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defendant is required to "accelerate the timing of his disclosure" of information traditionally

protected by the Fifth Amendment. Williams v. Florida, 399 U.S. 78, 85, 90 S. Ct. 1893,

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1898 (1970), quoted in, Binegar v. Eighth Judicial Court, 112 Nev. 544, 550-51, 915 P.2d 889, 894 (1996). In the Williams case the issue was whether a Florida statute that required the defendant to give notice of an alibi defense, including information detailing where the defendant is claiming he was and the names and addresses of those who could substantiate that claim. The prosecution had a reciprocal obligation to disclose any witnesses that the State intended to call as rebuttal witnesses to the alibi.

The United States Supreme Court concluded that the privilege against self-incrimination was not violated by the notice-of-alibi statute. The Court stated that the defendant would have been forced to reveal the identity of the alibi witness at trial, and that

"[a]t most, the rule only compelled the petitioner to accelerate the timing of his disclosure, forcing him to divulge at an earlier date information that the petitioner from the beginning planned to divulge at trial. Nothing in the Fifth Amendment privilege entitles a defendant as a matter of constitutional right to await the end of the State's case before announcing the nature of his defense, any more than it entitles him to await the jury's verdict on the State's case-in-chief before deciding whether or not to take the stand himself."

82, 90 S. Ct. 1893, 1896 (1970).

Binegar v. Eighth Judicial Court, 112 Nev. 544, 550-51, 915 P.2d 889, 894 (1996) (citing Williams v. Florida, 399 U.S. 78, 85, 90 S. Ct. 1893, 1898 (1970)). After all "[t]he adversary system of trial is hardly an end in itself; it is not yet a poker game in which player enjoy an absolute right always to conceal their cards until played." Williams v. Florida, 399 U.S. 78,

The defendant in a criminal trial is frequently forced to testify himself and to call other witnesses in an effort to reduce the risk of conviction. When he presents his witnesses, he must reveal their identity and submit them to cross-examination which in itself may prove incriminating or which may furnish the State with leads to incriminating rebuttal evidence. That the defendant faces such a dilemma demanding a choice between complete silence and presenting a defense has never been thought an invasion of the privilege against compelled self-incrimination. The pressures generated by the State's evidence may be severe but they do not vitiate the defendant's choice to present an alibi defense and witnesses to prove it, even though the attempted defense ends in catastrophe for the defendant. However 'testimonial' or 'incriminating' the alibi defense proves to be, it cannot be considered 'compelled' within the meaning of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.

Williams v. Florida, 399 U.S. 78, 83-4, 90 S. Ct. 1893, 1897 (1970).

Clearly, a statute such as NRS 174.245 does not violate the defendant's Fifth Amendment rights when it requires the defendant, at the request of the prosecuting attorney to "inspect and to copy or photograph"

(b) Results or reports of physical or mental examination, scientific tests or scientific experiments that the defendant intends to introduce in evidence during the case in chief of the defendant, or copies thereof, within the possession, custody or control of the defendant, the existence of which is know, or by the exercise of reasonable diligence may become known, to the defendant.

NRS. 174.245(1)(b). "At most, this rule only compelled [defendant] to accelerate the timing of his disclosure." Williams v. Florida, 399 U.S. 78, 85, 90 S. Ct. 1893, 1898 (1970). "Nothing in the Fifth Amendment privilege entitles a defendant as a matter of constitutional right to await the end of the State's case before announcing the nature of his defense." Id.

As such, the district court's denial of the State's motion for "notes, and test results" was an abuse of discretion. It places the State in the unfavorable position of not being prepared to cross examine the defense expert and is inconsistent with NRS 174.245 and the intent of the legislature.

With regard to whether it is proper to compel a defendant to undergo an independent examination the following analysis is offered. As far as the Fifth Amendment is concerned, the defendant waives his Fifth Amendment privilege by raising a mental status defense. Buchanan v. Kentucky, 483 U.S. 402, 421-24, 107 S.Ct. 2906, 2916-18 (1987).

In <u>Smith</u> we observed that "[w]hen a defendant asserts the insanity defense and introduces supporting psychiatric testimony, his silence may deprive the State of the only effective means it has of controverting his proof on an issue that he has interjected into the case." 451 U.S., at 465, 101 S.Ct., at 1874. And in <u>Buchanan</u> the Court held that if a defendant requests a psychiatric examination in order to prove a mental-status defense, he waives the right to raise a Fifth Amendment challenge to the prosecution's use of evidence obtained through that examination to rebut the defense. 483 U.S., at 422-423, 107 S.Ct., at 2917-2918.

<u>Powell v. Texas</u>, 492 U.S. 680, 684, 109 S.Ct. 3146, 3149 (1989). Because of this potential unfairness may court require the defendant to submit to psychiatric testing where he intends to use psychiatric testimony.

When a defendant asserts the insanity defense and introduces supporting psychiatric testimony, his silence may deprive the State of the only effective means it has of controverting his proof on an issue that he interjected into the case. Accordingly, several Courts of Appeals have held that, under such circumstances, a defendant can be required to submit to a sanity examination conducted by the prosecution's psychiatrist. See, e. g., United States v. Cohen, 530 F.2d 43, 47-48 (CA5), cert. denied, 429 U.S. 855, 97 S.Ct. 149, 50 L.Ed.2d 130 (1976); Karstetter v. Cardwell, 526 F.2d 1144, 1145 (CA9 1975); United States v. Bohle, 445 F.2d 54, 66-67 (CA7 1971); United States v. Weiser, 428 F.2d 932, 936 (CA2 1969), cert. denied, 402 U.S. 949, 91 S.Ct. 1606, 29 L.Ed.2d 119 (1971); United States v. Albright, 388 F.2d 719, 724-725 (CA4 1968); Pope v. United States, 372 F.2d 710, 720-721 (CA8 1967) (en banc), vacated and remanded on other grounds, 392 U.S. 651, 88 S.Ct. 2145, 20 L.Ed.2d 1317 (1968). [FN10]

[FN10]On the same theory, the Court of Appeals here carefully left open "the possibility that a defendant who wishes to use psychiatric evidence in his own behalf [on the issue of future dangerousness] can be precluded from using it unless he is [also] willing to be examined by a psychiatrist nominated by the state." 602 F.2d, at 705.

Estelle v. Smith, 451 U.S. 454, 465-66, 101 S.Ct. 1866, 1874 (1981).

However, where a defendant does not intend to introduce psychiatric testimony he can not be compelled to undergo a psychiatric exam if his statements might be used against him at trial. "A criminal defendant, who neither initiates a psychiatric evaluation nor attempts to introduce any psychiatric evidence, may not be compelled to respond to a psychiatrist if his statements can be used against him at a capital sentencing proceeding."

Estelle v. Smith, 451 U.S. 454, 468, 101 S.Ct. 1866, 1876 (1981).

Where defendant intends to use psychiatric of psychological testimony at trial, and where that defendant has designated psychiatric or psychological experts in his expert witness notification, the State is clearly within its right to request an independent examination. Such a request does not run afoul of the Fifth Amendment for the reasons stated in Estelle v. Smith, Buchanan v. Kentucky, Powell v. Texas, and Williams v. Florida. Additionally the High Court has stated:

While it may be unfair to the state to permit a defendant to use psychiatric testimony without allowing the state a means to rebut that testimony, it certainly is not unfair to require the state to provide counsel with notice before examining the defendant concerning future dangerousness.

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Thus, if a defendant were to surprise the prosecution on the eve of trial by raising an insanity defense to be supported by psychiatric testimony, the court might be justified in ordering a continuance and directing that the defendant submit to examination by a state- appointed psychiatrist. There would be no justification, however, for also directing that defense counsel receive no notice of this examination.

Powell v. Texas, 492 U.S. 680, 685, 109 S.Ct. 3146, 3150 (1989). The Sixth Amendment requires that "defendants formally charged with capital crimes have a Sixth Amendment right to consult with counsel before submitting to psychiatric examinations" <u>Satterwhite v. Texas</u>, 486 U.S. 249, 251, 108 S.Ct. 1792, 1795 (1988).

The defendant has indicated that he intends to use psychiatric testimony in his case-inchief. See Exhibits 1,2. As such, there is no violation of the defendant's right in ordering him seen by a prosecution psychiatrist. See e.g. Williams v. Florida, 399 U.S. 78, 85, 90 S. Ct. 1893, 1898 (1970) and Buchanan v. Kentucky, 483 U.S. 402, 421-24, 107 S.Ct. 2906, 2916-18 (1987). "[I]ntroduction by the defense of psychiatric testimony constitute[s] a waiver of the defendant's fifth amendment privilege in the same manner as would the defendant's election to testify at trial." Battie v. Estelle, 655 F.2d 692, 701-02 (5th Cir. 1981). The Fifth Circuit went on to say:

<u>Cohen</u>, like virtually every other federal and state court addressing this issue, concluded that any burden imposed on the defense by this result is justified by the State's overwhelming difficulty in responding to the defense psychiatric testimony without its own psychiatric examination of the accused and by the need to prevent fraudulent mental defenses.

Battie v. Estelle, 655 F.2d 692, 702 (5th Cir. 1981), quoted in, Powell v. Texas, 492 U.S. 680, 684, 109 S.Ct. 3146, 3149 (1989).

Conclusion

"The adversary system of trial is hardly an end in itself; it is not yet a poker game in which player enjoy an absolute right always to conceal their cards until played." Williams v. Florida, 399 U.S. 78, 82, 90 S. Ct. 1893, 1896 (1970). "Apropos to the point is the statement by the venerable Justice Cardozo in Snyder v. Massachusetts, 291 U.S. 97, 122 [54]

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S.Ct. 330, 338, 78 L.Ed. 674] (1934), that 'justice, though due to the accused is due to the accuser also. The concept of fairness must not be strained till it is narrowed to a filament. We are to keep the balance true." Atkins v. State, 112 Nev 1122, 923 P.2d 1119 (1996) (quoting Snyder v. Massachusetts, 291 U.S. 97, 137, 54 S.Ct. 330, 338, 78 L.Ed. 674] (1934). To permit the defendant to present psychiatric testimony without providing the State with discovery under NRS 174.245 and without allowing the State an opportunity to adequately rebut that testimony is inconsistent with the concepts of justice and fairness and contrary to prevailing case law. As such the State requests that a writ issue ordering the district court to order the defendant to comply with NRS 174.245 and to make himself available for examination by a prosecution psychiatrist or psychologist.

A resolution that has work well in the past, and which provides the defendant with extra protection that what is required, is to allow the State to hire an expert and have the expert conduct the evaluation but preclude that expert from discussing the case with the prosecution until such time as the defendant testifies or actually offers psychiatric testimony. It is the State's position that this approach is overly cautious, but that it is certainly more fair that the one proposed by the district court.

Dated December 31, 2001.

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VS.

Dept. No. VII

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Defendant.

Defendant.

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1 Las Vegas, Nevada, Thursday, December 27, 2001, 9:00 a.m. 2 3 5 THE COURT: This is Case Number C172534, the 6 State of Nevada versus Alfred Centofanti, III. 7 Let the record reflect the presence of Mr. 8 Centofanti; together with his attorneys Allen Bloom and 9 Gloria Navarro; the State of Nevada represented by deputy 10 District Attorneys Christopher Laurent and Becky Goettsch. 11 The first issue that came up, the State had 12 advised me that they had served Mr. Centofanti's parents 13 with subpoenas to appear for the trial. 14 Mr. Bloom, it's my understanding, from our 15 conference at the bench, that we will not have the State 16 contact Mr. Centofanti's parents regarding their testimony. 17 However, when they are -- it is necessary 18 for them to testify, that he would notify you and then you 19 would make the arrangements to have Mr. Centofanti's parents 20 here in court so they can testify. 21 Is that correct? 22 MR. BLOOM: Yes. 23 THE COURT: Okay. So we'll handle it that 24 way.

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I advise you you don't have to speak to them; as we advise all witnesses, you are not required to speak to either of the attorneys. However, they are free to -- all witnesses to a case are free to speak to the attorneys, but it's not required that they do so. So, again, I'll ask Mr. Laurent to make his request through Mr. Bloom and then you can determine what you wish to do. Okay. Why don't we do this: We've also -off the record, we've had discussion about if there is a penalty phase in this case, that the parties would have to stipulate in writing to waive the jury conducting the penalty phase and sentencing. I've advised Mr. Bloom of that and the State as well, so I'm going to ask the parties to consider that. And then, on Thursday, before we commence jury selection, to let me know at that time if the parties are willing to stipulate to waive the penalty phase. MR. LAURENT: That will be Wednesday, right, Judge?

Also, for Mr. and Mrs. Centofanti, Mr.

Centofanti's parents, the State has requested to interview

you on a -- before your testimony in pretrial.

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I think you said Thursday.

THE COURT: Wednesday. I'm sorry.

And then if the answer is yes, then I'll ask the State to do a stipulation and have it signed by Mr. Centofanti, together with Mr. Bloom and Miss Navarro, plus the deputy District Attorneys.

Again, I'm not going to require an answer on that today. You can wait and think about that, how you want to handle that.

Okay. Why don't we go through what we -the list and I'll start with: Mr. Bloom can give me a list
of things that he feels that need to be done on a pretrial
basis today, and if there is any new matters; then we'll
talk about scheduling, how much time we need to allocate to
these various items then.

MR. BLOOM: The list that I have, Your Honor, is 17 items long.

One has to deal with the TPO, the admission of that.

Then the -- we have the continuation of our bad acts motion with some testimony today.

Pending is the search warrant issue, which is still pending, has been filed, and having to do with the signature on the return to the search warrant, et cetera.

