalez and all of his guests to ensure that all electrical lines 18 to the home were in working order.

Were you aware that's one of your allegations in this lawsuit?

Α. Yes.

22 What information or knowledge do you have 23 that the electrical lines in the home were not in 24 working order?

I mean, I believe they were. That's the

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Page 319 Page 321 1 whole thing. 1 his backyard? Q. You believe they were or they were not? A. I don't know. A. I didn't know anything about the You don't personally have any of that electrical problems. information, fair? 5 So as you sit here today, is that still Α. Yen. your position, you don't know one way or another Do you personally have any information about any electrical problems? that Carl Kleisner maintained or repaired any R MR. GOLDSTEIN: I want to raise an electrical lines inside Mario Gonzalez's home or in objection. Vague. his backyard in the barbecue area? 10 No, I don't. 10 Go ahead. Α. 11 BY MS. WINSPEAR: 11 And I believe -- and I just want to 12 clarify from your earlier testimony. What I wrote 12 Do you understand my question? Let me down that you said weeks ago when we were in your 13 restate it so I make sure our record is really original deposition is that you didn't know 15 15 anything about an electrician until after the A. Yeah. 16 In your lawsuit you allege that incident. Q. 17 Carl Kleisner owed a duty to Mario Gonzalez and all 17 Is that a fair statement? 18 his guests on Mario's premises to ensure that all 18 Α. 19 electrical lines to the home were in working order. 19 You now know the name of an electrician Q. 20 As you sit here today, do you have any to be Carl Kleisner, but that's -- is that from 21 knowledge or information that the electrical lines information Mario provided to you or information 22 were not in working order? 22 you learned in the course of this lawsuit? 23 MR. PFAU: Objection that this calls for I mean, both. But I just heard the name 24 an expert opinion and calls for a legal conclusion. 24 from Mario, but that was -- that was it. 25 25 / / / Okay. You didn't -- other than hearing a Page 322 Page 320 1 BY MS. WINSPEAR: 1 name, what other information did Mario give you You can still answer. about Carl Kleisner? Q. 3 A. Nothing. Α. So do I know -- maybe say it again. Do you have any knowledge or information MS. WINSPEAR: Okay. That's all the 5 that the electrical lines at Mario Gonzalez's home 5 questions that I have. Thank you very much. were not in working order? MR. WALKER: I have no questions. 7 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm Steve Goldstein. I Α. 8 MR. PFAU: Same objections. represent Mario. I won't have too many questions 8 THE WITNESS: I thought they were. because everything's been thorough thus far. I 10 BY MS. WINSPEAR: just have a few follow-up questions. 11 11 So nothing has been communicated to you 12 by Mario indicating that the electrical lines were 12 EXAMINATION 13 not in working order. 13 BY MR. GOLDSTEIN: Is that a fair statement? 14 The cream that you use -- I don't know. 14 15 Do you still use it today? 15 Α. And you never independently did any 16 16 MR. PFAU: Asked and answered. inspection or investigation of the electrical lines 17 BY MR. GOLDSTEIN: 18 at Mario's home either inside or in the barbecue 18 Forgive me. I'm just laying a foundation 19 area. Is that also a fair statement? 19 here. 20 20 Α. Α. Yes. I have a cream and I do use it. 21 Q. In your -- well, let me ask this 21 How long does it take you to go through a 22 question. 22 bottle of cream or a tube of cream? 23 Do you have any -- do you personally have I mean, I've had the same bottle for a 23 24 any knowledge or information that Carl Kleisner 24 while. So --25 installed electrical lines in Mario's home or in 25 Q. A month, two months?

Page 323 Page 325 Couple months. I mean, he is one of my best friends at Α. Α. 2 this time. Q. Okay. Do you apply it every day? 3 I apply it when needed or when I -- but, Q. I mean, I have a lotion that I use every day, yes. And that's why we don't talk about this case. We don't communicate about it. We don't say 5 Okay. Is the lotion over the counter? Q. 6 Α. nothing. 7 What kind of lotion is it? When was the last time you communicated R I mean, it's non-medicated. about this case? Α. We don't -- I mean, honestly, we don't 9 Q. Α. have a -- we don't. 10 Α. Yes. It's like Aveeno. But I also use 10 11 the other lotion that I was given by the doctors. 11 Well, I imagine during your healing period you guys talked about things, right? 12 And I don't believe you remember that 12 13 name? Yeah. But I don't -- I don't have an A. 14 Α. No, I don't. exact date. 15 Let me ask you about your relationship 15 Q. I'm not asking for an exact date. But with Mario a little bit. was the last time you talked to him about this 16 16 17 incident before you filed a lawsuit against him? 18 And forgive me if we go over a little bit 18 Yeah. I mean -of what was discussed last time. 19 19 Q. Have you been over to his house since the 20 You -- how long have you known Mario? last time -- since you filed a lawsuit against him? 21 I know Mario probably for five years. 21 22 Okay. Before this incident, have you 22 Q. Approximately how many times have you 23 ever been a business partner with him at all? 23 been over? 2.4 Α. Α. I mean, I honestly can't tell you. I 25 At the time of this incident, were you don't know. Four or five, six. I don't know. We Page 324 Page 326 hang out. I mean, like I said, he's one of my best 1 all discussing business options and things to make money together? friends. This didn't hinder anything because we 3 Α. I mean, we always talk about business, don't talk about it. but nothing to the fact -- no, we weren't doing 4 Q. But you do realize you are suing him, 5 anything. right? 6 There wasn't a gummy bear CBD --Yes. But, I mean, my whole thing was --Q. 7 Oh, we were talking about that, but that yes, I'm suing him, but, you know, the insurance company, and at the end of the day, you know, my wasn't -- he was just trying to see if he could buy 8 a product for me because I have a white label friendship -- that's the whole reason we don't -we don't talk about it. You know, we don't have a 10 company for my edibles. 11 Q. What does that mean? 11 conversation about it because we don't -- you know, 12 I have an edible company that I'm a 12 it keeps our friendship the way it should be. 13 partner with in San Diego that I try to get Do you know why you're suing him? contacts for, and because he's in the CBD business, I mean, yeah, because he was negligent 14 15 I told him about that I had this connection and we and he had the -- you know, it was his grill. It 16 were talking about it, but nothing came from it. was his place. And, you know, if that incident 17 Would you classify your friendship with didn't happen, then my life would be different 18 Mario to be good? 18 right now. 19 Yeah, very good. 19 So if I understand you correctly, the Α. 20 Q. Today even? reason why you're suing him is because he owned the

Yes.

I know you mentioned one other fellow

23 that you worked with that started SkinnyFATS as

24 your best friend. Where does Mario rate in the

25 whole pantheon of friends that you have?

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grill and he had the house?

and fixed and -- you know.

Yeah. I -- because I was at his house

But he was -- if I understand correctly,

working on something that should have been handled

Joshua Green, Volume II June 29, 2020 Page 327 Page 329 1 he was told by Ferrellgas that the grill was Q. And that was to go for your health 2 inspected and fixed and everything was fine? 2 expenses? And that's how he told me, and then Yes, which is not even one percent of it. that's why we used it. And look what happened. Understood. Understood. It was a drop 5 Okay. So with that being said, then, you in the bucket, let's say. still think that he's negligent when Ferrellgas is Α. the one that told him? But what did you think of that -- him I think everyone in the situation is setting up that GoFundMe page for you? 8 negligent to the fact where -- they all had a place I mean, it was very -- it was nice and in this incident, and if everyone handled it to the 10 generous and... way that they should have, it wouldn't have 11 All right. You had mentioned that --12 Mario gets -- you hadn't talked to him because he 12 happened. Okay. Do you believe it is reasonable gets emotional. 14 for Mario to trust what the representative for What do you mean by that? 15 Ferrellgas told him? 15 I mean, just in the situation -- I mean, 16 Α. when you talk about this incident -- and this is 17 And that's the thing. When I asked Mario like a long, long time ago. When you talk about if it was fixed, he said that he had the okay from the incident, he just gets -- he gets choked up. Ferrellgas and obviously it wasn't. So I leave it alone. 20 Q. The grill, you mean? 20 Q. So he gets choked up in a way that is 21 Α. Yes. What did I say? 21 sorrowful or somber? Well --22 Q. 2.2 A. Yeah. I mean, I think that -- you know, 23 Yeah, the grill. 23 he's --Α. 0. I just wanted to clarify what the okay 24 Q. He's not angry about it is what I'm 25 was that was okay. trying --Page 328 Page 330 No, I don't think he's angry. I just 1 Α. The grill was okay to use. 2 That's what was told to Mario? think he's frustrated that it happened. He trusted Q. 3 Α. someone -- you know, he trusted someone from a gas 4 company and now we're dealing with this issue. Q. We all know that you used the grill before. Understood. Yes. I've used numerous grills before. Has any doctor told you that you can't 7 I never had an issue. work to your full potential? 8 8 Q. And you've used that particular grill Α. I mean, directly, no, but indirectly, before without any issue? 9 yes. 10 A. 10 Q. What do you mean? 11 After the incident, and I'm talking I mean, every doctor that I've spoken to 0. 11 Α. 12 directly after the incident, when you were taken to that I've had a conversation about my work, they the hospital, Mario took you, right? tell me to not work as much and they tell me to 14 Α. 14 limit what I do in certain areas, you know. 15 Q. Do you know that Mario set up a GoFundMe 15 And like I said before, I used to work page for you? 16 16-, 17-hour days. There would be no way I could 16 17 17 do that right now. 18 And do you remember how much money Mario 18 But formally, there has been nothing on 19 raised for you? paper or anything saying you can't do what it is 20 I don't remember exactly. I think it was you do, which is be a chef? like anywhere from \$1,700 to \$2,300, something in 21 I mean, you could take that two different 22 ways: Me being a chef and being able to use every that range.

Yeah.

And he gave you all that money; is that

Q.

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24 right?

23 piece of equipment that I'm able to use? I am not

able to use everything, so yes, it hinders me.

And the ability of grabbing hot stuff. I

Page 331 Page 333 Did you see any kind of certifications 1 mean, like before, I used to grab -- I mean, I used 2 to work at a restaurant which had a thousand hanging on the wall in her -- in her house at all? 3 covers. I used to grab steaks off the grill, like, I mean, no, but I, you know, I know she 4 with my hands. And now I can't even touch went through a lot of training and, you know, I 5 something hot. definitely -- before it wasn't just the blind I think that is, you know, an incredible thing. Like I knew that she's worked with people feat. I just want to put that on the record. He and helped people. could take something hot before and flip it? Does she have an office or does she work Q. I mean, yeah. As a chef, and every chef out of her house? will tell you, that when you build -- you build She works out of her house. 10 Does she see other -- does she have other 11 your tolerance. 11 12 Q. Right. 12 clients that you know of? 13 In your business, in your line of work, 13 A. do you ever use oven mitts? Q. I just want to follow up on your itchy 15 I use towels, which is like an oven mitt. 15 hands. Kind of like that, yeah. 16 16 You said that they have been itchy for 17 Now -approximately about two months? 17 18 But now, anything that I grab -- like 18 Α. Yep. 19 before, I used to grab stuff with either a damp 19 Q. Does that mean they were not itchy before towel or whatever, just grab it. And now it's like 20 this incident? 21 I have to make sure everything's dry, or like if I 21 They were. Not to the point where I got 22 grab something -- the other day I grabbed something 22 to scratch them every couple hours or whatever. 23 out of the oven that was sitting out for probably They just itch more than frequently, more than they 24 25, 30 minutes, out of the oven, I grabbed the pan 24 25 25 and I dropped it right away because it was hotter Do you have any allergies? Q. Page 332 Page 334 than I can handle. I do. Α. You work for this Scott Sibley person. What? Q. How long have you worked for him now? 3 Α. Demerol, codeine, and shellfish. Five months. 4 Q. Have you had in the last two months any Α. 5 ٥. Five months. of those? And did you know him before? Α. 6 No. 7 7 Before the incident? Or before that? Α. 0. 8 No. Before working for him. 8 Α. ο. 9 Α. Q. All types of shellfish or just --10 And you work about four hours a day for 10 A. Red shellfish, crab, lobster, shrimp. 11 him? 11 All the good stuff. Q. 12 12 Yes. Α. Yep. Α. Do you have any assistants help you? 13 That us nice Jewish boys should be 13 Q. 14 Α. 14 eating. 15 Q. Now, Lauren Unger, do you know if she has 15 So with the psychologist, 16 any kind of certifications, professional 16 Michael Elliott, you've seen him one time, right? 17 certifications? 17 Α. 18 Α. I believe so, yeah. 18 How many minutes or hours did you spend 0. 19 Have you seen them or -- do you know? with him on that first visit? 20 No. I believe so. I said -- that's all. 20 I mean, I just did a testing visit with She's -- from my understanding, she's a certified 21 him. It was like two and a half hours. healer and shaman, whatever you want to call it. 22 And it was you filling out forms? Q. All right. You have lived with her for a 23 23 Me going through questions and -- yeah. Α. 24 little bit of time, right? Did he tell you the questions and you provided answers or did you fill out --Α. Yes.