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which I didn't have to, but I did file, and served on the prosecution here because they're not a party to it either.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. BLOOM: And that balancing is that the materials could -- could lead to admissible evidence in this case slash or, therefore, are discoverable; and a finding of the Court to that effect here, I think, will have an impact as to the balancing that the court will have to do in San Diego on that issue.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. BLOOM: Next has to do with the -- the People raised the issue regarding the -- the expert witnesses and the delivery of the designation of the experts' stash statements of their -- of their testimony and their offered testimony.

THE COURT: Okav.

MR. BLOOM: The -- the other matters include the District Attorneys' oral motion to canvass the defendant.

The District Attorneys' next matter is the District Attorneys' oral motion to have the defendant be available for a -- a prosecution selected psychiatrist, if the defense presents psychiatric testimony.

A jury -- the next item is a jury

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There are two additional matters that I'm going to raise today that I want the Court to address today: That is, for the defense to receive an order investigator Jim Thomas for a test firing:

And, second, for a -- for an order from this Court that the juvenile records that we are attempting to obtain in San Diego regarding Virginia Centofanti are discoverable; not necessarily admissible, but are discoverable: and --

THE COURT: Can I -- would I have jurisdiction to do that?

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MR. BLOOM: This Court would only be making -- you do not have jurisdiction in this.

This is a process which we started in California in the juvenile court. However, that court makes its decision based upon a balancing of the minor's right for privacy -- and, in this case, the minor being now an adult, now being deceased, so their interests are less -- but, nonetheless, having -- the process of having a minor's records maintained as unavailable, balancing that versus the need for them in a particular case.

And I've outlined in my papers that I have filed with the -- with the court, juvenile court copies of

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questionnaire.

And then, a memorandum of law, which we are going to present to the Court, regarding the admissibility of -- of hearsay statements.

We have hearsay statements of Virginia Centofanti, which is at issue; we have the hearsay statements of my client, which are at issue, which the defense will want to present.

We have the question -- I have -- next is going to be a motion with regards to which -- regarding the exhibits in the case; more specifically, my concern with -regarding the autopsy photos and the inflammatory nature of them.

Actually, I misnumbered. My last item has to do with the question of the jury instructions.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. BLOOM: That's my list.

THE COURT: Is that -- is that where you want to go, the beyond a reasonable doubt instruction? Do you want to talk about that?

MR. BLOOM: Yes. And there is some other instructions that I think are important --

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. BLOOM: -- to discuss.

up with this exhibit to make sure it's -- we have everything 1 2 here. 3 I will -- that's why the file is here, to 4 give each party an opportunity to do that and I will make it 5 available to -- we'll leave it here today so we can get that 6 7 Miss Goettsch, anything else on that? 8 MS. GOETTSCH: No, that's all on the TPO 9 issue. 10 THE COURT: Okay. MS. GOETTSCH: And then our first witness on 11 12 the second issue, on the continued Petrocelli, would be 13 Officer MacGrecor. 14 THE COURT: Okay. Why don't we get the 15 officer here; let's get this done, get his testimony; and 16 then we'll start dealing with these other issues. 17 Officer MacGregor. 18 MR. LAURENT: We invoke the exclusionary 19 rule, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, if 21 anybody here expects to be called as a witness to testify at 22 the trial, I ask you to remain outside, please. 23 Officer, if you would come on up here, 24 please, and step on over to your right; and if you could ACCUSCRIPTS (702) 391-0379 13

face me and raise your right hand, please.

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having been called as a witness by the State and having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, was examined and testified as follows:

THE CLERK: Thank you. You may be seated.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

THE COURT: Sir, would you state your name. and spell your first and last for the court reporter.

please. THE WITNESS: Yes. It's Craig Scott

MacGregor. Last name is M-a-c-G-r-e-g-o-r.

THE COURT: Okay. And Craig is C-r-a-i-g? THE WITNESS: Correct. C-r-a-i-g.

THE COURT: Thank you very much.

Miss Goettsch.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. GOETTSCH:

Officer MacGregor, you are an officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; is that

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Yes, I did.

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And what did she tell you?

co-workers all night and that Chip was upset about that.

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She stated that she had been out with her

My backup unit arrived and we had dispatch

They made contact with Alfred or Chip. They

call inside the house to try to make contact with somebody

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| 2 | Q You talked about the semi-automatic with the | 2 | BY MR. BLOOM: |
| 3 | magazine that you found in the kitchen; is that correct? | 3 | Q How long have you been a police officer? |
| 4 | A Right. | 4 | A Approximately three years. |
| 5 | Q Okay. Where did you find you also | 5 | Q And as of that time, how long had you been a |
| 6 | referred to other guns. | 6 | police officer? |
| 7 | What other guns are we talking about? | 7 | A About two years. |
| 8 | A Well, we asked them if they had any other | 8 | Q And how many DV cases had you responded to? |
| 9 | guns, because it was our idea | 9 | A I couldn't tell you offhand; a lot though. |
| 10 | MR. BLOOM: Objection, Your Honor. | 10 | Q It happens? |
| 11 | It's non-responsive as to when what the | 11 | A Oh, yeah. |
| 12 | witness answered vague when the witness answered 'they | 12 | Q That's part of your duties in a great |
| 13 | answered' | 13 | amount? |
| 14 | THE COURT: Overruled. | 14 | A Right. That's probably on a day shift |
| 15 | MR. BLOOM: we asked 'them and they | 15 | patrol beat, that's probably half of your calls are domestic |
| 16 | answered', that response non-responsive or vague. | 16 | violence calls. |
| 17 | THE COURT: Okay. Sir, would you clarify | 17 | Q Do you remember the exact call that went out |
| 18 | who said what to whom? | 18 | on the 911 call, the exact words? |
| 19 | THE WITNESS: Okay. Okay. | 19 | A The exact words? |
| 20 | We wanted to get all of the guns out of the | 20 | I don't remember the it comes out on a |
| 21 | house for safekeeping, because of the statements that Gina | 21 | computer that we a computer screen that we have in the |
| 22 | and Chip had made regarding the battery/domestic violence, | 22 | car, kind of like a laptop |
| 23 | as a matter of safekeeping. | 23 | Q Uh-huh. |
| 24 | So we impound all the guns in the house that | 24 | A and you can read the details off of that. |
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| | we can find in order to prevent them being used by either | 1 1 | It came out as a hot call, as I remember, |
| 2 | party because they're emotional and angry at that time. | 2 | meaning that it was a priority call; and that the male half |
| 3 | BY MS. GOETTSCH: | 3 | of the parties had the gun to the wife's head at that time. |
| 4 | Q So after you found the semi-automatic with | 4 | Q Okay. You went out there, and because of |
| 5 | the magazine | 5 | having that call, not knowing whether it was right or wrong, |
| 6 | A Uh-huh. | 6 | you have to be cautious when you go there and you were |
| 7 | Q did you ask either Mr. Centofanti or Gina | 7 | cautious as you went to the to the door? |
| 8 | Centofanti if there were any other guns in the house? | 8 | A Yes. |
| 9 | A Yes. | 9 | Q And it was Mr. Centofanti who answered the |
| 10 | Q Which one did you ask? | 10 | door? |
| 111 | A I talked to Gina. She said that she had a | 11 | A Yes. |
| 12 | revolver in her car. I believe she had a BMW that was | 12 | Q And he had a cell phone in his hand? |
| 13 | parked outside. We got that; impounded that. | 13 | A Cordless phone. |
| 14 | And other officers, I guess, talked to Chip | 14 | Q Cordless phone. |
| 15 | and located a shotgun and I believe it was in a master | 15 | A Yeah. |
| 16 | closet and they retrieved that gun. I did not. | 16 | Q And you asked him to step outside and for |
| 17 | (Whereupon, a sotto voce at this time.) | 17 | your safety and to calm down the incident, you asked him to |
| | MS. GOETTSCH: I'll pass the witness. | 18 | come outside and he did? |
| 19 | Thank you. | 19 | A Right. Yeah, we had dispatch actually call |
| 20 | THE COURT: Mr. Bloom. | 20 | inside the house and we wait outside for them to come out to |
| 21 22 | MR. BLOOM: Thank you, Your Honor. | 21 | us. g So when he had his phone in the in his |
| 23 | MR. BLOOM: Good morning, Officer. | 22 | A So when he had his phone in the in his hand, it could very well have been that he was talking to |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: Hi. | 25 | dispatch that you had requested? |
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| 1 | . A | Yes, he was. | 1 | Q | Did you say his shirt was ripped? |
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| 2 | Q | He was | 2 | Α | Yes, it was ripped off of him. |
| 3 | A | I believe he was. I'm not positive. | 3 | Q | Now, when you say you walked out there in a |
| 4 | Q | All right. You made the call; he comes out | 4 | compliant fashi | on, was he you could tell that he was |
| 5 | with the phon | e ' ' | .5 | he wasn't bubbl | ing over or he wasn't at that excited range |
| 5 | Α | Right. | 6 | or something? | |
| 7 | Q | in response to what you asked for on the | 7 | Α | No |
| 3 | phone? | | 8 | Q | He was more at that subdued range. |
| • | Α. | Exactly. | 9 | | Is that a fair statement? |
| כ | Q | So his demeanor at that time was, | 10 | Α | Yes. |
| | apparently | I guess I'll call it responsive to your | 11 | Q | You had never met him before; is that |
| 2 | · A | He was. | 12 | correct? | |
| 3 | Q | to your efforts? | 13 | A | That's correct. |
| • | · A | th-huh. | 14 | . Q | Was he talkative or was he rather subdued |
| ; | Q | What was his demeanor? | 15 | during the time | that you saw him? |
| • | Α | He was calm, cool and collected. | 16 | Α | He was fairly subdued; he wasn't talkative. |
| • | | He seemed a little surprised by the officers | 17 | He answered our | questions and didn't add much more. |
| | standing out | front with guns drawn on him, but he was | 18 | o | I don't know if you could tell, but could |
| | compliant and | | 19 | you tell if he | was his being subdued was a function of |
| | o Q | And would that be his demeanor throughout | 20 | • | the after effects of the incident? |
| | would you cha | racterize that as his demeanor throughout the | 21 | | MS. GOETTSCH: I'm going to object as |
| | | hat he was there? | 22 | speculation. | |
| | Α | Yes. | 23 | | MR. BLOOM: I'm asking if he could tell. |
| | Q | And you asked him to come out; and put | 24 | | THE COURT: Overruled. |
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| 2 | A Yes, it did. | 2 | correct? |
| 3 | Q You answered at the Grand Jury: Slightly | 3 | A I believe so. |
| 4 | A Yes. | 4 | MR. BLOOM: And I'll refer to may I |
| 5 | Q did you not? | 5 | approach, Your Honor? |
| 6 | A It did. | 6 | THE COURT: Yes. |
| 7 | Q Well, even if the child was not present, did | 7 | MR. 8LOOM: I'm referring to page five of |
| 8 | you have probable cause to arrest Mr. Centofanti? | 8 | his statement. |
| 9 | A I would say no. Other officers might say | 9 | BY MR. BLOOM: |
| 10 | yes. I would say no. | 10 | Q I'll show you a cover sheet just so you know |
| 11 | Q And that's exactly how you testified at the | 11 | that we're dealing with the same interview. (Indicating) |
| 12 | Grand Jury, didn't you? | 12 | A Okay. |
| 13 | A Yes. | 13 | Q I'll refer you to page five. |
| 14 | Q So whether or not the child was there the | 14 | A Yes. |
| 15 | infant was there, the nine year old was there or not there, | 15 | Q In fact, when you test not testified. |
| 16 | you did not believe | 16 | When you gave your statement to Officer |
| 17 | A In my opinion, I would not have arrested | 17 | or Detective LaRochelle |
| 18 | him. | 18 | |
| 19 | | | A Uh-huh. |
| | Q And that was because the physical injury to | 19 | Q on December 27th of 2000 |
| 20 | Miss to Virginia had to do with this this slightly | 20 | A Right. |
| 21 | puffed lip; that was the only physical injury? | 21 | Q you, in fact, were asked or questions |
| 22 | A Yes. | 22 | were put to you about her demeanor and you say |
| 23 | Q And she herself said that that could have | 23 | A Yes, she was fairly calm. |
| 24 | she could have received that in | 24 | Q All right. Thank you. |
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| 2 | A The struggle over the gun was what she said. | | A Yes, she was. |
| | Q Now, by the time you saw her, you believe | 2 | Q Now, when you showed up at the door, you |
| 3 | you saw a person who you believed had some indications or | 3 | were in uniform, correct? |
| 4 | had been upset before and had been crying before? | 4 | A Yes, I was. |
| 5 | A Yes. | 5 | Q And you were not alone; other officers were |
| 6 | Q But at the time you saw her, she was fairly | 6 | there, correct? |
| 7 | calm, correct? | 7 | A Other officers were there. |
| 8 | A She was. | 8 | Q By the time this incident was over, how many |
| 9 | MS. GOETTSCH: Objection; that | 9 | officers were there? |
| 10 | mischaracterizes his testimony. | 10 | A Maybe five, six officers. |
| 11 | MR. BLOOM: I'm not mischaracterizing. I'm | 11 | Q And we know that Lourenco was another |
| 12 | asking if, in fact, she was fairly calm. | 12 | officer? |
| 13 | THE COURT: Overruled. | 13 | A Yes, he was. |
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just to help with paperwork. 2 Q He was there, but --3 Α He was there. 4 a Okav. 5 Α He's not an officer though. 6 Okay. And so there was even another one, 7 but you can't recall right now. 8 Yes: only briefly. 9 When -- when -- who was the person -- who 10 were the officers or officer that stayed with Mr. Centofanti 11 when he was brought outside? 12 I believe that was Officers Lourenco and 13

McGee.

a And all the officers were in uniform?

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So -- and when you were speaking to Miss Virg- -- to Miss Virginia Centofanti, it was clear you were questioning her regarding what had happened.

You were investigating this matter; is that correct?

> Α Yes, I was.

Q And was another officer with you at the time you were speaking to her?

There were other officers present, but not

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investigation was going on; meaning there was -- all this investigation was going on around her --Α Uh-huh.

a -- your presence there at the time she was answering the questions to you?

> Α Yes.

> > (Whereupon, a sotto voce at this time.)

BY MR. BLOOM:

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You mention that there was a child there, an infant and a young -- a young boy, nine or ten --

> Α Nine years old.

> Nine years old.

I'm going to call that boy Quito, that nine year old, just so we can talk about it.

That was -- okay.

Q Did you speak to Quito?

Α Yes. I did.

And the time period, was it before or after, if you remember, when you spoke to Virginia Centofanti?

It was after.

And where had the children been taken during

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during the entire time. They were back and forth. They were also investigating.

So they were listening to what her and I were talking about and going back and forth between myself and -- and Chip Centofanti.

And this was done in her presence, meaning she -- in her presence, she would observe officers coming in and out --

a -- of the house?

Α Yes.

She would observe you talking to her?

Q She would observe that her husband had been taken out in custody?

Α

That her husband was in custody, or at least a in handcuffs and temporary status custody --

> Α Yes.

a -- outside?

Α Yes.

She was quite aware that this was not a social gathering on the part of the police at the Centofanti home; this was an investigation into a crime?

the conversation with Mrs. Centofanti? Were they still in the house?

The infant was inside the house. Quito was outside on his bike, riding his bike.

And, initially, I didn't even realize that he belonged in that house. I remember him riding his bike down the street and just telling him to get out of the area because of the situation.

So he had been out of the house by the

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house.

By the time --·A

He was already gone?

By the time we arrived, he was out of the

And he was riding, as you saw him, on his bicycle?

Α He was on his bicycle.

But at some point, you realized that he was part of this family, may have some information, and so you spoke to him?

And what did he tell you?

He said that he wasn't present during the picture frame incident where Gina hit Chip with the picture

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frame, only that he heard the glass break. You had asked him, Mr. Centofanti, what had 2 He heard them arguing; that he was afraid. 2 happened, correct? 3 He appeared upset. 3 Α Yes. I did. 4 And other than that, I just told him, you 4 Ω And he had given you a statement about what 5 know: Everything is going to be okay, you know; your dad is 5 had happened, right? 6 going to be here. 6 He did. Α 7 And just basically to calm him down and let 7 n And what did he tell you had happened? 8 him know that it's all right; his mom is going to jail; 8 He said that --9 she's not going to stay in there forever; she's going to be 9 MS. GOETTSCH: Objection; hearsay. 10 back tomorrow after a 12 hour period. 10 THE COURT: Overruled. 11 I was just trying to help him understand 11 Go ahead. 12 what was going on. 12 THE WITNESS: He said that Gina had pulled 13 Did he, in any way, express any fear to you 13 the gun on him and that he wrestled her to the ground in an 14 of being left alone with his dad -- or with -- you called 14 attempt to get the gun away from her. 15 him his dad, but Mr. Centofanti? 15 BY MR. BLOOM: 16 No, he did not. 16 And did he say he was successful and was 17 And when you asked him what he did hear or 17. able to get the gun away from her? 18 see, did you -- did you ask him what he saw? 18 Yes. He said he took the gun away from her. 19 I asked him what he saw and what he heard, 19 And then did he say he hid the gun or put 20 yes. 20 the gun same place where she wouldn't find it? 21 0 And what did he say he saw? 21 Yes. He said he put it in the cabinet above 22 I don't believe he saw any -- I don't 22 the range. 23 remember him saying that he saw anything; just that he heard 23 Q And, in fact, did you go to that cabinet: 24 the picture -- the glass break from the picture frame. 24 above the range? ACCUSCRIPTS (702) 391-0379 ACCUSCRIPTS (702) 391-0379 39 1 a In fact, he told you he didn't see anything? Yes. 2 He didn't see anything. He told me that he 2 Q And what was there? 3 did not see anything. 3 The gun was there. 4 a And with regards to what he heard, he told 4 And then you asked him, at some later point, 5 you that he did hear the arguing. 5 were there any other guns in the house? 6 Arguing. 6 Yes. I did. Α 7 a Did you ask him: What words and can you 7 Q And he answered that and told you. 8 remember more? Я He stated that there were other guns. 9 No. I -- I briefly talked to him. And I don't recall -- because there were 9 10 Other officers conducted a more thorough 10 other officers also investigating, I remember asking him 11 interview with him and I talked to other officers about 11 about other ouns and other officers retrieved those guns. I 12 that. I don't recall what he said to them. 12 did not. 13 13 So somebody --With regards to finding of the weapons, or Ω 14 the guns, have you asked -- first, you were concerned with I don't remember where he said anything else 14 15 the actual gun that had been used itself. 15 about other guns. 16 I remember asking him if there were other Correct. 16 17 And in that regard, a question was put to 17 guns, but my primary goal was to get the gun that was used 18 Virginia Centofanti as to where the weapon was? 18 in this altercation. 19 And as it relates to -- then you asked 19 Α Yes. 20 0 She didn't know. Mr. -- Miss Centofanti, Virginia, to where -- if there were 20 21 other guns in the area? Α She didn't know. 21 22 You asked the -- the question of where --22 Α 23 23 did you ask Mr. Centofanti where the weapon was? a And she told you yes? 24 24 She said: Yes, there was her revolver

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| 1 | inside her car, her BMW. | 1 | A Just what's stated here: That the PR |
| 2 | Q Did either Mr. Centofanti or Virginia | 2 | received a call from Gina Centofanti stating her husband has |
| 3 | Centofanti tell you where the gun had been that was the gun | 3 | a gun pointed at her; male pulled trigger, but gun did not |
| 4 | that was struggled over? | 4 | fire. |
| 5 | A No, no. | 5 | No further description. |
| 6 | Q When you went to Mrs. Centofanti's BMW, did | 6 | Second-hand to person reporting; additional |
| 7 | you find a gun? | 7 | given; did not verify. |
| 8 | A Yes, I did. | 8 | Q Did you have any information, based on your |
| 9 | Q Where was it? | 9 | 911 dispatch, as to Miss Centofanti's state of mind at that |
| 10 | A I'm not sure. I think it was in the glove | 10 | time or her demeanor at that time? |
| 11 | box, but I'm not sure. | 111 | A Through dispatch was that she was crying. |
| 12 | Q Inside the passenger area? | 12 | The dispatcher will read exactly what pops up on her screen. |
| 13 | A It was inside the passenger area of the car | 13 | Q Okay. Thank you. |
| 14 | though. | 14 | And one further point of clarification: You |
| 15 | MR. BLOOM: Thanks. | 15 | indicated or there was some discussion about Mr. |
| 16 | Nothing further. | 16 | Centofanti's shirt being ripped versus ripped off? |
| 17 | THE COURT: Miss Goettsch. | 17 | A Yes. |
| 18 | me cooki. This decedal, | 18 | Q Was his shirt still on his back? |
| 19 | REDIRECT EXAMINATION | 19 | A When he came out of the house, I remember |
| 20 | BY MS. GOETTSCH: | 20 | him not having a shirt on. |
| 21 | Q Mr. Bloom asked you if you recall the exact | 21 | Q Okay. How did you find out that his shirt |
| 22 | words that came over the 911 dispatch, for your response to | 22 | |
| 23 | the call; is that right? | 23 | was ripped? A Both Gina and Alfred stated that the shirt |
| 24 | A Yes. | 24 | |
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| 2 | the exact words were? | 2 | alleged to have been wearing? |
| 3 | A I don't remember the words because the | 3 | A Yes, I did. We impounded it. |
| 4 | majority of the information that we get is over what we call | | |
| 5 | | 4 | O And it was ripped completely through? |
| 6 | OUR MUL. It's lake a lanton computer. | 4 | Q And it was ripped completely through? A It had a rip. I believe, that was about a |
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| 2 | She said that he talked to the social worker | 2 | for the record, the officer should is under subcoena and |
| 3 | friend of his, I believe, first; and then he let her talk on | 3 | will be available for the trial, correct, Your Honor? |
| 4 | the phone to him in order to smooth things over. | 4 | Or he should be ordered at this time, since |
| 5 | This is coming from Gina. | 5 | he's here, to make himself available |
| 6 | Q Him being the social worker? | 6 | THE COURT: Well, I think Miss Goettsch has |
| 7 | A The social worker. | 7 | to sign his subpoena for his |
| 8 | So she got on the phone with the social | 8 | MS. GOETTSCH: Just for his appearance |
| 9 | worker and, at one point, got away from Alfred in order to | 9 | today. |
| 10 | tell the social worker what had happened. | 10 | THE COURT: And then the officer I assume |
| 11 | And she stated to the social worker that he | 11 | he's under subpoena for the trial? |
| 12 | pointed the gun at her and that she was afraid to call the | 12 | MS. GOETTSCH: Absolutely. |
| 13 | police because he was still there; she was afraid what he | 13 | THE COURT: Okay. |
| 14 | might do to her; she was very fearful. | 14 | THE WITNESS: Yeah. |
| 15 | And the social worker actually called our | 15 | MR. BLOOM: Thank you. |
| 16 | dispatch to report what had happened. | 16 | THE COURT: Okay. Does the State have any |
| 17 | Q And you don't know whether that fear of | 17 | additional witnesses on the Petrocelli issue? |
| 18 | calling the police is because she was afraid what he would | 18 | MS. GOETTSCH: No, Your Honor. |
| 19 | do to her or | 19 | THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Bloom, does the |
| 20 | MS. GOETTSCH: Objection; that's testifying. | 20 | defense have any witnesses on the Petrocelli issue? |
| 21 | MR. BLOOM: I'm asking the question. | 21 | MR. BLOOM: We're supposed to. I'm not sure |
| 22 | THE COURT: Overruled. | 22 | they're here. |
| 23 | Go ahead and ask the question. | 23 | THE COURT: You can go check and see. |
| 24 | MR. BLOOM: Thank you. | 24 | THE COURT: Okay, Officer, if you would come |
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| 2 | | And what is your rank? | 2 | parties at that time. |
| 3 . | Α | I'm a sergeant. | 3 | Q Do you remember where those interviews were |
| 4 | Q · | And in your capacity as a police officer | 4 | taking place? |
| 5 | with Metro, did | you respond to an address on Wintry Garden | 5 | A I can't recall. |
| 6 | | involving a domestic violence incident? | 6 | Q Do you remember if they were inside or |
| 7 | A | Yes, I did. | 7 | outside the house? |
| 3 | Q | And how is it you got there? | 8 | A I would have to assume that |
| 9 | Ä | Pardon me? | 9 | Q I want to stop you. Just from what you |
|) | Q | How is it you got there? | 10 | just from what you actually remember? |
| | . Q | As a sergeant, I try to monitor the calls; | 111 | A I don't recall where either party was at the |
| 2 | | that a couple of my officers were responding | | |
| - 3 | | on a domestic violence; and I started | 12 | time originally. |
| • | | | 13 | Q Do you did you yourself participate or |
| | | y to see if they needed any assistance. | 14 | witness the interview of either of the parties? |
| | Q | When you got there, were you were other | 15 | A I went between both interviews, trying to |
| • | Officers alread | | 16 | figure out what was going on myself, so that if questions |
| • } | A | Yes, they were. | 17 | arose, I would know what was going on. So I listened to |
| | Q.· | You just saw Officer Lourenco(sic) here. | 18 | bits and pieces of both parties, yes. |
| | | Was he one of the officers that was there? | 19 | Q But you don't remember where they were when |
| | . A | Yes, he was. | 20 | you were listening to them? |
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| 1 | | MS. GOETTSCH: Objection; asked and | 1 | | Have you seen people after they have |
| 2 | answered. | | 2 | experienced t | raumatic events? |
| 3 | | MR. BLOOM: It has been asked. It hasn't | 3 | A | In over 26 years as a police officer, yes, I |
| 4 | been answered. | | 4 | have. | |
| 5 | | THE COURT: Sustained. | 5 | . 0 | And did the reaction of both of these people |
| 6 | BY MR. BLOOM: | | 6 | - | ory that, in your mind, appeared to be that |
| 7 | · Q | Are we talking about under a minute? | 7 | • | experienced traumatic events? |
| 8 | Α | No. It was longer than a minute. | 8 | A | Yes. |
| 9 | Q ^r | I'm just talking about with her. | 9 | 0 | Very traumatic events? |
| 0 | | That is just my question, just with her. | 10 | A | Yes. |
| 1 | Α | I was never alone just with her. I was | 11 | . 0 | What else did you do besides do you |
| 2 | | th either one. Officers were there. | 12 | | |
| 3 | 0 | | 13 | renember any i | words that she used? |
| 4 | alone. | I'm not I didh't ask anything about being | | . | [know you weren't there the whole time of |
| 5 | | Okar | 14 | | ion, but did you witness or can you recall any |
| _ | Α | Okay. | 15 | questions or | answers that were actually put to her? |
| 6 7 | Q | Just the time you were with her, just with | 16 | Α | Only that she admitted to striking the |
| | | der a minute of your time? | 17 | • | the head with a picture frame defending |
| 8 | Α | No, it was not. It was over a minute. | 18 | herself. | |
| 9 | Q | And how about with Mr. Centofanti? | 19 | ·Q | She said those words, defending herself? |
| 0 - | . А | It was over a minute. | 20 | . А | Yes. |
| 1 | Q | And who was interviewing Mr. Centofanti? | 21 | · Q | And defending herself from what, if if |
| 2 | A | I don't recall. | 22 | you know? | |
| 3 | Q | And what was his demeanor? | 23 | Α | I would assume from |
| 4 | A | He seemed pretty shaken up about the whole | 24 | Q | I'm not asking you to assume. |
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| 2 | Q Or an indirect quote? | 2 | But I also suggested to him that if he had |
| 3 | A Well, just what my officers said she said. | 3 | any contact with her, that he call the police and let the |
| 4 | Q No, I'm not talking about what other | 4 | police be there, so that nothing like the day before |
| ,5 | officers told you. I'm just talking about what you listened | 5 | happened would ever happen again. |
| 6 | to her | 6 | Q Any other conversation with her? |
| 7 | A No. | 7 | A Not to the best of my recollection, no. |
| 8 | Q a direct quote? | 8 | Q You got no more information it wasn't |
| 9 | A Nothing I can recall at this time, no, sir. | 9 | your purpose to do so, you weren't investigating it, but |
| 10 | Q Did you hear anything Mr. Centofanti said on | 10 | there was no more information about the day before when you |
| 11 | that day of the incident? | 11 | were speaking to her? |
| 12 | A I believe I talked to him and he told me | 12 | A No. The only other suggestion I made to her |
| 13 | that he was defending himself against his wife. | 13 | was that if it didn't work out, that she, you know, take |
| 14 | Q What else did he say? | 14 | care of it legally. |
| 15 | MS. GOETTSCH: I'm going to object to this | 15 | And she said there was no way that she could |
| 16 | again, as the defendant cannot bring in his own statements | 16 | ever leave him. He wouldn't allow that. |
| 17 18 | for his own purposes. | 17 | Q And any other conversation with him? |
| 19 | THE COURT: I'm going to overrule it under | 18 | A No. |
| 20 | N.R.S. 51.075. | 19 | Q Did you give those same words to him about |
| 21 | MS. GOETTSCH: 50 point what? THE COURT: 51.075. | 20 | take care of it legally, something A I don't believe that conversation ever came |
| 22 | BY MR. BLOOM: | 22 | up. He was very seemed to put the day before behind and |
| 23 | Q What else did he say, if you can recall? | 23 | wanted to go on. |
| 24 | A Basically, that's all I talked to him, I | 24 | And conversation with him was minimal. Like |
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| 2 | A Yes, sir. | 2 | Q She was no longer trembling? |
| 3 | Q Did you tell her you were going to witness | 3 | A Now? |
| 4 | this and that you would sign off on it? | 4 | Q At the time at the time that she was |
| 5 | A I was standing there while she wrote it. | 5 | made the statement to you made the statement, not just |
| . 6 | Q And did you give her the form? | 6 | wrote it, but at the time she made it, she wasn't trembling? |
| 7 | A Yes. I believe one of the cadets gave her | 7 | A She wasn't as trembling as when I first met |
| 8 | the form. It's a standard form that we give to victims and | 8 | her, no, that's correct. |
| 9 | suspects. | 9 | Q So, at that point, would you say that she |
| 10 | Q Now, looking at that writing, does it | 10 | was relatively calm? |
| 11 | indicate to you in any way that this was a hand that was | 11 | A Relatively. Considering what had |
| :12 | trembling as she was writing it? | 12 | transpired, they both were, yes. |
| 13 | A I believe you asked me what she tooked like | 13 | Q Well, you said that you believed the symptom |
| 14 | when I first got there. | 14 | that you saw that caused you to conclude that she had was |
| 15 | I believe if you look into the matter, we | 15 | afraid was that she had been trembling. That's what you |
| 16 | were probably at their residence for, I would imagine, | 16 | told us. |
| 17 | almost an hour. | 17 | At the time that she made the statement, |
| 18 | Without looking at the direct when people | 18 | were there any symptoms that you observed of her at that |
| 19 | responded and left the place, I'm sure we were there a good | 19 | time? |
| 20 | hour, if not longer. | 20 | A No. That she was had gone through a |
| 21 | Q So when you say you saw her trembling, that | 21 | traumatic experience, but, like I said, her main concern at |
| 2 2 | was at the beginning when you first got there? | 22 | that time was for the infant child. |
| 23 | A That's exactly you asked me what she | 23 | Q Any symptoms that you saw? |
| 24 | looked like and I told you how she looked. | 24 | A Not that I can recall. |
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When hearsay is coming in, you don't have that opportunity; you don't have that opportunity to cross-examine.