Joshua Green, Volume II June 29, 2020 Page 337 Page 335 No. I sat a computer and filled it out. 1 deal with grills. So he wasn't like providing you with any 2 Anything about grills you don't do? Q. guidance at that time? No. It's like an ex-girlfriend. Stay Not yet, no. That's why we're having away from it. 5 another meeting on the 1st. 5 So how often do you get blisters on your Q. 6 I'm just going through my notes from the hand? 7 last time. I mean, not -- it can happen -- I mean, R And the biggest thing is I had no fear of it happens on a continuous basis. I don't know Α. using anything before. Like never had a fear of exactly. 10 drills, equipment. And now, you know, I have a 10 Well --Q. fear, a fear of a lot of different things. 11 11 A. I mean, I had this blister -- I had this blister the other day. I have -- you know, I have 12 In your mind, do you know if there's a 13 difference between natural gas and propane? blisters that come and go all the time. 14 Yeah, there's a difference. Q. Is that because you're dealing with heat? 15 Q. Because you mentioned earlier that you 15 Α. Yeah. Heat. Yeah. 16 won't use propane, but the other grills at your 16 Q. So it comes on when perhaps maybe you're work are natural gas. 17 taking a -- something you're cooking and you're 17 18 Yes. But they're not open flame -- I 18 flipping it? won't use an open flame grill at all, ever. Even 19 19 Α. Well, I don't use my bare hands anymore. if it's a gas grill, I won't use it. I'm afraid of It's just anything. I mean, I can touch something 21 flames. I'm afraid of the idea of fire. that is like a little hot and it will create a Like -- I mean, like I said to --22 blister. 2.2 23 Mr. McMullen, is it? 23 Let me ask you about the PTSD you 24 mentioned earlier. If you're not thinking about or 2.4 MR. McMULLEN: Yes. 25 THE WITNESS: Like I said to him, it 25 not having something like an open flame that you Page 336 Page 338 see or somebody on fire, do you think about, you 1 was -- I mean, I saw the show, and when I saw the 2 show, when I see anything on fire, it brings me know, the incident? 3 back to that day and it's -- you know, it's I think about the incident all the time. Α. 4 traumatic. Yeah. It changed my life, drastically, in 5 BY MR. GOLDSTEIN: everything that I do and everything that I -- I So your grills at work aren't -- don't mean... 7 have open flame? 7 But up until May --Q. 8 Α. Α. I used to be a very active person and Q. The grills at -- or the stove at always outside and always doing things, and like this hindered me -- I mean, for the whole month 10 Scott Sibley's, does it have open flame? It does, but it's -- you know, it's on -that I was, you know -- or, I mean, from the time 11 12 it's controlled by a burner, so the flame is 12 since the accident, in the first year I didn't go 13 controlled. It's not super high. And there's in the sun at all. You know, there's a lot of always something covering it. You know, I always things that I didn't do because of the accident. 15 have a pan covering it or... 15 Q. I believe Mario told us about you playing 16 And do you ever use charcoal or 16 hockey. 17 wood-pellet grills? 17 Playing hockey?

24 know, dealt with the grill.

A.

Q.

No.

Why not?

I won't use -- I will not use a grill

Like I don't go near grills. I don't

21 ever since this accident. Like, I don't care what

22 it is. My father uses charcoal grills. I went to

23 his house. He -- and I stayed inside when he, you

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Okay. Yeah.

hockey?

Yeah, or being a good ice skater, ice

I played hockey for 22 years. I was

23 supposed to -- I chose to go to a cooking school or

24 UNLV rather than going to a school for hockey. I

25 ended up playing at UNLV after four or five years,

Can you tell us how long you have been --

Page 339 Page 341 1 when they started opening a team. But, I mean, I Since our last meeting, have you seen any 2 have skated my whole life. medical professionals regarding this incident? 3 Q. Okav. His son was skating, so I started So just Michael Elliott? Α. Q. teaching him how to skate, but I never -- it was Mm-hmm. Α. always -- I never used a stick or, you know, used Q. And then you're waiting until July 1st anything. I would just skate with him. to have a follow-up visit? R With Mario's son? Yes. And that was because I had -- you Q. 9 Α. know, after talking to my rabbi and Lauren Unger Okay. But you used -- you played and specific people, I felt that it was time to get 10 hockey -- was this on a formal UNLV team -some more doctor help. 11 11 12 12 Α. Yes And the rabbi you talked to, he's 13 Q. -- when you were a student there? associated with Chabad, right? 14 Yes. I actually haven't played -- I used Which Chabad? to play roller hockey all the time. I haven't 15 Q. played hockey since this accident. 16 The one on Arville. Α. 17 You said roller hockey? 17 What was his name again? Q. 18 Yeah. I used to play on Sahara and 18 Rabbi Motti Harlig. M-o-t-t-i, 19 Maryland at a facility, and I haven't played since 19 H-a-r-l-i-q. 20 this accident. 20 The grills at Fries N' Pies, there's no 0. 21 Has anybody said that you can't play or 21 open flame, right? is it just that you don't want to play? 22 22 A. No. No. I just haven't. 23 23 So it doesn't have the same look as like And the ice skating, when did you tutor 24 Scott Sibley's that has, you know, a flame that 25 Mario's son? comes up from the stove? Page 342 Page 340 Well, it's a stove that I use at Scott's, I mean, in the past -- it was only a couple -- it was only like four or five times. and this one is a flat top grill that it's under Was it before the incident or after? the --I'm not sure exactly. I think it was a Q. Understood. little before, a little after. I'm not sure. So there's a flame under the grill. Have you been on the ice since tutoring Yeah. The grill's a metal or steel 7 Mario's son? plate, and then the heat rises and you cook on it. 8 8 The pizzas that you-all make there, is it Α. Q. Is it because you don't want to or you an oven that's --10 just haven't had the opportunity? 10 A. No flame. Gas. 11 I just haven't. 11 It's a gas oven? Α. Q. 12 Okay. When you get a blister, how long 12 Brick gas oven. Α. does it take for them to heal? 13 So there's no -- it's like not one that's 13 coal-fired? Four or five days. 14 Α. 14 15 Q. Do you put anything on the blisters? 15 Α. 16 Just cream. 16 I call those the new fancy -- new way of Α. 17 Just cream. 17 doing things because they heat up to like 800 or so 18 You don't put a Band-Aid on? 18 degrees. 19 No. I mean, unless it needs a Band-Aid, 19 Α. Α. Mm-hmm. 20 if it's open. 20 Q. What does your pizza oven heat up to? 21 Q. Do they ever bleed? 2.1 A. We keep it at 550. 22 I mean, it depends. It depends on the 22 550? Q. 23 blister, you know. If you pick a blister sooner 23 Or 555. Α. 24 than normal, then it's going to -- I don't usually MR. GOLDSTEIN: All right. I don't have 25 pick them either. any further questions for you.

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              Thank you very much.
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              MR. PFAU: I don't have any questions.
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              Are we all done?
                                                                 this 12th day of July, 2020.
              MR. McMULLEN: I think so.
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              MR. PFAU: Okay.
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              MR. McMULLEN: Do we have the usual
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    stipulations? What do you want to do?
                                                                                       Monice K. Campbell, CCR No. 312
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              MR. PFAU: To read and sign, you mean?
              MR. McMULLEN: Right.
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              MR. PFAU: Yeah. We can waive the read
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    and sign for Josh.
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              MR. McMULLEN: Very good. Thank you.
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              MR. PFAU: Thanks.
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              THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes today's
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    deposition of Joshua Green. The time is
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    approximately 9:54 a.m. We're off the record.
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   commissioned and licensed court reporter, Clark
   County, State of Nevada, do hereby certify: That I
   reported the taking of the deposition of the
   witness, JOSHUA GREEN, commencing on MONDAY, JUNE
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### EXHIBIT "4"

Patient: Joshua Green **DOB:** 02/12/1982 Sex: M

Provider: Dr. Michael Elliott **Visit:** 05/20/2020 11:00AM **Chart:** GRJ0000002 Office: Henderson

Address: 1661 W Horizon Ridge Parkway Suite 280,

Henderson, NV, 89012 **Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:** 

**Chief Complaint:** Initial Interview

#### **History of Present Illness:**

Joshua Green describes the location to be medial Patient reports severe headaches since his accident. Difficulty focusing and following conversations/trains of thought. Patient states location as medial, radiating from the center of his head...

The quality of pain is described as aching, constant, sharp, radiating pain and a severity / intensity level of 4 out of 10 Severity varies depending on stress/exhaustion levels, mood...

This duration of the problem stated is as follows: symptoms are --, steady

Duration comments include: Duration is guided by the above mentioned factors. stress/exhaustion levels, mood.

Patient explains the timing/onset of signs/symptoms to be abrupt.

The patient states signs and symptoms occurred during physical exertion, during mental exertion, at work, with familial stress Patient reports he is unable to work his usual shifts of 8 to 10 hours as a Chef. He describes his previous romantic relationship as tumultuous and as part of the stressors that would aggravate his condition.

The signs and symptoms described exacerbate with movement

Modifying Factors Comments include: Patient describes chef duties as high stress and fast paced.

Associated symptoms include: headache

#### Assessment:

Patient was assessed in a 60 minute clinical interview to determine current and prior levels of functioning. impact on activities of daily living and to determine if further neuropsychological testing is required.

Mr. Green is a 38 year old Caucasian male who self describes as "Driven and hard working." He reports starting several restaurants throughout his career as a chef and is currently managing the kitchen for a new restaurant that he started last year. Besides the complex tasks involved in starting businesses and running a high volume kitchen, he has a history of being able to schedule workers, track and maintain inventories, as well as submit billing and paperwork to various vendors. Since Mr. Green's accident and injury, he has been unable to complete his work responsibilities in a timely and efficient manner. He reports struggling with constant headaches that are exacerbated while at work. He also reports difficulties with memory and following a train of thought, an essential skill in his line of work. Since his accident and injury, Mr. Green reports several difficulties when using grills. He states he is now "afraid" of grilling, and avoids the use of gas grills when possible, which is preventing him from taking full advantage of his chef and restaurateur skills. He stated he is losing confidence in himself, and is concerned that he will not be able to continue his career.

Mr. Green's symptoms and behaviors are consistent with patients that have suffered brain trauma through a blast injury. Memory loss, headaches, and the personality changes he describes are indicators of a possible

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Provider: Dr. Michael Elliott

Visit: 05/20/2020 11:00AM

Chart: GRJO000002

Office: Henderson

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Henderson, NV, 89012

Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:

traumatic brain injury. Though there are also several confounds that may be impacting his symptoms. Mr. Thompson has a diagnosed learning disability, he has a history of seizures, and he was in a major car accident in the past. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that Mr. Green be referred for an brain MRI to determine if he has lesions or anomalies that are consistent with traumatic brain injuries due to blast shockwaves. These results will help determine if Mr. Green should receive a full neuropsychological evaluation to then determine severity of injuries, impact on current and future levels of functioning, as well as to guide treatment recommendations and support services.

Туре	Code	Description	
ICD-10-CM Condition	F06.4	Anxiety disorder due to known physiological condition	
ICD-10-CM Condition F41.1 Generalized anxiety disorder		Generalized anxiety disorder	
ICD-10-CM Condition	Z13.850	Z13.850 Encounter for screening for traumatic brain injury	

#### Plan:

REFERRALS: Brain MRI

Туре	Code	Modifiers	Quantity	Description
CPT	90791		1.00 UN	PSYCH DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

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Provider: Dr. Michael Elliott **Visit:** 09/02/2020 10:45AM **Chart:** GRJ0000002 Office: Henderson

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Henderson, NV, 89012

**Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:** 

Chief Complaint: Personal Injury

#### Subjective:

Client shared about current symptoms including physiological, emotional and relational. He described having some flashbacks to personal injury accident, especially when he sees explosions on TV, or has to be near a barbecue at work. He shared about conflict with his wife related to his work schedule, and also explored his stress related to work. He reports working approximately 12 hour days and struggling with managing his time and self-care. Explored coping skills an scheduling strategies. He also set goal to schedule appointment with his neurologist which he has struggled to prioritize given his current work demands.

#### **Objective:**

Client presents with causal dress, and somewhat disheveled grooming. His attitude was cooperative throughout session. His speech was rapid but WNL. His affect was WNL, although typically flat. His mood was anxious, irritable and depressed. His thought process was goal directed. His thoughts were somewhat obsessive regarding work and economic concerns. No perceptual disturbances observed. He appeared oriented x4. Insight was fair.

#### Assessment:

Client presents with high anxiety related to work and recovery.

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ICD-10-CM Condition	F43.9	Reaction to severe stress, unspecified	

#### **Problems:**

Description	ICD Ver.	ICD Dx Code	Snomed	Status	Diagnosed
Anxiety disorder due to known physiological condition	10	F06.4		active	Oct. 7, 2020, 10 a.m.
Generalized anxiety disorder	10	F41.1		active	Oct. 7, 2020, 10 a.m.
Encounter for screening for traumatic brain injury	10	Z13.850		active	Oct. 7, 2020, 10 a.m.
Anxiety disorder, unspecified	10	F41.9		active	Sept. 1, 2020, noon
Unspecified symptoms and signs involving cognitive functions and awareness	10	R41.9		active	Sept. 1, 2020, noon
Reaction to severe stress, unspecified	10	F43.9		active	July 1, 2020, 9 a.m.

#### Plan:

Continue with bi-weekly therapeutic coaching sessions to help meet recovery goals.

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Henderson, NV, 89012

Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:

Туре	Code	Modifiers	Quantity	Description
CUSTOM	00004		1.00 UN	Coaching

Patient: Joshua Green DOB: 02/12/1982 Sex: M

Provider: Dr. Michael Elliott

Visit: 09/16/2020 10:15AM

Chart: GRJO000002

Office: Henderson

Address: 1661 W Horizon Ridge Parkway Suite 280,

Henderson, NV, 89012

Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:

Chief Complaint: Personal Injury

# Subjective:

Client shared that he was able to complete his goal of making appointment with his neurologist. He explored his current struggles/barriers including business and relational stress. He engaged with therapist to identify new goals and explore methods of prioritizing his time.

# **Objective:**

Client presents with causal dress, and normal grooming. His attitude was cooperative throughout session. His speech was rapid but WNL. His affect was WNL, although typically flat. His mood was anxious and depressed. His thought process was goal directed. His thoughts were somewhat obsessive regarding work and economic concerns. No perceptual disturbances observed. He appeared oriented x4. Insight was fair.

#### **Assessment:**

Client presents with high anxiety related to work and recovery, especially related to past personal injuries.

Туре	Code	Description		
ICD-10-CM Condition	F06.4	Anxiety disorder due to known physiological condition		
ICD-10-CM Condition	F41.1	Generalized anxiety disorder		
ICD-10-CM Condition	Z13.850	Encounter for screening for traumatic brain injury		
ICD-10-CM Condition	F43.9	Reaction to severe stress, unspecified		

#### **Problems:**

Description	ICD Ver.	ICD Dx Code	Snomed	Status	Diagnosed
Anxiety disorder due to known physiological condition	10	F06.4		active	Oct. 7, 2020, 10 a.m.
Generalized anxiety disorder	10	F41.1		active	Oct. 7, 2020, 10 a.m.
Encounter for screening for traumatic brain injury	10	Z13.850		active	Oct. 7, 2020, 10 a.m.
Anxiety disorder, unspecified	10	F41.9		active	Sept. 1, 2020, noon
Unspecified symptoms and signs involving cognitive functions and awareness	10	R41.9		active	Sept. 1, 2020, noon
Reaction to severe stress, unspecified	10	F43.9		active	July 1, 2020, 9 a.m.

#### Plan:

Continue with bi-weekly therapeutic coaching sessions to help meet recovery goals.

Туре	Code	Modifiers	Quantity	Description
CUSTOM	00004		1.00 UN	Coaching

Patient: Joshua Green **DOB:** 02/12/1982 Sex: M

**Chart:** GRJO000002 Provider: Dr. Michael Elliott **Visit:** 10/07/2020 10:30AM Office: Henderson

Address: 1661 W Horizon Ridge Parkway Suite 280,

Henderson, NV, 89012

**Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:** 

Chief Complaint: Personal Injury

# Subjective:

Client explored increased demands on his schedule and demonstrated increased insight into how this is impacting him emotionally- especially related to increased irritability. He explored his fatigue around ongoing recovery efforts. He was able to identify positive progress as well, and identified strategies for delegating his workload. He shared that his emotion anxiety is impacting his physical health as well. Worked well with therapist to identify strategies for coping and self-care.

## **Objective:**

Client presents with causal dress, and normal grooming. His attitude was cooperative throughout session. His speech was rapid but WNL. His affect was WNL, although typically flat. His mood was anxious. His thought process was goal directed. His thoughts were somewhat obsessive regarding work and economic concerns. No perceptual disturbances observed. He appeared oriented x4. Insight was fair.

#### Assessment:

Client presents with high anxiety related to work and recovery, especially related to past personal injuries.

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#### Plan:

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Туре	Code	Modifiers	Quantity	Description
CUSTOM	00004		1.00 UN	Coaching

Patient: Joshua Green **DOB:** 02/12/1982 Sex: M

Provider: Dr. Michael Elliott **Visit:** 10/21/2020 10:30AM **Chart:** GRJ0000002 Office: Henderson

Address: 1661 W Horizon Ridge Parkway Suite 280,

Henderson, NV, 89012

**Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:** 

Chief Complaint: Personal Injury

# Subjective:

Client shared about recent progress toward recovery goals including better prioritizing his time and delegating some of his work responsibilities. Client appeared in much better mood and shared about currently planning a belated wedding reception with his wife. Client explored goals of continuing his actions steps of time management and healthcare and shared about his plans to work on his spirituality, which helps him better manage his emotions.

## **Objective:**

Client presents with causal dress, and normal grooming. His attitude was cooperative throughout session. His speech was rapid but WNL. His affect was mood congruent, although typically flat. His mood was euthymic to happy. His thought process was goal directed. His thoughts were somewhat obsessive regarding work and economic concerns. No perceptual disturbances observed. He appeared oriented x4. Insight was fair.

#### Assessment:

Client presents with moderate anxiety, demonstrating increased ability to prioritize his health and wellbeing compared with previous sessions.

Туре	Code	Description			
ICD-10-CM Condition	F06.4	Anxiety disorder due to known physiological condition			
ICD-10-CM Condition	F41.1	Generalized anxiety disorder			
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#### **Problems:**

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#### Plan:

Continue with bi-weekly therapeutic coaching sessions to help meet recovery goals.

Patient: Joshua Green DOB: 02/12/1982 Sex: M

Provider: Dr. Michael Elliott

Visit: 10/21/2020 10:30AM

Chart: GRJO000002

Office: Henderson

Address: 1661 W Horizon Ridge Parkway Suite 280,

Henderson, NV, 89012

Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:

Туре	Code	Modifiers	Quantity	Description
CUSTOM	00004		1.00 UN	Coaching

Patient: Joshua Green **DOB:** 02/12/1982 Sex: M

Provider: Dr. Michael Elliott **Visit:** 11/04/2020 11:30AM **Chart:** GRJ0000002 Office: Henderson

Address: 1661 W Horizon Ridge Parkway Suite 280,

Henderson, NV, 89012

**Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:** 

Chief Complaint: Personal Injury

# Subjective:

Client shared about continued progress toward his business and personal goals. He identified how is better managing his stress through making time for sleep and delegating responsibility when appropriate. He endorsed feeling increased motivation for changed recovery. He identified increased physical symptoms of headaches and explored possibility of making a doctors appointment to ensure his symptoms were not significant.

## **Objective:**

Client presents with causal dress, and normal grooming. His attitude was cooperative throughout session. His speech was rapid but WNL. His affect was mood congruent, although typically flat. His mood was euthymic. His thought process was goal directed. His thoughts were somewhat obsessive regarding work and economic concerns. No perceptual disturbances observed. He appeared oriented x4. Insight was fair.

#### Assessment:

Client presents with moderate anxiety, demonstrating increased ability to prioritize his health and wellbeing compared with previous sessions.

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#### Plan:

Continue with therapeutic coaching sessions to help meet recovery goals.

Patient: Joshua Green DOB: 02/12/1982 Sex: M

Provider: Dr. Michael Elliott

Visit: 11/04/2020 11:30AM

Chart: GRJO000002

Office: Henderson

Address: 1661 W Horizon Ridge Parkway Suite 280,

Henderson, NV, 89012

Primary Payer ID: Secondary Payer ID:

Туре	Code	Modifiers	Quantity	Description
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# EXHIBIT "5"

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18	,	DEPT NO.: XXXI
19	Plaintiff,	
20	vs.	
	FERRELLGAS, INC. et al.,	Discovery Commissioner's Report and
21	Defendants.	Recommendations
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#### DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S

## REPORT and RECOMMENDATIONS

Date of Hearing: November 19, 2020

Time of Hearing: 9:00 a.m.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Matt Pfau of H & P LAW.

Attorneys for Defendant Ferrellgas, Inc.: Gregorio V. Silva, Esq. of BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE and Felicia Galati, Esq. of OLSON CANNON GORMLEY & STOBERSKI

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# 1. FINDINGS

- 1. Defendants filed a Motion to Compel a Rule 35 Exam.
- 2. Defendants seek an Order compelling Plaintiff to appear for a Rule 35 mental examination.
- 3. Plaintiff Joshua Green admits that he has made his mental condition an issue of this case since he is alleging suffering from PTSD as a result of the explosion.
- 4. Plaintiff Joshua Green requests that he be allowed to have an observer present and make an audio recording of any Rule 35 examination.
- 5. Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 35 precludes an observer from attending a neuropsychological, psychological or psychiatric examination.
- Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 35 preclude any observer from interfering, obstructing, or participating in any Rule 35 examination.

- 7. Nevada Revised Statute 52.380 provides the right to have an observer attend a mental or physical examination, but precludes an observer from participating in or disrupting a mental or physical examation.
  - 8. There is a clear conflict between the language of NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380.
  - 9. The Court is tasked with reading NRCP 35 in conjunction with NRS 52.380.
- 10. The Court finds that under NRS 52.380 Plaintiff will be allowed to have an observer present during any psychological or neuropsychological examination in this matter.
- 11. The Court finds that under NRS 52.380 Plaintiff will be allowed to make an audio recording of any psychological or neuropsychological examination in this matter.
- 12. A Rule 35 mental examination regarding psychological issues or neuropsychological issues is somewhat more involved than what would be allowed for a physical examination.
  - 13. Plaintiff has put his past mental and physical condition at issue in this litigation.
- 14. The Court will not limit Defendants' examiner from inquiring generally into Plaintiff's pre-incident mental condition, but the examiner can only discuss treatment for Plaintiff's mental health treatment for the five years prior to the incident.
- 15. The Court will not limit Defendants' examiner from inquiring generally into Plaintiff's pre-incident physical condition.
- 16. The Court will not limit inquiries by Defendants' examiner into Plaintiff's current conditions, symptoms, and complaints that are issue in this litigation.
- 17. The Court will not preclude Defendants' examiner from inquiring if Plaintiff has a past or current history of an inability to focus.

- 18. The Court will not preclude Defendants' examiner from inquiring if Plaintiff has a history of memory issues.
- 19. The Court will not preclude Defendants' examiner from inquiring if Plaintiff had any prior mental conditions.
- 20. The Court will not preclude Defendants' examiner from inquiring generally about Plaintiff's life before the incident including education, work and training.
- 21. The Court will allow Defendants' examiner to ask questions that are reasonably part of neuropsychological evaluation.
- 22. The Court will not allow Defendants' examiner to conduct a second deposition regarding liability related to the incident.
- 23. With regard to the incident, the Court will allow Defendants' examiner to question Plaintiff regarding what occurred on the day of the incident from the time of the flash fire forward.
- 24. Plaintiff's counsel contends that Plaintiff is not claiming neuropsychological injuries or a traumatic brain injury as a result of this incident.
- 25. Defendant argues that Plaintiff's Rule 16.1 disclosures and medical records do not align with the contentions of Plaintiff's counsel regarding neurological injuries and a traumatic brain injury allegation.
  - 26. The Parties dispute what type of Rule 35 examination is warranted in this case.
- 27. If Plaintiff is claiming a loss of focus and memory loss, the Commissioner will allow a neuropsychological examination.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that Defendants' Motion to Order an NRCP 35 Examination is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff shall be Ordered to appear for a Rule 35 examination at the office of Dr. Lewis Etcoff.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff be allowed to have an observer present during the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff be allowed to have an audio recording made of the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's mental condition before the incident, and Plaintiff's general physical condition before the incident. The examiner may inquire as to Plaintiff's medical treatment for the five years prior to the incident.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's life events prior to and after the incident.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's mental and physical condition since the incident occurred.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's history with regard to inability to focus and memory issues.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the parties shall appear before the Discovery Commissioner on December 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to resolve the issue of whether Plaintiff is alleging neurological issues related to this incident.

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DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER

The Discovery Commissioner met with counsel and discussed the issues noted 1 2 above. Having reviewed the materials offered in support of this recommendation, she 3 hereby submits the above recommendations. 4 5 6 7 Submitted by 8 BAKER STÉRCHI COWDEN & RICE 9 /s/ Gregorio V. Silva GREGORIO V. SILVA, ESQ. 10 Nevada Bar No. 13583 11 BAKER, STERCHI, COWDEN & RICE, LLC 2400 Pershing Road, Suite 500 12 Kansas City, MO 64108 13 Approved as to form and content 14 **H&P** Law 15 /s/ Matt G. Pfau 16 Matt G. Pfau, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 11439 17 H&P Law Attorneys for Plaintiff, 18 Joshua Green 19 DENNETT WINSPEAR 20 /s/ Gina Winspear Gina Gilbert Winspear, ESQ. 21 Nevada Bar No. 5552 22 Dennett Winspear Attorney for Defendant 23 Carl J. Kleisner 24 PYATT, SILVESTRI 25 /s/ Steven M. Goldstein Steven M. Goldstein, ESQ. 26 Nevada Bar No. 6318 27 Pyatt Silvestri Attorneys for Defendant 28 Mario Gonzalez

# NOTICE

Pursuant to NRCP 16.3(c)(2), you are hereby notified that within fourteen (14) days after being served with a report any party may file and serve written objections to the recommendations. Written authorities may be filed with objections, but are not mandatory. If written authorities are filed, any other party may file and serve responding authorities within seven (7) days after being served with objections.

Objection time will expire on 5 2020.

A copy of the foregoing Discovery Commissioner's Report was:

Electronically filed and served counsel on Oll. 22, 2020, Pursuant to N.E.F.C.R. Rule 9.

COMMISSIONER DESIGNER

FELICIA GALATI, ESQ.