It would be different if Mr. Centofanti testifies; they can cross-examine him about other statements. So we don't have the -- the jury is going to hear just that version.

The question is: Does she have a reason; is there an exception to that hearsay to provide enough foundation?

And you only get it because the law says that if you have these spontaneous types of things, we're going to assume that there is truth to it.

She's not spontaneous at this point. She knows she's protecting -- she has every reason to protect what's going to happen to her.

She's trying to make sure she doesn't get in trouble and get arrested. She knows the police are there, ready to arrest somebody. They've already put him in handcuffs.

She has every interest to be worried about what's going to happen to her; and that is both at the time she does the writing and at the time that she does the --

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She knows that her husband -- a person has been taken out of custody -- taken out in custody. She's completely aware of the fact that she's at risk.

She's further aware of the fact that she could get in trouble if she doesn't blame him more than he blames her.

THE COURT: Wasn't there a difference between the time period when she wrote her written statement versus when she gave a verbal statement?

MR. BLOOM: Of course, there is a difference in time period, but not a difference in demeanor.

The statement that she made, that we heard from this officer, and the statement that came from Officer MacGregor is that at the time she made the oral statement, she was not -- she was not in that spontaneous declaration type of mode that, oh, my gosh, there is a fire or he's jumping type of circumstances that the code involves in terms of showing that this is a reliable statement.

The question is -- this has to do with reliability, right? That's what we're talking about.

Here is a statement -- because the defense does not have a right to confront her, and the U.S. Constitution, the confrontation clause says you have a right to confront the people that are going to testify against

makes the statement.

Now, that's different than what she says on the phone, and I totally agree that, at that point, we're close in time, and depending on what would come out through the social worker, that that statement could be an excited utterance, because it's very fresh and he -- if he says she was crying at the time, if he says that there is this an emotional component to it, okay. That's -- that's a different set of facts.

But here, by the time the police officers arrive and the time she makes her statement, she is relatively calm and that means that we're in a situation where we don't have a chance to cross-examine her, that it would be very unfair to allow her testimony to come in and she's -- without that umbrella of credibility, because she's trying to protect herself from avoiding any prosecution.

It's a big thing to say: Who shot the gun

first?

You don't have to be Shertock Holmes to figure out that who shot the gun first or who held the gun to your head is a court issue in this matter; and she certainly has every reason to be trying to figure out a way to protect herself.

And that's what the situation is: Is she

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spontaneously saying this out of emotions at the time or is she at a time when reflection has come into this situation.

THE COURT Miss Goettsch, anything else?

MS. GOETTSCH: Yes. I want to address -- I
think Mr. Bloom is referring to a present sense impression,
which is different than an excited utterance.

A present sense impression is: Oh, my gosh. The guy is jumping from building.

Right now, they're seeing it, and, of course, there is not time to fabricate.

But the excited utterance is a little bit different than that because it's any statement relating to a startling event or condition made while the declarant was still under the stress of excitement caused by that. So it doesn't have to be spontaneous.

In fact, there are several cases here -- Deering versus State, 100 Nevada 590, one and a half hours had passed since the victim was assaulted, and that was sufficient because she still operating under this traumatic event.

So the standard is different and the case law clearly says that.

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there was testimony she was trembling, and I think the other officer -- that's Officer Winslow.

The other officer, MacGregor, said that she was calm, but she was nervous and all like that.

So I think there is sufficient circumstances there and the closeness in time between the police's arrival to when the call was made to dispatch, that it would qualify as an excited utterance as well.

It might also qualify as a present impression under 51.085, and the statement regarding existing mental state under 51.105, but I'll admit it under 51.075 and 51.095.

I might add too that I am going to allow Mr. Centofanti's statement to be admissible under 51.075 as well, because I think, under the circumstances, it applies to him as well as to Mrs. Centofanti, what was said to the officers that evening during that immediate time period after the officers arrived.

As far as the next day, that's a different story. So I don't know if -- either side is not arguing about getting the statements in from the next with day, I would assume.

Miss Goettsch, are you going to try -- MS. GOETTSCH: Well, my problem with that is

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came in under 51.075, general reliability here -- it's very interesting to note that Mrs. Centofanti was very honest with the officers, saying: Yeah, I hit him over the head with a picture frame; yeah, I did that.

And the fat lip, she could have easily said: He just clocked me one in the lip. She didn't say that.

She said: Well, I think this happened in the struggle for the gun.

That whole indicia of reliability here also goes to admitting that. And, certainly, if the defendant's statements are coming in under that, then her statement should come in as well.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

Okay. My ruling is this: I do agree with the State on this, specifically for that reason Miss Goettsch just stated: That when Mrs. Centofanti was interviewed, she said things that are bad for her; and that is, hitting Mr. Centofanti with the picture frame. It's centainly bad for her and caused her to be arrested.

. So I believe the conversation with Mrs. Centofanti, with the officers, is admissible under N.R.S. 51.075.

Also, I believe it may -- it's also admissible under the excited utterance, 51.095, because

that the thing that makes Miss Centofanti's -- Virginia's statements an overall reliability here is she was also saying things that were bad for her.

We don't have that with him. He is much, much calmer here. People have always said he was cool, calm and collected during this situation, and the fact he never said anything.

THE COURT: Well, I understand that, but it's not -- Mr. Centofanti's statements are allowed under 51.075, not all these excited utterances.

MR. BLOOM: The Court did talk about the next day --

THE COURT: Yeah, I don't know if either side is even offering the next day's incidents, because that appears to me to be hearsay all the way across the board from everybody.

I didn't hear you argue that, but I will listen to you on that.

MS. GOETTSCH: Well, I think the officer can testify that he was contacted by her and went to their house at that point.

Whether her statements come in or not, that would be subject --

THE COURT: He can testify about the

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is --THE COURT: I'm going to allow him to testify, Mr. Bloom, but -- because the evidence is clear there was a gun involved. It's just a question of who initiated the gun -- who -- who drew the gun. And Mr. Centofanti's statement is going to come in, in the State's case in chief, that he didn't draw the gun; it was Mrs. Centofanti. So I think that whatever the boy testifies to, it's ambivalent as far as his testimony. It's admissible and he can be cross-examined by the defense and you can bring out any prior inconsistencies in the cross-examination. MR. BLOOM: Very well. THE COURT: Okay. Now, let's -- let's deal with these other issues here. Let's talk about what we call the reverse Petrocelli hearing on that one. Mr. Bloom, what is it that you want to get in as to Mrs. Centofanti? You're going to get in this picture frame incident. So what else do you have that you want to

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Okay. Anything else on -- do either -- so as far as the -- on the motion itself, the State's motion to admit other acts as far as this incident of 12/5, the parties agree it's relevant and I'm going to allow the whole context to come in; that is, the picture frame incident and everything else that happened. I think it is relevant.

And the statements of Mrs. Centofanti and Mr. Centofanti that evening are admissible.

MR. BLOOM: And to make it clear, Your Honor, with regard to Officer Winslow's impressions about Mr. Centofanti being up to no good, that was formed the next day, they're not going to present --

more prejudicial than probative, so I wouldn't allow them under 48.035.

incident, Your Honor, we still have the tangential or collateral issue really as relates to -- to Quito.

MR. BLOOM: Judge, I don't think -- I'm -hold on a second.

(Whereupon, a sotto voce at this time.) THE COURT: Mr. Bloom, what do you want to

offer on --

offer as to her?

MR. BLOOM: I think we filed a motion with regard to the general aspect of it, Your Honor.

I don't --

THE COURT: What acts do you want to offer

as to --

MR. BLOOM: I don't think we have to offer any of those -- that information. I think the law is clear that they can't request that information of the defense.

THE COURT: Well, I know you said that, but

there is a case -- and let me --

MR. LAURENT: Are you referring to the

17 Coleman case?

> THE COURT: Coleman, yeah, 116 Nevada Advanced Opinion 82.

I thought it is under that case, Mr. Bloom,

so I --

MR. BLOOM: It's been my research on this, Your Honor, that they have no right whatsoever to reduce the -- or the burden of the prosecution for them to require

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THE COURT: They're not admissible. MR. BLOOM: Thank you. THE COURT: Even if they were, they would be MR. BLOOM: And with regards to that Because -- his observations on the 5th, that

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And then we can sort it out right here. I'm just trying to determine if we need an evidentiary hearing on it or not, so we can -- to address the issues you brought up the first thing today.

So what else do you have?

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MR. BLOOM: Well, I'm just --

I'll get -- let Miss Navarro take a look at that case, and Mr. Centofanti can help you out and look at it as well; see if you can think of anything else you want to bring up as far as other specific acts of Mrs. Centofanti.

MR. BLOOM: And this would be specific acts that would come from some other source than the defendant. of course, because you would never ask him --

THE COURT: Well, if there is another act that she's committed or you are alleging that she -qualifies under N.R.S. 48.054, some sort of common scheme or -- the same way the State has to do it, to show motive or -- the different issues the State has raised.

I mean, if you want to argue them, you can do that, but -- and you can offer that, but we have to go through the same procedure we did on this last one.

So I don't know -- I don't know if there is any --

MR. BLOOM: Well --

THE COURT: -- other than the karate, you don't have to on that, because that's just whether or not she's trained in karate.