# EXHIBIT "6"

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1	Notice is hereby given that an Order Re: Discovery Commissioner's Report and									
2	Recommendations was entered by the above-referenced Court on the 18 <sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.									
3	A copy of said Order is attached hereto for reference.									
4	DATED this 18 <sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.									
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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify pursuant to NRCP 5(b)(4) that on the 18th day of September 2020, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER RE: DISCOVERY** 

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS** to be served as follows:

[]	by placing a true and correct copy of the same to be deposited for mailing in the
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2		A-18-777455-C April 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
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4		After reviewing the objections to the Report and Recommendations and good cause appearing,
6		good cause appearing,
7		IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations are affirmed and adopted.
9		IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations are affirmed and adopted as modified in the following
10 11		manner: (attached hereto).
12 13		IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this matter is remanded to the Discovery Commissioner for reconsideration or further action.
14 15		IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a hearing on the Discovery  Commissioner's Report is set for, 2020, at a.m./p.m.
16	DATE	ED this 18 day of September , 2020.
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19		DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 2		Davis v. Bridewell, et al. A-18-777455-C
3		April 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
4	I. F	INDINGS
5	1.	During the Discovery Commissioner's February 13, 2020, Hearing regarding
6	Defendants'	Motion to Compel Rule 35 Examinations, the Commissioner requested that the parties
7	provide addi	tional briefing regarding the interrelationship and conflicts between NRCP 35 and NRS
8	Section 52.3	80.
9	2.	The parties provided such additional briefing, which came before the
10	Commission	er for Hearing on April 9, 2020. The Commissioner makes the following Report of its
11	findings of f	act and conclusions of law, and the subsequent Recommendation to the District Court:
12	3.	Conflicts between Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 35 (the "Rule") and NRS
13	Section 52.3	80 (the "Statute") are as follows:
14 15	JII.	<ul> <li>(a) whether a party's attorney, or a representative of that attorney, may serve as an observer during the examination (which is barred by the Rule but permitted by the Statute);</li> </ul>
16		(b) whether a party may have an observer during a neuropsychological,
17		psychological, or psychiatric examination without making a showing of "good cause" (which showing is also required by the
18		Rule but not required by the Statute); and
19		(c) whether the observer may record the examination without making a
20		showing of "good cause" (which showing is required by the Rule but not required by the Statute).
21	4.	Each of these conflicts is irreconcilable, such that it is not possible to construe the
22	Rule and the	e Statute in harmony. If the Rule is followed on any of these points, the Statute by
23	definition is	not followed. If the Statute is followed on any of these points, the Rule by definition
24	is not follow	ved.
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- 5. Under Nevada law, the judiciary has the exclusive prerogative to make rules governing its own *procedures*, while the Legislature has the exclusive prerogative to enact statutes governing the *substance* of the law. *State v. Connery*, 99 Nev. 342, 345 (1983)
- This distinction is predicated upon the "separation of powers" doctrine, which is specifically recognized in the Nevada State Constitution. Berkson v. LePome, 126 Nev. 492, 498
   (2010) (citing Nev. Const. art. 3, § 1(1)).
- 7. Under Nevada law, a statute is presumed constitutionally valid until its invalidity has been "clearly established." *List v. Whisler*, 99 Nev. 133, 137-38 (1983). "In case of doubt, every possible presumption will be made in favor of the constitutionality of a statute, and courts will interfere only when the Constitution is clearly violated." *Id.* This "presumption of constitutional validity places upon those attacking a statute the burden of making a *clear showing* that the statute is unconstitutional." *Id.* (emphasis added).
- 8. A single question is presented here: whether the Statute is procedural or substantive. If the Statute is substantive, the Statute governs where a conflict arises. If the Statute is procedural, it is unconstitutional (and therefore superseded by the Rule) to the extent that the Statute is both procedural <u>and</u> in conflict with the Rule.
- 9. A <u>substantive</u> standard is one that "creates duties, rights and obligations," while a <u>procedural</u> standard specifies how those duties, rights, and obligations should be enforced. *Azar* v. *Allina Health Servs.*, 139 S. Ct. 1804, 1811 (2019).
- 10. The Statute creates substantive rights, including the <u>right</u> of the examinee to have his or her attorney or that attorney's representative serve as the observer, the <u>right</u> to have the observer record the examination without making a showing of "good cause," and the <u>right</u> to have an observer present for a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination without making a showing of "good cause."

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- 11. Because the Statute creates substantive rights, it is substantive rather than procedural.
- Because the Statute is substantive, it governs and supersedes the Rule where the two conflict.
- 13. An individual submitting to an examination under NRCP 35 has the following substantive rights, pursuant to NRS Section 52.380: to have his or her attorney or that attorney's representative serve as the observer; have the observer record the examination without making a showing of "good cause"; and to have an observer present for a neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric examination without making a showing of "good cause."

#### II. RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that, during any NRCP 35 examination of Plaintiff Kalena Davis (or of any other individual in this matter in this matter ordered by the Discovery Commissioner or the District Judge, the individual submitting to the examination be permitted to have an observer present, without regard to the nature of the examination (e.g., neuropsychological, psychological, or psychiatric, and without any requirement of a showing of "good cause" to the Court.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that, during any NRCP 35 examination of Plaintiff Kalena Davis (or of any other individual) in this matter ordered by the Discovery Commissioner or the District Judge, the observer attending the examination may be any person of the examinee's choosing, including but not limited to the examinee's attorney or that attorney's representative.

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1	Davis v. Bridewell, et al. A-18-777455-C
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7	written authorities are filed, any other party may file and serve responding authorities within
8	seven (7) days after being served with objections.
9	Objection time will expire on Spolember 1, 2020.
10	A copy of the foregoing Discovery Commissioner's Report was:
11	Mailed to Defendants at the following addresses on theday of2020.
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21	And The Hertz Corporation  Electronically filed and served counsel on the 8 day of August 2020,
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2	Mario S. Gonzalez, an individual;
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8	corporation; <b>Home Depot USA, Inc.,</b> a
9	foreign corporation; <b>KSUN</b>
10	<b>Manufacturing,</b> a foreign corporation;
11	Does 200 through 300 inclusive; and ROE Corporation 301 through 400;
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15	Counter–Claimant,
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Counter–Defendants.						

Plaintiff, Joshua Green, being present and represented by his attorney of record, Matthew G. Pfau of Parry & Pfau, hereby complains against Defendants as follows:

# Parties, Jurisdiction, and General Allegations

- 1. Plaintiff Joshua Green has at all relevant times been a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. Defendant Ferrellgas, Inc., is a foreign corporation authorized to conduct business and conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 3. Josh is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Mario S. Gonzales has at all relevant times been a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. Josh is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Carl J. Kleisner has at all relevant times been a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Joshua does not currently know the identities of doe and roe defendants, but believes they also proximately caused Joshua's injuries, including as participants in the use, maintenance, or creating of the appliance and appliance space. The negligence of the doe and roe defendants includes participants with any listed defendants in the act of negligence, including as agents or co-conspirators. They also include persons or entities in the chain of distribution of the appliance. Joshua will amend this complaint if he discovers their true names.
- 6. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter under NRS 14.065 and NRS 4.370(1), as the facts alleged occurred in Clark County, Nevada and involve an amount in controversy in excess of \$15,000.00.
  - 7. Venue is proper pursuant to NRS 13.040, as Defendant, or any one of them,

resided in Clark County, Nevada at the commencement of this action.

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# **Factual Background**

- 8. Mario Gonzales owns and lives in a home located at 5865 West Post Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89118.
- 9. Mario's backyard features a built-in tiled horseshoe bar equipped with a gas barbecue grill and broiler.
- 10. A handyman, alleged here as Doe Defendant, was hired by Mario to install the grill and components, including the gas and electrical lines.
- 10 11. Ferrellgas, Inc. was used by Mario to install and maintain the gas lines for his home.
  - 12. Ferrellgas, Inc. sent a technician to Mario's home to service the gas lines on the premises, including the grill, on or shortly prior to June 18, 2018 due to Mario's complaint that the gas lines felt abnormally warm to the touch.
  - 13. An electrician, Carl Kleisner, was hired by Mario to perform electrical maintenance work on the outdoor features of Mario's backyard, including the built-in bar and grill area on or in the days prior to June 18, 2018.
- 18 14. Upon information and belief, Carl Kleisner is or was an employee of a Roe 19 Defendant.
- 20 15. On June 18, 2018, Mario had a gathering of friends at his house and was 21 cooking steaks on the grill top of the built-in bar.
- 16. Mario closed the lid and stepped away from the grill for several minutes.

  Joshua Green, a guest of Mario's, stepped forward to check the steaks in Mario's
- 24 absence.
- 25 17. As Joshua lifted the lid, Mario's grill exploded.
- 18. The explosion consumed Joshua's person and left him engulfed in fire. Joshua
- 27 launched himself into the grass sprinklers to extinguish the flames.
- 28 19. Joshua sustained painful burns of varying degrees to his hands, arms, and

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- 20. Joshua can no longer be exposed to hot or cold temperatures due to the sensitivity of his skin, creating a burden on his career as a chef.
- 21. Joshua's pain and limited functionality could have been avoided had Mario and associated hired technicians and contractors acted within their reasonable responsibly to keep Mario's premises safe from injury.

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# First Cause of Action

# (Negligence - Ferrellgas, Inc.)

- 1. Joshua incorporates his prior allegations here.
- 2. At all relevant times, Ferrellgas, Inc. owed a duty to Mario Gonzales and any guests on Mario Gonzales's premises to ensure the gas lines to the home, including the grill, were in working order.
- 3. Ferrellgas, Inc. carelessly maintained the gas lines in the days prior to Joshua Green's visit, permitting an unreasonably dangerously condition to Joshua.
- 4. Ferrellgas, Inc. and or its agents, employees and servants had actual or constructive notice of the danger the warm gas line represented, and therefore had full knowledge of, or should have had full knowledge of, the dangerous condition and failed to remedy the dangerous condition, give sufficient notice of the condition, or otherwise take action to make the gas lines safe for use.
- 5. Joshua has information to cause him to believe that had notice of gas line repair or maintenance been given, he would not have been injured or his injuries would have been greatly diminished.
- 6. As a direct and proximate result of Ferrellgas, Inc.'s negligence, Joshua has and will continue to incur losses in an amount excess of \$15,000.00.
- 7. As a further and direct result of Ferrellgas, Inc.'s actions, Joshua had to retain an attorney to prosecute this action and are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

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## **Second Cause of Action**

# (Negligence - Mario S. Gonzales)

- 8. Joshua incorporates his prior allegations here.
- 9. At all relevant times, Mario was in control of his home and had a duty to maintain and inspect the home, including the grill and bar, and to protect the persons present, including Joshua.
- 10. Mario is responsible for the safety of his guests in his home, ensuring that dangerous conditions are not present, or ensuring that guests, including Joshua, are warned of all dangerous conditions.
- 11. Mario knew, or should have known, that the grill or components to the grill were malfunctioning, which is evidenced by his hiring of an electrician and a Ferrellgas, Inc. technician to service his home in the days leading to the explosion.
- 12. Joshua believes, based on the information available to him, that had the grill been properly maintained or repaired by Mario, it would not have exploded, and he would not have been injured.
- 13. Mario breached his duty of care when he did not properly maintain the grill or warn of the dangerous condition.
- 14. As a direct and proximate result of Mario's negligence, Joshua has and will continue to incur losses in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 15. As a further and direct result of the actions of Mario Gonzales, Joshua had to retain an attorney to prosecute this action and are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

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#### **Third Cause of Action**

# (Negligence - Carl J. Kleisner)

- 16. Joshua incorporates his prior allegations here.
- 27 17. At all relevant times, Carl J. Kleisner owed a duty to Mario Gonzales and all guests on Mario's premises to ensure the electrical lines to the home, including the

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- 18. Carl carelessly maintained or repaired the electrical lines in the days prior to loshua Green's visit, permitting an unreasonably dangerously condition to Joshua.
- 19. Joshua has information to cause him to believe that had the electrical lines to the home and grill been responsibly maintained or repaired, he would not have been nijured or his injuries would have been greatly diminished.
- 20. As a direct and proximate result of Carl Kleisner's negligence, Joshua has and will continue to incur losses in an amount excess of \$15,000.00.
- 21. As a further and direct result of Carl Kleisner's actions, Joshua had to retain an attorney to prosecute this action and are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

# **Fourth Cause of Action**

# (Negligence/Vicarious Liability - Roe Defendant)

- 22. Joshua incorporates his prior allegations here.
- 23. Carl Kleisner was an agent or employee or both of Roe Defendant.
- 24. Carl Kleisner, at the time of service to the grill or other electrical components on the premises, was acting within the course and scope of his employment for and acting in furtherance of the interests of Roe Defendant.
- 25. Roe Defendant is vicariously liable for Joshua's damages resulting from the careless acts of their employee and agent, Carl Kleisner.
- 26. Upon information and belief, Roe Defendant was aware or should have been aware of Carl's electrical services to clients using tools, supplies, and training provided by Roe Defendant.
- 27. Roe Defendant is liable for the professional negligence of their employees, including Carl, under one or more of the following: agency as principal of a tortfeasor acting within the course or scope of the agency relationship, partnership, contractual, respondent superior, vicarious liability, or any combination of such.

- 28. Roe Defendant breached their duty of care by failing to put into place proper employee supervision protocols.
- 29. As a direct and proximate result of Roe Defendant breach of duty, Joshua has suffered losses in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 30. As a further and direct result of Roe Defendant actions, Joshua had to retain an attorney to prosecute this action and are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

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## Fifth Cause of Action

# (Negligence - Doe Defendant)

- 31. Joshua incorporates his prior allegations here.
- 32. Doe Defendant was a handyman hired by Mario Gonzales to install the grill in the built-in bar.
- 33. At all relevant times, Doe Defendant owed a duty to Mario Gonzales and all guests on Mario's premises to ensure the grill and components to the grill, such as electrical wiring and gas lines, were installed properly.
- 34. Doe Defendant carelessly installed the grill and components to the grill, permitting an unreasonably dangerously condition to guests on the premises, including Joshua.
- 35. Joshua has information to cause him to believe that had the grill been installed properly, he would not have been injured or his injuries would have been greatly diminished.
- 36. As a direct and proximate result of Doe Defendant's actions, Joshua has and will continue to incur losses in an amount excess of \$15,000.00.
- 37. As a further and direct result of Doe Defendant's actions, Joshua had to retain an attorney to prosecute this action and are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

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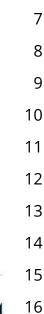
# (Negligent Training - Ferrellgas, Inc.)

- 38. Joshua incorporates his prior allegations here.
- 39. Ferrellgas, Inc. acted in a negligent matter, including but not limited, to its choice not to:
  - a) Properly and adequately train employees, including propane system technicians, and instruct them as to their job duties and responsibilities;
- 40. As a direct and proximate result of Ferrellgas, Inc.'s Negligent Training, Joshua has and will continue to incur losses in an amount excess of \$15,000.00.
- 41. As a further and direct result of Ferrellgas, Inc.'s actions, Joshua had to retain an attorney to prosecute this action and are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

#### Sixth Cause of Action

# (Negligent Maintenance - Ferrellgas, Inc.)

- 42. Joshua incorporates his prior allegations here.
- 43. Ferrellgas, Inc. acted in a negligent matter, including but not limited, to its choice not to:
  - a) Establish, implement, maintain, and encore proper policies and procedures for employees, including propane system technicians, propane system maintenance crew, propane installation staff, propane system supervisors and managers, or agents under their control;
  - b) Establish, implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and procedures for installation, maintenance, inspection, leak tests, and general upkeep of their propane system lines, including the Gonzalez property;
  - c) Establish implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and procedures warning patrons, customers, bulk residential buyers, and



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- d) Properly and adequately supervise and manage employees, including propane system technicians, once they were hired;
- e) Properly and adequately delineate maintenance and inspection responsibilities to employees and agents acting on their behalf; and
- f) Properly, adequately, and responsibly set up mechanisms to ensure that all areas and equipment, including the Gonzalez property, are reasonably kept safe for patrons, customers, bulk residential buyers, and guests, including Joshua Green and the Gonzalez family;
- 44. As a direct and proximate result of Ferrellgas, Inc.'s Negligent Maintenance Joshua has and will continue to incur losses in an amount excess of \$15,000.00.
- 45. As a further and direct result of Ferrellgas, Inc.'s actions, Joshua had to retain an attorney to prosecute this action and are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

#### **Sixth Cause of Action**

# (Negligent Supervision - Ferrellgas, Inc.)

- 46. Joshua incorporates his prior allegations here.
- 47. Ferrellgas, Inc. acted in a negligent matter, including but not limited, to its choice not to:
  - a) Properly and adequately supervise and manage employees, including propane system technicians, once they were hired;
  - b) Properly and adequately oversee, control, and issue regulations regarding the conduct of employees, including propane system technicians,;
- 48. As a direct and proximate result of Ferrellgas, Inc.'s Negligent Supervision Joshua has and will continue to incur losses in an amount excess of \$15,000.00.
  - 49. As a further and direct result of Ferrellgas, Inc.'s actions, Joshua had to retain

1	an attorney to prosecute this action and are entitled to their reasonable attorney's
2	fees and costs.
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4	Punitive Damages
5	[NRS 42.005]
6	50. Joshua incorporates the prior allegations here.
7	51. Joshua seeks an award of punitive damages per NRS 42.001 et seq. for
8	Defendants' malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive conduct, including a conscious
9	disregard of the rights or safety of others, including Joshua.
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11	Prayer for Relief
12	Wherefore, Joshua prays for judgment of this Court as follows:
13	1. General and special damages in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars
14	(\$15,000.00);
15	2. Punitive damages to be determined by a trier of fact;
16	3. Cost of Suit and attorneys' fees as provided by law;
17	4. Interest as provided by law; and
18	5. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
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20	Jury Demand
21	Joshua Green hereby demands a trial by jury.
22	DATED this 11th day of January 2021. H & F LAW
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24	Marjorie Hauf, Esq. Nevada Bar No.: 8111
25	Matthew G. Pfau, Esq. Nevada Bar No.: 11439
26	Attorneys for Plaintiff,
27	Joshua Ğreen
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1	Certificate of Service	
2	I hereby certify that on the 11th day of January 2021, service of the foregoing	
3	Second Amended Complaint was made by required electronic service to the	
4	following individuals:	
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#### DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S

#### REPORT and RECOMMENDATIONS

Date of Hearing: December 10, 2020

Time of Hearing: 10:00 a.m.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Matt Pfau of H & P LAW.

Attorneys for Defendant Ferrellgas, Inc.: Gregorio V. Silva, Esq. of BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE and Felicia Galati, Esq. of OLSON CANNON GORMLEY & STOBERSKI

Attorney for Defendant Mario Gonzalez: Steven Goldstein, Esq. of PYATT SILVESTRI Attorney for Defendant Carl Kleisner: Gina Winspear, Esq. of DENNETT WINSPEAR Attorney for Plaintiff: Matthew Pfau, Esq. of H & P LAW

#### 1. FINDINGS

- 1. Defendants filed a Motion to Compel a Rule 35 Exam.
- Defendants seek an Order compelling Plaintiff to appear for a Rule 35 mental examination.
- 3. Plaintiff Joshua Green admits that he has made his mental condition an issue of this case since he is alleging suffering from PTSD as a result of the explosion but the scope of the examination is at issue.
- 4. Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 35 precludes an observer from attending a neuropsychological, psychological or psychiatric examination.
- Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 35 preclude any observer from interfering, obstructing, or participating in any Rule 35 examination.

6.	Nevada Revised Statute 52.380 provides a substantive right to have an observer
attend a menta	al or physical examination; which this court finds involves a substantive right.

- 7. Nevada Revised Statute 52.380 precludes an observer from participating or disrupting a mental or physical examination.
  - 8. There is a clear dispute between the language of NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380.
  - 9. The Court is tasked with reading NRCP 35 in conjunction with NRS 52.380.
- 10. The Court finds that under NRS 52.380 Plaintiff will be allowed to have an observer present during any psychological or neuropsychological examination in this matter.
- 11. The Court finds that under NRS 52.380 Plaintiff will be allowed to make an audio recording of any psychological or neuropsychological examination in this matter.
- 12. A Rule 35 mental examination regarding psychological issues or neuropsychological issues is somewhat more involved than what would be allowed for a physical examination.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that Defendants' Motion to Order an NRCP 35 Examination is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff shall be Ordered to appear for a Rule 35 examination at the office of Dr. Lewis Etcoff on March 3, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Dr. Etcoff shall be allowed to question Plaintiff's entire medical condition for the last five years.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Dr. Etcoff shall be allowed to question Plaintiff's medical condition for the body parts and conditions at issue in this litigation for the last ten years.

1	Approved as to form and content
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3	/s/ Matt G. Pfau
4	Matt G. Pfau, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 11439
5	H&P Law Attorneys for Plaintiff,
6	Joshua Green
7	DENNETT WINSPEAR
8	/s/ Gina Winspear
9	Gina Gilbert Winspear, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 5552
10	Dennett Winspear Attorney for Defendant Carl J. Kleisner
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Objection time will expire on work 26, 2020.

A copy of the foregoing Discovery Commissioner's Report was:

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

CASE NO.: A-19-795381-C

**DEPT NO.: XXXI** 

Plaintiff,	
VS.	
FERRELLGAS, INC. et al.,	DEFENDANTS' SUPPLEMENT TO
Defendants.	OBJECTION TO DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION E-FILED ON
AND RELATED ACTIONS	12/22/20
	Hearing Date: 1/26/2021
	Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.

COME NOW Defendants FERRELLGAS, INC., MARIO GONZALEZ and CARL

KLEISNER, by and through their attorneys of record, and hereby submit this Supplement to

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Defendants' Objection to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendation E-Filed On December 22, 2020 ("DCRR"). This Supplement is made and based on the attached Points and Authorities, all papers and pleadings on file herein, and such oral argument as the Court may entertain at the hearing of Defendants' Objection.

#### POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Supplement is to provide the Court with the Discovery Commissioner's second Report and Recommendation e-filed on January 12, 2021<sup>1</sup> also relating to the Rule 35 Examination.

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#### PROCEDURAL AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND

On December 10, 2020, the parties attended a follow-up hearing regarding Defendants' Motion to Compel an Independent Neuropsychological Examination of Plaintiff and the scope of the examination. On December 16, 2020, the Discovery Commissioner conducted a telephonic hearing with the parties on various outstanding issues relating to the Motion.

On January 5, 2021, Defendants filed their Objection to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendation e-filed on December 22, 2020. On January 11, 2021, Plaintiff filed his "Reply" thereto. On January 12, 2021, the Discovery Commissioner's second Report and Recommendation ("Second DCRR") regarding Defendants' Motion was filed. Consistent with the DCRR e-filed on December 22, 2020, the second DCRR made the following findings:

See Second DCRR, Exhibit L hereto.

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- 4. Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 35 precludes an observer from attending a neuropsychological, psychological or psychiatric examination.
- 5. Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 35 preclude any observer from interfering, obstructing, or participating in any Rule 35 examination
- 6. Nevada Revised Statute 52.380 provides a Plaintiff may have an observer attend a mental or physical examinations; which this Court finds involves a substantive right.
- 7. Nevada Revised Statute 52.380 precludes an observer from participating or disrupting a mental or physical examination.
- There is a clear dispute between the language of NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380.
- The Court is tasked with reading NRCP 35 in conjunction with NRS 52.380.
- 10. The Court finds that under NRS 52.380 Plaintiff will be allowed to have an observer present during any psychological or neuropsychological examination in this matter.
- 11. The Court finds that under NRS 52.380 Plaintiff will be allowed to make an audio recording of any psychological or neuropsychological examination in this matter.
- 12. A Rule 35 mental examination regarding psychological issues or neuropsychological issues is somewhat more involved than what would be allowed for a physical examination.<sup>2</sup>

Based on the above, the Discovery Commissioner ordered "that Plaintiff be allowed to have an observer present during the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380" and "that Plaintiff be allowed to have an audio recording made of the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380."<sup>3</sup>

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#### LEGAL ARGUMENT

The Discovery Commissioner signed the Report and Recommendation submitted and/or approved by all parties, which the Discovery Commissioner interlineated adding and/or revising

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id. at 2-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Id. at 4.

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the highlighted text as follows: "6. Nevada Revised Statute 52.380 provides a **Plaintiff may** have an observer attend a mental or physical examinations; which this Court finds involves a substantive right." Defendants rely on their argument made in the Objection filed on January 5, 2021 and respectfully request this Court reverse both the Discovery Commissioner's Reports and Recommendations and order that no observer may be present at Plaintiff's psychological or neuropsychological examination, and no audio recording may be made of the same pursuant to Rule 35, which prohibits that and/or provides that should not be done except for good cause. Defendants established good cause for their position and Plaintiff failed to submit any admissible evidence and/or authority for his position. In the alternative, Defendants request this Court stay this case until the Nevada Supreme Court enters a decision in Moats.

DATED this 19th day of January, 2021.

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/s/ Felicia Galati, Esq.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On the 19th day of January, 2021, the undersigned, an employee of Olson Cannon Gormley & Stoberski, hereby served a true copy of **DEFENDANTS' SUPPLEMENT TO OBJECTION TO DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION E-FILED ON 12/22/20** to the parties listed below via the EFP Program, pursuant to the Court's Electronic Filing Service Order (Administrative Order 14-2) effective June 1, 2014, and or mailed:

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#### **DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S**

#### REPORT and RECOMMENDATIONS

Date of Hearing: December 10, 2020

Time of Hearing: 10:00 a.m.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Matt Pfau of H & P LAW.

Attorneys for Defendant Ferrellgas, Inc.: Gregorio V. Silva, Esq. of BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE and Felicia Galati, Esq. of OLSON CANNON GORMLEY & STOBERSKI

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#### 1. FINDINGS

- 1. Defendants filed a Motion to Compel a Rule 35 Exam.
- Defendants seek an Order compelling Plaintiff to appear for a Rule 35 mental examination.
- 3. Plaintiff Joshua Green admits that he has made his mental condition an issue of this case since he is alleging suffering from PTSD as a result of the explosion but the scope of the examination is at issue.
- 4. Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 35 precludes an observer from attending a neuropsychological, psychological or psychiatric examination.
- Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 35 preclude any observer from interfering, obstructing, or participating in any Rule 35 examination.

- 6. Nevada Revised Statute 52.380 provides a substantive right to have an observer attend a mental or physical examination; which this Court finds involves a substantive right.
- 7. Nevada Revised Statute 52.380 precludes an observer from participating or disrupting a mental or physical examination.
  - 8. There is a clear dispute between the language of NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380.
  - 9. The Court is tasked with reading NRCP 35 in conjunction with NRS 52.380.
- 10. The Court finds that under NRS 52.380 Plaintiff will be allowed to have an observer present during any psychological or neuropsychological examination in this matter.
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- 12. A Rule 35 mental examination regarding psychological issues or neuropsychological issues is somewhat more involved than what would be allowed for a physical examination.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that Defendants' Motion to Order an NRCP 35 Examination is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff shall be Ordered to appear for a Rule 35 examination at the office of Dr. Lewis Etcoff on March 3, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Dr. Etcoff shall be allowed to question Plaintiff's entire medical condition for the last five years.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Dr. Etcoff shall be allowed to question Plaintiff's medical condition for the body parts and conditions at issue in this litigation for the last ten years.

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#### NOTICE

Pursuant to NRCP 16.3(c)(2), you are hereby notified that within fourteen (14) days after being served with a report any party may file and serve written objections to the recommendations. Written authorities may be filed with objections, but are not mandatory. If written authorities are filed, any other party may file and serve responding authorities within seven (7) days after being served with objections.

Objection time will expire on work 26, 2020.

A copy of the foregoing Discovery Commissioner's Report was:

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

JOSHUA GREEN,	)
Plaintiff,	) CASE NO. A-19-795381-( ) DEPT NO. XXXI
VS.	)
FERRELLGAS, INC.,	) ) TRANSCRIPT OF ) PROCEEDINGS
Defendant.	)
AND RELATED PARTIES	)

BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOANNA S. KISHNER, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

DEFENDANT FERRELLGAS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND PLEADINGS TO ASSERT CROSSCLAIMS AGAINST DEFENDANT CARL J. KLEISNER AND MOTION TO FILE THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT AGAINST DEFENDANT KLEISNER EMPLOYER

#### APPEARANCES:

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FOR DEFENDANT GONZALES: STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN, ESQ.

FOR DEFENDANT KLEISNER: GINA G. WINSPEAR, ESQ.