If there is going to be evidence that Mr. Centofanti feared for his life because she's a brown belt in karate, I mean, I think that's probably relevant, but --

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THE COURT: I mean, I know there was something about karate, that she knows karate. You can offer that evidence. That's not character evidence. So what else do you have? Are there other --MR. BLOOM: I'm not prepared to respond, Judge -- I'm not trying to be coy -- because I haven't formed the full response to this at this time and I haven't -- I haven't gone through it in my mind yet. Do you want to give us a few minutes? I might be able to form something this morning. THE COURT: I'll -- I'll pass addressing this one here, but I believe, under Coleman -- maybe Miss Navarro can take a look at Coleman while we're going ahead and see if she has any other input for that. Miss Navarro, do you need a copy of that case pulled for you? MS. NAVARRO: Is that the one that was attached to the motion? MR. BLOOM: Yes.

to -- I'll rule on that motion in a little bit here, but

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THE COURT: Well, let's do this: I'm going

MR. BLOOM: See the --THE COURT: -- I don't know. MR. BLOOM: See, that's -- that's offered for a different purpose; not offered for motive. That offer is as it relates to his state of mind and what he knew, and that relates to his testimony. And I'm certain that there is nothing that -- under the Coleman case that says that the prosecution has a right to have the defense expose information that comes as a state of mind of the defendant. He has a Fifth Amendment right to remain silent or testify, so I'm sure we're not talking about. THE COURT: We're talking about acts, conduct, arrests -- I mean, anything. I don't -- I don't know -- is there anything else out there that you --MR. BLOOM: I will --MR. LAURENT: Judge, I think that the language that we should look at there is it says: Evidence of other crimes, wrongs or acts is not admissible to prove the character of the person in order to show that he -- in this case she -- acted in conformity

THE COURT: Uh-huh.

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MR. LAURENT: I mean, that's subsection (2)

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Petty or Shoels or which case?

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THE COURT: -- because I need to know if

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MR. BLOOM: If you want to know, Judge, I prepared this memo; it's one of the things that I was going to do at the next thing. A didn't think we were going to have to have it today, but there is a whole line of cases and a very recent one -- I don't know the name of it. (Whereupon, a sotto voce at this time.)

MR. BLOOM: Miss Navarro says that case is Petty. That was a situation where the Nevada trial court didn't allow the defendant to present evidence of bad acts of the victim without him testifying -- without him testifying, and -- and saying that there had -- that, yes, they are admissible, but only if he testifies.

That case was reversed. The conviction was reversed when the Nevada Supreme Court ruled that, in fact -- that this evidence can be presented by the defense even when the defendant doesn't testify, even when that doesn't happen.

And, of course, when the defendant --THE COURT: I don't think there is an argument on what can be done --

MR. BLOOM: And there is no requirement that there be a Petrocelli hearing with regards to those matters. THE COURT: And I did the retrial on Petty and I did Shoels, so I did both of them, both retrials, not

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as to the state of mind of the defendant, and whether or not it's true or not -- whether or not it really happened or not, it matters only if the defendant believed it was true.

You could have somebody who presents themselves as a Hell's Angel, real powerful, marked up with all sorts of gang tattoos and all sorts of things like that, yet, in real life, might have been the most -- meekest little person in the world and that still can come in.

THE COURT: Mr. Bloom, we're going to debate this thing all day.

The law is -- and you can look -- the way I understand it -- Petty and Shoels speak for themselves. You can read it, what they permit and what they don't permit.

If you've got a problem with N.R.S. 50.085, subsection (3), read it. You know, that's going to be the issue here on this point, and it tells you when you can go into specific acts and when you can't go into it.

MR. BLOOM: But --

THE COURT: So -- so you need to -- to -- to deal with that.

But, right now, I don't know if you are going to offer any of this evidence, so if we're -- I don't want to sit here and chew up valuable court time on an intellectual debate on something that may not even be coming

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the first trials.

But my recollection is you can have -- offer opinion evidence by parties if somebody is violent and all of that; that -- I believe it's in the Petty trial -- the first trial court didn't allow that.

It was reversed by the Supreme Court, and the second trial court -- of course, we did do that and allowed opinion evidence to be solicited from third parties regarding the opinions if the victim was violent and -- that was permitted.

MR. BLOOMs. The Nevada Supreme Court never made the ruling that it was -- or a limitation that it was only going to deal with opinion evidence, Your Honor.

Actually, opinion evidence is -- was -- was found to be the general -- the general statement of that case and the Long case law has to do with that evidence relating to it, whether it's -- it comes in the form of samebody's opinion or it cames in the form of acts which support the element of self defense.

All of that is allowed, must be admitted, even if the defendant didn't testify, let alone if the defendant does testify, because then it comes in under a different reason if the defendant does testify.

If the defendant does testify, it comes in

in because we have too many other things to do.

MR. BLOOM: Well, I do know centain evidence will come in. I don't think we have to reveal this.

If the Court is directing me to, over my objection, I will reveal certain things that I know of right now that are going to come in, if the Court is telling me to do that --

THE COURT: Well, I'm telling you if you have -- if you have specific acts of Mrs. Centofanti that you want to get in for -- for -- that are relevant under -and you believe are relevant under N.R.S. 48.054, then you need to tell me what -- what they are, so we can make a determination if it's something that -- that requires a hearing under Coleman or doesn't.

I've already told you the karate doesn't. Okay? The fact she -- because that's not -- that's just something that she -- she's trained in karate and that may have had some impact on Mr. Centofanti's state of mind in this incident.

You don't have to do any more than that, other than offer evidence of her karate training.

But if there is something else, some other acts that she's done, we need to know about it.

MR. BLOOM: Well, I know the Court wants to

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cut to the chase and get to the end portion of it, but there is one other step before this, Your Honor, and that has to do with the application of Coleman.

It's my understanding that Coleman was a situation where this type of foundation had to have been laid where the defendant was claiming that a third party was responsible for the murder.

That's -- that's -- and that third party was somebody else who -- I believe it was a wife who was responsible for it, and they were trying to establish the character of this third party as it relates to establishing that this person had the character and would have committed this violent act.

We are not claiming any third party culpability here.

Coleman doesn't apply.

We're claiming self defense. It has to do with the state of mind of my client. It would have to do with what he knew happened.

It does have to do with the aggressiveness of the -- of the decedent Virginia, but we're not claiming that a third party did this act.

We're claiming that she had conduct which justified -- that he knew about that justified her -- her --

But what if the foundation comes from the -from my client; in other words, it is my client's belief and his testimony as to what happened, what he saw?

I'm certain that the Court is not making some pretrial ruling that he has to, either in the presence of the People or, frankly, out of the presence of the People, make any statement pretrial as to what his testimony is going to be.

I mean, the United States Constitution certainly wouldn't allow such a circumstance.

THE COURT: Well, Mr. Bloom, a defendant can testify in, like, a motion to suppress and other pretrial hearings without waiving the right to invoke the Fifth Amendment and not testify at the trial to offer evidence of pretrial.

So I -- I don't know what you are talking about.

MR. BLOOM: I'm talking about that the Court has said that if there are things about Mrs. Centofanti, Virginia Centofanti, that we are going to attempt to present, which relate to her violence, that we have to tell them -- list them to this Court, so the Court could determine if a Petrocelli hearing should be held to determine if there is a foundation for it.

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his conduct.

That's why I think we're claiming that she

The Court made its ruling that there has to be a presentation of evidence to this Court based on foundational evidence.

That's what I understand the Court has just ruled.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BLOOM: If we -- but my position is: If there are such matters and they come from the mind of my client, they come from his observations --

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. BLOOM: -- if -- under that category, I'm -- I don't believe there is any requirement that Nevada could ever create in a Petrocelli or any other law, that could say that if the source of this information is my client, that my client has to go through a Petrocelli hearing.

THE COURT: Well, if the State can't use what he says in the case in chief, I mean, what -- what's the problem here?

I mean, that's how do you a motion to suppress: A defendant gets up here and says: The police didn't read me my rights or something before they did a search; and the police said: Yes, we did.

The only way the defense can put that at issue is to get up and testify; the defendant has to testify because he was there.

It doesn't mean he has to -- he has to

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had conduct which justified -- that he knew about that justified her -- her -- his conduct. That's why I think Coleman is apples and oranges. THE COURT: Okay. The State's motion in limine to prohibit introduction of character evidence absent a Petrocelli hearing by the defense is granted. MR. BLOOM: All right. THE COURT: Okay. Now that I've done that, we'll cross that bridge if you have anything. MR. BLOOM: Okay. All right. In that regard, Your Honor --MR. NELSON: Judge, could I just have a second? (Whereupon, a sotto voce at this time.) MR. BLOOM: Well, here's two other concerns that we have, Your Honor, with regards to this -- and I'm trying to -- just sort through it, and I'm -- it's kind of blended together.

MR. LAURENT: I can see Mr. Bloom's point. I think that evidence -- if the defendant were to take the stand, he could say that she was a pumple eyed monster and we have to let it in because that's his subjective, potentially, state of mind.

I think we have to let that in because -and then the jury would say: Well, he's crazy for thinking

If you are talking about what Mr. Laurent said -- see, I'm in the dark, Mr. Bloom. I don't know what you have in mind.

I'm trying to --

MR. 8LOOM: Yeah, let's -- let's just talk on one subject.

I have exposed in this case that Mr. -- Mrs. Centofanti had gang tattoos --

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. 8LOOM: -- photographs of them; my client knew about them.

I've explained that that was part of the concern that Mr. Centofanti had, because he knew of this -these tattoos and had conversations and whatever, had this history about her.

Now, people want to -- people claim that he's under some campaign to paint her in some bad way.

These tattoos exist --

MR. LAURENT: Existed.

THE COURT: Okay. So you are saying that -that she got the tattoos being in a gang; and, therefore, are we crossing the threshold here about whether she was in a gang, if it becomes a Petrocelli issue? Is that it? MR. BLOOM: Yeah.

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are coming from the defendant, this is what she told me. things like that, I think what he believes has got -- has got to come in. Okay?

What I'm concerned about is proving it those acts.

Petty, just like you said, talks about opinion testimony. And -- and if they're going to prove it, to bring acts in, Judge, we want to have the opportunity to have a Petrocelli hearing, not from what the defendant is saying, but from what other witnesses may testify to.

one of those safe harbor areas, Judge.

Well, I mean, I -- I --

As far as his perceptions, he can testify to his perceptions without a Petrocelli hearing.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, that's -- that's the issues we need to flesh out.

MR. BLOOM: But that comes from him.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. BLOOM: The photos that are presented

are photos he knows about.

THE COURT: Let me hear what Mr. Laurent

thinks about that issue --

MR. BLOOM: Let me --

THE COURT: -- see if that requires a

Petrocelli hearing.

MR. BLOOM: Let me just say this: I don't think I had to even say that. But why? Because that presents potential testimony from my client, we don't have to reveal that. They can't use that for this purpose.

THE COURT: Well, as I recall, that's

already been brought up. 17

MR. BLOOM: [know, Judge.

I mean, I'm not -- I'm just saying, though,

there are other areas like that.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. BLOOM: They don't have the right to

gain that information.

THE COURT: Mr. Laurent, what is your

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THE COURT: Right.

MR. LAURENT: But I think statements that

through other people, bringing other people in to establish

I think that will clear it up and it will be

0id that make sense on that?

THE COURT: Okay. It does.

(whereupon, a sotto voce at this time.)

THE COURT: Mr. Laurent, I don't disagree

with what you said nor what Mr. Bloom said.

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talking about, there is merit to what the Court now says; and the People's second case that they cite here is a civil case.

When you are talking about a defendant's right to remain silent, the constitutional right of not -of the People having the burden, the defense not being required to lessen that burden by presenting this evidence to them and so forth, it's a -- it's -- the -- the concerns are very different.

And that's why I think when these were -when -- when the reciprocal discovery of Petrocelli was established, why it should be limited in its use -- and that's why I think this Coleman case talks about a concern as it relates to third parties and so forth.

So that's why I think there is a very different set of -- we're in a different ballpark when we're talking about a --

THE COURT: Well, Mr. -- I understand what you are saying and I appreciate the difference between civil

The ruling is this, so we can move on: That I won't allow third parties to come in and present evidence such as this without the Petrocelli hearing.

I will allow Mr. Centofanti -- if he elects

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to voluntarily testify, which is his right to testify or not testify, he can testify about this issue, as it pertains to his fear or the circumstances where this incident took

place.

MR. BLOOM: All right. Now, one other thing then, Your Honor: The People -- Petrocelli dealt with the circumstance of: There is the proponent of the evidence offering it to establish -- on its own, offering to establish the care, motive or something like that, and the list of items that Mr. Laurent just gave.

The People are raising and have raised -- [don't know how they're going to present it when we get to trial.

There have been different presentations throughout the previous hearings in this case as to the theories that the People have with regard to this.

But one of the theories has been, and it's a recent one, that Mr. Centofanti has engaged in a campaign to paint Mrs. Centofanti in a bad way; that he is engaged in this -- some sort of campaign to set this up.

I'm not sure how they could get that in or something. They can argue something. It's different. They can argue it, extrapolations from it.

However, one of the things could be that

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they're trying to say something was set up. For example, trying to say she had a -- a gang history.

Let's just talk about the --

THE COURT: Well, wouldn't this -- it -- I can't see this in the State's case in chief, so wouldn't this be some issue on cross-examination of Mr. Centofanti, if he did testify?

It may go to bias or -- I don't know. I mean, it's tough for me as a judge to sit here and try and look in a crystal ball what the evidence is going to be and what the questions are going to be and -- I can make rulings once it happens.

MR. BLOOM: All right. I understand.

THE COURT: But, right now, I don't know what it's going to be and I hate to make rulings and prejudice either side from presenting their case.

MR. BLOOM: All right. Let me put this then in the category of what it would be if it was in a written form, a memorandum of law.