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1	LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, JANUARY 28, 2021, 9:51 A.M.
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3	THE COURT: And now we'll move to Green versus
4	Ferrellgas, 795381.
5	Can I have counsel for plaintiff, please.
6	MS. HAUF: Good morning, Your Honor. Marjorie Hauf
7	for the plaintiff.
8	MR. SPINELLA: Richard Spinella, plaintiffs.
9	MS. GALATI: Good morning, Your Honor. Felicia
10	Galati appearing for Ferrellgas.
11	MR. SILVA: Good morning, Your Honor. Gregorio Silva
12	also appearing for Ferrellgas.
13	MS. WINSPEAR: Good morning, Your Honor. Gina
14	Winspear on behalf of
15	MR. GOLDSTEIN: Good morning, Your Honor. Steve
16	THE COURT: Wait. Hold on a second.
17	MS. WINSPEAR: Go ahead.
18	THE COURT: Let's do alphabetic order here. Go
19	ahead. We've got a few more people to make their appearances.
20	Please go ahead in alphabetical order. Let's do it that way.
21	MR. GOLDSTEIN: Good morning, Your Honor. Steve
22	Goldstein on behalf of defendant Gonzales.
23	MS. WINSPEAR: Good morning. Gina Winspear on behalf
24	of defendant Kleisner.
25	THE COURT: Okay. So today we have defendant

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24 25 Ferrellgas's motion for leave to amend the pleadings to assert cross-claims against defendant Carl Kleisner, motion for leave to file a third-party complaint against Kleisner's employer.

I have a joinder by plaintiff Green, and I have an opposition as well.

And then there's a potential issue on the Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendation which may or may not be able to --

MR. SPINELLA: Excuse me, Your Honor. My name is Richard Spinella. I jumped into this meeting, but it doesn't seem to be the case I'm supposed to be in. I just need to confirm if this is the Raiders -- Spinella versus Raiders, Clark County Stadium.

THE COURT: No, it's not.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

THE COURT: So with Ferrellgas, I was mentioning which one we had and I made a motion for partial summary judgment set for 2/9, and then we've got an issue there potentially that may or may not be addressed today.

Okay. So first thing is the motion to amend. Court is going to give its inclination on the motion to amend. The Court's inclination on the motion to amend and to assert third-party complaint really is to grant it.

And the Court's reasoning is when you look at the appropriate standards, taking into account NRCP 15 allows

amendments when justice so requires, and 14 allows the parties

to seek relief to file third-party complaints against nonparties.

And here, based on what's already gone on in this case, and Mr. Kleisner is already a party to the case, although in a first-party defendant -- third-party defendant on the status, the Court takes also that into consideration.

And I have to look at the low standard of what it is to take a party and join them into a case, the Court not taking any position as to the ultimate liability of any said party or parties. So that's the Court's inclination.

The Court does have a question, however, on the employer of Mr. Kleisner that would just need to get flushed out a little more during oral argument.

Go ahead, Counsel for Movant.

MR. SILVA: Your Honor, Gregorio Silva on behalf of Ferrellgas.

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So I think, you know, I'm not going to reiterate the basis for the cross-claim against Mr. Kleisner, but with regard to his employer, Mr. Kleisner was at the Gonzales residence on a Wednesday, a Thursday and Friday from approximately 9:00 to noon. There's a claim against Mr. Kleisner's employer as a Doe defendant and that Mr. Kleisner was in the course of his duties. So we think if he had evidence that he wasn't, that that's something that NRCP 16.1 requires to be disclosed as it

relates to the claims that are asserted against him.

During his deposition he testified about two employers that he had at that time though we don't think he was actually employed by both of them at that time. Because he's been such an unreliable historian of his own employment record, we sought to name them both so we could untangle which one actually was his employer at the time of the incident.

THE COURT: And has that come up yet in any of the discovery processes?

Because this case -- it's wonderful to see you all a lot on this case. So I was a little bit surprised about, you know what I mean, that lack of understanding.

Can you elaborate a bit.

MR. SILVA: It came up in his deposition. It has not come up in written discovery against him.

THE COURT: Thank you so much.

I had a joinder on this. Counsel for plaintiff, would you like to be heard?

MS. HAUF: Your Honor, just to address the issue that you were concerned about with the employer, we did initially plead a Doe-Roe employer for Mr. Kleisner. We were convinced through discovery that he was not actually in the course and scope of his employment at the time which is why we never moved to add an employer.

So we do not -- our joinder was actually with

Mr. Kleisner's opposition in this case.

already brought a claim against him.

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THE COURT: Oh, my apologies. Yes, I'm sorry.

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various pleadings. MS. HAUF: From plaintiff's position, we really have no dog in this fight with regards to Mr. Kleisner. We had

With regards to the employer, we were convinced that he was not in the course and scope, so did not ever amend to bring in an employer.

So again, it would be our position that the employer did not need to be added.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

Counsel for -- counsel for Kleisner, go ahead.

MS. WINSPEAR: Your Honor, the testimony in this case is not that there's confusion about who Mr. Kleisner was working for. At the time he was employed in June of 2018 with Emergent Technologies. He was employed out of state. He would travel to his jobs in other states. He was not -- just because this occurred on a weekday, a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, does not mean somebody is in the course and scope of employment.

And I think it's noteworthy that the plaintiff joins in with the opposition, that the discovery and evidence in this

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case has shown that Mr. Kleisner was not in the course and scope of any employment.

The plaintiff in naming Does and Roes employers certainly was in a position, if the evidence had shown that there was course and scope issues, the plaintiff was in the best position, and certainly it matters to the plaintiff the most.

This is Ferrellgas trying to muddy the waters, have as many claims, cross-claims, parties in this case as possible to divert attention from their own -- their own liability.

I would add, Your Honor, notwithstanding the -- and I respect the Court's inclinations in this case, but I would point out that the Nevada Supreme Court in MEI-GSR Holdings versus Peppermill notes that the Court has explicitly held that sufficient reasons to deny a motion to amend a pleading include undue delay. These issues were ferreted out in the summer of 2020.

There is, I would submit, undue delay on the part of Ferrellgas in putting these matters before the Court, trying to add these employers and in trying to add a counterclaim or a cross-claim against Mr. Kleisner. This matter has been pending since 2019. There have been numerous complaints, cross-claim, amended complaints, counterclaims, and Ferrellgas filed on the last day to file a motion to amend even though all of the discovery related to these issues was accomplished at the

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latest on August 31st, 2020, when Mario Gonzales, the other defendant in this case, who would've had information regarding whether Mr. Kleisner was in the course and scope of employment or what he was doing at the Gonzales property in terms of any electrician-type work. That was the last testimony offered. There's been no other discovery, and yet we don't get this motion, I would submit, because of undue delay until December 23rd.

And hopefully that addresses the questions the Court has.

But the evidence in the case, in terms of sworn deposition testimony that is not refuted at this stage is that Mr. Kleisner was working out of state, but his employer was Emergent Technology in the summer of 2018.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Counsel. I've got a couple of questions for you.

Don't we have an answer, Kleisner's Amended Answer to Second Amended Complaint? Wasn't that just filed January of this week, January 25th?

MS. WINSPEAR: So, Your Honor, that was with regard to the amended complaint that the plaintiff had requested the Court to authorize regarding punitive damages claims and other claims Ferrellgas versus — or plaintiff versus Ferrellgas.

Kleisner answered that simply because it was an amended. There were other claims that were not changed, but just out of an

abundance of caution because there was an outstanding amended complaint. But there were no new claims or causes of action

alleged in that pleading against Mr. Kleisner.

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Does anyone else need to be heard on this matter before I go back to the movant?

MR. SILVA: Your Honor, Gregorio Silva on behalf of Ferrellgas.

I'd just like to point out that plaintiff was granted leave to amend his complaint in December, and he didn't remove the vicarious liability claim against defendant Kleisner's employer.

And there's testimony from Mr. Gonzales and discovery responses from Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Kleisner that discuss that Mr. Kleisner can do the work that he did at the Gonzales' residence through his employer so long as Mr. Gonzales contacts the employer.

We need to be able to rule out whether or not Mr. Kleisner was within the course and scope of his employment, and Mr. Kleisner has not produced sufficient information to allow us to do that.

With regard to the claim against Mr. Kleisner, I discussed with Mr. Kleisner's counsel that we didn't realize that we hadn't filed the cross-claim against him until we were getting ready to prepare an answer to Plaintiff's Second

Amended Complaint. That was, you know, primarily the reason for the delay, but I think Mr. Kleisner's testimony demonstrates a need for him to be -- for a cross-claim against him. He was the last person who looked at the Gonzales system before this incident occurred.

THE COURT: Okay. Counsel for plaintiff, can I just get a point of clarification since it was brought up in the reply argument about the vicarious liability issue?

MS. HAUF: Yes, of course, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you.

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MS. HAUF: What -- did you have a specific question?

Let me put it this way. The discovery that has been done to date has not convinced us that Mr. Kleisner was in the course and scope of his employment to the extent that we had brought a motion to amend to include a Doe-Roe employer. I mean, obviously, we're not going to remove those from the amended complaint because information could still come up that might change that, and we might be able to determine that he was working for somebody. But we have not been convinced of that as of yet.

THE COURT: Just for point of clarification, can someone affirm Mr. Kleisner's deposition was on or about August 11th, 2020; is that correct?

MS. WINSPEAR: That was when the second portion of his deposition was completed.

THE COURT: Okay. (Indiscernible). Okay.

Here's the Court's ruling. The Court is going to grant in part and deny in part the motion:

The Court is going to grant it as to a cross-claim of Mr. Kleisner.

It meets the standards of 15 and 14. The Court doesn't see the prejudice at this juncture with regards to Mr. Kleisner because the stage of where this case is. You just had a second amended complaint. You just had a recent answer filed this week. And where this case is, and it's a 2019 case. So there, you know, under 14 and 15, it would be appropriately

granted.

The Court is going to deny it with regards to the potential employers.

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The Court doesn't see that the minimum standard has been met to add in those individuals. There's, you know, a reference of we're not sure exactly what he said at his deposition. So he may be under one employer or another employer, which is disputed by Kleisner's counsel as set forth in the pleadings that he did have it, and there's nothing that even says that he was working for the employer. That could have been an easy question asked at his deposition, and I don't

have anything that was provided to the Court that even shows

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that he even says he was working. He says he could have been,

done that work on the employer, but there's nothing that even

1 he has said.

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You had a chance for a lot of written discovery and a lot of his actual deposition testimony. So there really is not a basis to add in a third-party complaint against a potential Kleisner employer. So that portion is denied.

So then we go next to there's an issue regarding the Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendation, and I guess there might need to be a little point of clarification here on the Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendation.

This is regarding the Rule 35 exam.

Now, the Court, as you all know with the DCCR, if it's unopposed, then the Court can just sign it. Because under EDCR 2.20, if the recommendation is appropriate and it's not opposed, the Court can say -- find that the parties did not object to it.

So the Court did sign one of the DCCRs regarding who could be at a Rule 35 exam. But I guess there's an issue with regards to whether a Rule 35 exam should take place, and so that's subject.

So can we get a little bit of point and clarification of what actually is the issue that you need the Court to resolve today? Because in light of the multitude of pleadings, it's a little unclear.

So counsel for the movement -- well, counsel who filed the objection to the DCCR, do you want to go ahead first?

MS. GALATI: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you. It's Felicia Galati for Ferrellgas.

So this case has a little bit of a complicated history in the fact that there were a number of hearings that resulted in two different reports regarding one motion, which as you said is the motion to compel the Rule 35 exam.

So first we had a hearing with the Discovery Commissioner on that motion on November 19th, 2020.

Then we had a second hearing with the Discovery Commissioner, follow up regarding the same motion on December 10th, 2020.

Then we had a telephonic conference with the Discovery Commissioner on December 6, 2020, again still dealing with the same motion.

We got the first report from the Discovery Commissioner filed on December 22nd, 2020.

We filed an objection to that report on January 5th, 2021.

Then plaintiff filed their reply on January 11th, 21 -- 2021.

And then the Discovery Commissioner filed her second report regarding the same motion on January 12th, 2021.

Just so I can clarify, there are two District Court reports from the Commissioner. The first one pertains to the 11/19 hearing. The second one pertains to the 12/10 hearing.

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Then we filed a supplement to our objection, including that second report in the objection with the same bases, but just outlining what additional things the Discovery Commissioner said and some of the things were duplicative. That was filed on January 19th, 2021. And then, Your Honor, entered the order affirming. So there may have been some confusion about whether we were objecting to the second DCRR, and we were and are.

We referred to the fact that there would be a second report in our initial objection, and we would supplement that. We did supplement that on January 19th by providing you with the objection. Maybe it wasn't clear based on the title that that's what was going on, but we did explain that we were providing the second report. We gave a little bit of history again with respect to the number of hearings and the second order and that we were objecting to the Discovery Commissioner's decision, which was the same as her first decision, which was that an observer could be present and that an audio recording could be made.

So it's our position that the objection pertains to both reports. And I apologize if we didn't use the right title or we should have done something else, but they were all timely, and they all should be heard at the same time because it is one motion to compel although we do have two orders because there were two different hearings.

And I don't fault the Discovery Commissioner for having two hearings, but it just makes it complicated when you consider Rule 16.3 that talks about the objections and replies, and then we have two reports in what to do and how to handle

THE COURT: So that's the procedural aspect. Do you want to address the substantive aspect.

MS. GALATI: Yes.

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THE COURT: And then let everybody respond. Go ahead.

MS. GALATI: Yes. Thank you so much, Your Honor.

So there's no doubt there is a clear conflict between Rule 35 and the statute, NRS 52.380. So Rule 35 has been in existence since prior to 1971. The Nevada Supreme Court just amended it effective January 2019.

And in that amendment, the Court indicated after hearing from the Nevada Psychological Board that having observers present or audio recordings made can interfere with the results, lead to inaccurate results, invalid results, et cetera.

As a result of that, the Court enacted the rule saying that there cannot be an observer present for a psychological or neuropsychological exam, which is exactly what's at issue here.

Now, the rule does provide for a good cause exception

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to that, and also the rule indicates that there can't be a recording except for good cause. So on the other hand, the exact opposite we have is the statute, and the statute was enacted in October 2019, ten months later or nine months later, and the Court -- and the legislature there says there may be an observer, and there may be an audio recording.

I would just note that that statute is under Title IV which deals with witnesses and evidence, and Chapter 52, which deals with documentary and other physical evidence.

So here's my point. The Nevada Supreme Court has indicated in its rule, which is entitled to enact, that there cannot be an observer, and there cannot be a recording absent good cause.

What happens? The legislature turns it so that -- so they apparently rejected the submissions made by the plaintiff's attorneys and the NJA where they were trying to get these same provisions in the rule, and the Nevada Supreme Court apparently said no because they came out with the rule that we have.

And then what happens is months later the legislature enacts the statute, which is the exact opposite of that.

In our submission, there's no doubt that the statute is a procedural statute that tries to do away with what the rule establishes and the Court is entitled to establish.

There's no doubt that the rule is binding, that the

judiciary can make its own rules to govern its own proceedings and that the statute violates the separation of powers by trying to do away with that after the fact because that's exactly what it's doing.

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In this case, the plaintiff is basically arguing that the statute is substantive. There is nothing that establishes that, and there is no support for that.

And on the other side, our support, both below, before the Discovery Commissioner and before Your Honor, is we had two affidavits from Dr. Etcoff, indicating the issues with having an observer and an audio recording, and there was no contradictory evidence to that. And all the plaintiff does is rule — is argue that the statute is substantive based on the language of the statute. Well, that doesn't make it substantive.

Furthermore, I would point out we identified for Your Honor that there's a writ pending before the Nevada Supreme Court in the *Moats* (phonetic) case. Mr. Fowler's (phonetic) actually counsel for Mr. Moats in that matter. And in that case Judge Escobar ruled that, and she applied *Fredaluco* (phonetic) which is the U.S. District Court case of Judge Utah, and she ruled consistent with that decision that Rule 35 is a procedural rule, that the statute at 52.380 is procedural in nature and that the rule governs.

Interestingly, in that case, both Fredaluco and the

Moats case, the plaintiff had failed to meet its burden.

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So basically what you have is the legislature enacting a procedural statute that conflicts with the procedural rule which violates the separation of powers, but you also have plaintiff failing to meet their burden to establish that what they want to be imposed in this case, which is under the good faith standard, and therefore we're asking you to reverse both reports because both reports order the same thing: That is an observer to be present and an audio recording to be made.

And we're also asking that the order that you entered yesterday be vacated.

THE COURT: I've got a quick question for you. Focusing on the good faith exception, isn't that part of what plaintiff is arguing, that they fall within the good faith exception so that there really isn't a conflict between the statute and the rule in this particular case, and whose burden are you saying is it to see if there is the good faith exception?

MS. GALATI: Well, I don't see how they can establish a good faith exception in this case. They didn't submit any evidence to the Discovery Commissioner to support that, to support that finding. Everything that was before the Court, and everything that has been cited to date supports the fact that having an observer present and an audio recording made

impacts the psychological examination, and there shouldn't be -- and therefore that shouldn't happen.

The Nevada Supreme Court has already accepted that, and they did that by enacting a rule. So I don't see how the

statute coming in after the fact somehow changes that and allows them to have the observer and have an audio recording.

THE COURT: Okay. I appreciate it.

Anyone else need to be heard on this position before I go to the opposition?

No. Okay.

Counsel, you opposed it. Feel free to respond.

MS. HAUF: Thank you, Your Honor. First of all there was — there was argument presented with regards to this matter falling within the good cause exception, and mainly it was the fact that in this case we are not claiming that this individual is suffering from a traumatic brain injury. This is nothing more than a routine psychological examination, although they want to characterize it as something different. We are not making a claim that he is suffering from a traumatic brain injury, and a neuropsychological evaluation to evidence a traumatic brain injury is what all of Dr. Etcoff was complaining about potentially having a problem.

So this case, even if Your Honor's position was that the statute is procedural, and I'll talk about that for a moment in a moment, even if that was Your Honor's position,

this would still meet the exception because we're not claiming traumatic brain injury.

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What the defense is trying to conflate in this case is the fact that there is some evidence that this client has a traumatic brain injury, but it's not a -- but we're not claiming it's a result of this incident. There have been some other things in his life that may have been the cause of that. We're not making the claim that this explosion caused a traumatic brain injury.

So therein lies the evidence regarding the exception and the argument regarding the exception.

Regarding the categorization of this rule as substantive versus procedural, first the other good cause exception, by the way, is that in all of the information presented by Dr. Etcoff, it all talks about how it can be problematic for a patient.

It is very, very clear that Mr. Green is not Dr. Etcoff's patient. In fact, in every case I've had where Dr. Etcoff has done an examination, he actually makes them sign something that says they are not his patient. So that is another reason why the exception should apply under the good cause exception because this isn't a doctor-patient relationship. This is strictly for the point of an evaluation for — from the defense perspective.

NRS 52.3 though is certainly a substantive statute.

As Ms. Galati just pointed out, it is categorized even in the statutory scheme as evidence, and evidence is substantive. Evidence it is what is going to be presented at trial. Evidence is not procedural. So that establishes that the legislature intended for it to be a substantive rule.

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And this is not something that's really a new concept; right? We have been dealing with it in cases in federal court, for example. We've been dealing with a similar argument for as long as I've been practicing law with regards to federal rule of civil procedures 68 dealing with offers of judgment and the State statute of 58 dealing with -- State statute 17.115 and now 117 dealing with offers of judgment.

And the federal courts have long since said while the FRCP 68 may be procedural and isn't going — and we have to abide by that conflict between that statute and the rule in a federal court case and not on federal claims, in a very diversity case where you're applying state substantive law, the NRS would take precedent. That's no different here. When there's a conflict between the statute and the rule, the statute would take precedence.

And there's plenty of case law, for example, that as our case that we talked about in our brief, and I'm sure you've read it, that differentiates between what's substantive and what's procedural. Procedural rules specify how something is enforced, what the procedural rule is — the substantive rules

1 deals with how will you protect the substantive rights.

And here is a situation where you're going to allow somebody to be poking around in the mind of a person, and by the very nature of subjecting somebody to an examination by a person not of their choosing, it is a substantive right to that person's privacy, to that person's physical being. So it certainly is a substantive right, and that's what the Discovery Commissioner has held in every case, including *Moats*, which is, as Ms. Galati pointed out our case.

So while Judge Escobar, and we have that up on a writ right now, disagreed that the statute was procedural, we don't believe that is the correct ruling, and that's why it is up on a writ right now.

With regards to the request to stay because of that,

I mean, even that case isn't stayed. *Moats* is not stayed. So

I don't know why *Moats* would cause this case to be stayed. So

I will --

THE COURT: Anything else, or should I -Go ahead.

MS. HAUF: So I was just going to say I'll submit on that, Your Honor, unless you have any specific questions.

THE COURT: I do not at this juncture.

Counsel for the movant, feel free to give last words. It's your motion.

MS. GALATI: Yes, thank you, Your Honor.

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The plaintiff is claiming that he has confusion and memory issues, which are neuropsychological issues. The Discovery Commissioner said that herself. She's addressed that in her report; therefore, this is a neuropsych exam.

But even if it wasn't a neuropsych exam, a psychological exam is subject to the same rules and the same limits.

So Ms. Hauf says that the fact that I point out the chapter and the title of the statute establish it's a substantive statute because it deals with evidence. It's not a substantive statute. The Court enacted Rule 35 to deal with procedures for Rule 35 exams, what's allowed, what's not allowed. The substance is the outcome of the exam, not how it's done.

And then what happens? The legislature turns around and enacts a statute addressing those very same things. That does not convert it into a substantive right statute. They haven't cited a single case for you that says our Rule 35 and our NRS 52.380, that in that scenario the statute is substantive. There isn't anything.

In addition -- I'll just leave it at that, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. I appreciate it. Thank you.

So all parties, thank you for the excellent briefing.

All parties having an opportunity to be heard.

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I didn't see that counsel for Kleisner, that you had a position on this, that I didn't see a briefing just before the Court rules wants to make sure. Is that correct?

MS. WINSPEAR: That's correct, Your Honor. Thank

THE COURT: I do appreciate it. Thank you so much. Okay. So here's what the Court's going to do. First off, the Court's going to note because there was two distinct Discovery Commissioner reports and recommendations, the Court could properly evaluate one of them as being unopposed; however, the Court based on -- and remember the timing. timing here is, remember how you prep for a hearing, about a week -- I did about a week beforehand, and then follow up a few days beforehand to make sure if there's any last-minute things, and sometimes the morning before if there's even more

But so the timing of how this happened, the Court did properly address the one as unopposed; however, in light of the argument here today, and in light of the briefing, the Court is now going to sua sponte reconsider its ruling that it signed on the Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendation to take into account the substantive arguments raised by the parties in the oral argument and in the briefing and in so doing is going to address that in just one second because first we're going to go to the Rule 35 exam.

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The Court is going to find in this case the good faith exception does apply. And the Court does find that it does apply because the nature of the relationship between how the claims were presented, the nature of the fact that this is not a doctor-patient proceeding that is occurring and for the facts presented in the opposition, or the response to the objection, I'm sorry, the Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendation.

In so doing, the Court also notes the level of which this Court looks at a ruling by the Discovery Commissioner.

And so for all of those reasons, the Court is going to affirm the Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendation on conducting the Rule 35 exam, allowing an observer to be present, consistent with the statute and the rule and allowing a recording thereof.

So what I am doing, just so we have it clear is for the hearing on -- we had two hearings. You had your 11/19 and your 12/10. To the extent that the Court had signed the Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendation timely because there was no objection specifically stated to that report and recommendation, the Court now is going to find that that -- I'm going to reaffirm that signing of it, but I'm signing it now not only because it was unopposed, but after hearing the full oral arguments with regards to that that was intended to be considered in the opposed, and so that's why I'm

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So I granted a reconsideration to revisit it, but in revisiting it, the Court finds that its signing of the report and recommendation was correct, albeit it was correct for the substantive reason that it should have been signed, and it was signed. Okay.

With regards to the other discovery report and recommendation, the one that was set for hearing today, the Court also is going to affirm that Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendation because substantively the Court does find that there is the exception, which is specifically allowed in the rule, also and this would apply here today.

So [video interference] the Court does not mean to address the argument of the parties on whether or not there is a direct conflict between the rule and the statute in this specific case because the Court found that even the rule allows the good faith exception, and so therefore the Court doesn't need to address if there could be viewed as a conflict because it would not apply in this case between the rule and the statute.

It is so ordered.

So for Madame Clerk and Madame Recorder, just so we have a clarity, the Court affirms the Discovery Commissioner's report and -- both Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendations, one, reaffirming the Court signing of the one

that was signed and filed this week after listening to the oral argument and reconsidering whether or not the Court should have signed it, but the Court finds it should have signed it and did properly sign it substantively and procedurally.

And second, with the other Discovery Commissioner's report and recommendation, the Court finds there is the exception. So therefore it properly gets affirmed as well.

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In light of that, I'm going to ask counsel for the plaintiff to please prepare a detailed order to that effect. Circulate it to all other parties and provide it back to the Court in accordance with the administrative orders to the DC 31 inbox, and please do make sure you embed, if you do electronic signatures, as you know as required under the administrative orders.

That should take care of the DCCRs.

Now, the last thing, which may or may not -- you may or may not wish to be addressed today, and it's perfectly fine if you don't, it's currently set for the 9th, is it appears there was a nonopposition to the motion for partial summary judgment as to Kleisner only.

If the parties wish the Court to address that today as a nonopposition and advance and grant the motion for partial summary judgment as to Kleisner only, the Court can do so.

If, however, any party wishes this to be heard on the 9th that is currently scheduled, the Court will leave it on the

1 9th and we'll see you back on the 9th.

So I probably should ask counsel for plaintiff,
Ms. Hauf, because you're the one who filed the nonopposition.

MS. HAUF: If you can give me just one second very quickly, Your Honor, to look up what that was. I mean, certainly if we filed a nonopposition, I don't think that we would need to be heard on it, but I'm just not --

THE COURT: Sure. No worries. January 19th -- MS. HAUF: I'm not recollecting that issue. I apologize.

THE COURT: No worries.

(Indiscernible), like I said, anybody wishes it to remain on the 9th -- well, let me go to the movant.

If the movant wishes it to remain on the 9th, we're leaving it on the 9th. So I just -- some parties like to advance and grant things if we can get things cleaned up and cleared up and let you move forward.

Go ahead, Counsel.

MS. WINSPEAR: Thank you, Your Honor.

No, if we could get it resolved today, I think that would be the best for expediency purposes.

I think the only party that really had a dog in the fight was the plaintiff, who has filed a notice of nonopposition. And that's the only party that has alleged the claims that were sought to be dismissed (telephonic

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And we were actually going to contact plaintiff's counsel and see if they could agree to a stipulated order to be presented to the Court so that the parties, given that we've had multiple hearings in this case on other matters, wouldn't have to appear again, and the Court wouldn't have to have that on their calendar. So --

MS. HAUF: Your Honor, I did just look that up as well, and I agree we can deal with it today. I'm fine with you granting the motion today.

THE COURT: Any other counsel wish to have any opposition? It didn't look like it impacted your clients because it was only as to Mr. Kleisner, punitive damages, but do you wish to be heard, Mr. Silva and Ms. Galati?

MR. GOLDSTEIN: Your Honor --

MR. SILVA: Gregorio Silva for --

THE COURT: It's your --

MR. SILVA: Go ahead, Steve.

MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you. Your Honor, this is Steve Goldstein. I don't have any opposition to carrying it forward to today. I don't have a dog in that fight; however, Mr. Kleisner's position is the same as my position on punitive damages. I did not purposely file a joinder or a -- or my own motion because I was waiting to see what the Court was going to do with it.