A memorandum of statement is what I'm going to give the Court here, as opposed to a -- then I think if they make that claim they set this up, this whole thing about gangs and just, sir, it never happened or anything like that that's presented, then I think -- then that's --

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Look, we're not going to solve it today. I've made the rulings. Let's move forward. We have many, many other issues to deal with. And that's the way it is. Let's see how the trial develops and we'll just go from there.

MR. BLOOM: And I guess all I can do, Your Honor, is any time that I see something that comes up that I believe is coming from an independent source -- not from my client, but an independent source, that I will present it to the Court before it gets presented to the --

THE COURT: I guess that's all you can do. I understand.

MR. BLOOM: All right.

THE COURT: And we'll deal with it, if and when it ever comes up.

MR. BLOOM: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. Let's go through these other issues, because a lot of them are pretty simple and straightforward, and we need some answers on them before next week.

The jury questionnaire: Mr. Bloom, here is my policy on that: I just ordered the jury during the break, so we'll have -- I've ordered 50 people on the jury venire; and I've ordered them to come in early on next

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now, that's not being offered in some sort of affirmative way by the defense, but rather being offered in a responsive way to an issue that the prosecution has raised.

And, at that point, then I don't think that there will be any requirement and Petrocelli certainly doesn't say it, Coleman never says it, that -- that says the defense has to make some sort of Petrocelli showing with regards to the evidence.

Then Coleman talked about where the defense was affirmatively trying to establish, through its own evidence of the vampires indices and all these weird things regarding this third party; and, of course, the People in that case never said that that witness was not guilty. They never said anything about that.

It was the impetus that started -- that the source came from -- from the defense.

If the -- if the generation of it -- the genesis of it, in our case, comes from the prosecution's claim in some fashion, then Petrocelli, I think, applies in any respect.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. BLOOM: That was my --

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THE COURT: Well, I appreciate it, Mr.

Bloom.

Wednesday, so they can fill out the questionnaires.

What you need to do is I -- I have no problem with the jury questionnaires, but the State and the defense have to agree on the questionnaire format.

I've never had a problem, I think, in any trial where it hasn't been agreed to, but we need to get them copied and get them down to the Jury Commissioner, so they have them to hand out early Wednesday morning when these people come in, so we can get them filled out, copied and back to the attorneys, so they can be of some assistance. to each side.

So I'll allow them just -- you and the State just need to agree. If you can't agree to them, then we won't do them.

MR. BLOOM: Well, I think what probably will happen is that we will -- hold on a second.

(Whereupon, a sotto voce at this time.)

MS. NAVARRO: Judge, I have a questionnaire that I put together, but there still may be some changes to be made to it.

THE COURT: What I'm going to suggest is when we get done with the hearing today that the defense and the State sit down, go through this.

I can't imagine there is a whole lot of

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Wednesday. Wednesday, we're supposed to be picking the jury. There's not going to be a lot of time for a questionnaire.

THE COURT: Well, Mr. Laurent, they're going to do it Wednesday morning. We're not going to get the jury picked Wednesday afternoon.

I mean, we're going to have -- and I'm going to talk to you in a minute about --

MR. LAURENT: Ch. I'm sorry, Judge.

THE COURT: -- the jury selection process,

but -- but -- so you are going to have, basically, Wednesday night to digest them.

I mean, we're going to be doing general voir dire; maybe we'll get to a couple people on that.

MR. LAURENT: Okay. Judge, I apologize.

THE COURT: And you can pull those

questionnaires out and read them just for the couple people we get to.

What -- let me just mention one thing -- so that will be the procedure.

If either one of you want it back on calendar on Monday morning for me to look at, just notify my office, we'll place it on calendar for Monday morning at nine o'clock and deal with it.

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So I'm suggesting get with the State, get them agreed to, and then get them copied, and that's fine and we'll get it done.

MR. BLOOM: Okay.

THE COURT: If we can't agree on it, then we won't do them.

MR. BLOOM: Well, it's on that last point that I want to talk about, Judge.

I think if we can't agree, that doesn't mean we can't do them. If we can't agree on certain portions of the questionnaire, then I would ask to submit it to the Court and see if it's appropriate.

THE COURT: Then on Monday morning -- if you need me to look at them on Monday morning, I will do it. MR. BLOOM: Okay.

THE COURT: And then -- you don't have to come, Mr. Bloom. Miss Navarro can cover the appearance.

MR. BLOOM: Very well.

THE COURT: But I would urge the parties

to --

MR. LAURENT: Judge, we generally don't have a -- the only problem I see with this one and this circumstance is the time we have.

We're going to bring these jurors in an

On the jury -- again, Mr. Bloom, I will tell you -- this isn't on your list, but I will just talk about it briefly.

On the peremptory challenges, each side has eight peremptory challenges to this case.

I figure we'll have two alternate jurors, so you have one peremptory challenge on the alternates.

You have a right by law to have the alternates selected or identified to the parties before the trial commences.

There is two ways to do that.

If you want to know who the alternates are. I will seat the alternates in chairs 13 and 14, which will be the front row. the last two seats on your left.

The other way I do it, if the parties stipulate to it, is I don't identify alternates until the end of the case, where we randomly pull two numbers out of a hat.

We have 14 numbers in a cup. The court clerk pulls two numbers out and they're the alternates. That way, you get an extra peremptory challenge per side. You get nine peremptory challenges on the whole panel.

So if the parties need to discuss it -either one is fine with me. If the parties stipulate to do

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method two -- and I tell the jury then -- at the beginning, I'll tell them that there are 12 regular jurors and there will be two alternates and we don't know who the alternates are until the end of the case. And I will tell them up front.

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If we do know who the alternates are, at the end of the case -- I won't tell them that until the end of the case. Then I will tell them they've been identified as alternates.

So it's your choice. We can go either way on the selection process.

MR. LAURENT: So do you pass a certain number for cause and then start exercising your peremptory challenges? Is that how you do it?

THE COURT: Well, we don't -- we put 14 people in the box --

MR. LAURENT: Okay.

THE COURT: -- and then we -- we pass everybody for cause.

And if they're removed for cause, they're removed, when we go through the initial selection process.

Then we start the peremptory challenges and we go back and forth, whether it's eight times or nine times, until every challenge has been either exercised or

you wish to use.

Usually, the range is four to six,

somewhere --

MR. LAURENT: It depends on how many wounds,

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THE COURT: What?

MR. LAURENT: We usually want to show each

wound, entrance and exit type of things.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. LAURENT: We're not going to show

multiples of each one.

THE COURT: Just to give you some parameters, that's what I approve; and, again, the defense certainly has a right to argue it's cumulative, and we'll take a look at it at that time.

And -- And if you have a continuing objection as to using autopsy photos, Mr. Bloom, you want to make that objection now, for the record, I will let you do that, but that's -- that's how I -- I handle them.

MR. BLOOM: Well, in general, I'm concerned about the prejudicial effect, particularly in this case, Your Honor.

For whatever reason, there were not a lot of photographs taken during the autopsy where the decedent was

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cleaned for the purposes of evaluation.

So many of the pictures that I have received, in the large stack, are where she still has -- has still blood and it's dripping and things like that, which it's always been my experience are to be forbidden from presentation.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, let's let the State pick out the ones they want to use, and I will allow you to make that objection, if you feel that they're being done just for graphic purposes then.

MS. GOETTSCH: And also, Judge, just a note on that: That we would not be able to make a decision as to which photos we're going to use until we speak to Dr. Sims.

I was thinking Dr. Sims told me he's out of town until like January 2nd.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. GOETTSCH: So I'm not sure if we can get

it by Wednesday, but as soon as we talk to him -THE COURT: Then I don't want you showing

them to the jury and all like that in opening statement until we've had that issue --

MS. GOETTSCH: Sure.

THE COURT: -- presented to the defense and they -- they know which ones you are going to use and they

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waived. That will be our method. Okay. So you can -- you don't have to answer that today. You can think about that one, on which way you want to go. Some of these other issues: Autopsy photos, here is my policy on that, how I do it in all trials: I don't allow cumulative autopsy photos. I have the State -- for identity purposes, those that are relevant, I allow the State to pick out four or six or how many, not dozens of them, and to offer them into evidence. I know they're all graphic; every autopsy photo is. But I will sustain a cumulative objection. I will allow some of them. So I would ask the State to be selective in what they -- what they need with the coroner and all to -for identity purposes. And if you think they're too much, you make an objection they're cumulative; and if I agree, I will sustain it. MR. BLOOM: May -- would the Court direct the prosecution to advise the defense of which photos they intend to introduce? THE COURT: Yes, I will ask the State to -before Wednesday morning to pick out the autopsy photos that

have a right to make their objection then.

MR. BLOOM: Well, Your Honor, with regards to that, the defense wants to present them in opening statement.

If they're going to come in, we should have a right to have that before the opening statements.

So I would request that we have that information; this matter be litigated prior to --

THE COURT: We probably won't get to opening statements until Friday, so we'll have a little bit of time to talk to the coroner before that.

MR. BLOOM: Thank you.

THE COURT: And I'm going to -- backwards on your list, Mr. Bloom, because some of the easier issues here are down further.

You have the -- the hearsay issue on the statements of Mr. and Mrs. Centofanti, I have ruled on the ones on the December 5th incident.

 $If \ there is other statements from either of them, each side can make their objections and I'll rule on it, probably on the same standard I did on December 5th. \\$

If I'm going to allow -- my policy though is: If I allow Mrs. Centofanti's in, I will probably allow Mr. Centofanti's in the same set of circumstances, under

I'm using. And I ruled that way on the December 5th.

I know both sides may disagree with it, but that's -- that's the ruling and that's the way it will be.

MR. 8LOOM: And with -- understand, Your Honor, I'm going to want to -- tactically, I want to think about something in this case that relates directly to this issue, and I'd like to put this on our list to -- to return to it prior to -- it doesn't have to be prior to our selection of the jury.

It does have to be prior to opening statements and so forth. So we're going to -- if that's not going to be until Friday or whenever that is, I'd like to carve out some time to deal with it.

THE COURT: Well, you can do that, but at the trial, each side can object it's hearsay on the statements and we'll deal with them as they come along. Everybody reserves their objections on that.

 $\label{eq:constraint} I \mbox{'m just giving you some general idea how } I \mbox{look at it and interpret them.}$

Okay. We have an issue of whether or not the defendant has to be -- submit to a psychological evaluation by the State.

Mr. Laurent, do you have some authority on that one?

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I don't know what they are, but I want to present a balanced picture to the jury on -- on these statements.

So, generally, that's -- that's my -- how I will look at them and review them.

MR. BLOOM: Well, the -- situation that we have with regard to Mr. Centofanti, of course, is he is available -- should he testify, he is available for cross-examination and that makes a huge -- or a world of difference in terms of --

THE COURT: Well, when the State puts on their case in chief, they don't know if he's going to testify or not.

MR. BLOOM: No, I was talking about presenting -- on the defense side, of presenting --

THE COURT: I understand that.

But, as of right now, both Mrs. Centofanti and Mr. Centofanti are unavailable at this stage of the case.

Mrs. Centofanti is deceased. Mr. Centofanti doesn't have to testify unless he voluntarily elects to do it.

So, with that in mind, that's the standard

MR. LAURENT: Yes, I do, Judge.

I got the defense response last -- this morning when I got in and they cite a federal Pacific court.

What I would like to address, Your Honor:

Over the years, the courts have specifically held that compulsory psychiatric examinations do not violate the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Our Nevada Supreme Court has not had the occasion to pass upon the issue of whether an individual who claims an insanity defense or other psychological defense may be compelled to attend a psychiatric examination by a State's expert.

However, there is a great wealth of federal cases that provide it does not violate the accused's Fifth or Sixth Amendment rights; again, United States versus Byers, which is a DC Circuit 1984. It's 740 F2nd 1104.

You have United States versus Cohen, 530 Fed 2nd 43. That's a Fifth Circuit, 1976;

You have United States versus Bohle, B-o-h-l-e, 445 F2nd 54. That's a Seventh Circuit, 1971;

United States versus Albright, which is 3885-- excuse me -- 388 F2nd 79, Fourth Circuit, 1964;

And Pope versus United States, 73 -- 372 -MR. BLOOM: Your Honor, I object to this.

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The -- this is -- this is response by ambush.

The -- we_asked for this information. [think it's improper to be presenting these things now without --

THE COURT: Well, I think he just got your response today.

MR. BLOOM: No. He got my response today. He had our -- this is an oral motion raised by the prosecution, instead of being in writing and --

THE COURT: Let me cut it short.

Mr. Laurent, is there any authority, statutory or case law, of the State of Nevada, the Nevada Supreme Court, that requires a defendant to submit to a psychological evaluation before the trial?

MR. LAURENT: Judge, under the statute, which is the reciprocal discovery -- let me get to their case.

First of all, our motion asked for a couple of things and the defense has denied all of them.

The first thing that we wanted were the notes and the testing that was done on the defendant. They said we weren't entitled to that.

However, it says, in N.R.S. 174.245:

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Judge, [am -- [mean, what -- what -- what it is is the defendant is a piece of physical evidence at this point. He becomes a piece of physical evidence and he's being tested, he's being examined and looked at.

And we're entitled to that information. THE COURT: Well, hasn't he just pled not guilty and the State has the burden to prove his guilty beyond a reasonable doubt?

MR. LAURENT: That is absolutely correct. Judge.

However, where the defense has put in -here is a Hanes case, which is Nevada case law, 103 Nevada 309. It says:

> Jurisdictions are solit as to whether the attorney/client privilege is violated when a defense retained psychiatrist, who is not called as a defense witness, is called as a rebuttal witness to give an opinion on the legal sanity of the defendant.

> Most jurisdictions hold that attorney/client privilege is violated in those circumstances.

However, it goes on: Likewise, most courts hold that the attorney/client privilege is waived only if the defendant calls a psychiatrist as a

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defense witness or places the psychiatrist's name on a witness list.

So as soon as that happens, we don't have that attorney/client privilege anymore. He becomes that piece of evidence.

They've proffered that they're going to present that, and under those circumstances, Judge, we're entitled to examine him as well and to have him -- because he's a piece of evidence at this point.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Laurent, on this one, I'm going to go with the defense on it in this regard: Is that I -- I think, under the Constitution here, that without specific statutory case authority, that you can't be compelled to give an examination prior to trial.

However, what I'm going to do is this: I'm going to allow, if a psychological witness testifies, I'm going to allow you to have an expert in the courtroom listening to the psychological expert, so you can use that person as a rebuttal witness for the State.

I also will allow you, if Mr. Centofanti is going to give testimony himself of a psychological nature corresponding to that, to have the psychological expert sit in and listen to his testimony, so that person can hear, on the stand, what he says and you can present that evidence in

Results of reports or physical or mental examinations, scientific tests or scientific experiments, that the defendant intends to introduce in evidence during the case in chief of the defendant or copies thereof.

So all of that information, we're entitled to, the results of the tests, the -- the -- I mean, it's supposed to be a standardized testing tool.

Additionally, Judge, there is no state case that says that, but the Ninth Circuit has held that if a defendant -- that the Court does have the inherent power to compel a criminal defendant to submit to psychiatric examination by State's expert when the defendant claims an insanity type defense, which is the state of mind defense.

And that's United States v. Wade, 48 -excuse me -- 489 F2nd 258, Ninth Circuit, 1973.

And the Court held - and Handy, which is another Ninth Circuit, '72, said:

> That if a defendant does not comply with this order, he shall be precluded at trial from presenting testimony upon the issue of alleged mental capacity by any expert by whom he has been interviewed

> > We are entitled to have that information.

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MR. LAURENT: And in that regard, Judge, since there is no case law on this -- and if I let this pass at this time, I will never be able to address this again --I respectfully move for a stay at this point, so I can take this issue up to the Supreme Court, because I will never get a chance to do this again.

This is so important to the State's case, that the defense is going to be allowed to present this evidence, that I need a stay to take this up in an

THE COURT: Well, can't you file -- you can file a writ on it right now, couldn't you?

MR. LAURENT: I know, but I have to request

THE COURT: Okay. The motion for stay is

However, the -- the State can file a writ on that, as well as the defense, on any issue I'm addressing

MR. LAURENT: Thank you, Your Honor. With regard to that as well, in that State's oral motion, the State also requested the notes, everything

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MR. LAURENT: And I understand that.

Why I'm saying that, Judge, is that they've declared an expert.

THE COURT: I understand.

MR. LAURENT: And now the --

THE COURT: It doesn't mean they have to

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MR. LAURENT: I understand that, Judge. But in declaring an expert, it's -- we're talking trial by ambush at this point.

I mean, I can't -- I can't adequately prepare for that. I can't adequately prepare for the --

THE COURT: Well --

MR. LAURENT: Judge, can I make my record,

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I'm sorry.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. LAURENT: I can't adequately prepare my cross-examination because I don't know what he relied upon. I don't know what testing he did -- and I'm entitled to that.

And the course and practice in this state has been for us to receive that information. We do it in sexual assault cases all the

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entitled to that pursuant to the discovery order.

THE COURT: I -- I don't think you are, Mr. Laurent, unless he testifies. Then if he does, then I think you may be entitled to it.

MR. LAURENT: That's under the expert witness act.

He's supposed to provide us with the results of the test, Judge. That's an independent test.

I mean, it's supposed to be like a scientific test. It's like if we were to take a firearm and take it in and have it examined -- I mean, these are standardized -- they're supposed to be scientific tests. that anyone should be able to look at objectively and determine.

That's what I'm asking for in advance, so I can look at it.

THE COURT: I understand.

I think, though, in looking at this issue, I do agree with the defense on that.

If he testifies or the psychologist testifies, then it's at issue; then you get to see it and then you get to show it to your expert.

MR. LAURENT: And what --

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THE COURT: If they don't testify though --

time: we do it in all these cases.

And, again, I'm going to re- -- if that's the Court's ruling, I need to request a stay, so I can adequately address these things before the Supreme Court.

THE COURT: The stay is denied.

What I will do, for the record, though, is if -- if a person testifies, I will give the State a break before the cross-examination to get the data that that expert relied upon, so that the State will have some time period -- and I don't know how much -- but to review that information with your expert to assist you in preparing cross-examination and all to question that witness.

But I -- I don't think we can do it unless the -- the defense elects to put these people on the stand.

As it pertains to -- if it was some third party or something else, Mr. Laurent, I would agree with you; but I think as the defendant, I think Mr. Bloom is right. Under the Constitution, there is just -- the Court is restricted on what it can do.

MR. LAURENT: Judge, additionally, I need to request a transcript of this so I can make a record.

THE COURT: The Court will order a transcript prepared today by the court reporter and furnished to the State and the defense.

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Okay. Let's deal with the issue of canvassing of the defendant.

Mr. Bloom -- or, Mr. Laurent, you raised

MR. LAURENT: That was --

THE COURT: Is there any authority --

MR. LAURENT: That's the Beets decision. Judge, and it's not so much authority. I never said that the Court was required to do it.

What I was saying is that it's advisable in circumstances where the defendant or his -- or the defendant's counsel is going to get up and make certain admissions as to what the defendant did, so that we don't get this on post-conviction.

And the Beets case, B-e-e-t-s, I provided that through e-mail to Mr. -- I responded to Mr. Bloom's e-mail this morning when I got in.

And I don't have the cite here. I just downloaded it and sent it away. I apologize, Judge.

But what happened in that case, in front of Judge Thompson, the public defender argued that: What we've got here is second degree murder. And that's what he argued.

Well, the defendant, on post-conviction,

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said: I never authorized him to argue that.

And so the case got reversed.

And so what I'm saying, Judge, is where -it's just a cautionary instruction; it's just a cautionary measure to clean the re- -- make sure the record is clean.

I don't need to be present. Let's take care of the post-conviction conflict issues ahead of time.

If -- if there is a conflict, he's not authorized to argue that, let's know now, so that we don't have to come back and waste other state resources. That's the only thing.

That's -- and it doesn't -- the Beets decision doesn't talk about being able to do that. I've done it in the past in other courtrooms. It's just a cau- -- it's just a suggestion.

I leave it in the Court's hands. I'm just trying to make the record sound.

THE COURT: Well, I understand the dilemma the State faces.

MR. LAURENT: It's not really a dilemma for the State. I mean, I don't care one way or the other --THE COURT: Well, couldn't I do something with -- when the defense finishes its closing argument, ask

Mr. Centofanti if he concurs with the argument made by Mr.

Bloom or something like that to deal with it?

I mean, kind of after the fact?

MR. LAURENT: You could, Judge, but what

will happen at that point is jeopardy has attached. Okay? And once jeopardy attaches, we have to have

manifest necessity to retry him.

At that point, Mr. Centofanti could say: You know, I really don't think Mr. Bloom did all that good a job; you know, he wasn't authorized to argue that.

So if you do it up front, if they make a statement where they're going to say they're going to argue something that might seem counter to it, 'yeah, he actually shot her,' then it's been my practice -- and I'm just throwing it out to the Court.

THE COURT: I appreciate it, but wouldn't this come up in almost every trial?

MR. LAURENT: And you know what?

If you don't want to retry cases, which I know the Court doesn't, you take as many steps to be as cautious as you can, and that's one of the steps that I've tried to do.

I will leave it with the Court's discretion. THE COURT: What I'm going to do is deny it without prejudice. I will see how things develop from here.

But I've never heard of that in a trial before and I think you could apply it to almost any trial that exists.

Okay. Let's go next to -- I'm jumping around a little bit. I'm trying to get some simple things here since we have to break in a few minutes.

The -- Mr. Laurent, do you have an objection to releasing the weapon to the defense's expert to take -to do a firing examination?

MR. LAURENT: Here are my objections, Judge: Late date, I need to have their information on their scientific examinations before we do our opening, so that we don't step on ourselves. We want to make sure that we have all of that information.

We haven't received anything -- if that can be done prior to that, we have no objection.

THE COURT: Okay. What I will do, I will enter an order to release the weapon to the defense -- who is your expert, Mr. Bloom, on that?

MR. BLOOM: On this issue, it's only going to be the -- the trigger pull or rapidity of shooting, like that.

Remember, I told the Court about the audio tape which is taken with a similar weapon?

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THE COURT: All right. MR. BLOOM: It's going to be repeated. Jim Thomas is the investigator that is going THE COURT: "What I will do is I will order MR. LAURENT: Okay. That being the object of it, Judge, I do object, because, first of all, Mr. Thomas is not the one that fired the gun on December 30th -- 20th. Mr. Thomas has had extensive training in firearms, and since that's the case, I would imagine he could fire it a little more quickly than the defense. I don't think that it is an accurate demonstration and should not be brought before the Court. THE COURT: Okay. Well, Mr. Laurent, what I'm going to do is I'm going to allow them to do it. I'm MR. LAURENT: Okay. THE COURT: But I'm going to allow them to

conduct this test with the proviso that the results must be given to you prior to the commencement of the trial. So we need to do it immediately, to get that gun done, so you are prepared on whatever he's going to say.

notify -- the procedure in California is to notify each of the prosecuting agencies five days ahead of this, which we've done, and then -- and then file it with the Court; and then the Court takes it under submission.

The Court, by statute, looks at the records. determines if it should have a hearing for the release of them: determines, if it does release it, for what limited purpose, and it goes through that balancing.

All I'm asking of the Court here is not to say that -- that you are making a finding with regard to the contents of the records -- you can't possibly, because you don't know what they are -- but that they're -- that they -the issue -- with the self defense issue in here makes them potentially discoverable and that's what I'm asking for.

MR. LAURENT: Judge, I see that as bootstrapping. I think that they should either follow or rely on what the law -- where the site is where they're located and I think that we should stay out of it.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, I'll enter an order I have no objection to the Superior Court judge doing an in camera inspection of the juvenile records in accordance with California law and that's all.

Then the judge in California can do whatever he or she feels is appropriate.

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MR. LAURENT: Thank you, Judge. THE COURT: -- whether it's admissible or

Okay. Let's go next to the juvenile

Knowing I don't have jurisdiction to order them released, does the State have any problem if I enter an order that I have no objection to the San Diego County Superior Court releasing the juvenile records?

MR. LAURENT: Sure.

Judge, I don't think they should be released. Juvenile records are sacrosanct. They protect

If they were here, would you release them -would you release those records?

THE COURT: Well, I would look at them in camera here. That's what we do usually.

happening here. The judge can look at them in camera there.

MR. BLOOM: The motion -- the motion that we

MR. LAURENT: But that's not what's MR. BLOOM: That is what is happening. MR. LAURENT: Okay. Well, then --THE COURT: So it's in camera? file in San Diego is to have them released, and we have to

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MR. LAURENT: Judge, before that order goes out -- I know the defense is going to prepare it -- we'd like to see that before it goes out.

THE COURT: Well, I'm not going to sign it until Monday because I won't be here, but as far as the minute order, the court clerk can put that in the minutes, and I'll make a minute order available to both sides as soon as the court clerk prepares it.

MR. LAURENT: Thank you.

MR. BLOOM: And I would ask the Court's -the Court said there was no -- what was the wording, Judge? What I was hoping to get from this Court was a -- a -- that sort of finding isn't -- I don't think fits into the balancing very much.

what I was hoping to get is the -- a response to the issue where the California court says: Well, why -- what's the important --

MR. LAURENT: Judge, I invoked the exclusionary rule --

THE COURT: This is not evidence, so it's okay for them to be here.

MR. BLOOM: But the California court could say: I don't know why these matters could be relevant in balancing that to make a determination.