While I have the plaintiff's counsel here on the phone here, I would like to send over a stipulation on punitive damages for my client.

MS. HAUF: I mean, obviously I'm not in the position to be able to fully fetter that issue out right now, but if you want to send over the stipulation, I'll certainly look at it and consider it.

MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you. I do appreciate that.

THE COURT: I appreciate it.

Does either counsel for --

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MR. SILVA: Your Honor, Gregorio Silva for Ferrellgas. We have no problem with you hearing this or deciding this motion today.

THE COURT: Okay. And at the -- should I treat this as a request of counsel for Kleisner to advance and grant the nonopposition?

MS. WINSPEAR: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor, that would be our request.

of counsel for Kleisner, the February 9th hearing, motion for partial summary judgment, punitive damages only as to defendant Carl J. Kleisner is advanced and granted because it was a nonopposition filed by plaintiff, which was the only party this motion was sought against on January 19th, and so therefore that is advanced.

And do you want to treat it as stipulated or advanced and granted as unopposed for the Court stamp? Sometimes parties like it one way or another. So I just need to know if it makes a difference from you all's standpoint.

MS. HAUF: I -- we could consider it stipulated, Your Honor.

MS. WINSPEAR: Thank you. That's fine. I'll prepare it as a stipulation then.

THE COURT: Okay. Then by the statement of the parties, then that would be a stipulation to grant only as to Carl Kleisner.

With regards to any other parties, to the extent the parties wish to reach that out on their own, we'll wait to see what we get from the Court because the Court can't find that anybody else is not on a motion that hasn't yet been filed before it, and since nobody is agreeing for that to be addressed. So that then should take care of everything for today on Green versus Ferrellgas, 795381.

Is there anything else the Court could do for the parties other than wish you health and happiness?

MS. HAUF: Your Honor.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MS. HAUF: Your Honor, who did you want to prepare the order on the motion to amend, that have the cross-claims?

THE COURT: Thank you. Since it was granted in part

and denied in part, normally I would have the movant do it since they got some relief and then circulate to all the parties unless the parties request somebody else prepare the order.

MS. HAUF: That's fine, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Counsel for --

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MR. SILVA: Your Honor, that works for Ferrellgas.

THE COURT: Okay. Great. Then Ferrellgas will prepare the order, circulate it to all parties, provide it back to the Court. To the DC 31 inbox in accordance with the administrative orders. And I'm not going to start citing all the administrative orders.

So anything else other than health and happiness? If not, I know I've got some other parties waiting for their hearings.

MS. WINSPEAR: Just one thing, Your Honor, I just want to clarify that the hearing scheduled for February 9th is vacated; correct? That's on our motion for partial summary judgment.

THE COURT: And that is Ms. Winspear as counsel for Carl Kleisner is making that request, and, yes.

MS. WINSPEAR: Yes. Sorry. Yes.

THE COURT: The February 9th hearing will be vacated because it was advanced and granted today pursuant to the stipulation between counsel for plaintiff and counsel for

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3	THE COURT: Or any other party.
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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

JOSHUA GREEN, an individual,

Plaintiff,

VS.

FERRELLGAS, INC., a foreign corporation;
MARIO S. GONZALES, an individual;
CARL J. KLEISNER, an individual; Does I
through XXX, inclusive; and Roes Business
Entities I through XXX, inclusive

Defendants.

MARIO S. GONZALEZ, an individual;

Cross-Claimant,

VS.

**FERRELLGAS, INC.**, a foreign corporation; **CARL J, KLEISNER**, an individual; DOES 1 through 100 inclusive; and ROE Corporations 101 through 200;

Cross-Defendants.

MARIO S. GONZALEZ, an individual;

Third-Party Plaintiff,

vs.

BBQ GUYS MANUFACTURING, LLC. dba BLAZE OUTDOOR PRODUCTS., a foreign corporation; HOME DEPOT USA, INC., a foreign corporation; KSUN Case No.: A-19-795381-C

Dept. No.: XXXI

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS'
OBJECTIONS TO DISCOVERY
COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS DATED
DECEMBER 22, 2020, AND JANUARY
12, 2021; and AFFIRMING AS
MODIFIED THE DISCOVERY
COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS GRANTING IN
PART AND DENYING IN PART
DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL
AN NRCP 35 EXAM.

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**MANUFACTURING,** a foreign corporation; Does 200 through 300 inclusive; and ROE Corporation 301 through 400;

Third-Party Defendants.

**FERRELLGAS, INC.,** a foreign corporation;

Counter-Claimant,

VS.

MARIO S. GONZALEZ, an individual; DOES 1 through 100 inclusive; and ROE Corporations 101 through 200;

Counter-Defendants.

**CARL J. KLEISNER,** an individual;

Counter-Claimant,

VS.

MARIO S. GONZALEZ, an individual; DOES 1 through 100 inclusive; and ROE Corporations 101 through 200;

Counter-Defendants.

### I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Defendants, Ferrellgas, Inc., Mario S. Gonzalez, and Carl J. Kleisner, filed a Motion to Compel NRCP 35 Examination (Motion) on October 26, 2020. Plaintiff, Joshua Green, filed his Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Compel NRCP 35 Examination on November 9, 2020. Defendants filed their Reply in Support on November 12, 2020. This matter was first heard before the Honorable Discovery Commissioner Truman on November 19, 2020.

Joanna S. Kishner District judge Department xxxi Las vegas, nevada 89155 On December 7, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Supplemental Brief. On December 9, 2020, Defendants filed a Supplemental Brief responding thereto. On December 10, 2020, the parties attended a follow-up hearing before the Discovery Commissioner regarding the Motion. On December 16, 2020, the Discovery Commissioner conducted a telephonic hearing with the parties on various outstanding issues relating to the Motion. On December 22, 2020, the First Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendation regarding the November 19, 2020, hearing was e-filed and served. In January 2021, the Discovery Commissioner filed and served a second Report and Recommendation. Defendants have objected to both Discovery Commissioner Reports and Recommendations.<sup>1</sup>

In the first Report and Recommendation, Commissioner Truman recommended Mr. Green appear for a NRCP 35 Examination consistent with the following parameters:

- 1. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that Defendants' Motion to Order an NRCP 35 Examination is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.
- 2. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff shall be Ordered to appear for a Rule 35 Examination at the office of Dr. Lewis Etcoff.
- IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff be allowed to have an observer present during the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380.
- 4. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff be allowed to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> After the December Report and Recommendation was filed, Defendants filed an Objection to Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations on January 5, 2021, and sought a hearing on the Objection in accordance with the EDCR. Plaintiff filed a Reply to Defendants' Objection to the Discovery Commissioners' Report and Recommendations on January 11, 2021.

Thereafter, on January 12, 2021, the Discovery Commissioner issued a Second Report and Recommendation (DCRR) regarding the same Motion but relating to a later, December 10, 2020, hearing. Rather than filing a separate Objection to the Second DCRR, Defendants filed a "Supplement "to their January 5, 2021, Objection on January 19, 2021; which, although it contained language objecting to the second DCRR, it was not titled as such, nor did it request a hearing on the arguments in accordance with the EDCR.

have an audio recording made of the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380.

- 5. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's mental condition before the incident, and Plaintiff's general physical condition before the incident. The examiner may inquire as to Plaintiff's medical treatment for the five years prior to the incident.
- 6. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's life events prior to and after the incident.
- 7. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's mental and physical condition since the incident occurred.
- 8. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's history with regard to inability to focus and memory issues.

In the second Report and Recommendation, Commissioner Truman recommended Mr. Green appear for a NRCP 35 Examination consistent with the following parameters:

- 1. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that Defendants' Motion to Order an NRCP 35 Examination is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.
- 2. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff shall be Ordered to appear for a Rule 35 examination at the office of Dr. Lewis Etcoff on March 3, 2021.
- 3. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Dr. Etcoff shall be allowed to question Plaintiff's entire medical condition for the last five years.
- 4. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT Dr. Etcoff shall be allowed to question Plaintiff's medical condition for the body parts and conditions at issue in this litigation for the last ten years.
- 5. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Dr. Etcoff shall be allowed to question Plaintiff generally about concentration and memory issues throughout his life.
- 6. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff be allowed to have an observer present during the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380.
- 7. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff be allowed to have an audio recording made of the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRS 52.380.
- 8. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into whether Plaintiff had a previous medical diagnosis.

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9. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants shall provide a list of the testing Dr. Etcoff will conduct during the neurophyschological exam - two weeks before the Rule 35 examination.

The hearing on the first Objection (which is the only one that had been set for hearing) was originally was set for hearing on January 26, 2021. Due to unrelated court issues, the hearing was continued until January 28, 2021. On the day prior to the hearing, the time period for an Objection to the second DCRR had passed, and there had not been a separate Objection filed to that DCRR nor had any hearing been set on that DCRR. Thus, on January 27, 2021, the Court signed and entered what was thought to be an unopposed Order that had been submitted affirming the second DCRR filed on January 12, 2021.<sup>2</sup>

The instant matter was heard before the Honorable Judge Joanna Kishner on January 28, 2021. In attendance on behalf of Plaintiff was Marjorie L. Hauf, Esq. of H & P LAW. In attendance on behalf of Defendant, Ferrellgas, Inc. was Felicia Galati, Esq., of OLSON CANNON GORMLEY & STOBERSKI; and Gregorio Silva, Esq. of BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE. In attendance for Defendant, Mario S. Gonzalez, was Steven Goldstein, Esq. of PYATT SILVERSTRI. In attendance for Defendant, Carl J. Kleisner, was Gina Winspear, Esq. of DENNETT WINSPEAR.

At the January 28, 2021, hearing, it was set forth that it was Defendants' intention that the Supplemental pleading (s) filed by Defendants had been intended by Defendants to oppose both the DCCRs. Accordingly, per the acquiescence of the parties, the Court heard and considered all the relevant pleadings, heard

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In light of the confusion of whether Defendants had intended to oppose both the DCRRs, the Court *sua sponte* revisited, at the hearing, its signing of the January 27<sup>th</sup> Order affirming the January 12, 2021, DCRR. The Court then found that Discovery Commissioner's Recommendations regarding the examination should be affirmed, although as discussed further herein, the Court relied on NRCP 35. As such, and in order to avoid confusion of there being two DCRRs from one Motion, the Court struck the January 27<sup>th</sup> Order regarding the Discovery Commissioner's January 12, 2021, DCCR. The present Order addresses both DCRRs and this Order AFFIRMS, as modified herein, both the December 22, 2020, DCRR; and the January 12, 2021, DCRR.

argument on and ruled upon both the pending DCRRs. All arguments either having been heard or been given the opportunity to be heard, this Court enters the following Findings and Order:

## I. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

In both the December 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup> Reports and Recommendations, the Discovery Commissioner recommended that a NRCP 35 Exam of Plaintiff take place. She further set forth the recommended scope and breadth of the exam as well as pre-exam and exam procedures. (See Recommendations filed December 22, 2020, and January 12, 2021.) She also recommended that an observer be present and that an audio recording be allowed as fully detailed in those DCRRs.

In their pleadings and at the hearings, Plaintiff had presented both NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380 to the Discovery Commissioner in support of his requests. Based on the evidence presented and the specific facts of this case, the Court finds that the Recommendations in both the December 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup> DCRRs are supported; and thus, are AFFIRMED. The pleadings set forth why there is good cause to allow the recommended pre-exam and exam procedures as well as the breadth and scope of the exam and information to be inquired about.

Specifically, NRCP 35(a)(4)(A)(ii) and NRCP 35(a)(3) have been met in this case considering the nature of the claims presented, the lack of medical provider-patient relationship, and the other facts presented. Given the Court has found that the good cause provisions of NRCP 35 apply, and this provision allows the relief requested by Plaintiff regarding an observer and memorialization of the examination, the Court need not address an alternative basis. Accordingly, the Court finds that the Recommendations are supported by NRCP 35's good cause exception and applicable law. Thus, the DCRRs are modified to reflect affirmance of the Recommendations, but that the basis of the affirmance is NRCP 35. This

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Court need not and does not make any findings regarding the interplay, or lack thereof, between NRCP 35 and NRS 52.380 as the relief sought in the instant case is supported by the evidence of good cause presented pursuant to NRCP 35.

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations dated December 22, 2020, is AFFIRMED AS MODIFIED HEREIN; and thus, Defendants' Objections are DENIED without prejudice.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Discovery

Commissioner's Report and Recommendations dated January 12, 2021, is

AFFIRMED AS MODIFIED HEREIN; and thus, Defendants' Objections is DENIED without prejudice.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall be Ordered to appear for a Rule 35 Examination at the office of Dr. Lewis Etcoff on March 3, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant's examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's mental condition before the incident, and Plaintiff's general physical condition before the incident. The examiner may inquire as to Plaintiff's entire medical treatment for five years prior to the incident and shall be allowed to question Plaintiff's medical condition for the body parts and conditions at issue in this litigation for the last ten years.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire generally into Plaintiff's history with regard to inability to focus and memory issues throughout his life.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff will be permitted to

have an observer present during the Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRCP 35(a)(4)(A)(ii).

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff will be permitted to have an audio recording made of thee Rule 35 examination pursuant to NRCP 35(a)(3).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's life events prior to and after the incident.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into whether Plaintiff had a previous medical diagnosis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' examiner shall be allowed to inquire into Plaintiff's mental and physical condition since the incident occurred.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall provide a list of the testing Dr. Etcoff will conduct during the neuropsychological exam two weeks before the Rule 35 Examination.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

HON. JOANNA S. KISHNER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on or about the date filed, a copy of this Order was served via Electronic Service to all counsel/registered parties, pursuant to the Nevada Electronic Filing Rules, and/or served via in one or more of the following manners: fax, U.S. mail, or a copy of this Order was placed in the attorney's file located at the Regional Justice Center:

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