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In this case, what I was asking this Court 1 The judge has a duty as a judge to verify 2 to say is that we have raised the issue of self defense in 2 and sign that everything is accurate and what the judge 3 our case here; therefore, records there could be relevant. 3 approved. 4 THE COURT: Okay. Well, that would be 4 So when the judge did the -- signed the 5 the -- the order would be that there would be an in camera 5 written search warrant, the judge did that verification, so 6 inspection done by a Superior Court judge to determine if that's sufficient authentication, in the mind of the Court, 6 7 there is any relevant information as to your claim for self 7 to comply with the law. 8 defense. 8 So, Mr. Laurent, did you want this back or 9 And the judge can look at it and see if 9 did you --10 there is or there isn't. 10 MR. LAURENT: Please, Judge, if I could --11 MR. BLOOM: So, basically, all I want to 11 thank you. know is if this Court is confirming the fact that we have 12 12 I will put it back in my document. 13 raised self defense in this issue. 13 (Whereupon, a sotto voce at this time.) 14 I think that that's all -- the only MS. NAVARRO: Judge, is that now going to be 14 15 balancing that we have. 15 filed with the correct number so that we can get a copy of 16 THE COURT: You've done that and I will 16 it? 17 allow it for the Court to look at it and see if there is 17 Because I never did receive a copy of it. anything in there that could possibly relate to self 18 18 We looked for it too. 19 defense. 19 THE COURT: Yeah. 20 20 MR. LAURENT: The only thing that's missing MR. BLOOM: All right. Thank you, Your 21 Honor. 21 is the signature, Judge. We'll make a copy. 22 MR. LAURENT: Judge, we could handle that 22 THE COURT: We'll make a copy and get the 23 search warrant issue right now. 23 signature page for the defense then like that. 24 24 Let's do this: The TPO issue, Mr. Bloom, I THE COURT: Okay, the search warrant, that's ACCUSCRIPTS (702) 391-0379 ACCUSCRIPTS (702) 391-0379 143 1 next. assume you -- what is your position on the TPO in general 1 2 MR. LAURENT: I've already shown this to coming into evidence then? 2 counsel. Here is a certified copy of the original. It is 3 MR. BLOOM: I don't see --3 ۷ signed by Judge Smith. MR. LAURENT: Judge, I don't think we're 5 5 I think it was filed under a different offering the TPO at this time. 6 District Court case number. MS. GOETTSCH: Yeah, I mean, we're --6 7 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else on the 7 it's --8 search warrant, Mr. Bloom? a THE COURT: What is the TPO issue? 9 MR. LAURENT: It was resolved with the --MR. BLOOM: The -- we'll submit the matter 9 10 THE COURT: With the ruling on the to the Court, but on the basis also that it was my 10 11 understanding of Nevada law -- and our motion specifically September --11 12 says that the tape recording itself must be available to the 12 MR. LAURENT: Correct. MR. BLOOM: I actually think there are 13 defense -- must be available to the Court. 13 certain portions of the TPO which are going to come into 14 14 That has not been produced. 15 And this is a certified copy of a document 15 evidence on the defense side. THE COURT: Okay. Then what -- if either 16 with a signature. I'm sure there is an original of that 16 side wants to offer it with redactions or without 17 somewhere. 17 redactions, we'll cross that bridge when we come to it; and 18 But even with that original, it doesn't 18

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MR. BLOOM: Well, we're going to --

THE COURT: Right naw, until one side or the

MR. BLOOM: Well, we are going to offer it

then each side can look at it and see if the redactions are

appropriate, and then we'll deal with it.

other offers it, there is nothing we can --

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satisfy the requirement of the tape recording itself.

overruled in that -- for this reason: The courts -- when

the tape recordings are done, the tape recording is -- the

search warrant is an exact transcription of what is done on

THE COURT: Okay. The defense objection is

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the tape recording.

Your Honor, but, of course, the first six pages or so of that were created by the court; that things that we're going to offer is the fact that the TPO was sought and was obtained.

THE COURT: "Why don't do you this, Mr. Bloom: Prepare a redacted version of what you want to offer; show it to the State; see if the State has any objection to it or the State wants to add anything else.

If you can't agree, then I will rule on it. MR. BLOOM: Very well.

THE COURT: We will do that, but we won't do

that today.

Okay. Let's deal with the -- I'll call it the streamline objection, Mr. Bloom, what you wanted to do, and I will get back to the court clerk in a minute, because we have a bunch of motions here, to tell her which is which.

But on that one, my understanding it's the law for either side; either side has a right to raise matters pretrial; the Court rules on them; either side reserves their objections to it for appellate purposes.

So as far as your objections at trial, I mean, you could say: Objection, irrelevant; objection immaterial, whatever it is. You can do it in two words and then go from there.

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Well, that doesn't give the Court the opportunity to hear that particular issue.

Now, 20 years down the road, what they're looking at is they will have someone look at it and say: Well, you know, we had this federalized motion here. We said: Under all federal grounds.

Hmm. Let's look at that.

And now they start trying to piece it together, second guessing everyone.

You need to make contemporaneous objections; that's what the law requires; state your reasons so the Court can hear it.

That's why we have a judge here. If not, we could submit this all on pleadings and walk away.

MR. BLOOM: Maybe Mr. Laurent misunderstands what we're doing.

 $\ensuremath{\mathrm{I'm}}$ not saying that this document creates objections.

I'm saying when I make the objection during the trial, I don't have to go through a litary of saying that this is under this federal authority, this federal authority, this federal authority; that this -- that by filing this document and by getting leave of the Court, I can say my objection is made under

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So I'm not sure what else you want me to do.

MR. BLOOM: Well, what I wanted to do is
avoid having to make a record of each objection, that we're
doing it under federal authority, and that's what this does.

This preserves the federalization of our objections as we're going along.

THE COURT: Well --

MR. BLOOM: Otherwise, I have to go through and state on the record every objection, and the Court has to allow me to state on the record under which precise federal grounds that I'm doing it and that seems to be a very cumbersome and long thing.

MR. LAURENT: Let me tell you why we have to do it that way, Judge: Because throughout the trial -- we never have perfect trials.

From start to finish, we never have perfect trials. If we allow someone to point to a document and say yeah, I said it in the document, then we can't fix it in the process.

But this is an attempt to do -- this is for post-conviction. And this is something that comes down from Michael Pachetta, and doing it that way, what they want to do is be able to say: Well, I filed a motion ahead of time.

both state and federal ground, without having to list the federal grounds.

That's all I'm saying. I'm not trying to say this Court -- that I've now objected to everything that comes out.

I'm saying that by granting leave of the Court allowing us to do it this way, when I make the objection, I can just say, irrelevance or I can just say hearsay, or whatever the objection is, and to the extent that there is federal authority that supports that, that's incorporated within it. It's very simple.

MR. LAURENT: Judge --

MR. BLOOM: That's not doing any of the things that the prosecutor brought up.

THE COURT: Mr. Laurent.

 $\mbox{MR. LAURENT:}\ \mbox{I need to have the opportunity}$ to respond to the specific objection --

MR. BLOOM: That's what he --

MR. LAURENT: Can I finish, please?

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. LAURENT: I need to have the opportunity to respond to the specific objection. I cannot be relying on: Well, that's federal; that's federal; that's federal.

I need to have the opportunity -- because

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voir dire or a juror gets removed, the Court just said: No. you have to say if it's a Sixth Amendment right to impartial jury or Sixth Amendment right to --

THE COURT: Mr. Bloom, what I will do to speed this along is when we take breaks, I will allow you to supplement the record during the breaks and deem it contemporaneous objections to what you are making; and the same is with the State as well.

That way, we'll put it in almost immediately afterwards and I will rule, as a matter of law, it's contemporaneous.

MR. BLOOM: Thank you, Your Honor. THE COURT: Okay. The other -- the final two issues I have here are the destruction of evidence motion.

I think maybe what we can do is set that one over to -- I did read the State's opposition, to come into that this morning, but why don't I set that over to Wednesday morning on that one -- and, Mr. Bloom, because I want to give you a chance to respond to what the State says and I don't know if you've even had a chance to read it yet.

MR. BLOOM: No, I haven't.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, you need to read it, so you can respond to it, so I will set that over to

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I appreciate your offer to streamline it here, but I think the parties have a right to have objections stated.

courts have said you have a right to six -- let's just deal with one thing on a federal case, which dealt with this Sixth Amendment right to jury.

You would think that that's covered by the Sixth Amendment right to jury. If something is improper on

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Wednesday morning at -- let me just look real quick at what I have, because we'll be back Wednesday morning for some -we'll make it at ten a.m. on Wednesday morning.

MR. LAURENT: Thank you, Judge.

THE COURT: Ten a.m. Wednesday morning; ten

a.m.

MR. BLOOM: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. The only other matter, Mr. Bloom, I have on your list is the issue regarding expert witnesses and statements.

Again, what was that?

Just to refresh my recollection.

MR. BLOOM: There was a requirement of the Court or -- to characterize it or something -- that the People complained regarding the type of characterization that the defense gave of their experts; specifically, they complained about Lieutenant Steve Franks.

And we were required to give to the prosecution, by four p.m. yesterday, a designation of our experts with the statement of what they --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BLOOM: -- were --

THE COURT: Is that done?

MR. BLOOM: Yes.

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So we'll just have to do it that way: Just make the objections accordingly at the trial. MR. BLOOM: All right. THE COURT: All right. MR. BLOOM: All right. Thank you. THE COURT: Thank you. MR. BLOOM: One other alternative could be, Your Honor, instead of saying the whole thing, we can refer to them is a short way, saying Sixth Amendment. THE COURT: That's fine. Just something so you feel, for appellate purposes, it's covered. If you say objection under the Sixth Amendment, I assume that covers all Sixth Amendment issues. MR. BLOOM: Well, it's interesting: The

1 THE COURT: Okay. Miss Goettsch. THE COURT: Go ahead. Your turn. 1 2 MS. GOETTSCH: Here's my issue with it 2 MR. BLOOM: Thank you. 3 though: It's the same -- what I received at four o'clock 3 I invite the Court to read the two page one yesterday is the same information that I have received from 4 4 that we got. 5 them since the designation on the 15th or what have you. I invite the Court to look at the statute of 6 It says things like: Richard Fox, a 6 what is required in here. 7 criminalist; blood spatters, ballistics; and crime scene I have complied with the statute beyond the 7 8 analyst. He will give opinions related thereto. 8 requirements of the statute. 9 I need to know what those opinions are. 9 THE COURT: What I will do, Miss Goettsch, I 10 It's absolutely impossible for me to go hire 10 will look at each side's response. I will deal with it at 11 a rebuttal expert that would look at the same evidence and 11 ten a.m. Wednesday morning. say: Well, I don't come up to this same agreement or this 12 12 MS. GOETTSCH: And can I say one thing 13 same opinion regarding blood splatter as the defense expert. 13 though? 14 because I don't know what Richard Fox specifically is going 14 Here is the issue: Certainly, our 15 to say. 15 designation is just like this, you know: Dr. Larry Sims 16 So, once again, I get a six page designation 16 will testify regarding autopsy findings. 17 that tells me who the experts are going to be: Or. John 17 But the difference is I have given a report 18 Eisel, a pathologist, medical doctor, with extensive 18 with very specific findings: She had seven entry wounds and 19 experience in conducting autopsies. He's going to testify 19 X number of exit wounds. 20 about autopsy findings, nature of the wounds, cause of 20 That second part is what I'm missing from 21 death, incapacitating nature of wounds. 21 his. 22 But that's it. It's very general. 22 THE COURT: I will look at it and look at 23 I don't know -- what about the 23 the statute and I will deal with it Wednesday morning. 24 incapacitating nature of the wound? 24 MS. GOETTSCH: Okay. ACCUSCRIPTS (702) 391-0379 ACCUSCRIPTS (702) 391-0379 155 157 1 I can't go to my own coroner and say: How 1 MR. BLOOM: All right. 2 do you feel about this opinion to form a rebuttal opinion 2 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. 3 without knowing what Or. John Eisel is going to say 3 MR. BLOOM: Well, there is one -- all right. 4 specifically. 4 I know we're late, Judge, but I want to say 5 That's -- that's what the statute requires. 5 it's unfair on that characterization. 6 We have to be able to give a rebuttal, hire a rebuttal 6 I got a report from Dr. Sims, who did the --7 expert, and we can't do that with this kind of fluffy 7 the coroner who did the autopsy. 8 designation. 8 There is nothing once in those things that 9 And that -- that is my problem. 9 talks about angle of shots or --10 THE COURT: Okav. THE COURT: Mr. Bloom, I will allow you to 10 11 address it Wednesday morning. MS. GOETTSCH: And we still don't have 11 12 recorts. 12 MR. BLOOM: Thank you. 13 THE COURT: I'm going to allow each side --THE COURT: Mr. Bloom. 13 14 MR. BLOOM: And I invite the Court to read 14 once I read it, then I will have some questions and all and 15 this document. I filed one with the Court. 15 I will allow each side to comment on it. 16 THE COURT: Okay. MR. BLOOM: Okay. Thank you, Judge. 16 17 MR. BLOOM: I invite the Court to compare 17 THE COURT: Okay. I think there is some 18 it -- I didn't file this report. 18 other motions here, but I'm just going to go through this 19 THE COURT: Mr. Bloom --19 with the court clerk. 20 Okay. The motion -- I'll deal with the MS. GOETTSCH: And I know what he's going to 20 21 say. He's going to say we did the same thing. 21 court clerk separately.

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chance, Your Honor?

But here's -- here's the --

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MR. BLOOM: Excuse me. Don't I get a

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Centofanti and victim and all like that, I would ask you to

I think we've covered everything.

As far as the terminology, like Mrs.

refer to her as Mrs. Centofanti or Miss Eisenman -- I 2 think -- was her name changed in the divorce? I don't 3 recall. MR. BLOOM: I don't -- I don't believe so. -5 THE COURT: -- or the decedent. 6 You can use those -- that terminology. 7 The victim -- even though, for the purposes 8 of our things in court, we use the defendant and victim, 9 common terminology, I think, in this case here, probably 10 decedent would be a better term or her actual name. 11 So I agree with the defense on that motion 12 to deal with that on the name. 13 Let's see what else. MR. BLOOM: There was a motion we filed, 14 15 Your Honor, that has to do with attorney status of my client 16 and -- and I didn't add it to my list. I'm sorry. 17 MS. GOETTSCH: I haven't seen that one. 18 THE COURT: I haven't seen it either. 19 So you can look for that. 20 MR. BLOOM: Okay. 21 THE COURT: Okay. The prosecution can tell 22 the -- the jury it represents the State of Nevada. It's

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statutes that are violated and that's who they represent

duly elected -- the District Attorney is duly elected by the

citizens of Clark County to represent the State in any state

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2 and all like that. The same way the U.S. attorney can tell the jury in a federal case they represent the United States and 5 give that designation. The reasonable doubt instruction that you 7 want, Mr. Bloom, that's denied. I mean, there is a statutory definition of reasonable doubt in Nevada and that's the one we'll give in 10 this case. Okay. I think that's it. I think that's 11 12 everything, other than the matters that we continued. 13 (Whereupon, a sotto voce at this time.) 14 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you very much. 15 We'll see you on -- you will have the transcript probably tomorrow morning, if you want to file 16 17 that. 18 MR. LAURENT: Thank you. I appreciate it. 19 ATTEST: Full, true and accurate transcript of proceedings. 20 21 RENEE SILVAGGIO, C.C.R. NO. 122 OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER 22 23

































